

**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 Rec, and the Historical Society. In addition to news from the City of Harrisonville on pages 6-7, page 8 includes a Community Calendar of Events for the spring/summer. We hope you enjoy this expanded edition and we appreciate the relationship with our partners.

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## Day of Service events provide opportunities to give back

More than 200 teachers, staff, and administrators from the Harrisonville School District spent the afternoon giving back to their community on February 12.

During the first-ever Staff Day of Service, staff members moved shelves and books at the library; built little libraries with the Rotary Club; painted at local churches, the community center, and Chamber of Commerce; assisted with Valentine's parties and visiting with residents at local nursing homes; helped with food distribution at the local food pantry; pumped gas and washed windshields at convenience stores; cleaned at individual senior citizens' homes; stuffed give-away bags for a children's dental clinic; and planned a mural for the animal shelter.

"This community supports our schools and students whether it be donating to ensure a safe post-graduation celebration; attending sport events, concerts, and student recognition ceremonies; or meeting student needs through Bright Futures," said Superintendent Frank

Dahman. "Giving back through this day of service was just a small expression of our appreciation for their ongoing and solid support."

The district will host another Day of Service on April 19 with the senior class. Senior students will be available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. to help groups, organizations, churches, and individuals with projects. Examples of jobs could include landscape work, painting, yardwork, reading or working with children or senior citizens, and sorting and organizing. The school district will provide transportation to and from the job and a staff member to supervise. If you would like to submit a "job" for April 19, please contact Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224 or [jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org](mailto:jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org)



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From the Superintendent

### Ending the year strong, continuing positive momentum



Dear Wildcats -

It's hard to believe that we're in the final quarter of the school year.

We've had a great year full of success. Let me share just a few...

The HHS Music Makers qualified for finals and finished in the top four in all competitions this year. DECA, FBLA, and SkillsUSA have multiple state qualifiers. Our high school students mounted a social media campaign to help a little girl fighting cancer meet her idol, Taylor Swift. The Wizard of Oz was performed to full houses. Two students were named to All-State Choir and All-State Band. HES students developed leadership skills through the Wildcat Leaders program. The FFA Ag Mechanics

team earned fourth in the nation. District students and staff collected more than 7,000 pounds of food for the local pantry. The Wildcat softball team won the district championship and had a GPA of 3.60 earning a gold medal standing and the highest ranked school in the MRVC West. An HHS senior presided over the 2015 Missouri Youth in Government Convention as Governor. Staff members participated in the first-ever Day of Service. HMS hosted yet another moving tribute to veterans at their annual Veteran's Day assembly. Two wrestlers qualified for State. An HHS senior has been named to the Missouri Scholars 100. McEowen Elementary School students pledged to stand up to bullying through their Paws for a Cause program. The football team made it to the State Quarterfinal game.

This is just a sampling of the many Wildcat successes this year. I am very proud of everything our

students and staff have accomplished this year. However, it's not over.

The fourth quarter might just be the busiest and most academically challenging of the year. State assessments will take center stage in April with 3rd-8th graders taking MAP tests and high school students taking end-of-course exams. Beyond testing, it's the end of a year of teaching and learning and time to ensure students have all the tools and knowledge they need to move on to the next grade.

The fourth quarter is also a time of celebration. We'll celebrate student accomplishments at assemblies, concerts, and awards ceremonies. We'll celebrate the end of the year with field days, field trips, and the biggest of all - graduation. Celebrations are an important part of the education process and I'm looking forward to all of them.

As the year comes to a close, I

want to thank our students and staff for their hard work throughout the year. I truly appreciate the long hours, dedication, and effort that it takes to achieve success. I would encourage everyone to take a moment to thank our students and teachers. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6...the perfect time to show appreciation to our staff. We're also encouraging community members to write notes of appreciation and inspiration for our students as they begin testing in April. Notes can be turned in at the Administrative Office and we'll distribute to our schools.

It's definitely been a "Great Year to be a Wildcat" and I look forward to finishing out the year as it's gone thus far...full of effort, success, and celebration.

