

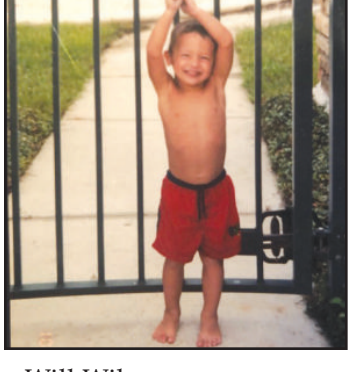
Senior Spotlight

Hook, Line and Sinker

With Tony Hooker



Will Wilson



Will Wilson

1. Who has been the biggest influence in your life?
The biggest influence in my life would have to be my mom. She did everything for me to sure I was good and put me before herself. Even if I wasn't doing good in something, she made me want to become good

and pushed always pushed me to be the best I can be. I didn't understand this when I was little. When she passed away 4 years ago, it made me realize that I could be better and that I need to push myself.

2. Who is your favorite teacher? Why?

My favorite teacher is Mr. March. He is my physics and stats teacher. He pushes me to be the best I can in math and he showed me how much I love math.

3. What is your dream job?

I want to become an engineer/basketball coach.

4. Who is your dream date? What are you two doing?

I don't really have a dream date.

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In ten years, I see myself married, thinking about having kids and working at the job I've always dreamed of.

Evan Wilson

1. Who do you HAVE to have tickets to see in concert?

Post Malone

2. What is your favorite subject in school?

Advanced Biology

3. What are you driving these days?

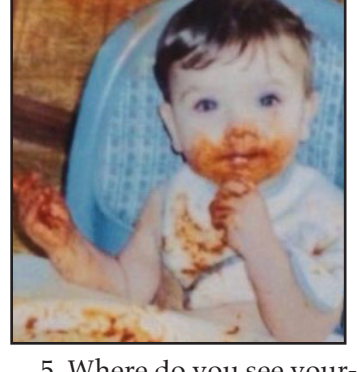
'02 Mustang convertible

4. What is your favorite meal?

Steak



Evan Wilson



Evan Wilson

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I hope to have a steady job, making good money and have a beautiful wife. Also, if I'm ready by then, hopefully I'll have a kid or two.

With a combined 45 wins, this season might go down as one of the most successful in history for the boys' and girls' varsity basketball squads.

The Boys' 23 wins were the most for a team from Villa Grove or from Heritage since the 03-04 Blue Devils won 24 games. The Hawks boys' teams that were led by John Taylor in the early part of this decade found much success on the hard wood, winning 20 games and dropping a heart-breaker to Cissna Park on a long jumper at the end of the regional championship game. Lyle Loman coached squads from 1997-98 and 98-99, were also highly successful, with each squad earning 23 wins. Andy Place's 2016 squad came within an eyelash of winning a regional, as did VG squads from 2002-03 and 03-04, led by the Nohren twins.

The girls' teams at both schools have experienced some successful years as well, but oddly enough, the good boys and girls never seemed to field winning teams until this season.

According to the IHSA web site, Villa Grove's last regional crown came in 1999, and this former team statistician remembers the memorable 1981 run to a super sectional berth versus Altamont behind the sterling play of Dana Madigan, the Greger sisters, Angie and Tammy, their cousin Ginger, and forwards Sheri Knight and Debbie Herring, among others.

Heritage, under the tutelage of Judy Rothermel, put together strong seasons that culminated in regional titles in 1993-94 and 94-95. Unfortunately, the IHSA record book is incomplete regarding the 2003-04 season, showing only a regional title for the Hawks without any details regarding season record or coach.

It will be interesting to see how the teams progress next year. For the boys, the loss of 4 senior starters, including Will Wilson, who led the team in scoring and rebounding, and 3 year starter Jared Stevens, who averaged 13 points per game and led the team in assists could lead to some early season struggles. However, sophomore sensation Jake Eversole should take on more of a leadership role

next season, as will classmate Blake Smith, whose fiery temperament fuels his play on the court and can be beneficial if he is able to harness it moving forward. Fellow Soph Logan Nohren will benefit from significant varsity playing time, and Ierik Sorenson, whose 2019 campaign was curtailed by injury, should help with leadership and scoring during his final season. The JV, frosh-soph and freshmen squads all gained valuable experience and the members of those squads should be counted on to bolster the varsity team next season, as well.

