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TODAY'S WEATHER



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Hamilton County Reporter

HAPPY EASTER



No Reporter Sunday

The Hamilton County Reporter will not publish an edition Sunday in observance of Easter. All of us at the Reporter wish you a happy Easter.

Voters have until April 4 to register

By FRED SWIFT

Folks who are new residents or have moved since the last election have until April 4 to register or update their registration to vote in the May 3 primary election. County residents may register at the Government and Judicial Center elections office or at an auto license branch.

Election officials say interest appears higher than normal in the upcoming elec-

tion. More than 8,000 new registrations have been reported.

All the publicity surrounding the presidential primaries no doubt accounts for greater interest, but local voters will essentially be electing county officials on May 3 because only Republicans are currently filed for the offices of Superior Court judge, county commissioner, county council, auditor, treasurer and surveyor.

Also on the ballot are school referendums in Noblesville and Hamilton South-eastern school districts. These 'yes' or 'no' referendums will let voters decide whether to keep special tax rates in place to cover some school operational costs.

On the Republican and Democratic primary ballots voters will be nominating can-

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The County Line

Small Park soon to come in Fall Creek Township

By FRED SWIFT

Fall Creek Township is entering the park business, trying to save a little undeveloped woodland along the creek from which the township gets its name.

Township Trustee Jeff Hern says the township administration is gradually improving an 80 acre parcel near 113th and Southeastern Parkway for the use of township residents.

The ground is about three quarters tree covered, and will probably never be intensely developed as a park, maybe kept more as a nature preserve. But, soon there will be a gravel drive and parking area on the property which was purchased in 2014.

The purchase was aided by Dick Richwine, local realtor, who made up the difference between what the township had to spend and what the previous owners wanted for the land. And, since the acquisition Township Board member Doug Allman has pitched in to help with deciding what vegetation should be encouraged and which should be removed.

Boy Scouts will soon be working on a canoe launch site on Fall Creek at the park which is about a mile upstream from Geist Reservoir. So, the public site is coming together in the rapidly developing township where scenic land is scarce and all land is very expensive land.

While we have a good county park system, the efforts to create Fall Creek Park might serve as a model for other town and township administrations because it won't be long before Hamilton County ground with preservation potential will all be sold for housing or commercial development.

City leaders join Meals on Wheels' Community Champions Week



Photo provided

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and Riverview Health Chief Financial Officer Brenda Baker deliver meals as part of Meals on Wheels' Community Champions Week.

From March 21-25, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County enlisted community leaders to deliver meals and raise awareness for the importance of Meals on Wheels. This weeklong event built support to enable Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County to deliver nutritious meals and friendly visits to residents all year long.

Although Hamilton County is a community well known for its high standard of living, there are many residents who are homebound or otherwise unable to acquire their daily meals. Regardless of income or age, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County and its dedicated volunteers deliver healthy meals to Hamilton County residents every day. The meals — and the daily visits — help them to remain living independently in their own homes.

During March for Meals Community Champions Week, prominent leaders of Hamilton County rode along with Meals on Wheels board members to deliver meals to homebound residents.



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Sheridan High School’s Allie Hopkins receives...

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Two Boone County students have been named recipients of four-year, full-tuition scholarships as the Community Foundation of Boone County 2016 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. Cassie Washam of Western Boone High School and Alexandra (Allie) Hopkins of Sheridan High School will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of their choice and a \$900 stipend for required books and equipment.

Hopkins

Allie, daughter of James & Trudy Hopkins, is a 4-year member and captain of the Sheridan varsity track & field and varsity cross county team, National Honor Society member, National Forensic League, founder and captain of the school’s debate team, Mock Trial and Academic Super Bowl. Allie is student body president and has been elected to student council all four years of high

school. Outside of school, she has volunteered at Local Folks Foods and her church and is a 10-year 4-H member with multiple awards. Recognized for her leadership within her school and her community, Allie was honored as a representative at the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Conference. With the dream of becoming a lawyer or teacher, Allie will attend Purdue University or Butler University, where she plans to major in education and political science.

