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Westfield, Grand Park launch Research and Development HUB

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield and the Grand Park Sports Campus on Tuesday launched the new Grand Park Research & Development HUB. The HUB will serve as a center of innovation for entrepreneurs, businesses and universities that are developing new technologies, services and research projects related to facilities and activities within the sports tourism industry.

“Grand Park is the largest sports complex of its kind in the country,” Westfield Mayor



Cook

Andy Cook said. “There is no better place for ideas, technologies and research opportunities around sport to be originated,



Knox

vetted and eventually launched into the marketplace.”

“Our goal is for the HUB to



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use our 400 acres for advancing every aspect of sport,” Grand Park Director William Knox said. “With the proliferation of competitive and recreational sports, there is opportunity to innovate in the areas of safety, technology, marketing, nutrition and understanding. Youth sports, specifically, is now a \$19 billion industry. We can play a part in making it safer and more accessible.”

The HUB will accept

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NHS recognized in top 1 percent nationally for STEM programs

East and West middle schools, elementary schools also honored

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Monday that Noblesville High School (NHS) has been nationally recognized for the fourth year in a row as a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning opportunities for students.

NHS is one of only four high schools in Indiana to receive the four-time recognition, putting it in an elite, top 1 percent group nationally.

Noblesville East Middle School, Noblesville West Middle School, Hazel Dell Elementary, Hinkle Creek Elementary, North Elementary and White River Elementary were also recognized, with Noblesville East the only middle school in the state to receive the honor four years in a row.

Noble Crossing Elementary and Promise Road Elementary are not eligible for consideration as they utilize their own STEM programming rather than curriculum through PLTW. Stony Creek Elementary has been recognized previously.

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Five days of patriotic fun going on now at Spark!Fishers

The REPORTER

The annual Spark!Fishers festival, ignited by First Internet Bank, returned on Tuesday evening with an expanded celebration in Fishers’ downtown Nickel Plate District. The event will continue through June 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.

Spark!Fishers is a rain or shine event. City staff will monitor for severe weather to ensure the safety of guests, and events will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

FESTIVAL LINEUP

Half Pint Half K & 5K Walk/Run

Wednesday, June 23 / 6:30 and 7 p.m.

Lace up your running shoes this evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. 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 / 6 to 9 p.m.

Stroll the Central Green and check out the Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show on Thursday, June 24 from 6-9 p.m., The event will feature 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.

POSTPONED:

Spin Doctors Concert

The Spin Doctors concert scheduled to take place in Fishers this Friday has been postponed.

Representatives with the band notified the city on Monday, June 21, that due to unforeseen circumstances, the band will not be able to perform at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) this Friday as scheduled. Plans to potentially reschedule their appearance at the venue for the 2021 season are currently under way, and additional information will be provided soon.

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Questions continue concerning validity of universities’ vaccine requirements

Hamilton Co. student joins federal lawsuit against IU

By JULIE DOW

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Macey Policka, a resident of Hamilton County and a senior at Indiana University, has joined a group of seven other incoming and current Indiana University students in a federal lawsuit against Indiana University in opposition to its requirement that students, faculty and staff receive COVID-19 vaccines.

[Click here to read the lawsuit.](#)

The lawsuit argues that the university’s vaccine policy violates both the 14th Amendment and a newly passed Indiana law that prohibits the state or a local unit from issuing or requiring a COVID-19 “immunization passport.”

IU announced May 21 that beginning with the fall 2021 semester, everyone returning to campus would need to be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.

Days later, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita in a public opinion said he believed the IU policy violated [House Bill 1405](#) passed this year, which states universities can require the vaccine but can’t require proof from students. IU officials disagreed with Rokita’s assessment, pointing to a statement from state Rep. Chris Campbell, a co-author of the law. Campbell said state universities and colleges are not covered by the bill.

In June, the university revised its policy, no longer requiring people to upload documentation of vaccination. Students, faculty and staff are instead required to use an online form to affirm that they have been vaccinated.

IU also released information about [vaccine exemption criteria](#):

- Religious exemptions, according to Indiana law.

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Butler to require vaccinations, with case-by-case exemptions

By GREGG MONTGOMERY

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

All Butler University students, faculty and staff must be vaccinated for COVID-19 and show proof by Aug. 1, the school said Monday in a news release.

The goal is to establish “herd immunity” to “restore the campus experience,” the release said. In turn, Butler will relax its requirements for face masks and social distancing, and return to “full capacity,” “in-classroom instruction, normal social activities, and a standard academic calendar with winter and spring breaks.”

People with medical, religious, and “strongly held personal convictions” can request exemptions, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students, faculty and staff who receive exemptions will be required to follow health and safety protocols that include regular COVID-19 surveillance testing.

The following are statements from two top officials at

Butler University:

“It is quite clear to me that requiring the vaccine best supports an environment that allows us to provide an educational experience that is most effective, with the highest degree of safety, and the least number of restrictions. Regarding the environment outside of the classroom, I am confident that we will be able to fully restore a vibrant on-campus experience, allowing our students to return to pre-pandemic activities.”

— James M. Danko, Butler University president

“We are encouraged by the number of people in our community who have voluntarily received the vaccine. We are well on our way to establishing herd immunity on our campus, which will allow us to successfully restore the campus experience for our students, faculty, and staff, with health and safety as the top priority.”

