

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 of Harrisonville, the library, and the Historical Society. In addition to news from the Chamber, Cass Regional, and the City of Harrisonville on pages 8-11, page 12 includes a Community Calendar of Events for November-January. We hope you enjoy this expanded edition and we appreciate the relationship with our partners.

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HHS students, teachers test tech devices

The Harrisonville School District established seven district goals during the spring of 2012. One of those goals was to implement a digital device delivery model to promote student achievement.

As one of the initial phases for this goal, a group of students and teachers at Harrisonville High School have been experimenting with four different digital devices. The group gets a device for 3 1/2 weeks to use for classwork. They use group email to discuss issues they are facing with each device and then at the end of the 3 1/2-week period, they complete a survey analyzing the device's usefulness.

The four devices that have been part of the program are the HP netbooks, iPads, Mac Air Books, and Chromebooks.

"I think this is the right way to begin as it gives us some time to work through issues with each device before we decide on one and try to implement it throughout the school," said HHS Communication Arts teacher Sarah Cummings.

Teachers volunteered for the program, while students had to complete an application process.

"I applied to be a part of this



because I wanted the opportunity to use devices I had not previously used and also because I thought that I could give good feedback to help determine the best fit for the school," said senior Annie Mulvey.

Both groups feel that implementing digital devices will increase student success.

"The devices provide the chance for students to delve deeper into topics and it helps us make learning a 24/7 opportunity," said HHS Personal Finance teacher Mark Rorvig.

"Providing devices for students levels the playing field," added Cummings. "They will enable all students to have the same opportunities

unlike now where some students have devices and others do not."

Mulvey said, "I think the device will make unknown information more readily available for all students. Also, it offers many different apps for studying and improving skills."

Director of Technology David Vignery feels this is important first step.

"Students live in a digital world, so implementation into the classroom comes easy for them," he said. "The device choice is important, but in the big picture, it's how we can better use technology to prepare our students for the world."

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From the Desk of Dr. Bryan McDonald

Make every day count for success now and in the future

It is approaching the time of year when we get busy preparing for holidays and hopefully, the chance to spend time with family. In the classrooms, teachers are preparing for end-of-semester tests and students are dreaming of snow days. It is also a time when the cold and flu season hits schools. In my world, it is time to begin making plans and begin the process of developing a budget for next school year.

One of the areas we are taking a very close look at is attendance. Attendance is important to a student's success in school and beyond and plays a role in the funds we receive from the State.

The State looks at our overall attendance rate to determine how much state funding we receive. The higher the percentage of students at school each day, the more money we receive from the State.

Beginning this year, the State is also looking at the attendance rate of each student as a part of the accreditation process. The State wants all students to be at school at least 90 percent of the time. When I initially saw this, I felt like this would be an easy standard to meet. That was until I began looking at our attendance.

Over the past three years, the percentage of students at school at least 90% of the time has been surprising. In 2011, we had 85% and in 2012 we had 87.2%. Last year, we dropped back down to 84.6% of the students at school at least 90% of the time. For a student to fall below 90% attendance, they are missing over 17 days throughout the year.

One thing we have noticed is that not all students below 90% are missing full days. There are many who come 30 minutes or more late to

school on a regular basis.

Students with attendance rates below 90% are classified as "chronically absent."

Research shows that students chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of third grade.

By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.

By 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

In order to raise awareness about the importance of good attendance, we just completed a campaign called "Be Here. All Day, Every Day."

We know the value of daily, on-time attendance for each and every student. If students aren't in the classroom, they don't have the opportunity to learn. Building a habit of attendance is important as it can impact a student's ability to succeed beginning in kindergarten and throughout his/her life.

Students, like those I mentioned earlier, who come to school late often miss out on critical content and support. This can also affect the pace of the teacher as they help students learn the curriculum.

As a district, we are looking at attendance on a daily basis. We are encouraging more contact with parents and students if they are missing on a regular basis. Phone calls, letters and home visits are strategies we are using to encourage all of our students to be at school, every day.

Schools are recognizing students for perfect and close to perfect attendance more frequently.

At our October School Board

meeting, our attendance policy was changed to also encourage good attendance.

We are also asking for help from parents, community members, and health care providers.

For parents, we ask for help in the following ways:

- Plan vacations during non-school days.
- Schedule your child's medical and dental appointments after school hours or on a day off.
- If your child has to leave school for a medical appointment, try to limit the time out of school.
- Make sure your child goes to school every day unless he/she is ill.
- Take an interest in your child's schoolwork.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time.
- Make sure your student keeps a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.
- Talk to your student about the importance of going to school on time every day.

For community members and businesses, we ask you to support our efforts in the following ways:

- When you see a student, ask him or her about her schoolwork. Show an interest in school.
- Take opportunities to talk about the importance of attendance and being on time as it relates to your career.
- Become a mentor for a student who needs a positive role model in his/her life (see pg. 7).



- Display our Be Here posters in support of good attendance at your business (contact Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224).

Finally, for health care providers, we ask you do what you can to schedule student appointments after school or on days off. We understand that isn't always possible, so we need your help in encouraging attendance before and after appointments. If an appointment is at 11:00 a.m., we want students in school that morning and we want them to return to school as soon as possible once the appointment is complete.

In order to make good attendance a habit for our students, we need to all work together. It is an important life skill that will help our children graduate from college, keep a job, and achieve success.

Although the Be Here campaign has ended, attendance will remain a priority for us as a district throughout the school year.

We appreciate your continued support!

Dr. Bryan McDonald, Superintendent



District celebrates first quarter Points of Pride

Congratulations to...

- ECC teacher Brooke Dubray on receiving a Farm Bureau mini grant for \$250 to promote agriculture in the classroom. ECC will use the grant to buy a chick life cycle model for each kindergarten classroom. These models will provide the students with hands-on learning during the life cycle unit in which each classroom hatches chicks.

- HHS students who have scored a 30 or higher on the ACT test and were inducted into HHS ACT Hall of Fame. Those honorees included Lucas Holden, Andrew Johnson, Kyle Hix, Mackenzie Eisel, Erika Diaz, Anne Mulvey, Kolton Wiebusch, Walt McCaslin, John Kusmec, and Brianna Kendrick.