“The Community Foundation is thrilled to present this special honor to these two outstanding young ladies. They’ve already accomplished so much, and we are confident they will not only achieve their own dreams, but will make a difference in the lives of others in our community and beyond,” said Community Foundation President & CEO Jennifer Pendleton.

This year, 63 students applied for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Nine finalists took part in an interview process and four students were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) as either

nominees or alternates. The scholarship recipients are selected by a committee of county-wide volunteers who evaluate each student’s academic performance, work experience, extracurricular activities, community involvement, volunteerism and awards and honors. Since the inception of the Lilly Scholars Program in 1998, CFBC has awarded the scholarship to 13 Lebanon High School seniors, 15 Western Boone seniors, 12 Zionsville Community High School seniors, two Sheridan High School seniors and one Covenant Christian senior.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree-granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are a result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor’s degree. There were 142 scholarships awarded statewide.

Nicholas Baehl achieves rank of Eagle Scout

VOTERS

Nicholas Baehl, 16, has received Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Baehl, a member of Troop 109, chartered by Fishers United Methodist Church is a sophomore at Hamilton Southeastern High School and has been involved in Scouting for 10 years. Baehl achieved the Eagle rank after demonstrating leadership as a patrol leader, historian, and troop guide before completing his Eagle project.

Only 4 percent of Scouting’s national membership attains the rank of Eagle.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Baehl constructed a new sign for the front entrance of the Indiana Transportation Museum (ITM) in Noblesville. His efforts included widening the entrance of the museum, adding new mulch to the flowerbeds, and laying new gravel on the driveway to the entrance. The new sign was made out of stone and concrete.

There were about 34 volunteers who dedicated 520 hours of service to assist Baehl in completing his service project from October to December 2015.

Boy Scouts of America is a youth development organization that’s designed to prepare young people to make ethical and moral decisions throughout their lifetimes. The goals of Scouting consist of citizenship training, character development and personal fitness. Throughout the Boy Scout program, young people are encouraged to advance through



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ranks by fulfilling requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. To get more information on Scouting call(317) 813-7125 or visit www.crossroadsbsa.org

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didates for governor, U.S. Senator, 5th District Congressman, state senators and state representatives as well as county offices and political party positions of precinct committee chair and state convention delegates.

Interest is especially high in the contest for delegates to the national party conventions where voters may express a preference for delegates favoring one of the presidential candidates in either the Republican or Democratic race.

County residents may check the county government website to see that they are properly registered, where they vote, or how to get an absentee ballot. Early voting for the primary starts May 5 at the elections office in the Government and Judicial Center. A photo ID is required.

Candidates nominated in the primary will appear on the November general election ballot. Locally there are expected to be few if any Democrats running for county office thereby giving the offices to Republicans who are successful in May.

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SCOTT WILLIS FOR STATE SENATE

A New Voice for Hamilton County

Letter to the Editor

Councilman vows to get services to Atlanta, Arcadia

I would just like to say that this is unbelievable. The whole reason that the territory was formed was because not one of us could support our fire departments and an ambulance service on our own.

In 2011 Jackson Township, Town of Atlanta and the Town of Arcadia created the Jackson Fire Territory on a shoe string budget and with a great deal of hard work by many people. The territory is bigger and better than ever. DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) has given the territory a tax levy that has more than doubled since 2011.

When I became the representative for the Town of Atlanta on the Jackson Fire Territory board, I found that the provider unit (Jackson Township) was not following the interlocal agreement. I brought this to everyone's attention and nothing has been done.

The provider unit was using a financial advisor that was paid with fire territory money but the territory board members never got any reports from him. The provider unit told Atlanta and Arcadia that the advisor said that their COIT money (local tax) was to be given to the territory. We were also told that if the towns did not give it to the territory that the territory would go under. That did not happen and we are doing just fine.

The next thing that the provider unit came up with was that the advisor did a 5 year long term review for the territory in 2014 that would start in 2015. Again no reports from the advisor and the provider unit used her numbers and chart that she called her down and dirty numbers that did not add up by several thousand dollars.

