

Community Calendar

Wednesday, January 10
Nettle Creek School Board
Administration Building
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10
Economy Town Council
Perry Township Fire Department
7 p.m.

Thursday, January 11
Hagerstown Optimist
Lumpy's Cafe North
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11
Greens Fork Town Council
Town Hall
7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17
Free Community Meal
Economy Methodist Church
5 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 27
Nettle Creek Food Pantry
New Testament Church
9 - 11 a.m.

January Area Events

• **Veterans Writing Workshops**, 2:30-4 p.m. Jan. 13, Room 912, 912 E. Main St., Richmond. The free workshop helps veterans tell their stories at writing workshops led by poet Brian Brodeur, assistant professor of English at Indiana University East. No university affiliation is necessary to participate. Open to veterans of all ages. (765) 973-8442 or bbrodeur@iue.edu

• **Workplace Wellness**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 16, Morrison-Reeves Library, 80 N. Sixth St., Richmond. Practical and easy steps to cutting back the stress and germs we often face in the workplace. Get tips on how to best use essential oils and other natural items to support the immune system, energy, mood, and overall atmosphere at your job.

• **5th annual Meltdown Winter Ice Festival**, Jan. 23-28, downtown Richmond. Free. The Family Fun Zone is an interactive ice park with various sculptures masterfully crafted entirely from ice, such as corn hole, ping pong, mini golf, skee-ball, a slide and more. Other activities include a frozen fairy trail, paint and take souvenir, chili cook-off, frosty mug pub crawl, art show and food vendors.

Ongoing events

• **Registration**, Ivy Tech Community College, Johnson Hall Room 1202, 2357 Chester Boulevard, Richmond. Registration for the spring semester is currently open and classes begin Jan. 16.

Bridge Construction *Continued from the Front Page*



Reconstruction of the eastbound lane of the bridge on East Main Street has been completed but the westbound lane, right, won't be started until spring. The flat roadway, originally constructed in 1957, is being replaced with an arched structure, visible on the left side of this photo.

The traffic signals will remain in place but are not supposed to be regulating traffic by stopping alternating lanes until after construction resumes, according to LaMar Holliday, INDOT's district media relations director.

People have asked why the new roadway over the bridge has an arch. The old roadway, constructed in 1957, was flat. Holliday said that an INDOT designer told him that, "The reason for the elevation in the

road is to keep the road above flood levels, minimize impact to property owners' drives near the bridge, and depth of the bridge."

The roadway will have two 12-foot lanes with four-foot shoulders, and a 6-foot sidewalk on the south side.

Last March, INDOT had announced that the \$1.5 million project would be completed by year end. Sunesis Construction Co. of West Chester, Ohio, is the contractor.

Economy Town Council Meetings for 2018

Meetings are held at the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department on Poplar Street, Economy at 7 p.m. (unless advertised otherwise)

January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

Greens Fork Town Council Meetings for 2018

Meetings are held at the Town Hall, 12 South Water Street, Greens Fork at 7 p.m. (unless advertised otherwise)

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

WGTV Cable Channel 11

The following public meetings will air live or in replay on Whitewater Community Television's WGTV cable channel 11. For more information, call (765) 973-8488 or visit www.wctv.info. Replays of government meetings are available on WGTV Online, WCTV's Video on Demand site.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

2 p.m. Hagerstown Town Council (from 1/2 meeting)
4 p.m. Cambridge City Town Council (1/9)
7 p.m. Centerville Town Council (1/9)

Thursday, Jan. 11

Noon Centerville Town Council (1/9)
2 p.m. Wayne County Council (1/3)
5 p.m. Board of Public Works and Safety (live)
7 p.m. Hagerstown Town Council (1/2)

Friday, January 12th

Noon Cambridge City Town Council (1/9)
6 p.m. Wayne County Council (1/3)
7 p.m. Board of Public Works and Safety (12/21)

Saturday, January 13th

1 p.m. Centerville Town Council (1/9)
5 p.m. Hagerstown Town Council (1/2)
7 p.m. Cambridge City Town Council (1/9)

Town Council *Continued from the Front Page*

town's oldest brick building with business spaces on the ground level and two floors of apartments above.

Before Davis's group purchased the building in 2016, the building had fallen into disrepair and was abandoned after its previous owner died. Town Council had talked of demolishing it for use as a parking lot.

In other business, the council re-elected Becky Diercks as its president and Brian Longbons as president pro-tem.

It agreed to change its meeting schedule to once

monthly on the first Monday, starting in February. The council has met twice monthly for decades. If needed, the council may have informal meetings, called work sessions, on the third Monday, Diercks said.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at town hall, a day later than usual because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday. Diercks said the meeting will include a work session and a closed-door executive session during which personnel issues will be discussed.

Water line plans to be reviewed

Plans and costs for downtown water line replacement will be discussed during next Tuesday's Town Council meeting.

The council has been planning for water line replacement before Main Street is rebuilt in the next few years. The work will include burying new lines on the south side of the street from Petty to Sycamore, according to Chris LaMar, town manager.

A representative of Kram-

er Engineering is scheduled to review plans with the council. The work would be done in three phases, LaMar said.

Some of the water lines are about 90 years old and have experienced major breaks.

The council also has talked of replacing Main Street sewer lines, electric wires and street lights before the Indiana Department of Transportation rebuilds State Road 38 through town.

Volunteers needed to install smoke alarms

Volunteers are needed to help the local Red Cross and Indiana University East install free smoke alarms in Wayne County on Jan. 15.

Teams of two will be sent out on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to install alarms at more than 60 homes.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, it's important to have enough smoke alarms in each home, because fire research has demonstrated that with today's modern furnishings, fires can spread much more rapidly than

in the past when more natural materials were used.

Thus, having a sufficient number of properly located smoke alarms is essential to maximize the amount of available escape time. For many years, NFPA says smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleep room in addition to requiring them outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

For more information about volunteering or signing up for future smoke alarm installations, contact Dana Mollenkopf at (765) 277-0287.

Hagerstown-Jefferson Township Library

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday:
10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Wayne County Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 6:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month of 2018. The meetings will be held in the Wayne County Commissioners and Council Chambers, Wayne County Administration Building, 401 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374.

By: Kenneth Paust, President
Attest: Steve Higinbotham, Secretary

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 10
Mattie Drew Doerstler

January 11
Nicholas Dale
Betty Allen
Kristi Levi

January 13
Marilyn Wine
Brandon Ramey

January 14
Bryan Blair
January 15
Lillee Sherrow

January 16
Aubrey Andecover

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