

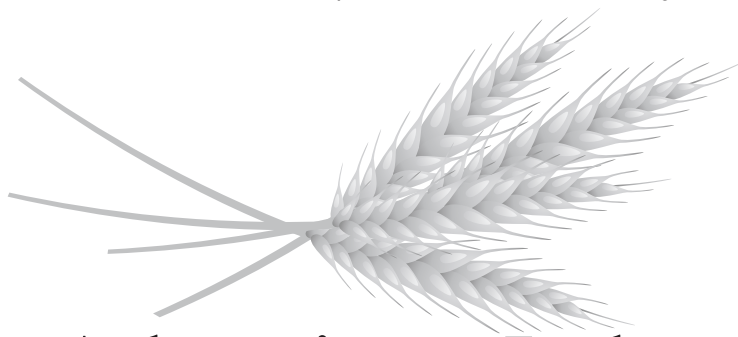


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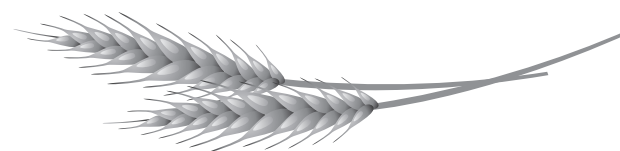


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# 2024 Harrington fall festival

Fun run, Pancake breakfast, parade,  
BBQ lunch, Alumni vendors, BINGO, Raffle



## Festival schedule

### *Around Town*

FFA pancake feed at Memorial Hall – 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Golf course opens – 8 a.m.

Huff 'n Puff fun run – 9 a.m.

Parade – 11 a.m.

Opera house rummage sale/ tours – 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stone Roads Spirits distillery opens – TBD

Electric Hotel Comedy Show, ticketed event – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wagner building beer garden opens – TBD

### *At the park*

Homemakers pie sale noon – sold out

Vendors 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Alumni gathering at noon – 3 p.m.

Dunk tank and carnival games noon – 3 p.m.

Bingo 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Raffle drawings – 3 p.m.

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# Harrington Citizen of Year named for 2024

By OLIVIA HARNACK

HARRINGTON — In a town where community service is highly valued, the Harrington Lions Club has selected a local resident for this year's community service award, celebrating her many contributions and dedication to the town.

Linda Wagner, 71, of Harrington, was chosen as this year's honoree after a thorough voting process by the Lions Club.

According to Alan Tanke, Lions Club member and 2024 Citizen of the Year coordinator, the recognition comes as a testament to her significant involvement in various community activities, including her work with the Harrington Opera House, the local hospital, and her church group.

Tanke explained the selection process, noting how the decision was made.

"It's real plain and simple. About six months or more, sometimes after the first of the year, like February to March, it gets brought up at the meetings. I ask them to think of people, and then I make up a ballot of half a dozen names that people mention. This year we did two votes and narrowed it down from six to three to the one that won," he said.

This year, the honoree is Wagner.

"Linda has done a great deal in the community," Tanke said. "She is the one that won the popular vote this time. She is very humble and a very nice person."

Wagner, who will ride in the parade during the upcoming Harrington Fall Festival, expressed her gratitude and humility upon learning of the honor.

"I am pretty embarrassed. There are so many other people who do so much more. I am humbled. It is totally humbling," Wagner said. "I don't do things for recognition—that's just the way I was raised. You do things because it's the right thing to do."

Born and raised in Davenport, Wagner graduated in the class of 1971 before attending Washington State University, where she earned a degree in office administration.

In 1975, she and her husband, John Wagner, moved to Harrington to return to the family farm. They have two children, Jordan and Matthew, both of whom live nearby with their families.

"Matthew lives in Davenport with his family and wife Desirae, they have two children, Ryker and Bennet. Jordan lives with his wife, Heather, west of Harrington, with their two children, Colden and Jace," she said.

Wagner recently retired after 34 years as the Director of the Foundation at Lincoln Hospital.

Reflecting on her time in Harrington, she said, "The best part



Linda Wagner of Harrington is pictured with family members. Wagner was named 2024 Citizen of the Year.

about Harrington is that I made some wonderful friends. It's a great community. I had an opportunity to be a part of organizations and community churches. I think my favorite thing has been playing music—whether it's for community choirs, school events, or church. I have had some wonderful opportunities to work with some amazing musicians."

