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Mayors, commissioners join forces for White River redevelopment

Businesses, philanthropists invited to take part in regional collaboration

The REPORTER

The mayors of Anderson, Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis, Noblesville, and Westfield and the commissioners of Hamilton and Madison counties have announced a regional collaboration to apply for Governor Eric Holcomb's Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) planning grant and funding.

Uniting under a shared vision, the cities of Anderson, Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis, Noblesville, and Westfield, and Hamilton and Madison counties have begun identifying key programs, initiatives, and projects that will accelerate local, neighborhood economies, quality of place experiences, innovation, and develop, attract, and retain talent.

The regional group is a coalition of communities that has previously collaborated on the development of the White River Vision Plan, which was released in December 2019. The addition of Anderson and Madison

"Successful connectivity initiatives can only be achieved through focused collaboration. I look forward to working with other leaders in our region, and seeing this vision through."

— **Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt**



"The White River is an incredible natural resource that has been underutilized as a driver for economic, lifestyle, and workforce development. This collaboration brings together key stakeholders in the White River region that could see a real impact if chosen."

— **Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness**



"With a data-driven approach, a collective vision already established with the White River Plan and measurable initiatives to track results, we believe that this focus will achieve the goal of creating a regional development plan that will stand out from the rest."

— **Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen**



"The White River is an untapped resource for recreational amenities, natural and environmental appreciation and smart, strategic development that will increase the quality of life for our residents and our visitors. We are already working with Fishers on other projects involving the river and we enthusiastically support this new coalition that seeks to boost our efforts as a region connected by this beautiful river."

— **Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard**



"It is critical that we work as a region to remain competitive in a global marketplace. Although Westfield does not touch the White River, this regional initiative will carry a vision and ideas to look at development downstream and infrastructure improvements east-west from the River to eventually I-65. We are lucky to have this kind of collaboration and vision."

— **Westfield Mayor Andy Cook**



County expands the region further east along the White River through Anderson and Mounds State Park terminating just before reaching Interstate 69.

The White River connects each community participating and provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform this underutilized natural resource into an economic,

lifestyle, and innovation driver. The committee is organizing to contribute to the development of a proposal for the Indiana READI initiative. These communities are united as part of the labor and recreation shed of the White River region.

The City of Noblesville initiated early coordination and planning efforts

by contracting with Fourth Economy to guide the development and planning of a READI Grant submission. Fourth Economy has a proven track record of success in supporting these types of initiatives.

The regional group will focus on an overarching theme of connectivity with supplemental focus areas possibly including trails;

transportation; infrastructure; environmental and green economy jobs; workforce and employment centers; and water availability and quality.

The regional group is issuing a call-out for contiguous municipalities, businesses, and philanthropic groups interested in supporting these efforts.

Interested parties may

contact the regional group at READI@mywhiteriver.com. The region intends to formalize its partnership and submit its proposal for the planning grant by the July 1 deadline.

More information about the White River Vision plan and the communities in the White River region can be found at mywhiteriver.com.

Jackson Fire holds 3rd annual Employee Appreciation Day



Photo provided

This past Saturday, Jackson Township held its third annual employee appreciation event for local firefighters. Each year the event begins with kayaking on White River and ends with a City BBQ family dinner. This even is always funded with donations, and this year, Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Indiana State Representative Tony Cook, and Hamilton County Councilman Steve Schwartz sponsored the event. (From left) Fred McComiskey, Brian Owens, Craig Owens, James Carter, Jon Rivera, Julie Mason, John Moore Jr., Chief John Moore, Tim McAlister, Ryan McIntyre, and Michael Kimball. See more pictures at ReadTheReporter.com.

Cities' share of federal COVID relief slashed

By **FRED SWIFT**
ReadTheReporter.com

While Hamilton County officials are considering ways they are allowed to spend \$65.5 million in federal COVID relief funds, cities in the county have gotten bad news from U.S. government authorities.

Noblesville, for example, was advised in April that the city could expect about \$13.5 million. But, more recently the amount was reduced by the Treasury Department to \$6.2 million, according to City Clerk Evelyn Lees.

Carmel was informed of an even more dramatic reduction from an anticipated \$20 million to \$7 million, according to one city official. Fishers and Westfield apparently also saw their shares reduced.

The reason for the change in dividing of the \$2.9 trillion government relief fund is a decision to consider Hamilton County cities as urban rather than non-urban. There is apparently no appeal process for the change.

Meanwhile, county commissioners met Monday with County Council representatives to discuss ways they can spend their massive grant. Lost income suffered by various county agencies will be submitted to commissioners for potential reimbursement, according to Commissioner Steve Dillinger.

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Sheridan Schools seeking families to share American culture with exchange students

The REPORTER

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS), along with AFS Intercultural Programs/USA (formerly the American Field Service), is looking for local community members who would like to participate in a joint project called Global Readiness in Indiana Towns (GRIT).

SCS seeks host families in the Sheridan area

for between five and 10 international high school exchange students arriving this fall. These young people represent a variety of countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Portugal, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, West Bank and more. They are among the more than

2,000 international AFS students hosted in the U.S. each year.

SCS is participating in this project along with Indiana University, AFS-USA and the Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis. Sheridan teachers will receive professional

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HSE Schools approves property transfer for new Fishers fire station

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

A new fire station on the northeast side of Fishers is one step closer to happening following action on June 9 by the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board. The school district is agreeing to transfer three acres of land to the city at 136th Street and Prairie Baptist Road for the fire facility.

In exchange, the City of Fishers has agreed to partner with HSE Schools to provide "experiential" learning programs for

elementary students at city facilities, such as the AgriPark, Ritchey Woods and the new Hub & Spoke complex. The city agreed to fund two teaching positions for these programs, 100 percent in the first year and 50 percent the second year, while the school corporation agreed to fund the third year of the program.

A resident of the nearby Britton Falls neighborhood spoke in favor of the proposal because Britton Falls has been urging the city to build a fire station in that area for some time.

The school board voted unanimously to approve the memorandum of understanding.

Attorney David Day, representing the school district in the talks with the city, said Fishers officials have told him construction on the fire station could begin this fall.

The Fishers Board of Public Works and Safety was scheduled to vote on a design and construction management agreement Tuesday afternoon with Delv Design Studio and BW Construction for the fire station project.



