

# OBITUARIES

## Pamela Blair



Pamela Blair, age 73, of Rushville, Indiana passed away Saturday morning, October 7, 2017 at Rush Memorial Hospital, of Rushville.

She was born September 9, 1944 to Preston and Catherine (Janson) Darte in Patterson, New Jersey.

Pamela was a compassionate, loving, kind woman. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents,

she was preceded in death by her adoptive father, retired Lt. Col. Frank Robson; late husband Ronald Blair; and a sister Sharon Black.

Pamela is survived by her children, Tara (Iver) Swim, Scott (Stacey) Jackson, Shawn (Lisa) Blair, Bryan (Paula) Blair; grandchildren, Josh (Bonnie) Williams, Morgan (Dax) Gunder, Miranda (Aaron) Zigler, Ein (Virginia) Swim, Ethan Jackson, Brett Blair; great-grandchildren, Mason Williams, Hannah and Aiden Zigler, Sydney, Drake, and Josslin Gunder, Gavin, Jacob, and Dallas Swim; sisters, Penelope (Jerry) Lindsay, Kristi (Wayne) Muller; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Private services will be held at the family's request. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, Connersville, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Visit online anytime at millermosterrobbs.com

## Reid Diabetes Speaker

James Ruggiero, of East Aurora, New York, will speak about his life and diagnoses of Type 2 diabetes from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Lingle Hall and Auditorium on the main campus, 1100 Reid Parkway, in Richmond.

A lifelong athlete who didn't allow a 2005 diagnosis of diabetes to slow him down, is this year's featured guest at the 11th annual Reid Health November Diabetes event.

His message will be about encouragement and the importance of exercise - and not letting a diabetes diagnoses hold one back from activities he/she enjoys.

The annual diabetes event is an expanded version of the monthly diabetes support group. It is sponsored and hosted by the Reid Health Diabetes & Nutrition Education, the Reid Endocrinology Center and Novo Nordisk®.

The event is free and open to the public. Reservations can be made by calling (765) 983-7961.

I had a stroke about a year ago, and the doctors who worked on me said it would probably take a year to get back to normal.

I'm not sure what constitutes normal, but for the most part I'm doing pretty well, I think. I'm back to work, getting ready to start my 44th year in business. I still have some trouble speaking and swallowing, and my balance isn't what it used to be. And, I spend a lot of time (when I'm out of earshot of anyone) enunciating "chocolate milk truck," repeatedly, in an effort to strengthen the damaged muscles that affect my speaking and swallowing capabilities.

But all in all, I'm not complaining. Some of the doctors I used to see every day, I don't see at all anymore, and the ones I do see, I don't see as often. I'm taking 4 pills a day, down from the wheelbarrow full I was taking a year ago. And I know a lot of people who have had strokes that are a lot worse off than me. But on the other hand, there are a lot of people who have had a stroke, and people who haven't, that are a lot better off than me.

I realize everything is relative, but no matter where we are on the health scale, I don't think there is anything wrong with aspiring to improve. I feel the same way about politics.

I hear a lot of people defending our current president by claiming he's not as bad as his predecessor was, or as bad as his opponent would have been if she had won. While I wouldn't argue either way, I'm not sure we want to choose our president based on the criteria of "He or she is not as bad as he or she could be." And I don't believe we should be satisfied with a president just because they aren't as bad as the last one or the next one. We'd



## A Libertarian Perspective

November 2017

by Rex Bell

be a lot better off as a nation if we expected our leaders to follow their oath to obey the Constitution, compared to what we expect of them now.

And speaking of nations, the citizens of the United States take a lot of pride in being the "Land of the Free", and certainly we enjoy freedoms that a lot of people in the world don't. But we aren't the freest nation in the world, and according to the Human Freedom Index, published by the CATO Institute, we're dangerously close to slipping from the top 25. Based on a study of personal, civil, and economic freedom, the United States has fallen from 16th place in 2008, to 19th place in 2013, to our current standing as the 23rd freest country in the world.

While people might disagree on what exactly constitutes personal, civil, and economic freedom, it's hard to argue with the fact that most people can't name three things that government in this country doesn't tax, or regulate.

I suppose we could be satisfied that we are more free than 172 countries in the world, but that is the kind of thinking that will keep us satisfied when we are more free than 171 countries in the world. Or 170.

Our goal should be to be not only the freest nation in the world, but the freest nation with the freest people ever.

I'm not willing to settle for 23rd, any more than I'm willing to settle for 2nd.

I hope you aren't either.

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## Tyler Wade Blevins



Tyler Wade Blevins, 23, a resident of New Castle and formerly of Hagerstown passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 4, 2017 at his residence. He was born July 23, 1994 in Henry County.

Tyler attended New Castle and Hagerstown schools and graduated with honors from

the Excel Center in Richmond in 2016. He was employed at Sky High Grain Bin. An avid fisherman, Tyler loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a friend to everyone he met and he had a big heart for helping others.