### Bright Futures earns national recognition

Congratulations to Bright Futures Harrisonville on winning Bright Futures USA's Spotlight Award. The Spotlight Award recognizes a community that has effectively crafted high-quality communication and marketing strategies, using the Bright Futures brand, to shine a spotlight on the organization's mission. Bright Futures Harrisonville received the Spotlight Award for its #My42 initiative, which rallies the entire community around the slogan: "4 Our Children, 2 Ensure Bright Futures." The #My42 campaign unified and inspired teachers, businesses and parents to start the conversation about what kids in the

community need to grow and thrive and how they can help by giving of their time, talent, and treasure. The award was presented at the first-ever Evening of Champions as part of the Bright Futures USA Community Engagement Conference in early March.

Bright Futures Harrisonville was also honored at the banquet as a Cornerstone Community. Cornerstone Communities have been a part of Bright Futures from early on, and have gone on to fully embrace the program's framework. They have provided examples for others seeking to implement the Bright Futures model. Harrisonville was one



of seven affiliates to be honored. There are 41 Bright Futures affiliates nationwide.

HHS presents  
**Oklahoma!**

**April 14-16, 2016  
7 p.m.  
HHS Performing Arts  
Center**

**Tickets can be reserved  
online at  
[www.harrisonvilleschools.org](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org)**

**\$5/Advance  
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## Cass Career Center to offer new Criminal Justice/CSI program

Cass Career Center, Cass County's only career and technical school, will soon offer a new opportunity for students. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, students will be able to enroll in a Criminal Justice/Crime Scene Investigation program.

The Harrisonville Schools Board of Education approved this new program at its December meeting and Cass Career Center staff are now busy finalizing plans for the program.

"What an exciting opportunity for our students! The partnerships and support from our own county sheriff's office and police department will add relevance to the classroom and provide our students with authentic learning opportunities, a must in career and technical education," said Cass Career Center director Jeanette Miller.

The program is intended to be a general introduction to the American criminal justice system with emphasis on law enforcement.

Like many of the programs at Cass Career Center, this will be a two-year program for juniors and seniors. It is a block-format with students attending a morning or afternoon class for approximately three hours each day.

Topics covered in the class will include basic first aid/CPR, professional ethics, constitutional law, Missouri criminal code, career paths, accident investigation, evidence procedures, crime scene investigation, and patrol procedures. Students can also expect to gain the following skills - fingerprinting, trace evidence collection, crime scene photography, accident investigation, and self defense.

According to CCC administrators, this program was one of the top two requested programs by students and counselors in surveys in 2013 and 2015. The program will be open to all sending school students who attend Cass Career Center. Sending schools include Harrisonville, Lee's Summit, Belton, Lone Jack, Pleasant Hill, Raymore, Cass Midway, Archie, and Adrian.

During the presentation to the Harrisonville Schools Board of Education, Cass County Sheriff's Office Lt. Kevin Tieman expressed the county's support of the program.

"Being a peace officer is a tough job and not for everyone. An officer takes on a tremendous amount of responsibility and it's imperative that you fully understand all the ramifications. A program that would allow high school students to immerse

themselves in this career field would provide interested students valuable insight that can't currently be found elsewhere."

Chief John Hofer of the Harrisonville Police Department also offered his support for the program through a letter presented to the Board.

"I have seen a recent decline in applications for open law enforcement positions. Introducing students to the field of law enforcement at a high school level has definite potential to counter this situation."

Chief Hofer added his department's willingness to partner with the program as needed.

For more information on the new Criminal Justice/Crime Scene Investigation program at Cass Career Center, please call 380-3253.

## Kindergarten, preschool enrollment dates set for 2016-17

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

Parents of 2016-17 Harrisonville Schools kindergarten students can access enrollment information and videos and schedule their kindergarten enrollment/screening appointment at [www.harrisonvilleschools.org](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org); click on Kindergarten Enrollment for 2016-17.

For those who do not have Internet access or have additional questions, a Parent Information Night for parents of 2016-17 kindergarten students will be Monday, April 4 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 2016-17 school year will be held April 7-8 and April 11-13 at the Early Childhood Center. Parents need to call the Early Childhood Center, 380-4421, after April 4 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, 2016 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.