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There are other areas where the money can be spent including grants to non-profit charitable organizations and small businesses which suffered financially from the pandemic. But, spending on capital building

projects is not allowed. The county already disbursed \$3,000 to each essential employee who worked during last year's pandemic. Cities have not as yet announced any such bonus for their employees.



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MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in a special session at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021 in the First Wing Jet Center conference room at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 East State Road 32, Zionsville, IN 46077. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of airport business.
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EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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development throughout the summer and academic year at no cost to the district as a part of the project, which will benefit the students throughout the community. Local residents are also encouraged to volunteer as liaisons with the students and families. These new volunteers will also receive complimentary professional development as they learn more about these students and their home countries and cultures.

Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis said, "Having the opportunity participate in the Global Readiness in Indiana Towns (GRIT) project is a terrific win for our students, staff, and community. We are excited to bring more students to Sheridan from culturally diverse

countries, and the associated professional development is just an added benefit to the whole program."

"Hosting our AFS daughter from Thailand was a great experience for our blended family and for our local school," said Greg Pugh, an AFS Host Dad in Westfield. "The conversations over dinner and the things we learned about each other's cultures were fascinating. Playing family games, watching movies, and even running errands took on a new light as we were able to show our daughter how we lived, why we made certain choices each day and what was great about our community."

"Hosting with AFS fits our life perfectly. All people need to host is room in their home and in their hearts. You definitely get back more than you give," said Nancy Fuller, a two-time AFS Host Mom in Norwell, Mass. "When people host students, they build a bond – not just with the child, but with the parents and siblings of the child," Nancy's husband, John Micek, added. "It makes the world a much smaller place ... you gain an extended family."

Welcoming an AFS student is a wonderful way to help change the world without leaving home.

These students attend local high schools, participate in local community life and are encouraged to share aspects of their culture. They also discover first-hand what it's like to live in America, and they form lasting friendships that create enduring links between the U.S. and other countries. In many cases, the bonds that form between AFS students and their host families last a lifetime.

All types of individuals and families are encouraged to host. The AFS mission of building a more just and peaceful world through international education is best achieved when students experience the full diversity of the U.S. population.

Host families are expected to provide their student(s) with a bed, meals and support and encouragement throughout their program. In turn, families receive the support of local AFS-USA staff and volunteers, of which there are more than 4,000 nationwide. Students arrive with their own spending money and medical coverage.

In addition to hosting opportunities, AFS-USA offers a variety of experiences abroad for individuals of all ages. Programs are available to more than 80 countries, and for du-

rations ranging from two weeks to 10 months. Participants do not have to know another language to study abroad, and merit- and need-based scholarships are available.

Those interested in becoming a host family for an AFS exchange student, or in studying abroad with AFS, are encouraged to contact 1-800-AFS-INFO, contact Jill Woerner at (317) 771-2391, or visit af-susa.org/grit for more information. You can also get involved as an AFS-USA volunteer. Visit the website or call to get started or learn more about opportunities to make a difference.

About AFS-USA
AFS-USA, a non-profit organization, has been a leader in international student exchange for more than 70 years. Its mission is to enhance the global competency of U.S. citizens by providing intercultural learning experiences for individuals, families, communities and schools through a global volunteer partnership. Each year, AFS-USA awards more than \$3 million in scholarships and financial aid to U.S. students applying to study abroad, and it maintains a network of more than 4,000 U.S. volunteers who support participating educators, students and families nationwide.

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– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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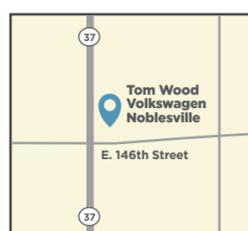


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Go big for the Fourth in Hamilton County

Westfield Rocks the 4th will be bigger than ever

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield has announced that Westfield Rocks the 4th, the city's annual Independence Day celebration, will return to the Grand Park Sports Campus with an expanded celebration from Friday, July 2 through Sunday, July 4.

"After this past year, our community is ready to celebrate," Mayor Andy Cook said. "More than ever before, it will be great to see our residents coming together for this annual event. Community events are part of what makes Westfield a desirable place to live and raise a family."

The expanded event will run for three days this year and feature music, food and fun. Attendees can watch free concerts on the main stage all three days. Local food and drink vendors will be onsite featuring some Indiana classics and county fair favorites. Additionally, Frank's Franks will play host the fifth annual Westfield hot dog eating contest. Tickets can be purchased for the Kids Zone, which will feature attractions for children of all ages, on the city's website. The event will end on the evening of July 4 with a fireworks display.

"Westfield Rocks the 4th is our largest and most-loved event," said Director of Westfield Welcome and Events Angie



Cook



Frazier

Westfield Rocks the 4th Schedule of Events
Friday, July 2 | 5 to 9 p.m.

- Kids Zone Attractions
- Vendors
- Main Stage Entertainment: Heartstone Crossing | 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 3 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Kids Zone Attractions
- Vendors
- Main Stage Entertainment
 - Master Yoo's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration | 11:30 a.m. to noon
 - Indy's Island Party | Noon to 1:30 p.m.
 - Andy Schomburg | 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 4 | 6 to 10:30 p.m.

- Kids Zone Attractions
- Vendors
- Main Stage Entertainment
 - Honor Guard Presentation of Colors | 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.
 - Phone Club | 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
 - Hot Dog Eating Contest | 7:45 to 8 p.m.
 - Mayor Cook Address | 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Jai Baker Band | 8:30 to 10 p.m.
 - Fireworks Display | 10 to 10:25 p.m.

Frazier. "We are excited to bring this event back this year, bigger and better than ever, for the community to enjoy."

Along with Westfield Rocks the 4th, the city will also offer other community events this summer including the Westfield Cycling Adventure, Simon Summer Sledding and the Westfield Rocks Adventure scavenger hunt.

For more information about Westfield Rocks the 4th and to purchase Kids Zone tickets, please visit westfield.in.gov.

Spark!Fishers exploding with fun

Weeklong festival will include free concert from Grammy-nominated Spin Doctors, Car & Art Show, 5K Walk/Run, Street Fair, and more

The REPORTER

The annual Spark!Fishers festival, ignited by First Internet Bank, will return with an expanded, week-long celebration in Fishers' downtown Nickel Plate District June 22-26. With new ways for the community to celebrate each day, the patriotic festival showcases what it means to be uniquely Fishers while celebrating our nation's freedom.