— Brent Rockwood, Butler University vice president and chief of staff

New Clay Center takes name of earlier school

The new Clay Center Elementary School will open in August, bringing back the name from an earlier school that stood near the site. The original Clay Center at the northeast corner of 116th Street and Clay Center Road opened in 1912.

It was a product of pioneering in school consolidation, bringing students from several one-room schools into a central location for wider educational opportunities.

Until the early 20th century, most elementary school students in rural areas attended simple one-room buildings, usually with one teacher, and without central heating or other modern conveniences.

In 1912, the boundaries of Clay Township extended only as far east as Range Line Road, so the site of Clay Center was approximately in the center of the township. Local officials took the progressive step of consolidating the township’s grade schools before many communities did so.

After graduating from Clay Center Elementary School, students went on to high school at Carmel, a school that was actually located in Delaware Township east of Range Line. In 1955, Clay



Photo provided

(Above) The old Clay Center Elementary School was the product of consolidation of Clay Township’s schools in 1912. (Below) The new Clay Center Elementary will be located immediately north of the former school’s site. It takes the place of Orchard Park Elementary, originally built in 1956.



Rendering provided

Township essentially annexed a large portion of Delaware, thus extending Clay’s eastern boundary to White River.

Clay Center School was tak-

en out of service with the completion of Orchard Park Elementary in 1956 and was torn down about three years later.

The new, much larger Clay

Center is located immediately north of the former school’s site. It takes the place of Orchard Park and will also serve some rapidly growing areas west of U.S. 31.



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• Medical exemptions with proper documentation stating either an allergy to the vaccines or their components.

• Medical deferrals for several other circumstances:

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Immunocompromised individuals only with pro-

vider request for an exemption and only for those who have recent (within the past three to six months) hematopoietic or solid organ transplant, or on active treatment with Rituximab within the past three to six months.

Have received COVID-specific monoclonal antibodies in the past 90 days.

• An online program exemption for students who are in a 100 percent online program with no on-campus component.

Six of the eight students

who are plaintiffs in the case requested and were granted a religious exemption. They all either also objected generally to the mandate or objected to the additional requirements of masks and testing that were part of the exemption, according to the lawsuit.

The seventh student said she has "a sincerely held religious objection" to the mandate but did not request an exemption "because she does not believe that it adequately protects her from IU's mandate," according to the lawsuit.

The eighth student objects generally to the mandate and said she believes taking the vaccine puts her health at risk. She also objects to the extra requirement of masks and testing, according to the lawsuit.

The students are asking the court to declare the university mandate unconstitutional, keep IU from enforcing the mandate, and grant the students the costs of the lawsuit and attorney fees.

WISH-TV News 8 spoke with Bopp Law Firm, who is representing the students.

"No other governmental agency, no other public university in Indiana, no county, the FDA doesn't require, mandate vaccines, the CDC doesn't mandate vaccines, you just have to wonder how could this possibly be justified," said James Bopp Jr.

IU responded Monday to the lawsuit, saying it was confident the university would prevail and that the university had revised its policy to no longer require proof of vaccination following Rokita's public opinion: "The requirement for all Indiana University stu-

dents, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated before the return to school in August remains in place. As part of IU's response to the ongoing pandemic, the vaccine mandate is helping to support a return to safe and more normal operations this fall.

"The university is confident it will prevail in this case. Following release of the Indiana attorney general's opinion, our process was revised, with uploading proof of vaccination no longer required. The attorney general's opinion affirmed our right to require the vaccine."

NOBLESVILLE PLTW

Noblesville Schools offers 16 different PLTW courses for middle and high school students including classes like robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity and aerospace engineering. It is also one of only a few districts in the state to offer PLTW programming for K-12, with elementary students exploring flight, energy, robotics and more.

The Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW STEM programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the content and continuation in the programming.



Photo provided

Noblesville High Schools students can choose among 16 PLTW courses, including biomedicine.

About PLTW

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the United States. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transferable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW's teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 10,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead the Way, visit pltw.org.

GRAND PARK HUB

business and research partners focused on the areas of professional, youth and recreational sports clubs and teams, accredited universities and educators, national governing bodies and local hospitality and sports tourism partners.

"The breadth of opportunity for partners is broad," said Jessi Stas, Partner Coordinator for the Grand Park Research and Development HUB. "Whether focus groups are needed to vet an initial concept, a product is in its beta testing phase, qualitative and quantitative data needs to be aggregated or if there is an opportunity to take a product or service to the next level, the HUB will accommodate all iterations of research and development."

The HUB has two key tracts, commercial innovation/development and institutional research. In the area of commercial innovation and development, the HUB is announcing its Phase 1 partners including Spotz, Sport Aware, RefReps and ZoneIn. Each company is housed or has deployed its

products on campus.

"Our partnership with Grand Park and its new Research and Development HUB provides us with an opportunity to expand on a foundation of software that will change the way sports are consumed," said Rob Corsi, Sport Aware Co-owner. "We are excited to work with Grand Park to test our newest features and deliver them to all who visit the campus."

