Watauga High senior Hannah Margolis and junior Cameron Baker of the Pioneers have earned All-Northwestern 3A/4A Conference honors in basketball. Margolis, a three-year varsity starter, averaged 12 points a game for a team that

reached the sectional semfinals for the first time since the 1996-97 season.
Margolis shot 41% from the floor and 72% from the foul line. She led the Pioneers with nine rebounds, three steals, two blocked shots, three steals, and five assists a game. Margolis scored 12 points, with six rebounds and six assists in her final game with the Pioneers in a second-round state playoff loss against North Mecklenburg, the No.1 seed in the West.
Margolis also had a season-high 23 points in a win against St. Stephens on January 22 at Lentz-Eggers Gym. And she had a 21-point effort against Alleghany at the Alleghany Christmas Tournament on December 28; she had a 20-point effort against St. Stephens in the regular-season finale on February 15.
Baker earned all-conference honors in his first season with the varsity. Baker made an immediate impact with the Pioneers. He led the Pioneers in scoring (11.8 points-per-game), and he shot 54% from the floor. Baker also led the Pioneers with 5.5 rebounds-per-game, he was third in assists (2.7 a game), and he led the Pioneers with 19 blocked shots. Baker, who will be WHS' top returnee in 2013-14, poured in a career-high 26 points in an eight-overtime (school record for overtime games) loss against St. Stephens on January 22 at Lentz-Eggers Gym.
Junior Savanna Wood of the Pioneers was named Honorable Mention. Wood led WHS with 13.1 points-per-game and 55 three-point field goals. She also made 38% of her three-point attempts, and she was second on the team with 67 steals (2.6 per game).
Ben Margolis was named Honorable Mention for the WHS boys. Margolis, a senior, averaged seven points a game, and led the Pioneers with 35 threes. Margolis shot 44% from the floor and 42% from the three-point line. He was fourth on the team in assists (2.1 a game), and he was third on the team in rebounds (3.5 per game). He also had 43 steals.
The Hickory girls (Yazman Hannah, Danasia Witherspoon, Farrah Young), Alexander Central (Madi Suddreth, Marie Ritchie, Kelsie Rhyne) and Fred T. Foard (Chelsea Turner, Kayla Withworth, Courtney Hull), who shared a tri-championship in the regular season, each had three players apiece on the all-conference squad.
Suddreth, Hannah and Keisha Corpening of Hibriten shared Player of the Year honors; Brad Mangum of Fred T. Foard was named the Coach of the Year.
For the boys, Fred T. Foard (Jordan Turner, Joe Isenhour, Spencer Matthews), which won the regular-season championship, had three players on the all-conference team. St. Stephens (Zach Houston, Kerigan Farley) and Hickory (Raheim Connelly, Zach Jarrett) each had two players apiece on the all-conference team.
Farley was named the Player of the Year; Rob Bliss of Fred T. Foard was named the Coach of the Year.