



The new group includes Evan French, James "Woody" Fesler, Joseph Goad, Ryan Aeschliman, Matthew Speaks, Jordan Michael, and Dwayne Burnett, along with Garrett Spires (Decatur Twp. FD).

# Fishers Fire welcomes 7 probies to department

**The REPORTER**

Fishers Fire Department welcomed seven new firefighters to the status of "Probationary Firefighter" after completing 26 weeks of recruit school. Coming from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, this group, along with a recruit from Decatur Township Fire Department, had to quickly meld together into a team to successfully complete this grueling program.

Recruits completed EMT certification, fire school and special operations. Because the department is an "All Hazards" department, recruits have to come out of class prepared to integrate and perform with seasoned counterparts. While there continues to be on-the-job training (for all firefighters), there is a minimum ability required to hit the streets for emergencies. These seven firefighters met those requirements and have excelled in their performance.

A celebration and ceremony occurred in front of family, friends and peers on Thursday evening in city hall, where Mayor Scott Fadness gave them the "Oath of Office." Because this job incorporates the individual's family into the firefighting family, a meaningful part of the ceremony is the pinning of the badge. The recruit invites someone of special meaning in their lives to assist them with pinning on the badge for the first time. This moment is one of emotion, sometime humorous and often dangerous.

Probationary firefighters have been placed on shifts and will continue their training "on the job."

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# A letter to heaven . . .

Dear Dad,

While I know I can't actually send this, as heaven has no email address, it just feels good to have a talk with you ... the only way I know how ... in a letter.



I sure miss you. I miss your wisdom. I miss our conversations. I miss your reassuring voice that reminded me that you were proud of me.

Fifteen years ago, I bought what would come to be my last Father's Day Card. A few days later on the 28th of June, I said my last "see you later."

I held your hand, in that ICU hospital room, as I told you it was okay to fall into the arms of Jesus. My heart broke. You were always and will forever be ... my hero.

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." The minister read from II Timothy 4:7 at the celebration of your life. You, truly, were a man of God, accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior when you were in your fifties. Mom's prayers were finally answered.

Funny the things that trigger my memories of you. Smells. Sights. Sounds.

Someone asked me this week what smell reminds me the most of my childhood. I answered, the scent of rubber. It permeated your clothes. I swear it still smelled hot. I knew it was a hard job, yet you never complained. Firestone Tire and Rubber Products provided for many a family here in Noblesville. Perhaps we kids may have smelled a bit like hot rubber, too.

Pocket protectors with pens tucked in them. Your white shirts always had one. Why did they have you wear white shirts in a tire and rubber factory?

Every so often I walk by an older gentleman and get a hint of Old Spice Cologne. The scent brings tears to my eyes. I guess it's the spices in the cologne.

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# Noblesville PD pledges to advance more women within police force

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Police Department (NPD) has signed on to the 30x30 Pledge – a series of low- and no-cost actions policing agencies can take to improve the representation and experiences of women in law enforcement. The activities help policing agencies assess the current state of a department regarding gender equity, identify factors that may be driving any disparities and develop and implement strategies and solutions to eliminate barriers and advance women in policing. These actions address recruitment, assessment, hiring, retention, promotion, and agency culture.



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More than 80 agencies across the country, including the Noblesville Police Department, have signed on to the 30x30 Pledge.

The Pledge is the foundational effort of the 30x30 Initiative – a coalition of police leaders, researchers, and professional organizations who have joined together to advance the representation and experiences of women in all ranks of policing across the United States. The 30x30 Initiative is affiliated with the Policing Project at NYU School of Law and the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE).

The ultimate goal of the 30x30 Initiative is to reach 30 percent of women in police

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# Shop Fishers: Summer Series returns with weeklong city-wide celebration

City to host summer celebration of shopping & dining July 16-23

**The REPORTER**

The City of Fishers will kick off its second annual Shop Fishers: Summer Series Friday, July 16 with a weeklong celebration through Friday, July 23. The city-wide event will feature special deals and promotions from over 60 businesses around Fishers, encouraging the community to shop and dine local throughout the week.

