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From the Desk of the Superintendent

District works to plan, prepare for school re-opening

Dear Wildcat Family,

As a former history teacher, I find myself reflecting on this current pandemic from that perspective. Many compare our situation to the Spanish flu that decimated the globe in 1918, however, education looks a lot different than it did 102 years ago! Gone are the one-room school houses spread across the rural landscape of this great nation. Gone too are the days where only 18% of Americans graduated with a high school diploma. It is fair to say that none of us have ever experienced anything like this.

With the help of a 40+ staff member task force and input from family surveys, staff surveys, and recommendations from local (Cass County Health Department), state (Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Department of Health and Human Services), and federal resources (Center for Disease Control, and American Association of Pediatrics), we have outlined a reopening plan that fits our time and location. The mission for this task force was to plan for the worst and hope for the best as we considered the safest plans for our students and staff to return. With that in mind, we have developed an in-person option and a virtual option for students, with plans for potential quarantine of staff and students, or longer shut downs altogether. We are forced to be adaptive to our environment and the challenges this virus has exposed us to. New questions and issues arise daily. As a district, we will continue to strive to do what is best for all students as well as our staff. We may have to change from the current plan at any point as circumstances dictate. A lot of hard work and collaboration have gone into the decisions that have been made and will be made. Please have patience and understanding as we navigate these challenges together.

In the spring, we were forced into an 'emergency' virtual setting for education. With more time to prepare, we feel that we have a better plan to deliver virtual education to all students when and if that becomes a reality again. Google will be the platform for all students in the case of a complete closure. This should help parents in navigating assignments and expectations for students of different age groups in the same home. Students will become familiar in the day-to-day use of the platform during in-person school to help them in the event of another shut down.

For those families that elect to educate their children virtually for a semester or longer, we have a couple of options - Odysseyware for grades 4-12 and Launch for grades 1-3. District students have

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Due to the multi-week timeframe needed to print and distribute this newsletter, it does not include time sensitive news or information that has potential to change quickly. Please refer to the district website for all the latest back-to-school and COVID-19 updates including the district's return to school plan released at the end of July.

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Staying connected to, informed about our schools

In these ever-changing times, it is important for our parents and community to have access to the latest information from the school district. The district offers several ways for parents and patrons to stay up-to-date on school events and news.

District Website

www.harrisonvilleschools.org

In the District News area of the website, anyone can access the most current updates sent to families regarding back-to-school and bond/levy progress, along with other current news. This is the "go to" location for district news.

The website also includes calendars, lunch menus, school board meeting agendas and summaries, and links to individual building web pages.

Key News

A twice monthly e-mail newsletter from the district office which includes news, school board information, and event/activity dates.

How do I sign up?

District parents will automotically recieve the newsletter, however anyone in the community can receive it. Please email jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools .org to be added to the distribution list.

Parent Portal

Parent emails, phone calls and text messages are sent using the contact information in Parent Portal. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure contact information is up to date. The portal also offers parents access to their student's attendance, grades, and meal account balance. If you do not have access to Parent Portal, contact your child's school. Parent Portal is accessible through the district website and the district app.

Facebook

Become a "fan" of Harrisonville Schools on Facebook. Just go to www.facebook.com/HarrisonvilleSchools and "like" the page. Updates will include celebrations, photos, reminders, and more.

To ensure you see district posts in your Facebook news feed, go to the Harrisonville Schools Facebook page, click on the Following menu (under the cover photo) and select "See First."

Twitter

Follow the district on Twitter. Search @HvilleSchools. Tweets will include event reminders, news updates, and more.

District App

The district app was developed to provide parents and community members with the most needed information in a mobile, on-the-go format. You can download the free district app through the Google Play store or the App store. Search for Harrisonville Schools. This app provides information including a staff directory with immediate connection to phone and email, current news, a calendar, sports schedules, website access, and access to the Parent Portal. You can also sign up to receive push notifications based on your personal preferences.

Please note that the district will use the most direct communication for all information. If the information is for parents, it will be sent via email, phone or text using the contact information provided in the Parent Portal. Emails sent to parents will also be accessible on the district website.

