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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with scattered showers. Storms possible.

Tonight: Scattered showers. Some thunder possible.

HIGH: 79 LOW: 62



PAUL POTEET
The County Line

Westfield Lions Club helps local Girl Scout serve city

The REPORTER

The Westfield Lions Club is proud to support Luci Bluto of Girl Scout Troop 959 in her Girl Scout Silver Award project at the Westfield Library. The Lions Club grant of \$250 helped the Westfield High School freshman donate two benches to the butterfly garden at the city library.

The benches were dedicated to the library on Wednesday by Ms. Bluto and members of the Lions Club.

Luci collected over 200 pounds of plastic trash that was recycled to help make the benches. She is the daughter of longtime Westfield Lion Chris Bluto.

The Lions Club regularly considers grants to local charities and students for projects like Luci's.

The Girl Scout Silver

Award – the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn – gives them the chance to do big things and make their community better in the process.

Lions Clubs International is a non-political service organization of over 1.7 million members worldwide founded in Evansville, Ind., on Oct. 24, 1916.

The Lions motto is "We Serve." Local Lions Club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and many other programs.

For more information about the Westfield Lions Club, check out westfield-lions.org.

See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.



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Westfield High School freshman student and Girl Scout Luci Bluto collected enough trash to help make the two new benches in the butterfly garden at Westfield Public Library.

County tax increase proceeds too quietly

A 10 percent increase in Hamilton County's local income tax, which so far has been made generally known only by the Reporter, has created a lot of conversation among the limited number of folks who know about it.

The new tax is to become effective January 1 assuming the Carmel and Fishers city councils adopt resolutions favoring it. The tax is designed to cover the costs of the county's Emergency 911 communications operation.

The tax will raise about \$17 million next year and mean that the county's cit-

ies and county government will no longer have to budget for their share of maintaining the communications.

The plan may be quite all right, but it's hard to understand the quiet advance of this financing plan with almost no discussion in public meetings, and very little news coverage. There will be public notices in the newspaper advertising a public hearing, but very few folks attend public hearings.

There should be no question that keeping our

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The County Line

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Solar power goes to school



Photo provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools / LarryInFishers.com

Wednesday was a big day for Hamilton Southeastern Schools Energy Management Director Bob Rice. He was at Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate & Junior High School (also known as "The HIJH") for the "Flip the Switch" ceremony, marking the start of generating electricity for the school building through the solar arrays on the HIJH property. The HSE School Corporation entered into a contract with Ameresco Inc. in January of this year to install the \$2.8 million solar project. The work is being financed by a four-year bond issue, which is not expected to trigger a tax increase.

(Above) HSE school officials take a moment to pose while at the "Flip the Switch" event at Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate & Junior High Schools at Cyntheanne Road and Southeastern Parkway.



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Amelia Ringer, Hamilton Heights graduate and college sophomore, can easily monitor and join in the conversations at Hamilton Heights School Corporation at #WeAreHuskies.

Heights unveils official hashtag: #WeAreHuskies

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights School Corporation has created its official hashtag #WeAreHuskies. The hashtag is designed to help boost pride and Heights' brand as well as organize posts on social media to shine a light on all things Hamilton Heights.

"We wanted to offer a way for social media users to be able to organize content related to Hamilton Heights and create conversations as well as offer another medium to interact with our schools," said Tim

Gray, Secondary Instructional Coach/Technology Integration Specialist, who is credited with helping to create #WeAreHuskies. "We think the moniker aptly describes who we are as a district – inside and outside school grounds. Since their inception hashtags have evolved in a relatively short time into a powerful multipurpose social media tool in a 21st century world. We are really excited about having an official hashtag for everyone in our district

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Carmel residents fight townhomes in long-standing neighborhood

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The Carmel Plan Commission heard from people Tuesday night about a proposal for a rezoning in a long-standing neighborhood along Main Street near North Guilford Road.

A private developer has proposed to tear down a house in the first block of Sherman Drive to build four multifamily townhomes and a parking lot. It sits on a half-acre of land. Many concerned neighbors told News 8 that they oppose the proposal.

A residential committee of the Plan Commission will meet 6 p.m. on Sept. 3 at City Hall to consider the comments from Tuesday night's meeting.

Jacki Johnston, a neighbor from across the street from the proposed site, said, "We just feel that this is a residential area and we want to keep it that way and the plans that they have just seems too big for the lot that they want to put it there. Just



Photo provided by WISH-TV

The home located at 7 Sherman Drive in Carmel is the subject of a potential rezoning request by a developer that has proposed four multi-family townhomes on the half-acre parcel.

down the street you've got a concern."

Neighbors are afraid more new developments will be added on Sherman Drive in the future if the Plan Commission approves the proposal.

"It seems like Carmel has this idea that they just want to tear everything down and make things new, and I think people are starting to resent that they want their homes to stay homes," Johnston said.

