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Hamilton County Reporter

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Carmel police release video summary of Spring Creek Neighborhood shooting

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department released a video summary of the officer involved shooting that occurred on July 27 in the Spring Creek neighborhood in Carmel. According to police, three individuals involved in the shooting were arguing inside a residence in the 14300 block of Riverrock Court. A 911 call was made during this argument expressing concern that the suspect, Julio Cesar Virula, 26, was armed with a gun and threatening suicide. The argument continued as the subjects went outside the residence. Upon arrival responding officers found Taylor Cox, 28, deceased with multiple gunshot wounds. The second victim, a 66-year-old woman, was located a short distance

north of the residence, also with multiple gunshot wounds. She was transported to a local hospital and later released. Virula was later shot and killed during an encounter with a Carmel police officer. The video released by CPD provides an overview of the incident and includes relevant video, audio and 911 recordings. Police warn the video contains graphic images and language and viewer discretion is advised. The video can be viewed at [this link](#). "Carmel Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit conducted a thorough criminal investigation into the officer-involved shooting and the circumstances that led to it," Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow said. "The completed investigation was submitted to the

Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office for review to determine if there were any violations of law." Barlow also explained the results of an internal investigation. "The internal investigation determines if the officer's actions met the high standards we hold for all our employees, and to ensure the officers acted in accordance with department policy," Barlow said. Barlow identified the officer involved in the shooting as Shane VanNatter. VanNatter is assigned to the Carmel Police Department School Resource Unit and has 13 years of experience with CPD. Barlow told the Reporter that Officer VanNatter acted in accordance with department policy and his actions may have saved other lives.



Photo provided
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Arcadia business owner questions U.S. 31 project

By KATIE WISELY
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](#)

One business owner in northern Hamilton County is frustrated and says a long-term construction project is costing him dearly. INDOT says the purpose of the project is to improve the safety and mobility of U.S. 31 within Hamilton and Tipton counties. But it's making it harder for people to reach a well-known farm market. The project upgrades U.S. 31 to a limited access corridor. This means INDOT will eliminate some access points along the way and build interchanges and overpasses at some locations from State Road 38 up to State Road 931. All other



Photo provided
Wilson Farm Market, located at 256th Street and U.S. 31 in northern Hamilton County, could suffer from lack of access depending on how the U.S. 31 construction project affects the intersection. local cross streets will be converted into cul-de-sacs. Local business owner Scott Wilson says a majority of his business comes from traffic along 31. Without that, he says it's going to make it challenging for customers to find a different way to the store. The parking lot is always packed at Wilson Farm Market.

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Carmel adopts 2021 budget

\$10.1 million budget is 2.1 percent lower than 2020

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard presented a balanced 2021 budget to the Carmel City Council during its regular meeting on Monday. A public hearing was held prior to the Council adopting the budget. The General Fund Budget for 2021 is \$110,115,430, which is 2.1 percent lower than this year's budget. The City uses financial information from

its six-year fiscal plan, updated constantly for the past 24 years, to project future revenues and expenses. It also allows the department directors to prioritize expenditures while being aware of the long-term impact of their decisions. The City maintains \$11.3 million in the Rainy Day



Brainard

Fund, which is the second-highest fund balance of its kind in the State of Indiana. "It has always been our goal to provide Carmel residents and businesses with the highest level of service at the lowest possible cost and this budget will once again accomplish both those goals," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "This is a key part of our economic development strategy of keeping the cost of living down and the quality of life up, helping us attract more corporate headquarters, jobs and a highly qualified workforce. We are in a very competitive battle with cities across the country for companies that are increasingly seeking new locations

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Westfield breaks ground on East Street extension

The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook joined city and business leaders on Monday to break ground on the East Street North Extension project. The City says the new roadway alignment will improve connectivity and accessibility between 196th Street and State Road 38 and help enhance the safety of the State Road 38 corridor. "The East Street Extension will not only improve



Photo provided by City of Westfield

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SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUMS



Heights school board forum this evening

The REPORTER

A forum featuring candidates for the Hamilton Heights School Board will take place at 6 p.m. this evening, Oct. 7, at Hamilton Heights Middle School, 25150 State Road 19, Arcadia. The forum, presented by the Hamilton Heights Classroom Teachers Association, is open to the

public and also broadcast live by the Husky Broadcast Network. The forum can also be watched live on YouTube at [this link](#). Participating in the forum are:
• Kevin Cavanaugh – Jackson Township
• Gretchen Pennington – White River Township
• David Adam Sheller – White River Township

Noblesville school board forum set for Oct. 12

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce will hold a school board candidate forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 in the Noblesville City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The event is open

to the public; however, organizers have asked those attending to register with the Chamber ahead of time to ensure social distancing. The event will be recorded and shared at a later date for those who are not able to attend in person.