Preschool enrollment for 3- and 4-year-olds will start on April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center.

Children who turn three by August 1 have the option of Monday/Tuesday morning classes or Monday/Tuesday afternoon classes.

Children who turn four by August 1 have the option to attend Wednesday-Friday morning classes

or Wednesday-Friday afternoon classes.

Enrollment in preschool is on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call 816-380-4421.



**Now seeking nominations for...**

**Educator of the Year  
Support Staff Employee of the Year**

**Outstanding Community Involvement**

**Nomination forms online at  
[www.harrisonvilleschools.org](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org)**

**Nominations due March 30, 2016**





## Voters to elect three to Board of Education

Voters will elect three members to the Harrisonville Schools Board of Education on April 5. There are two (2) three-year terms to be filled and one (1) one-year term to be filled. The candidates and information on each is below.

The three individuals vying for the two three-year terms are Tina Graef, Gina Smith, and Joe Price.

The three individuals who have filed for the one one-year term are Chris Wray, Marvin Cochran, and Nancy Shelton.

Name: Tina Graef

Occupation/Business: Community Bank of Harrisonville/Branch Manager

Educational Background: Ruskin High School/Longview Community College/majored in English at CMSU

Community organizations/memberships: Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Mama Cats, VIPS, Bright Futures Harrisonville

Why did you decide to run for school board? I am running for Harrisonville's Board of Education because I want to help ensure that my children, and all of the children in this school district continue to get the best education that can be provided to them by offering clear direction and forward thinking, open-minded ideas. Our teachers have the tremendous responsibility to assist our children in becoming productive members of our society and I want to do what I can to help make that happen.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools? I feel like the biggest challenge facing Harrisonville schools is

the changing student demographics and family dynamics. Children are facing more challenges today than ever before because of these changes, causing teachers to do far more than just educate. While the community strongly supports our district, the active engagement of our community to ensure our children have every opportunity for success needs to be stronger.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths? I feel one of the biggest strengths of the district is the amount of dedicated staff that gives so much of themselves to the education and betterment of the children in this community. So many of them put in far more than an eight hour day to ensure our children are well educated and well rounded, preparing them for the next step in their lives. Wildcat Pride. This school district and our community bleed blue and white and have tremendous pride in being a Wildcat!

Family: My husband is a native of Harrisonville and we will be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary this year. I have two children that both attend Harrisonville schools. A point of pride in my family background is that I have a twin brother on the autism spectrum.

Name: Gina L. Smith

Occupation/Business: Retired School Administrator; Currently working as national CTE School Consultant and UCM Adjunct Instructor

Educational Background: B.S. Business Education; M.S. Industrial Vocational Technical Education, University of Central Missouri

Community organizations/member-



Tina Graef



Gina Smith



Joe Price

ships: President of the Board, Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation; Ambassador, Harrisonville Area Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Bright Futures Harrisonville.

Why did you decide to run for school board? I have dedicated my professional career, as a teacher and administrator, to helping students of all ages prepare for both college and career--life beyond high school. I want to continue to involve myself in driving the positive changes necessary to make our school district the best it can be.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools? I feel our biggest challenge is balancing our financial resources while making changes within the school system that will meet the needs of all students and keeping up with the ever-changing technology required to prepare our students for the 21st century.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths? We are absolutely fortunate to have great students, talented educators, caring parents who involve themselves in the education of their children, and a generous community supporting our students and educators.

Family: Husband, Charles Smith (retired educator); daughter, Cayla Luzadder, HHS graduate and UCM graduate; 3 stepchildren and spouses, 8 grandsons.

