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TODAY'S WEATHER
Cloudy today, mostly cloudy tonight.

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Hamilton County Reporter

The County Line

Silting problem in Morse becoming obvious

By **FRED SWIFT**

Reservoirs only last so long before they begin to fill with silt washing in over the years from tributaries. Morse Reservoir is 60 years old. The silting problem is obvious in the northern portion of the lake where Big and Little Cicero Creeks enter the lake, and on the west where Hinkle Creek joins.

Experts say that generally after 50 years the problem needs attention in most reservoirs. The solution involves expensive dredging. For at least three years dredging Morse has been discussed, but apparently no immediate action is yet planned.

It would seem everyone involved would benefit. The Indianapolis water utility which own both Morse and Geist reservoirs recognize the problem and reportedly have offered upwards of half a million dollars annually for several years toward a dredging project. Homeowners around the lake are largely in favor of the action and local government is also favorable.

It seems coordination, which shouldn't be hard, and state approvals are needed to get the show on the road. One would think that Hamilton County has the political influence with the current state administration to get needed approvals from Natural Resources and/or Environmental Management.

If nothing is done, it won't be long before boating north of Cicero and west of Little Chicago Road will be difficult at the least and perhaps impossible when the lake is drawn down during a prolonged dry spell.

It takes time, maybe a lot of time, to get major dredging operations underway. The benefits are numerous. The water utility stands to gain because removing all the buildup of silt increases the capacity of the lake to hold more water. Property owners benefit because home values and new construction are likely to increase.

Morse was created in the mid-1950s by the Indianapolis Water Company to provide an emergency supply of water for the growing capital city. Geist had been built a decade earlier as the first Indianapolis reservoir. In the 1970s upscale waterfront subdivisions were built.

Both reservoirs have become very popular for recreation especially boating, and Morse has become a big part of Noblesville's dramatic growth in the past 30 years. But, the silting could threaten the popularity of the lake.

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Belden Celebration of Life is Feb. 27

A Celebration of Life ceremony for Coach Jim Belden, who passed away early Sunday morning will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 in Noblesville in the Ivy Tech Gymnasium (old high school).

Fishers approves economic development agreements

The Fishers City Council voted on both the Braden Business Systems and STANLEY Securities economic development agreements with the City of Fishers at tonight's meeting.

The Council approved the Braden Business Systems agreement unanimously. Councilwoman Selina Stoller was not in attendance and Councilman Rich Block abstained from the vote due to a personal connection with the petitioner.

Likewise, the Council approved the STANLEY Securities agreement unanimously. Councilwoman Selina Stoller was not in attendance.

STANLEY Security will move its headquarters and more than 300 jobs to the Fishers Point Business Park. Braden Business Systems plan to relocate its corporate headquarters and more than 70 jobs to the Nickel Plate District with a new building constructed at 7 Municipal Drive.

Eight Hamilton County women among the...

2016 500 Festival Princesses

The 500 Festival, a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the quality of life for Indiana residents and visitors, today announced that eight college-aged women from Hamilton County have been selected from a record number of applicants to serve as 2016 500 Festival Princesses.

The 2016 500 Festival Princesses, Hamilton County hometown, high school, college or university and area of study are as follows (in alphabetical order):

Morgan Jacobs, Fishers, a graduate of Pendleton Heights High School and a sophomore at Indiana State University majoring in Business

Kayla Keith, Carmel, a graduate of Westfield High School and a senior at IU-PUI majoring in Tourism, Convention and Event Management

Christy Kettler, Westfield, a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School and a junior at Purdue University majoring in Agronomy with a focus in Crop and Soil Management

Amber Kriech, Carmel, a graduate of Carmel High School and a junior at IUPUI majoring in Organizational Leadership and Supervision

Briana Smith, Carmel, a graduate of Cathedral High School and a junior at Purdue University majoring in Psychology

Madison Stahl, Fishers, a graduate of Fishers High School and a junior at Indiana

Jacobs	Keith	Kettler	Kriech
Smith	Stahl	Stein	Wilson

University majoring in Elementary Education

Ally Stein, Fishers, a graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School and a junior at Purdue University majoring in Education

Kayla Wilson, Fishers, a graduate of Fishers High School and a freshman at IUPUI majoring in Civic Leadership

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Sheriff's Office investigating Mallery Road robbery

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is investigating a home invasion robbery that occurred on Saturday just east of Noblesville.

Deputies responded to the 18900 block of Mallery Road shortly after 9 p.m. on the report of a residential burglary in progress. A perimeter was set and K-9 officers attempted a track but the suspect fled prior to the arrival of deputies.

The homeowner stated she returned from an evening church service and entered her residence when she was confronted by a male in her bedroom who then began to hit her. When the victim fought back, the

suspect attempted to strangle her and she believed she lost consciousness. After the victim awoke, the suspect was gone. The victim was taken to the hospital where she was treated and released a short time later. A few small items including electronics and cash were taken during the incident.

Investigators have limited information on the suspect who the victim could only describe as wearing a thick coat and black mask. This is the only such case reported in Hamilton County and is believed to be an isolated incident at this time.

Sheriff's Office officials encourage homeowners, as always, to keep doors, includ-

ing garage doors, closed and locked even while at home. Keeping homes well lit and alarms activated may help deter criminal activity. Residents are encouraged to be alert and report any suspicious activity through Hamilton County Public Safety Communications at 317-773-1282 or 9-1-1 for an emergency.

