

# CHAMPION

For some teams winning one championship is impossible, but our boys' track team has won state two years in a row. Marion High School has some very good runners who make these wins possible. One of them is Reid Coates, sophomore. This year at track he felt extra pressure to succeed at state. "It was exciting, and nerve-racking because we won last year, so we wanted to again," said Coates.

This spring, Iowa had quite a bit of troubling weather. This, however, did not make them practice less. They took every opportunity they could to run inside, so they could be the best they could be.

Coates didn't know if they would win state. "I had no idea, I thought it was possible, but I wasn't sure," said Coates.

However, Cole Hemann, sophomore, knew they would win again. "We won state last year, and we didn't lose many people," said Hemann. Hemann knows they could have done better. He says if the weather were better they could have been in better shape.

We have great athletes, and although some are leaving us, we will still continue to be champions. The boys' track team will get stronger, faster, and be able to jump higher, and they will do it together.

Right: Aiden Zimmermann, '19, scans books for the African American Museum Library.



Below: Boys' track proudly holds their state championship banner for the 2018 season.



Below left: Lexi Woode, '19, helps clean the outdoor rooms at The Villages.

Below: Grace Conway, '21, washes the bus at The Villages for One Day in May, so the residents can enjoy a clean and safe ride.



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**State champs**  
The Boys' Track team takes a victory lap after they won state track 2018.



**Above:** Jeremy Fopma, '18, runs as fast as he can at the 2018 state track meet to win a state title.  
**Right:** Luke Kasner, Bryce Soenksen, and April Lawyer, all '21, get ready to catch a peice of the stage from First United Methodist Church on One Day in May.



What was the best part of state track?



"Watching the boys compete."  
- Ryan Paulsen, '21



"The conses-sions."  
- Rick Atkins, '19



"The atmosphere was amazing."  
- Owen Eichhorn, '19



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