

Editor's Note: We are proud to once again offer a very special edition of Harrisonville Highlights. This edition features a partnership between the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Cass Regional Medical Center, the City, the library, Parks and Recreation, and the Historical Society. In addition to news from the City on page 10 and Cass Regional Medical Center on page 11, page 12 includes a Community Calendar of Events. We hope you enjoy this expanded edition and we appreciate the relationship with our partners.

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Elementary students learn to lead

Harrisonville Elementary School students are learning to lead. This year, a few teachers at the school have integrated the Leader in Me program within their classrooms to inspire student leadership qualities.

The idea began when first grade teacher Elizabeth Donnell led a book study of Stephen Covey's *Leader in Me* which outlines how to take his 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and apply it to a school setting.

Donnell said, "I wanted something in my classroom that would teach my students how to take ownership in their learning, behavior and decision making. I needed something that would help my students find their greatness and become lifelong leaders in our community. It's amazing to see what the students can do with their new found power of leadership skills."

Following the book study, the teachers developed a new mission statement for the school, "Discovering our greatness through learning and leading."

Third grade teacher Amanda Teeter explains the 7 Habits as applied:

1. Be proactive. This means that each person is in charge of them-

selves and how they respond to a situation. If we are responding in a proactive way, we are finding a way to work with others or finding solutions to problems.

2. Begin with the end in mind. This focuses students on goal setting and having a plan in place before taking action.

3. Put first things first. This helps students learn how to prioritize responsibilities and make time for important things in their life.

4. Think win-win. This is working with others to find a solution to problems where everyone can be happy.

5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood. This means to listen before you speak or act so that you have all information.

6. Synergize. This means to work together with others for the common good.

7. Sharpen the saw. This means we are finding a balance between our

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As part of the *Leader in Me* initiative, Harrisonville Elementary School third graders Kirstin Talley and Cameron Loeffel greet Chamber of Commerce visitors attending the First Friday Coffee at Harrisonville Elementary School.

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Board names Dahman as Superintendent of Schools

The Harrisonville Cass R-IX School District is pleased to announce that Dennis "Frank" Dahman has been hired as the Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Dahman comes to the district from the Miami R-I School District where he has served as Superintendent for the past four years. He is a native of Butler, Missouri and has a total of 26 years in the field of education, 19 of which are administrative experience.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Central Missouri, a Master of Science Degree from the University of Central Missouri, and an Educational Specialist Degree in Superintendency from the University of Central Missouri.

Mr. Dahman has served as Coordinator of the Central District Administrator Mentor Program and served on the advisory board for certification, both for the Missouri

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. He also currently serves on two University of Central Missouri advisory boards - the Central Regional Professional Development Center and the College of Education Boards. He has also served as a Central District Principals Association Executive Board member.

Additional current professional organization memberships include the American Association of School

Administrators and the Missouri Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Dahman and his wife Nora reside in Harrisonville and have two children, Nicole and Joe, who are both graduates of the Harrisonville School District. They have two granddaughters, Sophie and Harper.

Mr. Dahman will begin his employment with the district on July 1.

From the Board of Education President

Students, staff, community make district great



Every school day, over 2500 students are learning in our classrooms

under the guidance of their teachers. This learning is possible because principals, counselors, aides, secretaries, custodians, and other support staff provide a safe and welcoming school atmosphere. This year the learning has been enhanced by additional technology. Each high school student has their own computer which enables them access to vast information sources and also access to their teachers and counselors via email. How wonderful to be able to email a question immediately instead of waiting until the next day when it may have been forgotten. Additional computers are being used in the other schools due to

the generosity and continued partnership of the Harrisonville Public School Foundation and the PTO.

Partner organizations including the PTO, Athletic Booster Club, Blue Note Booster Club, Royal Guard Band Boosters, N.E.T.T., Academic Booster Club, and Harrisonville Public School Foundation have provided recognition, support, and many extras for our students in extracurricular activities, sports, and academics. Individuals, clubs and businesses in Harrisonville support these organizations and also provide many scholarships to our graduating seniors.

One of the new programs the Board of Education approved this winter was the Missouri Options program. This program provides the option for students who are at risk of dropping out or not graduating the opportunity to earn a high school diploma with their class. The district's Alternative School also offers students the chance to earn a diploma through its programming as well.

The School Board ensured this year that no student would be embarrassed by receiving an alternate lunch when their parents forgot to provide lunch money.

The Board supports Bright Futures which helps students concentrate on learning each school day by helping provide basic needs. This includes school supplies, clothes, shoes, coats, hygiene items and food backpacks to families still suffering from the recession.

Students in all schools learn about community support and gen-

erosity through service activities. Some of these include Trick or Treat so Tots Can Eat, blood drives, Hoops for Heart, Pennies for Patients, My 42, etc. The hope is that our students continue to value community service as adults.

It's always a great day to be a Wildcat! (To paraphrase H.T. Adams)

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Harrisonville Schools on Social Media



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Five file for seats on Board of Education

Name: Kathy Dains

Occupation/Business: Retired, Co-owner of Dains Custom Athletic Lockers and Bentwood Renovations

Educational Background: Pleasant Hill High School

Community organizations/memberships: Harrisonville United Methodist Church, AFCWA

Why did you decide to run for school board?

Running for school board is another way I can give back to our community. After sending my own children through the Harrisonville school system and retiring from HHS with 20+ years of service, our school district holds a special place in my heart. During a time when our education system is going through so many changes, I want to put my experience to use and continue to assist students, parents, educators, and community members strive for excellence.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville School District?

