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CORRECTION

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The Indiana Department of Transportation will select the recommended route for Interstate 69, from Martinsville to Indianapolis, in 2017. State officials are narrowing down a list of 14 possible routes for the interstate and will release a smaller list of routes by the end of this year. This information was incorrect in the Daily Journal on May 20.

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DEATHS

Greenwood

Zoey Faith Lipp, infant
Michael Morris, 67
Victor K. Osborne Jr. 90
Les M. Williams, 71

Indianapolis

Nicholas W. Brown, 26
Shirley E. McCloud, 80

Elsewhere

Paul F. Norton, 79
Thomas L. Pope, 66
Toby A. Riffel, 43

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Water rates ebb, flow across county

Bargersville, Center Grove area rates drop, Greenwood, Franklin, New Whiteland see increase

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When you water your lawn, fill your pool or cool off your kids with the hose this year, how much you will pay for that water has changed.

In the Bargersville and southern Center Grove area, rates have gone down. But in Greenwood, Franklin, New Whiteland and

a few other areas, what you pay for water has gone slightly up.

This summer, residents and businesses will notice the impact of changes in their water utility rates as they use more water on their landscaping, lawns and gardens.

In January, Indiana American Water started charging slightly more after being allowed to increase the rates. For the average homeowner, the increase equals about 26 cents per month.

And last year, Bargersville approved a change in its rates, which residents had been asking for. The new rates charge residents the same amount, whether they have a sprinkler system or not, and those rates are lower across the board. On average, residents could save about \$6 to \$7 per month.

The biggest change is for residents and businesses with sprinkler systems, town manager Kevin McGinnis said.

Previously, the town charged those property owners an additional surcharge — typically between \$10 and \$60 per month. And that was the top complaint from residents before the rates changed, McGinnis said.

He didn't know why the extra charge was put into place, but thought it could have to do with the town trying to

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cancer survivor

from pain to PURPOSE

Former patient becomes night nurse

The almost never-ending blood tests, the continual rotation of intravenous bags, the antiseptic hospital smell all seemed familiar. Rhea Roller Watson remembers the hours spent in the oncology ward at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health. She received regular chemotherapy treatments for leukemia, suffering through the fear, then fatigue, nausea and hair loss, for more than two years.

But she also holds on to the way the nursing staff at Riley was with her every step of the way, doing anything to cheer her up and holding her hand when she felt bad.

"They were always excited to see me. They

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Rhea Roller Watson, a cancer survivor, stands outside Riley Hospital for Children on Thursday in Indianapolis.

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Mike Wolanin

"I wanted to be the nurse that a kid remembers because I helped them when they were hurting the most."
— Rhea Roller Watson



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Brig. Gen. Corey Carr stands at attention during the National Anthem on Friday during Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger's retirement ceremony at Camp Atterbury Rail Deployment Facility.

New man leading the guard

By KIRK JOHANNESEN
For the Daily Journal

A page has turned in the history of the Indiana National Guard, with Courtney P. "Corey" Carr taking over as its leader. Carr became adjutant general during a change of command ceremony Saturday at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis.

INSIDE: Find out more about Carr and his vision. A5

It's a big step for Carr, 54, the former president of the Columbus Economic Development Board. He replaces Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, who retired at the end of May after serving 11 years as adjutant general.

"It's a great opportunity," Carr said.

Gov. Mike Pence named Carr as Umbarger's replacement April 9 in a ceremony at Stout Field in Indianapolis.

"The honor of leading soldiers as the adjutant general is the greatest honor I can imagine," Carr said at the time.

Carr, who is expected to be promoted to the rank of major general later today, has had big responsibilities before, though. In 2007 he was selected to command the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, composed of about 4,500 members, which deployed to Iraq.

He has been busy with preparations for moving into the job and getting settled in Columbus to live near his children. However, he took time Thursday to talk about his new command and the Indiana National Guard.

TOP OF THE CLASS: EDINBURGH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Valedictorian continues tradition of excellence

Melissa Bryant was in middle school when she found out her mother had been valedictorian of her high school class. At that point, she set a goal of making high school valedictorian status a family tradition.



BRYANT

The Edinburgh Community High School senior achieved that goal this spring, winning the honor with a 4.15 GPA.

"My mom and I like to joke that we're putting a lot of pressure on the next generation of our family," Bryant said.

Getting good grades usually came easy to Bryant, since she has always liked school. But keeping that No. 1 spot was still stressful, she said.

While some high school seniors take it easy their final year, Bryant's academic mission forced her to be even more focused on her grades.

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Salutatorian finds inspiration in mother

Two years ago, Mariah Brown learned that her mother would be fighting a second battle with breast cancer.

The news was a huge blow to her and her family. But helping her mother through that battle, which she ultimately won, also had a lifelong impact on the Edinburgh teenager.



BROWN

After helping care for her mom through her struggle, she decided she wanted to become a nurse. And she learned a valuable lesson from her mother's strength and perseverance. "My mom is my role model," Brown said.

"Her overcoming cancer twice proved to me that I can overcome the simple things. The challenges I encounter in school are nothing compared to what other people are going through."

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