This is an open and ongoing investigation through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Anyone with possible information should contact the Sheriff's Office at 317-776-9887 or 317-773-1282.

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Fire Board conducts meeting to answer questions



John Phifer
Atlanta Town Council



Chris Miller
Jackson Township Trustee



Maurice St. Louis
Arcadia Town Council

By JEFF JELLISON
Nearly 100 northern Hamilton County residents filled the Arcadia Town Hall on Tuesday evening hoping to get answers regarding the future of their fire and paramedic services. What those residents left with was not what they had hoped for.

The meeting conducted by the Jackson Fire Territory Board provided area residents and opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming dissolution of the Jackson Fire Territory. The dissolution will leave residents of incorporated Arcadia and

Atlanta without fire protection and paramedic services.
On February 10th the Jackson Township Board of Trustees voted 3-0 to withdraw from the fire territory. Because Jackson Township serves as the providing unit for the fire territory, and funds approximately 85% of the fire territory’s budget, the territory will no longer exist beginning July 1.

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Atlanta Clerk Treasurer issues statement to residents of Jackson Township

To All Residents of Jackson Township,

As you may or may not have heard, the Jackson Township Board, at the recommendation of the Trustee, voted to pull out of the Jackson Fire Territory (JFT) effective July 1, 2016. Here is the back story with facts.

Prior to the establishment of the territory the county picked up the majority of the tab for Advanced Life Support service for Jackson Township, Atlanta, and Arcadia. When the county defunded this, all three units had to look for other options. After many meetings, discussions and much exploration it was agreed that a fire territory comprised of the three units was the best option and in the best interest of all Jackson Township residents. An interlocal agreement (commonly referred to as Memorandum of Understanding-MOU) was signed by all three units and recorded at the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office.

Friction between Jackson Township and Arcadia and Atlanta began in mid 2014 when all three unit’s 2015 COIT revenues were projected to increase. This was good news to the units because when the fire territory was established each lost a portion of their tax revenues.

FACT: one of the selling points of establishing the territory was that our COIT revenues would eventually increase and offset the tax loss *for each unit*. Around this same time, former Atlanta Town Council Member Abe Evans resigned as Atlanta’s representative to the JFT board and longtime Council Member John Phifer was appointed as his replacement. Mr. Phifer quickly noticed that the township trustee was not following the MOU for the JFT and that decisions and expenditures were being made without proper procedure.

At this same time the trustee declared that the JFT was in financial trouble and would need each unit to give their additional COIT revenues to the JFT. Members of the JFT board then agreed that a budget study was in order and asked Mr. Phifer to lead this. Knowing that I had 16 years (at that time) of budget experience Mr. Phifer asked me to assist him. I told him what documents he would need to request from the trustee and set about pulling the trustee’s filed reports from the Department of Local Government and Finance website. It took months to get documents that were requested from the trustee. When we finally had all of the financial information we learned that there was no financial crisis. NONE. We also learned that there is plenty of fat to be cut from the JFT budget if there were a crisis.

FACT: The trustee pays tens of thousands of dollars a year to a financial consultant to do the same thing that I and hundreds of other clerk treasurers do ourselves; things like filing the annual report and employee compensation report to the DLGF and preparing and filing the annual budget.

FACT: Payroll is being outsourced for thousands of dollars each year and could easily be done in house.

FACT: The trustee has been paying, in fact *prepaying* at times, tens of thousands of dollars to a contractor to do jobs at the firehouse in Arcadia; jobs which have not gone through the JFT board for approval and many of which could have been done in house or at a much lower rate.

FACT: The trustee gave herself a \$12,807.50 pay raise for 2015. Does this sound like an organization that is in financial jeopardy?

FACT: When the JFT was launched in January of 2012, the Emergency Medical



Robyn Cook

Fund had \$10,903.00. It has grown to \$300,217.32. The revenue for this fund is derived from JFT ambulance runs yet the Township maintains that this revenue belongs to them (the township) not JFT. How can the township control revenue earned by the territory?

In an article in the Hamilton County Reporter the trustee stated “The Township will be able to maintain staffing and services at their current

level.” She told Fox 59 that the “tax rates will be the same and no one will lose their jobs.” What?? The trustee is contradicting herself. 1. If the JFT, which is its own taxing unit, goes away, then the tax rate will go away leaving each unit in the same boat it was in before the territory was established. Is everyone going to contract with Cicero for ALS service? What if Cicero is on a run and something happens to one of our kids at school? How long will we have to wait for help? 2. If everything is ok, as she is stating to the media, then why are you dissolving the fire territory?

I will tell you why. This became a personal vendetta when Mr. Phifer exposed the trustee for not following the MOU and for holding her feet to the fire (no pun intended) when it came to the alleged financial crisis. This is nothing but a political move to stick it to Atlanta and Arcadia and is not in the best interest of ANY of us living in Jackson Township.

This got really ugly last year and in attempt to preserve the JFT the Atlanta and Arcadia Town Council members backed off. The councils of Atlanta and Arcadia even agreed to revisit the COIT revenue issue *in the future should the need arise*. I am inserting the open letter that I wrote to the Township Trustee at that time last year. Some of the figures have changed and some content may not be relevant at this time but the message about the stability and necessity of the JFT remains:

During a public meeting last year the Jackson Township Board, the Trustee, and the Arcadia and Atlanta Town Boards agreed to wipe the slate clean and start fresh. Township Board Members Jeff Roberts (the same one who, in a public meeting, called all Atlanta residents “a bunch of idiots drinking from the same well”) and Jerry Cook informed everyone present that they did not want to dissolve the territory. The Town Councils were in agreement. Money has been encumbered for long term projects and goals were recently set for the JFT. Considering all of this, you can imagine the shock to the Atlanta and Arcadia Town Councils when they received the letter from the Township.

