

Members' Messenger

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Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival & Highland Games



The festival Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11th & 12th, 2015, located at the Old City Park and Fairgrounds off East Ramsey Street in Buffalo, MO.

Join us on Friday evening, at 6PM for a Celtic Wedding. Clan Elliott, Michael Elliott will wed Clan MacDonald Roxie Flippin at a 6PM ceremony on the Gazebo in the Old City Park at Buffalo, MO. Following the wedding there will be the Calling of the Clans parade and torch burning. The bride and groom will be honored at the ceremony. There will be Celtic music all eve-

ning and after dark there will be a performance of Spinning and Dancing with Fire. An evening for everyone to enjoy and come congratulate the Bride and Groom.

There will be food and other vendors available with items for sale. Friday night activities are free to the public and is a great time to purchase your advance tickets for Saturday's festivities at a reduction in price. On Saturday, Sept. 12th the festivities begin at 9AM with music at all three stages, vendors and wonderful food smells throughout the

grounds. The Highland Games also begin at 9AM. You will see the sheep, Highland and Dexter Cattle, the Welch ponies, the Clydesdales, llamas, listen to the storyteller, talk to the Clans, the kids will be able to enjoy the "Kids Realm". At noon there will be the Grand Parade leading off with the Bagpipers, the Buffalo School Band and the highlight of the parade is the performance by the Kilties. This will be a full day of entertainment.

The festival has been chosen to be part of the Scottish Games League Heartland region. Athletes attending our games will be awarded points. There will be a final competition later in the season based on their points. We are looking forward to many athletes attending the games this year. Come on and help cheer them on.

- The Chamber Facebook page is up and running! For latest news and events, like us on Facebook!



- Buy your advance tickets for the Celtic Festival now! Available at the Chamber office or online.

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Dr. Tim Ryan

“MY FAMILY
AND I ARE
EXTREMELY
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RELOCATE TO
THE DALLAS
COUNTY
SCHOOL”

-DR. RYAN

Community Spotlight: Dr. Tim Ryan, Dallas Co. R1 Superintendent

The Dallas County R-1 School District Board of Education named Dr. Tim Ryan as the superintendent of schools. He will begin his new position on July 1.

Dr. Ryan has served as the assistant superintendent of Human Resources and Operations in the Harrisonville Cass R-9 School District since 2010. In February of this year he was named interim superintendent through the end of June.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Rockhurst University in 1993, a master's in secondary school administration from the University of Central Missouri in 2001, and a doctorate in educational leadership

from Saint Louis University in 2005.

He began his education career as a biology and chemistry teacher and was a swimming coach at Lees Summit North High School. His administrative experience includes four years as assistant principal at Lees Summit North High School, five years as high school principal at Pleasant Hill High School and five years as assistant superintendent in Harrisonville.

He is a member of the Missouri Association of School Business Officials, the Missouri School Administrators Association, and the American Association of School Administrators.

In Harrisonville he serves on the board of Cass-Connect and is a member of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club. He has taught school law at the University of Central Missouri since 2011.

Dr. Ryan and his wife, Melanie, have two high school age sons, Nathan and Nicholas. Melanie is the health sciences instructor at the Cass Career Center in Harrisonville.

“My family and I are extremely excited to relocate to the Dallas County School district and cannot wait to begin meeting students, staff and patrons,” said Ryan. “We feel like Buffalo will be a fantastic fit.”

Executive Director's Corner



Roxie Flippin

I would like to use this opportunity to introduce myself.

My family and I started a business offering custom embroidery and business promotions about 15 years ago. During that time, I received training in Graphic and Web Design. I have continued my education, last year branching into computer programming, although I am an

English major. I was honored to make the Dean's list, and receive awards for my writing.

I was a police officer for several years. I'm proud to say I protected and served my community.

I have lived in Dallas County my entire life, as have generations of my family. I own a home in Urbana and a few years

ago, I opened my own beauty parlor in Buffalo. My grandparents had small businesses, as well as my parents.

I am very invested in this community and hope to see businesses grow and prosper. I hope to find ways to serve chamber businesses better. I look forward to meeting members and hearing any suggestions for improvement.