"As our community continues to lead the state with one of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates, I encourage our residents to seize the summer and get out to shop, dine, play, and explore," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "Support the local businesses who help to make Fishers smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial community."

Event information can be found at [fishers.com/ShopFishers](https://fishers.com/ShopFishers). A mobile event guide will be featured on the Play Fishers app, available for free download from App Store and on Google Play, during

the event. Customers who check in at three participating businesses during Shop Fishers will be entered to win a prize pack featuring gifts from participating businesses.

The city will also hold social media giveaways leading up to the event. Connect with the city on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and follow #ShopFishers for chances to win.

Participating businesses include:

- 101 Beer Kitchen
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# Carmel Symphony Orchestra set to premier 'Fanfare for Democracy' at CarmelFest

**The REPORTER**

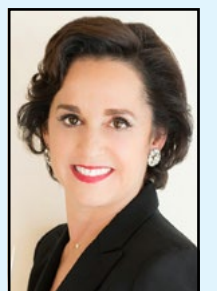
The Indiana premiere of "Fanfare for Democracy" – a composition penned especially for the 59th Presidential Inauguration – will take place during the Carmel Symphony Orchestra's performance at CarmelFest.

The free concert is set for 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 4 at the Gazebo, 3 Civic Square.

Orchestras representing all 50 states, plus Washington, D.C.'s National Symphony, have commissioned the anthem composed by Jim Stephenson of Lake Forest, Ill. "Fanfare for Democracy" first was performed by the United States Marine Band during the Inauguration of President Joseph Biden.

"Carmel Symphony Orchestra is thrilled to join with the Boston Pops, San Diego Symphony, Naples Philharmonic and other organizations from throughout the nation to present this inspirational music to our local audience," CSO Artistic Director Janna Hymes said. "We have a wonderful, celebratory CarmelFest program planned, and 'Fanfare' is sure to be a highlight."

CSO's CarmelFest performance kicks off the orchestra's diverse 2021-22 season of exceptional music, from classical to pops. Next up following CarmelFest is the CSO's inaugural collaboration with Hamilton County Parks to present "Classical Mystery Tour" outdoors at Coxhall Gardens on Sept. 5. This tribute to the music of The Beatles, complete with Fab Four re-enactors backed by the majesty of symphony orchestra, has been hailed as "the world's best Beatles show."



Hymes

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For more information about “Classical Mystery Tour” and other performances scheduled during the 2021-22 season, visit [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org) or call the CSO office at (317) 844-9717. For CSO concerts at the Palladium, patrons can call the Palladium box office at (317) 843-3800.

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra is a professional orchestra that is among resident companies of the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts. The upcoming season is supported by the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, the Palladium, and Pedcor.

Even now, I can walk into your garage and see the tools that were last held in your hands as you repaired many an antique clock. I have two of them in my house. The swinging of the pendulum reminds me just how precious is time with those we love.

I still have the cigar box that holds the nails you said I would need. You made sure I had tools and knew how to use them. I may have been your daughter, but you equipped me with what a son would have needed to know and use.

And you know what else, Dad? You always told me I was smart. Yes, even when I made not-so-smart decisions. You believed in me and you told me so. I can hear your voice telling me that I could do anything I set my mind to do (even selling cars and trucks when I was 48 years old).

I never felt “less than” in our home when I was growing up. When I felt like I failed you, you told me to get back up and try again ... and sometimes, again. You told me there were different roads to success. I just had to find mine. Let’s just say mine had more than a few detours.

You voice was kind. Your voice reassured me that I was loved. I felt cherished as your daughter.

Time has not quieted the sound of your voice that I still hear in my head. I think it will always be there. I treasure those echos.

Time may have stopped on many of your antique clocks that day, 15 years ago, but my love for you and gratitude to God for blessing me with such a kind, loving and true man of integrity, who I called Dad, will go on until I, too, fall into the arms of Jesus.

I know you and Mom will be waiting for me in heaven.

Oh yes, you would love my husband, Chuck. I can just imagine the conversations you would have had while sitting on our back porch drinking coffee. Mom said he was the answer to her prayers. I think he would have been the answer to yours as well.

And Dad, you have a great-great-grandson, Tiberius James, named after you. Our conversations, as he gets older, will include stories about his Pop Pop.