"We're so excited to share our reimagined Spark!Fishers festival with our community," said Fishers Parks Director Sarah Sandquist. "This year's event is bigger and better than ever, with five nights of fun, an expanded Kids Zone, and a Ferris wheel in the middle of 116th Street. We can't wait for our residents to come together after a difficult year and experience this special summer tradition as a community."

FESTIVAL LINEUP

Community Concert

Tuesday, June 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Kick off the Spark!Fishers celebration with a Tuesday Night Community Concert featuring The Midtown Madmen, showcasing music from the '50s and '60s, at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Admission is free and no tickets are required. Food, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs, and blankets are welcome. Outside alcohol is not permitted, but food and drink will be available for purchase on site. The Tuesday Night Community Concert Series is presented by IU Health Saxony.

Half Pint Half K & 5K Walk/Run

Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30 & 7 p.m.

Lace up your running shoes for the family-friendly 5K Walk/Run, presented by IU Health Saxony, around downtown Fishers. The race is hosted by the Geist Half Marathon & Fishers YMCA and sponsored by Community Health Network and Marathon Health. The 5K Walk/Run will depart from Fishers City Hall (1 Municipal Drive) at 7 p.m. A Half Pint Half K race will take place before the 5K at 6:30 p.m. To view a course map and register for the race, visit sparkfishers.com/5K. Onsite registration is permitted until 6:30 p.m.

Car & Art Show

Thursday, June 24 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Stroll the Central Green and check out the Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show, featuring vintage and modern cars alongside 30 local artists and artisans. This event is free to attend,

and no tickets are required. Car owners can register their vehicles through June 20 at sparkfishers.com.

Spin Doctors Concert

Friday, June 25 from 8 to 10 p.m.

The weekend party kicks off with a Friday Night Concert at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater featuring the Grammy-nominated band, Spin Doctors, best known for their early-'90s hits, "Two Prince's and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong," which peaked on the Billboard Hot 100 chart at No. 7 and No. 17, respectively. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Food, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs, and blankets are welcome. Outside alcohol is not permitted, but food and drink will be available for purchase on site.

Street Fair

Saturday, June 26 from 3 to 10 p.m.

Soak up the summer fun at the Spark!Fishers Street Fair around the Municipal Complex, with fun for all ages including:

- Local food and drink, retail vendors, artisans, and more, along with the Dining Tent sponsored by Four Day Ray Brewing.

- Three entertainment stages featuring live performances throughout the day, including the main NPD AMP stage sponsored by Ed Martin Nissan and Ed Martin Toyota, the Community Stage sponsored by Aspen Creek Grill, and the Platform Stage.

- A Kids Zone with bounce houses, games, face painters, and more kid-friendly fun sponsored by DMC Insurance.

- Roots at Spark!Fishers, a teen zone featuring a mobile skate park and dance battles with 31Svn Street Dance Academy.

- Fishers Arts Council presents a new experience, Spark of Creativity. Find your creative Spark and try out introductory experiences in movement, music, fiber arts, and acrylic painting.

- Cool down at Heroes Hall in the City Hall Auditorium, presented by Folds of Honor, where we will honor our hometown heroes who have served our country and our community. Prepare a care package for a local hero, watch a video highlighting these hometown heroes, and check out special demonstrations from the Fishers Police Department, Fishers Health Department, and members of the Monon District Boy Scout Troops.



Sandquist

Parade

Saturday, June 26 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the spark of the Fishers community with this fun-filled tradition through the Nickel Plate District featuring floats and walking groups from various local organizations and civic groups. A route map is available at sparkfishers.com/Parade.

Fireworks

Saturday, June 26 at 10 p.m.

Cap off the festivities with a dazzling fireworks show launched from Holland Park. Suggested viewing locations include the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Lawn and throughout the Municipal Complex. Holland Park will be closed for viewing during the show for safety reasons.

Accessibility

Accessible parking is available in the Fishers Police Department Garage, 4 Municipal Drive. Kulture City will also offer sensory packs and weighted lap pads for those with sensory needs during the Tuesday Night Community Concert, Car & Art Show, and the Saturday Street Fair. Items will be available for checkout at the Kulture City trailer in front of Fishers City Hall. To learn more, visit sparkfishers.com/accessibility.

Event Parking & Road Closures

For events Tuesday through Friday evening, parking is available around the Municipal Complex and downtown Fishers. On Saturday, guests are encouraged to park at the Forum Credit Union Headquarters, 11313 USA Pkwy., and take the free event shuttle. Shuttles will run regularly beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday through the end of the event. Surface lots and parking garages around the Municipal Complex will be closed for public access during the event. Rideshare drop off and pick up will occur at The Edge Parking Garage, 8890 E. 116th St. Bicycle parking is available around the Municipal Complex.

116th Street is currently closed east of Municipal Drive to west of Maple Street for the construction of the Nickel Plate Trail pedestrian tunnel. Additional road closures will be in effect for Spark!Fishers festivities beginning the evening of Wednesday, June 23. For details and a road closure map, visit sparkfishers.com/parking.

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Take an historical walking tour Thursday through Carmel

The REPORTER

Carmel resident Jim Burrell will lead a free historical walking tour starting at the Monon Depot Museum at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 17. The tour takes 60 to 90 minutes and is open to all ages.

Burrell will lead tour goers around town

and show pictures of what used to be compared with what is there now.

Joining Burrell for this educational and entertaining tour will be United Fidelity Bank officers Julie Eckert and Derek Elston. IU basketball fans may be able to talk a bit of basketball with Derek along the way, too.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – North District meeting set for June 23, 2021, has been canceled.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting set for June 16, 2021, has been canceled.

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021, at the HCPR Administration Building, 15513 S. Union St., Carmel.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at has been canceled.

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Letter to the Editor

Heirbrandt applauds young entrepreneur Daniel Lamers of Fishers

Dear Editor,
Amid a year that's been anything but easy for local business, I'm thrilled to see it has not deterred the entrepreneurial spirit of one Fishers resident, Daniel Lamers.

Daniel has expanded his online sneaker business, "Naptown Kicks," into a physical storefront in Carmel.

