

3rd QUARTER 2020 LOCAL FOCUS HARRISON RADIO

- 07/08/20 DR. STEWART PRATT, HARRISON SUPERINTENDANT UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR WILL START ON AUGUST 13, 2020, WHICH WILL GIVE STUDENTS 2 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION AND THEN BEGIN A FULL WEEK FOR AUGUST 17. GRADUATION WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY JULY 10 AT 8 P.M. AT THE FOOTBALL STADIUM. ANYONE ATTENDING MUST HAVE A TICKET, WHICH EACH STUDENT'S WAS PROVIDED 10, AND ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING DURING COMMENCEMENT. THE GRADUATION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED SO ALL OTHERS MAY WATCH. THE RECONFIGURATION OF DISTRICTS IS INPLACE AND EAGLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL WILL NOW BE THE DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN SEPARATING THE YOUNGEST KIDS FROM THE EARLY ELEMENTARY. THE CLASSES WILL DISMISS ON A STAGGER BASIS AND MULTIPLE LUNCHESES WILL BE ARRANGED SO AS NOT TO HAVE AS MANY STUDENTS IN ONE AREA. MASKS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN DISTANCING ISNT POSSIBLE. PARENTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME AND THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE OFF SITE CIRRICULM. ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ANY POSSIBLE OUTBREAKS FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY CONTINUED SAFETY.
- 7/09/20 JERRY JACKSON, HARRISON MAYOR, DISCUSSED COMMUNITY ISSUES INCLUDING SUBDIVISION BARRACAES CLOSING ACCESS ROADS. THE GOVERNORS ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE MASK MANDATORY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER PUBLIC BUILDINGS IS A HOT TOPIC FOR CITIZENS AND BUSINESS OWNERS. MAYOR AGREES IT SHOULDN'T BE MANDATED, SHOULD BE INDIVIDUAL CHOICE. MAYORS POSITION IS TO BE CURTIOUS TO EACH OTHER AND BE RESPECTFUL OF SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDINANCES. OTHER TOPICS INCLUDED, A SALVAGE ORDINANCE TO CLEAN UP YARDS INSIDE CITY LIMITS, AN ORDINANCE FOR TENANT PROPERTIES TO ALWAYS HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS.

- 07/20/20 DR, STEWART PRATT, HARRISON SUPERINTENDANT, STATED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS ANNOUNCED THE 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN AUGUST 26. FULL WEEK STARTING AUG 31. STUDENTS 5-12 GRADES WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK WHEN DISTANCING ISN'T POSSIBLE. DISTRICT IS ASKING THAT PARENTS PROVIDE MASK FOR THEIR CHILD. PARENTS HAVE THE CHOICE OF OFF -SITE INSTRUCTION; ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE 8707417600. DR. PRATT WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO JOIN VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING AND CHROME BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH STUDENT. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE FACEBOOK SURVEY AND GIVE OPINION OF FACE MASK ISSUE. THE SCHOOL IS JUGGLING CLASS DISMISSAL AND LUNCHES TO INCREASE DISTANCE BETWEEN STUDENTS.
- 07/24/20 MATT BELL, HARRISON VISITOR AND CONVENTION BUREAU, ANNOUNCED THE 25TH ANNUAL HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL AND AIR SHOW, SEPTEMBER 11-13. FESTIVITIES INCLUDE BALLOON RIDES, HELICOPTER RIDES, PATRIOT MARCH AND AIR PLANE MANEUVERS AND PERFORMANCES. GO TO EXPLOREHARRISON.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- 07/29/20 LISA, BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT CENTER. CENTER OFFERS SOIL SAMPLES FOR COUNTY MEMBERS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THEIR SOIL INCLUDING FERTILIZERS. THEY ALSO HAVE A WILDLIFR BIOLOGIST ON SITE TO OFFER INFORMATION ON POLLINATOR GARDENS TO MAKE YOUR FARM OR GARDEN THRIVES AND INCREASE GROWING CONDITIONS. CALL 8707418600 EXT 3
- 07/30/20 BOB LARGENT, HARRISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY HAS REPORTED 47 MILLION DOLLARS IN INVESTMENTS FOR OUR CITY AND 45 NEW JOB'S THIS MONTH. THE NEW ASSISTED LIVING CENTER WILL CREATE 50 NEW POSITIONS. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT USING LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE THE LIVING CENTER. SEVERAL NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED BUSINESSES ARE COMING TO HARRISON SOON. COMMUNTIY ELECTED LEADERS ARE WORKING TO COMBAT RACISM, A CONSCIOUS EFFECT TO CHANGE AND MAKE A POSITIVE STATEMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS IN EFFECT. CHAMBER WELCOMES ALL BUSINESSES TO OUR AREA. WORKING TOGETHER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GREAT STRIDE.

