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Cast in concrete

*Outdoor kitchens leaving
local factory at a fast clip*

By Bob Hansen

It's a far cry from pouring foundations for gravestones to making concrete into outdoor kitchens but that is the path that a local man has taken.

In 2018, Jon Bell and his wife, Abby, bought the former Miller Corporation building at 151 S. Greene St. in Cambridge City. They put a new sign over the front door and rented some space to a California company that needed a Midwest distribution center, J&A Warehouse.

Jon Bell had been operating as JBC since 2008, having started in the concrete business in 2000 by pouring footers for cemetery monuments while a Hagerstown High School student. "I was the only one allowed to pour in seven different cemeteries," Bell said.

Shaping and coloring concrete became his specialty. He made a house from poured concrete. He entered competitions at trade shows. A magazine did a feature story on a basketball court in New Castle that he made from concrete, painting the floor and scoring 6½ miles of lines on it to make the floor look like hardwood.

Then, in December 2018, JBC landed a contract with a company called RTA Outdoor Living (for ready to assemble). The following Feb. 2, Bell and three friends – Chris Doty, Gary West and Mark Schaeckel – moved the



Matt Truesdale, left, and Jon Bell go over a diagram of an outdoor kitchen that will be made for RTA. Truesdale is in charge of the company's casting room. About 80% of the kitchens made for RTA are custom designed. Photo by Bob Hansen



RTA's website includes photos of several completed outdoor kitchens. Supplied

whole operation into the building.

JBC makes all of RTA's outdoor kitchens, pouring concrete into urethane rubber molds that give the exterior side a texture, like barnwood,

stacked rocks, brick and other patterns. They color and custom trim it to fit around appliances such as grills, stoves, ovens, smokers, sinks and even

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This car crashed into a dugout at Williamsburg's youth sports facility after what police describe as a two-county pursuit. Supplied by Claude Reynolds

Cadillac crashes into diamond

*Pursuit spans 2 counties
before ending at park*

By Millicent Martin Emery

Instead of hearing a bat crash into a baseball, anyone near the Williamsburg ball diamonds Thursday evening could have heard a Cadillac crash into a dugout.

The unexpected arrival that damaged a fence and broke apart

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Jason Arizona
Ashcraft

DOT Foods donates \$5,000 to Cambridge City Main Street

Supplied by Jim King

Cambridge City Main Street Board of Directors was very happy to receive a significant donation to the organization, delivered by DOT Foods GM, Randy Templin. Randy and DOT Foods team members indicated with their remarks they are pleased to support the Main Street vision for the downtown district. Cambridge City Main Street is a not for profit organization focused on building and maintaining economic viability through continuous improvement of our downtown.



Randy
Templin



DOT Foods presents a \$5,000 donation to the Board of Cambridge City Main Street, making the Cambridge City company a major sponsor of the organization. Plant Manager Randy Templin spoke of the decision of the DOT team to support the important work Main Street is doing to improve the town of Cambridge City. Some of the Board members are pictured with DOT Foods staff members. From left, Troy Lewis and Ben Allen (CCMS), HR Coordinator Ashley Mays, HR Manager Rinda Kieffer and Templin (DOT Foods), Rebecca Spurgin, Sarah Pennington and Jim King (CCMS). Supplied



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the dugout’s concrete blocks leaves volunteers to figure out what to do next to repair the damage.

Claude Reynolds, a board member for Williamsburg Youth League, urges residents to stay off the diamond until the damage is repaired and the caution tape is removed because of safety concerns.

Reynolds said the youth league’s season is over, so there wasn’t a crowd at the park as there could have been. However, a couple of travel teams practice there and families go there to practice with children, and others go to the creek to fish and swim.

“We are just glad nobody was there,” Reynolds said. “Two weeks ago we had three tournaments going on.”

Reynolds is working with the board to determine if they need any assistance from the community to help pay for the repairs.

How it started

Richmond and Lynn police departments and Wayne County Sheriff’s Office all were part of a police pursuit that began in Richmond and ended on the county’s northern edge.

Police said the 2005 black Cadillac went onto the Cardinal Greenway trail reserved for pedestrians and bicycles,



A pursuit that began on the Cardinal Greenway in Richmond ended abruptly at the Williamsburg youth field. Multiple law enforcement agencies worked to stop and apprehend the suspect. Supplied by Claude Reynolds

often packed for recreational use at 7:30 on a nice summer evening.

The car eventually reached Randolph County and Fountain City before its journey ended at the Williamsburg youth field, law enforcement personnel said.

After crashing into the dugout, 29-year-old Jason Ashcraft of the 400 block of South Sixth Street in Richmond ran away but was soon apprehended by a K9 officer, police said.

RPD’s Major Aly Tonuc said the pursuit began when Ashcraft’s vehicle passed an RPD officer on routine patrol on North West E Street.

The Cadillac was northbound on North West Second, and the officer reported being passed in an unsafe manner at a high rate of speed, with the vehicle beginning to evade her, Tonuc said.

The Cadillac went quite a

distance on the Cardinal Greenway at Union Pike, heading north out of the city. RPD terminated the pursuit because of safety concerns for pedestrians, Tonuc said. She said someone reported being run off the Greenway trail by the Cadillac.

However, Randolph County officers heard about the pursuit and picked it up when the driver came off the trail in their jurisdiction, Tonuc said.

Wayne County sheriff deputies responded to the greenway north of Richmond, but the Cadillac exited before they could intercept it, and it got to U.S. 27, Sheriff Randy Retter said. Lynn Police Department soon pursued the car southbound on U.S. 27 heading toward Wayne County.

WCSO deputies joined Lynn officers in the pursuit as it reached Fountain City, with the car traveling west on Foun-

tain City Pike out of town, disregarding stop signs and traveling at excessive speeds until it came to the T intersection at Centerville Road, Retter said.

The Cadillac continued through the intersection and into the Williamsburg ball diamonds on the west side of Centerville Road, running through a fence and into a concrete dugout before coming to a stop.

Ashcraft then fled on foot from the vehicle toward the Cardinal Greenway trail, Retter said.

WCSO K9 Barry, who was involved in the pursuit, was

ultimately able to apprehend Ashcraft just off the Cardinal Greenway, Retter said.

Ashcraft was taken to Reid Health for evaluation and treatment following the crash and K9 apprehension. He ultimately was released from Reid before being lodged in the jail.

On Friday, Wayne Superior Court 1 found probable cause for Ashcraft to face charges of resisting law enforcement and operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender (Level 6 felonies), and reckless driving, leaving the scene of a crash and criminal recklessness, all B misdemeanors.

Legion jackpot winner



American Legion Post 169 representative John Harrod is pictured with Friday night’s Stars and Stripes drawing winner. Donnie Query picked the winning number, revealing he had won \$203,000. Supplied

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Processes for handling blight vary across Wayne County jurisdictions

About this installment of WWN's blight series

Editor's note: The WWN continues to sort out the complexities and possible solutions to dealing with properties that have been vacant and/or blighted to the point of deterioration. This issue's dive into the topic provides a high-level view of how each government jurisdiction currently addresses blighted properties. Thanks to Hagerstown Town Manager Chris LaMar, Centerville Code Enforcement Gerald Millsaps, Cambridge City Superintendent of Public Works Ken Risch, and Wayne County's Director of Facilities and Development Steve Higinbotham, for your responses. We hope to receive responses from Richmond and Fountain City soon and will share them on our website, www.hmgccity.com.

1. Do you have any blighted property ordinances (more than 1)? What sorts of things do they reference, i.e., grass exceeding a specified number of inches? Overgrown, dead or dropped trees that have been left unattended? Abandoned cars?



Chris LaMar

Hagerstown- Hagerstown's Code of Ordinances has several ordinances in place to deal with blighted properties. Chapter 92 deals with Garbage, Rubbish, Ashes and Filth, Chapter 98 deals with Abandoned Motor Vehicles, Chapter 99 deals with Nuisances such as tall grass and weeds. Chapter 159 deals with Unsafe Buildings and other maintenance issues

Centerville- We have 3 ordinances that address blight problems. 1) Weeds and vegetation that includes the tall grass (although we do not have a certain height requirement in the ordinance, we use 8" - this is the height used in recent court decisions in Indiana), 2) Unsafe Building Ordinance, and 3) Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance.



Ken Risch

Cambridge City- There are probably 4 that I can think of.

Wayne County- No to blighted property ordinances, grass or trees in the first three questions. The term "abandoned car(s)" is not a term we use. We use terms such as "unlicensed," "inoperative," "vehicle parts," etc. These are handled through our zoning ordinance.

2. Could you count or estimate a percent of vacant properties in your community, that are blighted?

Hagerstown- Less than 1% of the vacant properties in Hagerstown would be considered blighted.

Centerville- Less than 5%
Cambridge City- I would say 1% or less

Wayne County- No, we do not track vacant properties that are "blighted."

3. Do you provide aid to property owners unable to keep up with exterior maintenance, before it gets too large to resolve? If yes, please provide contact information and special requirements for getting that assistance, i.e., senior citizen, health compromised, lacking skills or equipment to do the work.

Hagerstown- We have two programs in place to assist with tree removal and sidewalk replacement. Other than that, Hagerstown does not currently offer any financial assistance or aid to property owners who are unable to keep up with property maintenance. In the past, there were IHEDA grants that the town received to assist with these items. Some area churches are very gracious to assist residents with maintenance issues and expenses. The Jefferson Township Trustee has also assisted with these issue as well.

Centerville- Not at this time
Cambridge City- No
Wayne County- No

4. What enforcement efforts, if any, have you utilized in the past 6 months, and how effective have efforts been?

Hagerstown- On average we send out 4-6 tall grass mow violations monthly during the spring/ summer/ fall months. If lawns are not mowed, our employees mow the lawns and we bill the property owner. This is very effective, however, depending on the number and condition of lawns creates a burden on our employees. Abandoned car removal has also been enforced within the past six months. These efforts have been relatively effective.

Centerville- Warning letters to repair building, mow grass and place liens on property; ordered removal of trash from property; demolition of structure; condemn building.

Cambridge City- Sending out letter
Wayne County- We do not have a "blight" ordinance

5. Who is in charge of enforcement - name, phone and email - and is enforcement only initiated by complaints or do you have someone looking for violations and providing citations?

Hagerstown- We have mul-

iple town employees in Hagerstown looking to enforce the mowing ordinance plus we receive some complaints from residents. The weed violation ordinance is enforced by the Town Manager and Clerk/Treasurer, while the abandoned vehicle and rubbish ordinances are enforced by our police department. Our building inspector is responsible for enforcing most of the building ordinance violations, however, depending on the nature of the situation the town manager and town council may become involved as well.

Centerville- Gerald Millsaps 765-855-5515 gmillsaps@town.centerville.in.us code enforcement officer Town of Centerville. Complaints are received both verbally and by officer visual inspections.

Cambridge City- Ken Risch (765) 478-5611 cambridgecity@comcast.net



A far-north Richmond resident reported this house at 2927 Westview Drive in the Fairacres addition burned approximately 5 months ago and nothing has been done. Staff photo



This home at 415 W. Front St. in Cambridge City burned in 2019 and nothing has been done to repair or remove the vacant house. Wayne County's GIS identifies the owner of this property and 413 W. Front, another long-vacated home next door, as Darlene Roberts from Connersville. Staff photo

Wayne County- We do not have a "blight" ordinance
izen complaint, is the complainant identified when you contact the property owner?

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Man escapes partial roof collapse

100-year-old half of building demolished

By Millicent Martin Emery

No one expects bricks to start tumbling from above their apartment onto the street below, especially not at 4 a.m. on a Saturday.

However, upstairs noises began jarring Gary Johnson awake on July 2 at his first-floor residence in Richmond's Historic Depot District.

Johnson said he occasionally heard sounds, and began wondering if an animal or person had gotten into the building at 521 N. D St. that also is home to part of Monger Transfer & Storage. Johnson said he worked for the Mongers 30 to 40 years ago and has remained friends with the family.

Johnson said the company's employees are the only ones who go to the upper floor, so no one was expected there so early, especially during the holiday weekend.

He went back to bed and napped, but eventually had to evacuate.

"I sat on my bed, and all of a sudden, it came down," Johnson said, sharing his experience as he sat in his truck in a parking lot across the street, waiting to learn more about the fate of his home and possessions. "There was a big boom."

Still not knowing what caused the noise, Johnson decided to get out, leaving through a garage door on the



Gary Johnson had to evacuate when the roof on his apartment at 521 N. D St. collapsed. The left half of the building, also owned by Monger Transfer & Storage, was saved. Photos by Millicent Martin Emery

building's west side.

He learned the loud sounds came from a partial collapse of the bowstring roof at the approximately 40x80 building, sending bricks and debris downward.

"I didn't see it until I opened the overhead door," Johnson said. "Then I saw the bricks."

Richmond fire and police departments were called to the scene just before 9:40 a.m., and one of the firefighters backed Johnson's truck out of the garage for him.

"I never thought in a million years this side would go down," Johnson said.

County property records show that Johnson's side was built in 1920. An ad promoted a grand opening for the east side's fireproof storage services in 1930.

Johnson, who has lived in the apartment for a little more

than 10 years, returned there recently after recovering at Reid Health from surgery and then rehabilitation at a nursing home. He said he still has a hard time walking.

"When I saw bricks everywhere, I thought, 'I don't need this right now,'" Johnson said.

The timing of the collapse also posed a challenge for those who quickly had to gather information about insurance coverage and safety conditions as they made decisions about the building's future, when many workers had already begun holiday vacations.

Firefighters went up on an aerial ladder bucket to better evaluate the damage and gathered images with a drone.

Richmond Street Department shut down access to both ends of North D, normally a busy road with traffic heading to and from the Depot District



Richmond firefighters went above the collapsed roof to tear off a covering and help provide more information to Culy Contracting and city officials. A drone went overhead to gather images, which helped determine the need to take down the west wall.

and the nearby post office, for several hours to protect first responders and passersby from debris while the scene was being evaluated.

Johnson's apartment not only was across the road from the Purina animal feed factory, it was next door to Crosstown Carry-Out, which was likely expecting one of its busiest days of the year for customers seeking spirits for Independence Day celebrations. City officials temporarily closed the

shop because of concerns about Monger's west wall potentially collapsing on it.

Representatives from Richmond Power & Light and CenterPoint Energy soon arrived to determine what utilities were connected and/or needed to be shut off. Several city employees arrived to evaluate engineering and building concerns, eventually determining that Culy Contracting should take down the west side that afternoon.

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round-topped pizza ovens made in Italy. Customers can choose countertops made of poured concrete or of marble from Georgia.

RTA got the attention of a show on HGTV network. Tamara Day, who hosts "Bargain Mansions," sent her father and co-star, Ward Schraeder, to Cambridge City. They aired video of the town and the company's products on their show. RTA also has been featured on "Fox and Friends," Bell said. The videos are on YouTube.

In its first month, JBC made 35 kitchens, hand mixing concrete that came in 50-pound bags and pouring concrete pieces on three long tables. The company installed a batch plant, capable of mixing 200 to 1,000 pounds at once. Workers now work at more than 30 long tables that fill an increasing amount of space in the former dairy plant.

Bell has an office staff of two, and they are going to be moving into a larger space in the building.

What started as a venture with Bell and three friends



Isaac Adams works at making corners for an RTA outdoor kitchen. Photos by Bob Hansen

working in a tiny portion of the massive building has grown into a company where 30 workers make more than 10 outdoor kitchens a day. In June, they completed 295 kitchens after producing 182 the month before. Bell says the company's growth is entirely due to the hard work of those employees.

J&A Warehouse is still in business but is finding other space to use for the California company's distribution center.

When each kitchen is ready for shipping, it is custom-packed in plywood that's been stenciled "Proudly Made in Cambridge City, Indiana USA."



Completed kitchen kits leave in packaging stenciled "Proudly Made in Cambridge City, Indiana USA."

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Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble

Gushing hole in water line leads to extensive U.S. 40 road repair

By Millicent Martin Emery

Water shouldn't bubble up from underneath U.S. 40, but it began doing so Sunday afternoon in Cambridge City, rerouting traffic for a few days on the town's west side while repairs could be made.

The town's superintendent of public works, Ken Risch, said the massive water leak was discovered about 3 p.m. Sunday just east of the railroad tracks near Cambridge City Public Library.

The leak was caused by a hole in the 10-inch water line that feeds the nearby water tower.

After hearing about the situation from Police Chief Richard Roberts, he was hopeful it wouldn't be too bad and the town's laborers could repair it. However, his hopes were



An approximate 8" diameter water bubble, about 5" high, in the road quickly expanded to buckle the concrete and turn into a fountain sending water down US 40, Sunday in Cambridge City. Staff photo

dashed after arriving on the scene and seeing the road buckle. He knew the project would require Winchester-based Culy Contracting to make the extensive repair.

Risch said no one is sure about the cause, and it likely won't be known. "It's just something you have to deal with," he noted.

Work is set to begin soon on a portion of Cambridge City's aging water infrastructure, but that section was not part of the areas believed to be the most in need of replacement.

In fact, Risch said while working on Sunday's emergency, crews discovered other issues that will need to be addressed later. Because valves didn't close completely, crews weren't able to shut down the water while the repair was being made. They were eventually able to turn the valves down as far as possible, slowing down the water enough to safely dig.

Risch said he wants to add a couple of valves on that line so it could be shut off if another

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Fountain City residents complain about increasing water bills

By Rachel Sheeley

Four Fountain City residents made complaints about the price of their combined water and sewer bill to the Fountain City Town Council during its July 5 meeting.

All of the residents complained that their bills had increased substantially since the town installed new water lines and new meters, a project that is nearing completion. One customer said his bill increased from \$169 to \$324.

Another couple said their bill showed their water usage had increased from 2,200 gallons to 5,200 gallons and they have not changed their water usage routines nor have they had any leaks.

Tony Foster said the bill nearly doubled at the former service station building which he owns and the only water usage there is the occasional flushing of the toilet.

"We need to get this straightened out," Foster said.

Council members said they would have the town's water department supervisor investigate the concerns. Council members indicated they would be willing to make adjustments to the bills if the adjustments were warranted.

Residents voiced concern that the new meters might not be properly calibrated or that there are leaks caused by the water project construction that haven't been located.

Town clerk Trina McGuire said the old meters were read in person and the readings

recorded by hand, which provided the possibility of human error. She said the new meters are read remotely using electronic equipment which leaves less room for error.

Town council president Shane Shroyer suggested that the old meters might not have been reading water usage correctly and the new, higher readings are the result of accurate consumption readings.

In other business, council:

- Learned that a project approved in April to change the town's streetlights to LED bulbs is finally moving forward.

