

## Community Calendar

**Wednesday,  
September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Nettle Creek School Board  
Administration Building  
6:30 p.m.

**Thursday,  
September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Gleaners Food Bank  
10:00 - noon  
Hagerstown Methodist Church

**Monday,  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Hagerstown Town Council  
Town Building  
6:30 p.m.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Hagerstown Fall Festival  
*Downtown - more information  
coming next week!*

### Town Council Passes New Zoning Code

Hagerstown Town Council passed a new zoning code last Monday, one that has been a year in the making. A new agricultural zoning classification will take effect immediately, limiting the number of farm animals in areas close to town.

The Hagerstown Plan Commission met with residents affected by the new zoning earlier this month at the Meeting Place. Many attended, concerns were addressed and Plan Commission members were satisfied to put the proposal up for vote at Town Council.

Two new zoning classifications were established. The areas, customarily considered agricultural, further from town will be within the A1 zone. Areas closer to Hagerstown will be zoned A2, limiting farm animals. This code will also prevent industrial size wind turbines from being built within two miles of town limits.

Additional concerns should be addressed by visiting Town Hall to view the official map.

The next town council meeting is Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

### Hagerstown Jefferson Township Library



**Monday:**  
10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:**  
10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday:**  
10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday:**  
10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday:**  
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## New to the Nettle Creek Schools Melissa Runion



by Joe Klemann

Before becoming Hagerstown Elementary's new Special Education teacher, Melissa Runion worked as a waitress; nursing assistant; child care provider; and a teacher's aid. After growing up in Richmond, Texas, she later moved to New Castle, Indiana, where she still lives with her husband, Eric, her 16 year-old daughter Fallon, and 10 year-old son, Phoenix.

Melissa graduated from B.F. Terry High School in Texas and Indiana University East in Richmond. Next to enjoying time with her family, she likes going to the movies and any kind of craft.

Runion chose to go into education because she wanted to help the students that struggle in school due to a disability, a different learning style, or lack of interest in education. "I want to make it a positive experience for my students, so they want to learn. I think the biggest reward is seeing the growth of students. The biggest challenge of being a teacher is motivating students to 'want' to learn something."

After nearly two months, Runion is enjoying her time at Hagerstown and in the Nettle Creek system. "The staff has been very inviting, helpful, and friendly to me. The students here are also wonderful."

### New Email Address:

customerservice  
@hmgccity.com

**Email Directory:**  
Nettle Creek Gazette  
joe@hmgccity.com  
dan@hmgccity.com

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Robert Lane  
Harold Kenney

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Molly Mendenhall

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Kathy Schwartz

Joe Haisley

Chad Early

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Chad and Courtney Early

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Garry & Kristi Levi

When I was in high school I went to a small church tucked inside the confines of a tiny Indiana village. I say village because it was too small to warrant a town; it had only three streets.

The old church had many empty pews on Sunday morning, but you could count on the same familiar faces being there every single Sunday. It was a small, but dedicated, bunch.

I went there by invitation from a friend. I knew no one on the first Sunday that I joined them, but by the time I moved to Purdue I knew nearly everyone. I'm not saying that to brag; there were maybe 20 people in the congregation.

My friend and I brought the average age down greatly. We were 16 and 17 years old, and many of the others could have very well been our grandparents. You can imagine the joy on their faces when we'd come through the doors. One woman in the church even bought my monthly devotional for me; the devotional where the Peril of Prosperity entry I shared with you a few weeks back came from. Twelve years later and I still carry it around.

Though I haven't been to that church in more than fifteen years, there is one woman I remember well.

Her name was Kitty.

Kitty would always "come in on two wheels" on Sunday morning, barely beating the clock that hung at the back. She played the organ and took full advantage of the acoustics in the tiny rural church. She sang loud as she played, and rarely seemed to look at any

kind of music book in front of her. When the service was over, Kitty seemed to leave as quickly as she'd arrived.

Often, we would have "special music" by Kitty. The minister would actually say it that way:

"This morning we'll now have special music from Kitty."

Kitty didn't need a microphone. She was small but her voice was large. And high pitched, with a hint of scratch in it? Is scratch a musical term? It is hard for me to explain in writing, but somehow Kitty's singing actually reminded me of a cat.

My friend and I always giggled to one another, and maybe participated in an elbow jab to the ribs, when the special music started. Kitty's music was special, indeed.

I admired Kitty for standing in front of a group and belting out her love for Jesus. It was true. And real. And loud.

I was reading the paper last week and saw a face I hadn't seen in years. In the obituary section was Kitty.

