

## Speech, drama students celebrate success

Last Tuesday the speech and drama students, families and coaches gathered at an awards night to recognize the students' accomplishments.

Students were recognized for their participation as well as their individual successes in speech. Several individual awards were also presented:

### Fall Play

Directors' Choice: Emma McDowell, Kristin Lucas, Andrew Kloser, Molly Anderegg and Noah DeVore

### Spring Play

Directors' Choice for Acting: Emma McDowell, Shelby March and Kristin Lucas  
Rising Star Award: Amaya Hunt and Noah DeVore

110% Awards: Paige Panosh and Emma McDowell

Rock Star Award (set building): Amanda Mohr, Amaya Hunt, Ashtyn Porter, Brylie Pohlman, Emma McDowell, Kristin Lucas, Kylynn Clary, Madeline Gellersen, Noah DeVore and Paige Panosh

### Defining Performance Awards

Linda Lahr, Greg Panosh and Brenden Porter

Some speech students were also noted: Hannah Lahr was a four-year All-Stater in large group, and Faith Hunt was a four-year individual event All-Stater.



Several of the sophomore students pose with their speech and drama certificates at last Tuesday night's ceremony. Students from all four grades were recognized.

## From students to alumni

### Plans set for last day of school

The end of the year is approaching, and some students have planned some special events for the last day of school.

Following abbreviated classes, three junior students have created some videos to give you all the feels. Then the student council takes over and has arranged for lunch and games outside.

Schedule:

8:03- 8:23 (1st)

8:26 - 8:46 (2nd)

8:49-9:09 (3rd)

9:12-9:32 (4th)

9:35-9:55 (5th)

9:58-10:18 (6th)

10:21-10:41 (7th)

10:44-11:04 (8th)

11:04:41: Report to the auditorium

Lunch, games, laughter



MV has 53 new names to add to its list of alumni. The traditional graduation ceremony of speeches, academic recognition and presentation of diplomas



took place in the gym last Wednesday night. The band and choir also performed. No Five-Star Award was presented this year. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Brooke Wilson  
Student Body President



Hannah Lahr  
Valedictorian



Faith Hunt  
Salutatorian

# Say it isn't so: Overman retires after working here since 1978

by Faith Hunt

As the end of the school year wraps up, many students and staff begin to reminisce all the good times they have had with the graduating seniors. Usually the seniors are the focus at the end of year, but this year they share the spotlight with some very special staff members who have announced their retirement. Although all the individuals parting from Maquoketa Valley this spring contain special qualities that will be dearly missed, one individual has set herself apart from the others. After forty-one years, Pam Overman, one of the most knowledgeable secretaries at Maquoketa Valley, has decided to end her journey here and begin a new one.

Pam's impact at Maquoketa Valley will be everlasting and she will take a piece of Maquoketa Valley with her when she goes. A multitude of teachers will always remember and appreciate the things Pam did for them over the years and have expressed their gratitude to her. Mrs. Lewin says she is most appreciative for Pam's help when they were scoring track meets so many year ago. Mrs. Lewin talked about the countless hours it took to get it done. Mrs. Lewin goes on to say Pam will be remembered most for her ability to always be one step ahead of the game.

Mrs. Hunt talked about how thorough Pam was in every task she took on. Pam also doubled as tech support for Mrs. Hunt throughout the years as well. Mrs. Hunt says "anything computerized I didn't understand she would either show me, print



off for me, or just do it for me." Without Pam, who knows if the library would still be intact. Mrs. Hunt wishes Pam good luck with her retirement, but more importantly, to enjoy every minute with those grandchildren that she holds so close to her heart.

Mrs. Downs talks about how her relationship with Pam runs deep. Mrs. Downs has never really known a Maquoketa Valley without Pam because she had Pam when she was a student and now as a teacher. Downs jokes that Pam has a knack for dates and when Mrs. Downs can't remember one Pam always seems to know right away. Finally, Mrs. Downs says that she isn't sure if anyone else in the entire school district knows more than Pam does about Maquoketa Valley and that she will miss Pam dearly.

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Not only have the teachers appreciated Pam's work, but the students are equally grateful for all she has done. Senior Madison McIntyre has had Pam as secretary all four years of high school and says the one thing she is most thankful for is when Pam let her drop Anatomy past the deadline. Madison puts into perspective how crucial Pam is to the smooth function of Maquoketa Valley by calling her "the backbone of the school."

