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state runner-up Boyd County in the first round of state. However, South Oldham has a lot of its core returning next year and will look to make another run at state in a very competitive district and region in 2027.

We'll get off the diamond for a moment and head to Oldham County's turf field. The Lady Colonels' girls lacrosse team continued to make strides this year under Jeff Veech. After winning the regional title last year, Oldham County came back and won the district championship and fought its way back to the state quarterfinals.

The Lady Colonels went 5-0 against the county for the second straight year, holding a 10-game win streak going into next year. Veech has turned the program around with the help of the last few seniors classes that have paved the way for the success. Oldham County will be a fun team to watch heading into next year.

We'll head back to the diamond for our next moment. We're going to stick with South Oldham but move to the softball field. This spot was hard to choose between Oldham County repeating as regional champions or South Oldham having its best season in over 20 years. I went with South Oldham due to the historic nature of its year.

For the first time in program history, South Oldham earned wins over North Oldham and Oldham County in the same year. The team had an outstanding year at the plate, batting .364 as a team throughout the year.

Eighth Region Coach of the Year Mike Schrecker led the team to 22 wins on the year, helping snap a 32-game, 16-year losing streak to Oldham County while simultaneously winning the first district championship for the school since 2002. Senior Addi Schrecker walked away with Eighth Region Player of the Year.

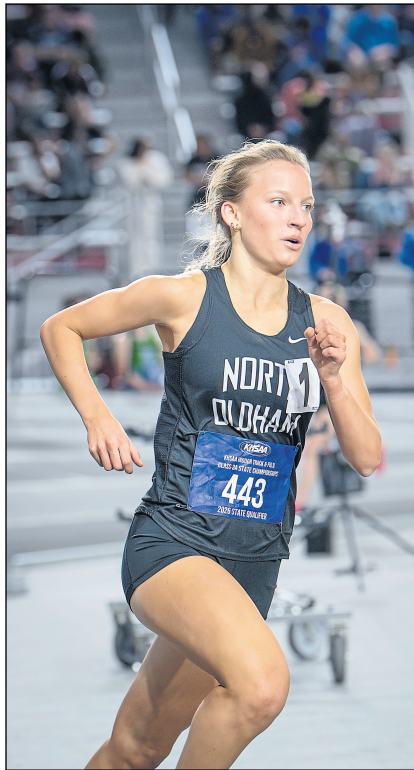
One of the fun parts of watching the Lady Dragons throughout the year was their ability to learn and grow from mistakes and redeem themselves throughout the year. They were swept in the regular season by Oldham County and North Oldham but responded by beating both schools in the district tournament and made a run to the regional championship.

This South Oldham team is young and has set a new standard for themselves heading into the next few seasons. It'll be fun to watch them and a



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Oldham County's girls 4x400 relay team wins a state championship at the 2026 KHSAA Class 3A State Indoor Track & Field Championships.



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North Oldham senior Elle Cargould runs in the 1600m run at the 2026 KHSAA Class 3A State Indoor Track & Field Championships.

young North Oldham squad try and capture the region from Oldham County.

Lastly, I wanted to save the numerous state championship wins at the outdoor state track and field meet. I want to give a congratulations to Stacey Whitlock and the Oldham County Girls Team for doubling up on state championships this year and sweeping the outdoor and indoor team state titles.

Whitlock has done a phenomenal job with the program, building up the athletes to perform their best on the biggest stages. The 4x200 meter relay team of seniors Kaley Yamnitz and Clara Warrick, junior Olivia Jasper and sophomore Juliann Foushee won the state championship.



PHOTO BY Wyatt Sparkman

South Oldham junior Chloe Quinn won the state title in the high jump at the KHSAA Class 3A State Track Meet.

Warrick won a second state title on the day with a win in the 400-meter dash before placing second in the 100-meter dash. Warrick ended her great high school career on top to go along with her multiple state championships.

I wanted to highlight South Oldham junior Chloe Quinn and her state title win in the high jump in a downpour. For North Oldham, its girls team finished third at the state meet, having multiple top five finishes throughout the day.