The HUB will also be a center for institutional research. The IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute is the first partner university working with the HUB. Along with research projects, the HUB will develop educational and internship opportunities at the high school, college and post-graduate levels. Additionally, Hamilton County Tourism, with its robust data analytics program, will contribute toward research as it relates to the growing sports tourism industry.

"Our goal is to set the industry standard for how universities partner with

sports businesses to benefit students, communities and participants," said David Pierce, Ph.D, IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute Director.

"Hamilton County Tourism regularly uses geo location data, research panels, impact studies and other forms of intelligence to provide insights and number-driven data to help inform our decisions," said Jordan Musall, Data Intelligence Manager for the organization. "Our goal is to work with the HUB to use this data to better understand the visitor profile and enhance the overall visitor experience at Grand Park and see how that can be applicable across the global sports hospitality landscape. We have been a strong tourism and business development partner of Grand Park's since the beginning, and now are excited to dive into this new research avenue with them."

For more information about the Grand Park Research and Development HUB and its partner organizations, visit grandpark.org/HUB.

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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DRIVE TODAY TEST

Letter to the Editor

White River Twp. resident wonders if commissioners, mayors are ready to deal with private property issues

Dear Editor:

A word of caution to White River Vision and Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative: "READ!" ...

As you developed these plans, did you address the issues the residents who live and farm along White River will have to endure?

I would compare this initiative to building a limited access interstate highway through farm fields without fencing to keep drivers off private property along the highway.

Will you police this endeavor? Will you finance the emergency runs this endeavor will create? Will you keep the trespassers off the private property adjacent to White River?

Our deed says we own to the low water mark of White River. Some of our neighbors own to the center of White River.

We have found paths cut through our trees and brush along White

River up to our crop fields. We have encountered folks hiding in the grass at the side of our field along White River. Not knowing anyone was in our field, the tractor driver backed the planter into place to begin the planting pass along the edge of White River. Bodies jumped up and ran away.

There was a death in White River last Sunday. It appears some folks were swinging from a rope hanging from a tree on private property along White River.

A family was stranded on an island in White River as the water level rose quickly following a rainfall.

Someone drove a pickup truck into the river and left it. Not knowing if anyone was in the truck, emergency personnel had to pull that pickup out of river and search for a possible body.

Will the mayors from Noblesville, Fishers, Westfield, Carmel,

Anderson, or the Hamilton County Commissioners police the river and make emergency runs to rescue people who have put themselves in peril?

The mayors of the cities along White River should develop and beautify the White River through their municipality. They should not trespass into White River Township along White River to take away our private property rights. We have to provide emergency services for the folks who get into dangerous situations along White River.

Canoers and kayakers should enjoy a lazy trip down river. Stay on the river until you reach the next river station to enter and/or exit the river. Stay off private property.

Do you know about the "Purple Paint" Law? It should be part of your plans.

Jeanne Flanders
White River Township

Noblesville police officers injured after crashing into each other

The REPORTER

Two Noblesville police officers were hospitalized after they crashed into each other while responding to a call early Monday morning.

According to the Noblesville Police Department, the crash happened around 12:40 a.m. Monday in the intersection of 8th and Conner streets.

Patrolwoman Tiffany Bledsoe, 31, Noblesville, and Patrolman Levi Adkins, 23, Noblesville, were transported to the hospital

after their police vehicles collided while they were responding to a call for assistance from another officer, police said.

Both officers suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

According to police, both police vehicles had their emergency lights activated at the time of the collision. The intersection of 8th and Conner streets was closed or restricted to traffic until about 4:30 a.m.

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SPARK! FISHERS

Street Fair

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

Soak up the summer fun from 3 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at the Spark!Fishers Street Fair that will be held around the Municipal Complex. The event features 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.

Parade

Saturday, June 26 / 6 p.m.

The city invites the public to celebrate with a fun-filled parade on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. through Fishers' Nickel Plate District, featuring floats and walking groups from vari-

ous local organizations and civic groups. A route map is available at sparkfishers.com/parade.

Fireworks

Saturday, June 26 / 10 p.m.

A fireworks display will be conducted at 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, launched from Holland Park, 1 Park Drive. 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 Thursday evening, parking is available around the Municipal Complex and downtown Fishers. On Saturday, guests are encouraged to park at the Forum Event Center, 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



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Spark!Fishers began Tuesday and continues through Saturday evening. A 5K Walk/Run, presented by IU Health Saxony, around downtown Fishers will be conducted tonight. The race is hosted by the Geist Half Marathon & Fishers YMCA and sponsored by Community Health Network and Marathon Health.

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 on Wednesday evening, June 23. For details and a road closure map, visit sparkfishers.com/parking.

Learn more

Visit sparkfishers.com and follow @SparkFishers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for festival news and updates.

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Meeting Notices

The Jackson Township Advisory Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021, has been rescheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2021. The meeting will still be held at the Jackson Township Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Downtown District Council Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on the following dates:

- July 19, 2021
- Aug. 16, 2021
- Sept. 20, 2021
- Oct. 18, 2021

The meetings will be held in room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Statewide invasive species management conference will offer in-person, virtual events

The REPORTER

Local Invasive Species groups called Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA) are forming across Indiana with the help of nonprofit organization called Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM). Partnership organizations and county residents are coming together to discuss the invasive plants that are taking over yards, farmland, forests, and parks.

