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Missouri Southern State University's marching band will be joined by high school musicians from around the area at the Saturday football game halftime show.

The annual Mass Band Day is a chance for band students to perform at the collegiate level while making connections with the university's music faculty and marching band members.

Area schools participating in the Halloween-themed halftime show include Webb City High School, Diamond High School and Seneca High School. Students will arrive at 10 a.m. and do sectional work with MSSU faculty starting at 10:30 a.m. Students will eat lunch in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center and then attend the football game against Missouri Western at 2 p.m.

Deadline looms for America's Farmers program

Missouri farmers have less than one week to enroll for a chance to win a \$5,000 donation to direct to a local eligible nonprofit organization, school or youth agriculture group through Bayer Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities program.

The deadline to enroll is Monday. Winners will be announced in January. Farmers can enter for a chance to win online at www.americasfarmers.com or by calling 1-877-2673332 toll-free.

Since 2010, America's Farmers programs have worked with farmers to award more than \$60 million across the country. In Missouri, farmers have helped direct more than \$2.1 million to local nonprofits.

Piano teachers slate student recitals

The Joplin Area Piano Teachers' Association will present recitals featuring sonatas and sonatinas Saturday, Nov. 13, at First United Methodist

Church, 501 W. Fourth St.

Recitals will be at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Guests are asked to park and enter through the north side of the church building. Admission is free.

Participating teachers are Marilyn Abercrombie, Carolyn Clark, Jill Dabney, Karen Dolanc, Paula Fahrenholtz, Lucy Gilbert, Amanda Kimble, Susan Lincoln, Kathy Nenadal, Megan Sabo, Jane Stadt and Ginny Stalling.

Participating students are Kip Atteberry, Nora Benecke, Genevieve Billings, Ella Bolt, Grayson Bruffett, Jansen Busby, Natalie Carroll, Eden Cazares, Will Clayton, Aarav Dalia, Emma Daugherty, Cole Dingman, Mary Draxler, Peter Draxler, Adeline Dunn, Heidi Eichelberger, Daniel Fahrenholtz, Lydia Fahrenholtz, Anna Fajardo, Nicholas Fajardo, Trenton Farley, Reese Fry, Hannah Gilbert, Shiloh Gilbert, Brody Gordon, Jacob Harris, Mary Rose Harris, Sophie Haut, Harry Heil, Katherine Hutto, Abhijith Jenkins, Gideon Jones, Jenna Joseph, Jessie Leow, Seth Lewton, Emily Lynch, Ashlynn Mitchell, Ellie Murray, Prithvi Nagarajan, Olivia Nichols, Jason Niswonger, Addi Palmer, Hope Palmer, Michael Peters, Carmen Roy, Caroline Reitz, Antonio Saad, Christian Saad, Claire Saunders, Braxton Schwab, Kennedy Schwab, Sophia Sestak, Chase Smith, Austin Staudinger, Johnny Streeter, Landry Schwab, Mary Streeter, Paul Streeter, Conner Tarwater, DaraLynn Tarwater, Jonathan Tribbey, Joshua Tribbey, Samantha Wheeler and Sunny Williams.

Freeman Stiletto Sprint to raise breast cancer awareness

The inaugural Freeman Health System Stiletto Sprint will take place at noon Friday in the Freeman West parking lot on the southwest corner of the hospital campus.

Nearly a dozen men will put on heels for a short race, followed by lunch available from food trucks. Racers are Dr. Alan Buchele, Dr. Joseph Newman and Chase Burgess, all of Freeman; Mayor Ryan Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez and City Manager Nick Edwards, all with the city of Joplin; Travis Christensen and Travis Cole, of Kansas City University; and Mike Olmstead, Ray

Foreman and Chris Warner, from local television stations.

The event is an effort to call attention to the need for early detection of breast cancer and the help available through the Freeman Helping Friends Mammogram Fund.

MSSU event to feature Japanese author

Missouri Southern State University will present a conversation with Yoko Ogawa at 7 p.m. Thursday in Cornell Auditorium in Plaster Hall.

Ogawa is the author of "The Memory Police," the selection for the themed semester's book club. She is the bestselling author of more than 50 works of fiction and nonfiction and has won every major Japanese literary award. Her work often addresses themes of memory, loss, confined spaces and women's roles.

The conversation and Q& A session will be conducted live via remote video technology, with Chieko Hedin providing interpretation. A Zoom link and passcode for the event can be found at mssu.edu/japan.