There are many critical issues our schools face, including implementing new learning standards and practices and incorporating technology into classrooms. We must overcome these obstacles in spite of circumstances we cannot predict or control, ranging from state funding issues for the district to outside pressures placed on students. It is important that the school district and the community come together to work towards overcoming these barriers that interfere with student learning and give our students a safe environment to learn the skills they will need to become lifelong learners.

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ers.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

We have a dedicated, caring faculty that strives for excellence for our students, encouraging them to reach their full potential both inside and outside the classroom. We also have a strong community that partners with our district to identify and provide resources and opportunities to benefit our students and schools.

Family: I have been married to Steve Dains since 2007 with a large blended family. I have three children, all graduates of HHS and four grandchildren; Steve has 5 children and 9 grandchildren, giving us a very large, busy, blessed family.

Name: Tiffany Klassen

Occupation/Business: Health Director for the Cass County Health Department

Educational Background: Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health; Master's degree in Public Health

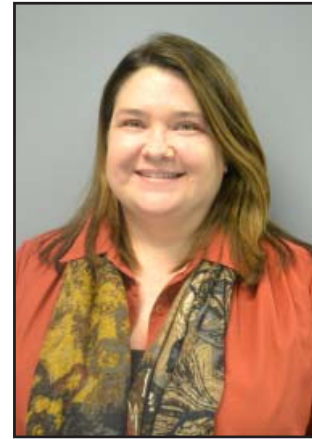
Community organizations/memberships: Member of Harrisonville Elementary School Bright Futures Council, member of Harrisonville Kiwanis, member of Harrisonville Academic Boosters, Board Chair of ConnectCass, member of Cass County Chronic Disease Coalition, member of Cass County Rural Health Initiative, 2015 Senior Mania Committee.

Why did you decide to run for school board?

I decided to run for school board because I want to give back



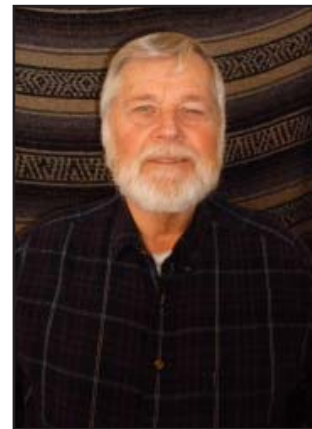
Kathy Dains



Tiffany Klassen



Randy "RJ" Knox



Dallas Register



Chad Reynolds

to the district that has done so much for my children's education. I also feel that it is time for some change on the way issues have been handled.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville School District?

Currently the biggest challenge facing the district is the lack of confidence the community has in the school board. Somewhere along the way the lines of communication between the district and the community broke down and this has made some question the actions of the board.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

The district's strengths are the school staff and the support of the community. On many occasions I have seen the support of the community for the students of this district. When there is a need we work together to meet it. Also the school staff work above and beyond. My

kids have had some of the best teachers over the years and I owe them my appreciation.

Family: I have three children - a senior, a freshman and an eighth grader.

Name: Randy "RJ" E. Knox Jr.

Occupation/Business: Commercial Loan Officer, Hawthorn Bank

Educational Background: Bachelors in Business Administration emphasis in Finance; Devry University. Harrisonville Class of 2002

Community organizations/memberships: Harrisonville Rotary Club, Bright Futures Harrisonville Advisory board, Cass Career Center Bright Futures Council, Cass County

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Leader in Me lessons extend beyond time at HES

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heart, mind and body.

In Teeter's classroom, students have at least one if not more responsibilities and areas in which they are leaders.

"These are not your traditional jobs that many teachers have. Many of the areas in which I have students in leadership positions focus on their strengths and personalities and can be connected to real-life applications for their future."

Students are greeters for classroom guests. Some answer the phone or are experts in reading and writing or using the computers.

Teeter added, "I also give the students many opportunities to voice opinions or concerns, especially if they notice something that they think they could offer an improvement. Many improvements and changes have been made this year to the management of the classroom."

Donnell's first graders are also given leadership responsibilities and work together.

"It's a natural thing in our class when you're finished with your work, you find a friend in need. We learn to agree and disagree with respect. We learn to build each other up with compliments and synergize whenever we can in our day. We call our class a family. My students know that in our classroom, they are safe and loved. We learn to forgive others and ask others to forgive us. We learn to express our opinions with respect. The most powerful thing we do is showing gratitude. I want my students to learn to be grateful for their friends, family, teachers and community."

The Leader in Me concepts go beyond the classroom. Harrisonville Elementary School counselors Brian Graber and Becky Sumner incorporate the ideas within counseling lessons which are now called "Leader-

ship Class."

Graber said, "With every lesson that I do, I discuss with students how the objective we are learning demonstrates leadership. Becky and I both find ways to incorporate in our lessons a key part of The Leader In Me. I have a number of lessons throughout the year in which I teach a whole lesson on one of the habits and some lessons in which I relate the habit to the topic we are discussing such as bullying, conflict resolution and cooperation."

Sumner added, "Leadership skills and habits are woven naturally into the fabric of our counseling lessons and character words of the month. At the beginning of the year we looked at each month's character word and the 7 Habits. We discussed how important it is to talk about both habits and character words all year."

All involved in implementing the Leader in Me program agree that the lessons go beyond the students' time at Harrisonville Elementary.

Teeter said, "I want students that are confident not just in the academics, but in the interpersonal skills it takes to be able to eventually interview and get a job. I want students to remember me not just because I taught them how to multiply or to comprehend a text, but to also remember that I taught them how to be a confident and successful person."