The town's electric provider, Duke Energy will be installing 83 LED streetlights in the near future. The cost of the lights, energy and maintenance will be \$537.84 per month for 10 years. The town currently pays more than \$600 per month for streetlights.

- Learned the water tower would be drained for cleaning on July 12.

- Approved an amendment to the town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that allows the town to make a donation to the Lions Club in recognition of services provided during the pandemic. The Lions Club helped with mask distribution and also made donations to the police dept.

With that amendment in place, council approved a one-time, \$2,000 donation to the Lions Club, with the stipulation that members of the Club return to council to report how

the money was spent.

- Approved three payments to Kleinpeter Consulting Group of Whiteland, for serving as grant administrator on the water project, work on ARPA funds administration and for a new study that focuses on fixing the streets that will not be repaired as part of the water and stormwater projects.

- And the stormwater project has begun, with work starting on U.S. 27 and moving north to Hartley Street and will follow to Green.

- The street dept. is still seeking quotes for new playground equipment for the park.

- Learned the marshal's Ford Explorer needed repairs, depleting the police department's fund for those repairs.

- Heard from McGuire that the town needs to limit any unnecessary spending from the general fund to keep it from going into the negative before the next tax payment is made to the town.

- Learned town attorney Aubrey Crist has been asked by her law firm to take on another municipality that has its meetings at the same time as the Fountain City council. Crist said the town could end its contract with her and the firm she belongs to or they could continue to work with her, under an agreement where she didn't attend every meeting, but only was present for special circumstances. Council members put off making a decision until their August meeting.

RP&L wants out of state rate review agency

City also OKs bond issue for expanding industrial park

By Bob Hansen

Richmond Power & Light wants to leave the state agency that reviews and approves changes to its electric rates. The RP&L board set that process in motion on July 5.



Tony Foster

Also that evening, the Richmond Common Council approved a bond issue for expansion of a west side industrial park.

During the RP&L board meeting, General Manager Tony Foster asked permission to proceed with getting out of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. The RP&L board approved. Foster will present the proposal to Richmond Common Council on Monday, July 18. The council and RP&L board are the same nine people.

If approved by council by Aug. 1, the proposal would be placed on the November election ballot as a referendum question.

Foster told the RP&L board that utilities regulated by IURC must submit to months-long court-like reviews before changing what they charge customers or make certain changes in operations. RP&L's latest rate case, in 2019, cost the city-owned utility \$837,688.90, he said.

Board member Larry Parker said, "We need to emphasize, when we spent that 837 thousand we didn't spend it, the rate-payers did."

Until 1988, all utilities in Indiana had to submit to rate reviews, Foster said. That year,

state law changed to allow municipally owned utilities and membership-owned cooperatives to opt out. All but seven of the 72 municipally owned electric utilities and all 32 of the state's rural electric membership cooperatives (REMCs) have left, Foster said.


Board member Ron Oler said local rates are always controlled by elected officials – the RP&L board – who are held accountable by voters.

Foster said RP&L would still perform a cost-of-service study before changing rates but would no longer have to spend staff time and legal resources in hearings before the IURC. Being non-profit, RP&L rates are set to cover costs without making a profit.

Before the RP&L board meeting, the Common Council approved a \$3.25 million bond issue for the purchase of 360 acres that will expand the Midwest Industrial Park on Richmond's west side. First Bank Richmond will purchase the bonds.

The plan was to go to the Richmond Redevelopment Commission on July 12 for approval, according to Beth Fields, the city's strategic initiatives director. The Redevelopment Commission recommended adding the land to the city's economic development area, making it eligible for tax increment financing, or TIF. That means the bonds will be repaid from the additional property tax that would be collected as improvements such as buildings are put on the land. None of the overlapping taxing districts, such as schools or townships, will lose tax revenue as a result.

The Common Council's next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 18, in the Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St. The public may attend, or watch live on WGTV.

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Fall ballot grows but not yet full

Candidates sought for 5 school boards, 2 town councils

By Millicent Martin Emery
After defeating a challenger in the Republican primary, State Rep. Brad Barrett now faces an opponent in the fall election. Democrat C. Yvonne Washington is running against Barrett to represent District 56 in the Indiana Statehouse. The Richmond resident is assistant director of the Multicultural Resource Center and community outreach for Earlham College's Office of Student Life. Barrett defeated Mark Pierce in the GOP primary. Political parties had to file paperwork by July 5 to appoint candidates for the general election to fill open spots on the ballot for

township or county offices. Here's an update on additional candidates who've already been added and the filing opportunities that are still available.

8 file to lead townships
Eight candidates recently filed for township trustee and township board positions. Libertarian Cheryl Heacox filed to run for Clay Township board. Five Republicans filed for township boards. They include Mahlon D. Whitaker and Allen J. Wampler (Washington); Ken J. Banning (Perry); Eric J. Davis (New Garden); and Malinda S. Glover (Abington). Two Republicans filed for township trustee roles. James T. Fagan wants to serve Harrison Township and Robert D. Conyers seeks the position in Green Township.

Aug. 1 is deadline for 2 councils
Residents of Hagerstown and Fountain City have until Aug. 1

to file for town council seats. Fountain City and Hagerstown each have one candidate who has filed for the fall

town council races. Karen Sue Bromagem, a Republican, is seeking an at-large seat for
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RCS names new leaders for Dennis Middle School

From staff reports
Richmond Community Schools has announced the new principal and assistant principal of Dennis Middle School. Crystal Cooper has been selected as the leader of the westside Richmond school. She replaces Andrew Graber, who relocated back to his hometown as a result of familial factors outside of his control, a news release said. Cooper comes from Mt. Vernon Community Schools in Fortville, Indiana, where she had served as an assistant principal for five years.



Crystal Cooper

While at Mt. Vernon, Cooper contributed to a multitude of successes that were centered around student learning, the release said, and modeled the district's mission, vision and core values. She received her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Ball State University and her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Oakland University. Cooper also has received numerous awards and certifications throughout her career. As announced at a previous board meeting, Evan Grossman will be Dennis' next assistant principal. Grossman comes from Metropolitan School District of Warren Township in Indianapolis. He received his Master of Arts in Educational Lead-

ership from Butler University and his Bachelor of Science from Indiana University. "We are confident that Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Grossman have the qualifications, skill sets, and experience to build up the legacy of the outgoing leadership team there at Dennis Middle School," Superintendent Dr. Curtis Wright said in a news release. "While we wish Mr. Graber and his family the best as they address familial factors outside of their control, we stand at the ready to provide support to Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Grossman, and the entire Dennis Middle School community."



Evan Grossman

Voter registration deadline

Hoosiers' last day to register to vote in the fall election is Oct. 11. To sign up for the first time, update an existing voter registration record, or check your voter registration status, visit indianavoters.com, or apply at the voter registration office inside the courthouse. Hoosiers can also pick up forms to register by mail at license branches or public assistance offices. For more information, call 1-866-IN-1-VOTE.

Centerville looking into possibility of splash pad

Organizations planning late July fireworks, run/walk

By Millicent Martin Emery
Centerville officials announced they're gathering information about potential costs for a splash pad, approved a late July fireworks display and urged residents to cut down their electricity use during peak hours and check their smoke detector batteries.

Splash pad discussion
During their June 28 meeting, Councilman Jack Bodiker said he's helping look into the installation and ongoing maintenance costs for a splash pad to entertain local families starting next year.

He's also talking with health department officials to gather information and then share those details with his fellow council members, town department heads and residents. Bodiker said once the costs are available, residents likely would be surveyed to gauge their interest before council makes a decision.

Fireworks, movie, run approved
All five members voted to approve community requests for three events in July. John Michael, representing Voice of the Patriots, received permission for a professional fireworks display after 9

p.m. July 23. Locally based Scarrette Pyrotechnics will provide the 12- to 15-minute show after the Summer Freedom Rally taking place at Cornerstone Family Market on U.S. 40 on Centerville's eastern edge, from 6-9 p.m. Council also granted permission for the annual Bulldog 5K run/walk to start at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 30. It will be in memory of Joe Lake. The group will gather at the high school parking lot and then go down Willow Grove, McMinn, School, Mulberry, Elm and South streets before finishing at the school. Those present at the meeting observed a moment of silence in Lake's memory. Lake, 57, died in June 2021 after a battle with melanoma. He won numerous awards and set records for long-distance running in cross country and track while at Centerville Senior High School. Before retiring because of health, he led human resources globally for the Valvoline division of Ashland Inc. And, council approved a fundraiser for Archway Days on July 9 at Maplewood Park. An animated movie called "The Bad Guys" based on a children's book will be shown, and organizers say they hope to offer three movie nights next year if this screening goes well. Council approved closing the road between Morton and First to control parking,



New wayfinding signs are being installed around Centerville that feature various points of interest for visitors and residents. Photo by Millicent Martin Emery

an hour before the screening. Archway Days takes place Aug. 26-27. Police Chief Ed Buchholz also noted that police have been working with CSHS' band program on traffic and other matters as they prepare for hosting the Archway Classic marching band contest on July 16.

Main Street updates
Beth Treaster, Main Street Centerville's vice president, gave several updates. Artists' proposals were due a couple days after the meeting for "a significant artpiece" in the center of town. Main Street successfully applied for two grants totaling \$10,000 to pay for the work, which is to be finished by October. Treaster said the committee is seeking art that brings people to town because it's impressive and also speaks to the character of the town.

Residents might also note the new planters along U.S. 40 as well as mulch at the Maplewood Park playground. Town employees spread the mulch, which was purchased by Main Street. Stephanie Wright has chosen not to seek a third term as the organization's treasurer. Jason Stewart, who recently opened a State Farm office, is the new treasurer. New wayfinding signs are going up around town, helping guide visitors and residents to various spots of interest. Indiana Municipal Power Agency contributed to the cost.

Money and utilities
Council President Dan Wandersee introduced Ordinance 2022-2, related to the additional appropriation of \$291,303.18 in American Rescue Plan funding in excess of the town's annual budget. A public hearing was to take place at 6:45 p.m. July 12 before the council meeting a few minutes later. Town Manager Kevin Slick noted that the Community Crossings paving project has been completed for the year, and town employees are about half done flushing hydrants. Councilman Josh Tudor reminded residents on hot days to avoid using high-energy appliances such as dishwashers and dryers during peak hours when energy use is high for air

conditioners. In addition, Wandersee said a shortage of natural gas means costs are to go up about 19 percent. Duke Energy has started Phase 1 and 2 environmental surveys on the easement that company officials are considering, Slick said. Slick said he's also waiting on a transformer shortage to ease before trying to update the town's utility equipment. He said issues have been found with some transformers being supplied from international manufacturers, and the price might come down when there's eventually a surplus of American-made transformers on the market. Clerk-Treasurer Richard Tincher said the first report for the town's 2023 budget has been filed with the State Board of Accounts.

Check smoke detectors
Fire Chief Dennis Spears asked residents to check their smoke detector batteries. He said Richmond had had a serious fire a couple days earlier, and RFD discovered that the home's smoke detectors had no batteries. Spears also thanked Centerville-Abington Community Schools for donating its old storage building for lawn mowers so Centerville Fire/Rescue could host other area departments for training.

Family returns to find house destroyed

By Millicent Martin Emery

A family recently dealing with a serious illness returned home from a local fireworks display to realize their home and possessions were destroyed in a fire.

Centerville, Greens Fork, Milton and Cambridge City fire departments were dispatched to 9597 College Corner Road in Greens Fork just after 11 p.m. Saturday, July 2 for a structure fire.

On the GoFundMe website she started to help the fire victims, Kelly Lady wrote that her family accompanied their neighbors and friends, the Long family, to the fireworks.

Fortunately, everyone in the Long household (husband, wife, two boys ages 14 and 10, and the wife's mother) went to the show, Lady said. She said the Longs have been dealing with difficult news recently after the wife's mother experienced a medical emergency



Smoke was still rising on the morning of Wednesday, July 6, from the remains of the Long family's home in Greens Fork, which caught fire on the night of Saturday, July 2. Millicent Martin Emery

resulting in an ICU stay and a diagnosis of throat cancer.

The Longs' dogs unexpectedly would not go back in the house as the family tried to leave, which kept them safe from the fire.

Lady said the home had been in the Longs' family for about five generations.

"The first responders were amazing but the fire went so quickly that the whole house was engulfed in a matter of minutes," Lady said.

Centerville Fire/Rescue arrived first on scene, discovering the two-story home was fully involved.

CF/R Chief Dennis Spears said fire crews fought in a defensive attack plan to isolate or stabilize the blaze to ensure it did not get any worse.

Defensive operations are initiated when fire conditions prevent an interior attack, such as when the structure is unsafe for firefighters to enter, and when the fire is beyond the

control of hand lines, he said.

Spears said 24,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire and marked under control. Water was shuttled with tanker trucks from a nearby dry-hydrant location on Mineral Springs Road.

A few days after the fire, Spears said the cause was still unknown and remained under investigation.

No accidents or injuries were reported.

Crews remained on scene

for more than 5 hours and would return several hours later to knock down hotspots.

Cambridge City's volunteer firefighters especially had a hectic evening. They had just conducted the town's annual fireworks display and then headed to fight the fire. The last unit cleared the scene at about 4:30 a.m., and members then began preparing for their annual car show around 7 a.m.

Smoke was still visible rising from the home's rubble on Wednesday, July 6.

Lady said the Longs are overwhelmed by the generosity of the community. She said Red Cross has been amazing with immediate aid, and she is raising money through a GoFundMe page called "College Corner Rd Fire" to help the family afford to rent another home while they wait for insurance to process their claim. So far, \$620 has been raised toward Lady's \$1,000 goal.

Hagerstown agrees to vacate part of alley

Council also approves application for utility planning grant

By Rachel Sheeley

After a public hearing during which only one person spoke about their concerns, the Hagerstown Town Council agreed to vacate a portion of an alley in the 100 block of East Main Street.

The only portion of the alley to be vacated is that adjacent to the business property owned by Chris Conwell at 110 E. Main St. The closure will be between Main Street and the first east-west alley to the north.

In April, Conwell asked council to vacate and close that portion of the alley for the safety of pedestrians who are at risk from speeding traffic.

During the public meeting July 5, just before the town council's regular meeting, Scott Mikesell of Pizza King in Muncie asked several questions and shared his concerns.

Mikesell, who came to the meeting believing the entire alley, not just a portion of it, would be closed was initially against the measure. Once he learned only the southern portion of the alley would be vacated, he offered his support.

Mikesell was concerned that if the entire alley was closed there wouldn't be anywhere for Pizza King to unload the delivery trucks that serve the restaurant there.

"We wouldn't be able to

function if the whole alley was closed, but that is not the case," Mikesell said.

Mikesell did note that closing a part of the alley will increase congestion in the area.

Conwell and Mikesell told council that they have an agreement that allows customers of the restaurant to use Conwell's parking lot if spaces are available.

"Their customers are our customers," Conwell said.

Conwell said he is planning to install a well-marked post to block the alley from vehicular traffic. He previously noted that by closing the alley, and the additional parking in front of his business on Main Street, there would be an increase in parking space available along Main Street.

In other business, council:

- Had a public hearing to receive community comment regarding the town's plan to apply for a Community Block Development Grant to be used for developing a 10-year master utility plan.

A master utility plan would examine the town's water, wastewater and stormwater operations and develop a schedule for improvements, prioritizing the most critical needs.

Monte Polling of Kleinpeter Consulting LLC of Whiteland, Ind., was the only speaker during the public hearing. He said the deadline is Aug. 12 for the town to apply for a grant from the Indiana Office of Community Rural Affairs

(OCRA)'s Community Development Block Grant planning program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Kleinpeter Consulting is recommending Hagerstown seek a grant of \$90,000. If approved, the town will be required to contribute a local match of \$10,000 to the project, including \$5,000 from the town's water operating fund and \$5,000 from the town's wastewater operating fund.

Polling said the town should learn in mid-September if it has been approved for the planning grant.

Town council formally gave its approval for the grant application with a vote during its regular meeting.

- Discussed a proposal from the parks and recreation board to install lighting along the pathway into the park. The parks and recreation board initially wanted to line the path with underground wiring and decorative poles and lights that complement those recently installed along Main Street downtown.

To see if the project could be completed with less expense, they sought a secondary estimate using wooden poles and utility lights. Council member Fred Dill, who is the liaison to the parks board, said the estimate for the wooden poles was less, but those type of poles would require overhead electric lines and pole to ground guidewires that would be a

mowing hazard and a possible tripping hazard.

Council member Brian Longbons questioned whether lighting the path is a necessary safety cost given that the park closes at 10 p.m. and during the months that foot traffic most likely would be using the pathway, darkness doesn't set in until about 9:30 p.m.

"How much is the path used?" Longbons asked.

Council members learned that the parks board could proceed with the project without council's approval. However, the parks board would like to use money in the town's Ruth Dutro fund for the project, but use of money from that fund requires council approval.

After further discussion, council members indicated that the parks board should proceed to develop a full proposal with complete costs to bring to council for consideration.

- Learned that three dogs that were picked up by the town police as strays are costing the town money as they continue to be boarded at a local veterinary clinic because there is no room for them in Wayne County's no-kill animal shelters.

Police Chief Keith Folkner said the usual procedure with stray dogs is to pick them up and temporarily board them with the local veterinarian until the Wayne County Sheriff's Department's animal control officer can remove them to a local shelter.

However, all of the local shelters are full, and the county animal control officer is not picking up animals because they have nowhere to go.

Folkner said the three dogs have been in the kennel for 40 to 50 days and the boarding cost already has exceeded the department's \$500 fund for that expense.

Folkner said the veterinarian has spayed and neutered the three dogs and they are available for adoption.

In the meantime, the situation means the Hagerstown police aren't picking up stray dogs.

"We're going to have to figure out something sooner or later," Folkner said.

- Discussed the need to replace the town's 2002 bucket truck.

- Learned crews will be switching out the old electric meters for new ones. Area residents can expect the project to take six to eight weeks.

- Approved replacement of sidewalk on the north side of East Main Street in the 100 block as part of the town's ongoing downtown sidewalk improvement project.

- Noted that the Wilbur Wright Fly-In will be July 19.

The next council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 1.

Thanks to WCTV for their recorded contribution to this article. For additional information about this meeting and more, please see the WCTV schedule at wctv.info or hmgccity.com.



Just a Milton Minute

By Jenny Pugh

In and around Milton...

- PLEASE NOTE ... MEETINGS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED!
 - Council workshop is Thursday, July 14, at 6 p.m.
 - Regular council meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, at 6 p.m.
- Residents are welcome at all public meetings and workshops.
- Milton-Washington Township Volunteer Fire Dept. is planning a breakfast for the community on Saturday, Aug. 13, beginning at 8 a.m. at the fire station. Free will donation.
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Creeping crud...