Key News is intended for a wider audience to include our community. The most recent edition is always available on the district website in the Quick Links section.

For additional information on any of these information sources, contact Jill Filer, Director of Communications, at 380-2727, ext. 1224 or jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.

District welcomes new staff for 2020-21 year

As school begins in August, the district will have several new faces.

New teachers to the district include Pamela Ackerman, McEowen special education; Audra Bross, Early Childhood Center kindergarten; Alissa Chevalier, Harrisonville Middle School science; Sheria Dawson, Harrisonville High School German; Samantha Kates, HMS/HHS couselor; Connie Kenyon, district diagnostician; Hanna Schrock, McEowen fourth grade; Amy Wilson, HHS life skills; Kayli Wiseman, Cass Career Center math; Ashlee Baldwin, Harrisonville Elementary third grade; Haley Sparks, HHS special education; and Judy Meyer, HMS special education..

Some of these faces are not completely new to the district. Kates has worked at HHS as the college corp adviser for the last three years. Wilson has been a paraprofessional and winter guard coach in the district for several years. Chevalier previously taught at HMS and Shrock and Wiseman are graduates of HHS.

One new administrator will join the district, but again, he is not completely new. Chad Culpepper (pictured) will return to the district as the new Harrisonville Middle School assistant principal.

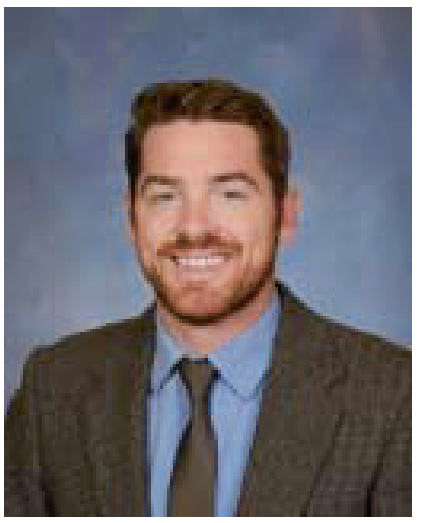
Mr. Culpepper previously served as the head administrator at Harrisonville Christian School where he's worked for three years. Prior to that, he was a teacher at HMS for five and a half years.

Mr. Culpepper earned his master's degree from the University of Central Missouri and he earned his bachelor's degree from Evangel University. He is also a Harrisonville High School graduate.

He was the Harrisonville Schools Educator of the Year in 2016.

He is married to Emma and they have three children: Eleanor, Orvis, and Lincoln.

Mr. Culpepper began at the end of July. He takes over for Mrs. Chrystal Mayfield who left to be the superintendent in Strasburg.

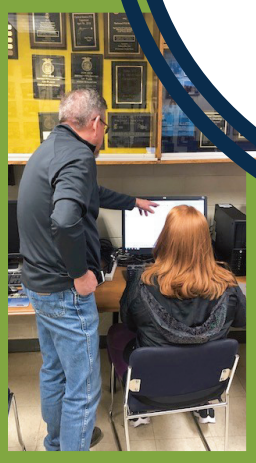


In July, we shared video introductions featuring our new staff. Go to www.facebook.com/HarrisonvilleSchools to view.

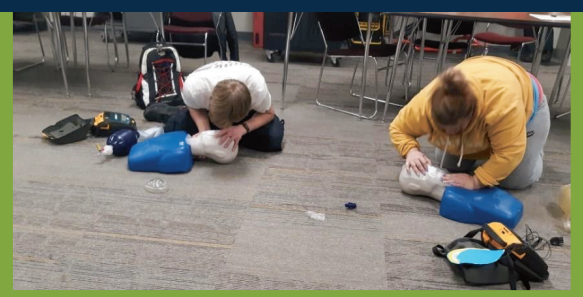
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Mission Statement: Cass Career Center Community Education offers lifelong learning opportunities that enhance the lives of those we serve by educating people through creation, discovery and exploration.