An annual Indiana CISMA Conference will take place as a multi-format event with a combination of virtual and in-person opportunities. The theme this year is “Why Do We Manage Invasive Species?” The conference offers continuing education credits via pre-recorded presentations from conference speakers, to be made available to registrants only. A live virtual meeting will take place in the morning on Thursday, Aug. 5. There will also be virtual networking session the day before in the evening, on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

New this year, regional field events will be hosted on Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday Aug., 7 for attendees to choose from. These field events will be held con-

currently in-person around the state and registrants can choose which event they would like to attend. These events are designed to address a particular restoration focus (urban, rural, forestry, prairie, wetland, etc.), teach invasive species identification, and provide examples of local management techniques.

There will be a total of seven speakers who will address reasons why we need to manage for invasive species. Some speakers are local and others are from other states and the United Kingdom. Six of the speakers will have recorded sessions to watch in advance and there will be a live keynote speaker during the virtual event on Aug. 5.

Each year, proceeds from the Indiana CISMA Conference are used to kick-start the following year’s conference and provide funding to CISMAs across the state. As in previous years, proceeds from this year’s event will make it possible for SICIM to offer small grants to CISMAs in 2022. CISMAs use these funds to support outreach and launch campaigns to promote management of invasives and to plant native. Funds are also being used

for boots-on-the-ground invasive management in public green spaces.

Conference Details

• Networking Session: Aug. 4 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. EDT

• Virtual Meeting: Aug. 5 | 9 a.m. 12:30 p.m. EDT

• Field Events: Aug. 6 and 7 | Time(s) TBD; each event will be no longer than four hours

• Registration Fee: \$25 (includes virtual event and an onsite field event of your choice)

• Continuing education credits via prerecorded sessions

• Virtual meeting w/ keynote speaker to discuss why we manage invasive species

• Field events around the state that include species identification, management techniques, and onsite examples of impactful restoration

In addition, event organizers are seeking sponsorships and have a complete list of opportunities.

2021 CISMA State Conference Sponsorship

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• Logo on display at conference

• Sponsor’s business materials placed in informational bags given to field trip participants

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• Logo on display at conference

• Sponsor’s business materials placed in informational bags given to field trip participants

• Vendor table at a field day location upon request

• Two full registrations

Please contact Stephanie Schuck at sschuck@marian.edu for more information about sponsorships associated with the 2021 Indiana CISMA Conference.

For more information, and if you are interested in registering and/or sponsoring for the upcoming conference, please visit sicim.info/cismaconference.

Click here to register via Eventbrite.

For more information, email Project Coordinator Dawn Slack at dawn.slack@tnc.org.

Nicholas Eugene “Nick” Delp

April 23, 1973 – June 8, 2021



Nicholas Eugene “Nick” Delp, 48, passed away at his home in Sheridan on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Nick was born on April 23, 1973 in Noblesville to Kenneth Leroy and Deborah Jean (Isaacs) Delp. He was a 1991 graduate of Sheridan High School.

Nick had a gift for working with powerful machines, both large and small. He was a self-employed mechanic and heavy equipment operator who recently landed his dream gig – working for Troy Cox Racing. From a young age, Nick and his family loved following drag racing. His love of speed combined with a passion for working with specialized machines made Nick a welcome member for his new race family.

It wasn’t all work and no play for Nick. As much as he loved his career, he also enjoyed his time away. If it was to be done outdoors, then Nick would usually give it a go. He loved to fish, get lost in the woods for hours looking for mushrooms, and never missed a chance to go camping. Nick lived life to the fullest, never met a stranger and tried to have as good a time as he possibly could.

Nick is survived by his parents, Kenneth Leroy and Deborah Jean (Isaacs) Delp, Sheridan; son, Nathan Ronald Delp, Sheridan; brother, Kenneth Lowell Delp (Jody Michelle), Evansville; sister, Angeline Michele Miller (Michael), Sheridan; niece, Margaret Elizabeth Delp; and nephews, Wesley Foster Delp and Newt Leroy Miller.

Nick is also survived by Roscoe, his dog and best friend. Everybody who knew Nick knew Roscoe and his beautiful brown eyes.

Private family services are being planned. Nick will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Jerry Ottinger

April 30, 1936 – June 16, 2021

Jerry Ottinger, born April 30, 1936, age 85, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2021, with his wife of 62 years, Judy by his side. A near-lifelong resident of Sheridan, he was the son of Herbert and Maxine Ottinger.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Judy Stoops Ottinger; his daughter, Jody Ottinger Jessup (Sheridan) and his son, Greg Ottinger (Noblesville). Jody and her husband, Chris, have two daughters, Taylor Jessup Newblom and her husband Sam (Carmel), and Erin Jessup (Indianapolis). Greg and his wife, Mari Jankowski Ottinger, have two sons, Austin Ottinger (Carmel) and Neal Ottinger (West Lafayette). Jerry is also survived by his sister, Jenny Ottinger Camp and her husband, Jim (Noblesville) and their three children, Chip Camp and wife, Angie, Andy Camp, and Deedra Camp Henning and husband, Bernie. Jerry is also survived by several great-nephews and great-nieces.