People in the community hope the Plan Commission decision goes in their favor.

"I really hope that the zoning commission listens with a good ear toward what the neighbors' concerns are and not just be driven by the idea of development and money," Avenies said.

Reindeer Ride Express coming to Forest Park

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Express' popular holiday event, the Reindeer Ride Express, will have a new home in Forest Park this winter.

One of last year's top holiday attractions, Reindeer Ride Express took 7,000 passengers on a magical holiday train ride through northern Hamilton County. This year, Reindeer Ride passengers can look forward to an enhanced holiday experience when the train departs from Forest Park beginning Nov. 22.

"We are excited to welcome trains back to Forest Park this winter and provide families and guests another holiday memory to go along with the downtown dec-

orations and storefronts, Lights Over Seminary, Christmas Cottage and Federal Hill Commons," said Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett. "Christmas is a special time in our city and the Reindeer Ride Express provides another fun opportunity to celebrate the season."

The Reindeer Ride Express will run from Nov. 22 to Dec. 23. Passengers can expect an interactive, festive experience on board that includes Santa, hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Along the ride, families will see the 150-year-old Arcadia Depot lit up in a festive light display.

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911 service working at top efficiency is vital. And, the service is working well at present on an annual budget of about \$10 million. But, the smaller towns have been paying very little for their service. So, to equalize the burden, the new tax is planned.

It is here that some legitimate public scrutiny is warranted. Why, for example, could county government not take over financing the communications within its budget? It would be fair because everyone pays county taxes.

The county next year will collect \$3.3 million more in overall taxes than its budget requires. The county already has surplus and Rainy Day funds of more than \$33 million.

In addition, the State of Indiana contributes \$3.6 million annually to our 911 communications operation. So, paying the 911 expenses would have little impact on the county's financial picture.

But, most city and town administrations want the added tax. In the case of the cities, millions of dollars now being paid for 911 will be freed up for other spending, and for the small towns, there will be no contributions needed.

Although few folks have heard of the Local Income Tax Council, it is that council which will vote to impose the tax increase. And, because of their populations, Fishers and Carmel together control more than half the council votes.

It's a little complicated, but that's sometimes the way the state and local leadership likes it. So, now you know. Just thought you might like to be aware of what all is behind your tax increase.

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The Reindeer Ride Express will depart from Forest Park beginning Nov. 22.

"Nickel Plate Express is excited to bring the Reindeer Ride Express to the Noblesville community," said Nickel Plate Express Director Dagny Zupin. "Passengers can expect enhanced programming this year thanks in part to close community partnerships with Noblesville Parks Department, Noblesville Main Street and Nickel Plate Arts. We believe this is the start of an annual and mutually beneficial holiday partnership between Nickel Plate Express and the City of Noblesville."

Tickets for the Reindeer Ride Express are available at nickelplateexpress.com/reindeer. Those interested in volunteering for the event should email Nickel Plate Express Director Dagny Zupin at info@nickelplate-express.net.

About Nickel Plate Express

Nickel Plate Express is managed by nonprofit Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc. The organization provides themed, year-round train excursions in northern Hamilton County. Nickel Plate Express seeks to educate and entertain all ages through moving historical experiences.

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and beyond to categorize, find, and join conversations related to Hamilton Heights School Corporation."

In addition to connecting with Heights through #WeAreHuskies, the corporation encourages parents, friends, family and members of the community to stay in touch and engaged through other Heights social media applications including hhschuskies.org and [@hhschuskies](https://www.facebook.com/hhschuskies).

Heights welcomes and encourages input via social media, phone, cards, letters and/or notes delivered via mail to the administration office at 410 W. Main St., P.O. Box 469, Arcadia, IN, 46030, or by calling (317) 984-3538.



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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Prevail is strictly confidential, and since their core values include integrity and respect, they provide their services at no charge. Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County. – Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

You can drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, located at 14701 Tom Wood Way. You can also donate directly to Prevail of Central Indiana by visiting Prevailinc.org.



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Why we need more mental health education in schools

In the U.S., 1 in 5 teens suffer from a mental illness

Mental health has barely ever been discussed in my schools. As teens, we tend to get hurt a lot while playing sports. Whether it be a sprained ankle or a broken arm, cast and crutches are a common occurrence throughout the school. No matter the injury, we go to the doctor and make attempts to get it fixed so that we can continue playing our sport and live our daily lives.

Why is it that we don't see our mental health in that same light?

There are tests, exams, extracurriculars, volunteer work, future occupation planning, and SATs that we must worry about in a general perspective. That's on top of trying to create and maintain friendships and relationships with others, as well as making sure we have time to do the things we love to do.

We learn about substance abuse, drinking and how it's bad for us. We learned about a few broad ways to improve and maintain our emotional/mental health. They talk about bullying and how we need to end it and they say how it can cause depression. We scratched the surface of self-esteem and body image. But mental health is so much more than that. In mental health, there are mental illnesses. Except we don't talk about them ... ever.