The creeping-crud-sinus-coughing-sneezing-icky-ucky-itis has finally crawled back under the rock from whence it came and I am starting to feel better at long last. I can't count the number of tissues, cough drops or squirts of hand sanitizer I have gone through in the last week-and-a-half.

Sniffle, cough, sneeze, blow nose, wash hands. Repeat ... again and again and again!

Ugh!

Once I started feeling better, I saw the humor in my cough drops ... which came with a "Pep Talk In Every Drop!"

Push on!

Put your game face on.

Get through it.

Turn "can do" into "can did!"

March forward!

Dust off and get up.

Get back in the game.

Go for it.

The show must go on. Or work.

Elicit a few "wows" today.

"Wow's?" ... really? I am just trying to breathe without coughing and hacking my head off.

The accidental fish patty...

I recently decided to make crab cakes, or more accurately ... I attempted to make crab cakes.

I found a recipe online, shredded the imitation crab meat with a fork, added an egg (instead of 2 egg whites), a few spoonfuls of mayo and a squirt of Dijon mustard, a sprinkle of salt and pepper, and a healthy dusting of flour ... I didn't measure anything because it was late, I was tired, and I didn't want to dirty any more dishes than necessary.

It soon became obvious that the mixture was not the correct consistency for shaping into patties, so I checked my recipe and then I pulled the empty package of crab meat from the trash can and checked the weight ... 8 oz as opposed to the recipe's requisite pound and a half. It was after-hours and it was the only package of crab meat I had on hand, imitation or otherwise.

I ransacked the cabinets and found a can of mackerel instead. At least it wasn't expired! *Should I, should I ... or shouldn't I?*

I did ... and it still took a bit more flour to get a good patty consistency.

I like crab cakes; I can't make them, but I like them.

I used to like salmon and mackerel patties ... but I think I foundered myself a few years ago, during one health kick or another.

I really dislike the term 'fish cakes.' *Ugh!* Those words go through me like fingernails on a chalkboard.

The word "cake" brings to mind images of decadent chocolate, slathered with thick frosting on top ... and should not, in any way shape or form, be used interchangeably to describe anything with scales and gills.

I added the can of mackerel, finished shaping and cooking the mixed-up patties ... and I still can't decide whether or not I like them. In the end, I wrapped them individually in aluminum foil and froze them in case of emergency. Next time I want crab cakes ... *I will just take myself out to eat!*

According to daysoftheyear.com, May 17 was National Fish and Chip Day, and, coincidentally or otherwise ... June 18 was International Sushi Day, as well as Clean Your Aquarium Day!

Coming soon to a calendar near you ...

August is National Fishing Month.

October 2 is National Fried Scallops Day.

November 1 is National Deep Fried Clams Day.

November 24 is National Sardines Day.

Monday, July 18 is National Caviar Day ... and Shark Awareness Day is tomorrow, July 14.

Sounds fishy to me! --jsp

Western Wayne, EMS service partnering for school safety

Emergency response teams forming, supplies will be placed in classrooms

By Bob Hansen

Emergency response teams are being developed for school buildings in the Western Wayne district and response supplies are being placed in every classroom as the result of collaboration between the school system and a local ambulance service.

Western Wayne school nurse Kim Pattison sent letters to parents and school staff, seeking donations to help pay for 75 backpacks that will be filled with emergency response supplies and placed in each classroom.

Red Line EMS is raising money to buy Stop-the-Bleed kits to be placed in the backpacks, along with a flashlight, basic first-aid supplies, a whistle, dust masks, duct tape, a cell phone charger, a small adjustable wrench/multi-tool, wipes, garbage bags, a clipboard with building diagrams and maps,

water and snacks. The backpacks also would include lists of that classroom's students with any special medical needs.

Pattison said community response has been positive. "We are well on the way to reaching our goal to fund 75 backpacks with the initial supplies needed and the additional 35 Stop-the-Bleed kits needed," she said.

The backpacks cost \$45.98 each and Stop-the-Bleed kits are \$50 each.

She and Superintendent Andy Stover met in June to discuss steps that can be taken to increase classroom safety and preparedness. Along with the backpacks, they agreed to form an emergency response team at each school.

"This team would be trained to help in an emergency to assist the school nurse and administrators or to function in their absence," she said. "We both are passionate for the health and safety of our staff and students and in light of recent situations in our country, know we must do all we can to prepare while hop-

ing we are never called to act."

They contacted Red Line's owners, Travis Ulerick and Donielle Weed, for advice about what to put in the backpacks. Ulerick and Weed will train all school staff on Aug. 8 about bleeding control and how to use the kits. They also will help in a half-day training for the school building emergency response teams.

"We have truly appreciated the expertise they bring to the table to help our vision become a reality," Pattison said, noting that Ulerick and Weed have children in the Western Wayne schools.

Anyone interested in donating toward the backpacks may contact the Western Wayne School office, 765-478-5375, or by email to kpattison@wwayne.k12.in.us or astover@wwayne.k12.in.us.

Funds for the Stop-the-Bleed kits can be sent to Red Line EMS, 774 S. State Road 1, Cambridge City IN 47327 or sent through the Venmo app to Venmo Red-LineRescue, labeled for Western Wayne Schools.

NEWS BRIEFS

Grief support group programs offered

A community GriefShare support group jointly hosted by First Presbyterian and First English Lutheran churches will be available in Richmond from Aug. 18-Nov. 17. There will be a 13-week program plus a special session about "Surviving the Holidays."

GriefShare is a Christian-based program in which grieving people can find healing and hope. It features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics in a video format along with group discussions. Facilitators have each lost a close loved one and experienced beneficial results of the program.

The group will meet from 10-11 a.m. Thursdays at First English Lutheran, 2727 E. Main St., Richmond. For information or pre-registration, contact First English Lutheran, 765-962-5773.

Experts from Indiana Legal Services will be on hand to engage with individuals about their eligibility to have criminal records expunged. They will answer questions about how expungement can help people and how to start the process. They will also talk about how felony records can affect employment. Local community resources will also attend.

The event is sponsored by Ivy Tech Community College, Indiana Legal Services, Legal Services Corp. and United Way. For information, contact Jeff Shafer. jshafer40@ivytech.edu, or Abbie Proeschel, asliger3@ivytech.edu.

Children of veterans can get back-to-school aid

Indiana veteran families experiencing financial difficulties can get up to \$500 per dependent child for back-to-school expenses.

Families can apply for help for children up to age 18 and for full-time college students up to age 23. Students must live in the veteran's home.

Applications for Operation Back to School are available online from the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Military Family Relief Fund.

Completed forms must be returned by Sept. 15.

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OBITUARIES

Wanda M. Boyd



Wanda M. Boyd, 84, of Cambridge City, passed away on Friday July 1, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Milton on January 26, 1938, to Hugh and Ruth (Waugh) Wilson and lived her whole life in this area.

Wanda graduated from Lincoln High School in 1956 and then worked 55 years as a billing clerk at MEG. She was a member of Cambridge City Christian Church and The Easter Star. She enjoyed traveling to the Park County Covered Bridge and Gatlinburg, TN. She loved shopping, her dogs, Ginger and Jack and collecting Boyd's Bears.

Survivors include her daughter, Teresa Muse; son, Jim (Karen) Boyd; grandchildren, Brandon (Jennifer) Boyd, Brittany Huffman, Holly (Mike McGregor) Muse, Shannon (Robert) Brooks and

Nicholas (Justine Paschal) Muse; great-grandchildren, Devin, Austin, Kaiden, Cohen, Koralynn, Saylor, Olivia and Ava; sisters, Joyce Hinsky and Beverly (Leland) Nicholson; brother, Keith Wilson; nieces and nephews.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, James R. "Booz" Boyd, who passed away on November 28, 2006, and her parents.

Funeral services were held on Thursday July 7, 2022, at Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel and burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Cambridge City.

Online condolences maybe made at www.waskoms.com

William "Ed" Willard



William "Ed" Willard, 87, of Hagerstown, passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022, at The Springs of Richmond. He was born on April 10, 1935 in Plainfield, N.J. to Ray and Wilma (Miller) Willard. Ed lived in Moral Township, Shelby County, then Indianapolis, Greenfield and Cambridge City before moving to Hagerstown in 1951. He often said that home is where his hat is and he doesn't own a hat.

After graduating from Hagerstown HS in 1953, Ed attended the University of North Dakota with a football scholarship. He volunteered for the draft in 1954, serving in the Army from 1954 - 1956 (18 months in France). On October 10, 1954 (2 weeks prior to going in the service) Ed married Pat Scott, a fellow 1953 classmate. They were married 53 years when Pat passed

away from cancer. After four years as a widower, Ed married another 1953 classmate Jane Ann (Peirce, Lesh) Willard in 2011. Ed owned and operated E and P Consultants after retiring from Warehouse Division of Dana Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Ann; two daughters, Robin (Jim) Price and Tricia Crawford; 7 grandchildren, Brandon Crawford, Ben Crawford, Brett Crawford,

Cameron Price, Jared Price, Kelly (Gurchiek) O'Donohoe and Chris Gurchiek; 11 great-grandchildren, Mabel, Holden, Vera, Carrig and Joshua O'Donohoe, Lillian, Evelyn, Paxton, Finn, Justine and Bennett Crawford, and his sister Barbara (Bill) Bunger.

In addition to his parents and first wife, Pat, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherri Gurchiek; brother, Dick and a nephew, Bret Willard.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel and Burial was at Jacksonburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jacksonburg Christian Church or American Legion Post #338, 615 W. Main St., Hagerstown, IN 47346.

Online condolences to www.waskoms.com

Linda Jayne (Dehner) Gaddis



Linda Jayne (Dehner) Gaddis, age 79, passed away on June 30, 2022, at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. She was born in Richmond, Indiana on June 6, 1943, to Raymond and Marcella (Crosby) Dehner. She graduated from Richmond High School in 1961, earned her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1966 and a Master of Arts in Education in 1974 from Ball State University. Linda was employed for 40 years at Western Wayne Schools where she planned and implemented the first Speech and Language program in the district. She married David Mark Gaddis on June 7, 1969, and together they had three amazing children.

She was a member of various professional organizations and an active member of Richmond Catholic Community. First and foremost, Linda loved her family fiercely and unconditionally. She especially cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed family gatherings and traveling. Linda was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and

friend. Those who were fortunate enough to know Linda were aware that her kindness, support, and loyalty extended beyond her family. Linda was strong, resilient, and persevered throughout her life. She will be dearly missed by many.

"We grieve because we love. How lucky we are to have experienced that love." Left to cherish her memory is her husband, David; children Lisa, Amy (Chris), Kyle (Jackie); grandchildren Emma, Harper, Kathryn, and Ella; brothers Dr. Thomas (Marlene) Dehner, Dr. Jerry (Marilyn) Dehner, best friend and sister Karen Clarke. She is also survived by brothers-in-law Robert

(Carolyn) Gaddis, Jay Smith, and many loved nieces and nephews. Additional special family members include Mary Eileen Fritz, Lucas (Anadéli) Camargo and Andre Camargo. We would be remiss if we did not include Millie, her steadfast four-legged companion.

Linda is preceded in death by mother Marcella Dehner, father Raymond Dehner, half-brother Paul Dehner, father and mother-in-law Harold and Ruth Gaddis, brother-in-law Tom Clarke, and sister-in-law LouAnn Smith.

Liturgy of Christian Burial was held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday July 7, 2022, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Richmond, Indiana. Father Todd Riebe officiated. Burial followed in St. Andrew Cemetery. Visitation was held from 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Linda's name to the Multiple Sclerosis Society at <https://mssociety.donordrive.com/campaign/Linda-Gaddis-Memorial-Fund>.

Michael R. Wilson



Michael R. Wilson, 71, of Centerville, passed away on Friday, July 1, 2022, at Ambassador Health Care. He was born on January 29, 1951, in New Castle to Grover R. and Kathleen V. (Kinnaman) Wilson and lived most of his life in this area.

He was a 1969 graduate of Lincoln High School and received his Bachelors degree from Ball State University. Mike had worked as the Director of Public Relations at Wernle Children's Home in Richmond. Following his passion for music he worked for many years as a Brass Instructor and Show Designer at several high schools, including Winchester, Centerville, Hagerstown, Anderson and Angola. He was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Richmond. In addition to music, Mike was an avid sports fan, but he especially loved Indiana Uni-

versity teams.

Mike is survived by his son, Brad Wilson; a brother David Wilson and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel and burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Cambridge City.

Online condolences may be made at www.waskoms.com

William (Bill) Byron Stratton



William (Bill) Byron Stratton, 74, of Ft. Wayne, died Monday, May 30, 2022.

William was born July 29, 1947, to Paul and Betty Stratton in Hagerstown, Indiana.

He was employed by various employers including working in finance, car sales, and insurance adjustments. He retired in 2005. He enjoyed working with people. He also enjoyed golf, traveling all over, spending time with his family and NASCAR.

William is survived by his wife (of nearly 31 years) Mary Stratton, Children: Beth (Daniel) Hamilton, Meredith (Ken) Trainer, Sue (Andy) Keller, Jeremy (Missy) Westafer, Amanda (Jake) Felkner and Katherine (Phil) Turcotte.

Grandchildren: Morgan and Paige Keller, Lillian and Adara Hamilton, Taylor Westafer, Cameron Trainer and Samantha Hake, Riley and Cain Felkner. Sister: Susie (Jim) Suman.

William was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Betty Stratton and grandson Wesley Trainer.

Linda Lou George

Pershing - Linda Lou George, 81, passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Sunday morning, July 3rd, 2022.

Linda was born on May 30th, 1941, in Beech Grove, Indiana to the late Maurice and Ruth (Crute) Pyle. Linda grew up in Indianapolis and moved to the Cambridge City area in 1962. She married the love of her life, Paul R. George Sr., spending her days as a homemaker and loving mother to her children.

Linda is preceded in death by her husband on August 7th, 2004; one sister; three half-broth-

ers; and one grandson.

Linda is survived by her six children, Julie Leeth of Franklin, Joe George of Columbus, Kelly George of Richmond, Penny George of Centerville, Patrick George Blythewood, South Carolina, and Mindi George of Blythewood, South Carolina; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Linda's cremation has been entrusted with Marshall & Erlewein Funeral Home Dublin, Indiana. Her wishes are to be memorialized privately. Online condolences can be made at www.marshallanderleweinfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Eugene 'Gene' Berry

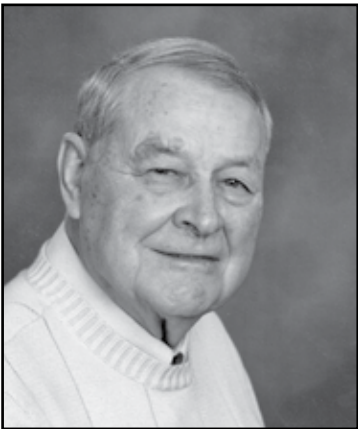
Donald Eugene “Gene” Berry died in his sleep Wednesday evening, July 6, at Friends Fellowship Retirement Community. He was 96 years old.

A lifelong resident of Wayne County, he worked for 37 years for Wayne Dairy, rising from a milkman, delivering door-to-door, to be manager overseeing relationships with dairy farmers.

He retired with his wife, Norma Jean (Ramey) Berry, to the small farm near White-water where he had grown up. The love they put into the farm, with its sweeping fields, colorful flowerbeds, and the new home they built there, was exceeded only by the love they shared for each other, and the many friends and family whose lives they touched.

Those relationships went onto sustain Gene when Norma died of cancer in August 2000.

Gene was a long and active member of West Richmond



Friends Meeting. He was introduced to the Meeting by Norma. They were married there in June 1950.

He was a 1943 graduate of Whitewater High School. He attended Earlham College in 1944-45 and served in the U.S. Army from 1945-46.

He is survived by two sons, Steve, of Rockville, MD (Otilia Fernandes), and Jon, who lives in the Catskills in NY (Fara Warner); two grandchildren, Joel and Flynn; three great-grandchildren; two

brothers, Robert, of Annapolis, MD, and Larry, of White-water; and many nieces and nephews, and their children and grandchildren, to whom he was their gentle, beloved “Uncle Gene.”

In addition to Norma, he was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Clara Berry, and a brother, William Berry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to West Richmond Friends Meeting and Earlham College, where Norma worked for many years.

A memorial service will be held Labor Day weekend at West Richmond Friends Meeting. Details will be forthcoming.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.smithmcquistonwebster.com.

Alan D. Bowman



Alan D. Bowman, 60, of Cambridge City, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at his home.

He was born in New Castle on October 24, 1961 to Howard J., and Marilyn J. (Vallandingham) Bowman and lived his entire life in this area. Alan, or “Big Al” as his friends called him, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1980. He owned and operated his own trucking firm as a long haul driver. Alan had a very selfless personality, always putting other’s needs ahead of his own.

Survivors include his son, Jacob A. (Jayden) Bowman; daughter, Chelsey R. Bowman; grandchildren, Kyndal, Kaitlyn and Ava.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 21 years, Lyn M. (Gib-

son) Bowman, who passed away on September 14, 2015; and his sister Barbara Bowman.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel in Cambridge City. Steve Cox officiated and burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.waskoms.com

James Lee Taylor

RICHMOND, Ind. - James Lee Taylor, 76, passed away at Brickyard Healthcare - Golden Rule Care Center on Monday afternoon, June 27, 2022.

Born on September 23, 1946, Jim was the son of Robert and Ruth Whitton Taylor. He lived most of his life in Abington, with his wife Catherine Nocton Taylor. They were married on July 11, 1970, and together celebrated almost 52 years.

A member of the Abington Township Volunteer Fire Department for many years, Jim enjoyed listening to music and loved many outdoor activities such as hunting, four-wheeling, and producing plentiful gardens when his health allowed, however, fishing always topped his list.

He was famous for providing family and friends with a fish fry featuring catfish and often mushrooms after a good hunt.

For over 40 years, he worked for the same business that had several names, including Wallace Sheet Metal, Johnson Sheet Metal, Premdor, and Masonite.

He is survived by wife, Catherine Taylor; daughters, Rebecca (Don) Tincher and Kimberly (Gary) Jenkins; sons Christopher (Jennifer) Taylor and Michael (Brandi) Taylor; grandchildren Ryan Tincher, Michael Jenkins, Peter Jenkins, Jacob Jenkins, Taylor (Carter) DeWitt, Ian Taylor, Seth Taylor, Jordan (Jessie) McCaslin, Zach (Kristin) McCaslin, A.J. Taylor (fiancé Emma), Alexys Taylor and Aiden Taylor. He also leaves behind



great-grandchildren; many cousins; nieces; nephews; lifelong friends; and fishing buddies.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, sister Joyce (Louie) Chaney and brother William E. "Bill" (Jane) Taylor.