Wagner remains active in the community through her involvement with the Harrington Opera House Society, the United Methodist Church, and the Harrington Homemakers. She also works at Harrington School and helps with farm record-keeping.

"To be chosen is, like I said, humbling. There are a lot of people

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who deserve to be recognized for their volunteer work in the community. To be included in that group is really an honor. It's embarrassing, but in a good way," she said. "There are a lot of people who started some great businesses in Harrington, and I am just so proud of what the community has accomplished in the past few years. It was really sweet for the Lions Club to think of me."

Wagner's recognition will be celebrated at the Harrington Fall Festival on Saturday, September 22, where she will ride in the parade and receive a plaque with her name engraved on it. The plaque will be on display in the community.

The Harrington Fall Festival will kick off at 9 a.m. with the FBLA Fun Run, followed by a rummage sale supporting Opera House renovations.

Attendees can tour the Opera House and Hotel Lincoln to see restoration progress.

At 10 a.m., the FFA will host a pancake feed, leading into the 11 a.m. parade organized by Fire District #6. The Lions Club BBQ, along with raffles, bingo, vendors, and activities like the FFA Trap Shooting snow cone machine and kids' games, will be held in the city park.

New this year is the Studebaker Garage's Pinewood Derby at 4 p.m., with the day wrapping up with the Harrington Alumni Dinner.

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## Huff N Puff 2024 Fun Run



## Harrington Fall Festival

### When:

Saturday, September 28, 2024  
Starting @ 9 a.m.  
check in 8:15-8:45 a.m.

### Where:

Begins & Ends @ Third & Glover  
Harrington, Washington

### Distance:

**5K**  
(3.1 miles town & around golf course)  
**1 mile**  
(around town)

### Cost:

\$20 including a T-shirt by Tuesday, Sept. 10  
\$25 for late registration  
+3.00 for size 2XL+  
(T-shirt sizes based on availability after deadline)

### Registration:

forms found at local merchants, school, or download from  
school website: [www.harringtonsd.org](http://www.harringtonsd.org)  
Hosted by Harrington High School's FBLA Chapter

## Have fun at Fall Fest!

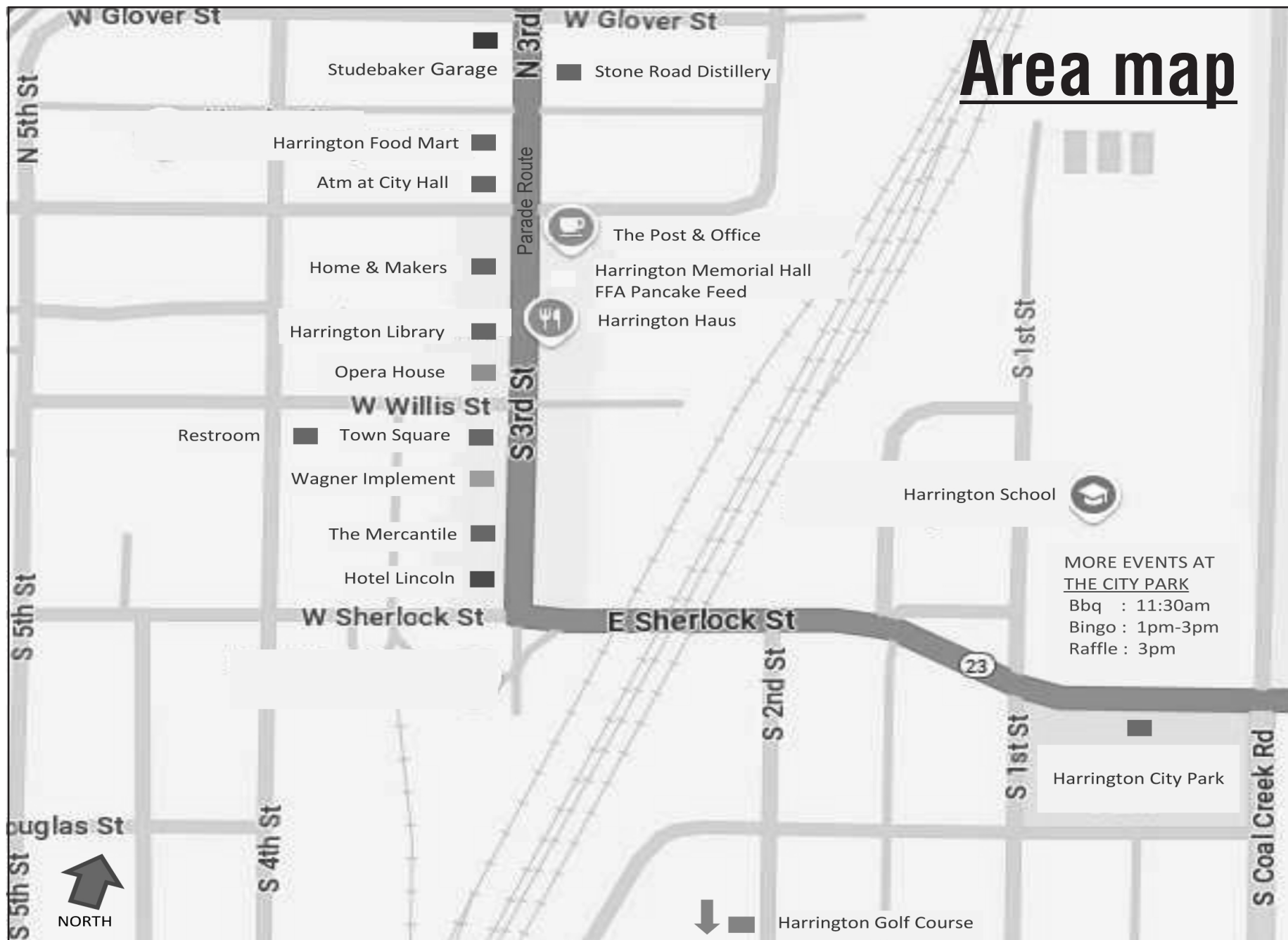
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### LOCATION & TIME OF EVENTS