Name: Joe Price

Occupation/Business: Salesman for Cabinets by King and raise beef cattle

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science and thesis Master's degree in Animal Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia

Community organizations/memberships: Elks Lodge 2791

Why did you decide to run for school board? I was on the board for 12 years from the late 90s to the 2000s. When I got off, we were in the top group of schools in the metro area. Last year we were 11th out of 12 schools in our conference and last or next to last among schools in Cass County in academics, activities, and sports. I would like the opportunity to try to correct this situation. I watched Todd White make us into a Blue Ribbon District in 2008 - the highest award a school can get. I feel I have the experience needed to help guide the school back to promi-



# Two, three-year terms and one, one-year term on ballot



Chris Wray



Marvin Cochran



Nancy Shelton

nence.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools? Retaining quality staff and money and how it is spent are always the top issues as one affects the other. There has been some questionable spending the last several years - not necessarily wrong, just could have been done more efficiently.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths? The staff, students, and community are the district's strength. Together they have achieved great things in the past and will continue to do so in the future if guided in the right direction.

Family: Elizabeth Price, wife; Major Carolyn Price, USAF Korea, daughter; Leann Price, Anchorage, AK, daughter; 2nd Lieutenant Joseph (Jay) Price, USMC, North Carolina, son

Name: Chris Wray

Occupation/Business: I practice law at Shook, Hardy & Bacon. I'm also a CPA and teach in the accounting department of Avila University.

Educational Background: Law Degree: University of Notre Dame.

Undergraduate Degree: Washington University in St. Louis (Majors in Accounting & Finance). High School: Harrisonville High School.

Community organizations/memberships: Rotary International (Club 13); Cass Career Center Business Advisory Committee; Missouri Bar Association. Additionally, I frequently represent foster parents and juveniles in court proceedings on a pro bono basis.

Why did you decide to run for school board? I've taught in both high schools and colleges, and I find assisting in the education process to be rewarding. Serving on the School Board is a great opportunity to give back to the community. Lastly, my professional background offers me insights into the challenges facing our schools. You can learn more about my reasons for running at [www.fb.com/harrisonville](http://www.fb.com/harrisonville).

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools? The School Board has received a lot of negative publicity over the past two years. We need to move past that and become a beacon for other rural school districts of similar size.

What do you feel are the district's

biggest strengths? We have one of the most talented groups of teachers in the state, plus the district is blessed with a supportive and cohesive community. Additionally, we are privileged to have the Cass Career Center, one of the few institutions of its kind in Missouri.

Family: The Wray clan is too big to name us all! There are almost 30 of us in the Harrisonville area.

Name: Marvin Cochran

Occupation/Business: Educator Retired

Educational Background: Graduated from Harrisonville High School, Attended Missouri State University and graduated with a BSED, Master's Degree from University of Central Missouri.

Community organizations/memberships: Life Member and Past President United Bowhunters of Missouri. Former Chair Resource Committee Conservation Federation of Missouri, Life Member and Past President Compton Traditional Bowhunters (National Organization), Former President Harrisonville Teacher's Association, Member of Cass R-IX School Board.

Why did you decide to run for school board? My decision to run for the school board was made because I believe in the Harrisonville Schools. I graduated from Harrisonville as did my children and my grandchildren currently attend Harrisonville Schools. I want to strengthen our school system for children and enable Cass R-IX to be able to attract and retain qualified staff.

What do you feel is the biggest chal-

lenge facing the Harrisonville Schools? We face many challenges. We must strive to maintain a quality educational environment while balancing expenditures with incoming revenues.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths? We have good kids and a safe environment for learning to occur. Our facilities are decent and the district is moving forward.

Family: My wife Pam and I together have three daughters and 5 grandchildren. For that reason we want what is best for kids.

Name: Nancy Shelton

Occupation/Business: Office Manager, Shelton & Sons LLC

Educational Background: Business College

Community organizations/memberships: Rotary Club of Harrisonville

Why did you decide to run for school board? I want to make a positive influence.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools? I believe a constant challenge is having each student reach their potential and keeping quality staff.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths? Staff, patrons, students

Family: Husband, Bill; Children, Isac (Sarah), Kyle (Heather) & Naomi; Grandchildren, Ella, Isabelle & Alexa



## Harrisonville seeks voter approval for continuation of local sales tax on vehicle sales

Harrisonville voters will have the opportunity on April 5 to decide whether or not the city will discontinue its collection of local sales tax on vehicles purchases from out-of-state vendors or from private individuals.