The girls' squad will lose three seniors, Sophia Wegeng, Ashley Fulk, and Mokaylee Knell, and their leadership skills will be missed. However, only Wegeng played significant minutes, and there are several underclassmen who should be ready to take

on larger roles in 2019-20. Starters Aliyah Holloman, Kyleigh Block and Jordyn Ray return, as do sophomore sensations Samantha Campbell and Madie Burwell. Freshman Hailey Stutz and Vanessa Wright will also be counted on to bolster the varsity squad after seeing spot duty this year.

Overall, both programs are set to build on the successes of the past season, and to me, the most interesting part of high school sports is seeing who comes from nowhere to contribute to his or her team. I get the feeling that next year's basketball season will be no exception.

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2018-19 VILLA GROVE/HERITAGE HAWKS BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Record
Nov 19-24	@CGB tourney (3rd)	3-1
Nov 27	@ Uni High	W 70-32 4-1
Nov 30	@ Schlarman	W 62-38 5-1
Dec 04	Westville	W 67-37 6-1
Dec 08	@ Sullivan OV	W 67-30 7-1
Dec 11	Tuscola	L 48-52 7-2
Dec 14	@ Arthur OC	W 74-60 8-2
Dec 18	@ STM	L 55-76 8-3
Dec 27-29	BSN Tourney	CHAMPS 13-3
Jan 04	LSA	L 62-64 13-4
Jan 08	@ SJO	L 52-58 13-5
Jan 11	Cerro Gordo	W 64-43 14-5
Jan 15	Chrisman	W 63-29 15-5
Jan 19-26	@ LOVC tourney	3rd place 17-6
Jan 31	@ Judah	L 59-71 17-7
Feb 01	@ Oblong	W 63-51 18-7
Feb 05	Tri-County	W 68-48 19-7
Feb 08	Hut-Pal	W 62-58 20-7
Feb 12	@ C'land	W 66-63 21-7
Feb 15	Martinsville	W 65-23 22-7
Feb 18-22	@ IHSA reg	W,L 23-8

HEAD COACH Corey White

2018-19 VILLA GROVE/HERITAGE Blue Devils GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Record
Nov 11-16	@Falcon/Bunny Classic (2nd)	3-1
Nov 20	Tuscola	L 35-39 3-2
Nov 26	@ Westville	W 62-36 4-2
Nov 27	Salt Fork	W 55-49 5-2
Nov 29	Uni High	W 60-32 6-2
Dec 03	@ Judah	W 59-45 7-2
Dec 05	ALAH	W 58-47 8-2
Dec 11	@ Unithy	W 47-39 9-2
Dec 13	Cerro Gordo	W 65-41 10-2
Dec 27-29	@ Bismrk trny	4th Place 12-5
Jan 03	Arcola	W 56-29 13-5
Jan 08	@ Chrisman	W 65-36 14-5
Jan 10	@ Hut-Pal	W 56-25 15-5
Jan 12-19	@ LOVC trny	3rd Place 17-6
Jan 21	@ Cmbrlnd	W 48-26 18-6
Jan 22	@ GRF	W 55-16 19-6
Jan 24	Oblong	W 57-33 20-6
Jan 28	Tri County	L 55-55 20-7
Jan 31	@ M'ville	W 58-25 21-7
Feb 04-08	@ IHSA reg	W, L 22-8

HEAD COACH Dan Sappenfield

2018-19 Villa Grove Devilettes Schedule

Dec 15	Villa Grove Competition	1st in IDTA
Jan 05	Charleston Competition	2nd in IDTA
Jan 12	Clinton Competition	postponed
Jan 19	IHSA Sectionals	1st place
Jan 25-26	IHSA State Finals	12th place
Feb 02	Tuscola Competition	1st in IDTA
Feb 09	IDTA State Finals Jr High	1st, HS 2nd

HEAD COACH Sarah Bouton

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