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**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Late afternoon shower possible.  
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# President Trump visit to highlight local graduation

By **FRED SWIFT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

A visit to Hamilton County by President Donald Trump is tentatively scheduled for late May or early June. An anonymous, but reliable source in Washington has revealed the president will speak at the high school graduation ceremonies of a yet to be named Hamilton County high school.

Trump apparently asked his staff to find an area where there is a cluster of highly successful high schools, then choose one at which to speak while making reference

to neighboring schools that also have high academic achievement rates.

Also, no doubt figuring into the decision is the fact that Hamilton County is considered friendly territory for a Republican president. Presidential aides are known to want no problem with protesters at Trump's appearance which will be billed as a salute to education and not a political rally.

The decision on which school will be chosen for the visit is not expected to be



**Trump**

announced until a few days before graduation. The appearance will be the first visit here by a sitting president since Bill Clinton attended a golf tourney at Crooked Stick Country Club in the mid-1990s.

All county high schools have higher graduation rates and test scores than the national average. Several have been designated Blue Ribbon schools. If Trump wants a small school, Sheridan with about 75 graduates would be a likely choice. If he'd prefer a very large school, Car-

mel with more than 1,000 seniors is the obvious choice.

In his remarks at a graduation ceremony, the president can be expected to tout academic achievement and extra-curricular participation along with parent involvement and a safe learning environment as methods for achieving a good secondary education.

It all sounds logical and certainly Hamilton County is the place that Trump would want to deliver his message. Don't we wish it was all going to happen? But, this being April 1, we unfortunately can't believe it. Sorry about that ... April Fools.

# Cicero's youth sports set to grow this spring

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

The Town of Cicero, often called a hidden gem in northern Hamilton County, has yet another way to promote their community and help local athletes: The Cicero Sports Complex.

In recent years, the softball and baseball diamonds in Cicero have suffered a level of flooding that has prevented up to 35 percent of the scheduled games from being played. Now, due to the work of several people coming together to improve local sports, the Cicero Sports Complex is set to bring in up to 10,000 people and an unknown level of economic benefit to the town.

Hamilton Heights Amateur Sports Association (HHASA) President Jim Grubaugh told The Reporter, "I have been a part of HHASA for three years now. In the last two years Fields 5, 7 and 8 were pretty much lakes if it rained. My daughter plays softball and we were constantly rained out. We probably lost 35 percent of our scheduled games over the course of the year."

According to Grubaugh, the drainage on those fields was not initially installed correctly by whomever built the fields. As an example, they were graded back toward the tower instead of being graded away.

Fixing the drainage was a collaborative effort between the HHASA league, the town, the parks department and Adam Decker from Ultimate Tournament Series.



Photo provided

With the recent drainage improvements, the Cicero baseball fields will suffer far fewer rainouts in years to come.

"As of a couple weeks ago there was no water standing anywhere," Grubaugh said. "I was shocked. We are excited for this year and are working on a five-year plan where we will continue to improve the fields and bring more people from out of town for events."

Cicero Sports Complex Manager Adam Decker also runs the Ultimate Tournament Series (UTS), which organizes and promotes youth baseball and softball events.

"We are set to host eight weekends of full tournaments (7U through 14U) as well as a league with 24 teams for baseball,"

Decker said. "Up to 1,200 people will visit each weekend, so over 10,000 people could come to Cicero over the course of a season."

Decker called the previous state of

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## Boy Scouts greet Veterans at Noblesville Community Center



Photo provided

Members of the Boys Scouts Troop 101 greeted veterans on March 24 at the Veterans Appreciation Breakfast hosted by The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at the Noblesville Township Community Center. The event was attended by WWII, Korean War and Vietnam veterans.

## FGAA aims to assist 3,000 Fishers residents in need

### The REPORTER

The Fishers Government Academy Association (FGAA) is hosting its annual Make It Personal Spring Donation Drive, collecting personal care items to benefit Delaware and Fall Creek Township pantries. In 2017, these pantries served the needs of more than 3,000 residents with food and sundries. The Make It Personal drive is focused on personal care items – items not covered by the Indiana food stamps program, but essential to health and quality of life.

Community support is necessary April 16-30 in order to reach the goal.

Donation boxes for Personal Care Items will be located at:

- Fishers YMCA (9012 E. 126th St.)
- Delaware Township Office (9090 E. 131st St.) Monetary donations also accepted here.

- Fall Creek Township Office (11595 Brooks School Road) Monetary donations also accepted here.

- Britton Falls, The Chateau (13079 Del Webb Pkwy.)



**Donation ideas:** Soaps and cleansers, shampoo and conditioner, razors, brushes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, lotions, children's shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Sensitive skin and hypo-allergenic products are also appreciated.

### About FGAA

FGAA, initiated in March 2014, is comprised of graduates from the Fishers Government Academy program. The City of Fishers provides the Academy in order to educate residents about the operation of Fishers government and its services and departments.

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## YOUTH SPORTS

the sports complex a bad situation in which two of baseball fields would stay flooded for days after a rainstorm. Now they are draining immediately.

"It would not have been ideal to run tournaments and leagues or try to expand on what they had going on if they did not do something with this issue," Decker told The Reporter. "What they have lacked in the past has been some TLC since it has been a strictly volunteer organization. The biggest thing we bring to the table is daily workers to work, manure, line, water the fields, to replace batter boxes and pitcher's mounds after every game so it's in excellent condition before every game begins."

Decker says the sky is the limit now.

"Youth sports is such a big business these days," Decker said. "It gets bigger and bigger every year. Cicero is a hidden gem right now. My company is going to promote what a nice facility this is and what a neat town Cicero is."

Down the road there are options for nationwide events in Cicero. They may try to get a global world series there, which Decker says is not out of the question.

"I look for it to take off. This first year will be toughest just letting people know we are there," Decker said. "By year two you will see a dramatic increase."

Decker's management



Photo provided

This level of flooding was a common sight at the Cicero baseball diamonds in recent years.

duties for the facility are under the supervision of Cicero Parks Superintendent Charlie Cambre.

"The improvement project actually began about two years ago when Rusty Miller came on board with the town council," Cambre said. "He and Chris Lutz teamed up and saw an opportunity to have a manager over the complex. Adam Decker came on board. Initially it was the HHASA group who had first right to the fields."