You left a wonderful legacy and you left a daughter who will always cherish being called ... Jim Hart’s daughter.

Happy Father’s Day, Dad. You are forever loved.

Janet (aka Bug)

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recruit classes by 2030, and to ensure policing agencies are truly representative of the jurisdiction the agency serves. While 30x30 is focused on advancing women in policing, these principles are applicable to all demographic diversity, not just gender.

“This pledge means that the Noblesville Police Department is actively working toward improving the representation and experiences of women officers in our agency,” NPJ Chief John Mann said. “We are honored to be among the first in the nation to make this critical commitment, and we look forward to working with and learning from agencies across the country who share our priority.”

More than 80 agencies – from major metro departments including the New York City Police Department, to mid-sized, rural, university and state policing agencies – have signed the 30x30 Pledge. The Pledge is based on social science research that greater representation of women on police forces leads to better policing outcomes for communities.

Currently, women make up only 12 percent of sworn officers and 3 percent of police leadership in the U.S. This underrepresentation of women in policing has significant public safety implications. Research suggests that women officers:

- Use less force and less excessive force
- Are named in fewer complaints and lawsuits
- Are perceived by communities as being more honest and compassionate
- See better outcomes for crime victims, especially in sexual assault cases

“We are grateful to the Noblesville Police Department for being one of the first in the nation to commit to being a part of this growing movement,” said Maureen McGough, co-founder of the 30x30 Initiative, Chief of Staff of the Policing Project at the New York University School of Law, and former policing expert at the U.S. Department of Justice. “We believe strongly that advancing women in policing is critical to improving public safety outcomes. We look forward to having more agencies follow the Noblesville Police Department’s lead by signing the pledge and improving the representation and experiences of women in policing.”

For more information, visit [30x30initiative.org](http://30x30initiative.org).

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– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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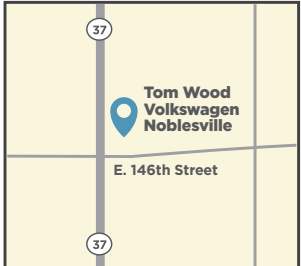


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# Wright's Gymnastics coming to Grand Park

## Ceremonial groundbreaking event will be open to the public

### The REPORTER

Wright's Gymnastics announced it has broken ground on a state-of-the-art facility in Grand Park, which will offer comprehensive programming for children, including traditional gymnastics, ninja, dance, and an academic preschool.

The 35,000 square-foot facility will house four

separate businesses under the Wright's umbrella designed for toddlers to young adults, including Wright's Gymnastics and NinjaZone and their corresponding early childhood programs, Sweet Peas gymnastics and Lil' Ninja, as well as a new dance program and an early childhood education center.

"We are thrilled to

see this dream realized in Grand Park," said Wright's Owner Casey Wright. "The City of Westfield has already been a fantastic partner for us over the past seven years, and we're eager to bring our new brand, facility, and expanded offerings to this incredible hotbed for sports."

Wright's, which intentionally branched out from

its traditional gymnastics roots, encourages a growth mindset and teaches kids of all skill levels the foundations of movement in an age-based environment, reinforcing confidence and responsibility, while celebrating effort and progress over perfection. Its cross-program, science-based curriculum is built on a progressive philosophy and innovative approach to connect the body and mind through intentional movement for kids at any level, and serves as a gateway to sports.

To celebrate, Wright's will hold a ceremonial groundbreaking at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13 at the site of the new building, 360 E. 186th St., Westfield. Wright's will welcome special guests to participate in the event. During the event, Wright's will also unveil its newly minted brand name and corresponding brand elements, including a new all-encompassing logo and design schematic for the Grand Park facility.

Connect with Wright's on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



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# Frankie Moreno

## added to Symphony on the Prairie lineup

### Aug. 14 show will mark his debut appearance at Conner Prairie

### The REPORTER

Tickets are currently on sale for "Frankie Moreno: All the Hits," the newest addition to the Kroger Symphony on the Prairie lineup. The popular host of the 2019 IPL Yuletide Celebration is set for Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Conner Prairie Symphony Bowl.

