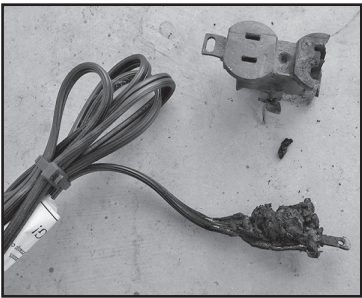


HPD Officer Andor Helps in Arrest

On Dec. 21, ISP requested HPD K9 to assist with an exterior sniff of a semi at the I-70 weigh station. HPD Chief Folkner and K9 Andor responded. K9 Andor displayed a positive indication for the presence of narcotics inside the semi cab. ISP Troopers located a Pringles can half full of marijuana buds inside the semi cab and made the arrest



HFD Reminds Us of Electrical Safety



The Hagerstown Fire Department, along with Greens Fork and Cambridge City Fire Departments, were dispatched to a possible structure fire in Hagerstown earlier this month. Firefighters arrived on the scene to find smoke, but no fire. The picture above is from a space heater that was plugged into an older, ungrounded outlet.

Firefighters would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be careful when using space heaters.



A Note From Cindy Better Place by Cindy Oler

Shazam! What does that mean to you? Perhaps you remember that Gomer Pyle, played by Jim Nabors on “The Andy Griffith Show” and later, on his own show, could drag the word out so that it sounded like “shhuh-zaaaaaam.” Or you might recall a Saturday morning cartoon from the 1970’s. Maybe you are thinking about Marvel comic books, Scooby Doo, or incantations, Harry Potter style.

Shazam is a music recognition app on my phone. Several years ago, I was shopping during spring break and I heard music that had a catchy dance beat. I raced the rolodex in my mind to place the artist but I came up blank. Julie whipped out her phone, opened Shazam and 9.8 seconds later, she had the information I was looking for. It was magic. Shazam! I downloaded the app immediately. By the way, the song was “Timber” by Pitbull and Keisha. While it has a tantalizing beat, the lyrics are not appropriate for my dance classes.

In the past three years, I’ve shazamed (I am using the word as a verb now) tv shows like ‘Grey’s Anatomy’, department store sound systems, radio selections and commercials. I thought about getting my phone out during our granddaughter Ada’s recital because I didn’t recognize the artist singing her song but that would have been poor theater manners. I refrained.

I’ve shared the magical app with my friend Teresa. She’s used it to prove to herself that she’s right about a song title or an artist. It’s like “Name That Tune” for one contestant, who is always right or quietly learns something.

Last night, during “Modern Family”, I was surprised by an engaging commercial. I sat still, just enjoying and admiring the animation. Belatedly, I thought about identifying the music. Commercials don’t usually last more than a minute, but I needed for this ad to keep going because first, I had to run and find my phone. By the time I got back to the tv and opened the Shazam app, the cute song had ended.

I employed my inner Sherlock. Step 1: Using the product advertised, I found the video on Google.

Step 2: I opened Shazam to identify the song and artist.

Step 3: Logically, the next step was checking out the song on YouTube. Bingo! I found a meaningful message with great lyrics, plus a tempo that made me tap my toes. I was inspired to create movement. This one’s for you, my Thursday 7:30 jazz class.

Step 4: I researched the artist on iTunes and decided I liked more than just one song on the album.

Step 5: I logged into Amazon. It was quick and painless. Select, click, purchase. Thanks to Amazon Prime, it has already been shipped.

“Better Place” by Rachel Platten “...And the colors are golden and bright again. There’s a song in my heart, I feel like I belong. It’s a better place since you came along...”

The holidays aren’t always filled to the brim with merry and bright. It’s not all “sparklejollytwinklejingley” (Elf, the Musical). May you each find a better place where your light can shine. Find your people. Let them help you when they offer. Be kind. Walk the walk, not just talk about it. Make your world, our world, a better place.