Per Jim’s request, arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home with no services, but a possible memorial gathering is being planned for a later date. The family would like to thank SouthernCare Hospice and his favorite employees at Brickyard Healthcare - Golden Rule Care Center for the care and love he received, especially Brandy, Jessica, Ann, Tammy and Suzi.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be sent to the Abington Township Volunteer Fire Department, 4618 Pottershop Road, Centerville, IN 47330. The family would like to thank those volunteers who provided Jim with help and assistance on many occasions day and night.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Albano, Florence J., 98, died July 1. Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home, Richmond

Allen, Gary, 66, Lynn, died June 30. Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Lynn

Anderson, Bonnie Roberta, 78, Richmond, died July 2. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond

Bennett, Freida Lucile Teegarden, 84, formerly of Connersville, died July 4. Urban Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville

Blair, America Louise, 70, Connersville, died July 6. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, Connersville

Burns, Sharon Kay, 73, Rancho Cucamonga, California, who graduated from high school in Liberty, died July 4. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, Connersville

Clevenger, Donald V. "Don," 97, Liberty, died July 6. Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Liberty

Cromer, Thomas Charles Sr., 76, Richmond, died June 30. Community Family Funeral Home, Richmond

DiGenova, Aaron R., 85, Richmond, died July 8. Mills Funeral Home, Centerville

Evans, Jack, 86, Richmond, died July 1. Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home, Richmond

Evans, Violet "Judy" Louise, 70, died July 2, Community Family Funeral Home, Richmond

Evatz, James A., 74, New Paris, Ohio, died July 4. Barnes Funeral Home, New Paris

Fleenor, Alice Jean (Vaught) 87, Richmond died July 3. Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home, Richmond

French, Angela, 55, Connersville, died July 7. Urban Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville

Fry, Bonnie Lu, 83, Modoc, who attended high school in Lynn and formerly lived in Straughn, died July 2. Marshall & Erlewein Funeral Home, Dublin

Fultz, Glenn Wayne, 75,

Webster, died July 2. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond

George, Linda Lou, 81, Pershing, formerly of Indianapolis, who has family in Centerville and Richmond, died July 3. Marshall & Erlewein Funeral Home, Dublin

Handley, Donald Eugene, 86, Indianapolis, who formerly worked in Richmond, died June 24. Neptune Society, Indianapolis

Handy, Cynthia "Cindy," 63, Connersville, died July 4. Urban Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville

Herron, Florence L. "Marty," 79, died July 2. Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary, Richmond

Hickle, Linda Sue, 65, Eaton, Ohio, died July 9. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond

Hicks, Amy Dean, 55, Brownsville, died July 6. Community Family Funeral Home, Richmond

Hunt, Barbara L., 95, died June 29. Smith-McQuiston & Webster Funeral Home, Fountain City

Hyden, Tina Marie, 60, Connersville, died July 4. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, Connersville

Keister, John Edward, 57, Lynn, died June 23. Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Lynn

Ledington, Leah, 63, Connersville, died June 30. Urban Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville

Lindsey, Carl Bradley "Brad" Jr., 76, Richmond, died July 1. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond

Longnecker, Judith Ann (Quick), 79, Lynn, died July 3. Walker Funeral Home, Winchester

Mengedoht, John Alvin, 57, Connersville, died July 5. Urban Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville

Mikesell, Donald Lee, 94, Richmond, died June 30. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond

Murrah, James Owen, 80, died June 27. Riggle-Walter-

mann Mortuary, Richmond.

Nelson, Lorrean L., 75, died July 6. Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary, Richmond

Owens, Candace "Candy" L., 67, College Corner, Ohio, formerly of Connersville, died July 4. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, Connersville

Riggs, Deborah Ruth, 69, New Castle, died July 7. Sproles Family Funeral Home, New Castle

Riley, Debra Sue (Goodwin), 64, died June 29. Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary, Richmond

Sebree, Amy Elizabeth, 36, Indianapolis, formerly of Connersville, died July 2. Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Connersville

Simon, Janet Kay, 69, Brookville, Ohio, formerly of Eldorado, who had worked in New Paris, died June 23. Barnes Funeral Home, Eaton

Spencer, F. Glenn, 86, Eaton, Ohio, died July 5. Barnes Funeral Home, Eaton

Stomm, Ronnie Earl, 63, Losantville, died July 5. Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown

Tapley, Bessie Marie, 94, New Castle, died July 1. Sproles Family Funeral Home, New Castle

Thalls, Michael R., 84, New Castle, died July 8. Hinsey Brown Funeral Service, New Castle

Wells, James L., 91, Richmond, died June 30. Stegall-Berheide-Orr, Richmond

Welsh, Michael Anthony, 63, Connersville, died July 4. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, Connersville

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When power fails, everyone at RP&L pitches in

Technology, continual improvements, system knowledge help restore electricity

By Bob Hansen

When a powerful late afternoon windstorm on June 13 took out electrical power to much of Richmond, everyone at Richmond Power & Light knew it before messages from startled customers started coming in.

The city-owned utility's 90-plus employees scrambled to restore electricity in a darkened city. They followed plans and procedures put in place for such emergencies, aided by communications technology that pinpointed every outage and showed when power came back on. Ongoing system improvements kept the problems from being worse.

System operator Steve Glover took the helm at RP&L's office, 2000 S. U.S. Highway 27, dispatching crews of linemen and monitoring progress from the Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition room – the operations center. He monitored the damage on five computer screens and walls made into maps of the city with red and green blinking lights and he dispatched line crews to start restoration.

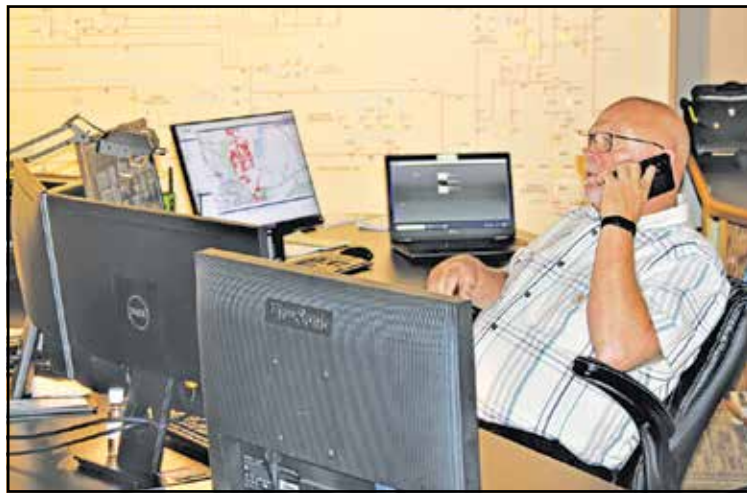
On a typical day, SCADA shows how much electricity is being generated from the six solar power sites in the city (about 25% of the city's total supply on a sunny day) and how much is coming in from two regional electrical providers. It shows how much is moving through each substation. It shows where RP&L crews are working and where a homeowner or business has temporarily shut off power for their own electrical work.

It also provides system redundancy. For instance, if power goes off to the region's major healthcare facilities, the system reroutes it to be delivered through lines from a back-up substation.

As a result, RP&L has a reliability rate of more than 99.99%. At the end of May, the year-to-date rate stood at 99.9965%.

But on June 13, a windstorm that lasted less than an hour felled trees all over the city and destroyed 25 power poles and an industrial transformer. General manager Tony Foster said that restoring power to every customer took several days and required mutual aid assistance from three other municipal power companies.

Everyone at the utility shifted into response mode. Those who had ended their shifts came back to work. All RP&L employees, said Foster, have their



RP&L System operator Steve Glover talks on the phone with someone at Reid Health during a power outage on July 7. During the 20-minute outage affecting a substation that serves areas along Chester Boulevard, RP&L automatically rerouted electricity to the hospital through a second substation. Glover monitored and directed power restoration from the power company's control center. Photo by Bob Hansen

regular jobs and are trained for another job during emergencies like the windstorm.

A 36-year veteran at RP&L, System Operator Glover spent 20 years as a lineman before coming inside. His on-the-ground knowledge of the power system is invaluable as he directs the linemen.

Following RP&L's established restoration procedures, the crews first worked to remove downed power lines from roads and yards. Then, they checked and restored power to substations and repaired any damaged distribution lines coming out of substations. Next, they repaired lines feeding large groups of homes and, finally, repaired lines going to single homes.

Line crews worked long hours. At the July 5 RP&L board meeting, Foster spoke of crews that worked into the night and had to be told to go home, but then returned early on June 14 to go again. He showed photos of crew members eating from boxes instead of going home for lunch.

Ralph Bane, RP&L's meter superintendent, had gone on vacation. Several states away, his cellphone alerted him and showed red dots all over a map of Richmond, the same information that Glover had on five computer monitors and two large wall-mounted video screens in the operations center. Bane immediately started answering emailed inquiries

from RP&L customers about what was going on and how soon the power would be restored. He even took a call from the county Emergency Management Agency and could report on the outage from where he was.

RP&L engineers went out with crews from other utilities to guide them around the city. That way, RP&L crews could concentrate on restoring power instead of taking out-of-town crews to worksites.

Foster's assistant, Mary Stephens, and her assistant, Rhonda McClure, stayed busy posting updated information on social media and responding one-on-one to instant messaging from worried customers, using the mobile app SmartHub. Most customers, they said, are understanding as long as someone from RP&L communicates with them about what's being done to address the emergency. After initial assessment, Stephens and McClure can often share estimates of how long power will remain off to specific addresses.

Technology pinpoints every outage, but Glover knows what needs to be done to restore power to the largest number of customers the quickest. Sometimes, he said, it might take a crew longer to restore power to a single house than it does to a neighborhood with 100 houses. The power company prioritizes service to the 100.

His system knowledge showed during a power outage that occurred on July 7 during interviews for this article. Glover recited from memory a list of Chester Boulevard businesses that had been affected. His screen showed about 270 customers without power. He directed crews of linemen who restored power to about 170 customers in 20 minutes and to the rest about 10 minutes later.

Phone calls used to be the main way RP&L found out about power outages. Now, alerts come from "smart meters" that report their status back to headquarters.

"As the meter is going off, in its dying breath it sends us a message," Glover said. Red dots show up on Glover's screens.

The smart meters are part of a system called Tantalus Advanced Metering Infrastructure. Just under half of the city's meters are connected. Within the next four years, plans call for replacing the rest of RP&L's 21,000 meters with them, Bane said.

Foster said that RP&L, through its related utility called Parallax, had built rings of fiber optic cable throughout Richmond during the past 25 years. Those lines enable the city to utilize advanced communication systems. Parallax, which had also been an internet service provider, is now a department within RP&L.

Along with advanced technology, RP&L has a continual improvement program aimed at reducing outages, Foster said. Three employees and hired contractors work to cut

brush and trees away from power lines. RP&L has a program of routine maintenance and uses thermal imaging to help detect problem areas.

It also tracks outage locations and causes. Squirrels, Glover said, are the largest single cause of outages both locally and nationally, either by chewing through lines or otherwise causing short circuiting. RP&L puts plastic critter guards on exposed parts of the system, but they aren't 100% effective.

So, while RP&L can't control natural disasters, it does what it can to mitigate damage and respond quickly and efficiently to get power back to homes and businesses.

Mobile app is preferred method for reporting outages

RP&L prefers that customers report outages with a mobile app called SmartHub. The app also gives updates on outages and notifies customers when power has been restored to their location. It allows customers to pay their bill remotely and monitor their power usage.

Traditional phone calls to 765-973-7200 also work for reporting outages, but RP&L's phone lines can become overburdened. After-hours calls to RP&L are answered by a service that relays information to the utility.

Customers should not call 911 to report power outages. That number is for police, fire, ambulances and other emergencies.

For updates on power outages, visit RP&L on Facebook or monitor through Twitter.

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Blight (Continued from page 3)

Hagerstown- When acting on a citizen complaint, the complainant is not identified.

Centerville- They are not released as a normal process. Usually, an officer confirms the complaint and verifies it before contact is made with the owner of the property.

Cambridge City- Not the name of the person making the complaint just that there have been complaints.

Wayne County- As above (we do not have a blight ordinance).

7. How much time do you allow for vacant properties with fire damage?

Hagerstown- We have been very fortunate to only have had a handful of houses with fire damage over the past 10-15 years. This can be a tough issue to deal with depending on several variables such as the extent of damage, fire investigation, location of structure (potential damage to adjacent property or injury to pedestrians) and homeowners insurance issues. We do not have an ordinance in place which specifies that structures be demolished, but typically it is only a matter of weeks.

Centerville- We give then 30 days to provide a plan to remove or repair property. If property is a hazard could lead to immediate removal.

Cambridge City- I'm not sure if we have anything that states that.

Wayne County- See below for further information.

8. What are your biggest challenges in dealing with blighted property?

Hagerstown- Absentee landlords. We have a handful of rental property owners that reside in other states. Some of them have probably never physically seen the poor condition of the houses they are renting out. Some of them simply don't care. We have other blighted properties that are inhabited by good intentioned people that cannot afford the maintenance that needs to be performed on their homes.

Centerville- Finding funding for removal of blighted structure(s).



Wayne County's Geographic Information System shows the property at 1780 S. Germantown Road is in the name of Norbert and Thelma Meer. Thelma Meer's obituary says she died in 2014 and Norbert died in 1985. Residents can learn more about homes at <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/?site=WayneCountyIN> Staff photo

Cambridge City- Finding the dollars to tear a building down.

Wayne County- Resources, both in funds available and having enough staff to dedicate to this. Determining ownership of a property is sometimes challenging. Often times, a property is owned by an LLC, and out of state person or company, through a contract purchase, or an out of state bank. In most of these instances it is difficult to get a responsive result from the owner.

9. Other information you would like citizens to know

Hagerstown- Generally speaking, the Hagerstown real estate market is strong enough that houses are in demand and we are fortunate to have little blight. As Hagerstown Town Manager, I often hear compliments from visitors to our community about how well maintained our residents' properties are.

Centerville- N/A

Cambridge City- N/A

Wayne County- Wayne County Government, through its Planning and Zoning Department, Building Commission, and Health Department handled unsafe buildings and properties. Statutorily, we address building code issues and unsafe structure issues through our Unsafe Building Ordinance. By statute there are a number of steps we

must take before we can remedy an unsafe situation, unless there is an immediate danger to life. Specifically, to the question of "fire damaged" properties, it depends on the amount of fire damage, and the time it takes for insurance companies to assess the loss and effect repairs. Other issues such as junk cars, junk, discarded items, this is generally handled through our zoning ordinance and enforced through the Planning and Zoning Department.

For the purpose of your story, it is important to understand jurisdictions. Wayne County Planning & Zoning does not have jurisdiction in the incorporated towns, nor does it have jurisdiction in the 2 mile fringe areas of Hagerstown, Cambridge City, Centerville, and Richmond. Our Unsafe Building Ordinance is not applicable to any incorporated community.

The Health Department can deal with unsanitary living conditions throughout the county.

Township Trustees have jurisdiction over noxious weeds within their respective townships. Noxious weeds, e.g., Canadian Thistle, Johnson Grass, etc.

A closer look at 1 home

Western Wayne News identified a property that has been vacant for several years and is blighted at 1780 S. Germantown Road - photo above. We

posed the question about whose jurisdiction blight issues fall to in this house south of East Germantown to Steve Higinbotham, director of facilities and development for Wayne County government.

His response follows.

"This is probably a good example of what I was referring to in my answers. In fact, this particular property has had multiple issues previously and I'll give you a brief summary of the actions taken in 2011.

It is Cambridge City's zoning. They dealt with the junk cars and the number of cats being fed in the house and on the property. The number of cats raised it to the level of being defined as a kennel.

It is Wayne County's Unsafe Building. We dealt with the fact the house was not being lived

in and had open windows and doors making it an "attractive nuisance" to animals and to intruders. We also made them remove the trash from around the house.

It is the Wayne County Health Department's health issues. The Health Department required proof the septic system was viable, and they investigated the health conditions "inside" the house that, at the time, was filled with cat urine and feces.

The Wayne County Sheriff was also called to investigate possible cruelty to the animals.

I don't see in the file though, but if the yard has noxious weeds, as defined by statute, the Township Trustee would have jurisdiction to make them cut them or have them cut.

But in this case, the property is in the unincorporated part of the county and Wayne County does not have a weed ordinance.

And you can see the resources it takes to address just one complaint such as this. We also had complaints on this property in 2007, similar complaints, junk cars, trash, etc."

The WWN will continue to report on blighted properties in Wayne County and will dig deeper to educate residents about the issues surrounding the blight fight. Thanks to Hagerstown, Centerville, Cambridge City and Wayne County for your responses.

The same questions were sent to the City of Richmond on July 5, and we have confirmation they were received. When we receive them, they will be placed on our website at www.hmgccity.com. There was no response from the Town of Fountain City. Should they respond, these will also be placed on our website.



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Bands' skills to be tested early at Archway Classic

By Rachel Sheeley

Fans of high school marching bands on the path to Indiana State Fair Band Day can again pack the stands for competitions, including the first of the year, the Archway Classic at Centerville High School.

"We are very happy that all COVID restrictions have been lifted," said Julie Gibbons of the Centerville Music Boosters.

That means a full crowd in the grandstand, students on the field to receive awards and a full menu at the booster-operated concession stand including the hamburgers and hot dogs the Centerville group has become known for.

Last year, the Central Indiana Track Show Association, which oversees all of the contests preceding Indiana State Fair Band Day, limited the number of fans who could be



Centerville band members gather before the 2021 Archway Classic competition, which is hosted by Centerville Music Boosters on the school's grounds. File photo by Jordan Auker

in the stands and announced all awards in virtual ceremonies.

This year, Archway Classic's competition field is expected to include 14 bands. Performances begin at 7 p.m. with Lincoln and continue with Sheridan, Blackford County, Yorktown, Decatur County, Union County and Northeastern, the final performer before

the break at 7:54 p.m.

The contest continues at 8:23 p.m. with Winchester, Richmond, Jay County, Centerville, Muncie Central, Montgomery United and Anderson.

Awards are projected to begin at 9:41 p.m. In 2021, Muncie Central finished first at the Archway Classic. Jay County was second; Winchester, third;

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Northeastern, fourth; and Centerville, fifth. Other notable finishes were Hagerstown, seventh; Richmond, 10th; and Lincoln, 16th.

The host band, Centerville, like many in the area will be under new leadership after the resignation of longtime director Charles Roesch.

"This will be our first public performance with our new director Jonathan Lucy," Gibbons said. "It's going to be a great day."

Lucy comes to Centerville

from Richmond High School. His predecessor at Centerville, Roesch, will be at the Archway Classic in his new role as director for the Jay County High School band.