For many years, residents have paid city sales tax on vehicles purchased in another state or from a private individual when they licensed the vehicle. Those tax revenues went to the city to help pay for essential city services funded by those sales taxes, including street maintenance and improvements.

However, in 2012, the Missouri Supreme Court handed down a decision (*Street v. the Director of Revenue*) which determined that out-of-state or private purchases were exempt from the local sales tax. In 2013, the Missouri Legisla-

ture provided temporary relief from this tax loophole, allowing cities to continue to collect the local sales tax on these vehicle purchases but also requiring cities to seek voter approval to continue the tax by November of 2016.

Harrisonville officials stress that this is not a new tax and it is not a double tax. It applies only to those who choose to purchase a vehicle from another individual or from an out-of-state dealer. Those who paid a local sales tax at the time of purchase would not have to pay it again.

If the termination of the collection is turned down by local voters, (that is, if voters agree the city should continue collecting the sales tax) the measure will allow an important funding source to continue to support the city. Otherwise,

Finance Director Marcella McCoy estimates the city could lose more than \$80,000 annually, beginning in 2017. She says the loss will likely increase in future years as costs increase. To maintain the present level of city services, the city needs to retain the sales tax on these purchases.

In addition to the revenues which the city will lose if the tax is discontinued, Missouri auto dealers will be placed at a competitive disadvantage to out-of-state businesses. Out-of-state auto dealers do not have to charge a city sales tax on vehicle purchases while local purchases are subject to the tax, so the total out of pocket costs for a new vehicle could be less if purchased out-of-state. Keeping those sales local would not only generate tax dollars for the city, it would help

local businesses who create local jobs and reinvest in the community.

Across Missouri, numerous towns and cities are currently facing the need to get voter approval to continue the local sales tax on out-of-state vehicle sales. Belton, Drexel, Pleasant Hill, North Kansas City, Platte City, and Parkville, among others, will have similar questions on the April ballots in their respective cities. Other cities are looking at taking the matter to voters in August or November.

Currently, the law stipulates that voter approval to continue collecting the sales tax must be obtained by the end of the year, but the Missouri legislature is considering extending that deadline.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Out-of-State Sales Tax on the Purchase of Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Boats and Outboard Motors

On Tuesday, April 5, Harrisonville voters will be asked to consider the continuation of an existing sales tax on purchases of out-of-state motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors. Here are a number of questions regarding the ballot issue.

*What is the sales tax about?*

A Missouri Supreme Court Case (*Street vs. the Director of Revenue*) in 2012, followed by subsequent state legislation (HB 184/SB 182) in 2013, required that cities without a use tax (such as Harrisonville) must receive voter approval by November 2016 to continue sales tax collections on individual sales and purchases of out-of-state motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors.

*Is this a new tax?*

No. The city has collected this tax for many years. The question is on the ballot only as a result of the Missouri Supreme Court decision and the state legislation that followed. If the question is not placed on the ballot, or if the tax is discontinued by voters, the tax would cease to be collected beginning January 2017.

*How does the tax affect me?*

The tax only applies to you if you purchase a motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor from an out-of-state dealer or from a private party individual. Similar purchases made in-state will be subject to the local sales tax regardless of the vote on this ballot question.

*What is the city's sales tax rate?*  
The rate for Harrisonville is 1.875%.

*What is the sales tax rate that I currently pay on a vehicle purchased as a Harrisonville resident?*

Currently, any vehicle purchased by a Harrisonville resident is subject to a 7.850% sales tax, which breaks down as 4.225% state sales tax, 1.750% Cass County sales tax and 1.875% city sales tax. If the out-of-state vehicle sales tax is discontinued, a resident would be subject to a 5.975% sales tax (4.225% state sales tax and 1.750% Cass County sales tax) on a vehicle purchased out of state, but would remain subject to a 7.850% sales tax on a vehicle purchased in-state.