With 14 Top 10 albums (five No. 1 hits), 50 Top 10 singles (45 No. 1 hits), an Emmy nomination, and being named Las Vegas "Headliner of the Year" five times, Frankie More-

no is consistently breaking records and wowing audiences from coast to coast with his own brand of genre-blurring rock 'n' roll.

As a child prodigy on the piano and a gifted multi-instrumentalist, Moreno was first introduced to American audiences at the age of 10 on CBS's *Star Search*. He has continued to perform sold-out concerts including Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Hollywood Bowl, and Vegas residencies and has collaborated with world-re-

nowned artists like Joshua Bell, Placido Domingo, Allison Krauss, and Chick Corea.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m.

Visit the ISO's [Symphony on the Prairie website](#) for available reserved seating. For more information on any Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra indoor or outdoor presentations, contact the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or online at [IndianapolisSymphony.org](#).

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## Thanks for reading The Reporter!

## New at Hamilton East Public Library

### The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of June 14:

#### New Adult Fiction Books

1. The saboteurs, by Clive Cussler
2. The wife upstairs, by Rachel Hawkins
3. Flat white, by Sandra Balzo
4. The Venice sketchbook, by Rhys Bowen
5. The son of Mr. Suleman, by Eric Jerome Dickey
6. Independent bones, by Carolyn Haines
7. Stargazer, by Anne Hillerman
8. Death in Daylesford, by Kerry Greenwood
9. Arctic storm rising, by Dale Brown
10. Wedding station, by David Downing

#### New Adult Nonfiction books

1. U.S. civil rights trail: a traveler's guide to the people, places, and events that made the movement, by Debora Douglas
2. Keep sharp: build a better brain at any age, by Sanjay Gupta

3. Run less, run faster: become a faster, stronger runner with the revolutionary 3-runs-a-week training program, by Bill Pierce
4. WordPress, by Lisa Sabin-Wilson

5. Cook for your gut health: quiet your gut, boost fiber, and reduce inflammation, by America's Test Kitchen
6. The anxiety reset: a life-changing approach to overcoming fear, stress, worry, panic attacks, OCD, and more, by Gregory L. Jantz

7. The 30-day Alzheimer's solution: the definitive food and lifestyle guide to preventing cognitive decline, by Dean Sherzai
8. Leave out the tragic parts: a grandfather's search for a boy lost to addiction, by Dave Kindred

9. The third pole: mystery, obsession, and death on Mount Everest, by Mark Synnott
10. The Pepper Thai cookbook: family recipes from everyone's favorite Thai mom, by Pepper Teigen

#### New DVDs

1. The holy mountain
2. Beneath a sea of lights
3. Des
4. Gun and a hotel Bible
5. PG: Psycho Goreman
6. Rent-a-pal
7. We hunt together. Season One
8. Wedding every weekend
9. Wrong turn
10. News of the world

#### New Music CDs

1. The lunar injection kool aid eclipse conspiracy, by Rob Zombie
2. Detroit stories, by Alice Cooper
3. Shake your money maker, by Black Crowes
4. Kidz bop. All-time greatest hits, by Kidz Bop Kids
5. We're all fruit salad!: the Wiggles' greatest hits
6. Absolute Disney. Holiday, by Walt Disney Records
7. 20/20, by Crabb Family
8. Mother, by In This Moment
9. Agora, by Bebel Gilberto
10. Life love flesh blood, by Imelda May

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# Fishers road construction updates, week of June 21

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*State Road 37 & 146th Street*

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

Northbound and southbound SR 37 is currently restricted to one lane in each direction north of 146th Street. This restriction will be in place for approximately two to three weeks as work progresses at this interchange.

There is currently a single lane closure for northbound Herriman Boulevard between 146th Street and the Circle K/Shell gas station driveway and is anticipated to reopen in June.

*State Road 37 & 131st/135th Streets*

The westside of 131st Street at SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both north and southbound. SR 37 southbound left and right turns onto 131st Street will be restricted. Westbound turns onto SR 37 will also be restricted on 131st Street. [Click here](#) to view the detour map.

The northbound SR 37 right turn lane onto 135th Street is currently closed from 131st Street to approximately halfway to 135th Street for Phase 1 construction. This portion of the dedicated turn lane will not reopen to regular capacity until the interchange is complete. Please drive with caution through these areas.