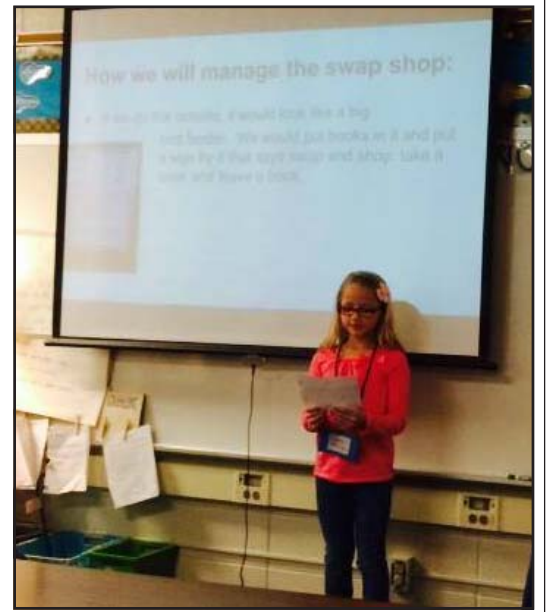
Graber said, "I hope that The Leader In Me initiative helps instill in every student that they are a leader. I want students to see that being a leader is not a position, it's a choice and that whatever they choose to do in life, they can use leadership skills to help them be successful. The best part of The Leader In Me initiative is that it stays with students for the rest of their life, regardless of which school they go to or where they choose to live."

Students present idea to Rotary

As part of their leadership development, students in Mrs. Teeter's class came up with an idea to improve their school and presented it to a community organization.

The students wanted to build a Book Swap and Shop outside their school for families to exchange books. The Harrisonville Rotary Club had built a similar library at McEowen, so the students created a presentation and presented it to members of the club.

Mrs. Teeter said, "This was completely run by students. They created the presentation, prepared their speeches and rehearsed. When the Rotary members came, students greeted them in the office, guided them to



the classroom and presented their idea and reasons why they thought their idea was good. All students had a part in the presentation or delivery of the message."

The Rotary Club has agreed to help the students with the project. The Club will build and set the Swap and Shop at the school and the students will then promote it to their classmates and families, collect books, and regularly check and update the inventory.



Save the Date
Homecoming
2015

Friday, September 18

Parade • Football Game • Coronation • Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament • Catch the Spirit 5K Walk/Run (Saturday, Sept. 19)

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Voters to elect two to Board of Education on April 7

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Elks lodge, and Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce.

Why did you decide to run for school board?

I have a vested interest in the long term success of the district. I graduated from Harrisonville in 2002; my wife works for the district; and my children will be attending our schools. The health and quality of our schools also impacts the economics of our town. With good schools, businesses flourish as business owners and patrons relocate here for their children.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville School District?

The biggest challenge is the uncertainty surrounding the future direction of the district. Instability and uncertainty in any organization leads to questioning, frustration, and high turnover of staff. Clearly defined direction and stable leadership will help the district attract and retain highly qualified staff.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

The biggest strengths of this district are excellent educators, support of the community, and a solid financial footing. Proper management and leadership of these resources will give the district many options to overcome the ever increasing speed of change in the world of education. Continuing growth to address this change will ensure our graduates thrive in tomorrow's world.

Family: I am married with two children. My wife, Annie Knox is a Special Education Process Coordinator at HES. Our daughter Addison (4) is in her first year of

Preschool at ECC and our son Henry (9 months) is a future Wildcat!

Name: Dallas D. Register

Occupation/Business: Engineer [retired]

Educational Background: BS, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1971

Community organizations/memberships: NA

Why did you decide to run for school board?

I believe that the district needs a "catalyst" to - at least initially - help close the breach that currently exists within the district "family" in order to refocus on our stated mission "...to achieve excellence in education."

Accordingly, while I consider myself to be a "nobody", I believe that I have the essential credentials, skills and temperament to - with the help of the district - effectively function as that catalyst...not only for the short term, but also as a resource to represent the parents, children, teachers and staff of the district in a positive and effective manner for the long term benefit of the district.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville School District?

I feel a world hunger response coming on to such a question, but - ignoring symptoms such as inadequate funding - I believe that the biggest challenge is the combination of malaise and chaos which has resulted from an overly complex system of laws, regulations and ordinances at all levels of governance,

giving rise to the three siblings..."Apathy, complacency and fear"...a general lack of interest coupled with our inclination to accept established oligarchies and too many things at face value without challenge until they reach crisis proportions and the fear to act...all resulting in our acceptance of eroded standards and expectations for ourselves, the district and the nation and - possibly - a loss of local control.

We are quite simply "overwhelmed"...think about it!

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

I believe that - paradoxically - the district's strengths AND weaknesses are the same...it's people...or, as Pogo might say, "We have met the enemy and it is us."

I believe that we need to return to the basics...Where a strong and healthy core family unit is essential for a strong community...Where parents AND teachers feel comfortable with what is being taught to our children and recognize the difference between education and propaganda...Where we emphasize "the whole-child" and our children are not being placed on the front lines of social change...Where we take pride in who we are and reject educational programs of self-loathing and of distant elitist who believe that they know what is better for OUR children than WE do.

Family: Widowed with four adult children.

Name: Chad Reynolds

Occupation/Business: Children's Mercy South Lead Electrician

Educational Background: Graduate

of Harrisonville High School, IBEW Apprenticeship program, currently going to Metropolitan Community College and will graduate this spring.
Community organizations/memberships: School Board member, Boy Scouts of America Troop 3, Elder and Pastor of the Community of Christ Church in Harrisonville
Why did you decide to run for school board?