I read about her life and dedication to her family, community and church. She was an organist at church for 47 years, but not the one I went to. She was an organist at the tiny church I write about for 20 years. Finally, I understood why she'd rush into our church and then leave so quickly; she served in many capacities. She also created and directed a community choir. She was in charge of Good Friday services. Kitty was a faithful servant.



## Kitty's Special Music

### JEAN'S BOOTS

by Lindsay Sankey

I sat back in my chair after reading about her life, and thought about my short association with her. I felt shame that I giggled at Kitty's special music. Because Kitty's special music was how she used her God given talents to serve and love the Lord. Her special music was how she shared her gift. Who was I, at 16 and barely able to tap out Mary Had a Little Lamb on a keyboard, to smirk each time she sang?

I learned from Kitty last week, by reading her obituary.

God gives us certain talents, gifts. Things we can do, create, extend or give away to others that no one else can. Edwin Elliot once said, "By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before." I believe that very much.

Use up those talents and gifts. Every single one of them. Find those things that make you uniquely you and extend them to the best of your ability. Worry not what others may think of your volume or boldness or the ways in which you give. Sing it, live it and scream it to the rafters.

I've heard that the meaning of life is to find your gift, and the purpose of life is to give it away.

Kitty did, every Sunday.

Lindsay Sankey resides outside Economy and raises Angus and Shorthorn cattle with her husband and daughter. She is the writer behind Jean's Boots Are Made For Talking. [www.jeansboots.blogspot.com](http://www.jeansboots.blogspot.com).

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners and Council Chambers in the Wayne County Administration Building, 401 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana, on the following four petitions:

**1. BZA 2017-58:** Petition of Jessica House for a Special Exception to have a primitive tent campground and recreation vehicle park at 8306 Sugar Grove Road, Economy, Indiana 47339, A-1 Agricultural District, part Southeast Quarter Section 4 and part Southwest Quarter Section 3, both in Township 17 North, Range 13 East, Perry Township, 7.078 acres, more or less.

**2. BZA 2017-59:** Petition of Jessica House for a Variance from the Development Standards to reduce the minimum required setback from the right-of-way for a proposed business sign at 8306 Sugar Grove Road, Economy, Indiana 47339, A-1 Agricultural District, part Southeast Quarter Section 4 and part Southwest Quarter Section 3, both in Township 17 North, Range 13 East, Perry Township, 7.078 acres, more or less.

**3. BZA 2017-60:** Petition of Douglas C. Hazelbaker and Martha S. Smith for a Special Exception to have a commercial recreational facility using an existing building as a wedding venue at 5698 U.S. Hwy., 27 South, Richmond, Indiana 47374, A-1 Agricultural District, part of Northeast Quarter Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 2 West, Abington Township, 19.996 acres, more or less.

**4. BZA 2017-61:** Petition of Henry M. and Sadie K. Fisher Holt for a Variance of Use to amend BZA 2013-50, and all subsequent amendments, to have a cold storage building for the storage of lumber and supplies at 8624 Carlos Road, Williamsburg, Indiana 47393, A-1 Agricultural District, Northeast Quarter Section 2, Township 17 North, Range 13 East, Green Township, 11.709 acres, more or less.

BY: Kristen Ward, Chairman  
ATTEST: Steve Higinbotham, Secretary

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### West River Friends Church

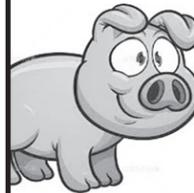
## Pork Chop Supper!

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 - 7:00 pm**



**For More Information  
or Carry Out Orders, Call  
993-0835  
Free Will Offering**

**Menu:**  
Smoked Pork Chops,  
Potato Casserole,  
Applesauce,  
Green Beans  
Assorted Desserts



**Come  
fellowship  
with  
us!**



**10636 Lacy Rd., Economy, IN**  
**At the southwest corner of the  
Intersection of 1 and 35**

### NETTLE CREEK GAZETTE

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# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth Wilson



Elizabeth Wilson, age 86, of Greens Fork, Indiana, died Monday, September 18, 2017, at her daughter's home.

Born March 14, 1931, in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, to Boone Lee and Mary Sue O'Conner Reed, Elizabeth had lived in Wayne County most of her life. She worked as a charge aide at the Richmond State Hospital for 10 years. Elizabeth enjoyed sewing and had made quilts for her children and grandchildren. She loved cooking, growing and tending to her flowers, and playing the organ.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary (Terry) Devers of Greens Fork; son, W. Hershel (Dana) Wilson of Dayton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Louise Gaddis of Harrodsburg, Kentucky; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hershel Wilson, who died on December 18, 2015; son, Ronald Wilson; granddaughter, Kimberly Wilson; parents; sister, Lottie Hockensmith; and brothers, Frank, Johnny, and Nicholas Reed.