Daniel has conducted his due diligence on the market, created an impactful brand, and continues to manage a successful business that has re-sold thousands of pairs of high-end sneakers. I'm excited for his business to take the next step with an investment into our community.

Naptown Kicks, located in Carmel at 7 E. 126th St., will feature consigned merchandise, coveted brands, and otherwise hard-to-find products to



Photo provided

support the efforts of area sneaker enthusiasts. As Hamilton County Commissioner, I want to support the efforts of area sneaker enthusiasts. As Hamilton County Commissioner, I want to

Hamilton County to continue being a haven for young entrepreneurs like Daniel.

Mark Heirbrandt
County Commissioner
Westfield

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Rep. Spartz co-leads bipartisan bill to address big tech, other monopoly powers

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) has joined Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) in introducing the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act, which would update merger filing fees for the first time since 2001, reduce disparity in filing fees among small and large companies, and increase agency resources to efficiently and effectively address antitrust violations.

"Competition and free markets are fundamental to our freedoms," Rep. Spartz said. "Ever-increasing government regulations have created distortions and con-

tributed to a rise in monopolies and oligopolies in many sectors of our economy. I am happy to co-lead the bipartisan Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act, which will provide improved resources for better enforcement of abuses of monopoly powers and shift the burden from taxpayers and smaller entities to larger companies demanding larger resource allocations."

While the number of merger filings have signifi-



Spartz

cantly increased over the past two decades, premerger filing fees have not been changed in two decades. The current fee structure has created a fee schedule disproportionate to transaction sizes.

To ensure this legislation is a permanent solution to the outdated fee structure and not a one-time fix, the filing fees will be linked to increases in the Consumer Price Index going forward. [Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

James Robert "Bob" "Unc" Eggers
March 11, 1923 – June 12, 2021

James Robert "Bob" "Unc" Eggers, 98, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021. He was born on March 11, 1923, in Post Fall, Idaho, son of Joseph L. and Letha M. (Garland) Eggers.

Bob was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the 10th Infantry Mountain Division. He was awarded the EAME Theater ribbon with two Bronze Stars, American Theatre ribbon, and the Victory Medal of World War II.

As an employee of Chrysler Corporation, Bob worked 23 years before retirement. Bob was a quiet man who never knew a stranger, enjoyed fishing, and spending time in his vegetable garden.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his brothers, Leslie Eggers, Donald Eggers, and Rex Eggers; and niece, Mary Jo Kearnes.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 75 years, Berniece (Sears) Eggers; long-time family friend, Jenny Yee; and several nieces and nephews

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at Trinity Baptist Church, of which Bob was a member, and where the funeral service will begin at noon.

A committal service with military honors will take place following the service at Hamilton Memorial Park, Noblesville.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist with arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Doris Maude Jones
October 16, 1955 – June 11, 2021

Doris Maude Jones, 65, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021 at her home. She was born on October 16, 1955 to Willard and Emma (Hammonds) Knight in Noblesville.

Doris retired from the Chrysler transmission plant in Kokomo and was a very hard worker. She formerly attended Calvary Apostolic Church and enjoyed camping and visiting the beach, especially Gulf Shores, Alabama. In her younger years, Doris enjoyed roller skating. She was a very loving mom, grandmother and wife, and will be dearly missed by everyone.

Doris is survived by her husband of 49 years, Gary Jones; daughter, Jenny (Trent) Altherr; grandchildren, Brianna Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Cody (Allie) Altherr, Hailey Altherr, and Schyler Altherr; siblings, Windle (Honey) Knight, Brenda Sharpe, Shirley (Richard) Nixon, and Timmy (Linda) Knight; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Knight; sister, Linda Marilyn Chapman; father-in-law, Bill Jones; and mother-in-law, Geneva Wells.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., with visitation starting at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Bryan Tanton officiating. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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William E. Bales

December 2, 1931 – June 12, 2021

William E. Bales, 89, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on December 2, 1931 to Clyde and Ruth (Breese) Bales in Indianapolis.

Bill was a life-long resident of Hamilton County and proudly served in the United States Army. He was the owner of Quality Sharpening in Noblesville and Highway Welding in Fishers. Bill enjoyed hunting, farming with his dad, playing cards, liked the outdoors, and went camping from time to time. He was a hard worker, always supported his family, and loved family gatherings. Bill was a true giver, even in his death as a donor to help other families.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Louise Bales; children, Kathi (Tim) Ottesen, Bonnie (Randy) Smith, Debbie Waple, Ron (Leslie) Bales, and Linda (John Stapleton) Higginbotham; sisters, Rosemary Godby, Betty Estridge, and Vivain Summeier; sister-in-law, Beverly Heiser; 27 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Joseph Waple; grandson, Joe Waple; and great-grandsons, Michael Simpson and Noah West.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

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Randolph Gerard Lobdell

April 13, 1961 – June 14, 2021

Randolph Gerard Lobdell, known as Randy to family and friends, passed away on June 14, 2021 peacefully in his sleep in Arcadia. He was born in Indianapolis to Pierre and Mary Ann Lobdell.

Randy is survived by his oldest son, Samuel R Lobdell, 38, (Sherry); youngest child, Melissa D Lobdell, 34, (Shane Smith); his ex-wife and love of his life, Tammie J Reed; five grandchildren, Devin Gambrell, Amelia and Kylee Lobdell, and Serenity and Ariel Smith; four sisters, Toni Locke (Ted), Suzy Ehr Gott (Ron), Chris Prange (Larry), and Tina Miller (John); and two brothers, Pierre and Nick Lobdell.

In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by his sister, Donnie Lobdell Stonebraker.

Randy was a man who loved his family and friends. A man who could make the stubbornness of people laugh and feel loved. He enjoyed the thrills of Jimmie Johnson racing and winning at the track. Randy loved the ups and downs of football games, especially the Colts. He could out fish the best of fisherman. But the thing that will be remembered the most about Randy is he was kindhearted and would give the shirt off his back to anyone if needed. He was loved by all who he came in contact with. He could make a poor person feel rich and a sad person rich in happiness, and he could make an angry person feel joy. There was nothing about Randy any person could forget. He was a loving father, brother, husband, son-in-law, uncle, and awesome best friend to have. He was the most hardworking, knowledgeable man you could hope to have on your side. When he was near, you always felt safe, loved and cared about. He would say things just to encourage you to do the right thing. Randy will be missed but not forgotten by all.