- Thirteen HHS students recognized at the beginning of the year for earning top scores on an Advanced Placement exam last spring. They were Kaitlyn Austin, Lucas Holden, Mackenzie Eisel, Douglas Croy, Anne Mulvey, John Kusmec, Bethany Travis, Olivia Styron, Melissa Watson, Trevor Ratcliff, Brently Probasco, Aaron Laughlin, and Hannah Welhoff.

- Four Harrisonville High School students selected to the All-District Choir including Kaitlyn Austin, David Barnett, Mat Bartlett, and John Kusmec. HHS students selected to the 11-12 Women's Honor Choir were Jocelyn Donegan, Trish Price, Abbie Doerhoff, and Hannah Welhoff.

- HHS senior John Kusmec who was named to the 2013 All-State Choir.

- HHS senior Lucas Holden who was named a National Merit Commended Student.

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- McEowen Reading Teacher Darla Six who has been named to the Missouri State Teachers Association Board of Directors.

- Harrisonville Wildcats Tennis players Cassie Long and Jessica Nichols who qualified for the State Tournament.

- The Royal Regiment on their 2nd place finish in finals at the Ozarko Marching Festival. They also earned the high music award.

- The HHS Students of the Month for September and October - Annie Mulvey, Matthew Prindle, Chelsea Gibbs, and Kyle Hix.

- HHS senior Mackenzie Eisel who was crowned the 2013 Burnt District Festival Queen! Junior Patricia Price was first runner-up. Other contestants included Kayla Marks, Lauren Baumhoff, and Emily Moles.

- Kayley Martley and Jon Tracy who were crowned 2013 Homecoming King & Queen. Runners-up were Brianna Kendrick and Zach Davidson.

- The Harrisonville Wildcats Tennis team on their finish 2nd place finish at the MRVC Meet.

- The Wildcat softball team on their MRVC West co-championship and State qualifying.

- The Wildcat volleyball team on their 3rd place finish in the Grandview Volleyball Tournament.

- The Royal Regiment Marching Band on placing in the top 10 at the Golden Regiment Marching Invitational in Blue Springs.



The Harrisonville Schools Board of Education was named a Missouri 2013 Outstanding Board of Education in the area of Governance, Leadership and Accountability at the Missouri School Boards Association Conference in early October. Harrisonville was one of 10 Boards from across the state to earn the status of Outstanding Board of Education. Pictured are Board members Jeff Rudell, Ron Kroenke, Deb Welhoff, Marv Cochran, Marie Vallee, Dave Kauffman, and Chad Reynolds.

- The Harrisonville Wildcats Tennis team on finishing the season as the District Runner-up in the Class 1, District 12 Tournament.

- Former Wildcat Wrestling Coach Loren Schweizer who will be inducted into the Missouri Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame! The induction ceremony was October 27 in Columbia.

- The CCC FFA Grassland Evaluation Team who placed 3rd out of 15 teams, qualifying for state. The team consisted of Dustin Wallen, Ryan McKenzie, Frank Yoakum, and Jack McCleave.

- Wildcat Softball on celebrating their 25th anniversary.

- The FFA Trapshoot team who earned first at the Lake Lotawana Sportmans Club event. Hunter Wilson took first place individually as well.

Check out The Senior Experience

A new blogging project in which HHS seniors are sharing their thoughts about college planning, activity involvement, senior stress, coursework, and more!

The Senior Bloggers include:

Kaitlyn Austin
Samantha Bowers
Taylor Chancellor
Esmeralda Chavez
Luke Cooper
Annie Mulvey
Dylan Young

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Foundation wraps up busy fall with teacher grants

Teachers and students in the Harrisonville School District recently received nearly \$3,000 in grants from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation.

Throughout the ten years of the teacher grant program, more than \$55,000 has been presented to teachers. The goal of the program is to enhance the education of Harrisonville students by encouraging and recognizing new educational approaches and concepts that are not currently funded by the district.

The grants were awarded in a surprise squad format with Foundation trustees surprising the teachers in their classrooms and presenting them with a check.

Teacher grants were awarded to the following:

- Cass Career Center Math IV and English IV teachers Greta Riffle and Nichole Tews for headphones for use in class to provide greater access to audio/video resources.
- Harrisonville High School Chemistry teacher Dr. Roseann Hoffman for a classroom subscription to ChemMatters to increase students' access to scientific reading.
- Harrisonville Early Childhood

Center Reading teacher Brooke Dubray for materials to use at the school's "If You Take A Mouse to the Movies" family night. This grant is funded through the Cade Filer Memorial Teacher Grant.

- Harrisonville Elementary School second grade teacher Amelia Selsor for MP3 players and headphones to support students' work in fluency.
- Harrisonville High School social studies teacher Emily Terwilliger to bring a World War II "trunk" to HHS so that students can get first-hand exposure to historical artifacts and primary documents. This grant is funded through the Cade Filer Memorial Teacher Grant.
- Harrisonville Early Childhood Center counselor Becky Legal for



resources and materials to support counseling at the kindergarten level.

- Harrisonville High School science teacher John Dyck for a classroom subscription to Science News to increase students' access to scientific reading.
- Harrisonville High School math teacher Allison Willson for a classroom set of whiteboards to provide immediate feedback and comprehension checks.
- Harrisonville Middle School teachers Audrey Harrison and David Sanders for a subscription to an

online math program as an additional resource for students.

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is a not-for-profit organization established to support the educational activities and programs of the Harrisonville School District. To learn more about the Foundation, contact Executive Director Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224.

Pictured above HHS social studies teacher Emily Terwilliger is presented a teacher grant by the Foundation.

Foundation honors academic achievement, seeks Wall of Fame nominations

Excellence in Academics

Over 200 Harrisonville High School students were honored for their academic achievement at an assembly during the first weeks of school. The Excellence in Academics Assembly recognized students who earned an academic letter and those who earned the Excellence in Academics medallion during the 2012-13 school year. The assembly was co-sponsored by the Harrisonville Public School Foundation and the HHS Academic Booster Club. The daytime assembly was

attended by the entire HHS student body, parents, and community members.

The Foundation's Excellence in Academics program honors students who complete the year in the top 15% of their class. Those students receive the Excellence in Academics medallion. This year, the Foundation recognized 48 first-year recipients, 32 second-year recipients, and 28 third-year recipients. Seniors who were third-year recipients have the opportunity to earn a \$500 scholarship by finishing the year in the top

15% of their class. The scholarships will be presented at the Senior Excellence in Academics Assembly in May.