Funeral services were Thursday, September 21, 2017, at Mills Funeral Home with Pastor Neal Griffis and Elizabeth's son-in-law, Terry Devers officiating. Burial was in Greens Fork South Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

## Kathy Darnell

Kathy Darnell 66 of Greens Fork died Sunday September 17, 2017 at I.U. Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born March 13, 1951 in Richmond to Richard and Betty Hawkins Heithaus and lived here all her life. She formerly worked as a beautician and at Cinram.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years Dale, two sons Scott and Michael Bergfield, ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild with one on the way, and her sister Carolyn Malone. She is preceded in death by her parents.

There will be no public funeral or visitation. Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Memorial contributions may be given to Help the Animals 2101 West main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.stegallberheideorr.com](http://www.stegallberheideorr.com).

## Loretta Ruth Hatcher

Loretta Ruth Hatcher, age 86, of Richmond, Indiana, died Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Reid Health.

Born December 11, 1930, in Muncie, Indiana, to Gordon D. and Vera Lillian Whitehead Harris, Loretta was a resident of Richmond since 1959. She was a 1948 graduate of Center High School in Perry Township and she earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree in education from Ball State University. Loretta married Jack M. Hatcher on October 12, 1950. She taught for many years and retired in 1996 from Parkview Elementary School after 32 years. Loretta was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Wayne County Retired Teachers, Richmond Ex-Teachers, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She enjoyed reading, taking rides in the country, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Jack M. Hatcher of Richmond; daughter, Susan (Tim) Miller of Richmond; sons, Michael Hatcher of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and David (Jennifer) Hatcher of Lewisburg, Ohio; grandchildren, Lauren Hatcher, Lindsay Hatcher, Haley Miller, and Jake Miller; sister, Jeanette Cook of Muncie, Indiana; brother, George (Sharon) Harris of Modoc, Indiana; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends, students, and colleagues.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter-in-law, Cindy Hatcher; and brother-in-law, Jerry Cook.

Funeral services were Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at Central United Methodist Church with Pastor Tom Ream officiating. Burial was in Earlham Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Central United Methodist Church, 1425 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

## 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's on this Saturday, September 30th for the 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's. The one or three mile course is located at Earlham College, 801 National Rd W, Richmond. Registration is at 9:30 am and the Opening Ceremony begins at 10:30 am.

For more information, contact: Kyle Davern at 317.587.2238 or [kdavern@alz.org](mailto:kdavern@alz.org).

## Frosty, a Jolly Happy Soul

I made my "no puppy this summer" declaration in January after Ali and Kevin asked if they could be married here on the farm. I reminded Steve O that there will always be cute puppies. In the Summer of Improvements, I didn't want to clean up after a pup. When our dog Jack was little, he loved to rip plants out of the ground and give them a good shake. He was particularly fond of sweet basil.

With my very practical announcement, I said "no" to potted plants with shredded leaves, "no" to mysterious holes in flower beds and "no" to poop in the yard. No. No. No.

However, I said "yes" when I met Frosty in March. He was the cutest little ball of fur and I admit to being sucked right into getting gooey over a dog. He slept in the heated garage on a new cushion while the weather was chilly. He was so stinking cute that we sent videos to our kids but when Ali was home in June and met Frosty in person, she said he was not welcome to attend her wedding. Duh.

It's July now and four months after bringing him home, Stephen and I say "No. No. No!" all the time.

Frosty went through a period where he led with his teeth, thinking that every human appendage was puppy fodder. No! Arms are not chew toys.

He is learning to not jump on people when he's first let out of his kennel but he piddles because he's excited to be free. He loves to leap and pounce. Is he attempting to herd us like he is genetically wired to do, as if we were cattle or sheep? Or is he just a puppy with boundless energy? Or both?

In June, he chewed on rat bait when we were cleaning out the log cabin. Steve O knew to get peroxide down him quickly so that his stomach contents would come up. We are grateful to Robin Kurtz for taking care of our dog that afternoon. By the way, that little incident happened the same week we had him neutered. It was a lousy week for this dog.

It's impossible to garden when he's around because he thinks if his people are paying close atten-

tion to something so low to the ground, then that something should be him. He finds weeds a great deal of fun to carry about, depositing them wherever, whenever he gets tired of prancing about. He hasn't fixated on sweet basil but he tromps through flower beds like an ogre.

We take him out to the pond nightly to let him splash about in the water and to "shake, shake, shake his sillies out." Stephen taught him to jump to the top of a pink boulder near the pond. Frosty perches, poised, waiting for a treat or a head rub.