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

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Steven R. Coy

December 21, 1959 – June 12, 2021

Steven R. Coy, 61, Beatrice, Neb., died Saturday morning, June 12, 2021 at a Lincoln hospital. He was born on December 21, 1959 in Richmond, Ind. He graduated from Hamilton Heights High School in Arcadia, served in the U.S. Air Force, and married Dana Rushing. He was an engineer for Fugro, a geoconsulting firm in Arlington, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Dana Coy, Beatrice; son, Joshua Coy; daughter, Jessica Braden; three grandchildren; and sisters, Beverly Coy and Becky (Burl) West. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Lena Jackson Coy.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Fox Funeral Home of Beatrice is in charge of the arrangements.

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Norbert D. Scher

June 28, 1931 – June 11, 2021

Norbert D. Scher, 89, Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Ascension St. Vincent's (Compassus) Hospice in Indianapolis. He was born on June 28, 1931 in Huntington, Ind., to Joseph F. and E. Mildred (Brown) Scher.

Norb graduated from Pennville High School in 1949 where he excelled academically and athletically, having lettered in basketball and baseball all four years of high school. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951 and proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict. When he returned from the service, he entered Ball State University where he graduated with a degree in accounting in 1957. He worked as an accountant/benefits manager for George S. Olive & Company for more than 40 years.

In retirement, he enjoyed his favorite hobbies of reading, playing golf, watching sports and chatting with his coffee and breakfast buddies. He was a long-time member of the American Legion and Epworth United Methodist Church where he served on various committees, most recently as coordinator for the church's donations to community food pantries. But the greatest joys of his life were being with family and watching his children and grandchildren as they participated in their activities.

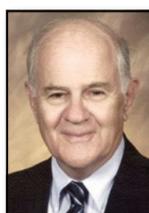
Norb will be remembered for his soft voice, quick wit, strong faith, and his kind, gentle spirit.

Norb is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Suzanne (Waltz) Scher; daughters, Jody (Jim) Harland (Indianapolis) and Jennifer (Keith) Dwyer (Cincinnati); grandchildren, Nate Harland, Emilie Harland, Cody Dwyer, and Andrew Dwyer; brother, Joseph Scher; and his nieces and nephew, Joi Jimison, Amy Reimschisel, Jill Mohan, Mark Scher and their families.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m., with visitation beginning at 3 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 6450 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Norbert with a memorial contribution to the Epworth United Methodist Church – Missions Committee/Food Pantry, 6450 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

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Joyce M. Taylor
September 23, 1933 – June 14, 2021

Joyce M. Taylor, 87, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, June 14, 2021 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on September 23, 1933 to Dennis and Maddy (Campbell) Warner in Noblesville.

Joyce was an Avon representative for many years and the #1 saleswoman in three states for several of those years. She attended First Christian Church of Noblesville.

She is survived by her sons, Robert "Bobby" Taylor and Ralph Hanner; grandchildren, Jessica Taylor and Beau Hanner; great-grandchild, Drake Hanner; and nephew, Dennis Warner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Taylor, in 2016; brother, Max Warner; and sister, Barbara Warner.

The family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Joyce's care. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis at a later date.

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Rev. Leon Brandenburg
March 1, 1937 – December 17, 2020

Rev. Leon Brandenburg, 83, passed away on December 17, 2020. Leon was born on March 1, 1937, to the late Ruth (Perkins) and Earl Brandenburg in Boone County.

Leon attended school in Terhune, Ind., and graduated from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1955. A year after his high school graduation, he decided to go to college to become a teacher and minister. He attended Ball State Teacher's College and graduated with a master's in education.

Leon was an educator at a few different schools, but the majority of his career was spent at Western Boone High School where he taught for 37 years. He was fortunate to have had most of the students who came through Western Boone since he taught government, which was a required class for graduation. Leon enjoyed reading about and studying history. This interest led him to volunteer at the Sheridan Historical Society after retiring.

An ordained Methodist minister, Leon served many different congregations in Indiana. The congregations closest to Sheridan were Boxley, Jolietville, and Christian Chapel. After serving in the Methodist church, Leon also helped Jesse Griffith by serving as assistant minister at the Sheridan Church of God before retiring and ultimately worshipping at the Sheridan Methodist Church. Along with being active in the church, Leon drove for Meals on Wheels and shared his faith with the people he met.

At their five-year class reunion, Leon was reacquainted with Anna Faye Walker, who became his wife on June 10, 1961. They bred and raised American Eskimo puppies together, with Leon continuing to raise them until his death.

Leon and Anna Faye were parted by her death in 2003.

Leon was raised on a farm in Marion Township, and raising livestock was a hobby that he continued to enjoy for all of his life. He primarily raised cattle and hogs, although the farm did have chickens and goats at times. Some of his children's fondest memories of him are from when they would take their livestock to both the county and state 4-H Fairs.

Leon was an avid sports fan. For years, he had a season pass to the Colts games, ran the chains and the game clock at high school sports events, and enjoyed watching games on television. Leon attended his grandchildren's sporting events, as well.

After meeting Pamela (Reddick) on a mission trip, Leon married on May 7, 2006. Together, they enjoyed doing daily devotions and going out to eat. They remained active in the church.

The thing Leon was most proud of was his family – especially his grandchildren who called him "Poppy." Poppy's grandchildren were fortunate to have a grandfather who taught them the values of faith, family and hard work.

Leon leaves behind his wife Pamela (Reddick); his four children, John Brandenburg (Melanie), Sheridan, Nancy (Ron) Powers, Sheridan, David (Lori) Brandenburg, Plainfield, and LeAnn (Jason) Hopper, Avon. He was a proud grandfather to Sarah (Jonathan) Jensen, Aaron (Leah) Powers, Micah Powers, Kylee Powers, Elizabeth Brandenburg, his great-grandson, Alexander Powers and great-granddaughter, Sybil Noel (whose middle name is Leon's name spelled backwards). Other survivors include Pam's family: her son, Jason Sherrill; granddaughter, Taylor Linger; and great-grandsons Nixon and Rory Linger.