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“Probably 35 percent local and the rest is coming off 31 one way or the other,” Wilson said.

It’s a third-generation family business and has been in the same location, at U.S. 31 and 256th Street, since 1968.

“I found an old photo, one of the original photos when my grandparents had it,” Wilson said. “It says like potatoes were 49 cents.”

Without an exchange, customers will have two options. They can exit two miles south on 236th Street or two miles north at 276th Street.

“Traffic would have to come four or five miles through the country to get there,” he said.

INDOT completed a corridor study in 2017 and reviewed safety data from

2014 to 2016. It indicated that in Hamilton and Tip-ton counties, 88 percent of crashes happened within 1,000 feet of an intersection.

“It’s a big deal,” Wilson said. “Huge massive gaps with no exchanges at all.”

Currently, INDOT is still in the process of com-pleting an environmental assessment, so everything proposed is preliminary and could change. Right now, the plan shows 256th Street as a cul-de-sac, which would not provide the farm market direct access to U.S. 31.

Hamilton County Com-missioner Mark Heirbrandt says the county’s compre-hensive plan shows an ac-cess.

“I don’t think that peo-ple realize that there is not a lot of places to be able to go

around there to get grocer-ies,” he said.

Farmers in the area could also be impacted.

“My brother farms di-rectly across the road and my neighbor farms directly behind the market,” Wilson said. “Those two guys will have to drive seven miles to get to those properties that are 100 yards apart.”

But there is a way to possibly get an exchange. Heirbrandt says it’s not un-common for the county to go after federal funding.

“It will probably come down to some type of mon-ey contribution,” he said.

Wilson will continue to fight for his business and isn’t afraid to make it known.

“Sometimes the cheap-est solution is not the cor-rect solution,” he said.

BUDGET

away from other states and communities where both taxes and the cost of living, not to mention commute times, are much higher than what we offer in Carmel.”

Here are some high-

- lights of the 2021 budget:
- No Cost of Living Ad-justment for employees
 - \$4.5 million for Street Department paving of local streets
 - \$90,000 for Fire De-

partment to hire a new full-time crisis management co-ordinator

- Six additional Carmel Police officers (including four school resource offi-cers)

EAST STREET

connectivity and safety of the State Road 38 corridor, but it will also accommo-date ongoing development around NorthPoint,” Cook said. “Infrastructure is a key discussion point we have when talking to prospective businesses. This particular road project has already helped land some big proj-ects and will be an asset in the future.”

The project provides for a new traffic signal at SR 38 and Anthony Road and

will improve East Street as a north-south roadway through the NorthPoint in-dustrial park. Along with the traffic signal, a portion of Grassy Branch Road near SR 38 will be realigned to further improve safety at the intersection.

“I would also like to thank the Indiana Depart-ment of Transportation and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for their cooperation and support of this project,” Cook said.

“Their investment, similar to the U.S. 31 project, will show a considerable return on investment in our state.”

The \$7.2 million project is being funded by the City of Westfield covering 20 percent of the construction costs and the MPO paying the remaining 80 percent. The new road is scheduled to be finished in late fall 2021, with intermediate comple-tion dates throughout 2021 to accommodate ongoing developments in the area.



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.) 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

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The 4-H Fairgrounds saw long lines of early voters Tuesday during the first day of early voting.

First day of early voting brings long lines, many eager citizens

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

On Tuesday, registered voters in Hamilton County began voting in advance of the Nov. 3 general election.

Early voting locations at the county Government and Judicial Center and the county 4-H Fairgrounds will open at 8 a.m. in the

Judicial Center and 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds.

Voters will be asked to show a driver's license or other legal identification that includes a photo of the voter.

On Tuesday, lines at the Hamilton County Judicial Center and the Hamilton County Fairgrounds were reported to be long. At one

point, the line of people waiting to vote at the Judicial Center wrapped more than half of a block.

Early voting will open at six other locations around the county on Wednesday, Oct. 21 with hours of 2 to 7 p.m.

Locations in Westfield are at the Town Hall and the Cool Creek Nature Center.

The sites in Carmel are the Mercy Road Church and the Jill Perelman Pavilion at West Park.

Early voting in Fishers will be offered at Roy Holland Memorial Park and at Billerica Park.

[Click here](#) to see a full list of early voting times and locations around the county.

