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**ATHLETE NOMINATIONS**

Congratulations to all the nominees.


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**ELGIN – COLT THACKER**  
Colt overcame injuries and made significant contributions both offensively and defensively for the Comet baseball team. The junior was the team's pitching ace and among the league leaders in earned run average with a 2.16. He also racked up 22 strike outs and held his opponents to a .215 batting average. At bat, Colt hit 16 of 53 for a .302 batting average and a .358 slugging average posting 3 doubles and 10 RBIs.




**ELGIN – LARA STOVER**  
A senior, Lara concluded her high school track career as the top pole vaulter in Elgin Comet history with a school record vault of 9 feet, 6 inches. She took 2nd place at the Marion County and Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference track meets. Lara also placed 2nd at the Districts which qualified her for Regionals. There, her vault of 9 feet took 9th place.




**M. CATHOLIC – LOGAN FLOWERS**  
In his 2nd year as team captain, Logan is a great leader for the Irish tracksters who always demonstrates an outstanding work ethic. Earning his 4th varsity letter in this sport, Logan participates in the 4 x 100, 4 x 200, 4 x 400, and 4 x 800-meter relays, as well as the open 200, 400, 800, and 1600-meter events. He consistently wins or places in each of these events.




**M. CATHOLIC – HILLARY MUELLER**  
Earning her 4th varsity letter, Hillary has set the standard for Irish female tracksters. A 2nd-year captain, the senior runs the 4 x 100, 4 x 200, 4 x 400, 4 x 800-meter relays, as well as the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4 x 100 shuttle hurdles, and 4 x 100 hurdle relay. Hillary also competes in the long jump. A vocal leader with a strong work ethic, this multi-sport athlete also plays softball in the spring.




**M. HARDING – BRADLEY FLINCHBAUGH**  
A 3-year varsity letter winner, Brad was named MVP of the President's boy's tennis team for 2009. Sporting a 15-6 season record, the senior is an excellent doubles partner with a naturally positive attitude that makes him a great team player. A scholar athlete as well, Brad placed 8th in his class of 311 with a 5.486 GPA.




**M. HARDING – SARAH WOODRUM**  
Named MVP of the Lady Presidents track team for the 3rd consecutive year, Sarah was also named Running Athlete of the Year in the Greater Buckeye Conference. She was also named 1st Team All GBC in 4 events: 100-meter dash (12.49 was the new school record), 400-meter, 4 x 400, and 4 x 800-meter relay. A state qualifier, Sarah was also honored to be selected to represent Ohio in the Midwest Meet of Champions.




**PLEASANT – KENNY HOSP**  
Through his hard work and dedication, Kenny was undefeated this year in the high jump in all dual, tri-, and quad-meets as part of the Spartan track team. Kenny also won the Marion County, the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference, the District, and the Regional meets, as well as finishing 12th overall in the State meet. He also carried his teammates to two 2nd-place finishes at both the Richwood and Elgin Relays.




**PLEASANT – KENDALL LUST**  
Kendall's primary position was as a pitcher for the Lady Spartans softball team where she pitched 91 innings facing 331 batters in 15 games. Her ERA of 0.85 reflected 126 strikeouts while only walking 10. A force at the plate, as well, in 20 games Kendall had 30 hits, 14 walks, and 24 RBIs that reflected a .492 average, an on-base average of .592, and a slugging percentage of .754. She was named 1st Team MOAC and Honorable Mention in the Central District.




**RIDGEDALE – ETHAN LUCAS**  
Ethan has become a premier disc thrower for not only the Rocket track team, but also throughout the area. Ethan won Ridgedale's Dave Schorr Invitational, the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference meet, and the Districts. He also placed 2nd at the Regionals and 8th at the State meets. With a throw of 164.9 feet, Ethan currently holds the discus record at Ridgedale.




**RIDGEDALE – BRITTNEY THACKER**  
A 3-year letter winner, Brittney led her Lady Rocket softball team in several categories: batting average, .375, on-base percentage, .475, stolen bases, 27, and runs scored, 24. Playing center field, she also had a fielding percentage of .875. Brittney was a unanimous selection for 1st Team MOAC, a unanimous pick for 1st Team Central District Division IV, and was also named 2nd Team All State Division IV.




**R. VALLEY – ZACH LATHROP**  
Zach had an outstanding 2009 season as a member of the River Valley track team. The senior competed with success in the 400, 800 and 1600-meter events, as well as the 3200-meter, 1600-meter, sprint medley, and distance medley relays. In the 800, Zach was particularly successful as he won all major events including the State track meet where his time of 1:51.44 set another school record and was less than half a second from setting a state record.



**R. VALLEY – KAITIE PETERSON**  
Kaitie is a versatile member of the Viking track team participating in the shot put, 800-meter run, the 4 x 200-meter relay, 4 x 400-meter relay, 4 x 1600-meter relay, and the sprint medley. The junior earned 1st Team MOAC honors in 2 events, as well as winning the shot put, 800 relay, 800 run, and 1600 relay at the County meet; winning the 800 relay and 800 run at the MOAC, and placing in 3 events at Districts and 2 events at Regionals.





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