A celebration of Leon's life is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 19 at the Sheridan Methodist Church. A light lunch will be provided following the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Leon to the Sheridan Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

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Michael ("Mick") Melvin
December 21, 1932 – June 13, 2021

Even Mick Melvin knew that all good parties must eventually come to an end. Mick said goodbye peacefully at home on June 13, 2021, with his bride of 66 years by his side.

Michael ("Mick") Melvin was born to Francis and Mildred Melvin on December 21, 1932 in Elwood. His mother called him "Mickey," and to the day of his death, his Mickey Mouse watch was his signature accessory. As a teenager, Mick spent long summer hours at his parents' cottage on Lake Shafer, fishing and waterskiing with his brothers from a wood Chris-Craft boat. In the summer of 1950, he met a striking, vibrant beauty named Betsy Silvage from Chicago, whose family rented the neighboring lake cottage. The rest, as they say, is history.

Mick was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a former member of the Knights of Columbus, and grew up in Catholic schools, including St. Joseph's Grade School and Marmion Military Academy in Aurora, Illinois. Mick excelled academically and athletically and went on to the University of Dayton and Notre Dame University. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1955, immediately married Betsy, and started popping out the first of eight children. He proudly served in the United States Army and ascended to the rank of Captain before being honorably discharged in 1964.

Mick was a gifted and fearless athlete, playing football, basketball, baseball, and track at Marmion. In 2001, he was inducted into the Marmion Athletic Hall of Fame. He enjoyed tennis, fishing, and golf and took immense pleasure in watching his children and grandchildren grow into decorated athletes. Mick rarely missed a televised Notre Dame football game.

Mick took the reins of Monticello Manufacturing Corporation from his father, and grew it into a thriving commercial enterprise in Elwood. Due to his acute business acumen and strong work ethic, General Cage Corporation grew out of Monticello and he later founded State Plating, Inc., which became the largest nickel chrome plating job shop in the United States. He was a man of integrity, true to his word and sealed business deals with a gentleman's handshake.

On a whim in 1982, Mick and Betsy bought a few lots of land on an undeveloped barrier island off the coast of southwest Florida along with an old boat called "Piece of Ship." Mick went on to design and build three homes on the island. Hundreds of family and friends attribute their vacations on North Captiva, with Mick and Betsy's unparalleled hospitality, as their fondest life memories. Days were filled with fishing; evenings were filled with cocktail music, wonderful food, and playing pool wearing fun novelty hats.

A talented artist, Mick left his signature doodles and cartoons everywhere. He was an avid reader, especially of history and military books, and skilled in crossword puzzles. He loved traveling the world, Taylor's ice cream, and musical theater; he enjoyed when his grandkids would perform musical numbers from *The Music Man* or *South Pacific* for him. Above all, Mick was known for his signature laugh and zest for life. At a black tie wedding or somber funeral, Mick always sported white tennis shoes and a silly necktie with his tuxedo. He was a devoted mentor to Elwood youth, taught CCD classes and was heavily involved and contributed to Elwood youth sports. Neighborhood children would frequently ring the doorbell and ask, "Can Mick come out to play?" "Only if he's home by dinnertime," Betsy answered. It didn't seem to occur to the kids that Mick was in his sixties.

Mick and Betsy spent months planning Christmas for their children and grandchildren, meticulously selecting gifts and experiences for dozens of individual tastes. "Melvin Christmas" was a marathon day filled with boisterous family celebration, generosity, champagne, raucous laughter, delicious food, faith, and love: the epitome of the life that Mick and Betsy created.

He connected with every person he met – regardless of age, background, race, wealth – with a rare sincerity and genuine interest. You always walked away from a conversation with Mick feeling better.

His legacy includes his wife, Beatrice "Betsy" Melvin; eight children Stephen Melvin, Mark (Beth) Melvin, Michelle (Samuel) Heiser, Katherine (Michael) Buland, Kevin (Robin) Melvin, Marian Melvin-Dunnichay, Theodore (Julie) Melvin, Angela (Gregg) Sanders; 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren (last time we counted); and brothers Robert (Margarete) Melvin of Florida and Father Joel Melvin of Rancagua, Chile. His progeny includes many successful entrepreneurs, an Olympic athlete, public servants, lawyers, nurses, artists, and military servicemen. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Louanne Melvin, and great-grandson, Frederick Lee Noone.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on June 19, 2021, with Father Dennis Goth and Father Paul Cochran officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Frederick's Friends or Wounded Warriors through Randall & Roberts Funeral Home.

We're certain Mick has already poured St. Peter a Manhattan, told a joke to St. Paul, and will be watching us with exuberance until we can join his party in heaven. Tonight, please raise a toast to Mick Melvin and all the joy he brought to this world.

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Boys basketball

Noblesville, Sheridan hire new coaches



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Scott McClelland was hired as the new Noblesville boys basketball head coach at Tuesday's Noblesville Schools board meeting. McClelland has been a successful coach for 18 years, including a state championship at Morristown in 2018.

By RICHIE HALL

Two Hamilton County boys basketball teams started the week with new beginnings.

Sheridan and Noblesville both announced new head coaches at their respective school board meetings. The Blackhawks went first, approving the hiring of Chip Flemmer, a successful coach in the Atlanta, Ga. area Monday night. The Millers then hired their new coach on Tuesday: Scott McClelland, a familiar name in Central Indiana basketball.

LARGE SCHOOL, SMALL TOWN

McClelland has been a head coach for 18 years, with the majority of those years spent at Morristown. In 13 seasons, McClelland guided the Yellow Jackets to nine winning campaigns, including a Class 1A state championship in 2018. Morristown finished 28-2 that year.

The experience of coaching at a small town actually provided some attraction for coming to Noblesville, which McClelland said has "a tradition of great players and great coaches," plus a passionate fan base.

"I've often said that Noblesville is one of the largest schools in the state, but it's a small town," said McClelland. "So, I think with the tradition of coaches, great players, the success the program's had through the last 25, 30 years, I think it's something that there's a small-town feel to it with the big-time school atmosphere and I think they're just on the cusp of winning. I feel like I can help us get over the top."

McClelland's first stint with the Yellow Jackets was from 2003-2010; the team won a sectional in 2007. He then coached at Brebeuf Jesuit for two years (2010-2012) and at Western Boone for three seasons, (2012-2015) before returning to Morristown. The Yellow Jackets followed up the 2018 state title with another sectional championship in 2019.