Noblesville FOP endorses Spartz for Congress

The REPORTER

The Noblesville FOP has announced its endorsement of Victoria Spartz for Indiana's 5th Congressional District.

"The Noblesville FOP is proud to endorse our own Victoria

Spartz for Indiana's 5th Congressional District," Noblesville FOP President Jamie Aloisio said. "We know she will work to protect our families and respect the service of public safety officers. Victoria will work tire-

lessly in Congress to serve our community with distinction and honor."

Campaign manager Catherine Seat commented on the endorsement, saying, "Victoria has the up-most respect for our

public safety law enforcement officers who serve Hoosiers day in and day out. Their endorsement of her race is a clear sign to voters about which candidate will stand up for the safety of their families."



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Jake Madore for Hamilton County Treasurer

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School Board Candidates

There are 14 board seats at stake this year in the six Hamilton County school districts. Winners in the non-partisan elections on Nov. 3 will take office on Jan. 1, 2021. Filing ended at noon on Friday, Aug. 21.

Carmel Clay Schools <u>At large (2 seats)</u> Katie Browning Susan Chamberlin-Dawes Beth Glynn Sam Harris Benita T. Hutt Louise Jackson Paige L. Miller Timothy Moehl Anne H. Poindexter	Noblesville Schools <u>At large (3 seats)</u> Laura L. Alerding Daniel J. Bill Christi Crosser Evan Elliott Willie Jerome Haile Leigh Hamer Carl A. Johnson IV Stephanie D. Lambert Adrienne Rogers
Hamilton Heights <u>Jackson Twp. (1 seat)</u> Kevin J. Cavanaugh <u>White River Twp. (1 seat)</u> Gretchen Pennington David Adam Sheller	Sheridan Community Schools <u>Marion Twp., Boone Co. (1 seat)</u> John Hunt
Hamilton Southeastern <u>Fall Creek Twp. (1 seat)</u> Jason Arnold Chauna Leigh Holder Matt Stolle Suzanne Thomas Clint Wilson <u>Delaware Twp. (1 seat)</u> Tony Bagato Sarah Donsbach Amanda J. Shera <u>Wayne Twp. (1 seat)</u> Sarah E. Parks-Reese Tiffany Pascoe Ron Thieme	Westfield Washington Schools <u>District 1 (1 seat)</u> Jimmy Cox Amy Pictor <u>District 3 (1 seat)</u> Duane E. Lutz J. Keith Owens Carl (Mike) Steele



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Heights crowns Fall Homecoming royalty



Photo provided by Bob Cross
Ethan Aspy and Maria Mitchell were crowned the Hamilton Heights Homecoming King and Queen during the Huskies’ Friday night football game with Tipton.

Noblesville announces Trick-or-Treat hours

The REPORTER
The official trick-or-treat hours in the City of Noblesville will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Although residents in Noblesville are not required to participate in Halloween celebrations, but the city offers the following recommendations due to the COVID-19 pandemic to those who choose to participate in the festivities on Oct. 31:

- It is recommended that all trick-or-treaters and their chaperones wear a mask – especially when approaching a door. It is not recommended to wear a costume mask over a face mask as this may make breathing difficult.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people not in your group and provide room for those at doors to walk down before you walk up.
- If you are welcoming trick-or-treaters and planning to hand out candy, we recommend you wear your own face mask when answering your door.
- Plan ahead and decide how treats will be dispensed. If you are handing candy, please wash your hands prior to doing so and use hand sanitizer when needed.
- Trick-or-treaters should only enjoy pre-packaged candy and other treats. Homemade treats should not be handed out or consumed.
- Those who are not comfortable with having trick-or-treaters should make sure they do not have their porch lights on – a symbol that you are handing out treats. If porch lights are off, trick-or-treaters should take that as a message to not approach the home.

Note: Depending on state policies and guidance, these recommendations may change prior to Halloween.

The Noblesville Police Department will have extra patrols out that evening to provide additional security. Motorists are asked to use extra care while driving that night.

The Centers for Disease Control has issued a number of recommendations – ranging from high- to low-risk activities – on ways to celebrate Halloween. [Click here](#) to read those recommendations.



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Letter to the Editor

Sue Maki invites voters to contact her with questions

Dear Editor:

I always enjoy reading Fred Swift's articles, whether they are about local politics or our county's history. And his Sept. 30 article titled "Local candidates need to speak up on issues" was of particular interest. It made me see his call to action as another opportunity to connect with voters, which I always value.

As a County Council At-Large candidate, readers can learn more about my qualifications and positions at my website, ElectSueMaki.com, on Facebook @ElectSueMaki and at the League of Women Voters candidate forum at Vote411.org. I have also authored several op-eds about issues I feel are important to our county. These op-eds were printed in area publications, including the Reporter.