Important message inside related to COVID-19.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Fall 2020

A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

You'll notice that our Fall Community Education brochure looks a little different this time around. At the time of printing, we are still navigating the situation with COVID-19 and are making plans to make sure our community is safe before we begin holding classes in the fall. We know how disappointing it is to look forward to a class, only to have it cancelled. However, we don't want to risk any potential complications caused by COVID-19 for any community members who may have pre-existing health conditions or other risk factors. Once we are given the go-ahead, we will be excited to welcome you back to our classrooms. Until then, we have many online courses available right now! Visit our website to browse online classes and register today!

We wanted you to see the classes we have planned so you can be thinking about what you'd like to sign up for this fall! We will open the enrollment period as soon as we know it's safe and allowable to begin meeting together at the school. All updates and notices will be posted on our website as the district develops new guidelines. Our website is where you'll also find all the courses being offered, along with everything you need to know about each course. You will see the "Register" button beside each course when they are open for enrollment.
Please note that masks may be required to attend classes.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Health & Wellness

Medicare Simplified • Free • 1 Session • Lori Hocker
Class 1: Sept. 2 • Wednesday • 3pm - 4:30pm OR 6:30pm - 8pm Class 2: Sept. 24 • Thursday • 10am - 11:30am
Class 3: Nov. 11 • Wednesday • 3pm - 4:30pm OR 6:30pm - 8pm Class 4: Nov. 19 • Thursday • 10am - 11:30am

MU Extension Courses

Taking Care of You • $40 • 8 Sessions • Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, Nov. 5, 19 • Thursdays • 12:00pm - 1:00pm • Kyleigh Sullivan

Adult Mental Health First Aid • $50 • 1 Session • October 3 • Saturday • 8:00am - 5:00pm • Kyleigh Sullivan

Enrichment

Stars Afloat • $40 • 4 Sessions • August 25 - September 15 • Tuesdays • 5:30pm - 8:30pm • Denniele Bohannon

Watch Your Step! • $25 • 1 Session • September 19 • Saturday • 8:00am - 2:00pm • Denniele Bohannon

Floral Bouquet • $50 • 5 Sessions • October 6 - November 3 • Tuesdays • 5:30pm - 8:30pm • Denniele Bohannon

Barn Quilt Painting • $35 • 1 Session • October 17 • Saturday • 1:00pm - 5:00pm • Ginger Friesz & Veronica Johnson

T-Shirt Quilting • $50 • 4 Sessions • September 9 - 30 • Wednesdays • 5:30pm - 8:30pm • Ginger Friesz

Kids Sewing Class: My First Quilt! • $45 • October 3 • Saturday • 9:00am - 2:00pm • Ginger Friesz & Veronica Johnson

Beginner's Sewing • $40 • 2 Sessions • October 7 & 14 • Wednesdays • 5:30pm - 8:30pm • Ginger Friesz & Veronica Johnson

Historic Harrisonville Walking Tour • $10 • September 26 • Saturday • 10:00am - 11:00am • David Atkinson

Sea Glass/Sea Shell Windows • $5 • November 17 • Tuesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm • Gina Smith

Message with a Jar Necklace • $5 • December 8 • Tuesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm • Gina Smith

Personalized, Stamped Stacking Bracelets • $5 • November 5 • Thursday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm • Gina Smith

Personalized Jewelry Stamping • $5 • October 20 • Tuesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm • Gina Smith

Food Enthusiasts

Creating Crepes with Cricket • $20 • September 22 • Tuesday • 6:00pm - 8:00pm • Cricket Kroenke & Norma Keltner

15-Minute Meals • $20 • September 29• Tuesday • 6:00pm - 8:00pm • Cricket Kroenke & Norma Keltner

Make Delicious Party Nibbles • $20 • November 18 • Wednesday • 6:00pm - 8:00pm • Cricket Kroenke & Norma Keltner

Pets

Bringing Home Fido • $30 • October 20 • Tuesday • 5:30pm - 6:30pm • Jina Anstine, Great Outdoors Dog Training

Explore, Discover and Play! • $45 • October 27 • Tuesday • 5:30pm - 7:00pm • Jina Anstine, Great Outdoors Dog Training

Safety

Hunter Safety • Free • September 29 • Tuesday • 5:30 - 9:30pm OR October 29 • Thursday • 5:30 - 9:30pm • Phil Needham