In all, McClelland has 246 wins to his credit. He noted that in the past four years at Morristown, the Yellow Jackets have produced one 2,000-point scorer (Hayden Langkabel) and four 1,000-point scorers.

McClelland is a hometown Hoosier, having graduated from Yorktown High School in 1993 and Ball State University



Photo provided

Chip Flemmer is the new Sheridan boys basketball head coach. Flemmer also has a record of success, most recently with nine seasons at Cambridge High School in the Atlanta suburbs.

in 1998, from which he earned a Bachelor's degree. He will teach wellness at Noblesville High School.

"What sets Scott apart from others is his ability to not only teach the game of basketball, but to use basketball to teach lessons about life," said NHS athletic director Leah Wooldridge. "His coaching makes teams stronger because he builds unique relationships with each player, learning what they most need from him to bring out the best in themselves. I'm excited to see what's next for this team."

McClelland will meet with his new Millers players today and already has plans for what he wants to bring to The Mill and Noblesville boys basketball.

"We want to try to develop a collaboration of skill development, principles for success, competing, being a great teammate, being coachable, accepting your role and just trying to build a program that the community can be proud of," said McClelland.

A LONG PATH

Flemmer's path to Sheridan was definitely a long one for someone who grew up on the West Coast. He taught and coached at schools in Washington State, California and Texas before landing in Georgia.

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Two Carmel swimmers qualify for the Olympics

The United States has known about Carmel swimming for years. It's really good.

Next month, the world will find out how good the Greyhounds are.

Two Carmel graduates, Drew Kibler of the University of Texas and Jake Mitchell from the University of Michigan, both earned spots on the USA Olympic team that will compete at the Summer Games in Tokyo starting next month after their performances at the Olympic Trials in Omaha. Both men were multiple state champions for the Greyhounds.

Kibler punched his ticket with a third-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle finals. He swam the race in a personal-best time of 1 minute, 45.92 seconds. That earned him a spot on the 800-meter freestyle relay.

Mitchell earned his spot on the Olympic team in a dramatic way. He finished

second in the 400-meter freestyle in a time of 3:48.17. A good time, but not close to the FINA Olympic Standard of 3:46.78.

But Mitchell would get a second chance. He was approved for a time trial after all the races were finished. With a loud crowd cheering him on, Mitchell dove into the pool and tried again.

Things went much better the second time. Mitchell blasted through another 400 meters, where he finished in 3:45.86, nearly a second faster than the standard.

"I'm really grateful to get a second chance, to get a time trial," Mitchell said in a [story](#) on the NBC Sports Olympics website. "I just spent the last couple of days training to execute as best I could."

Video of Mitchell's swim is available [here](#). The Summer Olympics take place from July 23 to Aug. 8.

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Boys golf state finals



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

LEFT: Guerin Catholic's Leo Wessel makes his way to the 18th green during Tuesday's first round of the IHSAA boys golf state finals.

ABOVE: Carmel's Joseph Armfield (right) talks with Adam Boller, Carmel, after finishing his round.

'Hounds, Golden Eagles tied for 1st after first day

They were close at the sectional, they were close at the regional, so it should be expected that the Guerin Catholic and Carmel boys golf teams would be close at the state meet, which began Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Actually, at Tuesday's first round, the two teams weren't just close. They were tied. Both the No. 1-ranked Golden Eagles and the No. 2 ranked Greyhounds both carded team scores of 301. Both teams held the lead at different parts of the day: Carmel jumped out to an early advantage, then Guerin Catholic moved ahead late in the afternoon.

Both teams, as well as the other state qualifiers, had to contend with intermittent wind and a tough back nine.

"Three of my players played very solid today," said GC coach Mark Matthews. "We've got to tighten some things up. The back side played really hard for everybody. And it played really hard for us as well. We did not finish very well. Got some work to do."

Andrew White led the Golden Eagles

with a 73, with Connor McNeely and Jacob Modleski both carding 74s. Christian Hein scored an 80 and led Guerin in birdies with four. White drained three birdies, Modleski and Leo Wessel, who carded an 82, both had two and McNeely had one.

Patrick Michael was the Greyhounds' low man with a 73, with Shoji Fujita scoring a 75. Michael led the birdie count with three, while Fujita and Joseph Armfield (77) both had two. Sam Booth (76) and Owen Sander (82) each made one birdie.

Hamilton Southeastern was in 10th place after the first round with a score of 325. Cole Starnes led the Royals with a 78, including two birdies. Lane Zedrick added a 79 and Tyler Marcinko scored an 82. Both made one birdie.

Fishers is in 15th place by scoring 339. Matthew Wolf scored a 78, making one birdie. Connor McMillan and Will Schade both scored 86; Schade included two birdies in his round. Matthew Albright had one birdie as well.

In the individual standings, White

and Michael are part of a three-way tie for fourth place, with Modleski and McNeely part of a six-way tie for seventh place. Also in the seventh-place tie is Westfield's Alec Cesare, who scored a 74, including three birdies.

Cesare is playing as an individual for the Shamrocks, as is Hunter Cook, who scored 85 in the first round. Cook made one birdie.

The second round at the state meet begins at 8 a.m. today. Guerin Catholic and Carmel will play with Center Grove (in third place with a 304), with the players teeing off hole No. 1 between 9:48 and 10:24 a.m.

Fishers will tee off on hole No. 10 between 8:18 and 8:54 a.m., with Southeastern also going off No. 10, between 9:03 and 9:39 a.m. Cesare starts off No. 1 at 8:09 a.m., while Cook begins off No. 10 at 10:15 a.m.

Team scores: Carmel 301, Guerin Catholic 301, Center Grove 304, Zionsville 306, Bloomington South 311,

Columbia City 312, Bishop Dwenger 318, Penn 323, Cathedral 324, Hamilton Southeastern 325, Brebeuf Jesuit 328, Evansville North 331, Avon 335, Franklin Community 336, Fishers 339.

Carmel scores: Patrick Michael 34-39=73, Shoji Fujita 37-38=75, Sam Booth 37-39=76, Joseph Armfield 34-43=77, Owen Sander 41-41=82.

Guerin Catholic scores: Andrew White 36-37=73, Connor McNeely 36-38=74, Jacob Modleski 36-38=74, Christian Hein 37-43=80, Leo Wessel 40-42=82.

