

Sports



BDS ladies play in Palmyra

The Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Lady Eagles opened their season against Wilber-Clatonia for the first match of the night Aug. 23, capping both sets, 25-8 and 25-13.

The first game of the season for the Lady Eagles was played in Palmyra's new gymnasium. The Panthers had played Tri County earlier and won, but BDS took them down in two sets, 25-16 and 25-18.

Overall, Coach Kari Alfs was pleased on the performance.

"The girls hustled after balls and really worked together as a team," Alfs said.

They were scheduled to play in Shickley Aug. 28 against Class C2 Southern.

Wilber-Clatonia

Ace Serves — Jordan Bolte, 3; Caitlin Mosier, Jady Kleinschmidt and Macy Kamler tallied 1 each;

Kills — Kleinschmidt, 6; Kamler, 5; Regan Alfs, 3; Bolte, 2; Emilie Schardt, 1; **Assists** — Alfs, 11; Bolte, 5;

Digs — Kleinschmidt, 6; Kamler, 5; Alfs, 3; Bolte, 2; Schardt, 1.

Palmyra

Ace Serves — Kleinschmidt, 2; Mosier, Kamler, Alfs and Sera Johnson, 1 each;

Kills — Kleinschmidt, 8; Kamler, 5; Alfs, 3; Bolte, 2; Schardt, 1;

Assists — Alfs, 9; Bolte, 6;

Digs — Kleinschmidt, 5; Johnson and Mosier, 4 each; Alfs and Kamler, 3 each; Mariah Silva, 2; Schardt, 1.

Titans host jamboree for Hall of Fame

The Thayer Central Lady Titans hosted a jamboree Aug. 21 to raise funds for the Nebraska School Activities Association Hall of Fame, which inducts exemplarily athletes from across the state.

The ladies met Deshler and Meridian at the net with former assistant coach, Cody Long, as the new head coach this year.

Long said the volleyball

ball team is packed with veterans — there are five returning starters, seniors, Emily Welch, Katelyn Richardson, Maggie Harris, Madison Williams and Grace Souerdyke, and junior, Sydney Havel.

Up and coming on the court are juniors, Stephanie Meyer, Bailey Kiburz and Madalyn Crouse. Sophomore Chloe Souerdyke and freshman, Jasa Wiedel are also

promising.

"The girls put in a lot of effort during the summer and preseason," Long said. "They understand the goal we have set for the season is something they are willing to dig deep and work hard for. This group of girls meshes very well together, so it will be a fun, competitive season."

The Lady Titans will play Tri County on the home court Aug. 30.



Photo contributed by Stephanie Lanik

Hebron Bears honored at opening game

The 1993 Hebron Bears were invited to Thayer Central's season start against Nebraska Christian to recognize the 25th anniversary of the team's Class C2 State runner-up win. The roster for the 1993 Hebron Bears was seniors, Brian McKernan, Ryan Degenhardt, Matt O'Callaghan, Jerrod Wiedel, Tracy Kutscher, Marc Chamberlain, Tony Elting, Chris Bell and Tim Benson; juniors, Cary Pumphrey, Justin Aude, Brandon Bleich, Tyler Johnson, Jeff Bargen, Tysen Hissong, Craig Wiedel, Curtis Wiedel, Karl Degenhardt, Clint Jones and Rob Marsh; sophomores, Brandon Priefert, Bill Escripp, Tory Molthan, Lathan McLaughlin, Matt Dominy and J.D. Kelly; and freshmen, Brian Hill, Ray Kendall, Dan Fraser, Tim Collins, Dustin Powell, John Burd, Steve George and Justin Pope. Head Coach was Les Hill. Assistant coaches were Bob Fischer and Randy Mesloh.

Offense struggled on field

The Thayer Central Titan offense handed Nebraska Christian big plays at its season opener Aug. 24.

"We just couldn't get anything going on the offensive side of the ball," Head coach Jereme Jones said. "We still did a lot of good things and have a lot to build on for the rest of the season."