It is really disappointing that the three township board members will only listen to one person and will not even look at the FACTS nor do their homework.

What the trustee is saying is not accurate. The JFT is not in financial trouble nor is it going to be in the future. She is saying that they are dissolving the JFT for financial reasons but in the same breath saying that everything is going to stay the same. The tax rate will NOT stay the same. Each entity will have to go back to fending for itself. In addition, all assets and debt of the JFT will have to be divided between all three units. Each unit will have to start over and build departments with very little money.

It sounds hopeless and overwhelming but we DO have options. We NEED for everyone in Atlanta and Arcadia to unite and work together to overcome this.

Sincerely,
Robyn Cook
Clerk-Treasurer

A letter from Atlanta Clerk Treasurer to Jackson Township Trustee

Chris,

To estimate 2015 unemployment we took the total paid to state and federal from your year to date appropriation report for 2014, Fund 11, Function 11, Group 1607 which was a yearend total of \$6267.10. Your 2015 Appropriation by fund is \$14563.00 which is a significant increase.

To estimate 2015 utilities we took the 2014 year end totals from 11 11 3202 phone/internet/fax (\$1283.67), 11 11 350-2 Utility services (\$9379.56), 11 11 3531 Water (\$512.91) 11 11 3532 Trash (1268.19), 11 13 3501 Utility Services Atlanta (\$2104.98), 11 13 3502 Utilities Atlanta (\$5939.69) for a year end grand total of \$24,089. Your 2015 Appropriation by Fund Report shows a combined utility appropriation of \$29,000 which is also a significant increase.

You didn’t have fire fighters living at the Atlanta station last year???

Thank you for your response regarding the EMS Fund. I am in agreement that the interlocal gives the Provider Unit the obligation to establish an equipment replacement fund in accordance with I.C. 36-8-19-8.5 and Section 7.4 of the interlocal agreement. I would argue that the EMS Fund is not an equipment replacement fund per the statute and that the revenues going into the EMS are derived from fire territory activity therefore should be controlled by the fire territory executive board.

Your own minutes from February 5th state there is no Equipment Replacement Fund. Perhaps, as things get ironed out, a new fund within the territory could be established. The township could keep the \$10,904.00 which was the 2011 yearend balance and the rest, being derived from the territory, could go into the territory coffers-just a suggestion.

In other matters, I have read the minutes from the Township Advisory Board Meeting on February 5th.

Let me first say that I am truly sorry that I have put you on the defensive. I have no interest in a witch hunt. I offered to assist with the JFT budget review. To do a thorough review, I requested TONS of documents in order to see which expenses may or may not be repeated. I do everything to the nth degree and document, file, and copy to the detriment of many forests. If I am looking into JFT budget then by golly I’m going to have a filing cabinet full of research. I should have just set up camp in your office Chris and I am so sorry I didn’t. I also requested documents which either don’t exist or slipped through the cracks, such as copies of signed minutes which approve various purchases etc.

Furthermore, I want everyone to understand that there is no power play or control issue on my part. I have made it clear to my council that I think the offer of Atlanta being the provider unit needs to come off the table. I. Don’t. Care. The only thing I want is for the territory to survive. In saying that, is Atlanta capable of being the provider unit? You better believe it. I know there are those on the township board who feel that we’re “all a bunch of idiots drinking from the same well” but that statement couldn’t be more false or more damaging to all of our efforts to make this ‘team’ successful.

Chris, the comment you made during your public meeting “You want to hand over \$534,000 to these towns that can’t handle their own budgets? Both say they are in trouble and need funds.” - is not only insulting and unprofessional it is inaccurate.

In addition to 15 years experience, I am an Indiana Accredited Municipal clerk and a Certified Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Clerks and Treasurers working towards a master certification.

No one has ever said that the budget for Town of Atlanta is ‘in trouble’. Is our budget tight? Always. We live within our means. We are not going to another entity trying to get into their budget to sustain ours. The matter of the COIT needs to be tabled for now. It was never agreed that it would go to the territory. It was always a selling point to the town’s to join the territory and it was not mistakenly given to the towns by the State. The 2015 JFT budget was approved without any COIT contribution. For our budget analysis we have looked at all of the revenue coming into the territory, minus the COIT, and minus White River Township and, with a few easy cuts, it all fits. Chris, your own words during the Arcadia Town Council Meeting on February 2nd were “the budget is fine”. On February 5th Mr. Roberts states that both the territory and the township have a surplus. There is no budget crisis. Realistically, there won’t ever be. Mr. Roberts himself has stated that US 31 changes are coming. Increased businesses mean increased revenues. Let’s be honest about this: more than likely things are going to improve not decline.

Atlanta and Arcadia have both agreed to revisit the COIT issue should the need arise. Please understand our confusion when you say your budget is fine and that there is a surplus, yet you threaten to dissolve the territory because it cannot survive without Atlanta and Arcadia’s additional COIT.

As for the theory that the township brings more to the table: let’s all think about this: when the Jackson Fire Territory was established, Atlanta, Arcadia, and unincorporated Jackson Township became one. We all pay our share. We are all doing our part. Is the unincorporated dollar amount higher? Yes. The unincorporated population is higher. Without the territory and its own levy THIS revenue would not even exist. We are all ONE. I agree with you Chris. We are a team!