Part of the chart showed that the fire territory would need to use \$70,000.00 per year of funds out of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) account. EMS account is money that is received from ambulance runs by the fire territory personnel.

In 2014 there was \$10,733.06 of EMS money used and in 2015, \$9,913.02. In 2014 there was \$116,272.39 that was brought in from runs and put into that account. 2015 there was \$77,507.77; this account just keeps getting bigger and is not used by the provider unit like it should be used. As of December 2015 there is \$300,217.72 in the EMS account. This account is controlled by the provider unit, not the fire territory.

The reason given by the Jackson Township board for withdrawing was financial concern for the township. I don't see any way that would be the reason.

The provider unit is responsible for any over budget spending on the fire territories part. They have a representative on the fire board that votes on the spending and are the ones that work on the fire territory budget and have the final approval. They have been offered to turn over the provider unit responsibility to one of the other entities. They refused to do so and continued to be the provider unit for the fire territory.

The Jackson Fire Territory as never had a problem with meeting the budget approved by the provider unit. There is carry over money every year and funds that have been encumbered (to spend money from the previous year's budget). Like I said this does not include the \$300,217.72 dollars of EMS money carried over.

The provider unit says that they have a financial concern but they didn't have any concerns when it came to spending fire territory money on their building.

Since the fire territory was started the Jackson Township building got the sleeping quarters remodeled. A new wall was built between the bays and office, a generator reconditioned and the building rewired for the generator and a new roof. The list goes on and on. At the end of 2015 the provider unit encumbered \$11,825.00 to do more work

to their building out of territory funds and then signed a resolution to pull out of the territory 2-10-2016.

They say financial concern is their reason for pulling out. They turn around and say that nothing will change and the residents will get the same service and no one will lose their job. If what I have heard is true they will lose about \$100,000.00 out of the budget that the territory is operating on now. And the other thing that I have heard is it may be a lot more than that.

If they are concerned now, how do they think that they can provide the same service with less money.

The numbers that I have used in this letter are from the provider's unit's financial report to the State that is on Gateway Gov. Indiana site. Anything else that has been in this letter you can read for yourself from the minutes of the Township board meeting minutes and the fire territory meeting minutes. These can be found on the Jackson township trustee site.

I, as an Atlanta Town Council member will do everything in my power to make sure that the residents of Atlanta and Arcadia are covered with fire and ambulance services after July 1st, 2016. I encourage everyone to attend the Township meetings and ask questions as to why this happened. Please attend the local town council meetings at Atlanta and Arcadia to see what we will be looking at as a solution to this problem. The Town Councils main concern is for the safety and welfare for the residents of Atlanta, Arcadia and the community as a whole.

Thank You for your concerns and comments.

John Phifer
Atlanta Town Council Member
Jackson Fire Territory Member
Jackson Fire Safety Board Member

Rep. Torr welcomes student pages to Statehouse

State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) recently welcomed the following student pages to the Statehouse:

- Andrew Ardizane, from Carmel, attends Carmel High School;
- Heidi Seymour, from Bloomfield, attends Bloomfield Jr.-Sr. High School;
- Isabelle Woodward, from Carmel, attends Clay Middle School;
- Jordan Arland, from Carmel, attends Carmel High School;
- Katherine Ginder, from Carmel, attends St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School;
- Mary Ganser, from Carmel, attends St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School;

- Matthew Jones, from Carmel, attends Clay Middle School; and
- Nate Jones, from Carmel, attends Hope Academy.

As a House page, these participants toured government offices, helped staff with daily duties and joined Torr on the House floor as he conducted the people's business.

Torr said students aged 13-18 should consider participating next session.

For more information, visit www.indianahousepublicans.com/page-program.

City of Fishers proposing community art project

The City of Fishers in partnership with Fishers Urban Development have released a Request for Proposal for a community art project. The art will be showcased on the east side of the parking garage, known as the Edge development, which serves as an entrance point to the City's downtown area, the Nickel Plate District. Submissions are now being accepted and are due back at City Hall to the community development department and must be stamped no later than noon EST on Thursday, May 5.