Happy New Year~
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, 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 three petitions:

1. BZA 2018-01: Petition of owner Kinsinger Farms, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, represented by Byron Kinsinger for a Variance from the Development Standards to reduce the minimum required lot width for a proposed 1.5 acre split around the existing dwelling and accessory building at 11680 Moyer Road, Cambridge City, Indiana 47327, A-1 Agricultural District, part Southeast Quarter Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 13 East, Harrison Township, 58.33 acres, more or less.

2. BZA 2018-02: Petition of owners Benjamin M. Jr. and Anna Stoltzfus and applicant Benjamin M. Stoltzfus for a Variance of Use to do piece work for a shed shop, have a small gift shop and make, repair and retail harness, tack, horse and dog blankets, brooms, lawn furniture and small crafts, all inside a proposed building at 9056 W. E. Oler Road, Williamsburg, Indiana 47393, A-1 Agricultural District, Southwest Quarter Section 2, Township 17 North, Range 13 East, Green Township, 160 acres, more or less.

3. BZA 2018-03: Petition of owners Benjamin M. Jr. and Anna Stoltzfus and applicant Benjamin M. Stoltzfus for a Variance from the Development Standards to a reduce the minimum required setback from the right-of-way for a proposed business sign at 9056 W. E. Oler Road, Williamsburg, Indiana 47393, A-1 Agricultural District, Southwest Quarter Section 2, Township 17 North, Range 13 East, Green Township, 160 acres, more or less.

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

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12/27/2017

Adjustments Could Improve Senior Driver Safety

Nearly 90 percent of older drivers do not make inexpensive adaptations to their vehicles that can improve safety and extend their time behind the wheel, according to new research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Common vehicle adaptations like pedal extensions, seat cushions and steering wheel covers can help to improve safety by reducing a senior driver's crash risk. Seniors aged 65 and over are more than twice as likely as younger drivers to be killed when involved in a crash. AAA urges seniors to consider making the necessary adaptations to their vehicles in order to reduce crash risk and extend the time they can continue to drive.

ommendation by both the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). AAA urges drivers to consult with a trained technician to guide them in making adjustments to their vehicle.

"When an ache or pain begins hindering driving ability, many older drivers are able to continue driving safely after making a few adjustments," says Elin Schold Davis, project coordinator of the American Occupational Therapy Association's Older Driver Initiative. "Occupational therapy practitioners trained in driving rehabilitation are especially valuable in connecting the dots between medical challenges that can

Some of the inexpensive devices that can be purchased and put to use in new or existing vehicles are:

Vehicle Device	Potential Safety Impact
Cushions and seat pads	Improves line of sight and can help alleviate back or hip pain
Convex/ multifaceted mirrors	Improves visibility and minimizes blind spots
Pedal extension	Helps drivers obtain a safe distance from the steering wheel/airbag and optimize visibility
Steering wheel covers	Improves grip for drivers with arthritic hand joints
Hand controls	Allows the driver to perform all vehicle maneuvers and functions without the use of lower extremities

"While many seniors are considered to be safe drivers, they are also the most vulnerable," said Dr. David Yang, executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Our research suggests that most senior drivers are not taking advantage of simple and inexpensive features like steering wheel covers that can greatly improve their safety and the safety of others on the road."

The research brief, In-Vehicle Technologies, Vehicle Adaptations, and Older Drivers: Use, Learning, and Perceptions is the first phase in the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's groundbreaking Longitudinal Research on Aging Drivers (LongROAD) project. Researchers are currently engaged in generating the largest and most comprehensive senior driver database in existence. This critical information will support in-depth research to better understand the risks and transportation needs of our aging population.

For this phase of the study, researchers investigated 12 vehicle adaptations and found that fewer than nine percent of senior drivers reported using any of the devices in their vehicles.