In closing, I want to say, unless I see evidence to the contrary, I have yet to see anything that merits disbanding the JFT or eliminating jobs or closing the Atlanta station. Show me!

As clerk-treasurer for the Town of Atlanta, my part in this is finished. I am sorry I upset you Chris and anyone else who feels the same.

As a mother of a child who attends Hamilton Heights Schools and a step-mother of a child with a serious heart condition, I am passionate about this issue and no one can convince me that dissolving the fire territory is o.k. or in the best interest of the taxpayers.

As a citizen of Jackson Township, I would like to be considered to be appointed to the territory board should 2 more positions be added. Mr. Roberts states that “It’s hard to get people on the Board as they are volunteers and then they realize they don’t have the time for this so you are always educating new people. It’s hard to keep board members. It takes a long time to get people educated.”

I’m volunteering and I’m educated. Sign me up! :)

Sincerely,
Robyn Cook

Noblesville Main Street announces...

Devour Noblesville participants

The third annual Devour Noblesville promotion, a downtown dining event promoted by Noblesville Main Street, kicks off this Friday, February 19, 2016 and runs through Thursday, February 25, 2016. Downtown Noblesville restaurants featured in this year's event include: The Hamilton, Courtney's Kitchen, The Ville, Matteo's Ristorante Italiano, Subway, Barley Island, Ginger's, Syd's, Sunrise Café at Uptown, Noble Coffee & Tea, Sweet Home Cupcakes and South of Chicago Pizza.

"Downtown Noblesville has great dining locations and we hope our residents and others will support many of these local businesses by dining downtown during this event," said Chris Owens, executive director of Noblesville Main Street.

Some Devour Noblesville featured dining specials can be found at noblesvillemainstreet.org and others on-site at each participating location.

Heart and Soul Clinic offering sports physicals for Grades 6-12

Heart & Soul Clinic is offering sports physicals for students in Grades 6-12 who are uninsured, underinsured or are Medicaid recipients.

The physicals are available from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, with no appointment necessary. Physicals are available by appointment only from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday evening; call (317) 804-5782 for an appointment.

The Heart and Soul Free Clinic is located at 202 Penn St. in Westfield, next to Westfield's City Hall. For more information, call the above number or email info@heartandsoulclinic.org

PRINCESSES

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The 500 Festival Princess Program has a long history of celebrating Indiana's most civic-minded, academically driven college-aged women. Serving as a 500 Festival Princess provides young women with countless opportunities for leadership, networking, and professional development. 500 Festival Princesses will participate in the program's personal and professional development initiative, which empowers participants to make a profound impact within their community and Indiana.

Each 500 Festival Princess will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, made possible in part by the 500 Festival Foundation. 500 Festival Princesses are also provided with once-in-a-life-time experiences, including involvement with the 500 Festival's statewide community outreach programs, volunteering at 500 Festival events and participating in various Indianapolis Motor Speedway functions, including the pre-race ceremonies and Victory Circle celebration for the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500.

"For more than 50 years, the 500 Festival Princess Program has recognized Indiana's brightest college-aged women. The program's new personal and professional development initiative and the scholarships given to each young woman will reinforce its rich history," said Leslie Carter-Prall, 500 Festival board member

and princess program committee co-chair. "The 500 Festival is proud to take the lead on investing our time and resources to shape Indiana's next generation of leaders."

The 2016 500 Festival Princesses represent 13 Indiana colleges and universities and 22 cities and towns across the state. With a cumulative GPA of 3.5, this year's 500 Festival Princesses were selected from hundreds of applicants based upon on their communication skills, commitment to service, leadership, scholarship, and professionalism.

One of the 33 Princesses will be selected as the 2016 500 Festival Queen and will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The queen will be crowned May 21st during the 500 Festival Breakfast at the Brickyard, presented by Midwestern Engineers, Inc.

Support of the 500 Festival Princess program is provided by: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Vera Bradley, The Sanctuary on Penn, retro101, Macy's, and the 500 Festival Foundation.

To learn more about 500 Festival's events and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.500festival.com.

BOARD

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Jackson Township officials have said they will fund a township fire department that will service unincorporated Jackson Township.

Arcadia Town Council member Maurice St. Louis said, "The towns of Arcadia and Atlanta were surprised when we received a letter from the township regarding their decision."

Atlanta Clerk Treasurer Robyn Cook said, "We feel like we have been betrayed and that this decision was made behind our backs."

Several area residents voiced their concerns that Jackson Township officials made the decision without discussing it with the towns of Arcadia and Atlanta.

Jackson Township Trustee Chris Miller said the township's decision to pull out was made after a financial review was performed. "We see that in the future we are going to lose money," said Miller.

An Arcadia area resident in attendance asked Miller to produce documentation of the financial analysis. Miller stated, "I wasn't prepared to do that this evening." The same resident chastised Miller by stating, "You knew we would all be here, but you came without the numbers."

St. Louis said the Arcadia Town Council has met in executive session to discuss options for providing Arcadia residents with fire and paramedic services. St. Louis said no decision has been made as of yet.

Atlanta Town Board member John Phifer stated that he believes the township's decision to pullout was partially based on a conflict between him and Township Trustee Chris Miller. Miller stated, "I don't think so."

Phifer stated Atlanta has not made a decision regarding future fire services for residents.

