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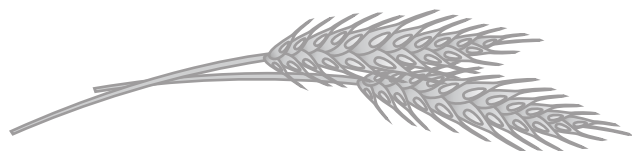
HARRINGTON

Fall Fest

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Festival schedule

Saturday, September 26th
 Fun Run - FFA Breakfast
 Parade - BBQ Lunch - Alumni - Vendors
 Kids Games - Bingo - Raffle

Around Town

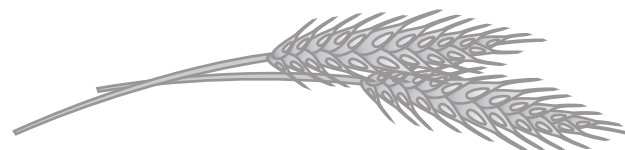
FFA Breakfast at Memorial Hall 8am
 Golf Course Opens 8am
 Huff 'n Puff Fun Run 9am
 Parade 11am
 Opera House Rummage Sale/Open House 9am-3pm
 Library Open/Yearbook & Vintage Paper Display 9am-Noon
 Electric Hotel Open 10am-1pm
 Live Music at Harrington Haus 4pm-6pm

At the park

Homemakers Pie Sale Noon-Sold Out
 Vendors 11am-3pm
 Lions BBQ 11:30-3pm
 Alumni Gathering Noon-3pm
 Dunk Tank & Carnival Games Noon-3pm
 Bingo 1pm-3pm
 Raffle Drawings 3pm

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Honor finds reluctant volunteer

HARRINGTON — A lifelong resident who says he would rather work than be recognized has been named Harrington's 2026 honored citizen.

Jim Wilcox, 70, of Harrington, joked that the Lions Club selection came "under protest."

"There's a lot of deserving people that do a lot more than I do in this town," Wilcox said. "I try to help out when I can. I really don't want that kind of recognition."

Wilcox was born west of town on a cattle ranch, graduated from Harrington High School and later from Spokane Community College. He returned to farm his grandfather's place for 24 years and retired after 30 years with the Washington State Department of Transportation.



Family members have lived in the area since the early 1900s, he said.

He has been active in Lions Club since coming home to farm, spent 25 years on the volunteer fire department and served on the Harrington City Council from 1990 to 1998. He returned to the council at the start of this year.

"I could sit back and complain, but if you step up and do it, then there's nothing to complain about," Wilcox said.

His three children graduated from Harrington and Washington State University. Courtney Strozyk is Harrington's superintendent and principal. Tyson Wilcox is a captain

with Spokane Valley Fire Department. Jaymie Bennett works in the Lincoln County Superior Court clerk's office in Davenport.

Wilcox and his wife were married 42 years before she died of cancer about six years ago. He helped build parade floats when Strozyk was in school and later drove her daughter, Fiona Strozyk, now Miss Davenport, to an appearance in Reardan. He said someone else is driving the festival float this year.

The Lions Club chooses the honored citizen each year. Wilcox said the work that still matters is whatever needs doing.

"Just trying to make Harrington as good as it can be," he said.



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Festival day set for Sept. 26

HARRINGTON — Fall

Festival returns Saturday, Sept. 26, stretching from an early pancake breakfast to a late-afternoon raffle at the city park.

The FFA pancake breakfast runs from 8 to 10 a.m. at Memorial Hall. The Huff 'n' Puff fun run starts at 9 a.m. at Third and Glover streets. The parade is at 11 a.m.

Highway 23, also known as Third Street, will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to about noon. The street in front of the city park, from Second Street to Coal Creek Road, will be closed from noon to about 5 p.m.

Park events begin at noon with Homemakers pies and the Lions Club BBQ. Beef sandwiches and fixings will be served from the school bus garage. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be sold in the park shelter. Vendors and children's games are planned through the afternoon. Bingo is expected about 1 p.m., and raffle drawings are at 3 p.m.

Food and park activities are cash only. Harrington Haus is planning live music Friday and Saturday evenings.

Alumni weekend leads parade

HARRINGTON — Honored graduating classes will roll through town Saturday before spending the afternoon catching up at the city park.

The Fall Festival parade starts at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 on Third Street from Glover to Sherlock streets. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. near the Studebaker Garage. Parade coordinator JoAnn Gossett said she is hoping for about 30 entries.

"Everyone is welcome to be in the parade," Gossett said. "Bring your cool vehicle or farm equip-

ment or whatever."

Applications can be sent to harringtonparade@yahoo.com. Advance applications are preferred, she said.

This year's honored alumni classes are 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and 2016. They will be featured in the parade, then gather in the park. The school will be open from 1 to 2 p.m. for alumni visits.

The Lions Club BBQ, vendors, children's games, bingo and the 3 p.m. raffle follow at the park after the parade.



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Music keeps downtown open late

HARRINGTON — Fall Festival does not end when the raffle is drawn Saturday afternoon.

Brian Dean will play from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Harrington Haus, 14 S. Third St. The restaurant sits on the same stretch of Third Street used for the 11 a.m. parade.

Most of the Saturday crowd will already have been through the park by the afternoon set. Home-makers pies go on sale at noon and last until they sell out. The Lions Club BBQ starts at the same time, with beef sandwiches from the school bus garage and hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks in the park shelter. Food and park activities are cash only.

The street in front of the park is scheduled to close from noon to about 5 p.m. Dean's Saturday set begins while that closure is still in effect, giving people a downtown stop before the street reopens.