Even during difficult financial times which we will be facing, I am committed to prioritizing public safety, infrastructure, parks and greenspace. These investments have made Hamilton County a national destination for people and busi-

nesses, and they keep us on solid footing as we move into the future.

Infrastructure expansion to keep up with growth is paramount, and we need to be smart on how we invest our money in the long run to allow citizens to enjoy life in each of our nine Hamilton County townships.

Public safety is the bedrock of government services, and I pledge to give our public safety organizations the tools and training they need.

And for parks and greenspaces, this pandemic has proved to us the value they have for our residents. Our award-winning parks and trails are used by everyone.

If anyone would like to contact me about any of these initiatives or about matters that are important to you, please feel free to contact me at Sue@Elect-SueMaki.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Maki
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Treasurer's Office employee supporting Susan Byer

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask the voters in Hamilton County to vote for the Republican candidate for Hamilton County Treasurer, Susan Byer. As a 17-year employee of the Treasurer's Office (16 of those years as the Chief Bookkeeper) my support is 100 percent behind Susan.

I worked with Susan in the Treasurer's Office for 13 years, and during that time she worked at the front counter posting tax payments, receipting money in from other county offices, processed liquor licenses, mobile home transfers, bankruptcies, and lender files. She handled all of those job duties with great attention to detail and always had a sincere rapport with the public. I and many others in the county trust Susan to take on the job as Treasurer because she is honest, smart, detail-oriented, and has character.

Susan is the ONLY candidate that can, if elected, go into the office on day

one and do all of the daily functions of the office necessary to assist taxpayers and other county offices. She is the only candidate running with the experience and knowledge needed to run the Treasurer's Office on a daily basis. Susan is the most qualified candidate running and would run the office with great respect to the taxpayers of Hamilton County, the Treasurer's Office employees, and other county offices.

Susan is running for Hamilton County Treasurer because she loves the office and wants to do the job, not get elected so someone else can do the job for her.

As a current and longtime employee of the Treasurer's Office, I am asking the voters of Hamilton County to please vote for Susan Byer for Hamilton County Treasurer on or before Nov. 3.

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer questions public spending for private publicity

Dear Editor:

Last month, more than \$9,000 in taxpayer money went to a press agent to publicize "the new Feinstein's Cabaret inside the Hotel Carmichael."

The publicist's invoice indicated this is an ongoing project, suggesting more publicity efforts would be coming.

Question: Why are tax dollars being used to advertise and promote a private business in a hotel the city doesn't own?

Why, indeed, aren't the two City

Council members who actually operate Carmel restaurants complaining about unfair competition?

Councilors Kevin Rider and Adam Aasen have invested untold dollars and hours in building their restaurants without receiving tax support, so far as we know.

Countless other Hamilton County restaurants locked down by government dictate could use a little publicity, too.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet at noon on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at the Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss agency business.

The Oct. 12, 2020 Workshop Session of the Carmel Clay School Board of Trustees has been canceled.

The Noblesville Common Council Finance Committee will meet at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, in A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Atlanta Plan Commission will meet to discuss zoning laws at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

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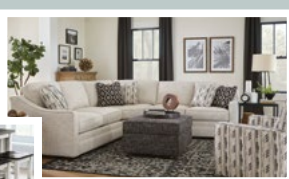
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Dr. Paul M. Waitt
February 25, 1930 – October 3, 2020

Dr. Paul M. Waitt, 90, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday morning, October 3, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Westfield where he and his wife have resided since 2016. Born on February 25, 1930 in rural Marion Township of Boone County, he was the son of the late James G. and Grace Ellen (Mayfield) Waitt.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1948, Paul took his first steps into a lifetime filled with learning new and exciting things in disciplines both new and familiar. He started his journey at Purdue University and continued his studies at the Indiana University School of Medicine, graduating with the Class of 1955 as Paul M. Waitt, MD.

After serving two years in St. Louis with the National Health Service Corps, Dr. Waitt returned home to Sheridan in 1958 to practice general medicine. After completing his surgical residency at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis in 1965, he began practice at both Riverview Hospital and Tipton Community Hospital. Education was always at the forefront of his practice, whether it was gifting newly-pinned nurses with their first PDRs, or teaching young doctors to stop and listen to their patients, he had a gift for making people strive to be better in their fields. Dr. Waitt had both a deep love for traveling and a talent for helping those in need. He was fortunate to be able to combine these two parts of his life during his many medical mission trips overseas, including two visits to Vietnam, as well as trips to Kaimosi, Kenya and Haiti.