Another senior, Brooke Wilson, says simply, "she was always willing to help."

Allie Knipper, a junior, says without Pam prom decorating would not have been completed. When they did not finish the decorating in time, Pam showed up on her own time to help them out. Allie wants Pam to know that she is more than welcome to come back because everyone will definitely miss her.

Pam says she will miss the many close relationships she has built with the staff members over the years. Despite those relationships she said there was no question about what she enjoyed the most



about Maquoketa Valley: the kids. For her, it has always been about the kids. She also says that one of the biggest changes in the school over the past 30+ years has been how the kids act. She says when she started there were no phones or computers and learning how to deal with them has been challenging, but definitely made the job easier. She recalls a time when everything she does online now had to be done by hand. She goes to remember that when she started hardly anyone ever drove to school. Nowadays we have more drivers than bus riders in the high school. She also says another big change is that no one used to ever bring their lunch to school, and now it is common.

When asked what she is going to do with all her free time, she responded with an adventurous "what happens, happens." She is most excited to go visit her daughter and grandkids more often, but besides that, she is going to relax and let life take her where it takes her. She is open to new adventures.

Pam has given more than enough of her time to Maquoketa Valley and everyone appreciates what she has done. What is really special about Pam is the personal hours she put in, the hours that she was working while no one was watching. She was not paid for that time and she did that work out of the kindness in her heart. Maquoketa Valley High School sends their best wishes and good luck to Pam as she embarks on her new journey after this school year.



# Kudrna leaves lasting impression on students

by Austin Snyder

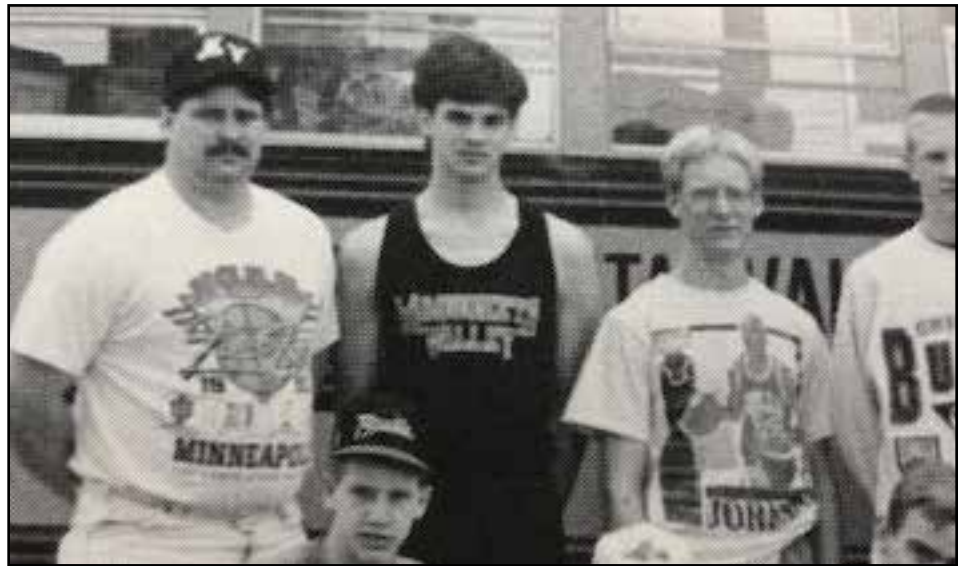
Many students will be saying their goodbyes to the fellow seniors, but let's not forget about one of our valuable leaders when this year comes to an end. As many of you know, Mr. Kudrna will be moving on from the school district at the end of this school year. Even though all good things must come to an end, we can not ignore the amount of great deeds this individual has done for our school district.

As Mr. Kudrna's long experience of 33 years of working at the Maquoketa Valley School District comes to an end, he will be working full time at Delhi Lumber.

Even though he already has a plan set for his upcoming future, he is going to miss the students the most. When I asked Mr. K the question of what have you enjoyed most about your job, he did not hesitate to reply with "number one is being with the kids."

As we are all aware, Mr. K's heart has always been with the students. "I have always had a passion for teaching and coaching." He has been the one whom everyone has felt comfortable around, whether that was in the classroom or in the hallways. "The relationships I build with kids is very important to me." As students, we all know that we could always come to this leader with open arms.