Alumni Wall of Fame

The Harrisonville High School Distinguished Wall of Fame Selection Committee invites you to nominate candidates for the Harrisonville High School Distinguished Wall of Fame. This award honors and recognizes alumni who exemplify the values, the tradition, and the successes of HHS. Their accomplish-

ments will inspire and encourage HHS students to do the same. The 2014 inductees to the Harrisonville High School Distinguished Wall of Fame will be recognized during the annual Winter Homecoming festivities in January 2014.

For eligibility requirements and nomination form visit the website at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/walloffame. The nomination deadline has been extended to November 15.



HES receives Target grant for family events



The Harrisonville Public School Foundation has been awarded a grant from the Target Corporation. The grant, in the amount of \$2,000, will fund family literacy and math nights at Harrisonville Elementary School this year. Pictured, Foundation trustees Alice Roach and Susan Lockard present the grant to Harrisonville Elementary School Principal Jauna Weber and Title I teachers Jenny Currier, Susan Bonnett, and Brenda Foerschler during the school district's opening meeting for the school year.

Foundation events raise funds

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation hosted its annual Homecoming fundraising events during the last weekend in September - the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament and the Catch the Spirit 5K Walk/Run.

The events raised nearly \$10,000 for the Foundation. The proceeds will fund Foundation programming including teacher grants, the Advanced Degree Teacher Initiative, Food 4 Thought backpack program, the Excellence in Academics program, and scholarships. The Foundation has presented nearly \$17,000 through its Advanced Degree Teacher Initiative which reimburses district teachers for Master's degree coursework and nearly \$54,000 in teacher grants. In June, the Foundation awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to four-year Excellence in Academics recipients at HHS.

The Foundation works with the

Harrisonville High School Freshman Mentoring Program on the 5K event and the first \$500 raised goes to the FMP's Christina Collins Memorial Scholarship. In addition, schools within the district with 10+ participants received grants from the 5K. HHS and HMS received \$100 grants and HES received a \$200 grant.

Over 140 people took part in the 5K with HHS alumni Donnie MacLeod and Anisa Alexander winning the event.

Fifty golfers participated in the golf tournament and the winning foursome included Brian Riffle, Jon Miciano, Ruben Carter, and Mike Daniels.

Multiple sponsors made the events possible.

For additional pictures from each event and to view a list of sponsors, visit the Foundation Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HarrisonvillePublicSchoolFoundation.

Bright Futures Harrisonville working to build network

Bright Futures Harrisonville is a community-wide initiative developed to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful. The initiative brings together several areas of the community – business, parents, faith-based, social/human services, and the schools – with the hope that our children's needs can be met with resources from within the community. Bright Futures focuses not only on physical needs, but emotional and social needs as well, and seeks resources that include "time, talent and treasure."

Barrel Project

Bright Futures has blue barrels placed throughout the community as collection sites for needed items. The items requested change on a regular basis. Currently, the barrels are open for new packages of socks

and underwear. All sizes are needed. Barrels are located at Commerce Bank, the Harrisonville Community Center, the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, the Cass County Public Library (Harrisonville Branch), the Harrisonville Schools district administrative office, Sherwood Community Bank, the Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene, First Christian Church, Community Bank of Harrisonville, Heartland Baptist Church, and all schools.

Make a Cake for Kids

The Make a Cake for Kids program offers students in need the chance to have a personalized birthday cake on their special day. Volunteer bakers create the cakes and volunteers deliver the cakes to the student's home.

Shoe Drive

In September, Bright Futures hosted a shoe drive at the Savannah vs. Harrisonville Football game. Over three barrels of new and gently used shoes were donated at the event with nearly half coming from the Savannah fans. The Savannah football boosters also donated money to the cause.

Katie Rios Instrument Closet

This program helps students who would like to participate in band. The Katie Rios Instrument Closet is now accepting donations of used instruments. These instruments will help make it possible for students who can't afford the instrument rental fees to participate in band. The Royal Guard Band Boosters are partnering in this initiative and have budgeted monies for the cleaning and

repair of the donated instruments. Instrument donations may be dropped off at Harrisonville Middle School, 601 S. Highland Drive during school hours, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Volunteers

Bright Futures is looking for volunteers for school events. Current volunteer needs include the HMS book fair, ECC Science Day, HES Family Night, and McEowen reading celebration. To view volunteer opportunities and to sign up visit our online scheduler - VolunteerSpot at <http://vols.pt/bRfM6m>

Get Involved

Everyone is invited to get involved with Bright Futures and there are numerous opportunities to serve on building-level councils or parent and business networks. Contact Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224.



Bright Futures kicks off year two; seeks mentors

Bright Futures Harrisonville celebrated its one-year anniversary and announced plans for year two during a breakfast event at the Community Center in August. Nearly 100 people attended the event.

Bright Futures celebrated successes during the 2012-13 school year. Some of the first-year statistics shared included 198 students benefited from the Food 4 Thought Backpack program; 150 students had the opportunity to get school supplies, clothing, shoes, hygiene kits, and immunizations at the Back-to-School Fair; 526 individual student needs were met; over 200 children received books to take home for the summer;

99 students benefited from the Just 4 Me summer food program; and 99 children received gifts through the Adopt-a-Family holiday program.

At the breakfast, Bright Futures presented its first Advocate of the Year award to Nicole Norris. Norris coordinated the School Picture Day Haircut project, serves on the McEowen building council for Bright Futures, volunteered with the Cats Basement, and provided a connection with her employer to donate to Bright Futures.

Speakers at the breakfast event included McEowen Elementary teacher Missy Eddleman, Harrisonville Middle School Princi-

pal Chris Grantham, Dr. Shera Sims, and Jeff Spangler of Bright Futures USA.

At the breakfast, Bright Futures announced its focus on mentoring for the 2013-14 school year. Each building in the district has identified mentoring as a need for students. The goals of the mentoring program are to increase the support available to students, promote positive social attitudes and relationships, promote positive self-esteem and belief in self, increase students' level of academic achievement, and increase students' attendance percentage.

Mentoring will be a one-to-one

match and can take many shapes including lunch buddy or reading, math or academic support. The emphasis will be on building a consistent relationship with a positive adult role model.

