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"It was definitely when I started to do more clubs and activities that my friends were doing. ... Once I started working with them on other projects, that really helped me better myself."

Is there any robot that you're particularly proud of building?

"Sophomore year, our robot was running on a basic drive train ... and we got a special part about halfway through the season. That required us to really overhaul how it moved. But we were able to integrate that exceptionally well, and we actually got an innovator award."

Q: What are your favorite classes?

"I really enjoy taking the higher math classes that I'm in. It's really satisfying to do that kind of math, even if I struggle with it when

I learn it the first time through.

"I'm taking drama right now. ... I really like English courses that let me try and create my own stuff. I'm trying to get better with writing so I can try and write fiction one day."

Q: Do you ever have issues juggling what you're involved in?

"Mostly with homework. ... Some subjects have to take a hit sometimes so I can get other projects finished."

Q: Are you nervous to move so far away for college?

"Oh yeah. It's scary. It's four



R-III TEACHER OF THE YEAR — Special education teacher Sarah Worth, seen here holding flowers, was congratulated by Rebecca Boone Elementary and school district administrators March 5 for being named the 2019-2020 R-III District Teacher of the Year. Submitted photo.

Wright City calls off co-ed softball

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For the first time in more than 20 years, the Wright City Parks Department won't be running a summer co-ed softball league.

"We can't find the girls to come and play anymore. There just isn't enough of them," said Wright City Parks Director Curt Kehoe.

"I don't know if it's that there's other things to do now. We've noticed this dwindling in the last few years, the number of girls playing softball as adults," Kehoe commented. "Even our girls playing softball at the youth level, I'm only going to have two softball teams this year."

He said it's possible a growing interest in soccer might be drawing some girls away from softball, and that girls make up a disproportionate number of the growing soccer program in Wright City.

Still, Kehoe said he's disappointed to see the adult softball program declining, as one of the people who helped found it 25 years ago.

"I started it way back when we opened Ruge Park," Kehoe said. "It was whole families full of cousins, and there was always plenty enough girls to play around here."

For next year, Kehoe said he is examining the possibility of a men's softball league.

"The girls can still come and play, but we don't have to play by co-ed rules that way," he explained, meaning equal numbers of men and women wouldn't need to be fielded on each team.

For youth sports, Kehoe said he has multiple local tee ball, baseball and softball teams registered with the regional New Horizons youth baseball league.

"Right now I have about 130 kids signed up," he said. "For soccer, we have about 70 kids signed up to play."

All-American Girls Baseball League subject of library program

The Scenic Regional Library in Warrenton is hosting the story of the All-American Girls Baseball League on Tuesday, March 17, at the library, from 6-7 p.m.

Go behind the scenes with author Ed Wheatley as he discusses the history of

the girls' league, including two from St. Louis, and the movie based upon it.

Those interested in attending the library program can RSVP by calling 636-456-3321, visiting the library at 912 S. Highway 47, or going online to ScenicRegional.org.