Jerry graduated from Sheridan High School in 1954. He was selected as a member of the National FFA Livestock Judging Team. He also won a National Farmstead Improvement Award for 4-H which landed the whole family on the cover of *Successful Farming* Magazine in 1957. Jerry attended the Purdue Agricultural Short Course two-year program after high school and remained in close contact with Purdue as he began his farming career upon the return of his two-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy in 1959.

Jerry and Judy were married on October 3, 1959. Jerry and Judy began farming with Maxine and Herbert on their dairy and grain farm known as Harmony Acres in Sheridan. Jerry worked closely with Purdue University to grow and modernize the farm into a hog and grain operation, which at its peak was producing over 6,000 head of farrow to finish hogs and grain farm planting and harvesting nearly 1,500 acres of owned and rented land. The farm became known as Ottinger Livestock Farms in the 70s.

Other than farming and family, one of Jerry’s lifetime passions was traveling. His enlistment in the Navy during peacetime operations allowed him to see a big chunk of the world including Greece, Italy, Spain, and many Middle Eastern countries. An avid photographer, he had the slide shows to prove it. He and Judy continued to travel via awards won through a feed vendor. They were able to visit Hawaii, England, Canada, and Mexico. Camping and traveling with the family when the kids were young was also an annual vacation activity. Later he and Judy went nearly cross country on an extended trip in their motor home and over the years, they have visited all 50 states including Alaska.

Jerry also had a passion early in his life for flying airplanes and model airplanes early on which later led to a passion for collecting and displaying model trains. You can find an entire room in his new attached garage devoted to model trains. In addition, he became an avid cycling fan and enjoyed biking trails as they traveled in their motor home bringing their bicycles along. He was also a water skier, and the family enjoyed many trips to the local lakes boating and camping.

He was a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, and worshiped with his wife at Bethel Lutheran Church in Noblesville. He was also a member of the Indiana Pork Producers and the Country Gentlemen Farm Club.

Above all, Jerry was a devout family man. He was devoted to his parents and grandparents. He was also a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by them all.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday evening, June 21, 2021, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday afternoon, June 22, 2021, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero. Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Symphony on the Prairie moves to full-capacity concerts starting Friday

The REPORTER

Following local, state and federal health protocols, Kroger Symphony on the Prairie will open to full-capacity beginning with the first scheduled concert this Friday, June 25.

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Prairie, will issue a maximum of 8,000 date-specific tickets each performance this summer. All patrons must purchase tickets via the ISO website or purchase discounted tickets at any Central Indiana Kroger location. Once purchased, date-specific tickets will be deposited in each patron’s ISO account. Every attendee age 3 and over must have a ticket to enter each

performance; children age 2 and under are free.

As part of the announcement, reserved tables have been configured to increase capacity and additional tables available for purchase. Reserved table holders will receive information about adding seats to their reservations directly from the ISO. Current table holders are being contacted directly to address their needs.

Performing at the Conner Prairie Symphony Bowl, the full line up for the 2021 Kroger Symphony on the Prairie includes:

• June 25 & 27 | REVOLUTION: The Music of the Beatles – A Symphonic Experience, featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by Jack Everly

• July 2-4 | Star-Spangled Symphony, featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by Jacob Joyce. Special guests Kevin Lin & Dean Dorrell

• July 9-10 | Face 2 Face – Billy Joel / Elton John Tribute

• July 16-17 | Bee Gees Now!

• July 23-24 | Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

• July 30-31 | One Night of Queen performed by Gary Mulen & The Works

• Aug. 6-7 | The Temptations

• Aug. 13 | The Nauti Yachtys ft. Josh Kaufman

• Aug. 14 | Frankie Moreno

• Aug. 20-21 | Southern Accents: The Music of Tom Petty

• Aug. 27-28 | Legendary Ladies of Soul

• Sept. 3-4 | Brass Transit: The Music of Chicago

• Sept. 10-11 | Who’s Bad Music Presents: The Evolution of Pop

Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. each evening (with the exception of this Sunday’s Revolution: The Music of the Beatles when gates open at 5 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.).

For answers to frequently asked questions, visit the ISO’s Symphony on the Prairie website.

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1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (NIV)

James William Rosser

May 16, 1929 – June 18, 2021

James William Rosser, 92, Carmel, passed away on Friday, June 18, 2021 at Woodland Terrace of Carmel. He was born on May 16, 1929 to Harley and Amy (Brown) Rosser in Vigo County.

Jim grew up in Fontanet, Ind., and was a 1947 graduate of Fontanet High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and then went on to serve in the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant. He worked for CBS Records in Terre Haute for 29 years as a production control manager. Jim was member of the Brazil American Legion, was a volunteer at the Carmel Clay Public Library, and was a faithful member and volunteer at Cornerstone Lutheran Church. He enjoyed gardening, loved reading, and was an avid attendee of the performing arts. Jim loved watching his grandchildren grow up and they brought him great joy. He was known for his friendly demeanor and for being a kind person.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Rosser; daughters, Nancy (Mark) Lawler and Sally (Robert) Neal; and grandchildren, Eric, Anna, and Claire Lawler, and Kathleen and Robert Neal.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his grandson, Thomas Lawler.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel, with Pastor Luther Brunette officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Burial will follow at Clearview Cemetery in Brazil at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel, IN 46033; or Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation, 55 4th Ave. SE Carmel, IN 46032.