I have had three children graduate from Harrisonville and I have 1 more in school. I believe that we as parents need to take an active role in the education of the youth in our community. I want what is the best for all kids; not just mine, but all of them. We need to remember the past and learn from it. We also need to prepare them for a future that is not set in stone but one that is and will be fluid and one that seems smaller than the one we grew up in. They need to be able to compete on a global scale not just locally. This is where the future is heading and this is why I am running.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville School District?

Retention of staff and integration of technology.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

Great students and staff and our ability and willingness to integrate technology.

Family: I am the son of Jess and Donnie Reynolds; I am married to Andrea 26 years and counting, and we have 4 kids - Matthew, Levi, Holly and Chase.



McEowen students give back through community service

McEowen Elementary School students are learning life lessons by giving back to their community.

Students participate in several annual events including the Hoops for Heart event benefiting the American Heart Association, math-a-thon for Children's Mercy Hospital, pop tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House, the district wide food drive, and the Bright Futures blue barrel collection.

Over the past 11 years, students have raised nearly \$28,000 through Hoops for Heart (pictured at right) and over the last six years, they have raised \$23,000 for Children's Mercy Hospital. The school has been collecting pop tabs for eight years and has donated 1,200 pounds to the Ronald McDonald House.

In addition, for the past few years, the school has done a "Souper" Bowl collecting soup for the local food pantry and participated in the 11 cent campaign on Veteran's Day for the Wounded Warrior Project.

"The premise at the core of our

community service program is that everyone is able to give in some way; and when each of us do what we are able to do, the impact on our world is incredible. When our students participate in the service projects, their world grows beyond themselves. Not only do their own problems fade into the background while they are serving, but their confidence grows by making a difference in other people's lives," said McEowen Counselor Laura Holden.

This year with the Bright Futures Harrisonville initiative encouraging everyone to give "42," students and classes have done even more to give back. The 42 campaign seeks 42 minutes, 42 items, or 42 cents/dollars each month from those who participate.

Fourth grade teacher Megan Baxter challenged her students and parents to complete 42 each month.

In addition, she works to do her own 42 each month. The students have packed backpacks for the Food 4 Thought weekend backpack program (pictured at left), donated spare



change to the Pennies for Polio drive, counted and sorted Box Tops for Education, and adopted a family for Christmas. Parents have cleaned out closets to donate coats and participated in school events.

Mrs. Shrou's fourth grade class created snack bags for families at the Ronald McDonald House during their Valentine's Day party; Mrs. Johnson's fourth grade class stocked shelves for the backpack program; and Mrs. Spencer's fourth grade class made cards for patients at Children's Mercy. Several classes also adopted families for Christmas.

In addition, some McEowen students have created their own community service projects. One on-going project, which started with a student's Boy Scout project, is the collection of eyeglasses for the Lion's Club.

Two other students wanted to help the local Animal Shelter and created the "Help for Hounds" project which collects aluminum cans and then donates the funds for blankets, toys, food dishes, etc.

Still another student saw an international need for hunger relief and started a project to collect old cell phones to support the effort.

And it's not just "organized" drives or programs; nearly every month Counselor Laura Holden recognizes a student or two for simple acts of service to others during the school's awards assembly. Many times students have reached out to a classmate that doesn't have as many friends.

"Serving others teaches them to connect with other people and build relationships, starting at home and expanding to projects that impact our nation and world. Our students' generosity and willingness to serve blesses my heart every day! My hope is that through these opportunities, we are preparing responsible, caring, and hard working citizens of the future."

At the end of each school year, fifth graders can earn a special Community Service Award for participating in seven of the service projects, along with one home service project.





Bright Futures initiatives connect students, positive adult role models

Students in the district have the opportunity to develop positive relationships with community volunteers thanks to two new Bright Futures Harrisonville programs.

The Middle School After School program has been up and running since the fall. It is open to all middle school students and takes place each Wednesday from 2:30-5 p.m. During the time, students have the opportunity to play games, make crafts, work on homework, make snacks, and socialize.

The program started based on the need cited by staff at Harrisonville Middle School for positive adult role models in the students' lives.

Each week, 25-30 students participate in the program.

Volunteer Kim Duey said, "Initially the students were very surprised that they were allowed to roam among our designated classrooms at their leisure, and at the number of activities we had planned for them. They enjoy making their own snack most weeks, a variety of crafts and projects, the outside activities, table games and service projects. Now they anxiously ask each week what 'the plan is,' and are still bringing friends in to check out the program."

She added, "It has been very rewarding watching the kids and volunteers build relationships. It is not uncommon for a student to ask a specific adult to help them with their homework, or to play a table game with them. At different times during the 2.5 hours, you will often



McEowen Lunch Buddy Luke Shroul plays a game of Clue with his student during one of the regular visits.

see an adult and student talking quietly about a youth issue, a heart-break, or their plans for their future."

The Middle School After School program is always in need of volunteers. If you'd like to help, contact the Bright Futures Volunteer Coordinator Cathe Johnson at braydenandemmamommy@yahoo.com or you can sign up online at <http://vols.pt/BCCda2>.

Another new initiative that started in February is the McEowen Lunch Buddy program. Once again, the program was developed after McEowen staff cited a need for positive adult role models.

The program is different from the middle school program as students and buddies are paired one-on-one. Buddies come to school twice a month to have lunch with their student and then stay for games

and activities.

Currently 11 community members have completed the application, background check, and training and are meeting with their buddies regularly.

"The reason I wanted to be a Lunch Buddy was because I wanted to give these kids someone they could count on to be there if they had questions, someone that they could talk to or just someone they could count on," said Lunch Buddy Sandy Bradshaw. "I was excited to see Bright Futures get this program off the ground. It can be a positive experience for both the student and the adult."