Survivors include his parents: Melissa Murphy of New Castle and Mike Murphy of Hagerstown; a brother: Dylan Blevins of Hagerstown; three sisters: Alexis, Madison and Emma Murphy, all of Hagerstown; grandparents: Phyllis and Stephen Murphy of Economy; great-grandfather: John Bach, jr. of New Castle; several aunts, uncles and cousins as well as many life-long friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Stanley and Debi Wiley; an uncle: Jon Wiley; maternal great-grandmother: "Oma" Patsy Bach; paternal grandmother: Mary Wiley and numerous other family members.

Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Pastor Bob Case officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be given to the Tyler Wade Blevins Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home, to help cover funeral costs. You may express condolences or share a memory of Tyler at www.hinsey-brown.com.

### LEGAL

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Wayne County, Indiana ("County"), by its Board of County Commissioners ("Board"), will on Wednesday, December 06, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., local time, receive proposals for the provision of inmate health services to inmates of the Wayne County Jail, 200 East Main Street, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, for a term of three (3) years beginning February 01, 2018, through January 31, 2021, pursuant to the general scope of services and alternate additional services more specifically described in the *Specifications for the Provision of Inmate Health Services for Inmates of the Wayne County Jail and Addendum A* attached thereto (collectively, the "Specifications") on file with the office of the Board, Wayne County Administration Building, 401 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Proposals should be submitted along with the requisite bid security set forth in the Specifications and delivered on or before said opening to the Board of County Commissioners, Wayne County, Indiana, at the above address. Proposals may suggest or provide voluntary additional proposals to those set forth in the Specifications.

Factors that shall enter into the County's consideration of the submitted proposals are set forth in the Specifications and include the financial costs to the County based upon the stated annual costs as set forth in the proposal (the "price" or costs to the County of the proposed services will be a significant factor in the County's consideration of all proposals, but shall not be the sole or controlling factor), the level of experience of the proposer, the proposed staffing levels and service availability within the jail facility and available on an "on-call" basis and the perceived benefit to the County of any voluntary or alternate proposals submitted by the proposer. Wayne County reserves the right to reject any proposal and/or to engage in discussions and negotiations with any proposer after opening the proposals and prior to the award of any contract. Copies of the Specifications may be obtained, without charge, from the Board's Office at the above address.

At the announced time for the opening of the submitted proposals, such will be done in a manner to avoid the disclosure of any of the proposals' substantive contents while the County engages in discussions and/or negotiations with the respective proposers. Any contract, when finally awarded, shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Board at 401 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

Wayne County Commissioners  
By: s/ Kenneth E. Paust  
Kenneth E. Paust, President

## "The Digital Age: So What?"

Eastern Indiana has a chance to be more competitive, in economic development, through a new program. Area residents are encouraged to learn more and get involved.

The Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is offering a program from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, called "The Digital Age: So What?"

Organizers are asking community members to "help us transition to, plan for, prosper in the digital age, and help rural regions become competitive with urban areas."

The program will be presented by Roberto Gallardo of the Purdue Center for Regional Development at Indiana University East's Vivian Auditorium, 2325 Chester Blvd., Richmond.

Gallardo has given a talk called "The Rural Digital Divide" at a TEDx event, which features experts on topics such as education, business, science, technology and creativity.

Eastern Indiana will be a beta site for this new program, meaning it will be ready for use, but it's still in a state of testing. After further information and study, if the planning commission decides to implement this plan, it would be the first in the state to do so.

For more information, contact Jeff Plasterer, executive director of the regional planning commission at jeffplasterer@gmail.com or (765) 977-3907.

## Nettle Creek Senior Center

It's been one of the slower weeks here at the Center. Thank You goes out to the person decorating our pumpkins, out front. I thought it might have been George, however, he didn't admit to it.

The Center will be closed Friday the 10th in observance of Veterans Day. If you see a veteran, shake their hand and say Thank You.

Friday Nov. 10 will be Euchre at 6:00. Bring a snack to share and join the fun and fellowship.

Happy Birthday goes out to Claudia Reberger Nov. 10, and Ron Oler, Nov. 14, and anyone else with a November Birthday.

We have an Angel Wish Box here at the Center if anyone is

interested in contributing. For more information, contact us at the Center.

Leonard brought us turnips this week. They haven't disappeared as quick as the first ones, however, there aren't many left. Theda brought in extra dishes and Peggy brought in a new coffee creamer to try out. Fredette brought cherry cobbler, slaw and potato salad. Caralou brought chicken strips. Speaking of chicken, we had one touring our parking lot, Friday. One of the ladies wanted me to shoo it inside and make chicken salad out of it! I passed on that one.

Everyone Be Safe & Be Happy  
NCSC Susie Pierce