*Are other cities like Harrisonville affected?*

Yes, a number of cities all across the state will be voting on this issue at

various times during 2016. Any city desiring to place this question on its ballot must do so by November 2016. Locally, Belton, Pleasant Hill, Odessa, Parkville, Platte City, and North Kansas City will be voting on the issue this April.

*Is there an impact on local dealerships?*

Yes, the existence of the tax creates a level playing field for Missouri dealerships. If the existing tax were to end, Missouri dealerships would be at a competitive disadvantage with out-of-state dealerships which would no longer be required to charge the tax.

*Where do the collections from the tax go?*

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# Eight file for seats on Board of Aldermen

Eight Harrisonville residents have filed as candidates to run for seats on the Harrisonville Board of Aldermen. The election will be Tuesday, April 5. Candidates are listed below in the order they filed and the manner in which they will be listed on the ballot.

Alderman, Ward 1  
Brad Bockelman  
Doug Meyer  
Polling Place: Lutheran Church, 2400 E. Mechanic

Alderman, Ward 2  
Morris Coburn  
Judy Reece  
Polling Place: Cass County Library, Pearson Hall, 400 E. Mechanic

Alderman, Ward 3  
David Dickerson  
Scott Emmons  
Polling Place: First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 200 S. Independence



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Alderman, Ward 4  
Matthew Turner  
Michael Adair  
Polling Place: Church of the Nazarene, 2305 E. South St.

There will be a Candidates Forum for municipal and school board candidates on Tuesday, March 22,

6 p.m., at the Harrisonville Community Center, 2400 Jefferson Parkway. The public is invited and admission is free.

Anyone who has questions about any aspect of the election or about what ward he or she might be registered in, please call the Cass County Clerk, 380-8106.

## Drop off, clean up events coming soon

The City of Harrisonville will offer two popular drop-off events during the coming weeks to help residents get ready for summer. The spring brush drop-off event is set for Friday and Saturday, Apr. 15 and 16.

The collection site in City Park will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., both days. To reach it, please follow the directional signs from the outdoor pool. Crews will be available to help unload trailers.

City personnel ask that all limbs be less than 10" in diameter. No leaves or grass clippings, please. However, to assist homeowners and gardeners, mulch and wood chips will be given away, free of charge. Please bring a container to hold the material.

The Spring 2016 City Wide Clean Up event will be held two weekends, May 13 and 14 and May 20 and 21. Collection times are 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The location is WCA

Disposal, 22820 S. 291 Highway.

Residents may bring appliances and metal items, construction and household trash, motor oil and auto batteries. Unmounted passenger car tires and pickup truck tires will be collected, but limited to 10 tires per household. City employees will be on hand to help unload items. Proof of residency is required to participate in this drop off.

Items that cannot be accepted include brush or yard waste, batteries, roofing shingles, paints, antifreeze or hazardous chemicals.

Both drop offs are for residents only. Residents should be prepared to show a utility bill or other proof of residency to take advantage of the services.

In addition, a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off, sponsored by the Mid America Regional Council, will be held Saturday, June 18. Details on time and location will be announced shortly.

## Sales tax FAQ continued

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Collections of the city's 1.875% sales tax are split between four funds: the General Fund receives 1.000%; the Parks/Stormwater Fund receives 0.500%; the Public Safety/Emergency Services receives 0.250%; and the Public Safety/Law Enforcement receives 0.125%.

*What impact does the tax have on Harrisonville revenues?*

City staff estimate that the budget impact of discontinuing collection of the out-of-state vehicle sales tax could exceed \$80,000 or more annually, beginning in 2017. Since these funds help support essential city services such as street maintenance and improvements, police, fire/EMS, and parks, new revenues would have to be found or services would have to be cut to account for this loss of funding.

*What does a "Yes" or "No" vote mean?*

- A "Yes" vote means that local sales taxes will only be collected on eligible in-state purchases. Local sales tax collections on eligible out-of-state purchases will end and the revenues

the City is currently receiving will be lost.

- A "No" vote means the existing tax will continue; no new tax will be implemented.

*What is the exact ballot language that I will see on Election Day?*

Shall the City of Harrisonville discontinue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer?