Cambre explained

that Miller had to get the HHASA group and Adam together and work with the two groups and me. "HHASA is a volunteer group," Cambre said. "Rusty saw an opportunity to get the fields managed better with the parks department involved in this venture. Everything will be channeled through me and I report to the town council."

Cambre said he thinks the complex improvements and tournaments will bring an awareness of Cicero to a larger audience.

"Just by stepping up the program, what [Decker] brings is a full package. He has not only local contacts but also regional contacts."

Cicero Town Council Member Chris Lutz credits Rusty Miller as playing a big part in getting the drainage issues fixed and helping set the stage for the economic development to follow.

"We put in the drainage with the intention of solving the issues out there," Lutz said. "Will it solve all the drainage issues we

have? No. I don't anticipate it will, but the most important thing we were trying to achieve was to ensure the playing fields were getting drained as quick as possible."

Lutz and Miller have been working on drainage and other improvements with the HHASA league.

"Getting the league to partner up with Adam [Decker] was part of the whole process," Lutz said. "We had HHASA. They have done a good job out there, but they are all vol-

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unteer-based. But Adam is adding some tournaments to the schedule and he does this for a living. There is a lot to be gained by having him involved."

Lutz looks at this project through the lens of taking care of the local youth.

"The revenue being generated was so low that there was not funding to take care of and make improvements to the fields," Lutz explained. "Through hosting these tournaments, the utilization of the fields and revenue will be increased and can be put back into the complex. That will give a better playing experience to the local youth. Hopefully they won't have as many rainout games and we can improve the facility overall."

Lutz also wanted to note this would not have been possible without so many people coming together for the greater good.

"A big benefit is the willingness of the HHASA league to work with Event Coordinator Adam Decker," Lutz said. "That was a concern we had going into this. Members of the community were concerned that we would be bringing someone in to just run tournaments and make money. That's the last thing I want to do. I'm looking at it as, 'How can I make the experience better for our local youth?' I truly believe that by partnering with someone to run the tournaments it will make for a better experience for the local youth."

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# Keep Fishers Beautiful announces day of service

**The REPORTER**

The Keep Fishers Beautiful (KFB) initiative is excited to announce this year's annual day of service that brings together residents, homeowner's associations, local businesses and organizations to support the vibrancy of Fishers and its neighborhoods. This year's event takes place from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14.

All ages are welcome to participate, and volunteers will receive tree seedlings in honor of Arbor Day. Questions? Please contact Dan Domsic by email or at 317-595-3151.

**Spring Service Day at Ritchey Woods**

Spring Service Day returns as KFB helps protect the park's native wildflowers from invasive plant species. Come ready to dig in at this rain or shine event. [Register](#)

ahead of time online or in-person the day of.

**Group volunteer projects**

Come together with fellow residents and work to help beautify parks and green-spaces. To register, contact Dan Domsic by March 30 by email or at 317-595-3151.

**People doing yardwork**

**City Recycling Day:** Fishers offers a free recycling day at Billerica Park for residents where electronics, household items and hazardous wastes are accepted. Paper recycling and off-site confidential document shredding is also available. Some items (such as monitors and TVs) may include a small recycling fee. [Click here](#) to view a list of accepted items.

**Neighborhood Blitz Box**

Fishers neighborhoods are invited to

beautify their common spaces and facades through the Blitz Box program, which includes a small supply of gloves, garbage bags, and the use of a 30-yard dumpster.

HOA representatives can complete a **Blitz Box application** year-round. Applications must be completed at least four weeks in advance of the clean-up day.

Selected neighborhoods will work with **Fishers Parks & Recreation** and **Fishers Department of Public Works** to finalize logistics and arrange delivery of the dumpster. Groups are encouraged to share their photos to show the impact the Blitz Box has on beautifying their neighborhood.

**Year Round Support**

**Street Adoption:** Interested in adopting a stretch of road in Fishers? Email [Andrew Myers](#) for details.

**Matching Grants:** The City of Fishers

offers several matching grants to support neighborhood vibrancy in our community.

• **Neighborhood Matching Grant Program** - Awards funds to established neighborhoods within the city limits as an incentive to plan and complete beautification and enhancement projects. Applications are accepted annually and due Jan. 31.

• **Tree Matching Grants** - Awards funds to neighborhoods, non-profits and homeowners within city limits as an incentive to plant trees and enhance the natural beauty of the community. Applications are accepted annually and due Jan. 31.

• **Drainage and Water Quality Matching Grant Program** - Awards funds to neighborhoods, non-profits and homeowners within city limits as an incentive to improve local water quality and drainage function. Applications are due Jan. 31.

## Fishers Police to citizens: Be vigilant

By **LARRY LANNAN**  
[LarryInFishers.com](#)

Fishers is a very safe place, and it is to its credit that crime is rare. However, that doesn't mean crime is totally absent. I was reminded of that during a recent chat with Police Sergeant Tom Weger, the media relations point person for local law enforcement.

Sergeant Weger talked about how people living in certain neighborhoods have a tendency to leave valuable items in their unlocked vehicles, which is an invitation

for someone with evil intent to steal your valuables. Keeping your items in the trunk is not a guarantee the thieves will leave you alone, but it greatly lowers your probabilities of being a crime victim.

A good example of keeping valuables out of sight would be garage door openers. Never have your garage door opener in your car parked on the street or in a driveway.

Living in a low-crime city is a good thing, but letting down your guard on basic prevention steps is not the way to act. Let's keep Fishers a low-crime area by using some common sense.

## Noblesville woman in critical condition following Friday crash near Alexandria

WISH-TV  
[wishstv.com](#)

A man and a woman were in critical condition at an Indianapolis hospital after a serious crash Friday afternoon west of Alexandria, the Madison County sheriff said.

The single-car crash occurred at about 4:30 p.m. on County Road North 200 West between State Road 28 and West 1100 North (West Washington Street), and a crash team arrived at the scene about 5 p.m., Sheriff Scott Mellinger and Sheriff's Office Operations Commander David Callahan said in an email.

The driver, Bridget M. Abbott, 32, Noblesville, was in critical condition Friday night with two broken arms and a broken leg. The passenger, Jason Scott Noble, 31, Elwood, was in stable condition with facial fractures, two broken legs and a broken collarbone. Both were airlifted to St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital.

Callahan said evidence shows that a 2004 silver Chevrolet Cavalier was southbound on 200 West when the car went off the east side of the road, traveled about 20 yards and struck a tree.