- 08/05/20 JERRY JACKSON, HARRISON MAYOR, WATER METERS FOR THOSE WITH BILL OVER DUE FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS WILL BE DISCONNECTED. A \$25,000 DONATION WAS ACCEPTED TO PAY THOSE OVERDUE BILLS. MAYOR STATES "THIS IS AN INDICATION OF THE

PEOPLE OF HARRISON”. MAYOR DISCUSSED THE GEESE IN THE PARK WHICH ARE DEPOSITING OVER 800LBS OF DROPPINGS IN THE PARK, THE CITY HAS TAKEN ACTION TO DISTRIBUTE A CHEMICAL TO DETER GEESE. AND SO FAR NOT ONE GOOSE HAS BEEN BACK. THE MAYOR WANTED TO THANK JOHNNY MORRIS, OWNER OF BASS PRO SHOPS, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP WHAT USED TO BE DOGPATCH USA. “IT WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO HARRISON AND OUR GROWING ECONOMY.

- 08/13/20 JESSICA KIDLING, BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ARE HOSTING THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE AND WANT TO “THANK JEFF CROCKET FOR THE USE OF THE CROCKET TOWER” FOR THE SALE. THE SALE MAKES ROOM FOR NEW BOOKS AND THE MONEY IS USED TO PURCHASE NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES FOR OUR LIBRARY. THE SALE STARTS AUG 21-22 9-3PM. THE LIBRARY HAS RECEIVED A GRANT THRU NASA AND THE NATURAL SKY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVERAL TELESCOPES THAT CAN BE RENTED FOR USE BY THE PATRONS. PLEASE COME BY THE LIBRARY AND TAKE A LOOK AT OUR SELECTION OF MOVIES, AUDIO BOOK, OVERSIZED TEXT AND MUCH MORE.
- 08/17/20 DR. STEWART PRATT, SUPERINTENDANT OF HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL, AAA IS ALLOWING PRACTICE FOR SPORTS INCLUDING FOOTBALL, GOLF, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, AND CROSS COUNTRY. ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO TRY OUT. HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS MAY ALSO TRY OUT AND MUST FILL OUT ELIGIBILITY PAPERWORK AND SUBMIT IT TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CHRIS PRATT. BUSES WILL BE RUNNING THEIR USUAL ROUTES. KINDERGARTENERS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN BUS SCHEDULES. ALL STAFF ARE BACK AND READY TO BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO KEEP STAFF AND STUDENTS SAFE. 8707417600 WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND/ OR CONCERNS.
- 8/24/20 ALICE WILLIAMS, NEWTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD, DISCUSSED CELEBRATING THE BOUNTY OF THE COUNTY FOR THE FAIR. CHECK –IN TIMES FOR THE EXHIBITS AND LIVESTOCK SHOW. ALSO, THE BUYERS DINNER AND PREMIUM SHOW ON TUESDAY EVENING. MUTTON BUSTIN FOR YOUTH AND MEMORIAL BULL JAM. ACA RODEO AND SATURDAYS PARADE WILL COMPLETE FAIR ACTIVITIES.

- 09/02/20 ANITA COOPER, BOONE COUNTY FAIR BOARD, IS HOSTING THE BOONE COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK ENTRY’S WILL START ON THE 4TH , ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE EXHIBIT BUILDINGS OPEN ON THE 13TH TO ENTER. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY WILL BE WEDNESDAY, GOATS AND RABBITS ON THURSDAY AND CATTLE FRIDAY. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST TAKE ANIMALS HOME AFTER THEIR SHOWING. EXHIBIT BUILDING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THIS YEAR. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE WEB PAGE BOONECOUNTYFAIRBOOK.WEEBLY.COM