"The recent growth in the Nickel Plate District makes it an ideal location for public art," stated Mayor Scott Fadness. "The artwork will be showcased in a highly visible area and help further define the space for residents, travelers and businesses experiencing our community."

The artwork will be displayed as a series of 7 panels which will each be approximately 23 feet tall and 7 feet wide. Artists are invited to submit up to three sets of design concepts for the project. A

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Luke Kenley



Indiana State Senate District 20

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• **Secured new Ivy Tech facility for Hamilton County.**

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• **Secured funding for Gifted and Talented Students across the state (\$12.5 million per year).**



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Riverview Health to host diabetes seminar

Riverview Health will host a diabetes seminar from 6-7 pm on Tuesday, April 26. The staff of the Diabetes Education Center at Riverview Health will discuss myths and truths regarding diabetes including dietary planning, food restrictions and exercise. They will also provide facts and healthy tips for living well with diabetes. The program will conclude with a question and answer session.

The diabetes seminar will take place at Riverview Health in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Women’s Pavilion. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at riverview.org/classes or call [317.776.7999](tel:317.776.7999).

Crash claims life of Carmel man

A single-vehicle crash claimed the life of a Carmel man last Thursday evening.

At approximately 10:34 p.m. on March 17, the Carmel Police Department responded to 96th Street and Westfield Blvd. on a vehicle crash. Officers determined a black 2014 Toyota Scion was traveling south-bound Westfield Blvd when the driver failed to negotiate the roundabout at 96th Street. The vehicle collided with the concrete barrier in the middle of the roundabout.

The driver of the vehicle, Lambert Doll, Carmel, died from injuries sustained in the crash a short time later at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

The cause of the crash is still being investigated by the Carmel Police Department’s fatal crash team.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 5:19

League of Women Voters hosting candidates forum April 11

The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County is hosting a candidates' forum for opposed candidates of Hamilton County county, state representatives and state senate candidates at 7 p.m. April 11, 2016 at in the Noblesville City Chambers.

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maximum of \$30,000 has been allocated for the art, intended to cover costs associated with the development of the creative work and the cost of travel so the artist can attend the unveiling. The reproduction of the artwork to the banners and the actual installation will be managed by the City of Fishers and Yeager Properties via a separate budget process.

“This project is exciting as it provides opportunities for the City to continue collaborating with art advocates,” stated Deputy Mayor Leah McGrath. “The selection community, as outlined in the Community

Art Master Plan, will select the finalist. That committee is comprised of members from the city council, Fishers Arts Council, Nickel Plate Arts, local artists and other city staff.”

The selection committee hopes to have the finalist selected by early August with an early fall unveiling date. Additional details about the unveiling will be distributed as the event approaches. For additional information about the selection process, images of the proposed panels and a timeline, please view the RFP on the City’s [website](#).

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Defending sectional champions...

Royals look for another shot

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor
Coach Scott Henson and his Hamilton Southeastern Royals will look to improve on last season, which saw the Royals win their second sectional in the last three years and 14th overall.

“We will be relying on a strong group of seniors to lead the way through a tough regular season schedule, including one of the toughest baseball conferences in the state, the Hoosier Crossroads Conference,” Henson said.

On the mound, the Royals will rely on the returning arms of right-handers Carter Poiry and Purdue signee Andrew Bohm, as well as the left arms of Ball State signee Mike Pachmayer, sophomore Louisville commit Carter Lohman, Wabash Valley commit Jon McGee and junior Owen Callahan.

Defensively, the Royals will look for leadership from senior double play combo of IU commit Matt Gorski and JB Washburn.

Back as Coach Henson’s starting catcher is IHSAA 182-pound and third place IU wrestling commit Spencer Irick.

The outfield will be anchored by centerfielder Cole Jacobs and Jon McGee in right.

Other seniors who will play into the success of the team include Nathan Williams, Jackson Howard and RJ Modesitt.

