



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | April 29, 2026 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

## Today's program



Tiny Witty's speaker today is **Pam Hustad**, student coordinator for The Vault on the Harrisonville Square, operated by Heart of Life Church, which has

locations in Harrisonville, Garden City, East Lynne and Lee's Summit.

## Future programs

**May 6** - Year-end lunch meeting with our Classroom Partner students. Carol Looney's guest will be **Kathy Blandin** with YaYa's Alpaca Farm

**May 13** - Jason Zaroor's guest will be Cass County Commissioner **Mike Moreland** on the State of the County

**May 20** - John Coffey

## Birthdays

**April 30** .....Erik Winkler  
**May 1** .....Tina Witty  
**May 2** .....Glenn Aversman

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## Broadcasting the weather live: 'Subby' is hyper-local meteorologist like no other

**J**im Sublette, known as "Subby" to his many fans and followers, is more than a weatherman. He's a celebrity in his own right, especially when he takes to Facebook and YouTube (@SubbysWeatherTalk) to broadcast live coverage of major weather events. Or just tune in to Clinton radio station KDKD, where he is chief meteorologist. Subby spoke to the club last week as the guest of Jason Winter.

Subby works closely with law enforcement agencies and first responders in the area. Two years ago he began working with the Henry County Emergency Management group. He will conduct a program for Cass and Bates County law enforcement personnel at 6 p.m. May 12 at Archie High School. "Our goal is to get every county



on board to get warnings out to the public," he said. He turned to social media because 75% of area residents have "cut the cord" on cable TV and mostly get their information through social media. And the more rural areas outside of the Kansas City

metro don't get weather information specific to their area. Cass County is close enough but the next layer of counties between Kansas City and Springfield live in something of a weather information desert, Subby said, which is why "we try to be hyper-local."

Subby's interest in meteorology was sparked at an early age. He was 4 years old in 1957 when a massive tornado struck the Ruskin Heights neighborhood. That traumatic experience prompted the family to move to the Montrose area after his father put in for a job transfer from the power company.

Subby went on to graduate from Clinton High School in 1990, then attended the University of Missouri where was a member of the MU baseball squad.

For the next 30 years he worked in the agriculture industry, including stints in Nevada and Harrisonville, where he worked for a local farm implement dealership. "I would set up weather programs on their farm equipment," he said.

One would not know it now, but Subby said he was born 93% deaf.



Guests last week were the April Students of the Month at Harrisonville High School. Kyah Rowe is the daughter of Eric and Tiffany Rowe. After graduation she plans to continue growing her cattle herd and pursue opportunities in the ag industry. Bryson Cecil is the son of Jay and Annie Cecil. He plans to become a heavy-equipment operator and eventually have his own excavation company.

## Announcements from last week's meeting

- Tina Witty won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- President-Elect Erik Winkler presided in the absence of President Grant Purkey, who is recuperating from back surgery.
- Erik reported that 76 businesses have subscribed to this year's Flag Program thus far, generating about \$4,000. Several members volunteered to contact additional businesses. The Sign Up Genius registration email has gone out to members for all 2026 flag dates.
- Jill Filer reminded members that the entire class of 4th graders will make their annual Classroom Partner visit to the club on May 6.
- Mark Rorvig introduced the April Students of the Month, Kyah Rowe and Bryson Cecil.
- Erik noted that signups are full for the Senior Day of Service lunch on May 5.
- Signup invitations have gone out for our food box packing stint on May 13.
- Jill Filer contributed to the PolioPlus bank, recognizing Nancy Shelton who attended her last school board meeting after serving a total of 18 years.



Congratulations to Cortez Gonzales, our Service Above Self Award recipient for March at Harrisonville Elementary School.



## Club Calendar

Thursday, April 30

**Monthly Social Hour** - 4-5 p.m., El Puerto Mexican Restaurant

Monday, May 4

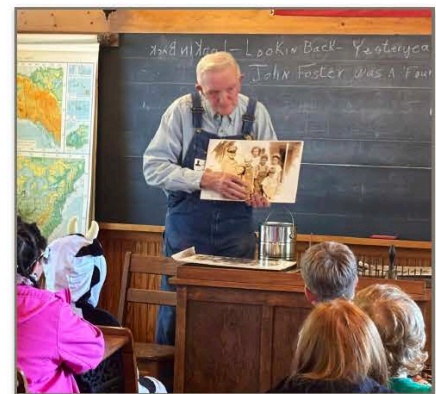
**Monthly Board Meeting** - 12 noon, Family Center Farm & Home

Tuesday, May 5

**Senior Day of Service** - Rotary serves lunch to HHS seniors at United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 13

**Food4Thought (pack food boxes)** - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Station 42



Our annual Classroom Partner visit to the Rock Ford School Living History Classroom on Monday was another hit. John Foster talked to Mrs. Jimenez's 4th graders about school life when he was a 4th grader. He brought an example of his lunch in a pail, told them about his favorite subject (math), and talked about how he got to school. The kids had great questions and enjoyed looking around the school.