

Sports



The 2018 Courier-Tribune All-County Softball Team



Savannah Beaver
Eastern Randolph
Freshman/P

Playing unlike a freshman, Beaver was the Piedmont Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year after notching a 1.52 ERA and striking out 59. She also led the Wildcats, hitting .562.



Charley Butler
Randleman
Senior/SS

Quick on her feet, Butler led the Tigers with 18 stolen bases. She also hit .439 and had a .880 fielding percentage. Butler will play at Louisville next season.



Hailee Cagle
Southwestern Randolph
Sophomore/3B

Solid with her glove at third, Cagle hit .457 on the season and led the Cougars with 7 triples. She moved to leadoff during the season and upped her BA to .667.



Hallie Chisholm
Randleman
Senior/OF

The senior shined in her final season with the Tigers, leading the squad with a .483 batting average and 18 runs. She signed to play with Pfeiffer in the spring.



Megan Cottrell
Randleman
Senior/C

Cottrell, who will play for Guilford College next spring, was a steady presence behind the plate and a steady bat for the Tigers, hitting .458 with 17 runs scored.



Sydney Cox
Asheboro
Sophomore/Util

The sophomore was the Blue Comets' leadoff batter, but still hit .382 with 20 hits. She also paced AHS with a .975 fielding percentage. She has already committed to play at N.C. State.



Kaleigh Craft
Wheatmore
Sophomore/C

In just her second year of high school, Craft hit .399 with 27 hits and 16 RBIs with the Warriors playing a tough Piedmont Athletic Conference slate.



Kelsey Craven
Eastern Randolph
Sophomore/3B

Craven paced the Wildcats with 4 home runs, hitting .447 with 28 hits, 18 runs scored and 15 RBIs. And she has two more years left.



Katie Ficquette
Asheboro
Senior/C-Util

A senior who has seen her name on the All-County list more than once, Ficquette finished her final season hitting .371 with a team-high 23 hits and 19 RBIs.



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HONORED — Providence Grove High School's Anna Thomas was named **The Courier-Tribune** Player of the Year.

Thomas named Player of Year

From staff reports

Randolph County proved to be a softball powerhouse this season, making for tough decisions in forming the annual **The Courier-Tribune** All-County Softball Team.

One player stood out — Providence Grove's Anna Thomas dominated in all facets of the game. For that, Thomas has been named **The Courier-Tribune** Player of the Year.

The senior hit .577 with a county-high 41 hits, 40 RBIs and 23 extra-base hits, including 16 doubles. In the circle, Thomas had a 0.94 ERA and 141 strikeouts, leading the Patriots to a 22-1 record, a Piedmont Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament title and into the third round of the NCHSAA 2-A playoffs.

The Courier-Tribune Coach of the Year Award goes to PG's Tim Brown.

Honorable Mention

Megan Banker (AHS), Courtney Carter (ER), Nicole Cox (ER), Shyanne Gray (ER), Aniyah King (ER), Brooklyn Bush (ER), Tatum Smith (PG), Sara Welch (PG), Bethany Dobias (RHS), Aaliyah Rutcliffe (RHS), Alex Coleman (SWR), Emily Johnson (SWR), Kourtnee Blankenship (TIS), Hayden Sands (UCA), Gail Sink (UCA), Emily Lane (WHS), Meredith McQuaigue (WHS), Hailey Mince (WHS).

The All-County Softball Team is chosen by **The Courier-Tribune** sports staff based on recommendations from local coaches, statistics, attitude, sportsmanship and overall contributions to the team.



Maddie Hunt
Providence Grove
Sophomore/INF-OF

Hunt could be trusted to play anywhere on the field. A two-time All-PAC player, she hit .435 with 22 runs scored, 15 RBIs and 6 stolen bases.



Samantha Lagrama
Southwestern Randolph
Senior/C

A candidate for Player of the Year, Lagrama was like having a coach on the field. She led the Cougars, hitting .541 with 40 hits and 26 RBIs. On defense, she had zero errors, 145 assists and 8 pickoffs.



Heaven Maness
Southwestern Randolph
Sophomore/SS

Aside from hitting .441 with 15 RBIs, Maness provided the Cougars with a great glove, a strong arm and plenty of speed. She had 42 putouts and 52 assists at shortstop.



Emma Saunders
Providence Grove
Senior/C

Saunders led the PAC in home runs with 5. She hit .409 with 30 RBIs and was a two-time All-PAC performer. A gifted athlete, Saunders will play volleyball at Methodist in the fall.



Autumn Springer
Southwestern Randolph
Senior/P

Springer boasted 12 wins on the season with 5 shutouts. She finished the season with a 2.47 ERA with 113 strikeouts, including 11 in one game.



Skyler Swaney
Wheatmore
Junior/P-OF

The junior led the Warriors, hitting .452 with 33 hits and 21 runs scored. She also notched 13 RBIs with 9 extra-base hits. She boasted a .469 on-base and .640 slugging percentage.



Caitlin Swiggert
Trinity
Senior/1B

A steady first-baseman, Swiggert had 114 put-outs and a county-high .983 fielding percentage. At the plate, she hit .422 with a team-high 29 runs to go with 27 hits and 17 RBIs.



Kelli Wagner
Trinity
Senior/SS

Wagner finished her senior season pacing the Bulldogs with a .500 batting average, 34 hits, 38 RBIs and 20 extra-base hits to go with 27 runs. She also had 55 assists on defense.



Alli Young
Providence Grove
Junior/CF

A three-time All-PAC selection, Young was solid for the Patriots, hitting .433 with 16 runs and 17 RBIs.