Trade & Technical

Basic Small Engine Repair • $60 • 4 Sessions • October 7 - 28 • Wednesdays • 6-8pm • Lynn Dines

Metal Art/Sign Making • $150 • 6 Sessions • November 17 - December 22 • Tuesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm • Marshall Streit

CERTIFICATION CLASSES Fall 2020

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL (816) 380-3253 x 7223
OR VISIT WWW.CASSCAREERCENTER.COM/COMMUNITYEDUCATION

Nursing Assistant/Aide & Patient Care Assistant/Aide
$475 + Fees • 10 Sessions
September 8 - November 10 • Tuesdays • 8:00am - 4:00pm
Clinical Hours will vary.
This CNA program prepares students to perform basic nursing skills for individuals in long-term care facilities, adult daycare centers, hospitals or homes. The course consists of a min. of 75 hrs of classroom instruction & a min. of 100 hrs of on-the-job training in a long-term care facility (approved by DHSS). Clinicals will start after student has completed 18 classroom hrs. **Out of Pocket Fees:** $50 Cert. exam, $20 Cert. Fee, $15 Background Check. Student required to bring their own gait belt to clinicals. **$100 non-refundable deposit due at registration. Remaining tuition due in full before first day of class.**
Instructor: John Campbell, RN, CNE

Ask about financial assistance for Healthcare classes!

Fire Science/Firefighting • $1750
January 4, 2021 - May 26, 2021
Mondays & Wednesdays • 5:30 - 9:30pm
1st & 3rd Sat. of each month starting Jan, 16th • 9am - 5pm
This Firefighter I & II course will prepare students to take the MO Division of Fire Safety certification exams in order to become certified firefighters. Additionally, students will be trained to take the state exam in Hazardous Materials Incident Response at both the Awareness and Operations levels. Tuition assistance may be available from the Full Employment Council.
Instructor: Bill Shaumeyer

Practical Skills Exam: Saturday, May 29, 2021 @ CCC

Out of Pocket Expenses

Supply your own turnout gear by 1/25 or rent from CCC for $300 (Gear includes: Boots, Pants, and Coat)

Student must bring Helmet, Nomex Protective Hood and Gloves (Approximately $225)

Registration Requirements (Call (816) 380-3253 to Enroll)

$875 down-payment due by December 18, 2020.

Provide copy of High School Diploma/GED and Driver's License

Licensed Practical Nursing Program
Aug 2, 2021 - Jun 17, 2022 • Mon - Fri • 8am - 4pm
Upon satisfactory completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to the MO State Board of Nursing for permission to take the licensing examination. A passing score on the exam qualifies the graduate for Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) status in Missouri.
www.harrisonvilleschools.org/practicalnursing

Emergency Medical Technology/Technician • $1000
Jan 4, 2021 - May 19, 2021 • Mon. & Wed. • 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Will include two Saturdays (TBD)
(No Class: 1/18, 2/15, 3/29, 3/31)
Course is designed to train students in emergency medical care in the pre-hospital environment. It is entry level training in the Emergency Medical Services career field. Program follows the current Dept. of Transportation, EMT curriculum. Program instructs the student in medical practices available to pre-hospital personnel, precise patient assessment, and management of trauma and medical emergencies, airway management, resuscitation, and pharmacological interventions. Program will develop the student's confidence, knowledge, and skills in performing critical assessment and management of patients with medical and trauma-related life threats. It also focuses on the development of the EMT's critical role as a team member during patient crisis situations. Clinical observations on local ambulance services occur outside of the scheduled class time. Students must be certified in Basic Life Support by the AHA (not included) and show successful completion of all course requirements for eligibility to take the National Registry for EMT Practical and Written examinations. *Students must be 18 years of age to take these examinations. *Instructor: David May*

Registration Requirements (Call 816-380-3253 to Enroll)

$500 Non-Refundable Deposit due by December 18
Drivers License, Social Security Card, HS Diploma/GED

The following is needed by 2/8/2021

Provide your Own: Black Polishable Boots & EMT Pants (tactical pants w/ scissor pockets on the legs)

- Proof of current TB skin test
- Proof of Hep B Vaccine
- Program shirt (Purchase @ CCC ~ $20)
- CPR Certification (AHA BLS only)

CPR course offered 1/19/21 at CCC for $60.