All the information I have on mental illnesses and ways to improve my

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KHAYLA WILLIAMS
HSE High School Student

mental health has come from my own research. Essentially, there wouldn't be anything wrong with that; however, we are in school 6 to 7 hours a day. Being that said, I strongly believe that mental health discussions need to happen inside the classroom.

Up until about fifth grade, this was my thinking: Depression is an extreme word for sadness, anxiety is just nervousness, social anxiety is shyness, and OCD was just perfectionism. These were the only mental illnesses I knew of and my interpretations of them were quite inaccurate. These are broad terms that don't encompass all the feelings, emotions and experiences that truly come along with those mental illnesses. There are hundreds of other mental illnesses as well.

Not only that, but it's important to know that there is such a wide range of mental illnesses that people suffer from. In the ages of 13 to 18, 1 out of 5 have a serious mental illness. With suicide being the third leading cause of death in youth, 90 percent of those who died by suicide had a mental illness. The majority of the time, these mental illnesses go unseen and therefore untreated.

These topics are stigmatized to such an extent in my age demographic that I don't believe people process that it is an issue. The majority of the time mental illnesses are mentioned as a derogatory and used as

adjectives in circumstances people don't like. Teens are commonly saying phrases such as: "I'm so OCD because I like things to be neat," "She's mental," "My phone died so now I'm depressed."

Those phrases are unacceptable and as a society we should be working on destigmatizing mental illness. That starts in the schools. Since schools are a learning institution, it's the ideal place to start educating ourselves about mental illnesses and specific ways to better our mental health rather than generalized ideas that everyone can do. If we start learning how to take care of our mental health like our physical health in kindergarten, we can utilize those skills as we grow older. It is possible to prevent the development of a mental illness earlier on with the right coping mechanisms.

Everyone will struggle with their mental health even if they don't have a mental illness. However, it important to keep in mind that having a mental illness doesn't make you inferior or less than. It's time to start educating each other and make the world a more manageable one.

Khayla Williams is a sophomore at Hamilton Southeastern High School and a mental health and book blogger.

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Emergency Management projects.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, at 18100 Cumberland Road Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Local Emergency Planning projects.

Community News

Watch for increased traffic during GreekFest

GreekFest is this weekend, and the city of Carmel is reminding motorists to pay attention to the increases in both pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of 106th Street and Shelborne Road.

GreekFest will take place from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 3500 W. 106th St., Carmel. Attendance is free. Please call (317) 773-3033 for more information or visit indygreekfest.org.

Street closures during Artomobilia on Saturday

Artomobilia takes place from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday in Carmel, and the city is informing motorists of traffic restrictions in the area.

Main Street between 1st Avenue NE and 3rd Avenue NW will be closed. Range Line Road between 4th Street NE and 3rd Street SE will be closed.

Please be patient and drive carefully. There will be a large amount of pedestrians in the area between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information on Artomobilia, visit artomobiliaweekend.com.

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Bike Carmel's Coffee on the Monon returns Friday

The REPORTER

Bike Carmel presented by IU Health North Hospital has partnered with the Carmel Caffeine Trail to bring commuters Coffee on the Monon. Bike Carmel will be set up at the 96th Street Trailhead from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23 to provide free coffee and light snacks. August's coffee is provided by Starbucks.

The final Coffee on the Monon will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 27.

The City of Carmel, Bike Carmel and IU Health



North Hospital are looking forward to another exciting year of bicycling in the community. More information can be found on the Bike Carmel [Facebook page](#) or by emailing bike-carmel@carmel.in.gov.

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(From left) Carmel Clay Schools board member Layla Spanenberg, Carmel parent and community leader Sumeeta Bhatia, Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford and Carmel Clay Schools Mental Health Coordinator Stephanie Whiteside.

Reporter photo by Denise Moe

First expedition program session focuses on mental health, safety

I was fortunate to be able to attend the first session of the Carmel Clay Schools Expedition Program. This is an eight-session program that takes a small group of Carmel residents

on an exclusive educational journey and a behind-the-scenes look at the operations, programs, incredible educators and outstanding students of CCS. The program runs August through April.

Throughout the year, participants are immersed in our school buildings and participate in extended dialogue and hands-on activities as we explore topics including elementary and secondary curriculum, school safety, school finance, food services, transportation, technology, mental health and much more. Participants also have fun meeting students and staff, dining on healthy school lunches, and uncovering the culture of excellence that is CCS.

At this first session, CCS Director of Student Services David Woodward, Mental Health Coordinator Stephanie Whiteside and Head School Resource Officer D.J. Schoeff presented on school safety. We had a welcome by our Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford, and



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DENISE MOE

CCS school board members Layla Spanenberg and Katie Browning.