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

*116th Street at the Nickel Plate Trail*

The City of Fishers started construction on the Nickel Plate Trail pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street on Tuesday, June 1. The closure is anticipated to last 60 days. During the construction, 116th Street will be closed from east of Municipal Drive to west of Maple Street. All local business and public parking access will remain open.

106th Street will serve as the **detour route**, with the detour beginning at Hague Road for eastbound thru traffic and Lantern Road for the westbound thru traffic.

Portions of the Nickel Plate Trail are now open, including the paved portion from 131st Street to North Street, and from South Street to 106th Street. The 116th Street tunnel will complete the trail connection through downtown Fishers, joining South Street and North Street, and establishing a full connection from 131st Street to 106th Street. While the tunnel is under construction, a pedestrian detour route will provide access through downtown between the north and south sections of the trail. View the pedestrian detour map [here](#).

To learn more about the project, view construction images and project renderings, and find detour maps, visit [playfishers.com/284/Nickel-Plate-Trail](#).

*Spark!Fishers*

The annual Spark!Fishers festival returns with a weeklong celebration June 22-26 in the downtown Nickel Plate District. Road closures and parking restrictions will be in effect around the District beginning the evening of Wednesday, June 23. Get the full line-up at [sparkfishers.com/road-closures](#).

*116th Street*

Beginning on Tuesday, June 22 at 6 a.m., westbound 116th Street between Hoosier Road and Cumberland Road will be closed as DPW performs joint repairs and is anticipated to reopen on Wednesday, June 23 by 6 a.m. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Hoosier Road to 126th Street to Cumberland Road to 116th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

*Admirals Pointe Drive*

Indianapolis DPW currently has Admirals Pointe Drive closed through midsummer 2021 to replace the timber bridge over Geist and the north fork of Dry Branch. The detour consists of Old Stone Drive East to Carroll Road/County Road 700 West, south to East 79th Street, and west to Oaklandon Road.

*Canal Place*

ADA ramp work is currently taking place in Canal Place and is anticipated to be completed in June.

*Crack Sealing – DPW*

Over the next two weeks, as weather allows, DPW will be crack sealing in the following areas: Hamilton Pass, Mollenkopf Road, 97th and 98th streets, 96th Street east of Olio Road, 113th Street, USA Parkway, 106th Street (Eller Road to Lantern Road) and Eller Road (106th Street to Allisonville Road). Lane restrictions and flaggers will be in place.



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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*  
1 Corinthians 12:21-26 (NIV)

### Stanley E. Robinson

June 14, 1953 – June 6, 2021

Stanley E. Robinson, Sheridan, passed away on June 6, 2021. He was born in Indianapolis on June 14, 1953, to Robert Eldon and Hazel (Hoaks) Robinson.



After attending Carmel High School, Stanley learned he had a talent and passion for building things. This led to him becoming a self-employed interior trim carpenter, and eventually allowed him to start his own business in 1989 – "Robinson Construction," which owned and operated for 32 years.

When Stanley was not working on a construction project, he took pleasure in the simple things in life, and could usually be found around a dart board or pool table. When the weather permitted, he also would spend countless hours playing golf. While at home, Stanley loved to cook, often making dessert pies, such as rhubarb and lemon meringue. His favorite was making cherry cheesecake for family and friends. Stanley also like to dance.

Stanley loved his family, and to cherish his memory he leaves behind his children, Mary Robinson, Stanley "Chip" Robinson, Jr., Luke Robinson, Justin Robinson, Jacob Robinson, Parker Robinson, Peyton Robinson, and his step-daughter Megan Campbell; siblings, Dave Robinson, Robert (Kathy) Robinson, and Brend (Doug) Harding; along with 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Stanley's life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 2055 W. 221st St., Sheridan. Everyone is invited to sign the online guest, leave a condolence or share a memory at [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com).

## Where was Richard Nixon's mother born?

### The REPORTER

**1877** – Robert Dale Owen died in New York State. Born in Scotland, he came to Indiana with his family when his father established the New Harmony community in Posey County. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives and was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1850. He also represented Indiana in Congress. He is known for his strong stand on free public schools and women's rights to vote and own property.