Information from the sheriff's office did not indicate how fast the car was going in the rural area.

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## Riverview Health to host “Bump Start”

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health will host Bump Start, a new event for expecting and soon-to-be expecting parents, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 at The Urban Chalkboard, 452 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel.

Learn about preparing for pregnancy and beyond from an expert panel that includes Dr. Niles Carter, OB/GYN; Dr. Evan Kreutzer, Pediatrics; and Theresa Holland, Perinatal Education and Lactation Services. The

event will cover everything from tips for a healthy pregnancy to advice about what to put on your shopping list for your new baby.

Bump Start will take place at The Urban Chalkboard, a popular play café for young families. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. You'll also receive a free childbirth booklet and mommy starter kit, which includes postpartum items for mom. The program is free, but registration is required. Register

at [riverview.org/classes](http://riverview.org/classes) or call 317-776-7999.

**About Riverview Health**

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital and 25 primary, immediate and specialty care facilities located throughout Hamilton County. Together, they provide comprehensive healthcare services in 35 medical specialties and have frequently been recognized for their clinical and service excellence. For more information, visit [riverview.org](http://riverview.org).

## New at Hamilton East Public Library

**The REPORTER**

Here are the new library items lists for the week of March 26:

**New Adult Fiction Books**

1. Raspberry Danish murder by Fluke, Joanne
2. The great alone by Hannah, Kristin
3. Fifty fifty by Patterson, James
4. The bad daughter: a novel by Fielding, Joy
5. Sunburn: a novel by Lippman, Laura
6. Beautiful days: stories by Oates, Joyce Carol
7. Child of a mad god by Salvatore, R. A.
8. The bishop's pawn by Berry, Steve
9. The flight attendant: a novel by Bohjalian, Chris
10. The rising sea: a novel from the NUMA files by Cussler, Clive

**New Adult Nonfiction Books**

1. Keto slow cooker & one-pot meals: over 100 simple & delicious, low-carb, paleo and primal recipes for weight loss and better health by Slajerova, Martina
2. The away game: the

epic search for soccer's next superstars by Abbot, Sebastian

3. Bringing Columbia home: the final mission of a lost space shuttle and her crew by Leinbach, Michael D.

4. Chloe flavor: saucy, crispy, spicy, vegan by Coscarelli, Chloe

5. Dr. Eleanor's book of common spiders by Buddle, Christopher M.

6. Getting to us: how great coaches make great teams by Davis, Seth

7. Hippie food: how back-to-the-landers, long-hairs, and revolutionaries changed the way we eat by Kauffman, Jonathan

8. I'll never change my name: an immigrant's American dream from Ukraine to the U.S.A. to Dancing with the stars by Chmerkovskiy, Valentin

9. Patricia Heaton's food for family and friends: 100 favorite recipes for a busy, happy life by Heaton, Patricia

10. Sleep: the myth of 8 hours, the power of naps... and the new plan to recharge your body and mind by Littlehales, Nick

**New DVDs**

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2. Jigsaw
3. Same kind of different as me
4. All of my heart: inn love
5. The breadwinner
6. Breathe
7. The deuce. The complete first season
8. Dirk Gently's holistic detective agency. Season two
9. Homeland. The complete sixth season
10. Hunter X hunter. Phantom Rouge

**New Music CDs**

1. The thread that keeps us by Calexico
2. Absolute Disney. Volume 1
3. Always ascending by Franz Ferdinand
4. By the way, I forgive you by Carlile, Brandi
5. How to solve our human problems by Belle and Sebastian
6. Black coffee by Hart, Beth
7. Culture II by Migos
8. Everything was beautiful, and nothing hurt by Moby
9. Firepower by Judas Priest
10. Glorious day: hymns of faith by Casting Crowns

### Reader calls for change, leadership on May 8

Dear Editor:  
Change is good. To improve, change is necessary. And Cops HATE change.

That is, until they're backed into a corner. Then, they will fight for change. If you are at all familiar with the dynamics within the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office you will know that change is necessary. To progress, to evolve, to move into the next generation of policing and corrections we MUST change. And that change needs to start on May 8; and it needs to start with electing Bill Clifford as the next Hamilton County Sheriff.

I don't want you to vote for Bill because he's my friend. Friendship and leadership having nothing to do with each other. And being my friend and obtaining my political support have even less to do with one another. Simply put, I want what's best for the Agency and the Community. Period.

I'm not going to disparage the other candidates, even if some of their propaganda is rooted in lies or deceit. What I will do is tell you that Bill is a trustworthy and honorable man. A man rooted in faith and family. A man who supports his troops and has given his blood, sweat, and tears to the citizens of Hamilton County for 30 years. It doesn't matter that he was a patrolman, a deputy, then a general detective; that he went on to work in the Drug Task Force, investigate sex crimes, and become an FBI Negotiator. It also doesn't matter that he supervised the Tactical Tracking Team, is the Range Master, a firearms instructor, a master taser instructor, a less lethal instructor. It doesn't matter that he is a field training officer and has been promoted to merit sergeant. It also doesn't matter that he's attended a laundry list of specialized training in Leadership, tactical response, and active shooters (this article can't hold the number of topics Bill has been trained in...). But why doesn't all this matter?

It doesn't matter because the type of CHANGE in leadership the 300+ employees at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office need isn't found in a rank. It's not found in an appointed position or a training class or a special assignment or a college degree.

It is found in Bill Clifford. And I respectfully ask that you vote for him on May 8.

**Brian Nicc**  
Cicero

### Three HSE students honored for volunteer community service



Photo provided by LarryInFishers.com

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. Three Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School District students were awarded medals at the Wednesday night school board meeting. The winners were Olivia Keith, Hamilton Southeastern High School; Rahil Thanswala, Fishers High School; and Vani Sharma, Sand Creek Intermediate School. Kent Sipe, representing Prudential, made the presentation of the medals as Distinguished Finalists and State Honorees.

### Letter guidelines this election season

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter, your hometown newspaper, is always willing to publish Letters to the Editor in our pages. But with the approach of the May 8 Primary Election, we are establishing some guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.



Letters to the Editor addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of business on Friday, April 27 and will be published on Saturday, April 28.

Letters in response to new topics published in our April 28 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, May 1 and will be published in our May 2 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters sent the last week of April.

