

Grace Center Inc.'s mission is: providing nutritious food and promoting social interaction with commitment and grace to our rural community.

# The Grace Gazette

## AUGUST 2012



Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

OUR PANTRY HOURS

**Pantry Hours:**  
**Tuesdays**  
**10:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**Thursdays**  
**5:00pm-7:00pm**  
 (Located on the corner of Popcorn Rd and Harrodsburg Rd)  
**Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships**

### WISH LIST GOAL:

**Salad Dressing,**  
**Vegetable Oil**  
**(Canola, Olive, etc),**  
**Mayonnaise,**  
**Ketchup, Mustard,**  
**A1 Sauce, BBQ**  
**Sauce, Salt, Pepper**  
**CAN YOU HELP?**

### Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$18.41 away from Kroger writing us another check. Keep reloading those cards. Use your card to buy **groceries and gas!** What a great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



Who can come to the Community Dinner?

**EVERYONE!**

How Grace Center helped the Community in April

- 339 Adults served
- 146 Children helped
- 190 Families helped
- 458 Bags of Food given
- 6 New Families Helped

**Board Members:**  
 Tina Baugh, President  
 Debbie Woodward, Vice President  
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer  
 Linda Brammer, Secretary  
 Jim Baugh, Incorporator/Member at Large  
 Clarissa Hawk, Terry Brammer, and Terry Doane, Members at Large

## THE POOREST COUNTIES IN AMERICA

Below is an article recently posted by MainStreet. It lists Monroe County as the poorest county in Indiana according to the most recent data from the Census Bureau. I wanted to pass the information on to our readers to reiterate how important it is to continue helping those in need. Grace Center strives to reach the people of the three southernmost townships in Monroe County that struggle to feed themselves and their families. As told by a recent patron "My family would be hungry everyday without the help I receive from Grace Center." Let's continue to help those in need during this difficult time.

### The Poorest Counties in America

The number of Americans living in poverty has been on the rise since the Great Recession, as many households have seen their incomes drop and their debts mount in the past few years.

In total, more than 15% of the population lived in poverty in 2010, the highest percentage since 1993, according to the most recent data from the Census Bureau. To put that in perspective, that means more than 46 million people fell below the poverty line, defined as \$22,314 for a family of four. If you factor in the income spent on expenses like medical costs, child care and mortgage payments, the number of Americans whose remaining income falls below the poverty line is closer to 50 million, or roughly 16% of the population.

As severe as these sounds, some regions in the U.S. are much worse off. In November, the census released a breakdown of the poverty rate in every county in the U.S. in 2010, which showed dozens of counties where more than a third of the population lives in poverty and a handful whose overall poverty rates were closer to 50%.

MainStreet combed through the data to find the county in each state with the highest poverty rate.

Normally, people associate institutions of higher education with a more affluent crowd, but the poorest county in Indiana is also home to Indiana University. The county also has significantly higher high school and college graduation rates than the state.

The Poorest County in Indiana: Monroe

Poverty Rate: 24.3%

Poverty Rate of Kids under 18: 18.1%

Median Household Income: \$38,348

~Article from MainStreet.com

**MAINST**



I recently discovered a terrific new website and wanted to pass it on. It is called Kind\*Post. People post quick stories of kindnesses they have observed, received, or performed. Reading them can really lift your spirits. It is a gratitude community, enjoy! The website is: [kind-post.com](http://kind-post.com)

**kind\*post**

post something nice today

## INDIANA FUN FACTS

Capital City.....	Indianapolis
Admission to Statehood.....	December 11, 1816
State Bird.....	Cardinal
State Tree.....	Tulip Tree
State Flower.....	Peony
Border States.....	Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio
Number of Counties in Indiana.....	92
State Motto.....	"The Crossroads of America"
State Song.....	"On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away"
How many State Representatives?.....	9
Current Governor.....	Mitch Daniels
State Nickname.....	Hoosier State
Number of state parks.....	23
State Number.....	19th
River the southern border.....	Ohio River

# Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org		email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com		AUGUST		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	3	4
5 Food Pantry Sunday @ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church ~ Bring donated items for the pantry	6 Grace Center Board Meeting at Grace Center Food Pantry Building 6:00pm	7 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm	8	9 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	10	11
12	13 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30pm-2:30pm at Grace Center Food Pantry Building	14 Food Pantry 10am-12noon	15	16 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	17	18
19	20 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Call Patty, 824-2611	21 Food Pantry 10am-12noon	22 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Call Lloyd for location	23 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	24	25 Annual Hog Roast See Below
26 Harrodsburg United Methodist Church Event	27	28 Food Pantry 10am-12noon Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner 5:30pm-7:00 at the Harrodsburg Community Center	29	30 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	31	

**Perry-Clear Creek  
Fire Department**

## Annual Hog Roast

**12 noon- 5 pm**

**9094 S. Strain Ridge Rd**

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you to all those who have so generously donated their time, effort, money, food and kindness this past month. You are appreciated! Below are a portion of those we wish to thank:

- Hot Spot at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church for donating 119 lbs. of food.
- Barbara Richardson for donating 10 lbs. of powdered milk.
- Barb Stainbrook for volunteering on Tuesdays and donating 2 large packages of toilet tissue.
- Walkers Chapel for donating 116 lbs. of misc. food.
- Ashley Woodward for donating 5 lbs. of cereal.
- Nancy McArdle for donating 13 lbs. of Turkey frozen dinners.
- The Marshals for bringing bread donated from Kroger each week.
- Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for donating 104 lbs. of paper goods, misc. toys and food.
- Girl Scout Troop 86 for donating 11 lbs. of food.
- Darrel Anderson for giving 46 lbs. of food.
- Rhea Weaver for donating 20 lbs. of toiletries and misc. canned food.
- Melissa Weaver for giving 3lbs. of diapers.
- Bill and Diane Beottjer for donating 20 lbs. of macaroni & cheese and canned goods.
- The Rollins family for donating 15 lbs. of canned goods and ramen noodles

**Harrodsburg United Methodist Church**

## Community Picnic

**August 26th from 4:30-7:30**

Harrodsburg Community Center

**Free Food, Games for Kids, Fun and Fellowship**

*Everyone Welcome!*

**INDIANA CORN CASSEROLE**

1 lb bacon	1 stick butter
1/2 onion, chopped	1/2 c. chopped celery
Salt and Pepper	1 T chopped parsley
5 T flour	2 cups sour cream
1 red and 1 green pepper, chopped	
2 lbs fresh corn or thawed frozen	

Heat oven to 350°. Cook bacon, drain, and chop into pieces, set aside. Melt butter in large pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, celery and peppers until soft. Stir in the flour, then sour cream, mix until combined. Add the corn and most of the bacon bits and season with salt and pepper. Pour mixture into a 9x13 baking dish and sprinkle the remaining bacon and parsley on top. Bake 30-45 minutes until lightly browned. Serves 6-8.

ADDRESS LABEL

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