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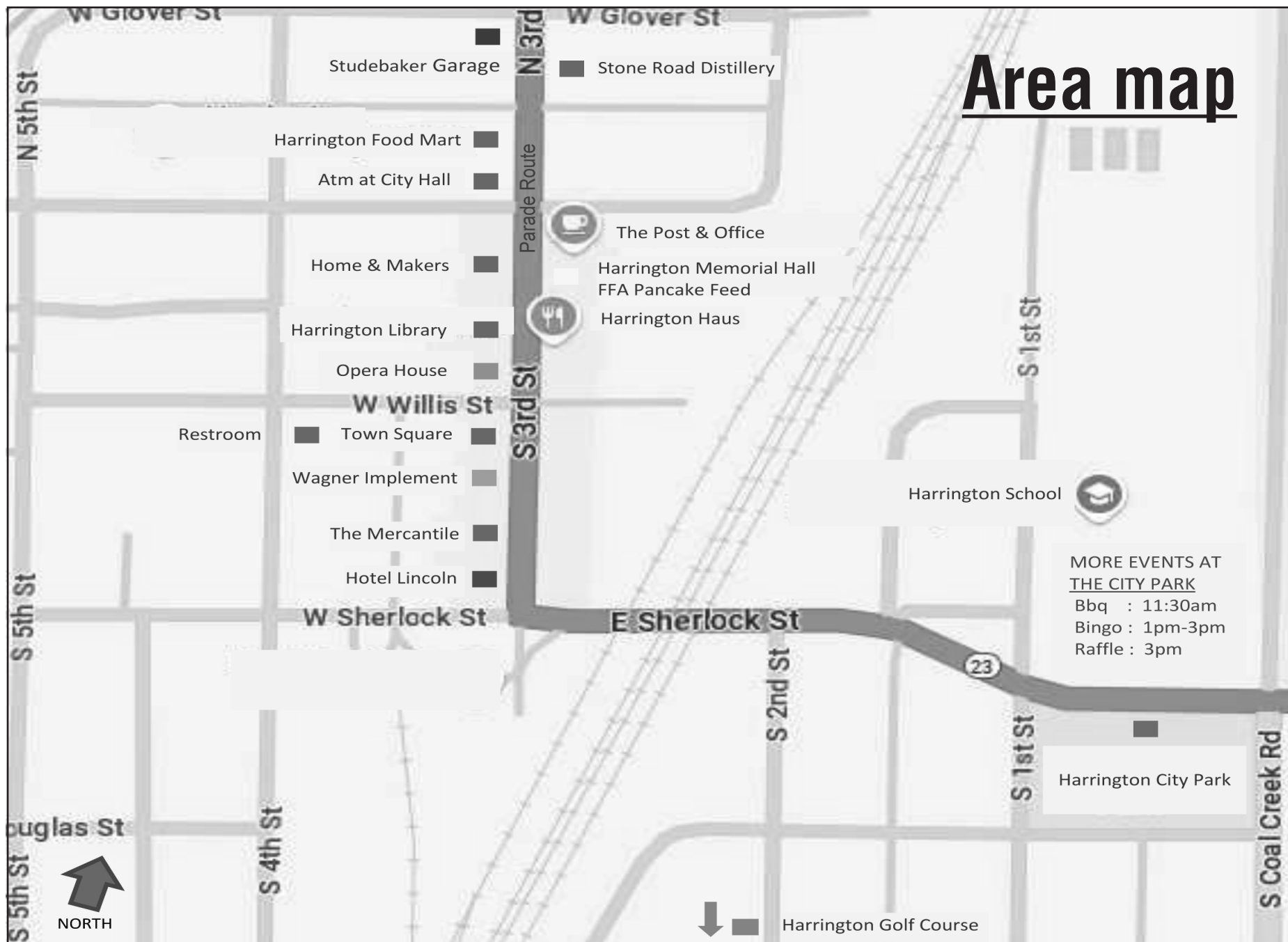
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LOCATION & TIME OF EVENTS

- Lions Club Bbq, Raffle, Bingo, Vendors, Games, Alumni gathering & more at the City Park: 11:30am-3pm
- FFA Pancake Feed at the Harrington Memorial Hall: 8am-10am
- Huff N Puff Fun Run (Check in at the Studebaker Garage Parking Lot): 5K Begins at 9am
- Rummage Sale & Open for Tours at the Historic Opera House: 9am-3pm
- Parade-Downtown on 3rd Street (Check in at the Studebaker Garage Parking Lot): Parade Begins at 11am
- Harrington Homemakers Pie Sale at the City Park: Noon-till Sold out
- Harrington Golf & Country Club/Cafe: Open 8am-6pm (located at 700 South 2nd Street)



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Students start fall festival on foot

HARRINGTON — High school students will put the first event of Fall Festival on the street Saturday, an hour before most of the town lines up for the parade.

Harrington High School's FBLA chapter will host the Huff 'n' Puff fun run at 9 a.m. Sept. 26. Check-in is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. at Third and Glover streets, the same corner where the race begins and ends.

Runners can choose a 5-kilometer course through town and around the golf course or a 1-mile route that stays in town. There is a registration fee. Forms are available

at local businesses, the school and harringtonsd.org.

The chapter uses the race as its main festival project, handling registration, the course and the morning crowd while the rest of the lineup is still setting up. Highway 23 is scheduled to close at 8:30 a.m., so the course will have the street to itself until the 11 a.m. parade.

Families who want breakfast first can stop at the FFA pancake feed at Memorial Hall on Third Street, which runs from 8 to 10 a.m.



HARRINGTON'S FBLA HUFF 'N' PUFF



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