Tonight (July 22, 2017), the three of us were feeding the fish from the float, when Frosty took off at top speed. He ran off the pier and across the dam to the far side of the pond. He stopped and posed. "Look at me!" Then he full-out galloped back to us, trotted down the pier, circled our bench three times and gave a full-out shake, pond water flying.

I was reminded of the feeling that washes over parents when their child is fast asleep and looks angelic. You think "This is love, all right here, all the eggs in this basket."

Agh! Everything I didn't want to deal with this summer is present in this dog. And yet, I cannot imagine how dull our lives would have been without him.

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## Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana's Mobile Pantry

Hosted by: Jefferson Township Trustee Office  
FOOD DISTRIBUTION-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday September 28  
10:00 am - Noon

Hagerstown First UMC  
199 S. Perry St., Hagerstown

NO ID REQUIRED - BRING YOUR OWN BAGS/BOX  
Questions - 765-489-4824



### LEGAL

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Northeastern Wayne Schools that the proper officers of **Northeastern Wayne School Board** have established a Capital Projects Fund and adopted a plan under IC 20-46-6-5.

Ten or more taxpayers in the school corporation who will be affected by the plan may file a petition with the County Auditor of Wayne County, not later than ten (10) days after the publication of this notice, setting forth their objections to the plan. Upon filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will then fix a date and conduct a public hearing on the plan before issuing its approval, disapproval, or modification thereof.

The following is a general outline of the adopted plan:

EXPENDITURES	Dept.	2018	2019	2020
1) Land Acquisition and Development	4100	-	-	-
2) Professional Services	4300	100,000	100,000	100,000
3) Education Specifications Development	4400	25,000	25,000	25,000
4) Building Acquisition, Construction and Improvement	4510, 4520, 4530	800,000	800,000	800,000
5) Rental of Buildings, Facilities and Equipment	4550	50,000	50,000	50,000
6) Purchase of Mobile or Fixed Equipment	4700	350,000	350,000	350,000
7) Emergency Allocation	4900	-	-	-
8) Utilities	2620	122,472	122,472	122,472
9) Maintenance of Equipment	2640	175,000	175,000	175,000
10) Sports Facility	4540	31,000	31,000	31,000
11) Property or Casualty Insurance	2670	175,000	175,000	175,000
12) Other Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2680	156,000	156,000	156,000
13) Technology				
Instruction-Related Technology	2230	100,000	100,000	100,000
Admin Tech Services	2580	-	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>2,084,472</b>	<b>2,084,472</b>	<b>2,084,472</b>
14) Allocation for Future Projects		300,000	425,000	425,000
15) Transfer From One Fund to Another	6010	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES, ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>		<b>2,384,472</b>	<b>2,509,472</b>	<b>2,509,472</b>

### SOURCES AND ESTIMATES OF REVENUE

1) Projected January 1 Cash Balance	50,000	-	-
2) Less: Encumbrances Carried Forward from Previous Year	-	-	-
3) Estimated Cash Balance Available for Plan (Line 1 minus Line 2)	50,000	-	-
4) Property Tax Revenue	2,161,060	-	-
5) Estimated Property Tax Cap Credits (show as a negative)	(7,993)	-	-
6) Auto Excise, CVET and FIT receipts	52,325	-	-
7) Other Revenue	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN (Add lines 3, 4, 5 and 6)</b>	<b>2,255,392</b>	-	-

This notice contains future allocations for the following projects:

Project - Location	2019	2020	2021
Portable Classroom/Northeastern Elementary	25,000	25,000	25,000
Roof Repairs/Northeastern High School	150,000	150,000	150,000
Preschool Classrooms/Administration	100,000	225,000	225,000
Portable Classroom/Northeastern High	25,000	25,000	25,000

## Nettle Creek Senior Center

I have the date for flu shots, October 11th at 9:00am - 11:00 am. Also here at the Center on October 20th we will be having a chicken & dumpling supper from 5:00-7:00 pm. Please keep these dates in mind.

Euchre will be September 29th at 6:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and join the fun and fellowship. Theda and Evelyn won the last two mums. Thank you again Dixie for the mums. Leonard brought us some white cucumbers and said that was the last of them. Of course we ate them. Thanks, Leonard.

Thank you goes out to Peggy, George and Theda for keeping our snack containers full. If I missed anyone who has brought in a monetary donation for food/supplies, A Big Thank You.

We had eleven for Pitch-In Wednesday. A lot of tasty food and good fellowship. Martha was here. She doesn't get to come as often as she used to so we are always glad to see her out and about. Morning Glories were here for their meeting and joined us for lunch on Tuesday. Thank you to them for the monetary donation. It is greatly appreciated. As I have said many times, we need more people to come to the Center. Try it, you just might like it.

Everyone Be Safe & Be Happy.

N.C.S.C. Susie