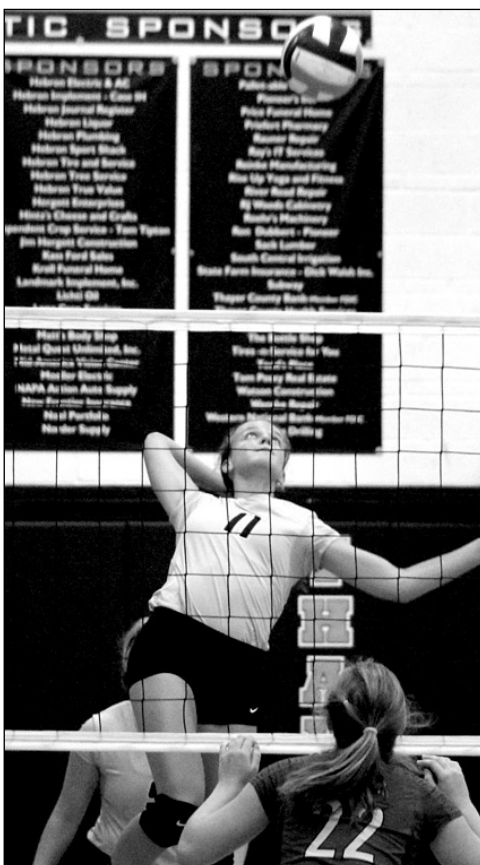
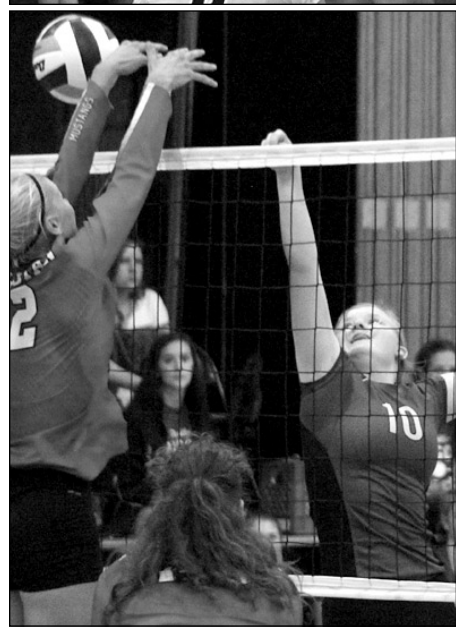
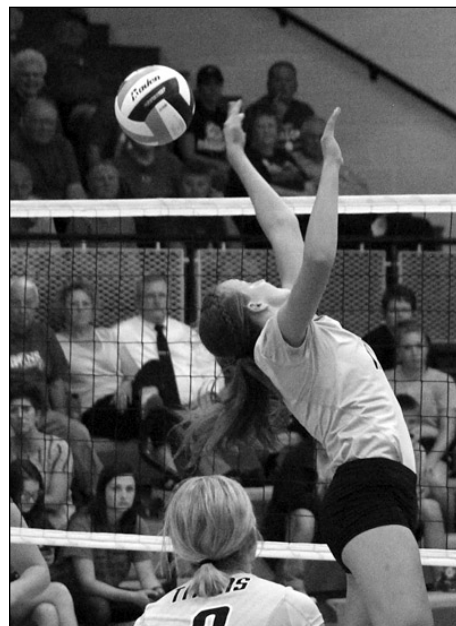
The game was hard fought

on both sides, Jones said. While the Titan defense stayed solid, the offense lagged, running one touchdown for the board against Nebraska Christian's 20 points on the night.

Zach Koss was the lone Titan to score and the extra point wasn't good.

In rushing, Isaiah Keilwitz had 13 yards and one tackle.

Phillip Price logged seven tackles, along with Kevin Burd, contributing to the Titan total of 35 tackles and 41 assists. Dominic Stewart, Jared Hergott and Gabe Haase had four tackles each. Feulner, Carter Miller and Haase each made a sack. In receiving, Feulner went 77 yards. Price was good for 37 yards.



Top left: Emily Welch defends at the net; Top right: Katelyn Richardson returns the ball to the Lady Dragons; Bottom left: Tyra Schardt has her eye on the ball; Bottom right: Returning starter Kayla Oakman knocks it back to Meridian.



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Zach Koss reaches for the ball in the Titan's first home game Aug. 24 with Nebraska Christian. Koss scored the team's only goal for the evening while Nebraska Christian earned 20 points.



Phillip Price received for 37 yards. He had seven solo tackles and four assists for the Titans' first game.

Titan runners start season

Four out of the five top runners from last year's Titan boys cross country team are back — Keegan Casey, Damian Stewart, Dylan Fischer and Trey Fischer will work for state slots against better teams this year such as, Malcolm with their returning runners, Crofton and Ainsworth.

Casey, Stewart and Fischer are seniors. On the girls' side, McKenzie Johnson has returned and will run for her senior year. Individual state qualifier in 2017, Kaizley Krupicka is also on the team.

In 2017, Titan runners, Aubrey Fangmeier, Damian Stewart, Dylan Fischer, Trey Fischer and Andrew Heinrichs placed second at the state meet. Malcolm was first.

"We're looking for younger kids to take the fifth and sixth spots," Coach Andy Long said. They'll use the same strategy as last year — run as a pack and finish close. Assistant coach for the program is Deb

Vorderstrasse.

Last year, the runners finished anywhere from 17th to 40th place and within a minute of each other.