Being around students all day and doing what you love for years comes with a few headaches. When I asked Mr. K what the hardest part about his job has been, he replied, "I believe the hardest part is when



kids do not want to give their best effort when they are capable of doing things they need to do, as well as trying to get them to believe that they can succeed is challenging." At the end of the day he knows that he has been successful when he has improved a student's role in the classroom. This not only makes his day, but as well as the students'.

The next question I asked was "what have been some of the biggest changes in MV in the past 30+ years?" Mr. Kudrna stated the decrease in enrollment in the school district. "We do not have as many students as we used to have, especially rural kids."

When someone stays at the same place as Mr. K has, you will see a lot of changes over the years. He also stated that the facilities have improved drastically. He also touched on a topic that many of us may hear quite a bit, "for the students, I believe kids still want to succeed nowadays and what the average person makes students out to be nowadays is not true." Mr. Kudrna works with students on a daily basis and knows that this assumption about our generation is not true.

Mr. Kudrna is known to sit in the lobby every morning to watch the students walk in and makes sure to greet every single one of us. "Something I have always looked forward to everyday is getting to come here and talk to the students." Personally this is how I'm going to remember Mr. Kudrna, as the one who rarely ever misses a day to make sure he says good morning to myself and others at the start of everyday.

You've heard my opinion as well

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***"I have always had a passion for teaching and coaching."***

*—Mr. Kudrna, retiring after 33 years*

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as Mr. K's opinions, now let's hear it from a few other students. I asked Ty Domeyer how he will remember Mr. K as he has become a lot closer to him this school year. "I will remember him as a person who has always pushed me to do the best of my abilities." Ty also stated that he was not afraid to call him out on his mistakes. "In the past he always seemed to get on my nerves, I now realize that it was all for a good reason."

A few other students chimed in following Ty's responses. They agreed that Mr. Kudrna has always been a person that you can joke around with, but when work was needed to be done it was time to be serious. They agreed that he is a very friendly guy who will be there for anyone when help or advice is needed.

Overall Mr. Kudrna's main goal was to make sure students were doing everything to the best of their abilities and were sure we felt welcome at school. We are going to miss his dedication, jokes, willingness to help, and advice.

"I'm going to miss seeing the kids every day. That is going to be the hardest thing for me."

I know for a fact that the students will miss you dearly Mr. K. We all wish you the best!



# 18 entries compete at state track

## by Chance Downs

On May 10 the Maquoketa Valley Boys Track Team Traveled to Central City to compete at the class 1A #1 Districts. The Wildcats finished 2nd as a team to Calamus-Wheatland by 1 point: 139 to 140.

The points in the field events were scored by the following:

Long Jump: AJ Ambundo - 9th - 17-04.00;  
Devante Strickland - 13th - 15-09.50  
Shot Put: Norman Wilson - 2nd - 46-11.00;  
Brian Heims - 3rd - 46-00.00  
Discus: Blake Becker - 2nd - 135-00; Brian Heims - 6th - 124-09  
High Jump: AJ Ambundo - 2nd - 5-10.00

The running events also accumulated a number of points for the Wildcats with several top 8 performances.

### 800-Sprint Medley Relay:

Daniel Hunter, Chad Neuzil, Derek Becker, Chance Downs - Champions - 1:36.12  
3200M Run: Nolan Ries - 8th - 11:14.81;  
Tate Trenkamp - 10th - 11:24.24  
4x800M Relay: Cy Huber, Ethan Doyl, Preston Roling, Michael Schaul - 4th - 9:06.13

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Derek Becker, Teige Hunt, James LeGassick, Chad Neuzil - Champions - 1:02.60

100M Dash: Daniel Hunter - 2nd - 11.63;  
Zach Digman - 8th - 12.13

1600-Distance Medley Relay: Matthew Hucker, Evan Hoefler, Owen Mensen, Andrew Kloser - 7th - 3:59.21

400M Dash: Chance Downs - 2nd - 51.39;  
Jon Seibert - 10th - 57.76

4x200M Relay: Daniel Hunter, James LeGassick, Derek Becker, Chance Downs - 2nd - 1:34.53

