

Community Calendar

Wednesday, January 24

Nettle Creek School Board Administration Building
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

Hagerstown Optimist Lumpy's Cafe North
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 27

Nettle Creek Food Pantry New Testament Church
9 - 11 a.m.

Upcoming Area Events

• **4-H STEM Club**, 5-6 p.m. Jan. 25, Morrisson-Reeves Library, 80 N. Sixth St., Richmond. Investigate science, technology, engineering, and math topics with fun hands-on learning activities. Brought to you by 4-H and Purdue. Registration is not required.

• **Reservation deadline for Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District 70th annual meeting.** Meeting is 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at Kuhlman Center, 861 Salisbury Road N., Richmond. RSVP by Jan. 26. (765) 966-0191 ext. 3.

• **Music by Brandon Gibbs of Devil City Angels and Eric Brittingham of Cinderella**, 8 p.m. Jan. 28, Firehouse BBQ & Blues, 400 N. Eighth St., Richmond. \$20 reserved. Stop in or charge by phone at (765) 488-0312

• **Professionalism and Passion: The Arts**, noon-1 p.m. Jan. 30, Room 912, 912 E. Main St., Richmond. \$20 including lunch. IU East Chancellor Kathy Cruz-Urbe will speak about how the arts and her passion and interest in painting impacted and informed her professional career. Lunch catered by Radford's Meat Market. RSVP: (765) 966-0256

• **Blood drive**, 3-7 p.m. Jan. 31, New Testament Church of Christ, 752 W. Main St., Hagerstown. (800) 388-GIVE

• **Comedian Greg Hahn**, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Feb. 2, 4th Floor Blues Club, 923 N. E St., Richmond. \$15. For ages 21 and older. Cash bar available. All the ticket money goes to local non-profit organizations.

• **E-recycling**, 9 a.m.-noon, fourth Saturday, Whitewater Hall parking lot, Indiana University East, 2325 Chester Blvd., Richmond. Co-sponsored by Cope Environmental Center. Paper and old televisions/monitors that contain a tube will not be accepted for recycling. They may be taken directly to the Richmond Sanitary Landfill at 5242 New Paris Pike for recycling.

• **Purdue Extension Offering Lawn & Garden Workshops**, 1:30-4 p.m. Tuesdays Feb. 6-March 13, at the Extension Office. The cost is \$25 for series including free soil sample analysis or a diagnostic sample to be submitted to the Purdue Plant & Pest Diagnostic Lab. Limited to the first 15 paid applicants. (765) 973-9281.

New Water Lines

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Kramer and Associates will also be responsible for running new underground electrical line on Main. "We can't do the water project and electrical together," said Kramer. "It is just not an efficient use of manpower."

Council also opened bids for the Community Crossing Grant, which is designated for installing 60 corner handicap ramps. Five bids were received for paving and six for concrete work. Town attorney Adam Forrest is going to review the bids and an announcement of the awarded individuals is forthcoming.

The next Hagerstown Town Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. It is also noteworthy to remember that council will only meet once a month for the 2018 year. If you have an issue you would like to present before council, please call town hall at 489-6171.

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.

Graduation Levels Soar *Continued from the Front Page*

HHS Assistant Principal John Dawson says it is all about the relationships, referring to many students who do not have personal relationships.

"It's not just from within this building but from that caring person who is watching over their academics," Dawson responded. "The four year plan that Amy puts together for the student is vital. We can catch when a student misses a credit and get them on a plan to recover that credit which allows us to catch them early on so we are not having the issue come spring and they are missing a credit and not able to graduate."

Childs credits Olinger on getting to know the students in ninth grade not only visually but transcript wise. "It includes what kind of diploma they are on course for, what kinds of sciences they are taking or where they are in mathematics. She has been able to create a tracking system so if someone starts to fall off the rails, she is able to come in and tell them straight-forward they are not going to graduate if they do this. Now we can ask how to help them. Would you like peer help, Mr. Backmeyer, or someone else to come in? Is it time management or maybe your coach needs to be made aware of this? It is using all the tools we have available to us."

One such tool is called JAG, which stands for Jobs for America's Graduates. JAG is a state-based, national non-prof-

it organization dedicated to preventing student dropouts among those who are most at-risk. Its mission is to keep young people in school through graduation and provide work-based learning experiences.