During his career, Dr. Waitt served on numerous boards of directors, including the Board of Trustees for Riverview Hospital. He also humbly accepted many awards during that same time, but none more special than being honored as the inaugural recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award for Sheridan High School in 1974.

In 1996, Dr. Waitt retired from the practice of medicine and devoted his time to his first love, farming. As skilled as he was in the operating room, up on the tractor was where he truly felt at home. He had what some might call a nervous energy about him. Always on the go, sitting still was never an option. There were chores that needed done and fields to check on. When his health caught up with him and forced him to slow down just a bit, he would go stir-crazy just sitting around the house.

It wasn't always work, work, work with Dr. Waitt – he also had plenty of hobbies as well. He loved looking for new cars, and every few years it was time to start the process all over again. He enjoyed the hunt, but the real thrill was the challenge of haggling for the best deal. Another one of his favorite activities was his continuous search for a great piece of pie. He always loved visiting with neighbors, but his visits seemed to be more frequent and timed just perfectly when pie was involved. Hot and cold were his two favorite types of pie, and as luck would have, that was what always seemed to be being served.

Dr. Waitt was a member of the Sheridan Friends Meeting.

Dr. Waitt is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sarah Jane (Taylor) Waitt. She and Paul were married on September 25, 1954. Also surviving are three sons, Tom T. Waitt (Sally), Sheridan, Reid W. Waitt (Kim), Raleigh, N.C., and John H. Waitt (Karla), Sheridan; two daughters, Marylee Waitt Pound (David), Indianapolis, and Susan Waitt Gossard (Alan), Sheridan; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Sepavich Waitt; 14 grandchildren, John Paul Pound, Chloe Pound, Ross Waitt, Katie Kilpatrick (Lawson), Lauren Waitt, Luke Waitt (Allison), Samuel Waitt (Shannon), Taylor Waitt (Katie), Emily Waitt, Sarah Waitt, Jack Waitt, Kathryn Waitt, Grant Gossard (Michelle) and Garrett Gossard (Brittany); three great-grandchildren, Ava Waitt, Merritt Kilpatrick and Max Gossard; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dan Mayfield Waitt; daughter-in-law, Tracy Lynn Bishop Waitt; great-granddaughter, Adeline Grace Kilpatrick; brother, James Edwin Waitt and his wife, Doris Johnson Waitt; sister, Pauline Johnson and her husband Donald Johnson; and sister, Mildred McGaughey and her husband Charles Onis McGaughey.

A Celebration of Dr. Waitt's Life will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan. After the service everyone is invited to stay and share a favorite story over a piece of pie in honor of Dr. Waitt.

Strict COVID precautions will be observed, including the wearing of masks.

The family would like to thank the staff of Wellbrooke of Westfield, Brighton House Hospice, and his private duty nurse, Karen Doty, for their loving and dedicated care.

In lieu of flowers, please bring a memory to share, or share a story on our website at KerchevalFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home of Sheridan.

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John Harvey Leonard
September 21, 1949 – October 3, 2020

John Harvey Leonard stepped into the presence of his Savior on Saturday, October 3, 2020. He was born on September 21, 1949 to John F. and Delores Jean (Hicks) Leonard in Noblesville.

For many years, John was a church deacon and enjoyed teaching the high school boys' Sunday School class at Prairie Baptist Church. He currently was a member of Harbour Shores Church where he served as a greeter and enjoyed the fellowship of many friends.

John grew up on a farm in the Walnut Grove area where he attended school, graduating from Hamilton Heights High School in 1967. He continued his education at Purdue University where he studied the Airframe and Powerplant Certification Program in Aviation Technology.

John served his country in the United States Air Force where he attended tech school at Keesler A.F.B. in Biloxi, Miss., and finished his Air Force Career at Forbes A.F.B. in Topeka, Kan., in the 1370th squadron, the sole unit that conducted airborne photo mapping in the days before satellites.

John worked for Diebold Incorporated for many years, installing the first bank machines in the state of Indiana. He then settled into his first love of farming the family farms in Hamilton County.

John is survived by his wife of 50 golden years, Debbie. He is also survived by three sons, John (Deanna) Leonard, Josh (Julie) Leonard, and Jordan (Jessica) Leonard; and 10 grandchildren, Audrey Leonard, Lydia Leonard, Isaac Leonard, Nathanael Leonard, Naomi Leonard, Noah Leonard, Jaxon Smith, Connor Smith, Lincoln Smith and Gracie Smith. A sister, Linda Leonard Lefter, and a brother, Jim Leonard, also survive, along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Gates, and a nephew, Trevor Thomas.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 9, with the funeral at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 10 at Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero.