Mentors will be asked to complete an application, consent to a background check (\$18), participate in training, and then devote 30-45 minutes per week to their student.

For more information, contact Jennifer Beavers at 380-2727, ext. 2822 or jennifer.beavers@harrisonvilleschools.org

Bright Futures brings HMS, Rotary together for project



The Harrisonville Rotary Club has partnered with Harrisonville Middle School students to complete a community service project for the Harrisonville Parks and Recreation Department. Rotary club members, along with the students, spent a day painting and repairing the pole barns at the North Park Activity Center in early September.

The project came out of the Harrisonville Middle School Bright Futures Council which was seeking ideas for students to give back to the community. A member of the Rotary Club sits on the Council and suggested a partnership since Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self."

"This is a great partnership for us... we have great adult role models working with our kids to better our community. It's a win-win for everyone," said HMS Principal Chris Grantham.

Rotary and the middle school planned to team up for another work day in October.

Community & school groups, businesses support Bright Futures

Harrisonville NETT presented the Harrisonville Middle School Bright Futures Council with a check for \$1,000 to help fund an after-school program set to begin this fall. The after-school program will be a one-day a week program open to HMS students and will be an opportunity for the students to complete homework, socialize, and participate in structured activities.

The Cass County Elks Lodge presented Bright Futures with \$500 this fall to help fund programs.

Custom Dental hosted a booth at the Burnt District Festival with games and donated the \$300 proceeds to Bright Futures.

Rhea Lana's of Lee's Summit, a children's consignment sale, partnered with Bright Futures during its fall event. Shoppers could donate 10% of their purchase to Bright Futures. Rhea Lana presented a check for \$300 and boxes of clothing to Bright Futures.

Several businesses and individuals donated to provide shoes to stu-

dents as part of the Back-to-School Fair in July. Donors included Sonic, Coffelt Land Title, Macaroni Kid, Community Bank, All-Sport, the Hensleys, the Carters, and the Stephensons. Over 85 children received new pairs of tennis shoes to start the school year.

HHS Life Skills students sold pink Wildcat t-shirts and presented a check for over \$200 to Bright Futures.

Each week, groups volunteer time with the Food 4 Thought Backpack program which provides two-days of child-friendly, nutritious meals to students in need over the weekend. Groups who've volunteered this year include the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club, the Harrisonville Rotary Club, the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, the HHS Key Club, the Wildcat soccer team, the HHS Robotics team, Faith Baptist Church, the HHS cheerleaders, and the HHS PRIDE group.

To volunteer or donate, contact Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224.



War theme for shows brings drama, history departments together

The HHS Drama Department has announced its production line-up for the year which includes a twist. The 2013-14 plays will all feature 20th century wars and the Drama Department will partner with the HHS History Department to ensure the actors have perspective on the war and time period they are representing.

Drama teacher AnnettaMarie Snowden said, "I was looking for a way to collaborate with another department and I first considered British plays in order to work with Communication Arts. However, as I looked at shows and the students I have, I changed my thinking and 'war' became the theme."

This year's shows will be "The Sound of Music," "M*A*S*H," and "Face Forward."

As the actors begin work on

each production, HHS history teachers will come to the set to talk about the history behind each play.

The first production is "The Sound of Music" which will be performed November 21-24.

"In addition to this play being set during World War II, I wanted the students to participate in a classic and grow their appreciation of classic musicals," said Snowden.

Cast for the musical includes Hannah Welhoff, Maria; Caitlin Hahn, Mother Abbess; Caitlin Hargis, Sister Berthe; Tanis Ham, Sister Margaretta; Jocelyn Donegan, Sister Sophia; Tiffany Hartzler, Hannah Yowell, Jady Gilbert, Suzie Gaines, and Brianna East, Nuns; Lia Lloyd and Abby Kirk, Postulants; Shylla Noe and Lizzy Thayer, Novices; Mat Bartlett, Captain Von Trapp; Matt Stanwix, Franz; Sarah

Bartlett, Frau Schmidt; Emily Roth, Leisel, Izaac Tompkins, Fredrick; Trish Price, Louisa; Conner Tracy/Jimmy Carotenuti, Kurt; Reagan Holden, Brigitta; Maggie Schork, Marta; Dakota Mathew, Rolf; Hannah Gibler, Elsa; Tucker Quinn, Max; Collin Shepherd, Herr Zeller; Mark Tanner, Baron Elberfeld; Spencer Burton; Von Schreiber; and Garrett Lukenbill, Matthias Carder, Sean Hall, Matt Welhoff, and Jimmy Carotenuti, Nazis.

"This cast is wonderful...jumping right into the work," said Snowden.

In addition to the cast, the entire production - set, lighting, and sound - will be student-designed and led.

"I really wanted this to be a show that the students take command of," said Snowden.

M*A*S*H, set during the Korean War, will be the next show and

it will be April 10-13.

To wrap up the season, HHS will perform Face Forward, a show about growing up in war and which can be adapted to any time period. The HHS production will be centered around the Vietnam War. The dates for this show are yet to be announced.

All shows will be at the HHS Performing Arts Center with Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's performances at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$5 per person and can be reserved online at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/tickets

Community invited to multiple school events

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Banquet

Local senior citizens are invited to the annual Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Banquet on November 25, 2013 hosted by the Harrisonville High School Student Council.

The banquet will take place in the HHS gymnasium beginning at 5:30 p.m. After the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, entertainment will be provided by the HHS Jazz band and the show choir, Music Makers.

There is no RSVP needed for this event.

Transportation will be provided for those who need it. Contact Cheryl Osborne at 380-3273, ext. 6222. The deadline for reserving transportation is Wednesday, November 20.

Local businesses and community members make this event possible. Donations are being accepted at three levels - \$20/turkey, \$50/dinner,

and \$100/event. Donations should be made payable to HHS Student Council, 1504 E. Elm, Harrisonville, MO 64701. If you have questions, contact Andrea Eagle at 380-3273, ext. 6811 or andrea.eagle@harrisonvilleschools.org

Veteran's Day Assembly

Harrisonville Middle School will host a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the school's gym.

This annual assembly will feature student readings, performances by the Wildcat Chorale, a keynote message, and a PowerPoint featuring HMS student relatives who have served or are serving our country.

All local veterans are invited to attend. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and guests are reminded to bring a photo ID.

Following the assembly, there will be a reception in the school's cafeteria.

