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Two students honored in 2010.

These days not only Gothenburg High School students with outstanding athletic achievements are recognized.

Students with an ACT score of 30 or above have their name inscribed on a plaque next to the high school office on Main Street.

Landen Haake and Mark Hilderbrand are the latest honorees.

High school principal Randy Evans said the names of students who reach the academic accomplishment since the year the new school was built—2004—receive the honor.

“It’s another way to recognize students and academics,” he said. “So many times, we tend to look only at the athletic side.”

Evans said it’s also a way to show that Gothenburg has good, intelligent students.

“The ACT is just one avenue to use besides honor roll which often goes unnoticed,” he explained.

The principal said the idea to put up a plaque came to him after he visited Southern Valley High School.

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There he noticed banners recognizing students with ACT scores of 30 or higher.

Hilderbrand said he thought the plaque “was cool” while Haake said it was nice to be recognized for academic achievements.

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