CPR Certification • $60
January 19 • Tuesday • 5:00pm - 9:00pm
This BLS Course trains participants to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations and provide early use of an AED. In this course, students participate in simulated clinical scenarios and learning stations. Students work with an AHA BLS Instructor to complete BLS skills practice and skills testing. Students also complete a written exam. **Student will receive certification card upon successful completion of the course.**
Instructor: David May

LIFELONG LEARNING

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Fall 2020
ONLINE CLASSES

WHILE THE FALL IS AN UNCERTAIN TIME RIGHT NOW, YOU STILL HAVE THE OPTION TO LEARN FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME! TAKE A LOOK AT THE CLASSES YOU CAN EXPLORE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

Discover Digital Photography--$149*

Gain the skills you need to take great photos with your digital camera and never miss a memorable moment again. This course is an informative introduction to digital photography, from DSLRs to smart phone cameras.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016--$199*

Learn to quickly and efficiently use Microsoft Excel 2016 and discover dozens of shortcuts and tricks for setting up fully formatted worksheets. This course, taught by an experience Microsoft Excel instructor, provides in-depth knowledge for beginners that will have you using Excel like a pro.

Drawing for the Absolute Beginner--$149*

Learn everything you need to understand cloud computing. This course explores how the cloud works, what drives it, why it is so popular, and what it can do for you.

Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach--$149*

If you have ever had trouble memorizing medical terms, this course (and word association approach) is for you. You'll learn medical terminology from an anatomical approach with the origin, a combined form, and an example of non-medical everyday usage.

Start Your Own Small Business--$149*

Learn how to transform your passion and talent into a viable small business. This course will teach you about financing, marketing techniques, employee management, policy writing, and time management - everything you need to know to start your very own small business.

Start a Pet Sitting Business--$149*

Discover how you can turn your love of animals into a profitable pet-sitting career. This course covers everything you need to know about caring for pets from nutrition, exercise and first aid and everything that goes into starting a successful business.

**Prices are subject to change.*



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- Executive Assistant
- Healthcare IT
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- Medical Administrative Assistant w/EHR
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Billing
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- Medical Office Manager
- Medical Transcription
- Microsoft Office 2019
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Physical Therapy Office Professional
- Veterinary Assistant
- Veterinary Receptionist

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District staff, volunteer honored with awards

The Harrisonville School District recognized year-end award winners with surprise parades and virtual announcements this spring.

Cass Career Center Criminal Justice/CSI instructor Chandra Kelly was named the Educator of the Year, McEowen Elementary nurse Jace Hillbrant was recognized as the Support Staff Employee of the Year, Harrisonville Early Childhood Center paraprofessional Rose Ann Bostic was presented the Outstanding Community Involvement Award, and the All I+N for our Students committee was named the Volunteer of the Year.

Kelly has taught at CCC for four years. Prior to teaching, Officer Kelly worked for the Olathe and Overland Park Police Departments. She volunteers as the leader of the Police Explorers program with the Harrisonville Police Department and coaches softball and girls' wrestling at HHS. She is also a Harrisonville High School alum.

Kelly was selected for the honor by a panel of judges from outside the community who interviewed five finalists. The finalists were chosen by the Harrisonville Public School Foundation and district administration selection committee from nominations received from parents, students, and Harrisonville Schools' staff members.

Nominations for Kelly said, "Officer Kelly is an exceptional teacher, she is very passionate about what she teaches. She goes above and beyond to help her students when they are in need, either inside of the classroom or outside of the classroom. She teaches her students how to value others as equals and she conducts her class with a professionalism that helps the students flourish. She is also her students' number one supporter when it comes to anything and everything. "

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation presented Kelly with a $500 grant.

Hillbrant was also selected by a panel of outside judges from three finalists. She is in her fourth year in the district.

Her nominations cited the following.