**1882** – William M. Scholl was born on a farm near La Porte. While working in shoe repair, he developed an interest in podiatry. After attending medical school, he began to manu-



facture arch supports. His company expanded, and today Dr. Scholl's is one of the largest makers of foot care products.

**1904** – Phil Harris was born in Linton, Ind. He became famous as an orchestra leader, singer, comedian, and actor in movies, radio, and television. His voice became known to millions through his work in animated Disney movies like *The Jungle Book*, *The Aristocats*, and *Robin Hood*.

**1921** – The Sellers Company of Elwood, Ind., introduced a new "apartment sized" line of kitchen cabinets. Designed to fit under windows and in small kitchens, the new models retained the useful features of the larger Sellers cabinets: Work counter, storage area, shelf space, and flour bin and sifter. Prices ranged from \$34.75 to \$75.00

**1934** – Over 20,000 people lined the streets of Muncie for a parade of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic.) There were 125 Civil War soldiers in the procession, which included Governor Paul V. McNutt and the band from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home in Knightstown. All during the parade, three airplanes flew overhead, dropping small parachutes which were attached to American flags.

**1971** – President Richard M. Nixon visited Jennings County to help dedicate an Indiana Historical Marker at the birthplace near Butlerville of his mother, Hannah Milhous Nixon. "My mother left Indiana at the age of 12," the President said, "but I can tell you Indiana never left her."

## Interactive reservoir habitat map available for anglers

### The REPORTER

Anglers can find fish habitat structure locations and more on DNR's new interactive reservoir habitat map.

Habitat structure, such as bundles of Christmas trees, rock piles and wooden platforms, improves aquatic habitat for fish by creating areas for cover, nesting, and more. The structure also attracts bait fish and provides other feeding opportunities.

The new interactive map includes project lakes, structure locations, structure types, and photos of structure types. As DNR completes habitat work in the future, information will

be added to the interactive map.

The Reservoir Habitat Enhancement program, which started in 2016, improves and enhances aquatic habitat through the placement of structures, shoreline stabilization, and dredging. Thanks to the help of volunteers and local businesses, DNR has completed projects on multiple reservoirs across Indiana. Projects have ranged in size; one added more than 200 structures, with multiple structure types, to Patoka Lake in 2020. Another smaller project at Bryant Creek Lake in 2019 sank 50 Christmas trees in bundles

around the lake.

In some reservoirs, existing aquatic habitat has deteriorated, making the addition of fish habitat structures necessary to improve the fishery. Other reservoirs may have never contained quality habitat. This could be due to water quality, water level fluctuations, land

use before reservoir construction, or other issues.

Learn more about the program and access the new interactive map at [on.IN.gov/fishhabitat](http://on.IN.gov/fishhabitat).

Individuals interested in improving fish habitat in their own private ponds or lakes can [click here](#) for more information.

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Baseball state preview

# Focused Fishers to play tradition-rich Jasper



**Fishers' Dom Oliverio, shown here during the Tigers' sectional championship game, leads Fishers in runs scored with 29 and home runs with three. The Tigers will play the Class 4A state championship game against Jasper Tuesday at Victory Field.**

Kent Graham/File photo

**By RICHIE HALL**

In a very short period of time, the Fishers baseball team has developed a solid identity that has started a winning tradition.

The Tigers don't quit and they play loose. Fishers did those things three years ago when it won a state championship for the first time. It shouldn't be a surprise that those same two character traits have been front and center as the Tigers have marched to a second state appearance.

In fact, Fishers coach Matt Cherry said his team is "definitely playing just as loose" as it did when it won the big trophy.

"Throughout the tournament they have worn basketball and professional baseball jerseys on the bus to our pre-game warm-ups," said Cherry. The coach also said the Tigers' pitchers played Fungo Putt-Putt during batting practice.

That loose attitude is showing up in the game, as Cherry said "the moments are never too big for them. Even when we've faced adversity, they have remained calm and focused and continued to fight."