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Ricky Joe Kinhead

May 7, 1963 – June 5, 2021

Ricky Joe Kinhead, 58, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday afternoon, June 5, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born May 7, 1963, in Noblesville, he was the son of the late Richard and Jeanette Lois (Godbey) Kinhead.

Ricky was a 1981 graduate of Westfield High School. For a number of years, he worked in the maintenance department for Gander Mountain. After leaving Gander Mountain, he went to work for Carmel Schools, as well as the Sheridan School System, as a part of their respective maintenance departments.

Ricky was a very outgoing person. He was world class joker who never seemed to know a stranger. He also had a very big heart, always willing to do anything for anybody. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but also loved tinkering around in the garage, working on everything from lawnmowers to cars. A huge NASCAR and drag racing fan, he followed both sports like a man on a mission. Ricky's true calling however, was being the family grill master.

Ricky is survived by his wife, Melinda Marie Whicker. She and Ricky were married on October 1, 2016. He is also survived by daughters, Catilyn Kinhead (Alex McKinney), Kokomo, Ashley Kinhead, Sheridan, Alexis Kinhead, Sheridan; stepson, Travis Whicker, Sheridan; grandson, Ryder Alexander Kinhead; sister, Teresa Katz (Dan), Dayton, Ohio; brother-in-law, Chris B. Whicker (Gail), Sheridan; his cat, Jack Jack; and by Bandit, the neighborhood raccoon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Jeanette Lois (Godbey) Kinhead.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help defray funeral costs.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Debra Ann (Delello) Kocher

April 5, 1957 – June 12, 2021

Debra Ann (Delello) Kocher, 64, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday evening, June 12, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born April 5, 1957 in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Robert and Patricia (McGaugh) Delello.

She was a 1975 graduate of Carmel High School.

Debra loved taking care of people. She was a loving mother, caring friend to many, and one of the best neighbors you could ever wish for. One of her passions in life was cooking, and she always made sure there was enough for anyone who needed something to eat. She never liked seeing anyone go without.

Family always came first with Debra. After the kids were grown, she was ready to tackle the role she was born to play – Grandma.

Debra is survived by her mother, Patricia (McGaugh) Delello; daughters, Joyce Ann Kocher, Patricia Kay Kocher, and Alice Kelly Kocher, all of Noblesville, and Susie Branham Swenson (Tom), Arcadia; stepson, David Nichols, Noblesville; 12 grandchildren, Ellen Jean, Isabella Rose, Taylor Joann, Karlie Shae, Princeton Lee, Harmony Ann, Kensley Danielle, Liam Wayne, Andre Liam, Amiah Rene, Remy Thomas, and Tala Lynn; two great-grandchildren, Zayden Lee, and Oaklyn Matthew; brother, Monty Joe Delello (Tammy), Palm Harbor, Fla.; sister, Amy Marie Chester (Jon), Sheridan; many nieces and nephews; and by her longtime companion, William Harris.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Delello; and by her granddaughter, Nevaeh Johnson.

A Memorial and Celebration of Life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246, 654 S. 9th St., Noblesville.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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Class 4A baseball state finals

Jasper ends Tigers' run, 3-1

By RICHIE HALL

INDIANAPOLIS - The Fishers baseball team fell just short of winning a second state championship, but the future still looks bright for the Tigers.

Fishers battled it out with Jasper Tuesday night at Victory Field in the IHSAA Class 4A state finals. One inning made the difference, and it was the third inning. That's when the Wildcats scored all three of their runs, and they rode it to a 3-1 win over the Tigers.

The victory was Jasper's sixth state championship and its first since 2006. Fishers was making its second appearance in the state finals; the Tigers won a 4A state title in 2018.

"Our guys fought so hard all year," said Fishers coach Matt Cherry. "They were awesome. They never quit, even that last inning."