Southeastern scores: Cole Starnes 37-41=78, Lane Zedrick 39-40=79, Tyler Marcinko 39-43=82, Nate Benson 43-43=86, Tyler Lacy 47-46=93.

Fishers scores: Matthew Wolf 38-40=78, Connor McMillan 41-45=86, Will Schade 39-47=86, Ryan Witt 45-44=89, Matthew Albright 48-53=101.

Westfield scores: T7. Alec Cesare 36-38=74, Hunter Cook 44-41=85

COACHES

After two years as a coach and teacher at West Forsyth High School, Flemmer was hired at Cambridge High School, a brand-new public school that opened in 2012 in the Atlanta suburb of Milton. He was the head boys varsity basketball coach and graduation coach, a position he will also have at Sheridan.

Flemmer said his role as a graduation coach is to help students in whatever

capacity to get them to Graduation Day. That may mean credit recovery in order to pass a class required for graduation, helping any students that are struggling and monitoring their grades to "make sure they don't fall through the cracks." He also works with students taking early college classes, helping them get a head start.

"You really are a coach from the aca-

dem standpoint," said Flemmer. "Working with them, coming up with different strategies to help them be successful."

In basketball, Flemmer's Cambridge teams were the Region 7-6A champions in 2018 and 2019 and qualified for the Georgia state tournament four years in a row from 2017 to 2020, making the "Sweet 16" in 2019. He was named the Region 7-6A Coach of the Year in 2018 and 2019 and has had nine players earn college scholarships.

ELEVATE THE PROGRAM

Flemmer and his assistant came up to Indiana in 2019 to watch all four of the boys basketball state championships, "and that kind of planted the bug," he said. When the opportunity came to coach in the Hoosier State, he took it. Flemmer said he liked Sheridan's location, being so close to Indianapolis and in Hamilton County.

"It's the perfect location, smaller school," said Flemmer. "It was everything I was looking for."

Flemmer has already met with the players, doing so at a meet-and-greet after the hiring. He was already impressed with

them.

"They look like a very close-knit group," said Flemmer. "They're a hard-working group. You can tell there's definitely some talent there."

The coach was practicing with his new players on Tuesday. He's aware of the school's history and its towering football success.

"We're also hoping that we can elevate the basketball program," he said, hoping to put it in the same sentence as football. "That was something we talked about today in practice. Respect the history, but we also want to create our own history."

"We are very excited to welcome Coach Chip Flemmer and his family to our Blackhawk family," said Sheridan athletic director Beth DeVinney. "When looking for a Coach it was important to our team that we found someone passionate, committed, and with high character. Coach had great success at 6A Cambridge High School (41-7) and his passion for Indiana Basketball makes him the perfect fit for our school, our team and our community. We are looking forward to Coach Flemmer building a program for years to come."

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Major League Baseball standings

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	43	25	.632	-
Boston	41	27	.603	2.0
N.Y. Yankees	34	32	.515	8.0
Toronto	33	32	.508	8.5
Baltimore	22	44	.333	20.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	42	25	.627	-
Cleveland	36	28	.563	4.5
Kansas City	30	36	.455	11.5
Detroit	28	39	.418	14.0
Minnesota	26	41	.388	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	42	27	.609	-
Houston	38	28	.576	2.5
Seattle	34	35	.493	8.0
L.A. Angels	33	34	.493	8.0
Texas	25	42	.373	16.0

Tuesday scores	
Washington 8, Pittsburgh 1	Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 1, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5	St. Louis 2, Miami 1
Cleveland 7, Baltimore 2	Colorado 8, San Diego 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2	Oakland 6, L.A. Angels 4
Boston 10, Atlanta 8	San Francisco 9, Arizona 8
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3	Seattle 10, Minnesota 0
Houston 6, Texas 3, 10 innings	L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 0	

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	34	25	.576	-
Philadelphia	32	33	.492	5.0
Atlanta	30	34	.469	6.5
Washington	29	35	.453	7.5
Miami	29	38	.433	9.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	38	29	.567	-
Milwaukee	38	29	.567	-
Cincinnati	34	31	.523	3.0
St. Louis	34	33	.507	4.0
Pittsburgh	23	43	.348	14.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	42	25	.627	-
L.A. Dodgers	41	26	.612	1.0
San Diego	38	31	.551	5.0
Colorado	27	41	.397	15.5
Arizona	20	48	.294	22.5

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	8	3	.727	-
New York	6	5	.545	2.0
Atlanta	5	6	.455	3.0
Chicago	5	7	.417	3.5
Washington	4	6	.400	3.5
Indiana	1	12	.077	8.0

Tuesday scores	
Seattle 87, Indiana 70	Chicago 105, Minnesota 89
	Las Vegas 100, New York 78

Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	11	2	.846	-
Las Vegas	9	3	.750	1.5
Dallas	5	6	.455	5.0
Phoenix	5	6	.455	5.0
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	5.0
Minnesota	4	6	.400	5.5

Fever fall to Storm

The Indiana Fever fell to the Seattle Storm 87-70 on Tuesday.

Fever guard Kelsey Mitchell is averaging 20.3 points per game and shooting 47.6 percent since June 3, including a season-high 26 points in Tuesday night's loss to the Seattle Storm. This season's leading scorer for Indiana shot 9-of-20 from the floor and dished out four assists against the league-leading Storm, who won its fourth straight game.

Tiffany Mitchell was able to get to the rim consistently as she tallied her fifth straight game finishing in double figures. Her first made field goal of the game moved her into sixth in franchise history for most points scored passing Shavonte

Zellous. Jessica Breland added 10 points and nine rebounds as well for Indiana.

The Fever reduced the Storm lead to six in the second half, but were unable to contain the Seattle trio featuring Breanna Stewart, Jewell Loyd and Sue Bird. Stewart finished with a team-high 20 points, game-best 12 rebounds and five assists for her sixth double-double of the season.

Seattle is now 6-0 on the road this year.

The Fever conclude the 2021 regular season series with Seattle at Indiana Farmers Coliseum on Thursday at 7 p.m. and is available on FeverBasketball.com and the Indiana Fever's Facebook page in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Southeastern's Nate Benson (center) talks with Royals coach David Young after completing his round at the IHSAA state finals on Tuesday. Also pictured is Southeastern player Charlie Putnam.

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