Fishers will play for its second state title Tuesday night at Victory Field in downtown Indianapolis, with the first pitch scheduled for 8 p.m. The Tigers will take on Jasper, a program that has a long-established winning tradition, one that goes back to the start of the modern IHSAA baseball tournament.

It's called "modern" because the IHSAA tried to start baseball tournaments back in the 1910s. The first one was played in 1912, with South Bend High School beating Indianapolis Manual 3-2.

Another state baseball tourney took place in 1917 at Purdue University, in conjunction with the state track and field meet. Arsenal Tech defeated Kewanna 12-2 in the title game. It was not well-attended, though. The IHSAA's 1916-17 yearbook said: "There were six Baseball teams competing, thus showing that this sport is not popular among the High Schools."

So, the IHSAA gave up on baseball for a while. The sport finally returned in 1967, when the tournament as we know it began. By then, of course, the old Fishers High School had transitioned to Hamilton Southeastern, which would go on to have a solid baseball tradition itself.

**WINNING FROM THE START**

Jasper was a winner out of the gate, blasting through the sectional, regional and semi-state to make it to the 1967 state finals. The Wildcats hold the record for most sectional titles (39), regional championships (26), semi-state titles (15) and state finals appearances (17).

Jasper has won state five times, starting with the last two one-class tournaments in 1996 and 1997, then Class 3A titles in 1998, 2000 and 2006. The head coach for all of those titles is Terry Gobe, who has coached the Wildcats since 1988 and racked up 837 wins.

This year's Jasper team is 30-2, with its only losses coming to New Albany and Columbus East in April. The Wildcats are on a 21-game win streak and began their post-season run by winning the Evansville Reitz sectional. Jasper beat Castle 6-1 and No. 5-ranked Evansville North 5-4, then easily won the title game over Evansville Central, 10-0 in six innings.

The Wildcats returned to their home at Ruxer Field for the regional, where they beat Floyd Central 2-1 in the semi-finals and No. 3-ranked Center Grove 7-4 in the championship game. Jasper then hosted the semi-state, where it overwhelmed Mount Vernon 17-2.

Tuesday will make the Wildcats' 10th appearance in a state championship game and guess what? That's a record, too. It will be the first time Jasper is in a Class 4A state final.

"Jasper is fundamentally sound," said Cherry. "They do all the little things right, they do not make mistakes, and they put pressure on you to make plays. Jasper does a great job of forcing action through bunts and hit and runs."


The Wildcats have several solid hitters on the team. Junior Connor Foley is batting .367 and leads the team in RBIs (37), hits (33), doubles (13) and home runs (eight). Senior Eli Hopf holds a .348 average and leads in runs scored with 37, and has 32 hits. Junior Kody Morton is batting at a .314 clip. Cherry said Jasper has "a good balance of speed at the top and power in the middle of the lineup."

The Wildcats' likely starting pitcher is senior Grant Stratton, who is unbeaten for the year at 12-0. Stratton holds a 1.07 earned-run average and has tossed 59 strikeouts. Cherry said Stratton is pitching "really well" for the team.


"He does a great job of commanding the zone and changing speeds," said Cherry.

**BATTLING THROUGH**


The Tigers come into state with a 23-12 record. It was rough going for Fishers at first, as it started the season 1-4, in-



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# Sheridan Horseshoe Week 6 results

Here are results and leaders from Week 6 action at the Sheridan Horseshoe League.

Weekly pitching takes place every Tuesday at Biddle Park, beginning around 6:15 p.m.

TEAM STANDINGS			
TEAM	WON	LOST	POINTS
Ashpaugh Electric	37	23	8349
Price Heating	37	23	8233
Deem Electric	30	30	8070
McKinney	28	32	8083
Traditional Concepts	25.5	34.5	8183
Gibbons Lawn Care	22.5	37.5	8090

