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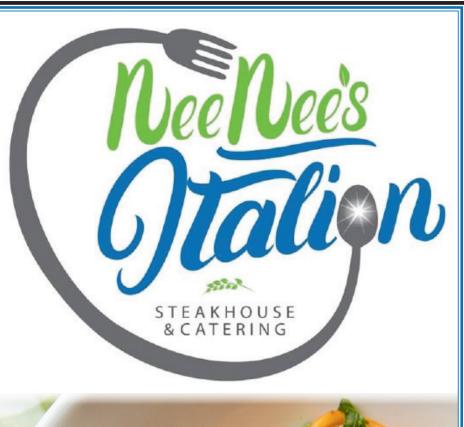


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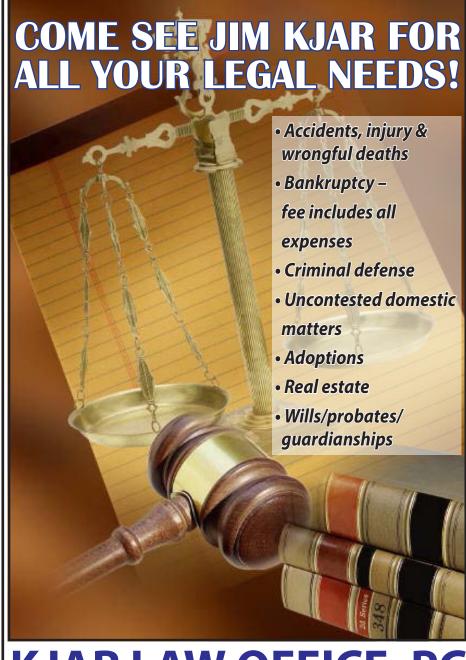
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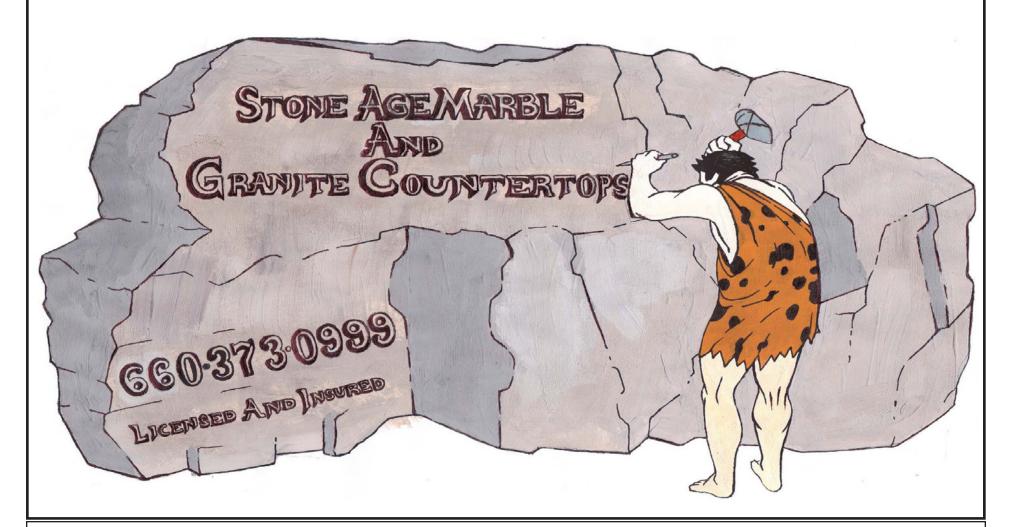
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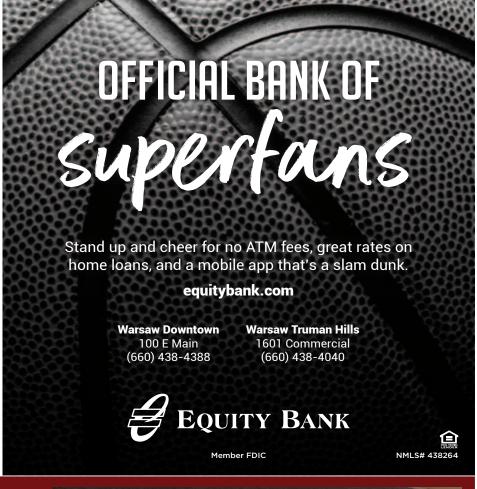
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Expectations Are Sky High For Cardinal Boys

Lincoln won their district and ended up 18-7 last season. So naturally everyone is excited about the upcoming season. Tyler Burke in his 11th season at the helm and was named Coach of the Year in the Kaysinger conference last season.

They graduated Devon Parrott, the longrange bomber who was all conference and all district last year. Senior Caden Smallwood caught on fire in the last two games and had a good summer shooting the ball. He could carry a huge part of the scoring load. Junior Kyle Eckhoff was injured last season but when healthy, he is a force in the middle and is very versatile. Junior Connor Lynde is the best all-around athlete and can make the team go up and down the court. All three were all district and all conference last season.

Their most improved player was Mac Hesse, the 6'4 center was all conference honorable mention and all districts.

Junior Kaleb Mundy will step into the starting five to replace Parrott. Junior Ross Johnson will come off the bench and spell Hesse and Eckhoff.

