

L-R Jordyn Ray, Samantha Campbell, Kyleigh Block, Aliya Holloman, Hannah Hudson photo courtesy of VGH basketball

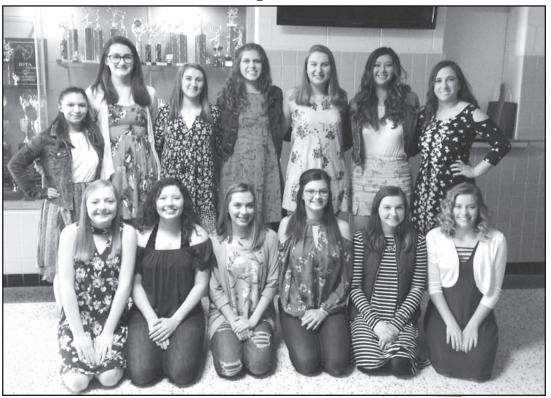
Villa Grove Heritage Girls basketball award winners:Booster Club Spirit Award: Maddie Shunk, VG Alumni FT% Award: Kyleigh Block, VG John Greger Award: Kyleigh Block (307 points), Dedication

9 N. Main St. Villa Grove

Maddie Shunk (not pictured as she was gone to Disney World day of banquet), Hustle Award: Sammy Campbell, Defensive Player of the Year: Jordyn Ray, Offensive Player of the Year: Aliya Holloman, Most Valuable Player of the Award: Hannah Hudson and Year: Kyleigh Block Con-

ference Awards: Honorable Mention: Jordyn Ray First Team: Kyleigh Block Unanimous First Team: Aliya Holloman Illinois Basketball Coaches 1A/2A Association Awards: Special Mention: Aliya Holloman

## **Villa Grove Devilettes** celebrate end of season with **Awards Banquet**



## With Tony Hooker

All season long, Coaches Dan Sappenfield and Corey White were kind enough to take time from their busy days to give us a look behind the scenes of their girls and boys basketball programs. This week, Coach Sappenfield recaps the 2017-18 season.

1. How would you rate this past season, compared to your expectations coming in, and why?

The season was a very good one, knowing that we would be relying on our upperclassmen to lead our freshmen and sophomores. The juniors and seniors helped the younger girls understand what the culture of the program is and the expectations that we have for each other. The fact that we did get most of our production from the younger players was due to the unselfish leadership of our upperclassmen. It was a great TEAM effort, playing together for a common goal.

2. What was your most memorable moment this year?

The entire season was something to remember with the way the girls worked together. It was a special night, however, when we saw how good this group of girls can play when we played in the conference tournament against Oblong. The entire team was so prepared and went out and executed on all three levels of offense, defense and special teams.

3. If I forced you to, which player would you say got better as the season progressed, and why would you pick them?

I can't say one player progressed more than another. I saw each girl in the program gain confidence and improve their level of play every day. The only thing I would add is that the one thing I saw progress more than anything else was the positive attitudes.

4. What is a reasonable expectation for 2018-19?

We have a lot of returning letter winners that have a bitter taste in their mouths of how we finished the season and I believe they will use that to motivate themselves to work on improving over

the summer so that we can ac complish our team goals next year. I am looking forward to when this team runs on the court and realizes that they are a good team and should expect to win no matter who we are playing!

5. Is there anything you would like to add?

We would encourage more girls to become involved in high school basketball. We provide an environment that challenges kids to be the best they can be while building long lasting relationships.





Photo on Left the 2017-18 Devilettes Not pictured: Kaitlyn Morse, Meredith Vandeventer, Taylor Wilson. Photo Above: L-R Gracyn Kestner "You can't stop me" award, Jessica Rose Most Valuable, Alexis Vandeventer Spirit award, Sara Stutz, most improved. Photos courtesy Amy Rose.

> "Honey-Do List" Completed

## HOW THEY'RE DOING

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