



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | July 28, 2021 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

Today's program



Grant Purkey's program today will feature a tour of recent improvements and new equipment at the Community Center.

Future programs

- AUGUST 4** - Monthly business meeting and classification/Rotary education talk by **Andy Pollard**.
- AUGUST 11** - Keith Mills
- AUGUST 18** - Jessica Junge
- AUGUST 25** - Judy Franklin
- SEPTEMBER 1** - Laurence Smith

Birthdays

- AUGUST 4**Larry Pfautsch
- AUGUST 12**Andy Pollard
- AUGUST 12**Bing Schimmelpfenning
- AUGUST 31**Judy Bowman

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Jen Carr shares her family's interest in farm-to-table lifestyle

You might think Jen Carr grew up on a farm, considering her interest in hunting, fishing, and growing her own food. But as Nancy Shelton's guest explained last week, that's not the case at all. Rather, she grew up in Marshall, Mo., raised by her grandmother. Only later in life did she adopt what she calls a farm-to-table lifestyle.

Jen and her husband Terry have been married for 17 years. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Erin, a lizard and two dogs. But she is not a stay-at-home mom. She teaches music in grades K-5 in the Ray-Pec School District.

Jen said she is motivated by a desire to be an active participant in a self-sustaining lifestyle. That involves growing her own food, gathering, hunting and fishing and then preserving and cooking.

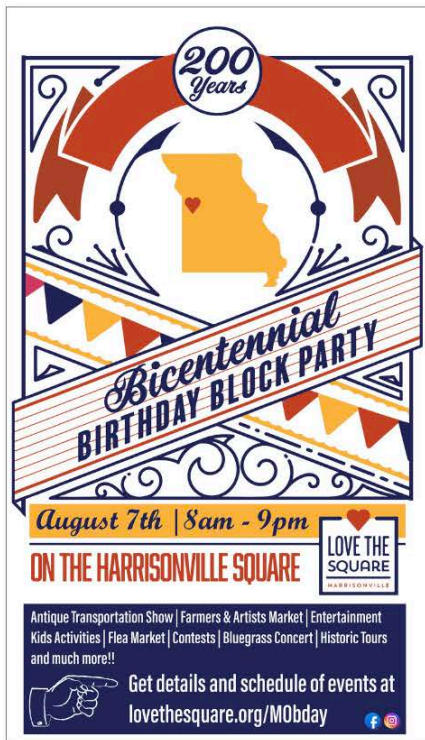
Three things are important. The first is local sourcing of food. She patronizes local suppliers of meat and vegetables and maintains two gardens herself. In the winter, she grows her own seeds.

The second element is hunting and fishing. She used time during the Covid pandemic to learn how to hunt small game and fish. She has three guns plus a compound bow and mainly hunts small game — turkey, squirrel and rabbit. She frequently can be found practicing at Polecat Creek shotgun park and James A. Reed archery range. Last season, she got both a turkey and a deer. This week the family was planning a fishing trip to Lake Taneycomo.

The third element is preserving and cooking. She makes her own turkey soup, relish, salsa and many other kinds of food that can be frozen and served year-round. Speaking of deer, she said, "Venison is our hamburger." She is committed to thoughtful participation in the food process and giving that gift to their daughter, resulting in a greater appreciation of animals and food.

Jen passed out lists of her favorite recipe books and sources of information ranging from the Old Farmer's Almanac to various Facebook groups on foraging. "I am a lifelong learner," Jen said. She invited rotarians to follow her on Instagram (Jen.D. Carr) and Pinterest (Jennifer Dawn Carr).





Announcements from last week's meeting

- Jon Taber won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Visitors included Lynn Dudley, former Rotarian and club president.
- President-Elect Jeff Kleinsasser, presiding in the absence of President Lori Watson, announced that all slots are filled for the Rotary Train at the Aug. 7 Bicentennial Block Party on the Square. He also called members' attention to the publication of the club's 2021-22 budget in the July 21 newsletter.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Share your ideas for signature club project

How can Rotary make a difference in our community? The Service Projects Committee is asking for your ideas for the next big signature project our club can undertake. It might be a multi-year endeavor, but as committee chair Gabe Sweitzer said, "We have the money." Review his recent email soliciting ideas and providing a list of some past projects. Send your ideas to Gabe at gabescb@fairpoint.net or to any board member by July 31.

Meet our newest members

Andy Pollard

Otherwise known as Anthony Wade Pollard, Andy is Electric Superintendent for the City of Harrisonville. He is one of the city's corporate members, along with Grant Purkey. Andy has worked for various cities in Missouri and elsewhere. He had been retired and living in Florida when the Harrisonville position opened. He has two sons, Tony, 28, and Jeremy, 25. In his spare time he enjoys hunting and farming.

president, played soccer and served as a campus tour guide. In high school, he was active in band, student government, soccer, tennis, National Honor Society, Scholar Bowl and Future Business Leaders of America. He worked as a lifeguard for Harrisonville Parks & Rec and volunteered at Cass Regional Medical Center assisting the chief financial officer. Aaron is a big Sporting KC, Royals and Chiefs fan. He currently lives in Raymore and has his office at the bank's Harrisonville location.

Sarah Turgeon

Sarah is practice representative for Abundant Life Chiropractic, based in Belton but now with an additional office in Harrisonville. She describes her job as "creating relationships with people in the community." She and her husband, Jake Vaughn, live in Belton with their 6-year-old daughter LeRae Vaughn. Her personal interests include family, God, friends, swimming, camping, board games, shooting guns, four-wheeling, boating and fishing.

Jon Taber

Jon is the newest corporate member from Family Center Farm & Home, along with Bill and Keith Mills. Headquartered in Harrisonville, Family Center Farm & Home operates stores here and in St. Joseph, Paola, Butler, Rolla, Sedalia and Ozark. Jon is a buyer, procuring products for all the stores. In his spare time, he enjoys DIY projects, road trips, snowboarding, dogs and reading.

Aaron Sloan

Aaron represents the third generation of Sloans to be involved in banking in Cass County. The HHS grad recently moved back to this area from Bolivar, where was a member of the Bolivar Rotary Club and treasurer of the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the board of directors of Sherwood Community Bank and is a financial planner with Strategic Financial Concepts. Aaron earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar where he was student body vice

Resignations and departures

The club is losing several members due to job changes and other circumstances.

- Mark Wieggers, HHS principal, has accepted the principal's job at Center High School.
- Jeanette Flanner and Susan Lockard from Cass Career Center have retired and likely will be replaced by Nicole Tews and Felicia Anstine.
- Dessie Long, our club secretary, is no longer with Hope Haven.