Principal Dan Erholtz agrees with Sandy. "The Lunch Buddy program at McEowen has brought smiles to both the faces of the students and the adult volunteers. The Buddy days are eagerly looked forward to by both parties, and quality relationships are forming between the students and adults. I know our students are benefiting from the friendships they are forming, by having another adult interested in their lives."

The program will seek additional volunteers as the 2015-16 school year begins. For more information, contact McEowen Principal Dan Erholtz at 380-4545, ext. 4222 or dan.erholtz@harrisonvilleschools.org

For more information on Bright Futures Harrisonville, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BrightFuturesHarrisonville

HHS seniors to participate in Day of Service

Harrisonville High School seniors will be taking part in a Day of Service within the community on April 28. The Day of Service is being planned to give the senior class an opportunity to give back to the community before graduating.

The high school is currently looking for projects or "jobs" for the students. Examples of potential jobs include landscaping, yard work, painting, reading or visiting with children or senior citizens, and sorting or organizing items.

The school will provide transportation and the work will take place between 8 a.m. and noon on April 28.

Churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to contact Cheryl Osborne at 380-3273, ext. 6222 with job opportunities before March 31.

HHS is also looking for volunteers to help manage the students at the various projects. A school district employee will supervise each group, however, the school would like one adult for every five students.

If you can volunteer from 8 a.m. to noon on April 28 or would like additional information on this Day of Service, please contact Cheryl Osborne at 380-3273, ext. 6222.



2015-16 kindergarten enrollment information available online

Harrisonville Early Childhood Center is making kindergarten enrollment easier with information, enrollment packets, videos and appointment scheduling all online.

Parents of 2015-16 Harrisonville Schools kindergarten students are now able to access enrollment information and videos and schedule their kindergarten enrollment/screening appointment. The information is posted online at www.harrisonvilleschools.org; click on 2015-16 Kindergarten Enroll-

ment.

For those who do not have internet access or have additional questions, a Parent Information Night for parents of 2015-2016 kindergarten students will be Tuesday, March 31 from 6-7:00 p.m. at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center, 500 Polar Lane.

Students are not required to attend this meeting. Parents will be able to view the ECC informational videos, pick up an enrollment packet, ask questions, and sign up

for a screening appointment.

Enrollment and screening for Harrisonville kindergarten students for the 2015 - 2016 school year, will be held April 9-10 and April 13-15 at the Early Childhood Center. Parents need to call the Early Childhood Center, 380-4421, after March 31 to schedule an appointment if they are unable to sign up online or cannot attend the Parent Information Night event.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five years of age

before August 1, 2015 and must live in the Harrisonville school district. Parents must bring a certified copy of the child's state issued birth certificate and his/her current immunization records to enrollment. A proof of residency such as a current utility bill will be required in August.

For more information, call 816-380-4421.

Middle school program rewards commitment to school

Harrisonville Middle School students can earn a bit of fun for achieving academic quality and demonstrating good citizenship and a commitment to the school community. Each quarter students have the chance to participate in a field trip through the PAWS Pride Program. The PAWS Pride Program is designed to focus students' and teachers' attention on the following; increasing student attendance; improving overall academic performance; and creating a positive, safe school environment.

Students who maintain all As and Bs, miss no more than two days, and have no more than two office referrals qualify for the quarterly incentive.

Last year's quarterly incentives included a movie at the middle school, a half a day at the Harrisonville Community Center, a movie at the Belton theatre, and a half day at City Park. This year, honorees have visited the City Park and the Harrisonville Community Center.

Students who meet the requirements during all four quarters get a day at World's of Fun.

"I think the students have really bought in to the program by seeing the fun activities that students get to do when they earn it," said Counselor Valerie Holmes. "I have had many parents say that they have had to move appointments or that kids don't want to miss school now because they would like to participate in the activities."

And the numbers back Ms. Holmes up. Last year, HMS had 272 students participate in the first quarter activity and 193 participate in the second quarter activity. So far this year, 302 students participated first quarter and 256 participated second quarter.

In addition to the increase in the number of students qualifying for the honor, the middle school has seen an increase in attendance. During the first year of the program, the percent of students who attended school 90 percent of the time (the State attendance mark) increased

from 85 to 92 percent. And that percentage is holding for this year.

In addition to the Paws Pride Program, the school also runs a School Store to recognize positive behavior. Teachers and staff can pass out "tickets" to the store whenever they see a student exhibiting a

positive behavior. Every Friday, students can shop at the store during lunch. Items are "sold" for one, two, or three tickets. The school accepts donations for "store" merchandise including key chains, carnival items, pencils, etc.



Nominate a staff member

The district is now seeking nominations for Educator of the Year, Support Staff Employee of the Year, and Outstanding Community Involvement. Go to the Harrisonville Schools website - www.harrisonvilleschools.org to nominate a staff member. Nominations are due March 27.

Congratulations to our retirees!

Brenda Foerschler, Title I Math at HES
Marilyn Moore, Life Careers at Cass Career Center
Gina Smith, Director at Cass Career Center



Foundation offers opportunities to recognize teachers, students

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is a not-for-profit organization with the mission to support and enhance the educational programs and activities of the Harrisonville School District.

This spring, the Foundation has two opportunities for the community to support this mission.

Special Gift

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is offering parents and community members the opportunity to recognize Harrisonville teachers with a "Special Gift."

Through the Special Gift program, donations can be made to the Foundation's teacher grant program in honor of a teacher. The donor has the option of receiving a card to present to the teacher, or the Foundation will present a card on the donor's behalf.

The gift could be made to honor a retirement, as part of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8), or simply as a thank you. All donations are tax deductible.