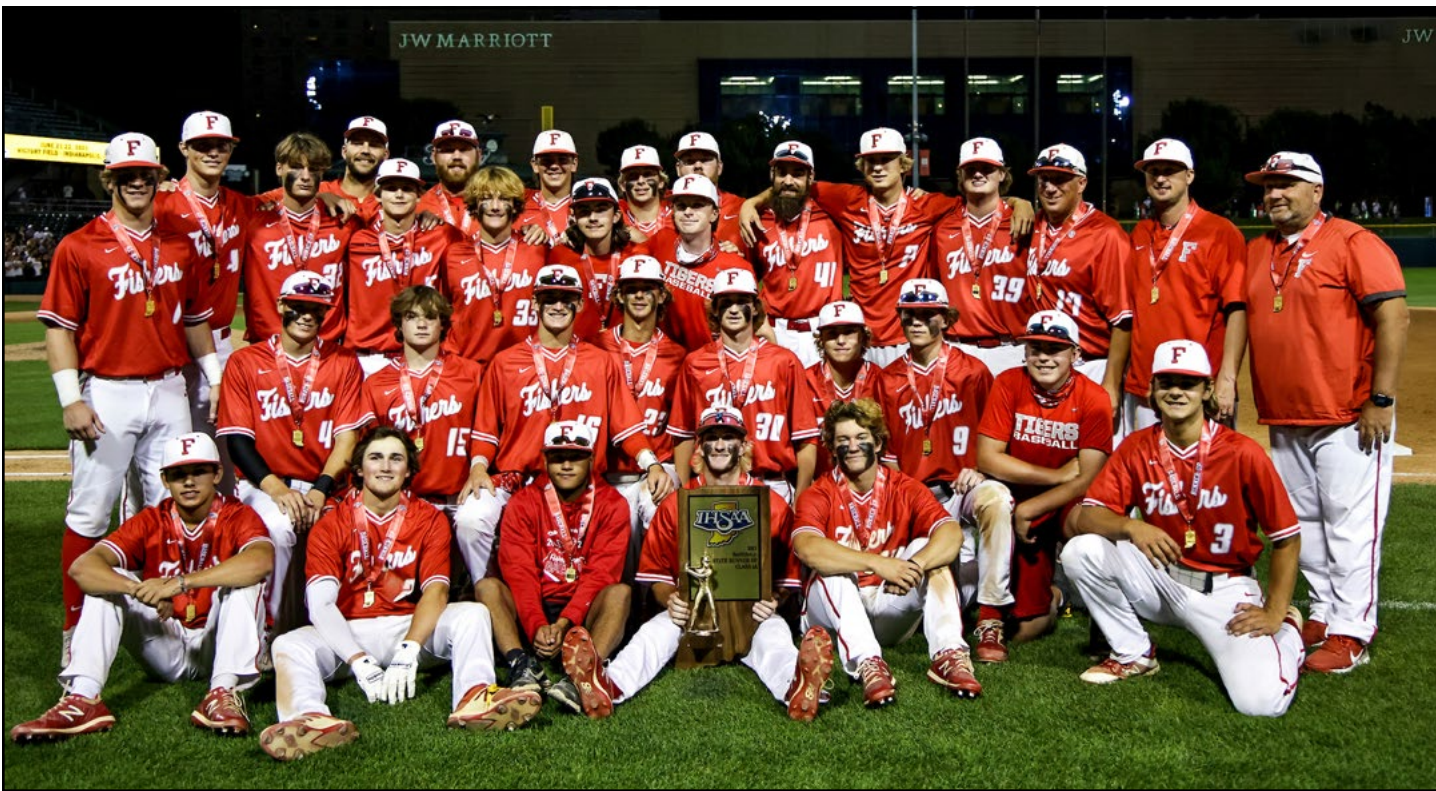
Neither team allowed a hit until the bottom of the second inning, when the Wildcats' Ross Peter cracked a long double to get on base. Jasper might have scored on the next at-bat when Jobe Luebbehusen hit a rocket into the outfield, but center fielder Zach Cox made a big catch to stop that threat. Fishers pitcher Tate Warner then struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

After taking care of Fishers three up, three down in the top of the third, the Wildcats got their offense going in the third inning. Caleb Burger drew a walk, moved to second a sacrifice bunt, then got home after Eli Hopf reached on error.

"We gave them a couple free bases with a walk and an error there," said Cherry. "That was a great ball club. You can't give them free things."

Hopf scored on the next at-bat when Connor Foley hit a deep ball into the outfield that bounced over the fence. It was a ground-rule double, but it was enough to get Hopf home. After Warner got a strikeout for the second out, Peter smacked his second double of the game to score Foley.

"Coach (Terry) Gobert's been there for a long time and they're very, very disciplined," said Cherry. "They do everything correct. They put pressure on you. You saw they bunted, put pressure on you



The Fishers baseball team finished as the runner-up in Class 4A after falling to Jasper 3-1 in Tuesday's state championship game. It was the second appearance for the Tigers in the state finals.

to make plays. The error that led to the big inning. It was two strikes, guy put a bat on the ball. They were just very disciplined. Coach Gobert does a great job of getting them prepared."

Fishers scored its run in the fifth inning. With one out, Jack Braun got on base after being hit by pitch, then advanced to third after back-to-back singles by Cox and Gavin Clayton. That brought up Dom Oliverio, and his sacrifice fly sent Braun home.

Jasper pitcher Grant Stratton ended the inning with a strikeout, keeping his team ahead 3-1 after five innings. Neither team scored again, although the Wildcats got runners on first and second in the sixth inning before a groundout for the third out.

The Tigers, true to form, never gave up. Braun got on base with a one-out hit. But Stratton tossed a strikeout for the second out, and a left field catch ended the game.

"They just kept fighting," said Cherry. "It's what they did all year."

Stratton pitched a complete game for Jasper, striking out seven and allowing no walks. Warner threw six strikeouts in four innings. Jack Brown relieved him in the fifth, striking out three over two innings against just one hit.

"Jack Brown, he's pitched in big games all year," said Cherry. Brown is a freshman on the team, along with catcher Caulin Brown.

"Caulin Brown led us in doubles all year," said Cherry. "Everybody competed. Jack Braun, his last AB, gets a single there in the seventh to try to spark us as a senior. There's a lot of guys that competed and fought, fought for each other."