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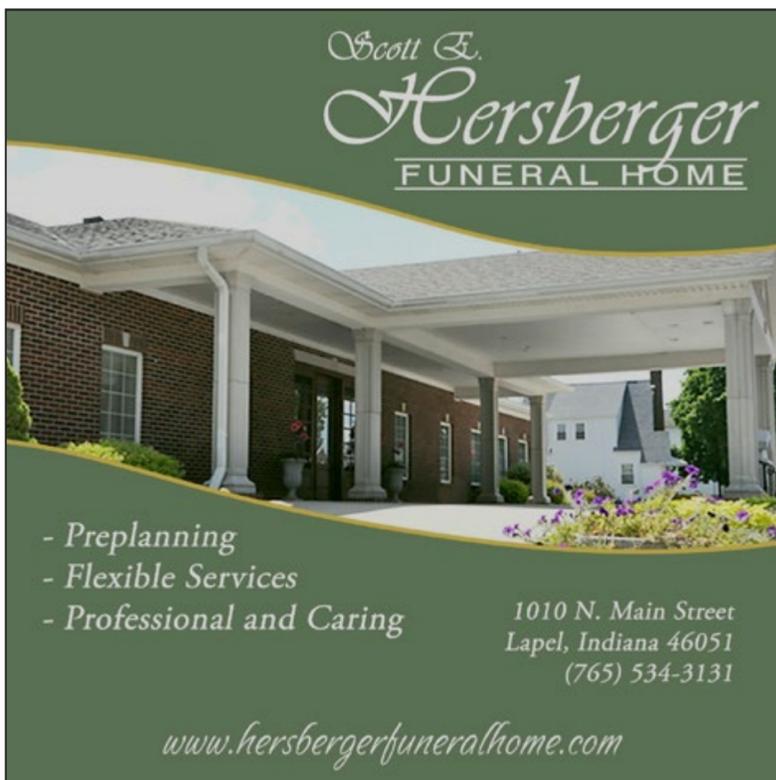
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## Fishers road construction updates, week of April 2

### The REPORTER

**Southeastern Parkway**  
Beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 2, Southeastern Parkway south of 136th Street will be closed to traffic for up to one week to allow for storm sewer installation. Traffic will detour to Prairie Baptist Road and 136th Street.

**106th Street**  
106th Street is closed to through traffic from Eller Road to Allisonville Road and from Allisonville Road to Hague Road for the **106th Street Infrastructure Project**. Closures for through traffic will also take place from Hague Road to the Crosspoint Boulevard/Lantern Road roundabout. For more info on this project, view the **Fact Sheet**.

**Hoosier Road**  
Hoosier Road south of 116th Street will be closed to all traffic through the cemetery for sanitary sewer repairs. A detour will be in place on Cumberland Road while work is completed.

**131st Street**  
Periodic lane restrictions will occur at the intersection of 131st Street and Cumberland Road as utility relocation work is completed.

Expect lane restrictions, weather permitting, along 131st Street between Alli-

sonville Road and Lantern Road for the construction of the Conner Trail from Conner Prairie to the Municipal Complex. Lane restrictions will also take place on Lantern Road between 131st Street and Municipal Drive.

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Meadows Drive is closed between Frances Drive and Morgan Drive, weather permitting, for the installation of sanitary sewer.

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Eller Road is closed to through traffic south of White Horse Lane for concrete work associated with the **106th Street Infrastructure Project**.

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Lane restrictions will be in place, as weather permits, along Allisonville Road from 126th Street to 131st Street for tree clearing ahead of the start of the roadway expansion project. Restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and flaggers will be on site directing traffic, as necessary. For more info on this project, view the **Fact Sheet**.

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**1865** – Albion Fellows Bacon was born in Evansville. Sometimes called "the mother of Indiana



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**1917** – The United States declared war on Germany, leading the nation into World War I. Indi-

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**1968** – Robert F. Kennedy, in Indianapolis on a campaign tour, announced the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to a crowd at 17th and Broadway. His impassioned plea for peace on that night is considered one of the best public addresses of the era.

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Matthew 23:23-26 (KJV)



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*Louisville Super Preps is next...*



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The Hamilton Southeastern baseball team congratulates Greyson Droste (far right) after his sixth-inning home run during the second game of the Royals' Saturday doubleheader with Avon. Southeastern split the games, beating the Orioles in the first and losing the second in eight innings.

# Royals split doubleheader with Avon

Hamilton Southeastern split a Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader with Avon on Saturday.

The Royals sailed past the Orioles 16-1 in a five-inning first game. The second game turned out to be high-scoring for both teams, with Southeastern scoring five runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game and send it to extra innings. Avon only needed one extra inning, scoring three in the top of the eighth, and that carried it to a 13-10 win.

Despite being disappointed about dropping the series (Avon won the first game on Friday), HSE coach Scott Henson kept things in perspective. His philosophy

is that the early season games are about doing everything the Royals can to prepare for the end of the season.

"Am I upset that we lost two out of three? Absolutely," said Henson. "But, we're trying to figure out what we've got. We've got six guys starting in the field that have never started before."

That young Southeastern team lit up the scoreboard for 13 runs in the first inning of the first game. A 2-0 Royals lead became 6-0 after Jake Stout hit a grand slam. Earlier, Greyson Droste singled home a run, then Cole DeWael scored when Jacob Daftari was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Anthony Eggers singled home two runs to make the score 8-0. A walk loaded the bases again, and then it became a Royal merry-go-round: Southeastern walked in two runs, then Daftari and Stout both hit singles to score two more runs. Jacob Dewolf was hit by a pitch to score Droste (again), and that was run No. 13.

Stout's slam was a big part of his five RBIs for the game, which he achieved on 2-for-2 hitting. Eggers and Daftari both batted in three runs. DeWael hit a triple, while Daftari, Droste and Zach Boyle each hit a double.

Carter Lohman got the win, pitching three innings and striking out seven.

Avon was dangerously close to turning the run-rule tables on HSE in the second game, leading 9-0 midway through the fourth. But the Royals got on the board with a Droste three-run homer in the fourth, then were within 9-5 after the sixth, after Droste hit a two-run homer.

The Orioles added a run in the top of the seventh. Now down 10-5, the Royals started chipping away at the lead when Drew Switzer hit an RBI double.

DeWael singled in Michael Dillon (who walked) to cut the lead to 10-7. Next up was Matt Buckingham, who sent a single into center field to score Switzer and Eggers. Droste was up next, and his fielder's choice sent DeWael home and tied the game at 10-10.