Carmel Clay Schools is responsible for the education of over 16,600 students and employs over 2,400 staff members. According to Superintendent Dr. Beresford, “Our students are at the center of every decision. That is reflected in the school’s Mission Statement, ‘Carmel Clay Schools will provide opportunities for all students to realize their potential in an ever-changing world,’ and Vision, ‘Experience Excellence ... Explore Opportunities ... Realize Potential.’”

The first session of the Expedition Program focused on School Safety. Though details of CCS’s school safety plans cannot be shared publicly for security reasons, school administrators talked about emergency preparedness, mental health initiatives, the 24 trained school safety specialists, Stop the Bleed kits and trainings, the Parent School Safety Academy, communications, building access, QPR Suicide Prevention training, the new “Stop It” app that has received over 1,000 reports since it was initiated in December 2018, and the seven full-time, highly-trained

School Resource Officers the school system employers. Carmel High School has four full-time SROs and each of the middle schools has an SRO who is also responsible for its feeder of three to four elementary schools.

The Carmel Clay Schools administration says it believes that SROs and the close personal relationships they have with students, parents and the community is vital to school safety and an important aspect of the new safety referendum that will be on the ballot this November, which will include additional funds to hire more SROs. Under the referendum, Carmel Clay Schools would add 11 more school resource officers in addition to the seven currently employed by the district. Also, if passed, the referendum would provide staff with access to additional training on safety plan implementation, classroom behavioral supports, social-emotional learning, and accessing mental health services. Details are below:

Additional School Resource Officers

CCS and the Carmel Police Department will work together to hire an additional 11 to 13 SROs. This provides at least one armed and highly-trained Carmel law enforcement officer in every school. SRO programs seek

to “bridge the gap” between law enforcement and youth. SROs are trained school safety experts and follow the TRIAD model serving as law enforcement, teacher and informal counselor (mentor) in the school setting.

Mental health services

CCS will support and enhance our school counselor/school social workers by raising the salaries of our current social workers to be competitive with area schools. The referendum will also give us funding for additional school counselors/school social workers over the next eight years.

CCS will contract with a local providers to have mental health therapists available in every school. Parents of students in need of support can choose these services. This initiative is designed to eliminate barriers to mental health services, support our families and wrap resources around students in need of assistance.

School safety initiatives and training

CCS will provide staff with access to additional training on safety plan implementation, classroom behavioral supports, social-emotional learning, and accessing mental health services. This will allow our district to keep up with evolving school safety best practices and technologies.

LWV encourages you to engage with your local candidates

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County League of Women Voters will play host to four candidate forums for opposed candidates in the following cities of Hamilton County:

- Sept. 5 at Carmel City Hall
- Sept. 26 at Noblesville

City Hall

- Sept. 30 at Westfield City Hall
- Oct. 1 at Fishers Assembly Hall

All forums will begin at 7 p.m. and finish at 9 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Contact lwvinhc@gmail.com with any questions.

Upcoming Meek Mill and Future show at Ruoff canceled

The REPORTER

Meek Mill and Future will not be taking the stage at Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center.

The rappers were scheduled to play at the Nobles-

ville venue on Aug. 30.

It’s unclear why the show was canceled at this time. However, other upcoming shows in Chicago on Aug. 31 and in Cincinnati on Sept. 3 appear to still be on.

Grassland habitat workshops for private landowners

The REPORTER

Private landowners are invited to attend upcoming native grassland and pollinator habitat workshops offered this summer and fall.

Each workshop will be led by DNR Grasslands for Gamebirds and Songbirds (GGS) biologists. During the workshops, landowners will learn about the GGS initiative, how to create native grassland and pollinator habitat on their land, and the financial assistance available to them for habitat development.

Several grassland wildlife species in Indiana are in decline, including bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, Henslow’s sparrow and loggerhead shrike. Developing grassland and pollinator habitat on private land is important for the survival of these species in Indiana.

Grassland habitat is also valuable to common game species such as white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Wild turkeys use grassland habitat for rearing their young and nesting, while white-tailed

deer bed in the native cover and obtain essential nutrients from grazing on wildflowers.

Developing grassland habitat has many benefits including helping pollinators, wildlife viewing, hunting and conservation-minded land management. Several workshops will be held throughout the state. Find a workshop on the DNR calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

People who cannot attend a workshop but are interested in participating in the GGS initiative or supporting grassland efforts can visit on.IN.gov/Grasslands for more information and contact their regional biologist.

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While this may not exactly be the famed serpent from the legend, people interested in Hamilton County history now have a fun way to engage with the past.

Explore local lore along White River

The REPORTER

To continue the conversation of the [White River Vision Plan](#), a local lore will be celebrated in Hamilton County from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Aug. 25 at the White River Campground, 11299 E. 234th St., Cicero. The creation of the 10-foot legendary White River monster will be unveiled at the White River campground in Hamilton County with other family-friendly activities to follow.

Local Lore

Stories that transcend generations are not only fun, they remind us of our past to inform our future. The White River Monster lore is one of those stories – reminding us how important this workhorse of a waterway has been in Hamilton County's past, fueling industry and agriculture as well as its future through the White River Vision Plan's desire to grow accessibility while sustaining this important water source.