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Music Concerts

Winter concerts will be presented by HHS and HMS choirs and bands in December. All concerts will be at 7 p.m. in the Harrisonville High School Performing Arts Center, 1504 E. Elm and are free.

The HMS band concert is Monday, December 9.

The HHS band concert is Tuesday, December 10.

The HMS and HHS choirs will hold a joint concert and it is Thursday, December 12.

Blood Drives

The Harrisonville High School Student Council invites the community to donate blood this week. The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at the school on Thursday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To make an appointment, con-

tact Andrea Eagle at 380-3273, ext. 6811 or andrea.eagle@harrisonvilleschools.org

Walk-ins are also welcome.

The blood drive will be held in the auxiliary gym at the school and parking will be available in the student parking lot.

Another blood drive is planned for Friday, February 7.

Show Choir Festival

Harrisonville High School will host the annual Show Choir Festival on Saturday, February 8 in the Performing Arts Center. This is an all-day event which begins at 8:00 a.m. Traditionally, 18-20 show choirs from around the State have participated.

Admission is \$10 for adults 12 and over, senior citizens are \$8, children 5-11 are \$5, children 4 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Blue Note Boosters.



Special Section

Welcome to our Community Section! Pages 8-11 provide you with news from our partners - the City of Harrisonville, Cass Regional Medical Center, and the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce. Page 12 is a Community Calendar of Events. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work together to provide community news for Harrisonville.



November is Palliative Care Month Cass Regional's Palliative Care Team provides support to patients, families

Cass Regional's palliative care team, which includes physicians, nurses, chaplains and case management, focuses on the needs of seriously-ill patients – body, mind and spirit – to improve the quality of life for them and their family members and/or caregivers.

"Palliative care is often confused with hospice care, because palliative care is given as a part of hospice services," explained Melinda Lacy, RN, BSN, who leads the palliative care team at Cass Regional. "However, palliative care is appropriate and extremely helpful for any patient who is affected by a serious or life-limiting illness, because it addresses a wide variety of needs to maximize quality of life," she continued.

Cass Regional offers palliative care services for any patient or family member who needs additional support during hospitalization, including:

- providing referrals or obtaining resources as needed (such as home care, hospice, or medical equipment).
 - facilitating group meetings between the patient, family and health care team.
 - providing support for end-of-life care for the patient, family and staff.
- The palliative care team will also make recommendations for appropriate treatment plans and/or comfort care.

"Palliative care is truly a calling for the members of our team," said Lacy. "We strive to bring peace of mind, comfort, guidance, dignity and hope for the patients who need our services."

For more information on palliative care at Cass Regional, contact Melinda Lacy at (816) 380-5888, extension 7611.

Stay up-to-date on City events, news

This summer, the City of Harrisonville rolled out a new website design and added new social media channels to enhance its communication with residents. Plus, the city acquired a second url, harrisonville.com to make accessing the website easier than ever.

"We are so proud of our new site," says Sheryl Stanley, city public information officer. "The colors are bright and colorful, just like a Mid-western summer, and the new navigation system was designed to be user-friendly and helpful for all."

The website remains the centerpiece of the city's communication program and offers several ways that residents can stay informed with all that's going on in Harrisonville.

To begin, Stanley suggests people visit the website and sign up to receive city's electronic notifications, either by email or text messages. "We have several categories to choose from, such as news releases, agendas for upcoming boards or commission meetings, bid postings, legal notices, job opportunities, and many others."

To sign up, just go to <http://harrisonville.com> and select "Sign Up for Email Notifications" from the How Do I? category at the top of the page. Once you are forwarded to

the subscription site, all that's needed is an email address or a phone number if you prefer text messages and you're in.

If you prefer social media, you can now find the city on Facebook at cityofharrisonville and on Twitter @HvilleCityGov. Sign up at either one of these sites to get city news and bulletins whenever issued.

And currently in the works is a new smartphone app for the city that will allow residents to report service issues such as pot holes, street lights that are burned out, overgrown lots, and others. This should be available for free download by the end of the year.

Ladies Night Out & Health Expo

FREE Admission

Doors Open at 6pm

- 🍎 Free Health Checks
- 🍎 Health Information
- 🍎 Wide Variety of Vendors
- 🍎 Fun Evening with Friends

JANUARY 17, 2014

MILL-WALK MALL/FAMILY CENTER

Proceeds from this event goes to the Chamber's Scholarship Program

Call 380-5271 for more Info.



Performance measures confirm city provides excellent service to residents

Harrisonville City Administrator Keith Moody isn't afraid of comparing Harrisonville to the other cities in the Kansas City metro.

Since his arrival five years ago, Moody has used a trio of surveys, the Citizens Satisfaction Survey, the Single Family Cost of Living Survey, and the International City Managers Association (ICMA) Performance Measurements Survey, to gather comparative data on how Harrisonville measures up to other neighboring cities.

It's the results of the third survey, recently received by the city, that currently have Moody smiling. "Performance measures indicate efficiency in service delivery and quality while also identifying trends which may highlight a need for change," he says. "They reinforce our commitment when we are doing things right, identify areas for improvement and show us who we may want to emulate."

"We all like to be successful. These items measure identifiable goals in areas of service, so each time we achieve a goal, that equals success." Related to success, he continues, are bragging rights. "Friendly competition with our neighbors improves each organization."

In the ICMA Performance Measures survey, city staff collects data for the most recent year and enters it into a comprehensive, predesigned format to ensure consistency of reporting and measures. The resulting data and graphs can be customized by a city or local agency to suit individual needs.

Moody looks at the results of the ICMA Performance measures with both short and long term goals in mind. His short term goal is to have 90% or more of Harrisonville's performance measures rank better than average by 2015. As of 2011, 75%

of the measures were better than average. His long term goal is to have 100% of the performance measures better than average by 2018.

Here are some highpoints of city services, as measured by ICMA's survey that Moody is currently sharing with the Board of Aldermen.

Human Resources

- Turnover rates are well below average.
- Grievances/appeals remain well below average.
- Overtime expenses as a percentage of wages has moved from above average to below average during the past four years.
- Total days lost due to injury per workers' compensation claims remain well below average.

