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CGHS Softball Field named for Former Coach Russ Milligan

GREENWOOD, IN (May 15, 2021) – Center Grove Community Schools dedicated the Center Grove High School varsity softball field in memory of former coach Russ Milligan on Saturday, May 15, 2021. ‘Russ Milligan Field’ was unveiled at a ceremony before the Johnson County Softball Tournament game between CGHS and Edinburgh HS. The Center Grove Board of School Trustees approved the renaming at its April meeting.

Russ Milligan was a dedicated and faithful servant to Center Grove for 27 years through his service as a faculty member and softball coach. He led CGHS softball to 741 wins (the most of any Indiana high school softball coach) and an 89% winning percentage, five (5) IHSAA State Championships, three (3) IHSAA State Runners Up, and induction to the Indiana High School Softball Hall of Fame. Milligan was named State Softball Coach of the Year three (3) times, District Coach of the Year five (5) times, and coached two (2) Miss Softball Players.

“This honor is reserved for those who have left a lasting impact on a part of our community,” Jack Russell, CGCSC Board president, told the crowd gathered for the dedication. “The Center Grove softball community will certainly never forget Coach Russ Milligan. Beyond the powerhouse teams, trophies, and accolades, Coach Milligan was known in the softball community for developing the strengths of his players and coaching them to play to the best of their abilities. What he had was certainly a gift and one that we were fortunate to share here in Center Grove.”

“Early on in the season, Russ would emphasize that the girls were not on their travel teams while they played here and that he was the coach of this team,” shared Jon Zwitter, CGHS athletic director. “And as only he could say it – he would proclaim to the team that ‘This is not your daddy’s field, it’s my field.’ Well, Russ, today this field officially does become your field.”

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Photo attachment: Jon Zwitter, CGHS Athletic Director; Rich Arkanoff, CGCSC Superintendent; Alyssa Coleman, CGHS Softball Coach; Alicia Milligan and Alex Milligan, wife and son of Russ Milligan; Jeff Henderson, CGHS Principal