Richmond High School's band will compete under the direction of assistant director Mark Simmons with assistance from Dan Merkamp. Merkamp left his role as band director at Northeastern in the spring and has been hired to be Richmond's head band director starting in the fall.

Northeastern also will appear in the competition under the direction of head band director Thom Crist, who is the school's former assistant band director.

This will be the final summer of direction for Joel Good at Winchester Community High School, who will be succeeded by Brendan Kaiser in the fall.

Ballot (Continued from page 6)

Fountain City.

Donnie Benedict, a Republican, is seeking re-election to Hagerstown's council.

School board seats up for grabs

While most of the offices are now set for the ballot, there's still time to file for a few more offices around the county.

In addition to the Hager-

stown and Fountain City town council races noted above, all five of Wayne County's public school districts will have at least two school board seats on the fall ballot.

School board candidates can begin filing July 27. The deadline is noon Aug. 26.

Indiana School Boards Association offers a memo outlining the requirements for

prospective school board candidates at <https://web.isba-ind.org/news/NewsArticleDisplay.aspx?articleid=1090>.

Prospective school board candidates must file forms that are available from county clerks' offices or on the Indiana Election Division's website at <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/candidate-information/> with their county voter

registration office.

School board seats in this election include:

■ Centerville-Abington: At-large held by Brad Lambright; District B held by Susan Hamilton

■ Northeastern: At-large held by Dr. Alice Johnson; District A (Green Township), held by Nick Clevenger

■ Nettle Creek: At-large

held by Marcie Houghton and Shaun Lieberman; District B held by Cody Sankey

■ Richmond Community Schools: Two at-large seats currently held by Keith Morey and Jeff Slifer; District C on west side currently held by Kristen Brunton.

■ Western Wayne: At-large held by Phil Pflum; District C held by Dennis Feller

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Mechanic marks 5 years

Stan Ritchie, maintenance mechanic, is celebrating his fifth anniversary at Johns Manville in Richmond on July 24.



Stan Ritchie

Priest with local ties retires; 2 ordained

Father Todd Riebe, who served the Richmond Catholic Community for many years before being reassigned to lead two Indianapolis churches, has begun his retirement.



Father Todd Riebe

Riebe was honored July 3 at Christ the King Catholic Church, where he has served as pastor for the last five years. He was ordained in 1980.

In addition, Deacon Joseph “Joe” Kraemer, a Richmond High School graduate, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in June at Marquette University at Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Joe Kraemer

Kraemer is helping with summer ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Richmond, where he grew up.

A few weeks earlier, Jack Wright, also of the Seton Parish, was ordained as a deacon at St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology.



Jack Wright

Website workshop could help attract new clients

Ed DeLaPaz of CityLife FYI is offering a workshop called “Getting the MOST out of your website” to help plan relevant content for business and personal pages.

It will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Better Homes &



Reid: Lynn Davis and Roxie Deer, left, from Wayne County Area Chamber help present an award to staff members from Reid Health's Café at Twelve Hundred, including Amber Day, Deborah Slack, Josh Werner, James Coon, Melissa Vance (Chamber), Peggy Oakes, Julia Shaffer-Smith, Deborah Holdorff (Chamber) and Mark Byrd.



Radford's: Roxie Deer, left, and the Wayne County Area Chamber team congratulate Radford's Meat Market and Deli team members including Aaron Venable, Joe Kurtz, Melissa Vance (Chamber), Jesse Cook, Amber Arthur, Jen Ferrell, Debbie Gay, Traci McCollum, Courtney Miller, Deborah Holdorff (Chamber), Nick Shinn, Lynn Davis (Chamber) and Luke Sheridan. Supplied

Gardens First Realty Group, 900 N. E St., Suite 200.

The training is part of a luncheon organized by Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce, which says it could help attract new clients before the upcoming holiday shopping season.

Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops to work on their website during the session and get advice in real time.

The workshop is free; an optional lunch from Radford's Meat Market and Deli is \$12.

Registration is offered at

weareachamber.org. For more information, call (765) 962-1511.

Eateries honored for top flavors

Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce honored three local food establishments as the winners from its 2022 Flavor of Wayne County event.

Area residents gathered on top of the downtown Richmond parking garage to sample food from local establishments and visit with friends.

The Cordial Cork won for best appetizer; Radford's

Meat Market & Deli had the best entrée and Reid Health's Café at Twelve Hundred took the best dessert award. All

are located in Richmond.

Send information to customerservice@hmgccity.com.



Cordial Cork: Destiny Rastbichler, center, accepts the award on behalf of The Cordial Cork. She is surrounded by Melissa Vance, Lynn Davis, Roxie Deer and Deborah Holdorff.

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LYNN & FRIENDS CONCERT PLANNED SUNDAY



Lynn & Friends will present a Faith and Freedom concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. 10th St., Richmond. The cast includes Rusty Ammerman, humorist, narrator and illusionist; Ann Frost, soprano; instrumentalists Kim Giesting on flute, Andrew Jones on piano and Rick Williams on trumpet. Founder and host Lynn Kennedy will be featured on piano and organ. The free program will include a variety of music styles and spoken dialogue. Pictured, from left, are Giesting, Kennedy, Jones, Frost and Ammerman. *Supplied*

Richmond Farmers Market



Marissa Brim, Sagehill Homestead, and her daughter Anastasia got up early to set up at the downtown Richmond Farmers Market. Sagehill Homestead sells body butters made with goat's milk from Nigerian Dwarf goats grown on their Richmond farm. *Photos by Brenda McLane*



Donald Rusk is pictured in his booth with a flower arrangement including a beautiful yellow dinner plate dahlia. The market, coordinated by Richmond Parks and Recreation, is open 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays and 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays at Jack Elstro Plaza at North Seventh and A streets.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 14

• **Teen Summer Camp Workshop:** Escape Game Design, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Joseph Moore Museum on Earlham College campus, 801 National Road West, Richmond. 765-983-1303 or email to josephmooremuseum@earlham.edu.

Friday, July 15

• **Casino Night:** "21 for Fun" to benefit Whitewater Community Television. 6 p.m. at Elks Lodge, 2100 U.S. 27 South, Richmond. Gaming, silent auction, live music, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Tickets, at wctv.info, include \$250 in play money.

Saturday, July 16

• **5K run/walk:** IU East's Run With the Wolves, 8 a.m., and "Run With Rufus" at 9:05 a.m. at IU East cross country course behind Hayes Hall, 2325 Chester Blvd., Richmond. Pre-registration by July 16 is \$20 or \$15 for students k-12; \$5 day of event. Register at iue.edu/5k. Info: Terry Wiesehan, 765-973-8221 or twiesaha@iue.edu.

• **SoulFest** (We R Community!!!) starts at 9 a.m. in Freeman Park, 1150 N. 12th St., Richmond. 3-on-3 basketball, fun, food, music, poetry and entertainment. Basketball teams may register for \$30 and vendors can rent spaces for \$40 at "The Center," 300 N. 10th St., Richmond, or 765-488-2042.

• **Food pantry:** Western Wayne Food Pantry, open at 9 a.m., Cambridge City Christian Church, 106 W. Church St., Cambridge City..

• **Magic show:** 2-3 p.m., Morrison-Reeves Library, 80 N. 6th St., Richmond. Austin Haus performs this free show.

Sunday, July 17

• **Concert:** Faith and Freedom concert by Lynn & Friends, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 North A St., Richmond. Vocal music, piano and organ; spoken dialog. Free admission.

• **Urban Walk** Through the Elizabeth Starr National Register Historic District, 4-5:30 p.m., start at the Depot, 900 North E St., Richmond. 1.3 mile walking tour with resident Matt Stegall explaining the neighborhood's architectural



Players at the 2019 "21 for Fun" casino night aim to beat the dealer and raise money for Whitewater Community Television. Doors for this year's gala will open at 6 p.m. Friday at the Richmond Elks Lodge, 2100 U.S. 27 South in Richmond. Gaming, a silent auction, live music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are among attractions. Tickets, at wctv.info, include \$250 in play money. WCTV submitted photo

heritage. Limited to 30 people; reservations required via EventBrite.

Tuesday, July 19

• **Touch A Truck:** Mother-Son Date Night, 6-8 p.m., Glen Miller Park pond, 2200 E. Main St., Richmond. Honk the horns, hear the sirens, see demonstrations. Sweet treats, goodies, more. Free.

• **Fly-in:** Wilbur Wright Fly-in, open at 2 p.m., main event at 6 p.m. Hagerstown Airport, 999 S. Washington St., Hagerstown. Food trucks, free admission.

• **Smart Futures Dinner** by Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner, Kuhlman Center at Wayne County Fairgrounds, 816 Salisbury Road, Richmond. Keynote speaker: Desmond Bane.

• **Eastern Indiana Beekeepers:** informational meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hayes Arboretum, 801 Elks Road, Richmond. Free.

Wednesday, July 20

• **Sunset Series:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Richmond Symphony Orchestra at Cope Environmental Center, 1730 Airport Road, Centerville. On a walking tour through the woods, enjoy music from orchestra ensembles. Free, reservations required by July 15, 765-

966-5181. Bring a chair if desired.

Thursday, July 21

• **Diaper distribution:** by appointment from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Dwyer Community Center, 1417 North A St., Richmond. 765-488-2928.

Friday, July 22

• **Blood drive:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Well Care Community Health, 203 E. Main St., Richmond. Make appointment at donortime.com or call 937-461-3220

Saturday, July 23

• **Woodcarving workshop:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Hayes Arboretum nature center, 801 Elks Road, Richmond. Taught by Dayle Lewis. Open carve until noon, \$30/non-members. Walking Stick workshop 1-4 p.m., \$35. Info at hayesarboretum.org.

• **Blood drive:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Cambridge City Christian Church, 106 W. Church St. Make appointment at donortime.com or

call 937-461-3220

• **Food pantry:** Nettle Creek Ministerial Association, 9-11 a.m., New Testament Church of Christ, 752 W. Main St., Hagerstown.

Sunday, July 24

• **Organ concert:** 5 p.m., Zion's Lutheran Church, at 1151 S. Germantown Road, two blocks north of U.S. 40, Pershing. Featuring Jonathan Hampton on the church's historic tracker organ. Ice cream social at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26

• **Virtual workshop:** Senior Services Expert Dave Holder, "If Mom or Dad Need More Care, You Can Get Professional Guides to Find the Best Senior Community at No Cost to You," 6-7p.m. Register by email to info@lifescopilot.com.

Wednesday, July 27

• **Saving with Purpose workshop:** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Dw-

yer Center, 1417 North A St., Richmond. Free, call 765-488-2928 to register.

Thursday, July 28

• **Teen Summer Camp Workshop:** Care and Keeping of Cold-Blooded Creatures, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Joseph Moore Museum on Earlham College campus, 801 National Road West, Richmond. 765-983-1303 or email to josephmooremuseum@earlham.edu.

• **Workshop:** Getting the Most Out of Your Website, 11:30 a.m. at Better Homes and Gardens FRG, in the Depot building, Richmond. Featuring Ed DeLaPaz.

• **Adult Night Out Escape Room:** 6-7:30 p.m., Morrison-Reeves Library, 80 N. 6th St., Richmond. Your team will be faced with a mission that requires working together to find clues, accomplish tasks and solve puzzles - all while the clock is ticking. 765-962-8291

July 22-24, 28-30

• **Live theater:** "The Gin Game" by Nettle Creek Players, in tent at 150 N. Plum St., Hagerstown. 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Thursday; 2 p.m. Sunday. 765-914-7828.

Saturday, July 30

• **31st Annual Pet Walk:** 9 a.m.-noon, Glen Miller Park, 2200 E. Main St., Richmond. A fundraiser for HELP the Animals, includes a walk for pets and their keepers, and a costume contest. 765-962-6811.

• **Cemetery tour:** What We Can Learn from the Dead: Willow Grove Cemetery. Discover soldiers, doctors, business owners, Underground Railroad heroes and African Americans who called the area home and made Willow Grove the area's first integrated cemetery. Also gravestone rubbing. Registration required by noon July 29. \$8. Meet at the cemetery, 409 U.S. 27 South, Fountain City. Organized by Levi & Catharine Coffin House State Historic Site, 765-847-1691.

HEALTH, WELLNESS, SUPPORT

• **Al-Anon (virtual):** Help for families and friends of problem drinkers. Virtual meetings 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays. Info: feelingsoffreedomrichmond@gmail.com.

• **Food distribution:** for Nettle Creek area, 10 a.m.-noon on fourth Thursday, Jefferson Township office, 47 E. Main St., Hagerstown.

• **Get Moving Mondays:** 7-8 p.m. Mondays thru Aug. 31 at Jack Elstro Plaza, 47 N. 6th St., Richmond. Reid Community Benefit program to get healthy in our parks.

• **Gleaners Food distribution:** 9:30-11 a.m., fourth Monday each month, at South 10th Street Park in Richmond (south of First Christian Church).

• **GriefShare Support Group:** Aug. 18-Nov. 17, 10-11:30 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Main St., Richmond. Information: 765-962-5773.

• **Heroin Anonymous:** 6 p.m. Sundays at 228 Club, 228 S. 6th St., Richmond. 765-935-9801

• **Home-cooked meals:** Bridges for Life's Dinner at the Lamp, 6 p.m. Fridays, First Presbyterian Church building, 100 N. 10th St., Richmond. Food, fun, guests,

music. Free.

• **Memory Cafe:** 10-11 a.m., second Fridays at Richmond Family YMCA, 1215 S. J St., Richmond. In partnership with Dementia Friends Indiana and LifeStream Services, for people with dementia and their caregivers. Health and wellness education, light exercise. Free. Info: lifestreaminc.org.

• **Siloam Free Medical Clinic:** 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Enter back of Rock Solid Ministries, 1024 E. Main St., Richmond. No-cost immediate medical care. (Injuries, flu, colds and job physicals). 765-962-5099 or rocksolidministries@comcast.net.

• **Women's Support Group** We Are Not Alone, 5:45 p.m. Thursdays at 228 Club, 228 S. 6th St., Richmond. Addressing co-dependency, domestic violence, addictions. 765-935-9801.

Western Wayne News will publish notices of ongoing health and safety, food distributions and support groups on a rotating basis with notices of ongoing social or recreational activities.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings of local government bodies are open to the public except for executive sessions. Readers may wish to contact the entity beforehand to ensure the meeting is still planned on its regular date or to get a place on the agenda.

■ Wednesday, July 13

Wayne County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., commissioners' chambers, Wayne County Administration Building, 401 E. Main St., Richmond.

Richmond Community Schools Board, 5:30 p.m., administration building, 300 Hub Etchison Parkway.

Western Wayne Schools Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., administration building, 519 Queen St., Pershing. 765-478-5375.

Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m., council meeting room, Richmond Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St., Richmond. Public input on revisions to a county Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Information: Wayne County Emergency Management Agency, 765-973-9399.

Nettle Creek Schools Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., LGI room, Hagerstown Elementary School, 299 N. Sycamore St., Hagerstown. 765-489-4543

Centerville-Abington Community Schools board, 7 p.m., Spencer Administration Building, 115 W. South St., Centerville. 765-855-3475.

Economy Town Council, 7 p.m., Perry Township Fire Station, Economy.

Richmond Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., Richmond Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St., Richmond.

■ Thursday, July 14

Richmond Board of Public Works & Safety, 5 p.m., Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St., Richmond. Milton Town Council workshop, 6 p.m., City Building.

Greens Fork Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall, 12 S. Water St., Greens Fork. 765-886-1292

■ Monday, July 18

Hagerstown Airport Board, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 49 E. College St.

Richmond Common Council, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St., Richmond.

Western Wayne Regional Sewage District board, 7 p.m., Golay Community Center, 1007 E. Main St., Cambridge City. 765-478-3788.

■ Tuesday, July 19

Unsafe Building Commission, 10 a.m., Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St., Richmond

Milton Town Council regular meeting, 6 p.m., City Building.

Hagerstown Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Hagerstown Town Hall, 49 E. College St., Hagerstown.

■ Wednesday, July 20

Wayne County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., commissioners' chambers, Wayne County Administration Building, 401 E. Main St., Richmond. 765-973-9237

Wayne County Council and Commissioners joint work session, 6 p.m., commissioners' chambers, Wayne County Administration Building, 401 E. Main St., Richmond. 765-973-9237

Northeastern Wayne School Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Student Services Building next to Northeastern High School, 7295 U.S. 27 N., Fountain City. 765-847-2821

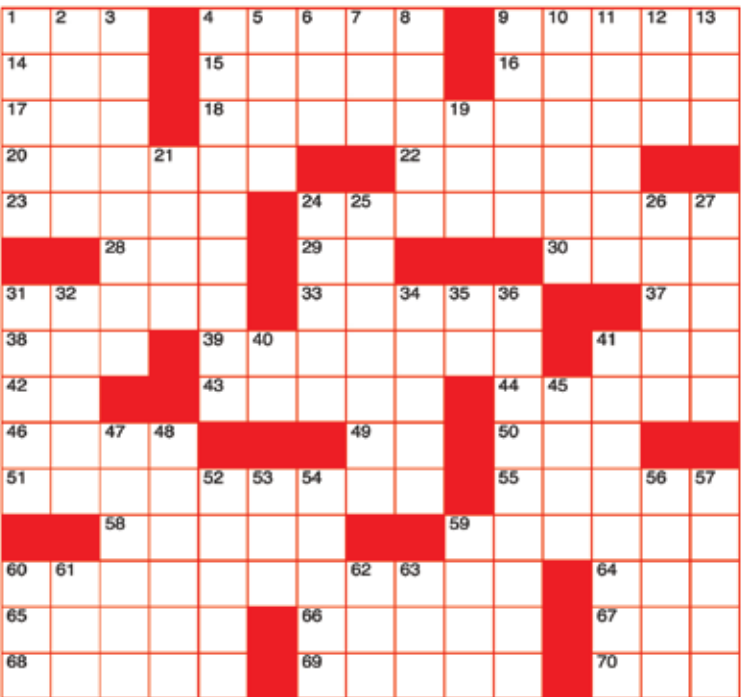
■ Thursday, July 21

Wayne County Board of Health, noon, commissioners' chambers, Wayne County Administration Building, 401 E. Main St., Richmond.

Richmond Board of Public Works & Safety, 5 p.m., Municipal Building, 50 N. 5th St., Richmond.

Government bodies may send notices of meetings to Western Wayne News by email to customerservice@hmgccity.com or deliver to the office, 26 W. Church St., Cambridge City IN 47327.

PUZZLE FUN! Crossword and Sudoku answers in next week's paper.