Choosing the right features and working with a trained technician is imperative to safety behind the wheel. Of those drivers who have a device, almost 90 percent reported that they did not work with a trained professional to install the modification, a key rec-

affect driving and the appropriate equipment and adaptations needed to remain safely independent in the vehicle."

Vehicle adaptations also benefit seniors' mental health by extending their time on the road. Previous research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety shows that seniors who have stopped driving are almost two times more likely to suffer from depression and nearly five times more likely to enter a long-term care facility than those who remain behind the wheel.

In the LongROAD study, more than 70 percent of senior drivers had experienced health conditions that impact muscles and bones such as arthritis, hip/knee replacement and joint pains. Some seniors in the study reduced their driving due to these conditions. The installation of certain devices like steering wheel covers can help lessen the impact of arthritis while larger mirrors and assistive devices on seats can help with limited neck mobility.

"It's surprising that more seniors are not utilizing simple and inexpensive vehicle adaptations when you consider the large number who are dealing with muscle and joint conditions," said Jake Nelson, AAA director of traffic safety and advocacy. "Knowledge is power when it comes to extending time behind the wheel, and AAA is committed to providing seniors with the information they need to make sound decisions."

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It's natural to forget about pest control during the winter. It's cold, snowy, rainy or foggy outside. What would encourage pests like mice, ants and spiders to drop by the house for a visit? Houses are generally warmer and drier than the outdoor homes where critters typically dwell. Let's not forget the enclosed sheds, barns and garages that are seldom disturbed by humans during cold weather.

Creatures consider any type of building a better residence than the outdoors and don't care about our feelings in the matter.

Pests have no boundaries

Just like a hotel, some sections of your home are better than others for wintering pests. The inside of interior walls is usually warm and comfy. It's one of the first places pests seek.

Rodents like mice and rats like to set up house in the pantry, attic, and garage. There's more places to hide from household activity, start a new family, and find food to eat. Rats and mice only need about three weeks to produce a litter,

and can start breeding again shortly after giving birth!

Spiders, wasps and wildlife such as raccoons find shelter in the attic. It's the one part of the house that's seldom disturbed by humans and pets. Raccoons can do a lot of structural damage to the roof and vents.

Neither cold nor hot weather has control over termites. The pests gnaw away at wood and other parts of a home without stopping. It's a valid reason to have scheduled inspections by a licensed, reputable pest control service.

Because it's hard to detect an infestation unless you're a pro, inexpensive prevention will save a costly repair. Pest control technicians have more time to look over the interior and exterior of your home during the winter-time. Less appointments are scheduled because:

* Homeowners

are busy planning holiday parties and events.

* Pests that aren't visible are often the last thing on the homeowner's mind.

Technicians will review prior checklists, including problems, treatments, and actions. That serves as a guide while they look for cracks in the roof, foundation, or outside walls that provide easy entry for rodents and other pests.

Wasps and cluster flies may overwinter under the eaves

and any other protected area of your home. Eliminating them before spring decrease the risk of new colonies around the yard and buildings.

Tree limbs, pipes and power lines that lead to the house are other ways pests can reach a home. Pest control techs will explain the various methods available to reduce the threat without harming the family, pets or vegetation.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MEETING OF WAYNE COUNTY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Wayne County, Indiana, that the County Council of said county will meet in the Administration Building, 401 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M. on the 17th day of January 2018, to consider transfers, the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year, and other miscellaneous business.

	Amount Requested
<u>Edit Fund #1112</u>	
Various Expenses	\$10,000
<u>Consolidated Edit #4906</u>	
Various Expenses	\$250,000

Taxpayers appearing at the January 17, 2018 Council Meeting shall have a right to be heard herein. Any additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance, which board, upon receipt, will hold a further hearing within fifteen days at the county Auditor's Office of said county, or at such other place as may be designated. At such hearing taxpayers objecting to any or such additional appropriations may be heard. Interested taxpayers may inquire of the Auditor when and where such hearing may be held.

Kimberly A. Walton
Wayne County Auditor

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