Miller emphasized at the meeting the township would be more than willing to work with both towns to form an agreement to provide fire and paramedic services for their residents.

Also in attendance at last night's meeting was Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. Heirbrandt spoke publicly stating, "I want to know what I can do help and get this issue worked out."

Nineteen county companies on Chamber's Best Places to Work list

Nineteen companies that are either based or have locations in Hamilton County were among those listed in the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Best Places to Work in Indiana list that was released on Tuesday.

According to a press release on the Indiana Chamber's Web site, "These top companies in the state were determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys. The Best Companies Group, which handled the selection process, oversees similar programs in 27 other states.

"Winners were selected from four categories: small companies of between 15 and 74 U.S. employees; medium companies of between 75 and 249 U.S. employees; large companies of between 250 and 999 U.S. employees; and major companies with 1,000 or more U.S. employees. Out-of-state parent companies were eligible to participate if at least 15 full-time employees are in Indiana."

Here is a list of the Hamilton County companies on the Chamber's list:

Small Companies (15-74 U.S. employees)

BLASTmedia / Fishers

BlueSky Technology Partners / Nobles-

ville

IDSolutions / Noblesville

Leaf Software Solutions / Carmel

Luther Consulting, LLC / Carmel

Oak Street Funding LLC / Carmel

PolicyStat / Carmel

Medium Companies (75-249 U.S. employees)

Blue Horseshoe / Carmel

J.C. Hart Company, Inc. / Carmel

Mainstreet / Carmel

Merchants Bank of Indiana and PR Mortgage & Investments / Carmel

Sheridan Community Schools / Sheridan

Software Engineering Professionals (SEP) / Carmel

Large Companies (250-999 U.S. employees)

Blue & Co., LLC / Carmel

FORUM Credit Union / Fishers

Major Companies (1,000+ U.S. employees)

Capital Group / Carmel

Edward Jones/ Multiple locations

Hilliard Lyons / Multiple locations (one in Carmel)

RCI/ Carmel

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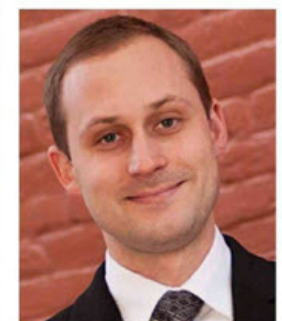
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Paul V. Wright Jr.

October 22, 1948 - January 23, 2016

Paul V. Wright Jr., age 67, of Sheridan passed away on January 23, 2016 in Noblesville, Indiana.



He was born on October 22, 1948 to the late Paul V. Sr. and Agnes (Williams) Wright in Indianapolis, Indiana. Paul is a graduate from the Lawrence Central High School class of 1966. Paul served honorably in the United States Army. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Electronics and later obtained a Broker License. Paul was a Vietnam Veteran where he was awarded the Bronze Star and became a Purple Heart Recipient. He retired as an Appraiser for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Paul, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and man of God, was a member of the Sheridan First Baptist Church and the American Legion Post 67 in Sheridan, IN. He was an avid reader, loved history and spent a lot of time with his family and friends, whom will greatly miss him.

Paul and his wife Janet (Wymer) of 42 years were married on December 21, 1973 in Eagletown, Indiana. They had two children Steve (Wendy) and Rodney K. (Angela K.) Callahan. Paul was also a proud grandfather of seven, Tyler (Allison), Sara, Joseph and Callie Callahan, Whitney, Taylor and Evan Savage. He was also blessed with a great-grandchild, Aurora Savage.

A celebration of Paul’s life will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Sheridan First Baptist Church located at 205 E. Third Street. Family and friends are invited to gather from 1:00 pm till time of services. Pastor Alan Schoeff will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sheridan First Baptist Church, 205 E. Third Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069. Online condolences may be made to fisherfunerals.com.

Terri Annette Griffey Troxell

February 9, 1968 - February 15, 2016

Terri Annette Griffey Troxell, 48, of Pendleton, passed away on Monday, February 15, 2016 at her home. She was born on February 9, 1968 to Carl and Thelma (Smith) Griffey in Fairfax, Virginia.



Terri was a member of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary of Pendleton, and formerly worked as an accountant. She was a free spirit and a jokester with a great sense of humor, and was a very loving mother. Terri is survived by her daughter, Sarah Byerly; son, Robert Byerly; siblings, Tina Marie Lows, Howard Dresselhaus, Joey Johnson, Joe Griffey, and Vickie Dennison; and granddaughter, Aubrey Walker.

In addition to her parents, Terri was preceded in death by her brothers, Johnny Johnson and Dennis Dresselhaus; and half-sister, Brenda Griffey.