"That's a double-edged sword, because you like the fight you see, but you don't like what got us in that situation," said Henson.

But Avon wrapped the game up quickly, as a three-run double put them ahead 13-10, and the Orioles were able to hold off HSE in the bottom of the eighth.

Droste's two home runs accounted for five of his six RBIs. Buckingham was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Next up for the Royals is a trip to the Super Preps in Louisville, which take place April 4-7. Southeastern's first game is

Wednesday against Louisville Ballard, followed by a Thursday contest with Louisville Trinity, which is ranked in the top two in Kentucky. Also, the Royals will take on two top Chicagoland teams: Morgan Park on Friday and Glenbrook South on Saturday.

### Southeastern 16, Avon 1 (5 innings)

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Anthony Eggers	3	2	2	3
Cole DeWael	2	2	1	1
Matt Buckingham	2	2	0	1
Greyson Droste	3	3	2	2
Jacob Daftari	2	1	2	3
Michael Dillon	1	0	0	0
Jake Stout	3	1	2	5
Brayton Harrison	1	0	0	0
Zach Boyle	3	2	2	0
Jack Dewolf	2	0	2	1
Cam Bolling	0	2	0	0
Jacob Garcia	2	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>

Score by innings  
 Avon 000 10 - 1 2 0  
 Southeastern (13)12 0x - 16 13 0  
 HR: Stout. 3B: DeWael. 2B: Boyle, Daftari, Droste. SAC: Eggers. HBP: Daftari, DeWael, Dewolf.  
 Southeastern pitching IP R ER H  
 Carter Lohman (W) 3 0 0 1  
 Nathan Goodsell 2 1 0 1  
 Strikeouts: Lohman 7. Walks: Lohman 1, Goodsell 1.

### Avon 13, Southeastern 10 (8 innings)

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Anthony Eggers	3	1	0	0
Cole DeWael	3	3	2	1
Matt Buckingham	4	1	2	2
Greyson Droste	4	2	2	6
Jacob Daftari	3	0	0	0
Jake Stout	4	0	0	0
Zach Boyle	1	0	0	0
Brayton Harrison	3	1	1	0
Caden Ruhnow	2	0	0	0
Michael Dillon	0	1	0	0
Jack Dewolf	1	0	1	0
Cam Bolling	0	0	0	0
Jacob Garcia	3	0	0	0
Drew Switzer	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

Score by innings  
 Avon 160 200 13 - 13 11 0  
 Southeastern 000 302 50 - 10 9 2  
 HR: Droste 2. 2B: DeWael, Switzer.  
 Southeastern pitching IP R ER H  
 Grant Johnston 1 6 3 2  
 Andrew Morlen 3 3 1 3  
 Cole Graverson 2 0 0 1  
 Rutger Poiry 2 4 4 5  
 Strikeouts: Johnston 3, Morlen 3, Poiry 3, Graverson 2. Walks: Johnston 3, Poiry 1.

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County baseball in Tennessee...

# Tigers cruise past Shelbyville Central, fall on walk-off to Stewarts Creek

Fishers split the second day of its Tennessee trip on Saturday, beating Shelbyville Central 8-1, then falling to Stewarts Creek, last year's Tennessee state runner-up, 8-7.

In the first game, Mason Thomas made his varsity debut for the Class 4A No. 1 Tigers and played well for five innings. Thomas retired the first 11 batters he faced and finished with six strikeouts, while allowing two base runners (one single and one hit batter). Griffin Rhoads pitched a perfect 1-2-3 sixth inning, and Matthew Wolff pitched the seventh, striking out two and allowing one unearned run.

As the weather warmed up, the Fishers bats came alive pounding out 10 hits. Wolff led the Tigers at the plate finishing 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Alex Jamieson hit his first home run of the season, a two-run homer to dead center field. Kiel Brenczewski contributed two hits, and Grant Richardson reached based three times (a single and two walks).

Fishers continued its hot hitting in their second game, jumping out to a 5-0 lead through four innings. The Tigers scored two in the first inning when Richardson delivered a two-out doubled followed by RBI singles from Brenczewski and Wolff. Craig Yoho connected on his second home run of the season, a solo shot in the third. Two batters later Brenczewski connected on a two-run home run for his second homer in two days.

Richardson pitched brilliantly in his first start of the season, striking out 10 of

the 13 outs allowing two hits, while walking two and hitting two. After reaching his 80-pitch limit for his first start, Richardson was removed from the mound in the fifth inning, and Stewarts Creek immediately took the lead with six runs. Jamieson delivered his second home run of the day to tie the score 6-6 in sixth inning. Richardson was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded later in the inning to take a 7-6 lead for the Tigers.

With a 7-6 lead in the bottom of the seventh, Drew Hoffman (0-1) walked the leadoff batter before surrendered the game winning walk-off home run.

Fishers returns home from its annual Tennessee trip with a 3-2 record. The Tigers return to action next week when they open Hoosier Crossroads Conference play with a three-game series with 4A No. 9 Noblesville. The Tigers will play at Noblesville on Thursday and Saturday and will host the Millers at 6 p.m. on Friday.

## Fishers 8, Shelbyville Central 1

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Grant Whetsel	2	0	0	0
Collin Shelton	2	1	1	0
Craig Yoho	3	0	0	0
Grant Richardson	1	1	1	1
TJ Ratliff	1	1	1	0
Kiel Brenczewski	4	0	2	0
Drew Hoffman	0	1	0	0
Matt Wolff	4	1	3	3
Alex Klotz	0	0	0	0
Jack Roubush	4	2	1	0
Alex Jamieson	4	1	1	2

Daniel Owens	2	0	0	1
Nick Lukac	2	0	0	0
Totals	29	8	10	7

Score by innings  
 Shelbyville 000 000 1-1 1 2  
 Fishers 021 122 x-8 10 2  
 HR: Jamieson. SB: Lukac 2, Ratliff, Richardson. HBP: Owens, Yoho.  
 Fishers pitching IP R ER H  
 Mason Thomas (W) 5 0 0 1  
 Griffin Rhoads 1 0 0 0  
 Wolff 1 1 0 0  
 Strikeouts: Thomas 6, Wolff 2, Rhoads 1.  
 Walks: Wolff 1.