The family would like to thank Dr. Tom Miller and staff for their compassionate care and Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Harbour Shores Church Missions, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero, IN 46034.

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Charles Franklin Spurrier
December 9, 1935 – October 2, 2020

Charles Franklin Spurrier, 84, Noblesville, passed away on October 2, 2020 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

He was born on December 9, 1935 in Indianapolis to Rufus Bailey and Edith Blanche (Gray) Spurrier.

After attending schools in Indianapolis, he honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He then worked for 35 years as a service manager at auto dealerships, first at Dave Mason Buick and lastly at Family Buick, both in Indianapolis. Charles was a car enthusiast from an early age, even collecting them.

He was an avid fan of IU sports, the Indiana Pacers and Indianapolis Colts. He liked going to flea markets and garage sales, usually searching for automotive items. Most of all he enjoyed family gatherings, especially interacting with his grandchildren.

He is survived by a son, Joseph Charles Spurrier, Noblesville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen (Holsinger) Spurrier; and a son, Scott Edward Spurrier.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery near Arcadia. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of the services. Condolences may be sent to hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

Acts 23:4-6 (KJV)

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Soccer sectionals

Westfield girls upset Carmel in PKs

The Westfield girls soccer team scored the biggest win of the first round of sectionals Tuesday at Class 3A Sectional 10 at Guerin Catholic.

The Shamrocks stunned No. 2-ranked Carmel in penalty kicks, 5-3. The score was tied 1-1 after the regulation 80 minutes and the two seven-minute overtime periods, which sent the game into PKs. Westfield made all five of its kicks.

“We are really excited,” said ‘Rocks coach Hannah Eggert. “The girls are super excited and I’m so proud of them.”

The two teams had played last Monday, Sept. 28, with the Greyhounds winning 2-0.

“We knew that they liked to dribble through the midfield,” said Eggert. As Westfield prepared, the coaches talked about making sure the Shamrocks didn’t allow Carmel to do that again.

“We executed that tonight, which prevented a lot of opportunities that they had in the previous game,” said Eggert.

The ‘Hounds scored first, with Susie Soderstrom finding the net off a left baseline cross. Luci Bair provided the assist. The score remained 1-0 until the 72nd minute, when Westfield’s Madison Niehaus sent the equalizer in off a defensive steal.

Defense, of course, was a big part of the Shamrocks’ win. Quinn Sever led the way; Eggert said she “had a heck of a game in the back line.”

“Very solid, went in hard to every single tackle,” said Eggert. “Won balls out of the air, prevented them getting crosses off. She played really, really well. Our whole back line did, but Quinn was the big standout tonight.”

Sydney Payne and Zoe McKinney split time as goalkeepers, and both had five saves. Erin Baker had three saves as the Carmel goalkeeper.

The ‘Hounds ended their season with a 15-2 record. Meanwhile, Westfield is now 6-6-3 and will play No. 13 North Central in Thursday’s second semi-final. The first semi-final features No. 3 Guerin Catholic and No. 14 Zionsville, which starts at 5 p.m.

“I think they have a lot of confidence,” said Eggert. “But we do need to get back to work and just rein that back in. We have another game, it’s just like Carmel and we got to play our hardest like we did tonight.”

Noblesville’s girls team, which is hosting Class 3A Sectional 8 this season, opened up first-round play with a 6-0 vic-



Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Noblesville's Drew Barnes scored for the Millers' boys team during its Monday sectional win over Muncie Central.

tory over Anderson on Tuesday. The top-ranked Millers scored their first three goals

within the first 10 minutes of the game. Abby Baker, Jacey Hoopingartner and Meagan Wernke all found the back of the net. Riley Maloy added a goal to make the score 4-0 at halftime.

Maloy and Paige Stooksberry both scored a goal in the second half. With the win, Noblesville improved to 11-0-1 for the year.

The Millers host Pendleton Heights in Thursday’s first semi-final game at 5 p.m., followed by a Mudsock rematch between No. 5 Hamilton Southeastern and No. 16 Fishers.

The Hamilton Heights girls began play at Class 2A Sectional 24 at Yorktown with a 4-0 win over Delta on Tuesday.

The No. 6-ranked Huskies had to battle the Eagles’ defense at first, but broke through in the 18th minute when Kyndall Ferguson scored. Sophie Martin put Heights’ second goal into the net just two minutes later, and the 2-0 score would stand at halftime.