“We also look for contributions from several very talented underclassmen,” said Henson.

“We have several players that are undecided on college at this time, but more than capable of playing at the next level,” the coach concluded.

The Royals will begin on the road at Brebeuf on March 30 before opening a conference series with Avon.



Irick



Brian Reddick/File photo

Senior Carter Poiry will be one of the pitchers for the Hamilton Southeastern baseball team this season.

Southeastern Roster Varsity

Seniors: Carter Poiry, Jackson Howard, Matt Gorski, JB Washburn, Cole Jacobs, Jon McGee, Spencer Irick, Nathan

Williams, Andrew Bohm, RJ Modesitt, Mike Pachmayer.
Juniors: Dalton Hutchinson, Trenton Schneider, Jack Lang, Grayson Riekhof, Sam Cox, Owen Callaghan, Brock Burns.
Sophomores: Jackson Sweeney, Carter Lohman, Sam Bachman.

Junior Varsity

Sophomores: Jacob Garcia, Tyler Jahanshai, Jacob Daftari, Zach Boyle, Tyler Sivak, Drew Sitzer, Michale Rosen, Jackson Sweeney, Alex Scherer, Rutger Poiry, Kevin Grimes, Grant Johnston, Andrew Morlen.

Southeastern Schedule

- March**
30, at Brebeuf, 6 p.m.
- April**
1, at Avon, 11 a.m.
2, Avon (DH), 12 noon.
7, at Lakota West, 5 p.m.
8, at Moeller, 5 p.m.
9, Lake Central, 11 a.m.
11, at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
14, at Fishers, 6 p.m.
15, Fishers, 6 p.m.
16, at Fishers, 11 a.m.
21, Westfield, 6 p.m.
22, at Westfield, 6 p.m.
23, Westfield, 11 a.m.
28, at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
29, Zionsville, 6 p.m.
30, at Zionsville, 11 a.m.
- May**
5, Noblesville, 6 p.m.
6, at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
7, Noblesville 11 a.m.
9, at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
12, McCutcheon, 5:30 p.m.
14, Andrean, 11 a.m.
14, South Bend Washington, 2 p.m.
17, at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.
19, Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
20, at Brownsburg (DH), 6 p.m.

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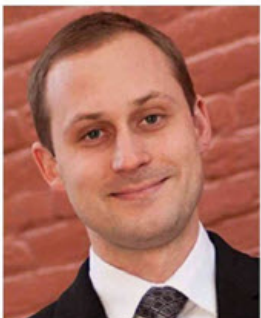



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Junior Ryan Metz is one of five returning pitchers for Fishers.

Pitching will be strong...

Tigers return young but experienced group

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor
Fishers baseball coach Matthew Cherry had this to say about his Tigers team that will take to the field in 2016: "This group has the potential to become a very special group."

It's an interesting Fishers team. There are 12 players returning that Cherry said contributed last season, including the entire Tigers pitching staff. At the same time, there's only five seniors on the Fishers squad.

"We are extremely deep, have experience, but are also still very young," said Cherry.

The big strength for the Tigers will be their pitching. Three of the four players in the throwing rotation saw significant time on the mound. Junior Luke Duermit, who has committed to Ohio State, returns the most innings (50.2), the most strikeouts (58), and the lowest earned-run average among the rotation (2.15).

Also returning to the mound are senior Cameron Boyd (headed to IPFW) and junior Ryan Metz. Luke Albright, a sophomore, is a newcomer to the rotation. Senior Elliott Gilmore, Elliott Gilmore, a Cedarville signee, leads the list of key relievers.

Offensively, Cherry has eight of the nine positions ready in Fishers' batting order. Duermit, slated to bat fifth and play

an outfield position when he is not pitching, is the leading hitter returning with a .346 average. Duermit also hit two home runs, the most of anyone on last year's Tigers team.

The leadoff man for Fishers will be junior Andy Bennett, with classmate Caleb Brenczewski batting second. Also in the lineup are sophomore Craig Yoho, junior Brendan Toungate, sophomore Matthew Wolff, junior Taylor Soper and senior Mike Folta, who is batting ninth.