110M Hurdles: Chad Neuzil - Champion - 15.15; Teige Hunt - 8th - 18.09

800M Run: Michael Schaul - 4th - 2:10.74;  
Cy Huber - 6th - 2:15.58

200M Dash: Owen Mensen - 7th - 24.92;  
AJ Ambundo - 8th - 25.00

400M Hurdles: James LeGassick - Champion - 56.71; Tim Harmon - 11th - 1:06.89

1600M Run: Ethan Doyl - 5th - 5:02.65;  
Nolan Ries - 9th - 5:13.48

4x100M Relay: Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefler, Zach Digman, Chad Neuzil - Champions - 44.93

4x400M Relay: Derek Becker, Evan Hoefler, James LeGassick, Chance Downs - Champions - 3:30.27

## STATE RESULTS from May 16-18

It's hot and it's cold, it's wet and it's dry. That's the weather the state trackers experienced as the teams competed on the blue oval. The boys team finished in 11th place with 22 points, and the girls team earned a ninth place finish with 23 points.



Chance Downs sprints to the finish in a close 4x400. MV finished second, missing first by .08 of a second. (photo by Pete Temple)

Lydia Helle finished eighth in the shot put this year. (photo by Mr. Dunlap)

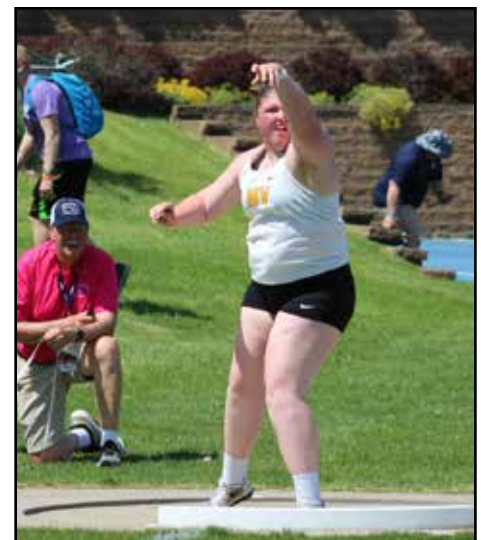
Coach Dunlap said he was pleased with the results of the weekend. "It was fantastic to have this team perform as well as they did. I wasn't surprised to get points at the state meet with these gals. I was surprised to score as much as we did with 23 points and a 9th place team finish. I am proud of these girls and am excited about next year already."

He noted Lydia Helle's shot put performance: "She has been very consistent and grew more than a foot from last season. Coach Helle and Lydia have had big expectations for this season and she took care of business down at state." Sam Wall also left her mark on the MV track program. "She is phenomenal and I have been extremely lucky to have such a great talent and such a great person to coach for four seasons. It was great to see her get some hardware at state after having a frustrating state meet as a junior. She was also a great leader with the relay teams helping all the underclassman get familiar with the state meet and shake off their nerves."

Coach Dunlap also noted the efforts of the hurdlers who came into the meet 13th and finished 12th: "I am excited about the future for our hurdlers and think this group will be great for years to come."

### Results:

100 Dash - Daniel Hunter, 11.71  
400 Dash - Chance Downs, 51.66  
110 Hurdles - Chad Neuzil, 15.39  
400 Hurdles - James LeGassick, 8th, 56.96  
High Jump - AJ Ambundo, 18th, 5'9"  
Discus - Blake Becker, 14th, 131'4"  
Shot Put - Norm Wilson, 9th, 47'5.5"  
Shot Put - Brian Heims, 20th, 48'8.5"  
4x100 Relay - Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefler,