Parks & Rec

- Acres of parkland per capita is well above average

Streets

- Road rehab expenditure per lane mile was below average in 2012, after being above average in 2010 and 2011, an indication that the city is investing more in the improvement of streets. Between 2009 and 2012, Moody notes, 46% of all Harrisonville streets were resurfaced.
- Cost of snow removal for one inch of snowfall per lane mile is among the lowest in the country.

Water & Sewer

- Water sales volume increased during 2012
- The number of customers using automatic payment options is increasing, resulting in a decrease in the number subject to late charges and shut-offs.
- Water and sewer costs are both moving closer to the average.

Refuse & Electric

- Cost of refuse service is among the lowest in the metro.
- Price paid for energy trended up in 2012, although it remained lower than 2008 prices. Total electric revenue trended up.

Police

- Response times are among the fastest for all metro cities.
- Percentage of violent crimes cleared remains well above average, indicating effective crime solving.
- Percentage of property crimes cleared has moved to above average, indicating improved crime solving.
- Part I Crimes Cleared remains well above average, indicating effective crime solving. Part I Crimes are homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.
- Part I Crimes Cleared per FTE is also above average in 2012.
- Expenditures per Part I Crimes

Cleared have consistently been below average, indicating the department is being run in a frugal manner with better than average crime clearance.

Fire & EMS

- Residential fires per 1,000 residential structures is well below average, indicating that fire prevention efforts are effective.
- Percentage of fire calls responded to in 5 minutes or less is well above average.
- Minutes from dispatch to arrival for EMS service has gone from above average in 2009 to well below average in 2010 and 2011, following the consolidation of our fire/EMS staff.

EMS responses per FTE are among the highest while Expenditures per Fire/EMS incident are well below average, an indication that operations are being conducted in a frugal manner.

Use Text-A-Tip to submit info to HPD

The Harrisonville Police Department is now using Text -A-Tip, a free text and web tool to allow residents to submit anonymous information to officers in real time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The new service works with any text-enabled cell phone, and staff suggests people put TIP411 in their contact lists.

Typical tips include narcotics information, burglary information, persons wanted on warrants, school issues, drugs or weapons in school, etc. To text your tip:

1. Use TIP411 (847411) as the addressee/phone number

2. In the body of the message, type HPDMOTIP, followed by your message
3. Text "STOP" to end the conversation

Your confidential tip will be received and reviewed by an officer. If further information is needed, you will be able to communicate in complete anonymity via text during the whole transaction, if you wish.

If you have questions about the new tip program, please call the Harrisonville Police Department at 816-380-8929. In case of an emergency, always call 911.



Ostrander joins staff of Harrisonville Medical Clinic

Cass Regional Medical Center is pleased to welcome family practice physician Craig Ostrander, DO, MBA, to its medical staff.

Dr. Ostrander holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. He also received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. He completed his internship and residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center - Department of Family Medicine.

Dr. Ostrander will fill the position currently held by Ruel Miciano, MD, at Harrisonville Medical Clinic, located at 2820 E. Rock Haven Rd., Ste. 210, in Harrisonville, when Dr. Miciano retires in December of this year. Dr. Ostrander sees patients at the clinic Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of Wednesday when he sees patients from 8 a.m. until noon.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Ostrander, call Harrisonville Medical Clinic at (816) 380-7470.



Community Health Programs and Events at Cass Regional

See page 12 for event dates

Community Blood Center Blood Drive

Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals and has been serving Missouri and Kansas hospitals for almost 50 years. Community Blood Center needs to collect 580 pints of blood every day and over 140,000 pints annually to meet the needs of our local hospitals. Please help Community Blood Center to insure that this precious commodity is being adequately provided to our local hospital patients. To donate:

- Please bring photo identification, such as your driver's license.
- Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.
- For medical eligibility questions, please call (800) 245-7035. Appointments are welcome, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, go online to www.savealifenow.org

COPD Support Group

This support group is for persons diagnosed with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and their caregivers. Participants provide each other support and learn ways to manage their conditions while taking part in everyday activities. For more information, contact Gary Skiles, Cass Regional's Respiratory

Therapy manager, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4160, or via e-mail at gskiles@cassregional.org.

Diabetes Support Group

Join us from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for information and activity sessions related to living with your diabetes. Our Diabetes Education staff will present various topics on current trends in diabetes treatment, lifestyle modification options, and topics of interest to people living with diabetes or who have loved ones diagnosed with diabetes. The December group meeting will be a holiday party, featuring a cooking contest and games. Sessions will be held in Conference Room 2 & 3, located just inside the main entrance of Cass Regional Medical Center. For more information, contact Liz Whelan, RN, MSN, CDE, at (816) 380-5888, extension 6010, or via email at lwhelan@cassregional.org.

Ladies' Night Out & Health Fair

Together with the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Mill-Walk Mall, and area vendors, join the ladies of Cass Regional's Cardiac Rehabilitation department for an evening of shopping and learning more about caring for your heart. Attendees are encouraged to wear red to bring awareness to the fact that heart disease is the #1 killer of

women, but through education and lifestyle changes, we can change that statistic. Free blood pressure, cholesterol, heart rate and blood oxygen screenings will be available, and attendees can also register to win great door prizes! For more information, contact LynnDa Roberts of the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce at (816) 380-5271.

Alzheimer's Support Group

This support group meets the second Tuesday of every month in Cass Regional Medical Center's Conference Room #1. For more information, email Jeanne Reeder at jeanne.reeder@alz.org or call the Alzheimer's 24-hour information and support line at 800-272-3900.

Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Seminar

Join the bariatric medicine physicians and surgeons who make up the Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Clinic team at an upcoming seminar to learn more about how they can help you. Expert support staff will also be on-hand to answer your questions related to insurance coverage and payment options. Seminars will be held in the Conference Rooms at Cass Regional Medical Center,

which are located just inside the main entrance. The seminars are free and open to the public, but advance registration is recommended. To register, or for more information, call the Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Clinic at (816) 380-2446.

Weight Loss Support Group

Join us at 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays in November and December for fun and informative sessions designed to give you the tools and encouragement you need to successfully lose weight. Group meetings are free and open to the public. Due to the holidays, there will be no meeting on November 28 or December 26, and the meeting schedule for 2014 is subject to change based on feedback from participants. For more information, contact Patty Land at (816) 380-5888, extension 4800.



1st Friday Coffee
1st Friday of every month
7:30am-9:00am

The December Coffee
is being hosted by Harrisonville NETT
at their new building at 109 N. Lexington
on December 6th





Chamber encourages community to shop local



The Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce encourages you to Shop Local during this upcoming holiday season.