## Stewarts Creek 8, Fishers 7

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
JJ Woolwine	3	0	0	0
Collin Shelton	1	0	1	0
Craig Yoho	3	1	1	1
Grant Richardson	3	0	2	1
Grant Whetsel	0	2	0	0
Kiel Brenczewski	4	2	2	3
Matt Wolff	4	0	1	1
Jack Roubush	3	0	0	0
Alex Jamieson	3	1	1	1
Alex Klotz	0	0	0	0
Nick Lukac	4	0	2	0
Ben Burton	2	0	1	0
Daniel Owens	1	1	0	0
Totals	31	7	11	7

Score by innings  
 Fishers 203 002 0-7 11 2  
 Stewarts Creek 000 060 2-8 5 2  
 HR: Brenczewski, Jamieson, Yoho. 2B: Richardson. SB: Wolff. HBP: Richardson.  
 Fishers pitching IP R ER H  
 Richardson 4.1 3 3 2  
 Tristan Baker 0.2 3 2 2  
 Drew Hoffman 1.0 2 2 1  
 Strikeouts: Richardson 10. Walks: Richardson 2, Baker 1, Hoffman 1.

# Millers fall to Maryville, beat Christian Academy

The Noblesville baseball team finished up its Tennessee trip on Saturday by splitting another pair of games.

The Class 4A No. 9 Millers lost their first game of the day to Maryville 5-2. Maryville scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning and held on to the lead from there. Noblesville got one run each in the third and fourth innings. In the third, Mark Goudy scored after Zac Tuinei reached on error, then Tyler Owens singled in Jackson Ramey in the fourth.

Owens finished the game 2-for-3, while Goudy hit a double. The Millers had three pitchers in the game, with Zach Gruver tossing five strikeouts in three and a third innings.

Noblesville regrouped in the second game and beat Christian Academy of Knoxville 11-1 in six innings. The Millers scored six runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back.

Cooper Miles singled in Goudy for Noblesville's first run, followed by an RBI double for Jacob Thieman that sent Miles home. Tuinei's single scored Thieman, with Ramey's double scoring Tuinei. Goudy finished up the inning with a two-RBI single, which got Ramey and Bryce Randolph home.

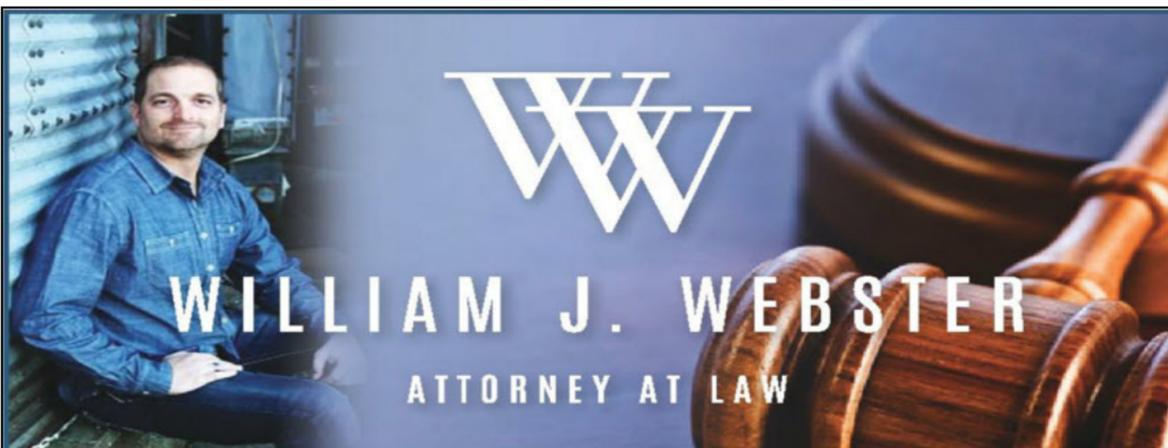
Noblesville added two more runs in the third inning. Bryce Randolph scored on a fielder's choice by Goudy, and Camden Nagel was sent home when DJ Owens hit a sacrifice fly.

Owens hit another sacrifice fly in the fifth to get Randolph home. Nagel scored again soon after to make the score 10-1. Finally, Ramey hit the Millers' third sacrifice fly of the game to score Tuinei in the sixth, and the Millers went three-up, three-down in the bottom of that inning to end the game.

Goudy finished the game 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while Randolph scored three runs. Five different Millers hit a double. On the mound, Tyler Owens pitched all six innings, striking out five and allowing just three hits.

Noblesville is now 3-2 and returns to Don Dunker Field on Tuesday to host Frankfort.

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# Trailblazers take two at Viking Classic

University's trip to the Viking Classic finished up on Saturday with the Trailblazers winning two games.

In its first game, University held off a comeback to beat Indiana's third-ranked team in Class 2A, Alexandria 7-6. The Tigers led 2-1 after the first inning, but the 'Blazers scored four runs in the top of the second. Nate Shatkowski scored on a double by Ben Ewer, then Ryan Williams smacked a three-run home run, also getting Ewer and Dawson Estep (who walked) home.

University got on the board in the first inning when Garrett Hill scored on a passed ball. The Trailblazers also scored in the third inning (Cade Carlson scored on an Asher Thompson fielder's choice) and the fourth inning (Williams scored on an error). Alexandria scored twice in the fourth to cut University's lead to one, but Hill threw three strikeouts in the fifth inning to end the game. (All of the games were five innings.)

Williams finished the game with three RBIs, while Hill's 2-for-3 night included a triple. Carlson got the win, with seven strikeouts.

The 'Blazers beat Grundy County 9-7 in their second game. Grundy started the game with seven runs in the top of the first inning, but did not score again.

University started its comeback with four runs in the first inning. Hill singled home Estep, Williams scored after Ewer drew a walk, Koke Hirano batted in Hill on a fielder's choice, and Jacob Lange's single sent Brock Moore home.

Moore sent Estep home on a second-inning single, then the 'Blazers took the lead for good by scoring four runs in the third. Thompson batted in Oxley, Hill's single got Thompson home, and Moore batted in Estep and Williams.

Estep was perfect at the plate, batting 3-for-3 (including two doubles) and scoring three runs. Moore totaled three RBIs. Oxley went two and two-thirds innings for the win, while starting pitcher Hill threw three strikeouts.

In an early Friday game, University lost to Fayetteville 6-2. The Trailblazers scored one run each in the first and second innings. Hill had the game's lone hit.

University is 3-1 and is off until April 9, when it travels to Speedway.