Sophomore Sophia Shenk competed in three events, placing top two in each one. She won the 300-meter hurdles state championship and finished as the state runner-up in the 100m hurdles and in the long jump. Also, North senior Elle Cargould finished her storied high school career with a state runner-up in the 3200m run.

The 2025-26 sports season brought multiple state championships to Oldham County, multiple Final Four appearances and wrapped up stellar careers as well. With the 2026-27 season around the corner, let's look forward to another great year of sports in Oldham County!

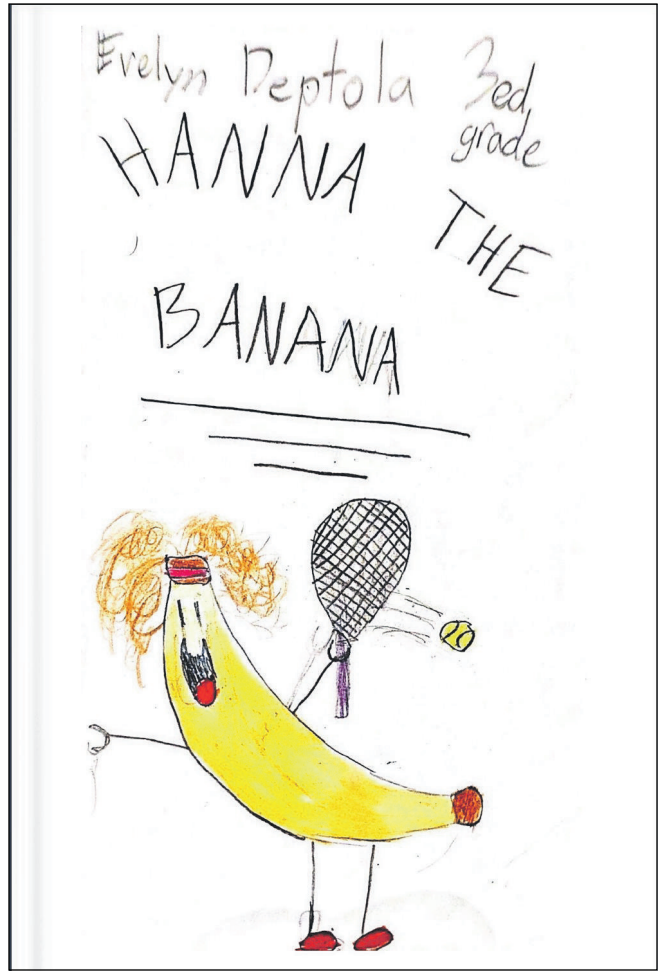


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The cover of "Hanna the Banana," a graphic novel by Evelyn Deptola that won first place in the 2026 KET Young Writer's Contest.

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be viewed — and heard read by their authors — at education.ket.org/resources/2026-young-writers-contest-winners.

The annual contest invites students in grades Pre-K through high school to submit original works in the following categories: Graphic Novel, Illustrated Story, Poetry, Short Story and Persuasive Writing.

In honor of the nation's

250th anniversary this year, prizes were also awarded in a special Persuasive Writing subcategory focused on civics.

Persuasive Writing topics ranged from civics focused essays and contemporary issues like the use of artificial intelligence to thought-provoking historical topics like: "Would you re-enlist in the George Washington's Army after experiencing Valley Forge?"

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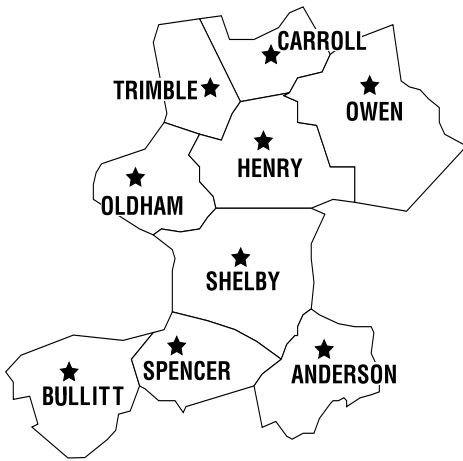
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