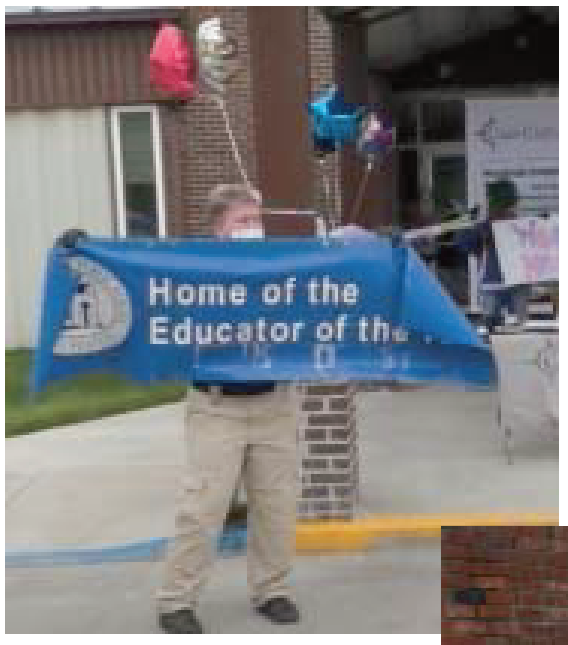
"Jace shows a level of respect, caring, and compassion to every student who comes into her office. She provides them with a safe person to go to when life is hard. Whether a student comes to her office with a legitimate concern or is clearly just trying to avoid class, she treats them with compassion. Jace is a gem that the Harrisonville School District is lucky to have."

Hillbrant received a $100 award from Sherwood Community Bank.

The Outstanding Community Involvement award is presented annually to a staff member who gives back to the community through his/her volunteer efforts. Bostic has volunteered weekly at the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry and beyond that, took it upon herself to raise funds for the food pantry with a pledge walk - she and her friends raised over $3,000. Additionally, she helped organize and coordinate a salute to service members by the HHS volleyball team. She regularly volunteers and fundraises as she sees needs within the community.

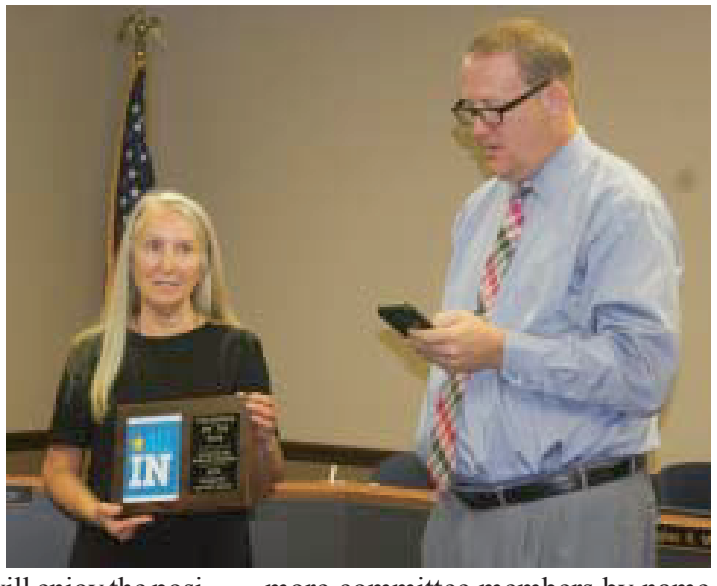
As the winner of the honor, Bostic received a $100 check compliments of Community Bank of Harrisonville. She was surprised at her home in late May.

During the June Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Paul Mensching presented the Volunteer of the Year award to the All I+N for our Students committee. The committee, made up of community volunteers, worked to support the passage of Propositions I and N on the June 2 ballot.