The donations received will support the Foundation's teacher grant program, which encourages and recognizes new educational approaches and concepts that are not currently funded by the district. The grants provide funding for classroom materials that make these innovative instructional techniques possible. Teacher grants are presented twice each year. During the past 11 years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$64,000 in teacher grants.

To make a "Special Gift" donation, mail a check to the Foundation at PO Box 1000, Harrisonville, MO 64701 or drop off the dona-

tion at the Administrative Offices, 503 S. Lexington. Please include a note that shares the name of the teacher you'd like to honor and whether you would like a card to present or you would like the Foundation to present a card on your behalf. If you'd like the Foundation to present the card to the teacher, then please include how you'd like the card to be signed.

Excellence in Academics

For the past 29 years, the annual Excellence in Academics program has honored Harrisonville High School students who complete the year in the top 15 percent of their class.

Seniors ending the year in the top 15 percent of their class will be honored at the Senior Excellence in Academics Celebration on May 14. Underclassmen will be honored at

an assembly in August. Both events are all-school assemblies and open to the public.

Four-year Excellence in Academics recipients will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation. Since the Foundation started presenting Excellence in Academics scholarships in 2003, \$120,000 has been awarded to graduating seniors.

The Foundation seeks subscribers to support the entire Excellence in Academics program with a \$100 or \$500 donation. If you'd like to help, please send a check to the Foundation at PO Box 1000, Harrisonville, MO 64701. Please note how you would like your sponsorship listed in the program.

For questions, contact the Foundation at 380-2727, ext. 1224.

Cass Career Center students work to build electric car

Students at Cass Career Center are working together on a project they developed. During a classroom discussion on electric and hybrid vehicle safety in Don Dickerson's Automotive Technology class, students wondered aloud about building an electric car.

The students researched electric vehicles and proposed a joint two-year project with students in Mr. Stewart Hendrickson's welding class to build a steel tubular electric roadster.

The students got the "green light" and the project was born.

Dickerson had blueprints and car parts from a 1977 electric car project. He challenged the students to analyze whether the old parts could be used to create a modern

vehicle. In addition, students used the internet to look for a car to use for the project and they found one, negotiated a deal, and Dickerson purchased the vehicle.

Both instructors have been thrilled hearing welding and automotive students work together to share ideas and conceptualize challenges, and create ideas on how to overcome the challenges to build a viable and safe electric vehicle.

Currently the project is in the design and fabrication stages. Next year, brakes and steering are being worked into the curriculum, as well as, cosmetic and overall viability issues.

This is a "bonus" project students get to work on when time allows based on primary curriculum

needs being met.

The teachers hope that through this project students increase their strategic and

extended thinking abilities as well as the ability to collaborate with others to the point of consensus, learn



from mistakes, and develop solutions in a group environment.



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Slow down and drive carefully

Road construction is already in full swing in our city and it will continue throughout the summer months and beyond. Whenever you're driving in the construction areas on I-49, Hwy. 291, Commercial Street, and Rockhaven Road, please, remember that these are active construction zones with lots of heavy equipment and workers in close proximity to the roadway. Please slow down and drive with extreme caution. Don't let this be the site of a tragedy for you or someone else.

During the construction the city is trying to keep everyone informed about the planned lane closures and detours, using our website - www.ci.harrisonville.mo.us, Facebook - www.facebook.com/CityofHarrisonville, and Twitter - @HvilleCityGov. Please use these resources to stay current on the latest traffic advisories.

Eleven file for Mayor, Board of Alderman seats

Eleven Harrisonville residents have filed as candidates for seats on the Harrisonville Board of Aldermen. The election will be Tuesday, April 7.

Candidates for mayor are Brian Hasek and Doug Meyer.

Running for Ward 1 alderman are Judy K. Bowman and Brad Bockelman. The Ward 1 polling place is the Lutheran Church, 2400 E. Mechanic.

Ward 2 alderman candidates are Marcia Milner and Cindy Kay

Tompkins. The Ward 2 polling place is the Cass County Public Library, Pearson Hall, 400 E. Mechanic.

Vying for Ward 3 alderman are Bret Reece, Clint Long, and Gary Kidd. The Ward 3 polling place is the First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 400 S. Independence.

Candidates for Ward 4 alderman are Josh Stafford and Kara Wilson. The Ward 4 polling place is Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E.

South St.

All elections are conducted under the authority of the Cass County Clerk. For any questions or more information, please call that office, 816-380-8106.

There will be a Candidates Forum on Monday, March 30, 6 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce offices, 106 S. Independence. Voters are encouraged to visit with the candidates, starting at 6 p.m. The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m

Brush Drop Off, City Wide Clean Up coming soon

Two popular spring cleaning events are scheduled for the coming months. Harrisonville's annual spring brush drop off will be held Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in its customary location near the City Park.

Residents are asked to follow the directional signs from the intersection of Ash Street and Bradley Street to the actual drop off location. Fallen limbs, cuttings, brush and other woody debris will be accepted. Grass clippings, however,

will not. City crews will be on hand to unload their vehicles. Wood chips and compost will be available free of charge, so residents are encouraged to bring a pick up or trailer to haul it away.

The City-Wide Clean Up will be May 8 & 9 and May 15 & 16 at the Town and Country Transfer Station on Hwy. 291. Times are 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Fridays, and 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

General trash will be accepted at no charge, along with motor oil, car batteries, appliances, scrap

metal, and a maximum of 8 car tires.

The following items will not be accepted: paint, paint thinners, yard chemicals, insecticides, pesticides, truck tires, mounted tires, shingles, yard waste, brush, or construction debris.