As for positions, those may be changing on a day-to-day basis. Folta looks to be a key outfielder, while Toungate will go between catcher and center field. Yoho is slated for second base, shortstop or catcher. Senior first baseman Christian Chapman is currently injured, but upon his return will be a three-year Fishers starter.

"We have 5 players already signed or committed to play college baseball and another half dozen or so players who have a legitimate chance to play college baseball at a high level," said Cherry.

Fishers roster

Seniors: Cameron Boyd, Nathan Carroll, Christian Chapman, Mike Folta, Elliott Gilmore.
Juniors: Andy Bennett, Caleb Brenczewski, Luke Duermit, Tony Hoffman, Ryan Metz, Trevor Newman, Evan Patrick, Taylor Soper, Brendan Toungate, Parker Wells.
Sophomores: Luke Albright, Matthew Wolff, Craig Yoho.

Fishers schedule

March
28: Kokomo, 6 p.m.
April
1: at Franklin County, 12:30 p.m.
1: at St. Benedict, 3 p.m.
2: at Collierville, 10 a.m.
2: at Siegel, 3 p.m.
7: at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
8: Noblesville, 6 p.m.
9: at Noblesville, 11 a.m.
12: at New Castle, 6 p.m.
14: Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
15: at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
16: Hamilton Southeastern, 11 a.m.
19: Mount Vernon, 6 p.m.
21: at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
22: Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
23: at Brownsburg, 11 a.m.
26: at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
28: Avon, 6 p.m.
29: at Avon, 6 p.m.
30: Avon, 11 a.m.
May
5: at McCutcheon, 6 p.m.
6: Carmel, 6 p.m.
9: New Palestine, 6 p.m.
12: at Westfield, 6 p.m.
13: Westfield, 6 p.m.
14: at Westfield, 11 a.m.
16: at Columbus North, 6 p.m.
19: Zionsville, 6 p.m.
20: at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
21: Zionsville, 11 a.m.



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Crail, Harwood to lead the way...

Sheridan opens late

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Sheridan will be one of the Hamilton County baseball teams last out of the gate, the Blackhawks opening on April 5 at Tindley. Sheridan’s first home appearance isn’t until April 16 against Tri-Central in a double-header.

“This team is young,” reported Coach Matt Britt, “but we return some key players.”

Sam Crail has recovered from an ACL tear and figures to be Sheridan’s opening day shortstop and No. 2 pitcher behind Kyle Harwood.

“Crail and Harwood threw the ball well in our scrimmage against Frankfort, and both hit well,” said Britt. “Crail homered.”

After those top two pitchers Sheridan has freshman Jake O’Hara, sophomore Cole Cummings and freshman Kyle Archer.

“Defensivley we have some work to do,” continued the coach, “but we have plenty of players that can get the job done. Archer, Sam Wetherald, and Cummings will be our primary outfield. O’Hara, Crail, Branden Kinkead and Sean Speck will be used around the infield.

“I feel we’ll improve as the season goes on, and I think that if we can play our best baseball at the end of the season we’ll give ourselves a chance to compete for a sectional championship,” Britt added.

Sheridan Roster

Seniors: Sam Wetherald, Jacob Chesney, KJ Acevedo, Chris Hunter, Wes Sutton.

Juniors: Sam Crail, Kyle Harwood, Branden Kinkead.

Sophomores: Cole Cummings, Hunter Pflugh, Lane Leonard.

Freshmen: Stevie Smith, Jack O’Hara, Kyle Archer, Jacob Vita, Sean Speck.

Sheridan Schedule

April

5, at Tindley, 5 p.m.

7, at Western Boone, 5 p.m.

15, at Indy Washington (DH), 5:30 p.m.

16, Tri-Central (DH), 11 a.m.

18, Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.

20, at Clinton Prairie, 5 p.m.

23, Clinton Central (DH), 11 a.m.

25, University, 5 p.m.

26, Carroll, 4:45 p.m.