Emma Hall added the Huskies’ third goal, then Cassidy Felger completed the scoring

with Heights’ fourth goal.

The Huskies will take on Jay County Thursday in the site’s second semi-final. That game follows the 5 p.m. first semi-final between New Castle and No. 13 Yorktown.

In boys sectional action, No. 1-ranked Noblesville and No. 4 Hamilton Southeastern both got easy wins on Monday to begin play at Class 3A Sectional 8 at Southeastern.

First, the Millers beat Muncie Central 10-0. Palmer Ault scored two goals in the first half, with Spencer Holland adding one, and assisting both of Ault’s goals. That gave Noblesville a 3-0 halftime lead.

The Millers scored quickly to begin the second half, with Drew Cochran making his first-ever varsity goal off a steal. Noblesville also got goals from Ault, Drew Barnes, Garrett Poynter, and first-ever varsity goals for Andy Stansfield, Jordan Hinds and Cameron Jarrett.

In Monday’s second game, the Royals defeated Pendleton

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Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Hamilton Southeastern's Harsahil Gandham (left) scored one of the goals for the Royals boys soccer team during their Monday win over Pendleton Heights. Pictured at right for Southeastern is Sam Kay.



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Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Noblesville's Meagan Wernke scored for the Millers' girls team as it beat Anderson 6-0 in the first round of Sectional 8 action on Tuesday.

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Heights 6-0. Parker Gopsill scored two goals for Southeastern, with one goal each for Harsahil Gandham, Isa Sayeed, Neel Wetzal and Jack Hyatt.

The Millers and the Royals play each other at 5:30 p.m. today in the first semi-final game at the Southeastern field. The second semi-final, between Fishers and Anderson, will follow.

Guerin Catholic cruised to a 5-0 first-round win over Lebanon Monday at Class 2A Sectional 26 at Cardinal Ritter.

Alex Gardner and Luke Cloran combined for the shutout for the No. 2 ranked Golden Eagles. Guerin Catholic is 10-1-2 and will play Covenant Christian at 5:30 p.m. today in the first semi-final.

Hamilton Heights also played at the Ritter sectional, and lost 3-0 Tuesday to the host Raiders. The Huskies finished the season 8-6-3.

Boys tennis regionals
Panthers edge HSE, Carmel advances at Kokomo

The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team dropped its regional semi-final to host North Central 3-2 Tuesday at the Barbara Wynne Tennis Center.

The No. 10 Royals got the first win of the meet, as their No. 1 doubles team of junior Andrew Spirrison and sophomore Paul Schneider quickly picked up a 6-1, 6-0 victory. But the No. 3 Panthers soon got the three points it needed, taking the Nos. 1 and 3 singles and No. 2 doubles matches.

“Definitely mixed emotions right now,” said Royals coach Kirk Webber. “I thought we were going to come out and win this match, because I knew we had the team to do it, the talent to do that. So, it’s obviously disappointing to come away with a loss. Although we knew North Central was going to be tough, man.”

Rohan Golla got Southeastern’s second point, as he toughed out a three-set win at No. 2 singles, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

“It was great to see Rohan get a win there at the end, battle in three sets,” said Webber. “That’s a great win for him. And our 1 doubles team is still alive, obviously. That’s promising. That’s encouraging. Glad to see them move on. They’ve had a

great season, so hopefully they can keep it rolling.”

Spirrison and Schneider will move to the individual tournament, playing sometime this week for the sectional title at North Central.

Noblesville’s Noah Bushong advanced in the individual singles tournament at North Central, defeating New Palestine’s Ezra Schwier 6-0, 6-0. Bushong will take on Eastern Hancock’s Kodrey Huff for the sectional title at 4:30 p.m. today.

‘HOUNDS WIN AT KOKOMO

Carmel advanced to the championship at the Kokomo regional with a 5-0 win over Twin Lakes in the Tuesday semi-finals.

The No. 1-ranked Greyhounds will play No. 18 West Lafayette for the regional title at 4:30 p.m. today.

In individual tournament action, Guerin Catholic’s Cole Metzger won the sectional championship at Kokomo, beating Logansport’s Noah Lange 6-0, 6-1.

The Westfield doubles team of Brett Barnes and Christian Emigh also advanced, beating Western’s Connor Beeler and Mitchell Dean on Tuesday.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Southeastern No. 1 doubles team of Andrew Spirrison and Paul Schneider advanced to the individual tournament. Spirrison and Schneider are 3-0 for the Royals during their run in the team tournament and will play later this week at North Central for the sectional title.