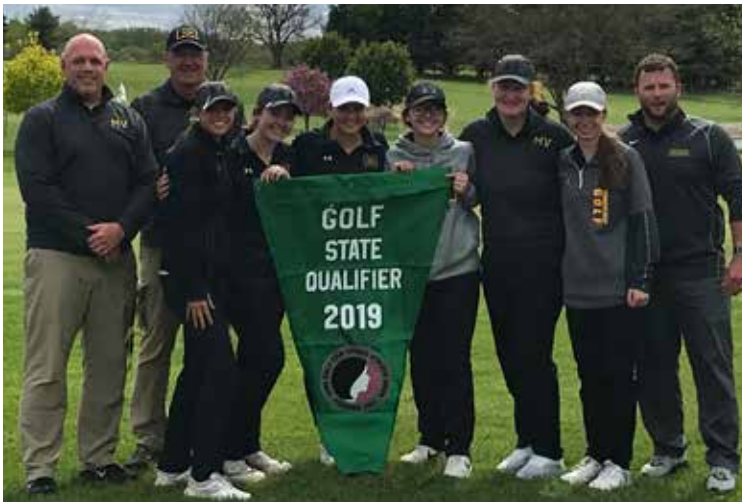


Zach Digman, Chad Neuzil, 10th, 44.84  
4x200 Relay - Daniel Hunter, James LeGassick, Derek Becker, Chance Downs, 2nd, 1:32.42  
4x400 Relay - Derek Becker, Evan Hoefler, James LeGassick, Chance Downs, 2nd, 3:25.85  
800 Medley Relay - Daniel Hunter, Chad Neuzil, Derek Becker, Chance Downs, 4th, 1:36.58  
Shuttle Hurdle Relay - Derek Becker, Teige Hunt, James LeGassick, Chad Neuzil, DQed in finals  
100 M. Dash - Sam Wall, 2nd, 12.77  
200 M. Dash - Sam Wall, 2nd, 26.05  
Shot Put - Lydia Helle, 8th, 37'2.5"  
Shuttle Hurdle Relay - Leah Ries, Kailyn Hogan, Caelyn Sands, Payton Beaman, 12th, 1:12.18  
4x400 M. Relay - Payton Beaman, Kylie Chesnut, Amaya Hunt, Sam Wall, 3rd, 4:11.99



# Girls golf team earns state berth

The girls team of Faith Hunt, Kelly Winter, Kelsey Ries, Chloe Roling, Erika Supple, and Mady Moenck qualified for state yesterday. They're coached by Mr. Besler, Joe Winter and Mr. Andrews.



# Zirtzman to state!



Isaac Zirtzman competed in the District golf meet May 15 at Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside. And he decided his season wasn't over as he qualified for the state meet which will be held Friday in Newton. Zirtzman tied for third with a score of 84 on 18 holes.

He is the first male golfer from MV to qualify for state. Zirtzman said making it to state has been the result of a lot of hard work with the help of his dad and coaches. "Now we're just doing the best we can to win or place." He's been golfing at Hartridge Golf Course since he was a toddler.

Zirtzman qualified for the District meet by finishing first in the sectional meet May 10. He scored an 80 on 18 holes.

MV ended its team season at that sectional meet, coming in 5th place, with a score of 396. "This has been a great season, as the team has steadily improved as the season went on," stated Coach Andrews. "The team improved their score by over 60 strokes, from the start of the season, to now. We couldn't be more proud of them."

Rounding out the team score was Austin Snyder with a 99, Tony Offerman with a 103 and Dylan Lane with a 114. Morgan Hermanson scored a 118, and Jackson Hunter had 163.

"It's bittersweet seeing the team season end, and saying goodbye to our lone senior on the team, Austin Snyder," stated Coach Andrews. "He will be missed by his coaches and teammates, next season. Whichever JV golfer steps into his place, next season, will have big golf shoes to fill."

## what's up?

### What was your favorite show or movie to watch when you were little?

by Paige Winter

Leah Ries: Shake it Up

A.J. Ambundo: Go Diego Go

Carissa Sabers: Curious George

Annisten Trenkamp: According to the Jim

Zach Digman: Tom and Jerry

Zoey Mulford: iCarly or Zoey 101

Shelby March: Teletubbies

Lydia Helle: That's So Raven

Mrs. Lewin: Punky Brewster

Señorita: Animaniacs

The girls golf team began its post-season play May 13 at Regionals at Wapsi Oaks Golf Course in Calamus. The team finished first with 418, and Kelly Winter came away as medalist.

"We as coaches were very proud of how the girls battled through their round Monday to come out on top," stated Coach Andrews. "It was a tough Regional and came down to the very end."

Scores were: Winter, 93; Erika Supple, 106; Chloe Roling, 107; Mady Moenck, 112; Faith Hunt, 115; Kelsey Ries, 121.

That first place finish advanced the team to the Regional finals meet held at Backbone Monday where they finished second behind East Buchanan but still earned a spot at the state tournament. Kelly Winter finished first with an 85 on 18 holes. Other scores were Supple, 100; Moenck, 106; Hunt and Roling, 107; and Ries, 125.