**ACTUAL GAME**

Two at	78
Charles Sutton	68
Rick Downs	67

**ACTUAL SERIES**

Mitch Dwigans	195
Greg Emry	194
Charles Sutton	174

**HANDICAP GAME**

Charles Sutton	134
Rick Downs	131
Mitch Dwigans	130

**HANDICAP SERIES**

Charles Sutton	372
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# Major League Baseball standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	43	28	.606	-
Tampa Bay	43	29	.597	0.5
N.Y. Yankees	37	33	.529	5.5
Toronto	34	35	.493	8.0
Baltimore	23	47	.329	19.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	43	28	.606	-
Cleveland	38	30	.559	3.5
Kansas City	31	38	.449	11.0
Minnesota	29	41	.414	13.5
Detroit	29	42	.408	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	44	28	.611	-
Houston	42	28	.600	1.0
L.A. Angels	36	35	.507	7.5
Seattle	37	36	.507	7.5
Texas	25	45	.357	18.0

Saturday scores	
N.Y. Mets 5, Washington 1	Boston 7, Kansas City 1
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 2	San Diego 7, Cincinnati 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 5	Houston 7, Chicago White Sox 3
Miami 11, Chicago Cubs 1	Milwaukee 6, Colorado 5
Pittsburgh 6, Cleveland 3	L.A. Angels 8, Detroit 3
Toronto 10, Baltimore 7	L.A. Dodgers 9, Arizona 3
Minnesota 3, Texas 2	Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 5
Philadelphia 13, San Francisco 6	St. Louis at Atlanta, postponed

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	36	28	.563	-
Philadelphia	34	34	.500	4.0
Atlanta	32	35	.478	5.5
Washington	32	36	.471	6.0
Miami	31	39	.443	8.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	39	32	.549	-
Milwaukee	39	32	.549	-
Cincinnati	35	34	.507	3.0
St. Louis	35	35	.500	3.5
Pittsburgh	25	44	.362	13.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	45	26	.634	-
L.A. Dodgers	43	27	.614	1.5
San Diego	41	32	.562	5.0
Colorado	30	42	.417	15.5
Arizona	20	52	.278	25.5

# WNBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	8	5	.615	-
Chicago	7	7	.500	1.5
Washington	6	6	.500	1.5
New York	6	6	.500	1.5
Atlanta	5	7	.417	2.5
Indiana	1	14	.067	8.0

Saturday scores	
Chicago 91, Connecticut 81	Washington 82, Indiana 77
	Dallas 95, Minnesota 77

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	12	2	.857	-
Las Vegas	10	3	.769	1.5
Dallas	6	7	.462	5.5
Phoenix	6	7	.462	5.5
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	5.5
Minnesota	5	7	.417	6.0

# Noblesville college athletic signings



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Ashley Read has committed to the Ball State University dance team. Pictured left to right: Rachel Read (Sister), Ryan Read (Father), Ashley Read, Jenn Read (Mother).

## BASEBALL

cluding three one-run losses. But the Tigers continued to battle through the season. They were 13-12 on May 13, but have since embarked on a 10-game win streak. At the Westfield sectional, Fishers beat rival Southeastern

7-1, No. 1-ranked Carmel 1-0, then defeated Noblesville 4-0 in the championship.

The Tigers then made themselves at home at Kokomo Municipal Stadium, winning the regional there with victories over No. 8-ranked Homestead 8-4 and Harrison 7-5. Fishers returned to Kokomo for the semi-state, where it came from behind to beat Munster 3-2, taking the lead in the sixth inning with back-to-back RBI singles after trailing the entire game.

“Our guys are bulldogs, fighters, you name the cliché and that is them,” said Cherry. “They do NOT QUIT and believe they are in every game no matter what. It is a special characteristic that the guys have, that’s inside of them.”

Cherry said that championships are won “with great pitching, excellent

defense, and timely hitting,” and his team has been accomplishing all three throughout the tournament.

“They never back down, they keep battling, they never quit,” said Cherry.

The Tigers’ top hitters are freshman Jack Brown, who holds a .327 average, leading Fishers in hits with 35 and RBIs with 28. Senior Jack Braun is hitting at a .323 clip, with junior Joey Brenzewski averaging .301, including two triples. Junior Dom Oliverio leads the Tigers in runs scored with 29 and in home runs with three. Freshman Caulin Brown has eight doubles.

The Fishers pitching staff is solid as well. Junior Tate Warner is 6-2 with a 2.43 ERA and a team-leading 87 strikeouts. Jack Brown is 7-2 with a 1.48 ERA and has tossed 67 strikeouts.

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