## Fayetteville 6, University 2

University	AB	R	H	RBI
Dawson Estep	3	1	0	0

Ryan Williams	2	0	0	0
Garrett Hill	2	0	1	0
Brock Moore	2	0	0	0
Cade Carlson	2	0	0	1
Kolton Stevens	2	0	0	0
Nate Shatkowski	2	0	0	0
Asher Thompson	1	1	0	0
Matt Moore	2	0	0	0
Totals	18	2	1	1

Score by innings  
 University 110 00 - 2 1 3  
 Fayetteville 101 4x - 6 7 4  
 SB: Estep, Thompson. HBP: Carlson.  
 University pitching IP R ER H  
 Will Spence 3.2 6 4 6  
 Adam Oxley 0.1 0 0 1  
 Strikeouts: Spence 1. Walks: Spence 3.

## University 7, Alexandria 6

University	AB	R	H	RBI
Dawson Estep	1	1	0	0
Ryan Williams	2	2	1	3
Garrett Hill	3	1	2	0
Brock Moore	3	0	1	0
Cade Carlson	3	1	1	0
Kolton Stevens	2	0	0	0
Nate Shatkowski	1	1	0	0
Asher Thompson	3	0	0	1
Ben Ewer	3	1	1	1
Totals	21	7	6	5

Score by innings  
 University 141 10 - 7 6 1  
 Alexandria 211 20 - 6 7 1  
 HR: Williams. 3B: Hill. 2B: Ewer, Hill, Moore. SB:

Estep, Shatkowski. SAC: Shatkowski. HBP: Stevens.  
 University pitching IP R ER H  
 Carlson (W) 4 5 3 6  
 Hill (S) 1 0 0 0  
 Strikeouts: Carlson 7, Hill 3. Walks: Carlson 3, Hill 1.

## University 9, Grundy County 7

University	AB	R	H	RBI
Dawson Estep	3	3	3	0
Ryan Williams	3	2	0	0
Garrett Hill	3	1	2	2
Brock Moore	2	1	2	3
Cade Carlson	3	0	0	0
Ben Ewer	1	0	0	1
Adam Oxley	0	1	0	0
Koke Hirano	3	0	1	1
Jacob Lange	3	0	1	1
Asher Thompson	2	1	1	1
Totals	23	9	10	9

Score by innings  
 Grundy County 700 00 - 7 2 0  
 University 414 0x - 9 10 2  
 2B: Estep 2.  
 University pitching IP R ER H  
 Moore 1.1 7 2 2  
 Oxley (W) 2.2 0 0 0  
 Hill (S) 1.0 0 0 0  
 Strikeouts: Moore 3, Oxley 2, Hill 2. Walks: Moore 6, Oxley 1, Hill 1.

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## Maryville 5, Noblesville 2

Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Mark Goudy	3	1	1	0
DJ Owens	3	0	0	0
Zac Tuinei	3	0	0	0
Reese Sharp	3	0	0	0
Jacob Thieman	2	0	0	0
Cooper Miles	2	0	0	0
Jackson Ramey	2	1	1	0
Bryce Randolph	2	0	0	0
Zach Gruver	0	0	0	0
Tyler Owens	3	0	2	1
Totals	23	2	4	1

Score by innings  
 Noblesville 001 100 0 - 2 4 1  
 Maryville 030 200 x - 5 6 1  
 2B: Goudy. SB: Goudy, Ramey. HBP: Miles, Ramey, Thieman.  
 Noblesville pitching IP R ER H  
 Sharp 1.2 3 3 2  
 Gruver 3.1 2 1 3  
 Ryan Plummer 1.0 0 0 1  
 Strikeouts: Gruver 5, Sharp 2. Walks: Sharp 4.

## Noblesville 11, Christian Academy of Knoxville 1 (6 innings)

Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Mark Goudy	4	1	3	3
Alex Zavac	1	0	0	0
DJ Owens	2	0	0	2
Cooper Miles	4	1	1	2
Jacob Thieman	4	1	1	1
Reese Sharp	1	0	0	0
Connor Vanosdol	1	0	0	0
Zac Tuinei	4	2	2	1
Jackson Ramey	3	1	1	2
Bryce Randolph	2	3	1	0
Tyler Owens	2	0	2	0
Camden Nagel	0	2	0	0
Matt Peek	0	0	0	0
Brady Walden	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	11	11	11

Score by innings  
 Noblesville 602 021 - 11 11 0  
 Christian Academy 010 000 - 1 3 2  
 2B: Goudy, T. Owens, Ramey, Thieman, Tuinei.  
 SB: Tuinei. SAC: DJ Owens 2, Ramey. HBP: Randolph.  
 Noblesville pitching IP R ER H  
 T. Owens (W) 6 1 1 3  
 Strikeouts: T. Owens 5. Walks: T. Owens 4.

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# NBA standings

**Saturday's scores**  
 Washington 107, Charlotte 93  
 Detroit 115, New York 109  
 Boston 110, Toronto 99  
 Brooklyn 110, Miami 109, OT  
 Golden State 112, Sacramento 96

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Toronto	55	21	.724	-
x - Boston	53	23	.697	2.0
x - Philadelphia	45	30	.600	9.5
New York	27	50	.351	28.5
Brooklyn	25	51	.329	30.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Cleveland	46	30	.605	-
x - Indiana	45	31	.592	1.0
Milwaukee	41	35	.539	5.0
Detroit	36	40	.474	10.0
Chicago	25	51	.329	21.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Washington	42	34	.553	-
Miami	41	36	.532	1.5
Charlotte	34	43	.442	8.5
Orlando	22	53	.293	19.5
Atlanta	21	55	.276	21.0

x - clinched playoff berth

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	47	29	.618	-
Minnesota	44	33	.571	3.5
Oklahoma City	44	33	.571	3.5
Utah	43	33	.566	4.0
Denver	41	35	.539	6.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
y - Golden State	55	21	.724	-
L.A. Clippers	41	35	.539	14.0
L.A. Lakers	33	42	.440	21.5
Sacramento	24	53	.312	31.5
Phoenix	19	58	.247	36.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
z - Houston	62	14	.816	-
San Antonio	44	32	.579	18.0
New Orleans	43	33	.566	19.0
Dallas	23	53	.303	39.0
Memphis	21	55	.276	41.0

y - clinched division z - clinched conference

# MLB standings

**Saturday's scores**  
 Minnesota 6, Baltimore 2  
 N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 2  
 Washington 13, Cincinnati 7  
 Houston 9, Texas 3  
 L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 3  
 Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 3  
 Cleveland 6, Seattle 5  
 Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2  
 Chicago Cubs 10, Miami 6, 10 innings  
 Atlanta 15, Philadelphia 2  
 Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 3  
 Colorado 2, Arizona 1  
 Milwaukee 7, San Diego 3  
 L.A. Dodgers 5, San Francisco 0  
 Pittsburgh at Detroit, postponed

