

Sports

Golden leaves her mark on HCHS

BY ABBY HOOVEN

Meg Golden seemed to do it all.

The recent Henry County graduate was highly involved in varsity athletics, participating in five sports this past year, including three within the fall months alone.

If she wasn't at a practice, game or meet, Golden could be found performing her duties as FFA president at a meeting or event.

On the rare occasion her extracurriculars eased and she had an afternoon off, Golden would often stick around the high school to chat with her teachers because she was used to staying for hours beyond the final bell.

Balancing a busy schedule is tough for anyone, but Golden found a way to do it all and leave a positive impact on HCHS.

"So many people say, 'That Meg, she's special, there is just something different about her,'" said HCHS agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Lindsey Davie.

During her senior year, Golden had the opportunity to play golf, cross country and soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and track in the spring.

She also played softball for most of her life before stepping away after her sophomore season.

"I played softball since I could really hold a bat and walk, but I guess I was burned out of it," said Golden.

She was mainly a utility player for the Lady Cats but grew up playing in the infield. In her final season, she helped Henry County's softball team win the Eighth Region title and advance to the state tournament.

"I was in the dugout cheering mostly, but it was a good year," said



Golden. "It was a good ending point, I guess, for my softball career."

Her cross country journey began in elementary school and concluded with a trip to the Class 2A State Cross County Championship in October 2022.

Golden had a unique chance to have her father, Shawn, as her cross country coach, but he also served as her coach in other sports throughout her life.

"I don't know how else

it'd be, really, without him there," said Golden. "It's not my main sport, but he still pushed me and sometimes would get on my nerves, but it'd be something that I would need."

Along with cross country and golf, Golden joined the Lady Cat soccer team toward the end of the season with fellow golf teammates Emily Herbert and Holly Hoseny.

Playing soccer started out as a joke at the beginning of the year

but became a reality as the Lady Cats switched

Above: Meg Golden receives her diploma from Henry County Public Schools superintendent Jim Masters on May 27.

Left: Meg Golden started her cross country career in elementary school and finished with a trip to the Class 2A state meet in October.

Photos by Abby Hooven

coaches and needed extra players. Though, she didn't go in completely blind to the sport, having some previous experience from elementary school and youth leagues.

"I wasn't terrible at

it, but I obviously didn't know what I was doing. I was just kind of kicking the ball," said Golden.

She transitioned from a busy fall to basketball in the winter, helping the Lady Cats to a district semifinal appearance and a win over Oldham County near the end of the regular season for the team's first victory over the Lady Colonels in 25 years.

Golden played a key role in rebuilding the program and taking the team to its first regional appearance since 2014 during the 2021-22 season.

Aside from the record books and basketball skills improving, Golden helped the culture of the program shift and set the younger players up for success going forward.

"Just having a high school environment in which we know the right words to say, how to push each other and not have the bad place where people don't want to go has been very encouraging," said Golden.

Basketball runs in the Golden family too, as her mother, Sarah, played for HCHS and her brother, Mike, is currently involved with the boys program.

"It was just fun to talk with her and hear what it was like whenever she was in high school and how it's grown from then," said Golden.

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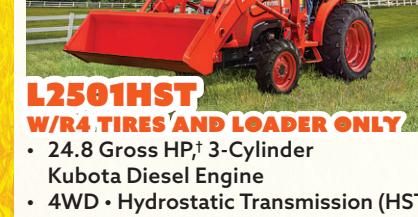
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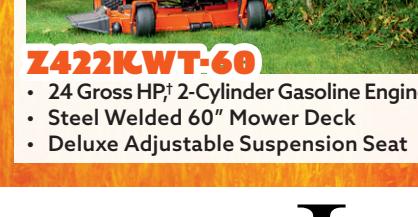
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Track season sets Wildcats up for bright future

BY ABBY HOOVEN

Henry County's track season came to a close at the KHSAA Class 2A State Track and Field Championships on June 2, completing a year of personal bests across several months of competition.

This season featured the Wildcats' first unified athlete, Pedro Pineda, and he made a powerful statement with two top-10 finishes at the state meet.

Notably, Pineda teamed up with Kaleb Bullock for a fifth place podium finish in the unified shot put. Coming into the meet, the duo's combined throw from regions had the pair in third among all entries.

"It was exciting to see a Henry County athlete on the podium for track and field. Then for it to be our first unified athlete and his partner made it even more special. Both athletes had a large support group cheering them on," said head coach Leah Klempner. "I'm hoping their success is a kick start to more Unified Athletes joining our team."

Landen Robins, Jerred Sloane and Mike Golden



Photo submitted

Pedro Pineda and Kaleb Bullock hold up a "five" with their hands for their fifth place finish in the unified shot put at the Class 2A state track meet on June 2.

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