- 09/08/20 MATT BELL, BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION AND VISITORS BUREAU, DISCUSSES 5TH ANNUAL RIDE THE OZARKS BIKE RALLY WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 9-10 FEATURING FREE GUIDED RIDES, VENDORS WITH ASSORTMENT OF PRODUCTS AND FREE LIVE CONCERTS ON SATURDAY. THE EVENT WILL BE FAMILY FRIENDLY.
- 09/10/20 BOB LARGENT, HARRISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IS HOSTING A LEADERCAST 2020. A 10 WEEK SERIES OF VIRTUAL POSITIVE DISRUPTION WATCH. THE SERIES WILL PROMOTE POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUR ORGANIZATION. PARTICIPANTS WILL SHARE FEEDBACK, IDEAS, AND INTERACT WITH OTHERS TO BRING POSITIVE, LASTING CHANGES TO YOUR GROUP. LEADERCAST WILL FEATURE SPEAKERS INCLUDING MAGIC JOHNSON, AMY JO MARTIN, AND MANY OTHERS. CITY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE GROUND BREAKING FOR THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.
- 09/11/20 KIRK DELK, BOONE COUNTY FAIR BOARD, 25TH ANNUAL, 25 YEARS OF MEMORIES. RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE FOR THIS YEARS FAIR, DUE TO COVID 19. GET ALL THE UPDATES, TIMES AND SCHEDULES ON FACEBOOK. ALL PROCEEDS FROM AUCTION GO TO EXHIBIT AND LIVESTOCK WINNERS. FOR INFORMATION CALL 870-577-5432.
- 09/15/20 DR. STEWART PRATT, HARRISON SUPERINTENDENT, 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR IS STARTING OUT GREAT. COMMUNITY AND STAFF HAVE RISEN TO THE OCCASION WITH THE ONGOING PANDEMIC. SPORTS ARE UNDERWAY AND ACTIVITY SPONSORS ARE DEALING WITH THE EBB AND FLOW OF STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL OFFERS EXTRA AND CO CORRICULUR ACTIVITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS. STAFF ARE SEEING LONGER DAYS WITH THE INCREASE OF VIRTUAL LEARNING ON AND OFF SITE. DISTRICT IS APPLING THRU THE STATE FOR GRANTED PERMISSION FOR CONTINUED THEATRE AND PLAY PRODUCTIONS. ALL STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING FREE LUNCHES TILL DECEMBER. PLEASE LOG IN FOR COMMUNITY AND FACILTY ZOOM MEETINGS FOR ANY UPDATES, QUESTIONS, OR CONCERNS.

- 09/17/20 KENYA WINDEL, NEWTON COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR, LIBRARY OFFERS VARIETY OF SERVICES INCLUDING BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS, CD'S, DVD'S, FISH POLES AND TACKLE, 24/7 WIFI ACCESS, PUBLIC COMPUTERS, KIDS CRAFT KITS, TELESCOPES, TEL ENTRY, CURB SIDE SERVICE AND ENTRY BY APPPOINTMENT. LIBRARY RECEIVED THE ARKANSAS NATURAL SKY GRANT WHICH ALLOWED PURCHASE OF TELESCOPES FOR PUBLIC USE. VOTER RESTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE. CONTACT THE NC LIBRARY WITH ANY QUESTIONS. CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR ANY UPCOMING EVENTS. FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, OR CALL US TODAY 8704462983.
- 09/18/20 MATT RUSSELL, DAV COMMANDER, IS ORGANIZING FUND RAISING FOR A VETERANS CENTER AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE

VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2020 TO CELEBRATE THE SACRIFICE OF OUR SOLDIERS.

- 09/25/20 JERRY JACKSON, HARRISON MAYOR, ANNOUNCED A MULTI MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT FOR THE AREA OF GOBLIN DRIVE AND INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD AREA WITH A EXTRA LANE AND 3 ROUND ABOUTS ADD TO THE EXISTING ROAD WAY TO ALLOW FOR SCHOOL TRAFFIC AND AFTERNOON COMMUTERS. MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF WEARING OF MASK DUE TO THE INCREASE IN COVID CASES IN OUR COUNTY. NARMC HAS PARTNERED WITH COX MEDICAL TO EMPLOYEE 30 NEW POSITIONS TO BRING DOCTORS AND SPECIALIST TO THE AREA. REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL TO KEEP MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITY. ANY ONE PARTICIPATING IN CANDY GIVE- OUT FOR HALLOWEEN SHOULD TURN ON THEIR PORCH LIGHT.

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