## American League

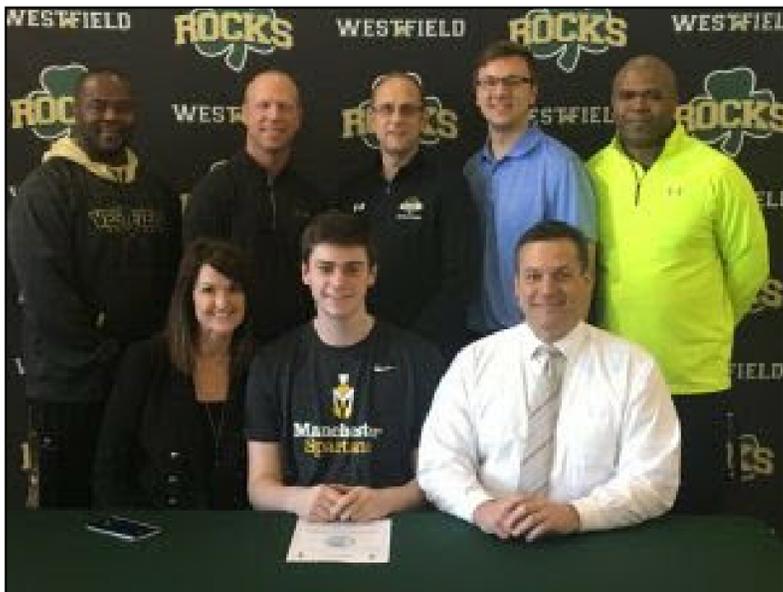
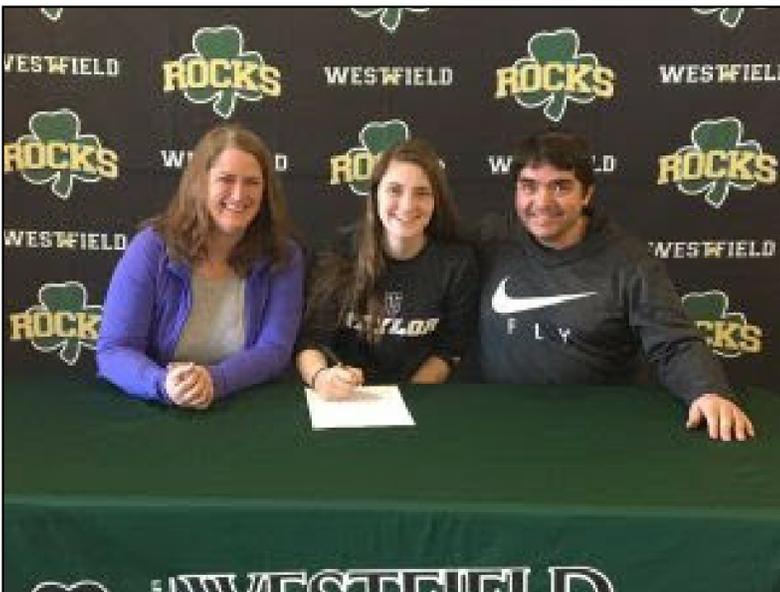
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	2	1	.667	-
N.Y. Yankees	2	1	.667	-
Baltimore	1	1	.500	0.5
Tampa Bay	1	2	.333	1.0
Toronto	1	2	.333	1.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	2	0	1.00	-
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1.0
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1.0
Detroit	0	1	.000	1.5
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	2	1	.667	-
L.A. Angels	2	1	.667	-
Seattle	1	1	.500	0.5
Oakland	1	2	.333	1.0
Texas	1	2	.333	1.0

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	2	0	1.00	-
Washington	2	0	1.00	-
Atlanta	2	1	.667	0.5
Miami	1	2	.333	1.5
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	3	0	1.00	-
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.00	1.0
Chi. Cubs	2	1	.667	1.0
Cincinnati	0	2	.000	2.5
St. Louis	0	2	.000	2.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	2	1	.667	-
San Francisco	2	1	.667	-
Colorado	1	2	.333	1.0
L.A. Dodgers	1	2	.333	1.0
San Diego	0	3	.000	2.0

# Westfield college athletic signings

Photos courtesy Westfield High School



ABOVE: Elisabeth Fauntleroy signed her letter of intent to play Soccer at Taylor University in Upland. Elisabeth played soccer three years at Westfield High School. Elisabeth will graduate with Academic Honors and is a member of the Rotary Internet Club. At Taylor, she plans to major in Nursing. Pictured are Elisabeth and her parents, Chrissy and Jimmy Fauntleroy.

ABOVE LEFT: Dory Thompson has signed her letter of intent to play Softball at Trine University in Angola. Dory is a four-year starter and varsity letter winner in Softball. As a sophomore, she was named Honorable Mention All Hoosier Crossroads Conference, and as a junior, she was named 1st Team All HCC and 1st Team All Hamilton County. Dory was also named the Rocks Defensive Player of the year her junior year. She is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society and was recognized at the Academic Evening of Excellence her Senior year. At Trine, Dory plans to study Exercise Science and Strength and Conditioning. Pictured: Front row sitting alongside Dory are her parents, Kelly and Holly Thompson. Standing are Kelly Thompson, brother; Lorenzo Walker, Trine softball coach; Brian Revercomb, varsity softball coach; Tavio Henson, strength coach.

LEFT: Michael Koza has signed his letter of intent to play Basketball at Manchester University in North Manchester. Michael is a two-year varsity letter winner at WHS and played basketball all four years. He will graduate with an Academic Honors Diploma at WHS. At Manchester, Michael will major in Business Sports Marketing. Pictured: Front row sitting alongside Michael are his parents, Susan and Kelly Koza. Standing are Tavio Henson, strength coach; Shane Sumpter, varsity head basketball coach; Ken Hampton, varsity assistant basketball coach; Austin Brengle, varsity assistant basketball coach; Fonzo White, varsity assistant basketball coach.