28, Tipton, 5 p.m.

30, at Scecina (DH), 11 a.m.

May

3, Rossville, 4:45 p.m.

7, Eastern (DH), 10 a.m.

10, at University, 5 p.m.

13, at Lapel, 4:30 p.m.

14, at Taylor (DH), 10 a.m.

19, Tri-West, 5 p.m.

20, at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

Defending HCC champions...

‘Rocks have high expectations again

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

The expectations are always high for the Westfield baseball team.

Not just for the Shamrocks themselves, but also by the standards of the state. Westfield is ranked No. 7 in the coaches poll and No. 16 by Indiana Prep Baseball Report. A good deal of that is based on the fact that last year's Shamrock team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference - arguably the toughest baseball conference in Indiana - and were 21-9 overall.

"Expectations are high as always for this year's club to continue the success and tradition of Westfield baseball has built over the last decade," said 'Rocks coach Ryan Bunnell. The coach said his team "will feature some familiar faces but many new ones," as nine seniors graduated from Westfield's 2015 team. The familiar faces are good ones.

That includes three seniors that are Division I signees. Outfielder Milo Beam has

committed to Purdue, and he returns a .314 average, including six doubles, 25 runs and eight RBIs. Two other seniors have signed with Butler: Harrison Freed, who smacked three home runs and batted in 22 runs last season on a .312 average, and Ryan Pepiot, who had tshe highest average of the three at .333. Pepiot had 18 RBIs and scored 16 runs.

Pepiot also saw significant mound time last year, pitching 35.1 innings. He struck out 41 last year, with a 3.17 earned-run average. Other pitchers returning are senior Max McCool and junior Brian Skelton.

Beam will be the lead-off man, and is projected to be Westfield's center fielder. Freed will play left field, while Skelton is slated for regular first base duties. Pepiot will be the shortstop when not on the mound, and junior Jackson Garrett is the projected catcher. Max McCool will play right field.

Senior Logan Schneider, the third baseman, will be in the eighth spot. The seventh and ninth spots are likely to be filled by

newcomers, such a senior Luke Speek and sophomores Matthew Meyer and Cam Nance. Meyer will be in the pitching rotation with Pepiot, Skelton and McCool. Kyle Pepiot, a freshman, will see relief time.

"For the Rocks to reach the expectations of winning their fifth HCC championship in the last eight years and a state title, players will have to handle pressure well, new players will have to step into their roles and perform well, veterans will have to provide great leadership and, most importantly, everyone will have to persevere through adversity and pull on the same end of the rope," said Bunnell.

Key Westfield returners

Seniors: Milo Beam, Harrison Freed, Max McCool, Ryan Pepiot, Logan Schneider.

Juniors: Jackson Garrett, Brian Skelton.

Key Westfield newcomers

Seniors: Will McCool, Noah Nigh, Luke Speek.

Juniors: Lucas Schultz, Dillon Simpson.

Sophomores: Matthew Meyer, Cam Nance.

Westfield schedule

March

29: Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

30: at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

31: Zionsville, 6 p.m.

April

1: at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

12: Mount Vernon, 5:30 p.m.

14: Noblesville, 6 p.m.

15: at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

16: Noblesville, 11 a.m.

19: Heritage Christian, 5:30 p.m.

21: at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

22: Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

23: at Hamilton Southeastern, 11 a.m.

25: at Andrean, 6 p.m.

28: Brownsburg, 6 p.m.

29: at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.

30: Brownsburg, 11 a.m.

May

3: at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.

5: at Avon, 6 p.m.

6: Avon, 6 p.m.

7: at Avon, 11 a.m.

10: at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.

12: Fishers, 6 p.m.

13: at Fishers, 6 p.m.

14: Fishers, 11 a.m.

16: at Kokomo, 6 p.m.

18: at McCutcheon, 6 p.m.

20: at Carmel Invite, 6 p.m.

21: at Carmel Invite, TBA

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Softball

Huskies fall to Lapel

Hamilton Heights dropped a back-and-forth game at Lapel Friday, by the score of 7-6.