CLUES ACROSS

1. One point north of due west

4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia

9. Popular California/Nevada lake

14. Go quickly

15. Fatty acid in soaps

16. Brand of fuel stations

17. State of fuss

18. Romance novelist

20. Members of a household

22. Asserts to be the case

23. Type of infection

24. With metal inlays

28. Chinese philosophic principle

29. Early multimedia

30. Employee stock ownership plan

31. He investigated Clinton administration

33. Shells

37. Six

38. Snakelike fish
39. Capital of Kenya

41. Influential group (abbr.)

42. Used to chop

43. It comes as a case

44. Challenges

46. Small amounts

49. The Golden State

50. Peyton's little brother

51. For walking in Alaska

55. Buddhist honorific titles

58. Lively ballroom dance

59. Capital of Albania

60. Late night host

64. Draw from

65. A way to utilise

66. One who is not native Hawaiian

67. A power to perceive

68. Bulky

69. Horse mackerels

70. Proclaim out loud

CLUES DOWN

1. Hits

2. Bathroom accessory

3. Young

4. Beef cattles

5. It's often in soap

6. For each

7. Innermost membrane enveloping the brain

8. A way to leave

9. Emaciation

10. Punish with a fine

11. Steeds

12. Having eight

13. Greek goddess of the dawn

19. Mature reproductive cells

21. Armadillo species

24. Ancient country in what is now Romania

25. Extreme greed

26. Stars

27. Poems
31. Places to sit

32. One from the Lone Star State

34. Small rails

35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

36. Where coaches work

40. Indicates position

41. Mammals

45. Resembling a wing

47. Beliefs

48. Hindu male religious teachers

52. Mischievously

53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)

54. Large, deep-bodied fish

56. Horned squash bug genus

57. Excessively sentimental

59. Shared verbally

60. You can put it on toast

61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)

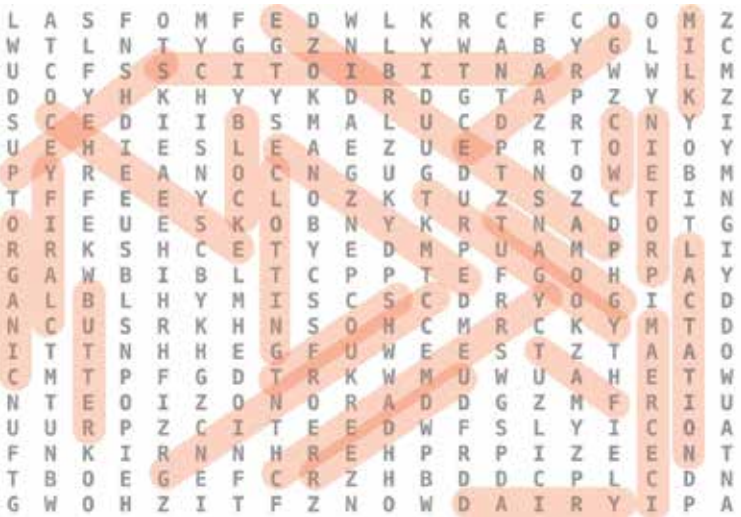
62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects

63. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

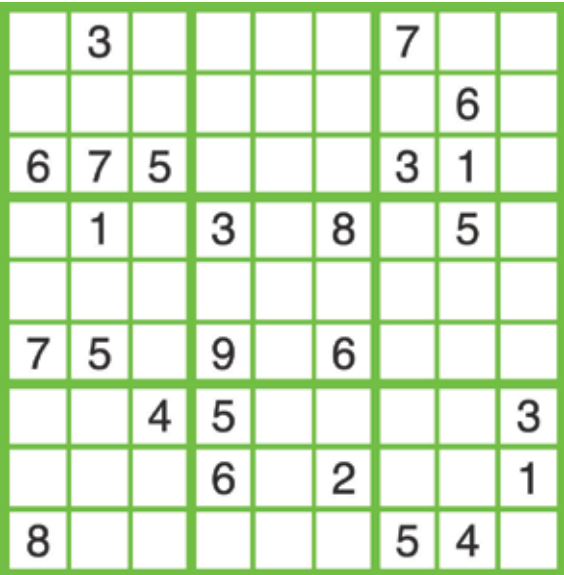


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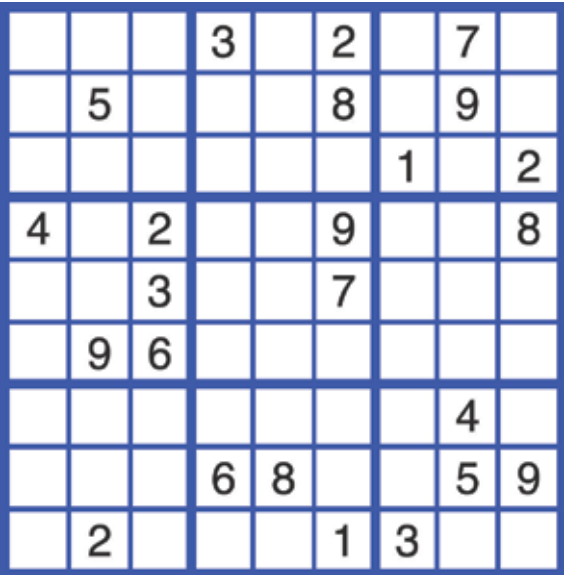
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Soap gifts in June match pantry's need

More bar soap needed for future distribution

Supplied by Deanna Wade

Western Wayne Food Pantry will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 16, in Cambridge City Christian Church's Ministry Center on South Foote Street. Enter through the front door of the Ministry Center and take a number to receive groceries.

We continue to offer the pantry Wednesday mornings and evenings to those who cannot make it on Saturday. Check the church office at 765-478-5123 for times of availability.

Can you believe that last month, I shared with you all our need for bars of soap, and when we went in to package them, we had exactly the number of bars needed for the number of bags we prepared?

Our supplier has hit a snag in providing us with soap for patrons; therefore, we are sending out another request to again supply bar soap instead of toilet paper, this month.

Hopefully this is a short-time dilemma, but for the time being, it is a real need. Thank you in advance!

The Ministry Center is open most weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon to drop off soap, food and anything you'd find in a family's larder.

We do have enough soap for this month, and at this time are well stocked with toilet paper. That can change in a matter of weeks, so keep it in mind.

We did notice as we were packaging the TP this month that the miscellaneous supplies for patrons to choose from - a few items that answer a need for their home - has fallen to a new low. We replenish them every month.

Our participant numbers are down somewhat right now, but we feel certain that with the continued rise in cost of living, these numbers will rise. Please continue to share what you can.

Help, as usual, will be needed at 3:30 p.m. the third Tuesday, 6 p.m. third Thursday, and of course, 9 a.m. Saturday. Hope to see you then.

Please remember that we serve only residents of the Western Wayne community. There are several pantries in our county, but these gifts are given by Western Wayne residents, for Western Wayne residents.

Deanna Wade is a volunteer for the Western Wayne Food Pantry.

Summer rolls onward with new games and fun events

Wow! June is over and we're in July already. Time sure does fly.

We are planning some outings here at the center. We could use more senior citizens here to participate.

We've been enjoying some new games (new to us, at least). One of them is "Shut the Box." It's different and fun! We still play Euchre and bingo on Tuesdays and dominoes on Thursdays.

We are working on someone to cut the rotten trees out back at the center.

Jerry Sue and Linda are both doing well after their knee surgeries. Susan, one of our volunteer route drivers, had her hip done and is at home and doing well. Our best goes out to them, and we hope for a fast recovery!

Theda called to wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth. Steve was back and visited us on the 14th. We received a note from Ruthie asking about everyone. It's always good to hear from those who used to

Nettle Creek Senior Center

By Susie Pierce



be here at the center.

On Friday July 8, Valarie from Premiere Hospice was here with lunch and bingo for prizes (we all enjoyed that).

The board meeting was on July 11 at 1 p.m.

We are also planning on having Jubilee Day Breakfast, so keep us in mind!

Also, a reminder that we rent the senior center out! If you are needing a place for a family gathering give us a call at 765-489-5782 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyone stay safe and be happy!

Susie Pierce is director of the Nettle Creek Senior Center, 327 E. Main St., Hagerstown. For information, contact her at 765-489-5782.

We anticipate the Spiritual Reflection column and WCTV listings will return next week.

NC Players cancel show

2 actors leave town unexpectedly

By Bob Hansen

Nettle Creek Players cancelled its scheduled production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" after two actors who had lead roles quit.

The play was supposed to run for two weekends starting last Friday, July 8, in the Nettle Creek Players tent at 150 N. Plum St. in Hagerstown. On July 5, the summer theater group posted notices online and on social media announcing that the show had been cancelled.

Two actors who were being paid to perform in the show quit unexpectedly and left town, according to Jeff Dickey, Nettle Creek Players' board chair. One of them had

been cast as the male lead in "Forum" and the other had a secondary lead part. Another actor, volunteer Brad Dale, had been ill and unable to rehearse.

In more than 40 years of involvement with theater, he had never experienced a situation like this, Dickey said.

The group probably could have found actors to play two of the parts but replacing the lead was not possible. The performance would not have been up to the quality that Nettle Creek Players wants for its audiences, he said.

The performing group had already paid for the rights to produce the play. NCP paid other summer actors for last week even though the play was cancelled, Dickey said. Between those costs and lost

ticket sales, he estimated the Players, a not-for-profit group, would lose about \$12,000 because of the cancellation.

Nettle Creek Players is in its first summer of plays in the tent since 2019 and had produced "Oliver!" as its first show. "The Gin Game" will wrap up the season July 22-24 and 28-30. It is a two-person show billed as a "tragicomedy" and the actors for those parts have started rehearsals.

Dickey said tickets for "Forum" will be honored for "The Gin Game." People with questions or concerns may contact the Players at 765-312-2722 or info@nettlecreekplayers.com.

Tickets for "The Gin Game" are available at the Nettle Creek Players website, nettlecreekplayers.com or may be purchased at the door.

Hole

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issue would arise in the future.

One positive for residents was that because the water was not completely shut off, no one lost water service, and no boil advisory was needed, which Risch said was his goal.

The U.S. 40 water line was fixed at about 6 a.m. Monday.

However, that wasn't the only water line repair needed in town overnight. At about 1:30 a.m. Monday, police discovered a leak on Parkway Drive between Simmons and Green streets several blocks away. Town employees were able to work on that issue while Culy finished the U.S. 40 job.

Risch said he didn't think the Parkway Drive issue was related to the U.S. 40 work because of the distance, calling it a coincidence. He said that area has had multiple leaks, and already was on the first phase of the schedule for the town's upcoming waterline projects.

After a sleepless night, Risch was to meet with Indiana Department of Transportation staff Monday morning to learn how INDOT wanted the National Road fixed since it is under INDOT's jurisdiction. Once learning what to do, Culy will cut out the bad section of the road and fill it.

Risch was hopeful that the road could be repaired and reopened by Tuesday afternoon (after press time for this edition).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

July 13

Michael Alford, James Bertsch, Steve Boyd, Jake Davidson, Gerald Davis, Johnny Duffin, Allison Fisher, Beverly Heaston, Danielle Henderson, Amber Jones, Roger Kem, Bud Lairson, Elizabeth Lakes, Michael Marker, Donnie Moschel, Randy Nicholson, Max Stevens, Judy Tetuan, Margaret Young

July 14

Nancy Burgess, Brea Cobe, Loretta Colvin, Alexandria Dalton, Karissa Fisher, Duane Fultz, Bernie Hunt Jr., Misty Joslin, Zachary Longnecker, Joyce A. Louda, Brandy Male, Diane McDaniel, Rachel Merida, Jerry Myers, Heather Smith, Ashley Swim, Tony Tague, Alexander Van Horn, Phyllis Vanover

July 15

Scott Casey, Amelia Crownover, Kayne Ervin, Russell G. Fegan, Shay Halder, Sharon Hunt, David Hunter, Bobby Lynn, Joshua McCarty, Daren Oakes, Dustin Rubendall, Alex Sherwood, Debra Sherwood, Stacy Smith, Tricia Worl

July 16

Tommy Barrett, Robert Bertsch, Richard Bigler, Brandy Burnette, Brenda Carroll, Jeff Cornett, Sharon Diehlman, Justin Dunaway, Michelle Grubbs, Rex Grubbs, Sarah Hall, Kelly Hancock, Morgan L. Hancock, Debbie Hinebaugh, Tammy Huddleston, Tami Jarboe, Kent Johnson, Halia Pate, Mitchell Pugh, Kiersten Robbins, Jessica Sparks, Jeannie Watson, Dennis Wissler

July 17

Lynn Armstrong, Jim Bogue, Steve Briar, Ricky Eblen, David K. Hancock, Kristi Henderson, Jeff Jacobs, Steve Jobe, Nathan Kissick, Tiffany Lakes-Watson, Gary Lamar, Mark Lawrence, Brandi Myers, Cathy Pitcher, Scotty Wadsworth Jr., Lisa Worl, Jesse Wright

July 18

Gina Altom, Mathew Blevins, Justin Ferguson, Debbie Hicks, Lauren McCo-

nnell, Karen McCoy-Clampitt, Ashley McIlwaine, Dianne Osborne, Don Rusk, Melody Sherwood, Matthew Vandiver, Hailey Watson, Scott West

July 19

Amy Alexander, Libby Brown, Paula Dunaway, Erin England, Luke Fields, Richard Hughes, Barbara Huntsman, Bonnie Jordan, Alan Lakes, Dana Market, Keller Millsaps, Kim Newton, Tiffany Robinson, Gary Smith, Vickie Thomas, Kathy Tincher, Deena Huddleston

Anniversaries

July 13

Kent & Jane Briar

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Howell

July 14

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Elstro

Joe & Melinda Fuda

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Geise

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jackson

Albert & Jane Lay

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Melton

Mr. & Mrs. Rex Murray

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Newsom

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Robeson

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Schuerman

July 15

Devon & Jenny McGillem

July 16

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Bumbalough

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Carpenter

Mr. & Mrs. David Gabbard

Bruce & Linda Moles

July 17

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Berninger

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Braxton

David & Betsy Gethers

Mr. & Mrs. William Jennings

July 18

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bogue

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Deweese

Chad & Carrie Ervin

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Hunt

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robeson

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Rogers

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Simmons

Lloyd & Peggy Michael

July 19

Mr. & Mrs. Jim DuGranrut

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Huddleston

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Ripberger

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Slonaker

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WHERE IN WAYNE COUNTY ANSWER
(PHOTO ON PAGE 11)
The Bryan Cemetery, south of Centerville on the west side of Willow Grove road at 2601, was founded on Aug. 19, 1833. At that time it was called the Bryan Chapel Cemetery. The iron fencing (later added) fronting the cemetery was part of the original fencing surrounding Centerville's old jail, which was under contention during the 1873 courthouse wars. That jail is today the Centerville-Center Township Public Library, the front door of which had chunks blasted out by a small canon. The fencing is part of the Bryan Cemetery.

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KEN GUOCAN LIN, PETITIONER

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ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Petitioner, Ken Guocan
Lin, pro se, having filed a Verified Pe-
tition for Change of Name of Minor,
and the Court finds that the matter
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that
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NOTICE OF BZA HEARING

The Centerville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Wednesday, July 20, 2022
at 7:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building, 204 East Main
Street, Centerville, IN, to discuss the following request for variance:

Joel Fleischman, owner of 212 W. Main Street in the town of Centerville
herein described: Legal description;

Thirty feet in equal width off the entire east side of Lot 3 and 36 feet in
equal width off the entire west side of Lot 2 in Joseph Evans Addition of
the town of Centerville.

Said petitioner request a variance from Zoning Standard Restrictions to allow a
Bed and Breakfast facility and business office on said property.

This is an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend.
Richard K Tinchler, Clerk-Treasurer
07/07/2022

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Puzzle answers
from July 6

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RPD: Shooting likely not random

22-year-old wounded in leg; clues sought

From staff reports

Police are asking for help in finding the person who shot a Richmond man in the leg on Sunday afternoon. Richmond Police Department's second-shift patrol officers were dispatched just before 4 p.m. to the 1300 block of North B Street.

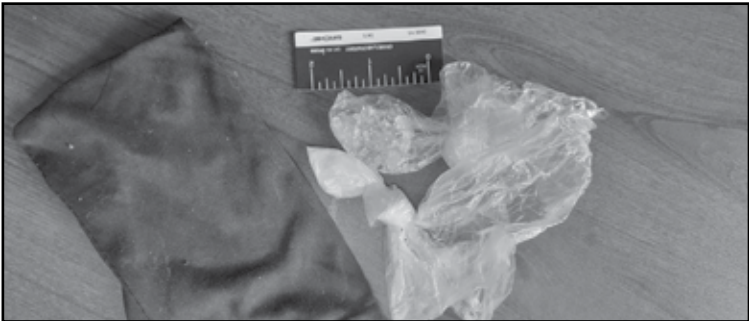
They found Skyler A. Goodwin, 22, with a wounded left leg. Goodwin was transported to Reid Health with what they believe to be a non-life-threatening injury, said Captain Curt Leverton. No other injuries were reported. The shots were reported as coming from a black Jeep Cherokee as it was driving past the house. The Jeep was last seen traveling eastbound in the 1300 block of North B. Although the suspect(s) were unknown at press time, Leverton said the shooting does not appear to be a random incident. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call RPD at 765-983-7247.

Found sunglasses bag contains surprise

Citizen discovers drugs near Creitz Park

By Millicent Martin Emery

A local police department is trying hard to reconnect a found item with its owner. While police frequently make those helpful connections for area residents, a social media campaign posted Thursday is a bit unique. Cambridge City Police Department encourages the person missing a small sunglass bag from the 300 block of West Parkway Drive to come forward to sign for the two items inside. That location is just west of Creitz Park. Police then disclose that the first item was a small plastic bag containing a white powder-like substance and the second bag inside held a crystal-like substance that field tested positive for meth. At the time the social media post was shared, CCPD had not yet tested the powder because of a concern about potential exposure to fentanyl. They said it would be sent to the Indiana State Police lab if someone came forward to claim it. As part of the Facebook post, CCPD used the hashtags #wegotyourdrugs #yourownour-



A resident discovered a sunglasses bag and shared it with Cambridge City Police Department. Drugs were inside. Supplied

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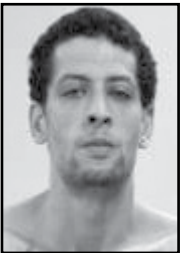
radar #seeyouin jail to draw a reaction from readers. CCPD thanked the citizen who found the bag and turned it in, noting officers' sadness about the "recklessness the people have with their drugs and the danger that they put our children in." Anyone discovering similar unknown items is asked to call CCPD at 765-478-1231 and ask for an officer to come and collect them as a precaution.