Amanda Stainbrook oversees the juniors and some seniors at HHS, facilitating them with employment skills, life skills and helping them get jobs. Federal funding is abundant for this program but Hagerstown is one of the smallest schools that was able to receive a grant.

The high school also has a representative from Communities In Schools returning to help students in life situations to stay in school and graduate. Centerstone, in Richmond, also has a staff member working at HHS. Olinger says they have seen a big change in many of their students because of the Centerstone employee. Centerstone offers a full range of developmental disability services.

"I love when we have a foster child come in and flourish," says Childs when speaking on relationships. "We have had so many more successes than failures. We have over 20 kids arrive here early for archery practice that is led by police officers. Is that awesome or what?"

"We want to take away all the reasons a student might say he cannot graduate. We want to give them hope, constant hope."

What is an Adult Mentor?

The name alone causes people to shy away, thinking they will have to be an expert in Algebra or that they will be faced with some difficult day to day life questions.

"An adult mentor does not need to know everything," said Olinger. "These kids need relationships. Most of all, they need someone they can count on. I would love to have more community members. But it takes a commitment."

Olinger says it can take as little as twenty minutes twice a week to help mentor a Hagerstown student. The school makes contact with the home to make sure it is okay. Mentoring is not like becoming a Big Brother. It simply requires a little time to help keep the student on track.

"It is the follow-through," admits Dawson. "We greatly appreciate what (mentors) are willing to do but we have to have that dedication to time."

Childs agrees. "A (volunteer mentor) can have good intentions but then they start missing. This student has had that disappointment again and again throughout their life. It just perpetuates the cycle."

Olinger says they expect you to give up on them. "In the beginning they will push and check you out to see if you will stay with them. They do not give trust away freely."

Adam Duell is the director of family ministries at the Hagerstown Methodist Church, and a mentor. "I was asked by Amy some time back to help out with the tutoring of a student. When I am working for the church, I will just go into the cafeteria and talk to students and see how they are doing on a daily basis. But with one student, I sit down with every Sunday after church. We will just go through homework, things he is doing in sports, just checking to make sure he is staying on task."

Childs summarizes by saying "we are a very small school but somehow we just live bigger than we are, and it is due to a bunch of caring people like all of our teachers, all of our support staff, but also this community we call Nettle Creek Schools."

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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 8:00 a.m. on the 7th day of February 2018, to consider transfers, the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year, and other miscellaneous business.

Immediately following the Council Meeting, the County Personnel Committee will meet in the Commissioners Conference Room, also located in the Wayne County Administration Building, followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee.

In addition, the Wayne County Council and Wayne County Commissioners will meet in public session on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM to discuss matters and take necessary actions on miscellaneous county business.

	Amount Requested
EDIT Fund #1112	
Various Expenses	\$90,000
Jail Bond Fund #4600	
Capital Projects	\$778,000
Consolidated Edit #4906	
Edit Grant Commitments	\$1,627,142

Taxpayers appearing at the February 7, 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 8, 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 six 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 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.

4. BZA 2018-04: Petition of Timothy C. and Donna S. Hamm for a Variance from the Development Standards to reduce the minimum required side yard setback for a proposed accessory building in the front yard area, 5045 W. Tingler Road, Richmond, Indiana 47374, A-1 Agricultural District, part of Northwest Quarter Section 33, Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Webster Township, 3.0144 acres, more or less.

5. BZA 2018-05: Petition of Dwight A. and Patricia J. Kruger for a Variance from the Development Standards to reduce the minimum required rear yard setback for an existing accessory building in the side yard area, 4630 US Hwy. 35 N., Richmond, Indiana 47374, A-1 Agricultural District, part of Northeast and Southeast Quarters of Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Webster Township, 2.123 acres, more or less.

6. BZA 2018-06: Petition of Elmer S. & Fannie R. Lapp, for a Variance of Use to amend the approval of BZA 2011-11, and all subsequent amendments, to use an existing commercial building to also manufacture lawn furniture and sheds for wholesale and retail by appt., enlarge the outside storage area and expand operating hours, 11939 Robinson Road, Hagerstown, Indiana 47346, A-1 Agricultural District, part of Northwest Quarter Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 13 East, Perry Township, 120.50 acres, more or less.

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 28
Jessica House
Cole Hancock
January 29
Cathy Teague
January 30
Nick Arnold