A Memorial Service will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 19, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

- Matthew 3:10

New Hamilton East Public Library items

Here are the new Hamilton East Public Library items lists for the week of February 15, 2016:

New Adult Fiction Books

- 1. Where my heart used to beat: A novel; by Faulks, Sebastian.
- 2. The girls she left behind: A Lizzie Snow novel; by Graves, Sarah
- 3. Vagabond; by Seymour, Gerald
- 4. Doom of the dragon; by Weis, Margaret
- 5. The plague of thieves affair; by Muller, Marcia
- 6. Even dogs in the wild: A novel; by Rankin, Ian
- 7. Orphan X; by Hurwitz, Gregg Andrew
- 8. The forgotten room; by White, Karen
- 9. The man without a shadow; by Oates, Joyce Carol
- 10. Feverborn: A fever novel; by Moning, Karen Marie

New Adult Nonfiction Books

- 1. The 30 day sobriety solution: How to cut back or quit drinking in the privacy of your own home; by Canfield, Jack
- 2. Fodor's Bahamas; by Fodor, Eugene
- 3. The South American handbook
- 4. Hacking for dummies; by Beaver, Kevin
- 5. Personal finance for dummies; by Tyson, Eric
- 6. Lean six sigma for dummies; by Morgan, John
- 7. Head first Ruby; by McGavren, Jay
- 8. The collapse of parenting: How we hurt our kids when we treat them like grown-ups: The three things you must do to help your

child or teen become a fulfilled adult; by Sax, Leonard

9. Nepal; by Bindloss, Joseph

10. Sailor and fiddler: Reflections of a 100-year-old author; by Wouk, Herman

New DVDs

- 1. Infinitely polar bear
- 2. The intern
- 3. Learning to drive
- 4. True detective. The complete second season
- 5. The walk
- 6. Downton Abbey. Season 6
- 7. The last witch hunter
- 8. Effie Gray
- 9. Burnt
- 10. Our brand is crisis

New Music CDs

- 1. Neon steeple extravaganza; by Crowder, David
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The Westfield Washington Schools Selection Committee for the Westfield High School Alumni Hall of Fame is now accepting applications.

This award honors Westfield High School alumni whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding achievement in their life’s work and/or service to their communities. An honoree’s spirit and leadership are worthy of recognition and have inspired praise and gratitude among his or her peers.

The application deadline is March 15, 2016, and the Hall of Fame recipient will be honored at the spring WHS Seniors Award Night at the close of the school year. To nominate an individual, please go to: http://www.wws.k12.in.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=212128&type=d&pREC_ID=892044 This can be accessed on the district web page under the tab "Alumni Hall of Fame" under the "About Us" drop down menu.

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Indiana State Trooper Scott Keegan is shown here with the Chic-fil-A mascot. Trooper Keegan "issued" free sandwich coupons to everyone who drove through the Carmel Chic-Fil-A wearing seat belts Monday morning.

Wear your seatbelt, get a sandwich?

We know that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics prove that wearing your seat belt reduces your risk of injury by 50 percent in a crash. But can wearing your seatbelt also earn you a free breakfast? It did Monday, as the Chic-Fil-A restaurant, located at 14647 Thatcher Lane in Carmel, partnered with the Indiana State Police to give everyone a coupon for a free breakfast sandwich for wearing their seatbelt.

Between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Trooper Scott Keegan was posted outside the drive through window, not to issue tickets, but to "issue" free sandwich coupons to everyone who drove through wearing their seat belts.

Keegan said of the promotion "It was great to partner up with Chic-Fil-A to reward drivers and parents for doing the right thing, wearing seatbelts and using child restraint seats." The program was the idea of Chic-fil-A Director of Outside Sales and Community Partnerships, Grerayle Walton.

Mr. Walton said "The men and women of ISP have always been a huge part of our community partnerships, not only in Westfield, but also during my time as Marketing Director in Muncie. During a time when our police officers are so often the target of negativity, it's great to get them out there in the spot light with the positive recognition they deserve."

Walton went on to say "We also believe in the importance of seatbelts and the lives

that they save. We were happy to partner with ISP for this surprise, and we plan to do so again sometime next month, during their "Operation Pull Over" campaign"

So if you're in a Chic-Fil-A drive through in central Indiana next month, don't be surprised if a trooper approaches your car. He's probably just there to say "Good Morning," and to give you a free breakfast for doing the right thing, wearing your safety belt!

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Another ranked team for Noblesville...

Millers fall to Bears, 64-49



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Ryan Ogden provided an early spark for Noblesville, scoring four points in the first quarter of the Millers’ Tuesday game with Lawrence Central at The Mill. Ogden wound up with eight points for the game.

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Noblesville's boys basketball team has played a tough schedule this season, especially in the past week.

The Millers had scored two wins over two No. 5-ranked teams, Class 4A Pike and 2A Indianapolis Howe last week. On Tuesday, Noblesville hosted Lawrence Central at The Mill; the Bears are No. 6 in the 4A media poll and No. 7 in the one-class coaches poll.

A third straight win over a ranked team was not to be, however, as LC defeated the Millers 64-49. Noblesville hung in there during the fourth quarter, cutting the Bears' lead to 55-49 with under two minutes to go. But Lawrence Central ended the game on a 9-0 run.

"We weren't as sharp as we needed to be tonight, which is a little disappointing," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "We weren't as tough as we needed to be. Lawrence Central's obviously a very good team, very talented, very athletic."

The Bears never trailed, although Noblesville always stayed within striking distance. An early 7-2 LC lead was brought down to 7-6 thanks to four points from Ryan Ogden. In the second quarter, the Bears led 20-10 before the Millers scored seven unanswered points. John Kiser scored five of them, with Brandon Barthel making a layin in between.

Lawrence Central led 24-19 at half-time, then steadily increased its lead to 42-32 after three quarters, then got up 51-36 during the fourth period. Noblesville went on another 7-0 run following a timeout; that run was ignited by a 3-point-er from Corby Mertens. The junior followed that up with a jumper, then Kiser's layin cut LC's lead to 51-43.

