

It was a historic season for our high school cross country program. Not only did freshman Linden Pickler claim the 2024 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A Girls Cross Country Championship to become the first girl in school history to be crowned a state champion, but the boys' team earned Class 6A State Runner-Up honors to post the highest finish in 19 years. I really wanted to showcase the entire team and do so in eye catching graphic because they had such a huge season. Our town was really proud of this team and Linden because it was such a rare accomplishment in our schools history. It was important to me that the entire team be shown, so cutting out each individual was a chore. On this graphic was everyone who competed at the state meet. It was also important to me that Linden be featured in a prominent position, so that is why she is larger than everyone else and dead center underneath the word title with the crown. I wanted to make sure that the lighting and shadowing matched so that the graphic appeared to be seamless from the background to the bottom underneath the trophies.