State is next Tuesday and Wednesday in Marshalltown.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: APUSH

**Front: Derek Mensen, Chance Downs and Mason Lubben; back: Allie Knipper, Shelby March, Carter Hildebrand, Summer Schmuecker and Lydia Helle.**

"They were excellent all year: inquisitive, receptive to feedback, and showed tremendous growth. They also overcame all the days we missed during the winter and were willing to do many things on their own." —Mr. Huegel



# Best Buds



**Payton Beaman & Claire Krapfl**

by Allie Dunn

**How long have you guys been friends?**

Since 5th grade

**What is your favorite thing to do with each other?**

Payton- driving around and jamming out to party for two

Claire-driving around and jamming to old JB

**What your favorite memory together?**

Payton- going to a basketball game

Claire- getting snowed in at Krista's

**Do you know what the other's favorite restaurant is?**

Payton- Buffalo Wild Wings

Claire- Buffalo Wild Wings

# Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I paddle with four oars and move quickly through the water, but never leave the safety of my home What am I?

Answer: A turtle

# 2019-20 Dance teams announced

**State Team**

Allie Dunn

Annisten Trenkamp

Leah Ries

Kaelynn Clark

Mianna Gosche

Molly Anderegg

Kendra Hillers

Isabel Landas

McKenna Thompson

**Regular Season Dancers**

Keziah Ambundo

Kriya Atwell

**Team Manager**

Saige Hunt

# Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

This was a week lasts. Wednesday was graduation for the seniors. This Echo is the last issue of the year. So, to celebrate lasts, I interviewed Mrs. Lewin, Mrs. Hunt and Mr. DeVore about their last years of high school.



**What was your best memory from your senior year?**

Mrs. Lewin: At our baccalaureate, the kindergartners escorted the graduates into the gym.

My little brother, TJ, was a kindergartner at the time, so he got to walk me into the gym.

Mrs. Hunt: Prom, homecoming, and graduation

Mr. DeVore: Float building for homecoming- We built a wood frame that looked like a train engine and lowered it over a pickup so it looked like a train was driving down the street.

**What was the biggest lesson you learned?**

Mrs. Lewin: Take challenging classes your senior year. It helps prepare you for college

Mrs. Hunt: You paid attention to Mr. Dunlap (our Mr. Dunlap's grandfather), who taught Government, and got your term paper in on time

Mr. DeVore: Time management- how to balance schoolwork and extracurriculars

**Who was the most influential person to you your senior year?**

Mrs. Lewin: My dad- he pushed me to do well in school (college was not an option)

Mrs. Hunt: Mr. Eyres (counselor)- he was a kind man and a great counselor; was always good to the kids

Mr. DeVore: Mr. Fine (math teacher)- had a quirky sense of humor that I related to very much; the class became close friends

**What advice would you have liked to have known going into your senior year?**

Mrs. Lewin: Save your money!

Mrs. Hunt: Study hard your senior year but remember to still have fun!

Mr. DeVore: Advice on how to properly study for my classes

Thanks for taking a walk down memory lane. That's all for this year- "catch you on the flip side"!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

the week of May 21, 2019

TUESDAY, May 21, 2019

1. HS JV (DH) Softball JV (DH) Baseball at Lisbon - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2019

1. HS Design & Drafting Classes to Frank Lloyd Wright Home in Quasqueton

2. HS Volleyball Sign-Up for 2019 Season Meeting - Auditorium - During WIN (2:55 PM)

THURSDAY, May 23, 2019

1. HS V (DH) Softball and V (DH) Baseball - HOME - Starmont - 5:00 PM

2. HS Boys State Golf Tournament - Westwood Golf Course in Newton

## Girls basketball awards presented

The girls basketball team had their awards night this past weekend. Several awards were presented to members of this conference champion team.

E. Wayne Cooley Award for Leadership and Character:

Brooklyn Sands, Brooke Wilson, Brooke Elgin

Digs Award (for faced adversity or tough challenges): Brooke Wilson

Unanimous 1st Team All Conference--Sam Wall

Honorable Mention--Maddy Anderegg

Academic Achievement---Average GPA

3.624

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

High school was easy. It was like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire and the ground was on fire and everything was on fire.

High school is like a free trial on education. Once you graduate, they say, "Now if you want to continue, pay \$50,000."

This isn't like *High School Musical* at all.

I would like to thank my arms for always being by my side, my legs for always supporting me, and my fingers because I could always count on them.