

MAHOMET'S

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OF 2015

Each January,
we pick the
top ten
local news
stories of the
previous year.

What made
the cut this
year?

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ELITE EIGHT

There were lots of big sports stories this year, including a state championship for the Mahomet-Seymour dance team and a runner-up finish for boys' cross country. But no story caught the imaginations of fans quite like the boys' basketball team's trip to the Elite Eight.

After winning their first regional title in five years, they secured a sectional crown. At Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, the Crusaders of Belleville Althoff Catholic ended M-S' fairytale season 79-49 in the super sectional. "Those wins weren't just for the team," Coach Chad Benedict told the Citizen's Jason Brown. "It went deep for this community."

Mahomet resident, killed.

-Mahomet resident Jeff Ingram was appointed to fill the school board seat vacated by Terry Greene. A few days later, he made public his intention to resign from the post of CEO at Health Alliance. In an interview with the Citizen, he cited a desire to spend more time serving the community.

-A man who allegedly tried to use a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Mahomet McDonald's was chased down and photographed on Interstate 74 by an employee determined not to let him get away.

-Tributes poured in for the late Edward "Doc" Grogg, who was a local pioneer in sports medicine beloved by generations of Mahomet-Seymour athletes.

November

-A committee of local residents announced plans to bring the Wall That Heals, a half-size replica of Washington, D.C.'s Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, to Mahomet next summer.

-Mahomet-Seymour volleyball defied expectations as it secured a regional championship against Effingham—their first in nearly 20 years. They came up short in the sectional against Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin.

-The Mahomet-Seymour boys' cross-country team took second place in the state finals for the second year in a row.

-A series of arsons and vandalism frightened residents of the Meadowview Apartments, and led police to ask the public for tips on the incidents.