The Story

In July 1892, two men

driving a wagon on the Cicero Pike [Highway 19] claimed to have spotted a large animal in the river. The newspaper described it as "a huge serpent 12 feet in length and perhaps 3 feet in circumference with a forked tail." Later that month, four men on a fishing trip discovered what they thought may have been the object – the carcass of a dead cow caught on some floating branches.

Source: David Heighway, county historian

Who is the Monster?

Meet William Herman Hamilton. He's the lovable monster pictured above. At 10 feet long and 5 feet tall, he's hard to miss. Willie will be traveling around Hamilton County this fall. Check the event schedule below and see where you can find him and meet him.

How to Participate

1. Be a part of the fun and find the River Monster at the events listed below, or download a handy PDF of his whereabouts at [this link](#).

2. If you see the monster out and about, take a picture

and post to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and use #HCRiverMonster.

3. Have you ever eaten a River Monster cookie, or drank River Monster juice? Take advantage of River Monster specials being offered by All Local, Burgerhaus, Edge Adventures Koteewi - Aerial Adventure Park, Hamilton County Artists' Association, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Indianapolis North Carmel, iBeach31 Sand Volleyball, Oca at Sun King Spirits, Pinheads, Sun King Spirits, Rosie's Place and The Urban Chalkboard.

4. Read the story and share with your friends and family.

Partners and Friends

Special thanks to the following partners for hosting and helping the monster: Hamilton County Parks, White River Canoe Company, County Historian David Heighway, Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Hamilton County, Nickel Plate Arts, Conner Prairie, and Ignite Studio.

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John 5:43-47 (KJV)

Mavorine E. Bitner
October 11, 1913 – August 20, 2019

Mavorine E. Bitner, 105, Anderson, passed away August 20, 2019 at Vermillion Place in Anderson. She was born on October 11, 1913 in Westfield.



Mavorine attended Westfield High School.

She was a loving mother, wife and grandmother. She was a member of Park Place Church of God and an avid reader.

Mavorine is survived by her sons, Kenneth Bitner, Jr., Elmer (Linda) Bitner and Ted (Gail) Bitner; grandchildren, Lisa (Keith) Bitner Keysor, Tara (Brad) Bitner Wales, Angela Bitner, Kimberly Bitner and Deborah Snyder; step-grandchildren, Matt (Lori) McDaniels and Lisa (Mark) Gunning; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Bitner, Sr., parents, Otie and Ethel Sutton; and brothers, Frank Sutton, Wendell Sutton, LaVon Sutton and Edward Sutton.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the funeral home with Rev. Randy Perry officiating. Burial will take place in the Summit Lawn Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vermillion Place or Kindred Hospice.

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Soccer

Fishers, Southeastern girls get HCC opener wins

Three Hamilton County girls soccer teams played their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season on Wednesday night.

Two of those teams faced off against each other, as Fishers traveled to Westfield. It was a hard-fought game, with the Class 3A No. 13 Tigers getting past the Shamrocks by the score of 1-0.

Johanna Strueder scored Fishers' goal with exactly 19 minutes left in the second half. The goal developed from a corner kick by Kaysey Castro, who gets the assist.

"I'm happy with how much we've improved with really limited time," said Tigers coach Ben Beasley. "This is a different style team, different player team and they play really good soccer, so we're going to get better all season long."

Beasley also had praise for Westfield, calling this Shamrocks team "the best Westfield team that I've seen in a long, long time."

"They're very well-coached, very dynamic," said Beasley. "They're going to challenge, like all of us, for a conference championship this year. I can see them getting better and better with the type of coach that they have and type of athletes they have."

It was the first full game for Fishers; the Tigers were leading McCutcheon 1-0 at halftime on Saturday before rain canceled that contest. Westfield won its Monday opener, so the Shamrocks are 1-1 for the season.

"I think we have some improvements to make," said Westfield coach Hannah Mangus. "I think we worked hard, but defensively we could do a little bit better winning balls out of the air and competing. But it's the second game and we'll bounce back."

Hamilton Southeastern's girls team, ranked No. 2 in 3A, roared to 9-0 HCC win over Franklin Central on Wednesday. Izzie Wallace led the Royals with



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers' Aubrey Robertson (34) prepares to kick the ball as her teammate Lauryn Arnett (3) and Westfield's Maggie O'Neal (5) get in position during the Tigers-Shamrocks girls soccer game Wednesday at Westfield.

three goals, while Ella Wolf and Ashlyn Freeman both scored two. Ava Marquardt and Molly Harris both had one goal. Layla Brown handed out three assists, while Wolf, Kaitlynnne Wallace and Marquardt each had one.

Southeastern coach Greg Davidson said that stout defense led to the shutout, allowing only two shots on goal. Abby Jenkins and Shelby Schechter combined for the shutout.