Approval of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for Harrisonville and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers.

YES NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes".

If you are opposed to the questions, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".



HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

Community Calendar  
of Events

March 28 No School  
March 29 PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.  
March 30 ECC Open Doors, 9:30 a.m.  
March 30 McEowen Positive Action Assembly, 2:45 p.m.  
March 31 McEowen Open Doors, 9 a.m.  
March 31 ECC Terrific Citizens Assembly, 3 p.m.  
March 31-  
April 1 Band trip to Orlando  
April 4 1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Simon Casas & The HR Office, Mill-Walk Mall  
  
April 4 PTO Meeting, McEowen, 6:30 p.m.  
April 4 Kindergarten Information Night, ECC, 6 p.m.  
April 4 Lego Club, Ages 6-9, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
April 5 Election Day  
April 5 PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.  
April 5 1000 Book Club Storytime, ECC, 6 p.m.  
April 5 Paws to Read, 4 p.m., CCPL  
April 6 HES Awards Assembly, 3:15  
April 7-8 Kindergarten Round-Up  
April 7 HES Art Fair/Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m.  
April 7 6-week Tiny Tikes indoor soccer starts, 6-6:45 p.m., HCC  
April 9 ACT, HHS, 8 a.m.  
April 11-13 Kindergarten Round-Up  
April 11-14 Cass County Art Show, CCPL  
April 12 PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.  
April 12 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m  
April 13 Lego Free Build, Ages 10-12, 4 p.m., CCPL  
April 13 ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:15 a.m.  
April 13 Free Sports Physicals, 4-6 p.m., Archie Medical Clinic  
April 13 CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m  
April 13 Cass County Art Show Reception, 6 p.m., CCPL  
April 14-16 HHS presents Oklahoma, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
April 14 Legit Readers Teen Book Club, 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
April 14 Cass County Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, Pleasant Hill  
April 15-16 Spring Brush Drop Off, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., City Park  
April 15 HES Career Day  
April 15 CRMC Free Health Screening, 9-11:30 a.m., Commerce Bank  
April 16 Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 pm., HCC  
April 18 Preschool Enrollment, 6 p.m., ECC  
April 19 Senior Day of Service, 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
April 19 Community Job Fair, 4-7 p.m., CCPL  
April 19 ACT testing, HHS juniors  
April 19 PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.  
April 19 Board of Education Meeting, Admin Office, 7 p.m.  
April 19 McEowen Spring Concert, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
April 19 Paws to Read, 4 p.m., CCPL  
April 21 PAT Wild About Animals, ECC, 6 p.m.  
April 21 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.  
April 21 Chamber Luncheon, 11:45-1 p.m.  
April 21 Teen Program, 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
April 21-22 FFA State Convention  
April 22 ECC Terrific Citizen's Assembly  
April 23 Membership Appreciation Event, HCC  
April 23 Prom, Stoney Creek, Independence, 8 p.m.  
April 25 McEowen Positive Action Assembly, 2:45 p.m.  
April 25 Brownies & Books, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
April 26 PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.  
April 26 HMS Spring Choir Concert, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
April 27 Free Sports Physicals, 4-6 p.m., Drexel Medical Clinic  
April 28 HES 1st Grade Music Program, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
April 28 Free Sports Physicals, 4-6 p.m., Garden City Medical Clinic  
April 29 State Music Contest, Columbia  
April 29 FFA Banquet, HHS, 7 p.m.  
April 29 CRMC Free Health Screening, 9-11:30 a.m., CCPL  
May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 2 CCC Awards Night, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
May 3 PAT to Moreland Dairy Farm, 9:15 a.m.  
May 3 HMS Band Concert, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
May 4-12 HHS Art Show  
May 5 HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.  
May 5 3rd Grade Honor Choir, HES, 7 p.m.  
May 5 HHS Band Concert, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.