Richmond man on parole facing new felony charges

By Millicent Martin Emery

A Richmond man already on parole from charges of robbery, unlawful firearm possession by a serious violent felon, and drug possession now faces additional charges related to a new investigation. On July 5, Wayne County Drug Task Force, Richmond Police Department SWAT and RPD's first-shift patrol officers executed a search warrant at a residence in the 200 block of North 21st Street. A task force news release said the search warrant resulted from an ongoing investigation of the home's resident, Charles Rohndell Smith Jr., 36. During the search, police reported finding 2.06 grams

of cocaine (approximate street value \$400), .35 grams of heroin (approximate value of \$75) and 4 suboxone pills. They also seized two handguns, one of which was reported stolen locally, and drug paraphernalia consistent with using, manufacturing and distributing illegal narcotics, the release said. On July 7, Wayne Circuit Court Judge April Drake found probable cause for Smith to face three charges: Unlawful possession of a fire-



Charles R. Smith Jr.

arm by a serious violent felon (Level 4 felony), possession of cocaine (Level 5 felony) and possession of a narcotic drug (Level 5 felony). Bail was set at \$40,000 (10 percent cash authorized). Smith remained in Wayne County Jail on Friday. The task force said the new charges violate Smith's parole. He had been sentenced in 2015 to eight years on charges of firearm possession by a serious violent felon and two years for possession of a controlled substance. The sentences were served concurrently. At his sentencing, Smith received credit for 251 days served and additional good time credit of 83 days.

Police: I-70 stop leads to discovery of deadly fentanyl

By Millicent Martin Emery

An Interstate 70 traffic stop has led to the seizure of enough fentanyl that could potentially kill thousands of people, and a woman was arrested on a preliminary drug-dealing charge, according to Wayne County Sheriff Randy Retter. On July 6, Gabe Ward, a patrol deputy for Wayne County Sheriff's Office, initiated a traffic stop on West Interstate 70 near the 149-mile marker. While speaking with driver Chelsey Smith, 27, of Ander-

son, Indiana, Ward observed multiple signs of drug use in the car, Retter said. Ward was informed by Wayne County Emergency Communications that Smith had an active warrant out of Madison County, Indiana, accusing her of possession of methamphetamine. Sgt. Larry Kuhn of Cambridge City Indiana Police Department and his K9 partner Jessie arrived on scene to assist. K9 Jessie indicated on the presence of narcotics in the vehicle, Retter said.

After a probable cause search, officers found more than 170 grams of fentanyl (worth approximately \$2,500), marijuana, drug paraphernalia and several syringes with three containing assumed heroin, Retter said. Smith was preliminarily charged with dealing cocaine or narcotic drug (Level 2 felony); possession of cocaine or narcotic drug (Level 3 felony); possession of syringe (Level 6 felony); and possession of paraphernalia and marijuana (both A misdemeanors).

INCIDENT REPORTS

Wayne County Sheriff's Department

- **6/30:** Report of a battery on Hunnicut Road, Cambridge City.
- **7/1:** Dispatched to the 1900 block of Niewoehner Road, Richmond, for an unwanted person.
- **7/1:** Dispatched to the 1300 block of Kellam Road, Centerville, on the report of domestic battery.
- **7/1:** Began an investigation into a reported stalking in Richmond. This case remains active pending further investigation.
- **7/1:** Checked on a vehicle parked at the Wayne County fairgrounds and found the vehicle was stolen out of Ohio.
- **7/2:** Responded to a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian accident in the 3700 block of South Centerville Road, Centerville. One arrest made.
- **7/2:** Conducted a motor vehicle stop on I-70 eastbound at the 137 mile marker in Cambridge City. Two arrests.
- **7/2:** Responded to the 1700 block of Sylvan Nook Drive, Richmond, to the report of a dog bite.
- **7/2:** Responded to Cambridge City for a report of an overdose. One arrest made.
- **7/2:** Investigated a hit-and-run accident at the 149 mile marker of eastbound I-70, Richmond.
- **7/3:** Investigated a motor vehicle accident near the 152 mile marker of I-70, Richmond. Case cleared with one adult arrest.
- **7/4:** Report of a Milton resident being the victim of an internet fraud.
- **7/4:** Investigated the report of vehicle mischief in the first block of East Pearl Street, Greens Fork.
- **7/4:** Investigated mischief on Fountain Avenue in Fountain City.
- **7/4:** Investigated a dog bite on Stomm Road in Hagerstown.
- **7/5:** Investigated the report of failure to register sex offender on Production Court in Richmond.
- **7/6:** Conducted a motor vehicle stop on I-70 West at the 149 mile marker in Richmond. One arrest.
- **7/7:** Became involved in a pursuit that eventually ended near 8622 N. Centerville Road, Williamsburg. One adult arrest.
- **7/8:** Responded to Milton on a report of natural death investigation.

Richmond Police Department

- **6/30:** Investigation was conducted regarding invasion of privacy in the first block of South Second Street.
- **6/30:** A stabbing was reported in the 300 block of North Fifth.
- **6/30:** Called to South 14th to investigate a domestic battery.
- **7/1:** A male suspect was arrested in the 800 block of South J on an outstanding warrant.
- **7/1:** Reported vehicle theft from the 500 block of West Eaton Pike.
- **7/1:** A male suspect was arrested on a charge of resisting law enforcement on East Main St.
- **7/1:** A female suspect was arrested at the intersection of Waterfall Road and Quaker Hill Drive on outstanding warrants.
- **7/1:** A male suspect was arrested in the 200 block of North 14th on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct.
- **7/1:** A male suspect was arrested in the 800 block of S. J on an outstanding warrant.
- **7/1:** Vehicle stolen from the 500 block of W. Eaton Pike.
- **7/1:** A male suspect was arrested on a charge of resisting law enforcement at 3601 E Main St.
- **7/1:** A vehicle theft was reported in the 900 block of Sheridan Street.
- **7/2:** A male suspect was arrested in the 500 block of N. 12th St. on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated (Prior Conviction).
- **7/2:** Report of a moped stolen from the 600 block of S. 11th St.
- **7/2:** A male suspect was arrested in the 300 block of E. Main St. on an outstanding warrant through Wayne County.
- **7/3:** Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of Grand Blvd.
- **7/3:** A catalytic converter attached to a vehicle was reported stolen in the 1300 block of N. G St.
- **7/3:** A burglary occurred in the 1300 block of N. C St.
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STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

IN THE WAYNE SUPERIOR 1 COURT
CAUSE NO. 89D01-2205-GU-000056

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: MAE-LEE LUCINDA GALE PORTER, Minor Child

LANA WILLIAMS, Petitioner
AND
ROBERT WILLIAMS, Petitioner

TO: MEAGAN WILLIAMS, MOTHER, and
TO: BRANDON PORTER, FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

HEARING ON PETITION TO ESTABLISH GUARDIANSHIP

IT IS ORDERED that Vicky Jelly, Wayne County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374, be and hereby is, appointed as Guardian Ad Litem herein.

A Petition to Establish Guardianship of Minor Child has been filed by the persons named in the Cause stated above.

Hearing on Petition to Establish Guardianship of Minor has been set for the 5th day of August, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Judicial Officer Charles K. Todd, Jr.

You must answer the Petition within thirty (30) days after the first notice of this action is published or judgment may be entered for what he/she seeks.

Filed: May 23, 2022
Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Superior 1 Court

GUARDIAN AD LITEM:
Vicky Jelly, Wayne County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374

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IN THE WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 89C01-2206-MI-000087

IN RE THE PETITION OF: EMBER ALEXIS WORKMAN, PETITIONER,
TO CHANGE NAME TO: ALEXIS MYCHAEL-EMBER DICKERSON

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Comes now Petitioner, Ember Alexis Workman, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be heard on August 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as such Petition may be heard, in the Wayne County Circuit Court, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.

Filed: June 3, 2022
April R. Drake, Judicial Officer
Wayne Circuit Court

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA)
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IN THE WAYNE SUPERIOR 1 COURT
CAUSE NO. 89D01-1604-GU-000034

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: SHELLY R.W. WILDRIDGE, AND DESTINEE R.R. CONNERS, Minor Children

TOY WILDRIDGE, Petitioner

TO: SHAI RENE PREIST, MOTHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN and
TO: DALTON WILDRIDGE, FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

HEARING ON PETITION TO ESTABLISH GUARDIANSHIP

IT IS ORDERED that Barb Mayle, Wayne County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374, be and hereby is, appointed as Guardian Ad Litem herein.

A Petition to Establish Guardianship of Minor Children has been filed by the person named in the Cause stated above.

Hearing on Petition to Establish Guardianship of Minor Children has been set for the 6th day of October, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., with Judicial Officer Charles K. Todd, Jr.

You must answer the Petition within thirty (30) days after the first notice of this action is published or judgment may be entered for what he/she seeks.

Case Reopened
Filed: August 16, 2021
Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Superior 1 Court

GUARDIAN AD LITEM:
Barb Mayle, Wayne County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374

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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY

GREYMORR REAL ESTATE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

STACI CUTLER; FIRST FINANCIAL BANK FKA MAIN-SOURCE BANK; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT(S); and the unknown heirs, representatives, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, husbands, wives, receives, successors, assigns, guardians, trustees, windows, widowers, spouses, children, creditors, beneficiaries, grantees of each and all of the above named defendants, including all defendants once known by any of the names herein set out who have changed their names and who are now known by some other name, and all other persons claiming an interest in the real estate described in this complaint, all of who are to plaintiff unknown and all of those whose names are to plaintiff unknown and all of the persons, who by reason of their relationship to any of the above named defendants, might by any possibility have or claim some right, title, or interest in the real estate described in plaintiff's complaint, all of whom are to plaintiff unknown, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate hereinafter described in plaintiff's complaint or to any part thereof from, through, or under any of the above named defendants or any of their respective descendants or successors in interest direct or remote, living or dead, whether named or not, all of whose names are to plaintiff unknown, Defendants.

CAUSE NO. 89C01-2206-PL-000036

Key No. / Property ID: 89-08-29-140-302.000-015

PUBLICATION FOR QUIET TITLE ACTION

Plaintiff, GREYMORR REAL ESTATE, LLC, has filed a Complaint in the Wayne Superior Court, under Cause No. 89C01-2206-PL-000036, together with an Affidavit of a competent person, showing Defendants therein, to-wit:

STACI CUTLER; FIRST FINANCIAL BANK fka MAINSOURCE BANK; all unknown tenants and occupants; and the unknown heirs, representatives, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, husbands, wives, receives, lessees, successors, assigns, guardians, trustees, windows, widowers, spouses, children, creditors, beneficiaries, grantees of each and all of the above named defendants, including all defendants once known by any of the names herein set out who have changed their names and who are now known by some other name, and all other persons

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Wayne Superior 1 Court of Wayne County, Indiana
Cause No. 89D01-2205-EU-000045

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, 2022, DORY RADFORD is appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of DALE E. DARNELL, deceased, who died on the 19th day of January, 2022.

All persons who have claims against this estate whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Richmond, Indiana this 23rd day of May, 2022.
Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Superior 1 Court
David A. Federico, Atty

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claiming an interest in the real estate described in this complaint, all of who are to plaintiff unknown and all of those whose names are to plaintiff unknown and all of the persons, who by reason of their relationship to any of the above named defendants, might by any possibility have or claim some right, title, or interest in the real estate described in plaintiff's complaint, all of whom are to plaintiff unknown, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate hereinafter described in plaintiff's complaint or to any part thereof from, through, or under any of the above named defendants or any of their respective descendants or successors in interest direct or remote, living or dead, whether named or not, all of whose names are to plaintiff unknown.

This action is one to Quiet Title on the following real estate, to-wit:

BRIEF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT NW SEC 29-16-12 2.750A

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2601 West Us Highway 40, Cambridge City, IN 47327

You have been sued by the named Plaintiff in the court stated above. This summons has been published because the whereabouts of the above designated and described individuals is unknown.

You have been named as a Defendant in the quiet title action pending in the Wayne County, Indiana Superior Court sitting in Richmond, Indiana. This suit is prosecuted by the Plaintiff, GREYMORR REAL ESTATE, LLC, which seeks to quiet title in the above described real estate against any and all demands, claims and claimants whatsoever.

Any Defendant claiming a right in the real estate described above must answer the complaint, in writing, in person or by attorney, within 30 days commencing the day after the final publication of this notice or judgment may be entered against the Defendants as demanded in the complaint. If you fail to respond to Plaintiff's complaint within the 30 days, the Wayne Superior Court will have full power, authority and jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters presented in this suit and its decrees, orders, judgments and proceedings with regard to title to the above described real estate which shall be binding and conclusive upon any and all persons claiming a right to this real estate.

DATED: June 30, 2022.
/s/ Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne County Courts

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Wayne Superior 1 Court of Wayne County, Indiana
Cause No. 89D01-2206-ES-000037

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of June, 2022, SHANNON R. STINGER was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JAY W. BROWN, deceased, who died on the 26th day of May, 2022.

All persons who have claims against this estate whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Richmond, Indiana this 8th day of June, 2022.
Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Superior 1 Court
Joseph T. Lipps, Atty

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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY

GREYMORR REAL ESTATE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

NICOLE MARIE MASSOFF; SILUS DAVID MASSOFF; REID HOSPITAL & HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC.; WHITEWATER VALLEY TREE EXPERTS, INC.; R HOPPE JEWELERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT(S); and the unknown heirs, representatives, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, husbands, wives, receives, lessees, successors, assigns, guardians, trustees, windows, widowers, spouses, children, creditors, beneficiaries, grantees of each and all of the above named defendants, including all defendants once known by any of the names herein set out who have changed their names and who are now known by some other name, and all other persons claiming an interest in the real estate described in this complaint, all of who are to plaintiff unknown and all of those whose names are to plaintiff unknown and all of the persons, who by reason of their relationship to any of the above named defendants, might by any possibility have or claim some right, title, or interest in the real estate described in plaintiff's complaint, all of whom are to plaintiff unknown, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate hereinafter described in plaintiff's complaint or to any part thereof from, through, or under any of the above named defendants or any of their respective descendants or successors in interest direct or remote, living or dead, whether named or not, all of whose names are to plaintiff unknown, Defendants.

CAUSE NO. 89D02-2204-PL-000015

Key No. / Property ID: 89-18-04-420-402.000-030

PUBLICATION FOR QUIET TITLE ACTION

Plaintiff, GREYMORR REAL ESTATE, LLC, has filed a Complaint in the Wayne Superior Court, under Cause No. 89D02-2204-PL-000015, together with an Affidavit of a competent person, showing Defendants therein, to-wit:

NICOLE MARIE MASSOFF; SILUS DAVID MASSOFF; REID HOSPITAL & HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC.; WHITEWATER VALLEY TREE EXPERTS, INC.; R HOPPE JEWELERS; all unknown tenants and occupants; and the unknown heirs, representatives, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, husbands, wives, receives, lessees, successors, assigns, guardians, trustees, windows, widowers, spouses, children, creditors, beneficiaries, grantees of each and all of the above named defendants, including all defendants once known by any of the names herein set out who have changed their names and who are now known by some other name, and all other persons claiming an interest in the real estate described in

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Wayne Circuit Court of Wayne County, Indiana
Cause No. 89C01-2206-EU-000047

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of June, 2022, CHANDRA WEBSTER was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY JOANNE GAUSE, (a/k/a MARY JOANN GAUSE), deceased, who died on the 14th day of May, 2022.

All persons who have claims against this estate whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Richmond, Indiana this 2nd day of June, 2022.
Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Circuit Court
Joseph T. Lipps, Atty

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this complaint, all of who are to plaintiff unknown and all of those whose names are to plaintiff unknown and all of the persons, who by reason of their relationship to any of the above named defendants, might by any possibility have or claim some right, title, or interest in the real estate described in plaintiff's complaint, all of whom are to plaintiff unknown, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate hereinafter described in plaintiff's complaint or to any part thereof from, through, or under any of the above named defendants or any of their respective descendants or successors in interest direct or remote, living or dead, whether named or not, all of whose names are to plaintiff unknown.

This action is one to Quiet Title on the following real estate, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER FIFTEEN (15) IN MORNINGSIDE FIRST SUB-DIVISION TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA. ALSO, TEN (10) FEET IN EQUAL WIDTH OFF THE ENTIRE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NUMBER SIXTEEN (16) IN MORNINGSIDE FIRST SUB-DIVISION TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND, INDIANA.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 716 South 21st Street, Richmond, IN 47374

You have been sued by the named Plaintiff in the court stated above. This summons has been published because the whereabouts of the above designated and described individuals is unknown.

You have been named as a Defendant in the quiet title action pending in the Wayne County, Indiana Superior Court sitting in Richmond, Indiana. This suit is prosecuted by the Plaintiff, GREYMORR REAL ESTATE, LLC, which seeks to quiet title in the above described real estate against any and all demands, claims and claimants whatsoever.

Any Defendant claiming a right in the real estate described above must answer the complaint, in writing, in person or by attorney, within 30 days commencing the day after the final publication of this notice or judgment may be entered against the Defendants as demanded in the complaint. If you fail to respond to Plaintiff's complaint within the 30 days, the Wayne Superior Court will have full power, authority and jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters presented in this suit and its decrees, orders, judgments and proceedings with regard to title to the above described real estate which shall be binding and conclusive upon any and all persons claiming a right to this real estate.

DATED: June 27, 2022.
/s/ Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne County Courts

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County, Indiana Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners and Council Chambers, 401 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana. The Wayne County, Indiana Board of Commissioners will consider proposed Ordinance # 2022-005 pursuant to IC 14-28-3-3 Designation and Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas by Subdivisions:

To amend Section 59.17 Duties and Responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator of the Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas for Wayne County, Indiana, Ordinance No. 2015-003 in order to include guidance on the issuance of a Variance in accordance with SECTION 1. IC 14-28-1-22.3, also known as Public Law 133, signed into law March 15, 2022.

Comments will be heard by the Wayne County, Indiana Board of County Commissioners from all parties interested in or affected by the proposed ordinance. A complete text of the proposed ordinance may be viewed in advance of the hearing in the office of the Wayne County Plan Commission, 401 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

Submitted by: Kenneth Paust, President
Attest by: Beth Fields, Secretary

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IN THE WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No.
89C01-2206-MI-000103

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR: BENSON LIN

KEN GUOCAN LIN, PETITIONER

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Petitioner, Ken Guocan Lin, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on the 15th day of September, 2022, at 1:45 o'clock p.m. or as soon thereafter as such Petition may be heard, in the Wayne Circuit Court, Wayne County Courthouse, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374, Telephone: 765-973-9260. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.

So Ordered June 30, 2022
April R. Drake, Judge
Wayne Circuit Court

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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

IN THE WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO.
89C01-2006-ES-000026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH DIANE BAKER, DECEASED

NOTICE ON FINAL ACCOUNT TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH DIANE BAKER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Cindy Baker, as Administrator of the above-named estate, has filed a report of final accounting together with petition to settle and allow account, petition for approval of proposed distributions and petition to close estate. The same will come up for action by Circuit Court of Wayne County, Indiana, on the 5th day of August, 2022, unless written objections are presented to the Court ten (10) days prior to the hearing by persons interested in said estate stating why such accounting should not be approved or unless such person makes proof of heirship and claim any part of such estate now shown by such report.

Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Circuit Court,
Wayne County, Indiana

Jamie H. Harvey, #29279-81
Smith Harvey Law Office
324 Central Avenue
Connersville, IN 47331
Telephone: 765-825-8541

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SHERIFF'S SALE

MDK # 22-004864
Sheriff Sale No. _____

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Wayne Circuit Court of Wayne County, Indiana, in Cause No. 89C01-2203-MF-000017 wherein Caliber Home Loans, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Nathan Allen Burris and Laurann Rose Smith were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on **August 18, 2022**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.**, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Sheriff's Office at 200 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wayne County, Indiana.

Being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 13 East, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 550 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 13 East and running thence West, parallel with the north line of said quarter section 300 feet; thence South parallel with the east line of said quarter section 200 feet; thence East, parallel with the north line of said quarter section, 300 feet to the east line of said quarter section; thence North along said east line, 200 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 1.37 acres, more or less.

Commonly known address: **5564 Sugar Grove Road, Greens Fork, IN 47345**

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Nicholas M. Smith
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff

Randall L. Retter,
Sheriff of Wayne County

Township: Clay
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 89-06-21-000-427.000-008

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

PLEASE SERVE:

Nathan Allen Burris
5564 Sugar Grove Road
Greens Fork, IN 47345
Type of Service: Sheriff's Service

Laurann Rose Smith
5564 Sugar Grove Road
Greens Fork, IN 47345
Type of Service: Sheriff's Service

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STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

IN THE WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No.
89C01-2206-MI-000101

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR: DESMOND MANUEL SPEERS

DEVIN ELIZABETH PRYOR, PETITIONER

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Petitioner, Devin Elizabeth Pryor, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor, on June 27, 2022 and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on the 1st day of September, 2022, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. or as soon thereafter as such Petition may be heard, in the Wayne Circuit Court, Wayne County Courthouse, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374, Telephone: 765-973-9260. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.

So Ordered June 28, 2022
April R. Drake, Judge
Wayne Circuit Court

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED at Western Wayne School Cafeteria. 25 to 29 hrs per week, no weekend, nights or holidays. For more details, call 478-3326. (7/20)

SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY
RICHMOND, INDIANA

CAUSE NO:
89D01-2111-MF-000027

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC PLAINTIFF
vs

FRANCES A. JACKSON A/K/A FRANCES JACKSON, DECEASED; LORI A. GELLINGER, HEIR AND/OR DEVISEE OF FRANCES A. JACKSON A/K/A FRANCES JACKSON, DECEASED; DANNY L. JACKSON, HEIR AND/OR DEVISEE OF FRANCES A. JACKSON A/K/A FRANCES JACKSON, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF FRANCES A. JACKSON A/K/A FRANCES JACKSON, DECEASED; ESTATE OF FRANCES A. JACKSON A/K/A FRANCES JACKSON, DECEASED; PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC; FULL-O-PEP APPLIANCES INCORPORATED, D/B/A AMERICAN RENTAL DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Wayne Superior Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 05/25/2022, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder at the office of the Sheriff of Wayne County, in Wayne County, Indiana, located at 200 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374 on **August 18, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Wayne County, Indiana, to-wit:

Lot Number 25 in that part of the City of Richmond laid out by Arthur W. Blise as a sub-division of the Addition by the Commissioner appointed to make partition of the Estate of Nathan Morgan, deceased. As shown in the Recorder's Office of Wayne County, Indiana.

Commonly known as: **431 Southwest 3rd Street, Richmond, IN 47374-5344**
State Parcel Number: 89-18-05-130-825.000-030

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled *An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith* (see Indiana Code).

It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Wayne County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.

Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Mortgage Assets Management, LLC. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.

Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
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CAUSE NO.
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IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: KYLE JOSHUA MORELAND, A Minor Child

JOHN D. MYERS, Petitioner AND KATHY M. MYERS, Petitioner

TO: MICHELE R. MYERS, MOTHER, and
TO: JOSHUA MORELAND, FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

HEARING ON PETITION TO ESTABLISH GUARDIANSHIP

IT IS ORDERED that Barb Mayle, Wayne County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 301 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374, be and hereby is, appointed as Guardian Ad Litem herein.

A Petition to Establish Guardianship of Minor Child has been filed by the persons named in the Cause stated above.

Hearing on Petition to Establish Guardianship of Minor has been set for the 28th day of September, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., with Judicial Officer Gregory A. Horn.

You must answer the Petition within thirty (30) days after the first notice of this action is published or judgment may be entered for what he/she seeks.

Filed: April 28, 2022
Debra Berry, Clerk
Wayne Superior 2 Court

GUARDIAN AD LITEM:
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The Project includes the following Work: The repaving of various streets within the Town of Cambridge City.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: choiceoneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.

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Owner: Town of Cambridge City
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wayne County, Indiana, in cause No. 89D01-2001-MF-000009, wherein Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Deephaven Residential Mortgage Trust 2019-1 was Plaintiff, and Herschel L. Miers, III, Paula F. Miers a/k/a Paula Miers and Susan Elizabeth Miers were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in the said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **18th** day of **August, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.**, local time of said day, at Wayne County Sheriff's Department, 200 E. Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wayne County, Indiana:

BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY SEVEN (27), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST IN CAMBRIDGE CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN CARLTON JACOB'S EAST LINE, SAID POINT BEING TWO AND NINETY TWO HUNDREDTHS (2.92) RODS NORTH EIGHTY SEVEN (87) DEGREES EAST AND FOUR HUNDRED SEVEN AND NINETY SEVEN HUNDREDTHS (407.97) FEET SOUTH THREE (3) DEGREES EAST OF A STONE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER FOUR (4) IN THE DALE HEIGHTS ADDITION TO SAID TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE CITY, SAID STONE BEING FIFTY THREE (53) RODS EAST AND SIXTY NINE (69) RODS SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH THREE (3) DEGREES EAST TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE AND FIFTY THREE HUNDREDTHS (235.53) FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY NUMBER FORTY (40); THENCE SOUTH EIGHTY SEVEN (87) DEGREES WEST, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (132) FEET; THENCE NORTH THREE (3) DEGREES WEST TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE AND FIFTY THREE HUNDREDTHS (235.53) FEET; THENCE NORTH EIGHTY SEVEN (87) DEGREES EAST ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (132) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY ONE HUNDREDTHS (0.71) ACRES MORE OR LESS. ALSO, THE RIGHT OF WAY OR EASEMENT FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE TO DALE AVENUE WHICH WAS CONVEYED BY CARLTON S. JACOBS TO EFFA SCHWEITZER BY THE FOLLOWING GRANT; "GRANTOR ALSO CONVEYS AND WARRANTS TO GRANTEE, HER HEIRS, GRANT-

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Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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SPORTS

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Lincoln HS announces spring sports honorees



Scholar Athletes (L-R): Andon Ross, Mallory Burns, Emily Cox, Shayna Morris, Brody Puckett and Evan Stuckey. Photos: Lincoln Athletics



Mental Attitude (L-R): Elliott Jones, Andon Ross, Leo Russell, Alan Austin and Maddie Bogue
Not Pictured: Reagan Sturgis and Zach Bates.



MVP (L-R): Andon Ross, Emily Cox, Bailey Puckett, Kaylee Gabbard, Alex Bertsch and Gavin Sherwood.

Cambridge City Lincoln High School recently announced honorees from spring sports teams. Most Valuable Player awards went to Gavin Sherwood in baseball, Andon Ross in golf, Kaylee Gabbard in softball, Emily Cox in tennis, Alex Bertsch in boys track and Bailey Puckett in girls track. Mental Attitude awards went to Zach Bates and Leo Russell in baseball, Andon Ross in golf, Maddie Bogue in softball, Reagan Sturgis in tennis, Alan Austin in boys track and Elliott Jones in girls track. Scholar Athlete awards went to Evan Stuckey in baseball, Andon Ross in golf, Mallory Burns in softball, Emily Cox in tennis, Brody Puckett in boys track and Shayna Morris in girls track.

Lincoln names football coaching staff



Lincoln AD Rob Bills hands the football to Head Coach Danny Capps. Photo: Lincoln Athletics

Cambridge City Lincoln High School announced in late May that Danny Capps would be hired as the new varsity football coach for the 2022-23 school year. The Western Wayne School Board made it official at the June 8 meeting when Capps was hired as Alternative School/PE Teacher and head varsity football coach. At the same meeting, Jeremy Bane, Chris Dykes and Bryan Ervin were hired as assistant football coaches, under Capps.

Different faces on the sidelines for area fall sports

There will be several new faces on the court, or on the sidelines, for the upcoming fall sports season at Wayne County High Schools. A partial list follows. It has already been reported by the Western Wayne News that Danny Capps is the new head football coach at Cambridge City Lincoln High School. Capps was on the Richmond High School coaching staff last season. Ryan Cole is the new head football coach at Centerville High School. Cole coached last season at Wes Del High School. Randall Kerns is the new head football coach at Richmond High School. Kerns coached last season at Mountain Crest High School in Hyrum, Utah. Ricky Torres is the new girls head soccer coach at Centerville High School. Matt Fisher is the new head volleyball coach at Northeastern High School. Darrell Morkin is the new head volleyball coach at Richmond High School.

Hagerstown track and field winners



HHS Boys Track: (L-R) Mason Romack, Joey Auker, Gabe Warvel, Quentin Osborne and Bryson Adams. Photos: HHS Athletics

Hagerstown High School recently announced award winners from the 2022 Track and Field season. **Girls:** Maddie Ward - Academic and Most Valuable in Field Events, Ava Moore - Most Valuable Distance Runner, Kasiti Ferriell - Most Valuable Sprinter, Ashlynn Claywell - Outstanding Freshman, Jada Briar - Outstanding Junior, Hattie Hobbs - Mental Attitude, Lindsey Golliher - Outstanding Sophomore.



HHS Girls Track: (L-R) Maddie Ward, Ava Moore, Kasiti Ferriell, Ashlynn Claywell, Jada Briar, Hattie Hobbs and Lindsey Golliher.

Boys: Mason Romack - Most Valuable Sprinter, Joey Auker - Mental Attitude, Gabe Warvel - Academic, Quentin Osborne - Most Valuable Distance Runner, Bryson Adams - Most Valuable in Field Events.



Alex Brown named Academic All-State

2022 Richmond High School graduate Alex Brown has been selected to the prestigious Indiana High School Boys Golf Coaches Association (IHSGCA) Academic All-State team. Alex, the son of Matt & Kristi Herig and Pat & Erica Brown, had a 4.4 GPA and was a valedictorian for his class.

During the recently concluded season Alex was a member of the North Central Conference and sectional champion Red Devil team. Brown was named to the All-NCC team and helped lead his team to the sectional title with a third-place overall individual finish.

The award is very exclusive. Only fifteen players are selected from across the state each year. Minimum requirements to be considered include having a GPA greater than 3.5, an SAT score greater than 1100 (or ACT equivalent), in addition to athletic qualifications.

Richmond Head Coach Brent Struewing put the selection of Brown in the proper perspective. "Academic All-State is the hardest award to win in golf," Struewing stated. "It is very prestigious."



Alex Brown Photo RHS Athletics

3 area tennis teams named Academic All-State by IHSTECA

Three area girls' tennis teams were recently recognized for academic excellence by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association.

The teams from Cambridge City Lincoln High School (Head Coach Jordan Randall), Northeastern High School (Head Coach Brandy Sheck-

les), and Randolph Southern High School (Head Coach Kyle Good) were selected for the honor from nominations made by member coaches.

IHSAA fall sports timetables announced

Guidelines have now been released for IHSAA fall sports. **Cross Country:** First practice on or after August 1, first regular season meet on or after August 13.

Football: Practice without contact begins August 1, practice with contact begins August 4. An interschool scrimmage can be scheduled on August 12 or August 13. First regular season game on or after August 19.

Girls Golf: First Practice July 29, first regular season contest on or after August 1.

Boys and Girls Soccer: First Practice August 1, first regular season contest on or after August 13.

Boys Tennis: First Practice August 1, first regular season contest on or after August 13.

Volleyball: First Practice August 1, first regular season contest on or after August 13.

Retired local Marine records first hole-in-one on Independence Day

What could be more fitting?

Retired U.S. Marine Steven Sharp recorded his first ever hole-in-one while playing golf at Hartley Hills Golf Club on July 4.

Sharp, who is a Hagerstown resident, used a seven iron to ace the number seven 171-yard par three-hole enroute to a lifetime best score of two-under-par 70.

The shot was witnessed by Justin Sharp, Judy Stewart and Bob Geise.



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Hagerstown 8-9-10 Little League team advances to title game

The Hagerstown Little League remained unbeaten in the District 6 Tournament Friday night with a 14-3 win over Delta. With the win, Hagerstown, the only remaining team in the tournament without a loss, will wait for the remaining teams to fight it out in the loser's bracket for an opportunity to face Hagerstown in the championship game.

Game 1:
Hagerstown 9
New Castle Green 7

The boys from Hagerstown handed the Green Machine from New Castle a 9-7 loss in their opener Thursday in a game played at Delta. Hagerstown exploded for seven runs in the second inning and held off a rally from New Castle Green to advance in the winner's bracket.

Neither team scored in the first inning, but there was no shortage of heroes for Hag-

erstown in the big second inning. Trenton Patterson, Quinn Schlotterbeck, Corbin Bulmer, and Owen Hale delivered key hits.

New Castle Green scratched and clawed their way back into the game, eventually tying the score at 7-7 in the top half of the fourth inning, but they could never take the lead.

Hagerstown stayed focused and retook the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. A single from Mason Grover started the rally and Wyatt Moore drew a walk to join him on base. Mac Golliher came in as a courtesy runner for Moore before Joey Howard came to the plate. Howard stroked an RBI single to drive in Grover, and Golliher - with some aggressive base running - also scored to give Hagerstown a 9-7 lead. They made it stand-up sending the Green Machine to the loser's bracket.

Game 2:
Hagerstown 14
Delta 3

Hagerstown is an explosive team. Thursday, they scored seven runs in one inning. Friday, they scored five runs in the first inning, and tacked on seven more runs in the second inning, enroute to a 14-3 win over Delta.

It is the calling card for Hagerstown as explained by Manager Ryan Cowan. "Kids in this age group are going to make mistakes, including our kids," Cowan explained. "So, we tell our kids to hit the ball hard somewhere in play and force the defense to make plays and we have the kids execute that plan."

Hagerstown batted around in the first inning and Corbin Bulmer, Seth Fagen, Wyatt Moore, Quinn Schlotterbeck, and Colton Jones all collected base hits.

Hagerstown used a combination of timely hits and walks to come back with seven runs in the second inning, pushing their lead to 12-1 before coasting to a 14-3 four inning rout.

Moore collected three hits to lead the offense, including two doubles. Schlotterbeck also doubled and Joey Howard tripled and was involved in executing a fourth inning double-play.

Cowan was pleased with the way his team played. "We are fortunate to have great depth in our pitching staff," Cowan said. "We were able to use three pitchers tonight to keep their pitch count low. So,

we will go into the championship with our complete staff at our disposal. Our kids are happy to have the opportunity to play for the title. This is the best team I have coached at this level."



Longtime official David Dickey poses with Hagerstown Little League Commissioner Shawn Murphy.

Hagerstown Little League Majors advance to championship

On the same day the Hagerstown Little League (8-9-10) won their District 6 championship, the Hagerstown Majors (11-12) moved to the championship game in their division.

Game 1
Hagerstown 18
Harry Bridges (Elwood) 0

Heath Johnson, Hayden Moore, Jaykob Troutwine each doubled. Graham Vinson doubled twice, Bentley George tripled and Troutwine hammered a home run. Benjamin Golliher, Jonah Hale, Kaden Hall, also drove in runs in the blowout win.

Game 2
Hagerstown 11
New Castle 1

Hagerstown banged out 14 hits, led by Kaden Hall, who was four for four at the plate, but the story of the game was the pitching.

Jaykob Troutwine and Heath Johnson combined on a no-hit-



Jonah Hale makes the defensive play. Photos: Rachel Hilligoss Moore

ter. Troutwine struck out 11 batters in 4 2/3 innings before Johnson came on in relief to get the last out.

The championship game will

be played Tuesday July 12 at the Little League Park at Delta, and the results will be reported in the July 20 issue of the Western Wayne News.



Jaykob Troutwine completes his delivery.

8, 9, 10 Little League Championship game photos



Colton Jones caught every inning of every game in the title run. Photos: Rachel Hilligoss Moore



Joey Howard smacks a double.

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Hagerstown 8-9-10 Little League thumps Delta to win District 6 title

A funny thing happened enroute to a much-anticipated rematch in the district championship game Sunday afternoon between New Castle Green and Hagerstown. New Castle did not get there. Delta Little League upset them 4-1 to advance to the title game.

It is unlikely that it would have mattered who the hard-throwing, hard-hitting Hagerstown team played.

The boys in purple steam rolled Delta in the championship game 16-1, to advance to the state tournament to be played July 19 through July 24 in Jasper, Indiana.

Delta scored their only run in their first at-bat. The leadoff batter reached base on a slow roller down the third base line. A one-out single drove him home before Owen Hale settled in to strike out the next two batters to end the threat.

Hagerstown delivered a quick response. They sent eight batters to the plate in the bottom of the first inning, scoring five runs to take control of the contest. The inning was highlighted by a double from Joey Howard and triple from Seth Fagan.

Hagerstown came back with an eleven-run explosion in the second inning to put the game out of reach.

Owen Hale was the pitcher of record, only allowing three hits and striking out five. Hale worked a total of 5 2/3 innings over the weekend. He only surrendered one run and



District Six 8-9-10 Little League Champions Team. *Front row kneeling:* Jace Cowan and Mac Golliher. *Middle row:* Seth Fagan, Joey Howard, Mason Grover, Trenton Patterson, Coleton Jones, Owen Hale, Wyatt Moore, Cameron Lanum, Palmer Ward, Corbin Bulmer. *Back row:* Coach Dustin Jones, Manager Ryan Cowan, Coach Jason Bulmer.

Photos: Rachel Hilligoss Moore

struck out a total of ten batters.

Fagan went three for three at the plate in the title game. Colton Jones and Palmer Ward were both two for two. Jones was also a workhorse in the tournament catching every inning during the Hagerstown three-game championship run.

The District 6 Champions will next face the winner of the game between District 3 and District 7 in state tournament play on July 20, at 6:00 p.m.



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