The Royals will take on three ranked teams in 3A this weekend, playing No. 14

Warsaw on Friday, then No. 4 Homestead and No. 11 Chesterton on Saturday.

Southeastern also won the junior varsity game 5-0 over the Flashes, while the HSE freshmen beat North Central 8-1.

The Hamilton Heights boys team fell to Yorktown 2-1 on Wednesday.

The first half ended without a score, but the Tigers opened the second half by scoring two goals in the first eight minutes. The Huskies cut the score to 2-1 on a free kick from around 25 yards out; Ty-

ler Grabarz took the kick and found Donovan Trew, who put a header into the net.

"The Huskies outshot the Tigers 19-11 and had some great possession, they just couldn't find the back of the net," said Heights coach Derrick Dean.

Marcus Shaffer had six saves as goalkeeper.

"Player of the game goes to sophomore Lance Jones for his great and tireless effort on both sides of the ball," said Dean.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Fishers' Grace Dunnuck makes a hit during the Tigers' Wednesday match with McCutcheon at the Tiger Den.

Volleyball

Huskies sweep Lebanon

The Hamilton Heights volleyball team picked up its second win of the year by beating Lebanon 25-22, 25-20, 25-8 on Wednesday.

Katie Mottweiler had a solid serving night, scoring 14 points out of 22 serves. Mottweiler combined with Kelsey Smith, Lexi Hayden, Kennedy McGill and Jordan Fryman to hit 27 kills. Carlie Ward helped the Huskies to victory with her digs and serve receive.

The Huskies are now 2-1 for the season. The Heights junior varsity team lost 25-13, 25-16.

Westfield won a three-set match at Greenfield-Central on Wednesday, 25-19, 26-24, 25-19.

Kenzie Daffinee led the Shamrocks with 11 kills, with Sarah Weglarz serving five aces. Ellary Detamore collected 18 digs, while Peighton Isley had 16 digs.

Westfield is now 2-1 for the season.

Carmel also got a three-set Wednesday win, beating Roncalli 27-25, 25-19, 26-24.

Anne Lesure handed out 20 assists to go with 10 kills and two aces for the Greyhounds. Ella Bostic dished out 16

assists, and also had three digs and one ace. Maria Zweig picked up 14 digs and had five assists.

Macarty McQueen hit 10 kills, collected six digs and made two blocks. Lexi Brehl had nine digs, one ace and one assist, and Kelise Twyner put down eight kills.

Carmel is now 2-1 for the season.

Noblesville lost an away match at Mount Vernon on Wednesday in four sets, 26-24, 25-13, 25-27, 25-16.

Lexie Almodovar led the Millers with 19 kills, 16 digs and three aces. Riley Branch handed out 40 assists and picked up eight digs, while Diana Cox collected 10 digs. Bella Hines hit six kills, and Ella Peter put down five kills.

Noblesville is 1-1 for the season and hosts Bishop Chatard at 6:30 p.m. tonight at The Mill.

Fishers dropped a three-set match to McCutcheon on Wednesday, 25-18, 25-23, 25-20.

The Tigers are 1-2 and play at Brebeuf Jesuit on Saturday morning.

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Golf

Shamrocks first in dual

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Sophie McGinnis and Allie Hildebrand tied for medalist honors, with each Shamrock golfer carding a 37. Other Westfield scores were Cate Jensen 40, Grace Snyder 43, Brette Hanavan 43 and Avery Brooks 48.

Hamilton Heights dropped a dual meet to Western 196-217 Wednesday at Bear Slide Golf Club.

Ellie Arrowood led the Huskies with a 45, followed by Sydni Zebrauskas 47, Kaylee Rhoton 61 and Rebekah Steffen 64.

Football previews

Sheridan will play many younger athletes

As a high school football program goes through the years, players come and players go.

Sheridan coach Bud Wright is used to that inevitability, more so probably than any other coach in Indiana. But that doesn't faze Wright, who will begin his 54th season of coaching the Blackhawks on Friday when they host Western Boone. It has happened before, and it also means new players get a chance to prove themselves.

There will be a handful of athletes coming back for Sheridan, but the majority of players on both offense and defense will be new, and young.

"We only got four returners on both sides of the ball," said Wright. "We lost a lot of kids last year. Our senior class is small and our junior class is small, so we're going to have to play a lot of younger kids."

The Blackhawks will have some experience here and there. Junior Cameron Hovey was Sheridan's second-leading rusher last season, with 733 yards and six touchdowns. Two returning sophomores, Evan Bourdon and Silas DeVaney, both got varsity experience last year as freshmen, and played well. Bourdon scored two touchdowns and DeVaney scored one. Those three players also had solid defensive numbers as well: Hovey had 99 total tackles, DeVaney had 69 and Bourdon had 60.

Two key seniors returning are Chris Starks and Charlie Cronin. Starks led the 'Hawks last season in tackles for a loss with 12 and totaled 69 tackles, while Cronin had 29.