May 6-7 FFA Plant Sale, CCC  
May 6 1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Police Department & VIPS  
May 7 Citywide Garage Sale  
May 7 Town Hall Meeting, 8 a.m.-12, Methodist Church, 2600 E. Mechanic  
May 7 Music Mania, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
May 9 HES Honor Choir Tour  
May 9 Band Banquet, HHS, 6 p.m.  
May 10 ECC Art Fair & Kiwanis Reading Night, 6 p.m.  
May 10 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m  
May 10 HHS Choir Concert, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
May 12 Senior Excellence in Academics Celebration, 8 a.m.  
May 12 Last day for HHS seniors  
May 12 McEowen Accent on Achievement, HHS PAC, 7 p.m.  
May 12 Cass County Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, HCC  
May 12 Legit Readers Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
May 13 HHS Graduation, Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.  
May 13 Citywide Clean Up, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Town & Country  
May 14 Citywide Clean Up, 8 a.m. – 4 pm., Town & Country  
May 14 HHS Graduation Rain Date #1  
May 14 Junk in the Trunk, 5-7 p.m., Square  
May 15 HHS Graduation Rain Date #2  
May 17 Board of Education Meeting, Admin Office, 7 p.m.  
May 18 Last Day of School, ½ day for students  
May 18 Cooking w/Herbs, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
May 19 CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.  
May 20 Citywide Clean Up, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Town & Country  
May 20 CRMC Free Health Screening, 9-11:30 a.m., Commerce Bank  
May 21 Citywide Clean Up, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Town & Country  
May 28 Outdoor Pool Opens  
May 31 Summer Camp program starts at HCC  
June 1 Summer School Begins  
June 2 6-wk Tiny Tikes t-ball starts, 6-6:45, HCC  
June 3 1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Garage Burgers & Brew  
June 4 Farmers’ Market Opens, 7-11:30 a.m., Square  
June 6 Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, 6 p.m., CCPL  
June 8 CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m  
June 9 Cass County Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, Belton  
June 9 Teen Program (marshmallow shooters), 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
June 11 ACT, HHS, 8 a.m.  
June 11 Farmers’ Market, 7-11:30 a.m., Square  
June 11 Junk in the Trunk, 5-7 p.m., Square  
June 12 Ready, Set, Laugh - Michael Bradley Performer, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
June 14 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m  
June 16 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tourn., 10:30 a.m., Creekmoor Golf Club  
June 16 Teen Program (self defense), 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
June 17 CCC PN Graduation, 7 p.m.  
June 17 CRMC Free Health Screening, 9-11:30 a.m., Commerce Bank  
June 18 Farmers’ Market, 7-11:30 a.m., Square  
June 18 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m. – Noon, Location TBD  
June 22 Teen Program (healthy eating), 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
June 24 Movie in the Park, Dusk, City Park Amphitheater  
June 25 Farmers’ Market, 7-11:30 a.m., Square  
June 27 Family Program, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
June 28 Last Day of Summer School  
June 30 Teen Program, 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
July 4 City Offices Closed, Community Center Open, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
July 4 Annual Harrisonville Hometown 4th of July Celebration in City Park  
July 7 Teen Program, 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
July 11 Family Program, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
July 12 CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m  
July 14 Teen Trivia Program, 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
July 15 Movie in the Park, Dusk, City Park Amphitheater  
July 16 Breakfast of Champions: Saturday Morning Cartoons, 10 a.m., CCPL  
July 18 Lego Program, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
July 25 Summer Reading Program Closing Party, 6:30 p.m., CCPL  
July 28 Summer Teen Program Closing Party, 3:30 p.m., CCPL  
\*\*Me & My Toddler Storytime, Tuesdays in March & April, 11 a.m., CCPL and Children’s Storytime, Wednesdays in March & April, 9:30 & 11 a.m., CCPL  
\*\*Storytime in June & July on Wednesdays @ 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
\*\*Book Clubs @ CCPL in April & May - Inspirational Book Club, 1st Thursday, 6:30 pm; Mystery Book Club, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm; General Book Club, 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm; Brown Bag Book Club, 2nd Monday, Noon  
\*\*HPR - Harrisonville Parks & Rec  
\*\*HCC - Harrisonville Community Center  
\*\*CCPL - Cass County Public Library, Harrisonville Branch