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Tampa Bay 38, L.A. Chargers 31	Buffalo 30, Las Vegas 23
Seattle 31, Miami 23	Indiana 19, Chicago 11
Minnesota 31, Houston 23	Philadelphia 24, San Francisco 20
New Orleans 35, Detroit 29	Denver 37, N.Y. Jets 28
Cleveland 49, Dallas 38	Pittsburgh vs. Tennessee, postponed

National Conference						
West	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Seattle	4	0	0	1.00	142	109
L.A. Rams	3	1	0	.750	106	80
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	98	92
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	107	71
South	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	120	92
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	123	123
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	99	102
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	106	138
East	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	2	1	.375	84	107
Washington	1	3	0	.250	79	112
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	126	146
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	47	96
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	4	0	0	1.00	152	101
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	85	81
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	99	127
Minnesota	1	3	0	.000	106	125

American Conference						
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.00	80	58
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	122	73
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	124	126
Cincinnati	1	2	1	.375	99	99
West	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	0	0	1.00	117	70
Las Vegas	2	2	0	.500	111	120
L.A. Chargers	1	3	0	.250	83	95
Denver	1	3	0	.250	82	98
South	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	0	0	1.00	80	74
Indianapolis	3	1	0	.750	103	56
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	95	117
Houston	0	4	0	.000	80	126
East	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	0	0	1.00	123	100
New England	2	2	0	.500	97	92
Miami	1	3	0	.250	93	96
N.Y. Jets	0	4	0	.000	65	131

Volleyball

Royals clinch HCC championship

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Monday after sweeping Westfield 25-13, 25-17, 25-22.

"Winning the HCC is not an easy task," said Royals coach Jason Young. "Really proud of this group of kids to be able to win this conference three straight years."

Lauren Harden led the Southeastern offense with 14 kills, while Avery Hobson hit 10 kills and Lovie Wallace had nine up the middle. Emily Weber handed out 16 assists to go with five kills and Olivia Phillips dished out 11 assists and hit two kills.

On defense, Jordan Englemann collected 17 digs and Carly Mills had 16 digs. The win improved the Royals to 6-0 in the HCC and 19-0 overall.

Westfield swept Hamilton Heights on Tuesday, 25-18, 25-19, 25-23.

Kelsey Smith handed out 16 assists for the Huskies, while Lexi Hayden hit seven kills. Jordan Fryman made four solo blocks.

Sheridan came from behind to score a Hoosier Heartland Conference victory over Tri-Central on Tuesday.

The Blackhawks won in five sets, 19-25, 15-25, 27-25, 28-26, 15-13. Taylor Bates had a strong all-around game with 32 assists, eight kills, five digs, three aces and two block assists.

Emma Went collected 11 digs to go with seven kills and two aces. Allie Delphi spiked 19 kills, along with 11 digs and one ace. Kaiden Wilson added seven kills, two solo blocks and one block assist.

Lillie Dickerson hit four kills and made two block assists. Also on defense, Jacquellynne Bates collected 11 digs,

Abbi Clouser had seven digs, Kayla Behrs made three digs and Payton Warren had one solo block.

The Sheridan junior varsity lost 25-23, 25-18. Hailey Curry served four aces, while Claudia Headlee and Valerie Adams both hit three. Behrs had four digs, with Headlee and Makaylee Wilson both collecting three. Kendra Blankenship hit four kills and Lilly Chesney dished out two assists.

The Blackhawks host North Montgomery tonight with a 6 p.m. JV start.

Fishers dropped a close three-set match to Yorktown 31-29, 25-22, 25-23 Tuesday at the Tiger Den.

Fishers had a solid blocking night, with seniors Mikayla Christiansen and Grace Dunnuck both making six blocks, while sophomore Ava Vickers had five. On offense, Camryn Howarth hit 12 kills, followed by Jada Allen with 11 and Christiansen with nine.

"I loved what our front row did tonight," said Tigers coach Steven Peek. "To be the best in the state, you have to have a presence at the net. Our front row was aggressive, and our passers did a great job getting our setters in system to run the offense."

Haworth and Margo Hernandez both handed out 19 assists. On defense, Samantha Perdue collected 18 digs, followed by Olivia Lux with 14, Haworth with 13 and Hernandez with 12.

"We would certainly liked to have closed better tonight," said Peek. "We will need that skill for the postseason, of course, but I am really proud of the players' ability to adjust, compete, and just generally play at the highest level in the state tonight."

Fishers will finish the regular season Thursday at Westfield.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Fishers' Emily Waldrop (1) makes a bump for the Tigers during their Tuesday match with Yorktown at the Tiger Den. Also pictured is Samantha Perdue.

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