After that, there will likely be younger players stepping in. Wright said those younger athletes are coming along and



Si DeVaney III/File photo

Silas DeVaney (15) and Chris Starks (75) are two returning players for Sheridan this season. While the Blackhawks have a handful of athletes back from last season, many of the players on the field this year will be young.

have been working hard.

"We got a long ways to go, but we're learning," said Wright.

The young players will get a stern introduction to varsity football when Western Boone comes to Bud Wright

Stadium. The Stars were supposed to host Friday's game, but they recently installed a new turf field, and concerns about the field's readiness prompted the game to be switched to Sheridan.

Western Boone is the defending Class

2A state champion and will come into the game ranked No. 1 in that class. This will be a continuation of a long-standing rivalry: Sheridan has played the Stars in the first game of the season every year since 1997.

Shamrocks getting ready for exciting season

Expectations are always high for Westfield football, and this year is no exception.

Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert said he is "very excited to coach this team," and who can blame him? Westfield has several returning players, including all of its stat leaders on offense. The Shamrocks got a taste of the excitement last Friday when it hosted Ben Davis for a scrimmage at Riverview Health Stadium. Westfield will also host its season opener, taking on Harrison this Friday.

"We have a great team culture this year and our guys practice very hard," said Gilbert. "I expect a great season. We will compete hard."

The offense begins with senior Cam Simons, a 6-foot-4, 210-pound quarterback. Simons had a great junior season, throwing for 1,504 yards and seven touchdowns. He also established himself on the ground, rushing for 382 yards and six TDs.

Simons was the second leading rusher for the 'Rocks. The leader is also back, senior Eli Patchett. As a junior, Patchett ran for 629 yards and seven scores. Another returning senior is Dane Wheeler, who was Westfield's top receiver last year with 35 catches. Patchett was second in receptions with 27. Senior Levi Kaster is back as a tight end. All three players had one catch for a touchdown last season.

The Shamrocks will also have an experienced offensive line. Three seniors will be back on the line: Aidan Parker (6-2, 285), Jacob Netral (5-9, 235) and Ross Krieg (6-2, 255).

Westfield's defense has three key players returning. Senior lineman Mark McLaurin brings back the most tackles for the 'Rocks with 23 total. Sophomore defensive back Micah Hauser had 19 total tackles as a freshman, and was solid on offense too, with 243 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. Senior Owen Ogle will be back on the defensive line as well.

After hosting Harrison, Westfield plays at Decatur Central for Week 2, then begins Hoosier Crossroads Conference

play at Zionsville in Week 3. This will be the first time the Eagles are in Class 6A - albeit temporarily, since a post-season shift necessitated by the combining of two 5A Elkhart high schools into one 6A school will push Zionsville back down to 5A next year.

But the focus is on this year, and the Shamrocks will be playing in Sectional 4, with Carmel, Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern. Gilbert said that the re-alignment was "about what I expected to happen."

"The road to the 6A State Championship goes through Carmel until someone can beat them," said Gilbert.

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Swim Meets: Each swimmer will be encouraged to compete in meets that they are eligible for during the season. A lot of our competitions for new swimmers will be here at Noblesville High School and the rest take place in the Central Indiana area and are held on the weekends.

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Wednesday scores	
Cincinnati 4, San Diego 0	N.Y. Mets 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 6	Atlanta 5, Miami 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 0	Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3, 8 innings
Colorado 7, Arizona 2	Chicago Cubs 12, San Francisco 11
Baltimore 8, Kansas City 1	Detroit 2, Houston 1
Washington 11, Pittsburgh 1	Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
Texas 8, L.A. Angels 7	L.A. Dodgers 2, Toronto 1, 10 innings
Philadelphia 5, Boston 2	

National League

American League									
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	83	45	.648	-	Atlanta	76	52	.594	-
Tampa Bay	74	54	.578	9.0	Washington	69	57	.548	6.0
Boston	67	61	.523	16.0	N.Y. Mets	66	60	.524	9.0
Toronto	52	77	.403	31.5	Philadelphia	66	60	.524	9.0
Baltimore	41	86	.323	41.5	Miami	45	80	.360	29.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	77	50	.606	-	Chi. Cubs	68	58	.540	-
Cleveland	74	53	.583	3.0	St. Louis	67	58	.536	0.5
Chi. White Sox	57	69	.452	19.5	Milwaukee	65	62	.512	3.5
Kansas City	45	82	.354	32.0	Cincinnati	60	66	.476	8.0
Detroit	38	86	.306	37.5	Pittsburgh	52	74	.413	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	81	47	.633	-	L.A. Dodgers	84	44	.656	-
Oakland	73	53	.579	7.0	Arizona	64	64	.500	20.0
Texas	63	65	.492	18.0	San Francisco	63	64	.496	20.5
L.A. Angels	63	67	.485	19.0	San Diego	59	67	.468	24.0
Seattle	54	74	.422	27.0	Colorado	58	69	.457	25.5