Proof of residency, such as a current utility bill, is required to participate in both of these events. They are provided for residents only, and are not open to commercial equipment or commercial operations.

Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7-11:30 a.m.
Starts first Saturday in June and runs through first Saturday in October
Harrisonville Square
For more information, call 380-8909

City of Harrisonville on Social Media



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3D mammography coming to Cass Regional

Cass Regional is pleased to announce the addition of breast tomosynthesis, also known as 3D mammography, to its available services beginning this spring. Recent studies have suggested that 3D mammography, when used in conjunction with traditional 2D digital mammograms, leads to higher rates of cancer detection and reduces false alarms for patients. Cass Regional is the first hospital in Cass County to offer 3D mammography, which was approved by the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration in 2011.

“3D mammography is especially beneficial for the 25% of women who have dense breasts,” explained radiologist Aaron Lewis, MD. “Greater tissue density decreases the sensitivity of traditional 2D mammograms, because the overlapping structures can hide a tiny cancer or create something that looks like a mass but is not. With 3D mammography, we can potentially find smaller cancers earlier and reduce



the number of callbacks for additional testing.”

For more information on 3D mammography at Cass Regional, call 816-380-5888, extension 7350.

Free high school sports physicals

Cass Regional Medical Center is offering free high school sports physicals to area student athletes. The dates and locations for the physicals are listed below.

Garden City Medical Clinic
(101-B Old 7 Hwy, Garden City)
Wednesday, April 8
4 – 6 p.m.

Drexel Medical Clinic
(201 E Main St, Drexel)
Wednesday, April 22
4 – 6 p.m.

Archie Medical Clinic
(709 E Pine St, Archie)
Tuesday, April 28
4 – 6 p.m.

Please arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. to obtain your physical. For more information, contact John Hoffman, PT, at 816-380-5888, extension 4230, or email jhoffman@cassregional.org.

Free Screening Fridays

Cass Regional Medical Center is offering free health screenings on Fridays from 9 – 11:30 a.m. in a different Cass County community each week. Take advantage of free blood pressure, blood oxygen, and blood sugar screenings, and obtain

a free total lipid profile, which measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. For the most accurate results, screening participants are asked to fast for at least 12 hours prior to the screening and take medications as usual (with water

only). No appointments are necessary. For more information, visit the Classes and Events calendar at www.cassregional.org or contact Erin Newport, MA, at (816) 619-3000 or email enewport@cassregional.org.

Celebration Basket Raffle, March 30-April 3

The employees of Cass Regional Medical Center are donating gift baskets that will be raffled off from March 30 through April 3 to benefit Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to provide patient amenities and equipment for

the hospital's infusion clinic, pain management clinic and simulation laboratory.

The baskets will be on display in the Rotunda at Cass Regional Medical Center beginning Monday, March 30. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase from mem-

bers of the Cass Regional Auxiliary during display times. Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. The winners will be drawn on Friday, April 3, at noon.

For more information, contact the Foundation office at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810.

Cass Regional Medical Center on Social Media



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HARRISONVILLE Highlights

Community Calendar of Events

March 30 Candidates Forum, 6 p.m. Chamber of Commerce
 March 30-April 1 CCPL ABC Storytime, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 April 2 College & Career Week

April 2 Community-wide College Day
 April 2 HES Awards Assembly, 3 p.m.
 April 2 CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
 April 2 CCPL Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 April 2 HCC Mouse Races, 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, \$5, Open to all
 April 3 City Offices closed
 April 3 Community Center Open, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
 April 3 No School
 April 5 Community Center Closed
 April 6 No School
 April 6 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 April 6 HPR First Aid/CPR/AED Class, 4-9 p.m., Community Center
 April 7 PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m, ECC
 April 7 Election Day
 April 7 CCPL Me & My Toddler Storytime, 11 a.m.
 April 8 CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.
 April 8 CRMC Free HS Sports Physicals, 4-6 p.m., Garden City Medical Clinic
 April 8 CCPL Permanent Mulch Gardening, 6:30 p.m.
 April 8 CCPL ABC Storytime, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 April 9 CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
 April 9 CCPL Legit Book Club (Teens), 3:30 p.m.
 April 9 HCC Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, Pleasant Hill
 April 9 HPR 6-Week Tiny Tikes Soccer Starts, 6-6:45 p.m., Community Center
 April 9-10 Kindergarten Round-Up
 April 9-11 HHS present The Music Man, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
 April 10 HCC First Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Cass County Public Library
 April 12 HHS presents The Music Man, 2 p.m., HHS PAC
 April 12-18 CCPL National Library Week
 April 13-15 Kindergarten Round-Up
 April 13 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McEowen
 April 13 CCPL Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m.
 April 13 CCPL General Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 April 14 PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m, ECC
 April 14 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 April 14 CRMC Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Seminar, 6 p.m.
 April 14 CCPL Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 April 14 CCPL Me & My Toddler Storytime, 11 a.m.
 April 14 CCPL Legit Book Club (Teens), 3:30 p.m.
 April 15 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 April 15 CCPL Student Art Show Reception, 6 p.m.
 April 15 CCPL ABC Storytime, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 April 16 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 April 16 CCPL Teen Amazing Race Program, 3:30 p.m.
 April 16 HCC Luncheon, 11:45-1 p.m.
 April 16 CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
 April 16-17 FFA State Convention, Columbia
 April 17 HES Career Day
 April 17 CRMC Free Health Screenings, Commerce Bank, 9-11:30 a.m.
 April 17-18 Spring Brush Drop Off, City Park, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 April 18 ACT, 8 a.m., HHS
 April 18 HPR Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Community Center
 April 21 PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m, ECC
 April 21 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Offices
 April 21 McEowen Spring Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
 April 21 CCPL Me & My Toddler Storytime, 11 a.m.
 April 22 ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:15 a.m.
 April 22 CRMC Free HS Sports Physicals, 4-6 p.m., Drexel Medical Clinic
 April 22 CCPL ABC Storytime, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 April 23 HES Art Fair & Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m.
 April 23 CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
 April 23 HCC Thursday on the Square, 6-8 p.m., Wine Crawl
 April 25 HHS Prom, 8 p.m.
 April 27 ECC Art Fair & Ice Cream Social, 6 p.m.
 April 27 CCPL Brownies & Books, 6:30 p.m.
 April 28 HHS Senior Day of Service
 April 28 ACT for all HHS juniors
 April 28 PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m, ECC
 April 28 HMS Vocal Music Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
 April 28 CRMC Free HS Sports Physicals, 4-6 p.m., Archie Medical Clinic
 April 28 CCPL Me & My Toddler Storytime, 11 a.m.
 April 29 McEowen Positive Action Assembly, 2:50 p.m.
 April 29 CCPL ABC Storytime, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 April 29 HPR First Aid/CPR/AED Class, 4-9 p.m., Community Center
 April 30 ECC Terrific Citizens Assembly, 3 p.m.
 April 30 HES 1st Grade Program, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
 April 30 CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.