The Bears pushed their lead back up to 55-45 with 2:28 left, after which Barthel scored on a putback, then Kiser hit a jumper to get Noblesville to 55-49. Lawrence



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

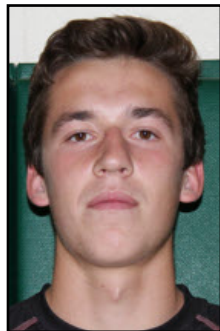
See Millers...Page 7 John Kiser scored 23 points for Noblesville, including a perfect 9-of-9 effort from the free throw line.

Westfield bombs Frankton

Charlie Warner was hotter than a firecracker as his Westfield team roared into Frankton last evening and came away with a 63-44 victory.

Warner hit 9-of-12 shots and led Westfield's scoring with 26 points.

The final outcome was never in doubt. Westfield jumped to a 17-6 first quarter lead and led 29-14 at halftime.



Warner

Warner was one of three Shamrocks scoring in double figures for Coach Shane Sumpter's team. Ian Kristensen notched 12 points and Robbie Lynch added 10.

Westfield hit 61 percent of its shots, going an overall 25-of-41 from the field. The Shamrocks were 4-of-11 from 3-point range, with Warner connecting on 4-of-6. And, the Shamrocks were 9-of-9 at the charity line.

It was a great team win for Westfield as the Shamrocks dished out 21 assists, led by Jonah Welch with 7.

Westfield not only had a game high in assists but also a season game high on deflections with 11.

Ten Shamrocks made an appearance in the game, another season high.

In the rebounding department, Kristensen led with 5 boards and Kyle Nicole, Lynch and Welch each collected 4.

With the win, Westfield broke a 2-game losing streak and moved to 9-11 on the regular season with 2 games remaining. Next up is a Friday road trip to New Castle.

Westfield 63, Frankton 44

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josh VanDyke	0-2	0-0	0	3
Kyle Nicole	0-1	0-0	0	0

Robbie Lynch	5-6	0-0	10	1
Jonah Welch	0-2	2-2	2	1
Caleb Welch	0-2	2-2	2	0
Ian Kristensen	5-9	2-2	12	2
Charlie Warner	9-12	4-4	26	2
Sawyer Olsen	2-3	0-0	4	3
Totals	25-41	9-9	63	12
Score by Quarters:				
Westfield	17	12	19	15
Frankton	6	8	14	16
Westfield 3-Pointers (4-11):	VanDyke 0-1, Nicole 0-1, J. Welch 0-1, C. Welch 0-1, Kristensen 0-1, Warner 4-6.			
Westfield Rebounds (25):	VanDyke 1, Nicole 4, Lynch 4, J. Welch 4, Kristensen 5, Warner 3, Olsen 4.			

Eagles lead in last 20 seconds...

'Blazers upset by Heritage Christian

Heritage Christian led University for just 20 seconds of the least 28 minutes of Tuesday night's game. Unfortunately for the Class 1A No. 4 Trailblazers, it was the last two seconds as the Eagles pulled off a 55-54 win.

Trailing by 54-50 with 40 seconds remaining, Heritage Christian hit a three pointer with 31 seconds remaining. The Eagles knocked away the ensuing inbound pass and picked it up under the basket for a layup with two seconds remaining.



Halbleib

University did not get a clean look at a game winning basket and Connor Holly's off balance shot fell harmlessly off the rim at the buzzer.

Holly lead UHS with 19 points, while Emerson Halbleib had a double-double of 13 rebounds and 12 points. Josh Watson added 10 points.

The Trailblazers will take a 16-5 record in to their next contest, Thursday night at the Indiana School For The Deaf.

Heritage Christian 55, University 54

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
David Howard	2-4	1-2	6	2

Connor Holly	5-14	8-10	19	1
Josh Watson	4-8	0-0	10	5
Josh Alford	3-6	0-1	7	2
Emerson Halbleib	5-9	2-2	12	3
Tyler Wott	0-0	0-0	0	1
Ajay Wooden Jr.	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ethan Sickels	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-41	11-15	54	14
Score by Quarters:				
Heritage	9	8	17	21
University	13	12	16	13
University 3-point shooting (5-13):	Watson 2-4, Holly 1-6, Alford 1-2, Howard 1-1.			
University rebounds (31):	Halbleib 13, Holly 6, Howard 4, Watson 3, Wott 3, Sickels 1, Alford 1.			

Royals fall to Pike

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a 65-59 game to Pike on Tuesday.

The Red Devils are ranked No. 10 in both the Class 4A media poll and the one-class coaches poll. The Royals fell to 12-10 on the season, and host Brownsburg on Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Results were not reported by press time.

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Central answered that with its nine unanswered points.

Kiser finished the game with 23 points, while Barthel pulled five rebounds. The Millers were perfect from the free throw line, successfully making all 13 of their attempts.

"So we've got to learn from this, try to improve," said McCauley. "We don't have a lot of time left, no one does. We've got to make our practices efficient and learn from this and then get re-focused because we've got a big conference game on Friday against a very tough opponent."

Noblesville hosts Avon Friday to wrap up play for the season in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. The Millers are 3-2 in the HCC, and now 12-8 overall.

Lawrence Central 64, Noblesville 49

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Max Flinchum	3-10	0-0	7	4
McGwire Plumer	0-1	0-0	0	3
Ryan Ogden	2-2	4-4	8	4
Nolan Ginther	0-0	0-0	0	1
John Kiser	7-15	9-9	23	0
Corby Mertens	3-6	0-0	7	2
Grant Bullard	0-0	0-0	0	3
Brandon Barthel	2-3	0-0	4	0
Nick Mills	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17-37	13-13	49	18
Score by Quarters:				
LCHS	17	7	18	22
Noblesville	10	9	13	17
Noblesville 3-point shooting (2-10):	Mertens 1-4, Flinchum 1-4, Kiser 0-2.			
Noblesville rebounds (16):	Barthel 5, Ogden 3, Mertens 2, Kiser 2, Bullard 2, Plumer 1, team 1.			