WNBA standings

No games on Wednesday

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Washington	20	7	0.741	-
x-Connecticut	19	8	0.704	1.0
Chicago	16	11	0.593	4.0
Indiana	9	18	0.333	11.0
New York	9	18	0.333	11.0
Atlanta	5	22	0.185	15.0

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Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Las Vegas	19	9	0.679	-
Los Angeles	16	10	0.615	2.0
Seattle	15	13	0.536	4.0
Phoenix	13	14	0.481	5.5
Minnesota	13	15	0.464	6.0
Dallas	9	18	0.333	9.5

Tigers look to be improved team

Fishers will play in the very first football game of the 2019 Indiana high school season.

The Tigers will start an hour ahead of everyone else, as they will be playing North Central at 6 p.m. Friday at Lucas Oil Stadium. It will be a re-match of last year's Class 6A Sectional 5 championship game, which the Panthers won for their first sectional title in over 20 years.

Fishers last won a sectional title in 2017, so it knows how to play in the post-season. The Tigers have many of their players back from last season, so they have the experience to get back in the winner's circle.

"My expectation is that we are an improved team who will play hard to the final seconds, competing hard against all opponents," said Fishers coach Rick

Wimmer.

Leading the way is senior Geoffrey Brown, a defensive linebacker who led the Tigers in total tackles with 112, including 16 for a loss. Brown also had five sacks last year.

The defensive linebacker group will be intact from last year, as juniors Matt Hohlt and Billy Reiter will join Brown in returning. Defensive backs who are returning are senior free safety Collin Shelton and senior cornerback Jackson Dunn. Two more seniors are back in the defensive end slots: Josh Ibey and Alex Lemaich.

All of the above players are listed as probable starters for Fishers. Other starters include senior Collin Worley on defensive tackle, with junior David Dilley and sophomore Andre Glover splitting

time in the other DT slot. Rounding out the defense are junior Shane Cole in the second cornerback position and senior Grant Whetsel at strong safety.

On the offensive side, seniors Dylan Scally and Matt Noble will handle the running back duties. The Tigers also have two quarterbacks returning, senior Marcus Roux and junior Lucas Prewitt. Both have started games for Fishers. Senior Jack Phillips is back as kicker and punter.

The offensive line will be experienced. Returning starters are senior Ethan Dye (6-foot-3, 255 pounds) at left tackle, junior Jonah VanDer Kamp (6-6, 302) at right guard and senior Hayden Tobias (6-3, 276) at center.

Other offensive linemen on the starting list are junior Max Kohn (6-3, 278) at left guard and senior Wyatt Puff (6-4,

250) at right tackle. Juniors Silas Martin and Caleb Gates are slated in the tight end positions. Four players will handle wide receiver duties: Seniors Nick Leath and Reece Boland, junior Reggie Cook-Graham and sophomore Jeffrey Simmons.

After playing the Panthers, Fishers travels to Pike for its Week 2 game, then plays at Noblesville in Week 3 to start Hoosier Crossroads Conference play. The Tigers will compete in Sectional 4 this year, with Carmel, Westfield and city rival Hamilton Southeastern, whom Fishers will host in Week 4 for the Mudsock game.

"They are familiar opponents," said Wimmer. "Carmel is always a tough opponent to get by in the sectional but all of the sectional opponents are excellent programs and will be tough games."

Royals return experience in several positions

The football fans who will be attending Friday's season opener for Hamilton Southeastern will see an experienced home team at Reynolds Royals Stadium.

Southeastern hosts Lawrence Central in its opener, which kicks off at 7 p.m. That will begin the second season at HSE for Adam Morris as head coach of the Royals, and he is highlighting the experience that will be returning at several positions.

One of those positions is at quarterback, where senior Andrew Hobson is returning. Hobson finished last season very strong, throwing for 555 yards and seven

touchdowns in the final three games of the season.

The Royals will also be strong at the wide receiver position, with two returning seniors. Ben Boysen is led Southeastern in receptions last year with 49, gaining 464 yards. DeAndre Rhodes had 10 catches, including one for a touchdown. As for the line, Morris said his team will have a "lot of talent but youth" on the offensive line.

Morris said that Southeastern will also have experience returning on the defensive line and in the defensive back group. The defense includes a host of seniors, James Pflumm, Evan Lantz, Chris Stein and Jake Hus-

ton, plus junior John McCall . Lantz had 5.5 sacks last season, while McCall totaled 54 tackles.

After hosting Lawrence Central, the Royals will travel to North Central for a Week 2 game, then host Avon in Week 3 to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play. Southeastern will travel to Fishers for the Mudsock game in Week 4; the Tigers are a potential Class 6A Sectional 4 opponent, along with Carmel and Westfield.

"In 6A football your sectional is always going to be tough," said Morris.

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