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- Comedy Show at Hotel Lincoln the Electric Hotel (ticketed event): 5pm-7pm
- Beer Garden at Wagner Implement Building: (Time TBD)
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# Is the Lions Club made of superheroes?

By KEELY FOURNIER

HARRINGTON- Starting in 1945, the Odessa Lions Clubs chartered the Harrington Lions Club, giving the citizens of Harrington what they have now. What is the Lions Club you might ask? A civic organization of 20-30 amazing individuals who came together to help the community for anything from painting buildings to giving out baskets of food during Thanksgiving for ones in need.

The Barbeque Chairman of the Fall Festival, Dennis Blid, has always had connections to the Lions Club. His Father passed down the privilege of being chairman as well as the long history the Lions Club holds. When the Club first started 78 years ago, it started with 50 or more members just wanting to help their community. Now this club is connected to the International Club of worldwide Organization for the Lions Club.

A majority of the members are all farmers or connected to farming; as bigger cooperation's and farmers moved away, the numbers of members went down. This decrease did not stop these men from doing what they can.

When Dennis was asked what his biggest impact on the community was he chuckled and stated "The club bought bathrooms next to the school" while laughing more he said "I think that would be my biggest impact, having truckers, drivers, and people from all around use those bathrooms". Harrington being 13 miles away from Davenport and farther away from any major cities, the Lions Club's small purchase has helped many people in their ventures.

During the Fall Festival, the Lions Club buys meat from local farmers and cooks it in their grill, so then eight hours later, the community can sink their teeth into "the best meat you can get," Dennis said. The Club also has a raffle for 50 different prizes; you might think well where is my money going to when I'm purchasing these tickets?

Well, they go toward the club, who uses the money for selfless contributions such as scholarships for graduating Harrington seniors,

the eye glass donation so than individuals who can't afford glasses get some financial help, building playgrounds, fixing up football fields, or just buying silverware for the community events. The Lions Club also picks citizen of the year. This year Linda Wagner was picked!

Don Timm, a member of the Lions Club, shared to me that "we help the community where we can" and also commented that "where the community needs help, we are there". These Clubs come together all year to show their love and commitment to the Harrington community. During Memorial Day, the Lions Clubs places roughly 50, 7 foot flags around the cemetery to show their appreciation for all veterans.

The Lions Club has such a large impact on the Harrington community and can be seen as the glue to the town. These men do so much more than said and are "always looking for projects or to help," Dennis commented. When you go to the Fall Festival, try out the Lions Club meals and raffle!



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