The Chamber is thankful for all our local businesses and all our following members. We hope you will think of them all year!

Our members...

Absolute Health
 All Sport
 Alternative Opportunities, Inc.
 Amazing Cake!
 American Family Ins.-Tim Ramer
 American Heritage Realtors
 America's Best Value Inn & Suites
 America's Car-Mart
 Applebee's Neighborhood Grill
 Aptuit
 Aris Home Inspection
 Atkinson Funeral Home
 B & B Theatres Cineplex
 Bennett Signs
 Boshann's Lawn Service
 Branding Iron Bar-B-Que
 Brew Ha-Ha's
 Bungalow Boutique
 Campbell Fire Protection
 Carl, Obie
 Carondelet Specialty Services
 Casco Area Workshop
 Casey's General Store
 Cass County Corporation of Econ. Dev.
 Cass County Council on Aging
 Cass County Dance & Apparel
 Cass County Democrat Missourian
 Cass County Government
 Cass County Historical Society
 Cass County Public Library
 Cass Regional Medical Center
 Cellular Connection
 CenturyLink
 Church & Dwight Co. Inc.
 Church on the Rock
 City of Harrisonville
 Coffelt Land Title Inc
 Color Star Growers
 Comfort Inn & Suites
 Commerce Bank
 Community Bank of Harrisonville
 Cornerstone Community Church
 Cotton Custom Design, LLC
 Country Club Bank
 Country Creek Golf Club

County Car Connection
 CPSK Insurance Services, Inc.
 Creekmoor Golf Club
 Crop Production Services
 Crouch, Spangler & Douglas
 Crown Care Center
 Curves of Harrisonville
 Custom Dental of Harrisonville
 Day, William
 Dickey Funeral Home
 Dickey, Humbarb & Bowes LLC
 Discover Vision Center
 Doughboys Pizza
 Eagle Elevator Corp.
 Edward Jones - George Morse
 Edward Jones - Jim Clayton
 Encore Publishing
 Family Center Farm & Home
 Family Conservancy, The
 Fantastic Sams
 Farmers Insurance - Brad Seiner
 FCS Financial
 Fidelity Communications
 Fiducia Properties
 First United Title Agency LLC
 Fleetwood, Ed
 Franklin & Co., PC
 Friedrich Law Office
 Friedrich, Helen
 Golden Classics Jewelers
 Golden Years
 Green-Lamp Furniture
 Harrisonville Animal Clinic
 Harrisonville Business Women of MO
 Harrisonville Cass R-IX Schools
 Harrisonville Christian School
 Harrisonville Family Medicine
 Harrisonville Mini-Storage
 Harrisonville Nazarene Church
 Harrisonville NETT
 Harrisonville Self Storage
 Harrisonville Specialists
 Harrisonville Thrift Shop -
 Ministerial Alliance
 Hartzler, Vicky US Congress
 Hawthorn Bank
 Heartland Baptist Fellowship
 Heritage Tractor Inc.
 Hertzog, Nickie
 Hight & Associates Land Titles
 Hight, Charles E.
 Home Movie Vault
 Hometown Hearing & Audiology
 Hope Haven of Cass County
 iFIL USA
 Insight Eyecare Specialties

Intimate Designs, Ltd.
 Jazzercise of Harrisonville
 JP's Collision
 Katie's Café
 KCP&L
 KDKDAM1280/FM95.3
 KFC
 Kitchen Pro
 Kurzweil's Country Meats
 Ladies Night Out
 Law Office of April
 McLaughlin, LLC
 Long, Edwin DDS
 Longview Community
 College
 Made in the Shade
 Marquette Cottage
 Mary Kay-Marcia Basinger
 Matthews, Carl
 Matthews, Francis DDS
 Mazzio's Pizza
 McDonald's
 Merrill Lynch
 Meyer, Doug
 Midwest Lumber
 Milner O'Quinn Ford
 Missouri Gas Energy
 Missouri Sign Works, LLC
 Monkey Printing & Graphics
 NevelApp Inc.
 New Castle Homes
 Oaks Mobile Home & Rent-A-Space
 Oats, Inc.
 Osage Valley Electric Cooperative
 Patrons and Farmers Mutual of MO
 Peoples Bank - Joanne Yoder
 Perfect Promotions
 Pfausch, Donna State Rep. 33
 Pizza Hut Italian Bistro
 Positive Changes Behavioral Health
 Center
 Powers Trenching & Exc., Inc.
 Premier Home Health Care
 Prestige Electrical Contractors
 Prime Media
 Public Water Supply #9
 QuikTrip
 Reece & Nichols Smith Realty
 Right Choice Publishing
 Ritter Appraisals, Inc.
 Rotary Club of Harrisonville
 Russell Stover Candies
 Sam's Club
 Santa Fe Glass Co
 Scavuzzo, Luke
 Scentsy Independent Consultant

Scoular Company
 Scrapbook-N-Memories
 Security Finance
 SERC Physical-Hand Therapy
 Serenity Care Hospice, Inc.
 Service Master Elite
 Service Tech Solutions
 Shelter Insurance - Bret Brown
 Shelter Insurance - Julie Zorn
 Sherwin Williams
 Sherwood Community Bank
 Shine, Cathleen A.
 Show Me Auto Mall
 Show Me Trucking & Freight
 Snider, Jean
 Sonic Drive In
 Southland Storage
 Sporting Supply
 Stafford & Stafford Insurance
 Staples
 State Farm Insurance-Daryl Bohannon
 State Farm Insurance-Steve Croy
 Summit Publications Inc.
 Sutherland Lumber
 Tarwater, John DDS
 TC Heating & Cooling, Inc.
 Tom's Liquors
 Toshiba Business Solutions
 Troutt, Beeman & Co.
 Twin Pines Golf Club
 VFW Men's Auxiliary
 Waddell & Reed
 Walgreens
 Wal-Mart Distribution & Super Center
 Warner Law, LLC
 Wendy's
 West Central Auction/Century21/
 Walker Winter Ins.
 West Central MO Comm. Action Agency



HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

Community Calendar of Events

- November 1 No School - Professional Development for teachers
November 1 Chamber First Friday Coffee, Golden Years, 7:30 a.m.
November 4 HHS National Honor Society Induction, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
November 4-7 HMS Book Fair, HMS, 601 S. Highland
November 4 Parents As Teachers Wild & Wacky, 6-7 p.m., ECC
November 4 CCPL - Basic Bookbinding, 6:30 p.m., Ages 13-adult
November 5 HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 a.m., HES, 101 Megan Dr.
November 5 HMS Book Fair Evening Event, 6-8 p.m., HMS
November 6 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
November 6 HES Picture Re-Take Day
November 7 Band Benefit Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
November 7 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 7:15 p.m.
November 8 ACT Registration Deadline for 12/14 test
November 8 HES Fall Parties, 2:45 p.m.
November 9 All-District Band & Jazz Band Auditions, UCM
November 11 Veteran's Day - All City offices closed;
Comm. Center open reg. hours
November 12 HES Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m., HES
November 12 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
November 12 HMS Veteran's Day Assembly, 8:30 a.m., HMS
November 12 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 7 p.m.
November 13 ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:15 a.m., ECC
November 14 Cass County Coalition of Chambers, P. Hill, 11:45
November 14 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
November 14 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 7:15 p.m.
November 14 CCPL - Legit Readers Books Club, 5 p.m., Teens
November 15 ECC Fall Parties, 2:45 pm.
November 15 CCHS 2014 black Ford Mustang convertible give-a-way
1000 tickets @ \$100 each, check online at
casscountyhistoricalsociety.com for details or
call 380-4396
November 15 Chamber Ladies Night Out, 6-9 p.m., Mill-Walk Mall,
Benefiting Cass County Toy Shop
November 19 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., District Office
November 19 DARE Graduation for 5th grade, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
November 19 CCPL - Crafting Christmas Cards, 6:30 p.m., Ages 13-adult
November 19 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
November 21 HHS presents The Sound of Music, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
November 21 Chamber Brown Bag Luncheon, Harrisonville
Community Center, USDA, 11:45 a.m.
November 21 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 7:15 p.m.
November 21 CCPL - Tag Party, 3:30 p.m., Teens
November 22 McEowen Fall Parties, 2:45 p.m., McEowen
November 22 HHS presents The Sound of Music, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
November 23 HHS presents The Sound of Music, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
November 24 HHS presents The Sound of Music, 2 p.m., HHS PAC
November 25 Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Banquet, 5:30, HHS Gym
November 25 ECC Terrific Citizen Assembly, 2 p.m.
November 25 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
November 25 CCPL - Angry Birds Live, 6:30 p.m., Grades 3-6
Nov. 27-29 No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28-29 All City offices closed; Comm. Center open Friday, 7 -4
December 2 CCPL - Downloading Audio Books, 6 p.m.
December 3 McEowen Hoops for Heart, 4 p.m., McEowen
December 3 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
December 4 HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m., HES
December 4 McEowen Positive Action Assembly, 3:05 p.m., McEowen
December 5 HES 3rd Grade Music Program, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
December 5 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 7:15 p.m.
December 5 CCHS Meeting, Open House, & Book Signings, 3-6 p.m.
December 6 Chamber First Friday Coffee, Harrisonville NETT, 7:30 a.m.
December 6 ECC Science Day, ECC
December 7 All-State Band & Jazz Band Auditions, Columbia
December 7 Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, 4:30 p.m.,
Marler Wirt Allen Park
December 7 Holiday Craft Show, Community Center, 10-4
December 9 HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
December 9 CCPL - Classic Christmas Stories, 6:30 p.m., All ages
December 10 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
December 10 HHS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
December 10 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 7 p.m.
December 11 ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:15 a.m., ECC
December 11 CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.
December 12 HHS & HMS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
December 12 Cass County Coalition of Chambers, Raymore, 11:45
December 12 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
December 12 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 7:15 p.m.
December 12 CCPL - Teens & Tweens Christmas Crafts, 4 p.m.
December 14 ACT
December 14 Show Choirs at Southwest Show Choir Competition,
Webb City
December 16 CCPL - A Visit with Santa, 6 p.m.
December 17 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., District Office
December 17 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
December 19 ECC Old-Fashioned Christmas Activity DAY
December 19 McEowen Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., McEowen
December 19 CRMC Weight Loss Support Group, 7:15 p.m.
December 20 End of 2nd Quarter - 1/2 day for students
December 20 CRMC Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 2-5 p.m.
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Winter Break - No School
Dec. 24-25 All City offices closed; Comm. Center open 12/24, 7-2
December 27 CCPL - Tween Zone Get Crafty, 6:30 p.m., Grades 3-6
January 6 No School - Teacher Work Day
January 7 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
January 7 FFA Greenhand Conference, UCM
January 8 HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m., HES
January 8 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
January 9 ACT Registration Deadline for 2/8 test
January 10 Chamber First Friday Coffee, Harrisonville EMS, 7:30 a.m.
January 10 All-District Band & Jazz Band Concert, Sedalia
January 11 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HES
January 13 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
January 14 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 7 p.m.
January 14 CRMC Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Seminar, 6 p.m.
January 15 HES Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m., HES
January 16 Major Saver Sales Kick-Off, ECC, HES, McEowen, HMS
January 17 Show Choirs at Rockbridge Show Fest, Columbia
January 17 Chamber & CRMC Ladies Night Out & Health Fair,
6-9 p.m., Mill-Walk Mall
January 20 No School
January 20 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., District Office
January 21 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
January 21 ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:15 a.m., ECC
January 22 Winter Homecoming
January 24 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Induction
January 24 Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
January 28 CRMC Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery Seminar, 6 p.m.
January 28 CCPL - Mango Languages & Internat'l Food Tasting, 6 p.m.
January 29 McEowen Postive Action Assembly, 3:05 p.m., McEowen
January 30 HHS Drama Production, TBD, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
January 31 ECC Terrific Citizen Assembly, 2 p.m.
January 31 HHS Drama Production, TBD, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
February 1 Show Choirs at Battle of the Best, P. Hill
February 1 HHS Drama Production, TBD, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
February 1 Missouri Western Jazz Festival
February 2 HHS Drama Production, TBD, 2 p.m., HHS PAC
**PAC - Performing Arts Center, 1504 E. Elm
**CCPL - Cass County Public Library, Harrisonville Branch
**CCHS - Cass County Historical Society
**CRMC - Cass Regional Medical Center