May 1 HCC First Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., West Central Auction
 May 1-2 FFA Plant Sale, CCC
 May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 4 CCC Awards Night, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
 May 5 PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m, ECC
 May 5 HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.
 May 5 HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
 May 7 HHS Band Concert, 7 p.m, HHS PAC
 May 7 CCPL Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 May 8 ACT Registration Deadline for 6/13 test
 May 8 McEowen Civil War Day
 May 8 FFA Banquet, 7 p.m., HHS MPR
 May 8 Citywide Clean Up, 1st weekend
 May 9 Music Mania
 May 11 Band Banquet, 6 p.m.
 May 11 CCPL Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m.
 May 11 CCPL General Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 May 11-16 CCPL Recipe Exchange
 May 12 PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m, ECC
 May 12 CCPL Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 May 12 HHS Vocal Music Concert, 7 p.m.
 May 12 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 May 14 Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony, 8 a.m., HHS gym
 May 14 HCC Coalition of Chambers, 11:45-1, Branding Iron
 May 15 Graduation, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
 May 15 CRMC Free Health Screenings, Commerce Bank, 9-11:30 a.m.
 May 15-16 Citywide Clean Up, 2nd weekend
 May 16 Graduation Rain Date #1, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
 May 17 Graduation Rain Date #2, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
 May 19 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
 May 20 ECC Terrific Citizen Assembly, 3 p.m.
 May 21 HES End-of-the Year Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
 May 21 Last Day of School, ½ day for students
 May 21 HCC Thursday on the Square, 6--8 p.m.
 May 21 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 May 22 HPR Movie in the Park, City Park Amphitheater
 May 23 HPR Harrisonville Outdoor Pool Opens
 May 25 City Office Closed
 May 25 Community Center Open, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
 June 1 Summer School Begins
 June 1 HPR Summer Camp Program Begins
 June 1 CCPL Summer Reading Kickoff Party, 6 p.m.
 June 3 CCPL Storytime Wednesdays, 9:30 & 11 a.m. (Wed., June-July)
 June 4 CCPL Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 June 4 CCPL Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m. (Thurs., June-July)
 June 4 CCPL Teen Program, 3:30 p.m. (Thurs., June-July)
 June 4 HPR 6-Week Tiny Tikes T-Ball Starts, 6-6:45 p.m., Community Center
 June 5 HCC First Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Farmers Insurance
 June 6 CCPL Teen Moving Showing, 10 a.m.
 June 8 CCPL Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m.
 June 8 CCPL General Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 June 8 CCPL Children's Program, 6:30 p.m. (Mondays, June-July)
 June 9 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 June 9 CCPL Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 June 10 CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.
 June 11 HCC Coalition of Chambers, 11:45-1, Belton
 June 13 CCPL Teen Moving Showing, 10 a.m.
 June 18 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 June 18 HCC Golf Tournament, 10:30 a.m., Creekmoor Golf Club
 June 19 HPR Movie in the Park, City Park Amphitheater
 June 25 HCC Thursday on the Square, 6-8 p.m.
 June 26 Last Day of Summer School
 June 27 CCPL Teen Moving Showing, 10 a.m.
 July 2 CCPL Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 July 4 HPR Harrisonville Hometown 4th of July Celebration, City Park
 July 6 CRMC Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 2-5 p.m.
 July 9 HCC Coalition of Chambers, 11:45-1, Peculiar
 July 13 CCPL Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m.
 July 13 CCPL General Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 July 14 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 July 14 CRMC Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Seminar, 6 p.m.
 July 14 CCPL Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m.
 July 14-18 Cass County Fair, Pleasant Hill
 July 16 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
 July 16 HCC Luncheon, 11:45-1 p.m.
 July 17 HPR Movie in the Park, City Park Amphitheater
 July 23 HCC Thursday on the Square, 6-8 p.m.
 July 27 Bright Futures Back-to-School Fair, 3-7 p.m., HMS
 July 30 HPR 6-Week Tiny Tikes Basketball Begins, 6-6:45, Community Center

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 CCPL - Cass County
 Public Library,
 Harrisonville Branch
 CRMC - Cass Regional
 Medical Center
 HPR - Harrisonville Parks
 & Rec
 HCC - Harrisonville
 Chamber of Commerce
 PAC - Harrisonville High
 School Performing Arts
 Center