The Huskies led 4-0 in the middle of the second inning, but the Bulldogs got on the board in the bottom of that inning, then jumped ahead by scoring four runs in the fourth. Heights tied it with a run in the top of the fifth, but Lapel scored two in the sixth, then held off the Huskies in the top of the seventh.

Ashton Runner was 2-for-3, hitting a home run and a double. Taylor Ewing also had two RBIs.

Lapel 7, Hamilton Heights 6

Heights	AB	R	H	RBI
Ashton Runner	3	2	2	2

Taylor Ewing	4	0	1	2
Ashley Roberts	4	0	1	0
Jessica Kaurich	3	1	0	0
Jessica Thuer	3	1	1	0
Claire Schildmeier	2	1	1	0
Shelby Willis	3	0	1	1
Emily Wright	4	0	1	1
Adyson Baber	3	1	0	0
Mickey Stupp	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	6	8	6

HR: Runner. 2B: Runner. SAC: Willis.

HH pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Roberts	6.1	7	5	7
Wright	0.2	0	0	0

Strikeouts: Roberts 2. Walks: Roberts 3, Wright 1.

Score by innings

Heights	130	010	1 - 6	8 4
Lapel	010	402	x - 7	7 1

Indy Fuel storms past Cyclones

Keegan Asmundson made a career-high 47 saves and Daniel Ciampini recorded his second consecutive three-point game as the Indy Fuel beat the Cincinnati Cyclones 5-1 Friday night at Indiana Farmers Coliseum.

Asmundson allowed only a second period goal to Peter Quennville in an otherwise strong outing while the Fuel offense posted five goals in a game for the first time since February 17 at Orlando.

Ben Marshall kicked off the scoring with a power play goal at 16:36 of the first period, followed just 1:08 later by Matt White’s sixth of the year which went for the game-winner.

In the second the Fuel received goals from Kevin Clare, Ciampini and Peter Sch-

neider to blow the game wide open and roll to the victory.

Although the third period contained no scoring, there were three fights and a total of 36 minutes in penalties between the two teams. In total, the Fuel and Cyclones combined for 52 minutes in penalties after coming in as the second and third-least penalized teams in the ECHL respectively.

The same two teams will renew their rivalry next Thursday night in Cincinnati to culminate the 11-game season series. The Morellis Cleaners Indy Fuel pregame show starts 15 minutes prior to puck drop for the

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Noblesville’s Tony Etchison honored on Silver Team



Photo provided

Tony was honored by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame on Wednesday as a member of the Silver Anniversary Team. This team is made up of the top players in Indiana to have graduated 25 years ago.

Tony Etchison was a four year varsity starter for Hall of Fame Coach Dave Nicholson. He scored 1,357 points and led Noblesville to three consecutive sectional titles. Tony was named All-Hamilton County four years, all- sectional and all-regional three years. He was all-conference and all Indianapolis metro and Hamilton County Player of The year twice. Tony averaged 22.8 points, five rebounds and four assists per game as a senior. He received a basketball scholarship to Mercer University in GA where he started for two years. He earned all-academic honors all four years while at Mercer. He led the TransAmerican conference in three point shooting. Tony is an agent with Farm Bureau Insurance in Noblesville. He and his wife Toby are proud parents of three sons.



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Notes:

- Asmundson’s 47 saves set a new career high for the netminder, breaking his previous best of 44 set at Alaska November 27 while with Evansville.
- Ciampini recorded six points (2-4-6) in the last two games for the Fuel, his first back-to-back three point games of his pro career.
- Alex Lavoie skated in his 200th professional game.
- Malcolm Gould made his professional debut with the Fuel after completing his senior season at Michigan Tech.
- Ben Marshall’s power play goal in the first period was his 34th point of the season which leads all ECHL rookie defensemen.
- Indy has a 7-3-0-0 mark in the season series against Cincinnati.
- Nick Petrecki wore the captain’s “C” with Zach Miskovic up with the AHL’s Charlotte Checkers.

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