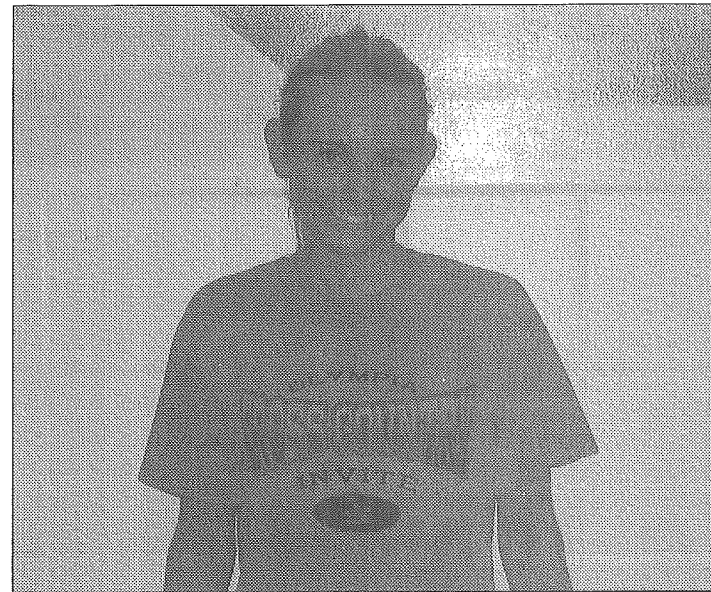


# Junior High cross-country has strong showing at state



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**Above:** Cross-country runner Lauren Whitehouse also qualified for the state championship race after sectionals.

**Left:** Members of the Mahomet-Seymour Junior High cross-country team hold their first-place plaque from Regionals, held at Lake of the Woods on Oct. 8. Front row: Jack Hyde, Gabe Pommier, Andrew Walmer and Mason McAnally. Second row: Zach Wurthmann, Jake Keller, Joey Magyar and Alex Keeble.

Members of the Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School cross-country teams had a strong showing at the state championship in Normal last weekend.

The boys' team took fourth place out of 30 schools.

Alex Keeble finished with a personal best of 10 minutes, 38 seconds to place 7th overall. Teammate Jake Keller finished in 10 minutes, 46 seconds, placing 14th overall.

Keeble and Keller were both named All-State competitors for their top-25 finishes.

The rest of the team finished as follows: Gabe Pommier, 11 minutes, 17 seconds; Joey Magyar, 11 minutes, 25 seconds; Zach Wurthmann, 11 minutes, 51 seconds; Jack Hyde, 11 minutes, 56 seconds; and Andrew Walmer, 12 minutes, 3 seconds.

Individual qualifier Lauren Whitehouse placed 82nd in the state on the girls' side, with a time of 12 minutes, 39 seconds.

"It was an absolutely awesome day and an awesome run," Coach Tom Appenzeller said, praising the runners' hard work and dedication.