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## ATHLETE NOMINATIONS


Congratulations to all the nominees.




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**ELGIN – BRENDEN COOKE**  
Brenden had quite an impact on the Comet track team during his freshman season. He placed 1st in the 100-yard dash at the Marion County Track Meet, 2nd at the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference Track Meet, and 3rd at the District Meet – which qualified him for the Regionals in that event. Brenden also contributed greatly to Elgin's 4 x 100-meter relay team throughout the year.




**ELGIN – KAYLEE COX**  
Kaylee had an incredible month both offensively and defensively for the Comet softball team. In 17 plate appearances in May, the junior hit 3 home runs, 1 double, and had 6 runs batted in for a .471 batting average and a .882 slugging percentage. Defensively, Kaylee carried a .923 fielding average with 5 put outs, 7 assists, and only 1 error.




**M. CATHOLIC – JOSIAH SAYERS**  
Named captain of the Fighting Irish's track team, Josiah exhibits a strong work ethic. He practices hard and pushes his teammates to do the same. A junior, Josiah switched from individual events to relays and has been successful at leading his team out of the blocks. He competes in the 4 x 100, 4 x 200, 4 x 400, and 4 x 800-meter relays, as well as the open 200- and 400-meter individual events.




**M. CATHOLIC – SHELBI TURNER**  
In her 2nd year on the Irish varsity track team, Shelbi is the only distance runner on the team and has worked hard to bring down her times. Very coachable, the sophomore is willing to run in whatever race is asked of her, and is becoming a team leader. Shelbi runs the 1600- and 3200-meter events, as well as the 4 x 800 relay and the 4 x 100 relay. She also pulls double duty as an outfielder for the Irish softball team.




**M. HARDING – TYLER FOIGHT**  
Tyler's positive attitude is cited by the President's tennis coach as being one of the key reasons he is successful on and off the court. A scholar athlete and a 4-year letterman, the senior worked hard to prove himself worthy of the team's 2009 Most Valuable Player award. With a 17-6 high school record, the senior has the most wins of anyone on the team.




**M. HARDING – BRENAE HARRIS**  
Although only a sophomore, Brenae played a key role for the President's track team. She set a new school record in the long jump twice – the first at 17'2" and then beat that with a 17'10.75" jump. Brenae placed 2nd in the Greater Buckeye Conference and captured the Northwest District long jump title. She also excels in the 400-meter relay, helping her team capture 2nd-place at the Northwest District finals.




**PLEASANT – CORY SNYDER**  
Cory is a senior leader who was instrumental in helping the Spartan baseball team to an 11-2 record and the Regional Finals. Offensively, Cory batted at a .389 clip that included 11 runs on 14 hits with 1 homerun. His on-base percentage was .476 and he posted a .500 slugging percentage. Defensively playing shortstop, third and first bases, Cory carried a .927 fielding average.




**PLEASANT – KOURTNEY BAKER**  
Kourtney ran multiple events for the Lady Spartan track team that included the 100- and 200-meter dash and the 4 x 100- and 4 x 200-meter relays. She placed 1st in the dashes and 4 x 100 at both the Marion County and MOAC meets, as well as qualified for Districts and Regionals in the 4 x 100. A very humble person who thinks of her teammates first, Kourtney was voted by the league coaches as the Female Track Athlete of the Year at the MOAC meet.




**RIDGEDALE – WES MEADOWS**  
The "everything man" for the Rocket baseball team this year, Wes led his team in multiple categories: batting average, .607; on-base percentage, .696; slugging percentage, 1.018; hits, 34; homeruns, 6; runs scored, 28; and stolen bases, 13. The senior captain also sported a fielding percentage of .961. A scholar athlete, Wes was named 1st Team All-MOAC, Player of the Year in the MOAC, and 1st Team All-Central District Division 4.




**RIDGEDALE – RACHEL BROWN**  
An extremely hard-working athlete, Rachel is a leader for the Rocket tracksters who continually provides direction and encouragement to her teammates. Consistently placing in the majority of her events throughout the year, the senior placed in all 4 of her events at the MOAC meet. They included the long jump, 100, 4 x 400 relay, and the 4 x 800-meter relay. Rachel was also able to place in 3 of her events at the District level – the long jump, 400-meter relay, and the 800-meter relay.



**R. VALLEY – LUKE MOREN**  
Luke had a good month of May as part of the Viking track team competing in the Marion County, MOAC, District, and Regional meets. The senior participated in several events including the long jump, 800-meter relay, 300-meter hurdles, and 100-meter high hurdles. Highlights included winning the County long jump; the MOAC 110-meter hurdles; the long jump and 110-meter hurdles at District and finishing in 6th place in the 110-meter hurdles at Regionals.



**R. VALLEY – KAITIE PETERSON**  
Very athletic, Kaitie is a multitasking member of the Viking track team. Participating in the shot put, 900-meter run, the 4 x 200-meter relay, 4 x 400-meter relay, 4 x 1600-meter relay, and the sprint medley, the junior had a successful month. High points included 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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