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German, Williams headline IBCA/Subway Players of the Week

Eugene German poured in 52 points in his only game of the week and Malik Williams averaged 34.5 points and 15.0 rebounds over two games to headline the honorees in the IBCA/Subway Player of the Week program for the week of Feb. 8-13.

The respective standouts from Gary 21st Century and Fort Wayne Snider are joined by McCutcheon senior Darnell Butler, Evansville Mater Dei senior Devan Straub, Argos junior Courtney Dunlap, Covenant Christian junior Rachel McLimore and Columbus North junior Maliah Howard-Bass as honorees in the recognition program coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

German and Williams are co-winners for boys' District 1, while Dunlap collected honors for girls' District 1. Butler and McLimore are respective boys' and girls' recipients for District 2. Straub and Howard-Bass were cited in District 3.

The 6-0 German netted 52 points with 10 rebounds, five assists and five steals for Gary 21st Century (14-6) in its only game of the week, a 106-84 triumph over Indianapolis Metropolitan. The Northern Illinois recruit sank 19-of-32 shots from the field, including 5-of-9 3-pointers, plus 9-of-15 free throws for his big game.

Williams produced a school-record 45 points with 13 rebounds, four assists, three steals and seven blocked shots in a 75-63 victory over Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian. The outburst topped the Panthers' previous record of 44 points by Dave Elmer against Huntington North in 1970. The 6-11 forward also tallied 24 points with 17 rebounds, two assists and four blocks in a 54-53 decision over Fort Wayne Luers. In two games, Williams was 24-of-38 from the field, 6-of-12 on 3-pointers and 15-of-19 on free throws.

The 6-4 Butler averaged 24.5 points and 6.0 rebound in two triumphs for McCutcheon (18-3). He began his week with a career-high 41 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals as the Mavericks walloped Benton Central 102-44. Butler then provided eight points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals as McCutcheon topped Richmond 69-34 in the first round of the North Central Conference Tournament.

Straub poured in 41 points with 10 rebounds, two assists and seven steals as Evansville Mater Dei outlasted Jasper 71-63 in overtime in its only game of the week. The 6-1 guard converted 13-of-22 shots, 6-of-11 3-pointers and 9-of-10 free throws as the Wildcats improved to 9-9.

The 5-9 Dunlap averaged 27.0 points and 7.0 rebounds in leading Argos (23-3) to the championship of the Caston

Regional. Dunlap opened with 34 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals as the Dragons defeated Bethany Christian 58-38. She then produced 20 points with seven rebounds, seven assists and three steals as Argos knocked off North White 53-33. Dunlap converted 19-of-29 field goals and 13-of-17 free throws in the two games.

McLimore led Covenant Christian (22-5) to the Speedway Regional title by averaging 25.5 points and 4.0 assists. The 5-10 guard tossed in 28 points with three rebounds and five assists in a 76-49 triumph over Cambridge City Lincoln. She followed by scoring 23 points with three rebounds and three assists as the Warriors beat Triton Central 52-34 for the championship.

The 5-9 Howard-Bass averaged 22.0 points and 5.0 rebounds to propel Columbus North (26-1) to a regional crown with victories over Center Grove and Evansville Central. Howard-Bass opened with 18 points, six rebounds and three steals as her team rallied to post a 69-58 overtime decision over the Trojans. She followed with 26 points, four rebounds and three steals as the Bull Dogs outlasted the Bears 86-82 in the title game.

Carmel's Amy Dilk was nominated in District 2.

Victory Field to host IU-Notre Dame April 26

Two of Indiana's best college baseball programs will face off at the state's premier baseball facility on Tuesday, April 26 as Notre Dame hosts Indiana at Victory Field. Starting today individual tickets are on sale with pricing at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 3-14). Kids 2 and under are admitted for free. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. with first pitch at 7 p.m. The game is presented by the Indiana National Guard.

Last year a crowd of more than 8,000 saw the Hoosiers (35-24) come from behind in a thrilling bottom-of-the-ninth inning game to win 6-5 over the Fighting Irish

(37-23). Both teams advanced to the Regional Round of last season's NCAA Tournament. With the college baseball season set to begin this weekend, Indiana and Notre Dame are preseason contenders in their respective conferences.

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Senior Megan Walton has announced her intent to continue her basketball career at the collegiate level. Megan will attend Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. The Cardinals are an NCAA Division I school that competes in the Mid America Conference under the direction of Coach Brady Sallee. Megan is the daughter of Mark and Lori Walton. She will earn her fourth varsity letter in basketball this season. Megan has also earned one letter in track & field. As a junior, Megan was voted All-Hoosier Crossroads Conference, IBCA Subway Underclassman Large School All-State, and All State High Honorable Mention. This past summer, Megan was also in the Indiana Junior All-Star Team. Megan is also a member of the HSE’s Student Athletic Council.

Pictured – Seated: Lori Walton (mother), Megan, & Mark Walton (father). Standing: Chris Huppenthal (HSE Basketball Coach), Molly Walton & Lindsay Walton (sisters).

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