"They push each other as a pack," Long said. Although cross country and track are more about individual competition than as a team, runners in a pack force competitiveness among their teammates on the course.

The Titans have logged miles since the beginning of the season and will use the first meet in Superior Aug. 30 to begin their season routine.

"They're running a lot of hills to get used to them. They've run really well. Some of them ran over summer," Long said. "We don't have an organized thing, but if you want this, this is what you have to do."

Long doesn't want them running too much. If they had started conditioning in June, they would be worn out before the October meets.

There are 10 boys out: Trey Fischer, Cooper Casey,

Dominic Stewart, Luke Templin, Casey, Wyatt Wiedel, Dylan Fischer, Isaac Friesen, Heinrichs and Andrew Landsmann, and the majority are sophomores.

"They ran for me last year," Long said.

Runners on the team are, Krupicka, Johnson, Bridget Linton, Kylie Pachta, Audrey Landsmann, Alanna Fangmeier, Takaylynn Hergott and Sydney Escripp — Hergott, Escripp and Fangmeier are out for the first time.

It's a mix of experience and younger athletes for more depth. Johnson is providing solid leadership for the girls.

"I think if they do well, they'll be competitive and may have a chance at qualifying," Long said. "I think it's going to be an exciting year."

The home meet for the cross country program, the Randall Smith Invite is Sept. 20 at the Hebron Country Club. Starting time is 5 p.m.



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Logan Luehring, Gabe Haase and Zach Koss prepare to stop Nebraska Christian.

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said. "Hopefully, the deals will get done later on and they can market it then."

The situation is depressing prices by \$1 or more on beans and 40 to 50 cents on corn.

"There are no safeguards in place," he said.

In the long range, the better trade deals are positive, but it's a bitter pill to swallow now, Seaman said.

"The farmers are pretty understanding, but it could get serious in short order when it affects livelihood," Seaman said.

Norder's has added two grain bins to its facility. Construction is finishing up and the bins will be in operation in early October. Each bin will store 250,000 bushels to accommodate customers more efficiently and keep grain off the ground.

Cargill issued a statement regarding the trade situation:

"In our view, tariffs hurt trade and damage the U.S.'s ability to compete in the global economy. We must maintain market access

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In a press conference in the oval office Monday, Trump talked with Mexico President Enrique Pena Nieto via telephone.

Mexico and the United States have agreed on a preliminary trade deal, which will benefit farmers because Mexico is committed to purchasing farm products, Trump said.

Pena Nieto said several times during the telephone call that Mexico hopes Canada will also participate in trade negotiations for an agreement among the three countries.

"We are waiting for Canada to be integrated into this process," Pena Nieto said.

Mexico's president-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is aware of negotiations with the U.S., and both

Trump and Pena Nieto have spoken with him.

For now, Trump said the agreement with Mexico will be called "The US-Mexico Trade Agreement." It is expected to be signed in approximately 90 days.

He said the existing North American Free Trade Agreement has "bad connotations" attached to it. He didn't give a timetable for NAFTA's expiration.

Negotiations with Canada should begin soon, he said.

On a final note about the harvest, Scheitel stressed safety, especially on the gravel roads. Intersections can be dangerous.

"Around Carleton, there are intersections with no stop signs," he said. "The corn is so darn tall. If other people have a stop sign, it's hard for us to see that because of the corn."

He said there aren't a lot of accidents, but drivers should be careful and watch for combine and grain truck traffic.

Cargill is always plugging for safety, he said.



Mieth receives Quilt of Honor

Ramon Mieth received a Quilt of Honor Saturday at the Blue Valley Nursing Home. He was joined by his family. Mieth grew up during World War II. While attending Hastings College, Mieth was in the US Naval Reserves from April 1947 to October 1950. He had a lifelong love of aviation. After graduating from college, Mieth joined the US Air Force. He was stationed at Sheppard AFB in Texas from October 1950 to April 1952. He was then stationed at Lackland AFB, also in Texas, as a staff sergeant until his honorable discharge in October 1954. Mieth is joined by family members, Bruce and Carla Mieth; Dylan, Ashlie and Everett Mieth; Kara Hinrichs; Kayla Oman; Bryan Mieth; and Evelyn Hinrichs.

Koch to perform with Cornhusker Marching Band

Ryan Koch of Hebron is part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 300-member Cornhusker Marching Band, which will make its 2018 debut Sept. 1 at Memorial Stadium with pregame and halftime performances at Nebraska's football season opener against Akron.

Koch, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, plays trumpet.

This year's band includes representatives from nearly every region of the country, though 80 percent of the students are from Nebraska. Twenty-five percent of the students are music or music education majors. The rest are studying in more than 70 other degree programs across campus. Each band member passed two auditions to gain admittance to the group.



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