Fishers finished the season 23-13. The Tigers got off to a rough start, but had put together a 10-game win streak that carried them to the state championship game.

"They love one another," said Cherry. "They fought for each other. They didn't want to quit."

Cherry, who has been coaching at Fishers since the school re-opened in 2006, called this team "a special, special group."

"They came together towards the beginning of May," said Cherry. "It just clicked for them. They found their roles. We talked a lot about being the hero of your story and being the hero of your role, and they all bought in. Even the guys that were on the bench. They fought and they were the hero of their story, and I just hope they take that with them as they move on in life, too."

JASPER 3, FISHERS 1

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Carson Dunn	2	0	1	0
Joey Brenczewski	3	0	1	0
Jack Brown	3	0	0	0
Caulin Brown	3	0	0	0
JP Preston	3	0	0	0
Jack Braun	2	1	1	0
Zach Cox	3	0	1	0
Gavin Clayton	3	0	1	0
Matt Bryant	0	0	0	0
Dom Oliverio	1	0	0	1
Totals	23	1	5	1

SAC: Oliverio. HBP: Braun, Dunn.

Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Tate Warner	4	3	1	3
J. Brown	2	0	0	1

Strikeouts: Warner 6, J. Brown 3. Walks: Warner 2, J. Brown 2.

Jasper	AB	R	H	RBI
Kody Morton	2	0	1	0
Eli Hopf	3	1	0	0
Connor Foley	2	1	1	0
Andrew Wallace	3	0	0	0
Ross Peter	2	0	2	2
Jobe Luebbehusen	3	0	0	0
Ben Henke	2	0	0	0
Grant Stratton	2	0	0	0
Chris Hedinger	1	0	0	0
Caleb Burger	1	1	0	0
Totals	21	3	4	2

2B: Peter 2, Foley. SAC: Morton.

Jasper pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Stratton	7	1	1	5

Strikeouts: Stratton 7. Walks: none.

Score by Innings

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Senior Jack Braun scored the Tigers' run in the fifth inning. Turn to Page 7 to see more pictures from the game.

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Fishers freshman Caulin Brown stops an attempted steal of home plate by Jasper during the fifth inning of the Class 4A baseball state championship game Tuesday at Victory Field.



LEFT: Freshman Jack Brown makes a pickoff attempt throw to first. Brown pitched the last two innings for Fishers, allowing just one hit.

BELOW: Junior Tate Warner threw four innings for the Tigers, tossing six strikeouts.





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Major League Baseball standings

Tuesday scores		Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 10, Minnesota 7		Toronto 2, Miami 1
Houston 3, Baltimore 1		Chicago Cubs 7, Cleveland 1
Washington 3, Philadelphia 2		Oakland 13, Texas 6
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago White Sox 3		San Francisco 5, L.A. Angels 0
Kansas City 6, N.Y. Yankees 5		Milwaukee 5, Arizona 0
Detroit 8, St. Louis 2		San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
Boston 9, Tampa Bay 5, 11 innings		Seattle 2, Colorado 1

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	44	29	.603	-
Tampa Bay	43	31	.581	1.5
N.Y. Yankees	38	34	.528	5.5
Toronto	36	35	.507	7.0
Baltimore	23	50	.315	21.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	43	30	.589	-
Cleveland	40	31	.563	2.0
Kansas City	33	38	.465	9.0
Detroit	31	42	.425	12.0
Minnesota	31	42	.425	12.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	45	28	.616	-
Oakland	45	30	.600	1.0
Seattle	39	36	.520	7.0
L.A. Angels	36	37	.493	9.0
Texas	26	47	.356	19.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	37	31	.544	-
Atlanta	35	37	.486	4.0
Philadelphia	34	36	.486	4.0
Washington	34	36	.486	4.0
Miami	31	41	.431	8.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	41	33	.554	-
Milwaukee	41	33	.554	-
Cincinnati	36	36	.500	4.0
St. Louis	36	37	.493	4.5
Pittsburgh	26	45	.366	13.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	47	26	.644	-
L.A. Dodgers	44	29	.603	3.0
San Diego	44	32	.579	4.5
Colorado	30	44	.405	17.5
Arizona	21	54	.280	27.0

WNBA standings

Tuesday scores		Chicago 92, New York 72
Connecticut 80, Dallas 70		Washington 87, Seattle 83

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	9	5	.643	-
Washington	7	6	.538	1.5
Chicago	8	7	.533	1.5
New York	7	7	.500	2.0
Atlanta	5	7	.417	3.0
Indiana	1	14	.067	8.5

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	12	3	.800	-
Las Vegas	10	3	.769	1.0
Phoenix	6	7	.462	5.0
Dallas	6	8	.429	5.5
Minnesota	5	7	.417	5.5
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5.5

Noblesville college athletic signings



Noblesville's Ellie Warren has committed to the Indiana University dance team. Pictured left to right: Ansley Warren (Sister), Rick Warren (Father), Ellie Warren, Julia Warren (Mother), Aliya Warren (Sister).



Noblesville's Jackie Lawrence has committed to the Butler University cheerleading team. Pictured left to right: Jillian Lawrence (Sister), Joan Lawrence (Mother), Jackie Lawrence, Jack Lawrence (Father).

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