Accepting on the committee's behalf was committee chair Marci Bauml. In his presentation, Mr. Mensching said, "Marci was the chair of this group, but I know she would say that it was truly a group effort. This committee of community members put in countless hours to encourage the yes vote for our bond and levy. Through their efforts, the measures passed on June 2 and our students and staff will enjoy the positive impact from the community's support. I'd also like to thank a few more committee members by name - Darold Shelton & Betty Catron took

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District voters approve bond, levy; board begins work

On June 2, voters gave approval to the district's bond and levy issues - Propositions I+N. Proposition I - a 50 cent levy increase, required 50%+1 of the vote and it received 55.66% of the yes vote. Proposition N, a $22.7 million no tax rate increase bond issue, needed 57% to pass and it received 66.8% of the yes vote. Passage of the bond resulted in a 10-cent debt service levy rollback. The total levy for the district will be $5.4772.

Proposition I was proposed "for the purpose of attracting and retaining quality staff through salary increases." At a special meeting on June 15, the Board of Education approved salaries for the 2020-21 school year which were impacted by the voters' approval.

Teachers will see a $2500 increase to the base salary with an additional step of at least $500. All other staff will see a $3,000 increase.

"By increasing salaries by a flat amount, our most underpaid staff will see a larger percentage increase," said Superintendent Paul Menshing.

For classified staff, the hourly rate moved from $9.25 to $10.80 for a beginning, 10-month employee. The salary for a teacher who is in their second year in the district moved from $35,000 to $38,000. Salaries are based on years of experience for all staff and for certified staff, college hours beyond a bachelor's degree are also factored in.

Additionally, the Board approved an increase in substitute teacher pay from $86/day to $100/day.

Prior to the June 15 meeting, the Board participated in a budget work session during which they heard from the Hollis+Miller Architects about next steps for bond projects. During the meeting, the Board voted to use a construction manager - at-risk to coordinate and manage the bond projects. A board sub-committee will interview candidates and make a recommendation to the board at its August 25 meeting. This newsletter was sent to the printer prior to that meeting, but you can read bond and levy updates on the the district website - www.harrisonvilleschools.org.

Superintendent Paul Menshing said, "We are so appreciative of our community's passage of these initiatives which support our focus areas of life-ready graduates, high-quality staff, financial stability, and community. We are happy to be able to begin implementing the improvements you approved and demonstrate good stewardship of your investment."



Updates on bond and levy progress will be included in Key News (see page 2) and posted under District News on the website - www.harrisonvilleschools.org.

Virtual learning, technology access, disinfecting supplies part of plan

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used both platforms in the past for summer school and virtual learning. Both platforms are based on the Missouri Learning Standards and students will have a district staff member as a resource/contact.

The district has utilized money provided by a grant awarded through Cass County to purchase enough devices for each student in the district. In addition, we have purchased external wi-fi antennas for access in parking lots at our facilities and do have limited hot spots available for students with demonstrated financial needs.

Other items that we were able to purchase through the county grant include safety items such as touchless bottle fillers to replace drinking fountains, touchless water faucets to place in restrooms, large quantities of hand sanitizer, masks, and various other disinfectant materials.

We are extremely appreciative of the support that we received from the community in the successful bond and levy campaigns. Like many of our families and businesses, we are going to face some difficult economic times as a result of the pandemic. Beginning in May, we have already had two reductions in state money totalling approximately $600,000. The federal CARES Act allotted us money to "backfill" most of what we lost in the first round of cuts. We lost about $300,000 in the first cut and received about $280,000 in CARES money. The second round of cuts took place in July and was also about $300,000 with no relief in sight as of yet. So, we will continue to be extremely frugal and monitor ways that we can reduce where possible.

We all have a lot more questions than we did a year ago at this time, and there is fear in the unknown. However, I am confident that we can successfully navigate these difficult times as we work together. As always, it's a great day to be a Wildcat!



-Paul

All I+N committee named Volunteer of the Year

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care of the financial work for the committee, Vanessa Hargrave was instrumental in the social media and marketing campaign, and Ed and Gail Roberts were vocal advocates for the issues. Many others contributed to the success and we just wanted to thank them - and especially Marci - for all their work with this small token of our appreciation by naming them our 2020 Volunteer of the Year."

All honorees will be recognized with plaques in the district office and banners at their schools.

Videos from the Educator and Support Staff Employee of the Year announcements can be viewed on the district YouTube page - www.youtube.com/HarrisonvilleSchools and the district's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/HarrisonvilleSchools.