Their weakness will be their bench strength. Sophomore Xavier Smith will need to step up as will senior Cole Smith.

Also, when Hesse goes to the bench, Lincoln becomes average in height. They could get help from other players which would be a pleasant surprise.

Burke said," Our real strength should be on the defensive end of the floor where we should be good."

Lincoln's pet play is to drive the lane and then kick the ball out for an open three. Parrott is gone so there is where someone else needs to step up and fill that role. The truth is that they have three guys who can.

Coach Burke expects no changes in style of play. "We are going to try to do what we have done for years .and try to be as good at those things as we can."

They should seize one of the top two spots in the Warsaw tournament along with Skyline. Should be interesting. They struggled breaking the press last season in the tournament but they figured things out by mid-season so that should not be a problem this time around.

Speed and balance will be their strengths a short bench could be a problem. Time will tell.



Omar Torre



Ross Johnson Junior



Caden Smallwood Senior



Mack Hesse Junior



Kyle Eckhoff **Junior**



Lance Wolf Senior



Connor Lynde Junior



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Cole Smith Senior



Caleb Mundy **Junior**



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FRONT ROW (L-R): Kindle Bartley, Lexxis Matthews, Jenna Vandaveer, Grace Eichler, Gracyn Eifert, Kristen Mannin BACK ROW (L-R): Mackenzie Yearout, Danika Gillespie, Jasmine Cooper, Lexie Dullaban, Sydney Spry, Alyssa Mellen, **Braylin Paxton**



Grace Eichler



Jenna Vanaveer



Lexxis Mathews





Gracyn Eifert

drove to the basket not fearing anyone could hit an outside shot.

Lincoln Girls Enters Season With

Also, returning is senior Grace Eichler who played last season after several years being inactive. She will be their center and their mountain of strength underneath the basket. Shooting, especially outside, was a huge problem last season.

Newcomer Junior Lexxis Matthews is a good athlete and will help at several positions.

Freshman Sydney Spry could become starting point their guard which would be a big plus.

Junior Gracyn Eifert is another athlete that could fill in various positions at various times. She was tentative last year around the basket but with a year of experience under her belt, we could see a significant improvement from her.

Coach Fairchild added, "I am expecting really big things out of Gracyn. She is going to

New Coach, New Players, New Outlook lane when Vandaveer have a wonderful year. Freshman Braylin Paxton could be in the mix as point guard. Lexie Dulaban and Kindle Bartley will have much expanded roles as sophomores. Freshman Alyssa Mellen brings many different elements to the team. Sophomore Mackenzie Yearout will also add a quality ball handler and shooter to the team. Danika Gillespie is a young post player who will develop into a multi-dimensional player. Junior Kristen Manning is a great defensive player. Freshman Jasmine Cooper is playing her first year of basketball. That is all 13 girls that we have on the roster. Assistant Shelby Williams is also a great asset."

> Naturally, turnovers were another big problem last season. That is where Spry will come in if Coach Fairchild can find a point guard, then Lincoln could beat their nine wins of a year ago, we wish them well.







Mackenzie Yearout



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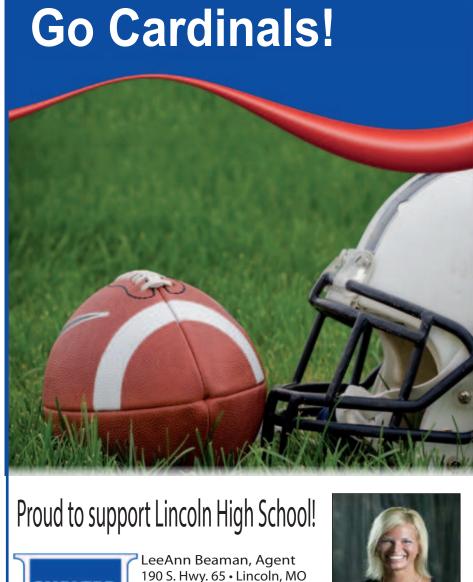
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WRESTLING

Cole Camp Wrestling Season Begins

Cole Camp Wrestling has been added to the Athletics Program for the Bluebirds in the 2021-2022 season. The Bluebirds are excited and looking forward to seeing this program build starting with our first-year wrestlers. CCHS Wrestling has a group of familiar faces starting off with Senior Zachary Thomas. The Juniors are coming in strong with 5 wrestlers: Skyler Bartlett, Leon Inselmann, Dylan LeCroy, Ben Steenburgen, and Kage Stevenson. The Sophomores are a group of eager young men; Dalton Brandt, Dawson Brandt and Xzander Montonya. The freshmen class finishes out the HS

Boys roster Colton Thompson, Grant Steenburgen, and Shane Wallace. CCHS Girls wrestling is being led by Seniors Vivian Eddingfield and Lacey Shoemaker along with sophomore Shakota Wade.

Cole Camp Junior High Wrestlers have brought 9 young men to the mats. 7th graders Bovey Clark, Damion Gee, Wyatt Keith, Bradyn Rehmer; 8th Graders Matthew Beers, Devin Burdette, Makiah Murguia, Teagan Sharp, and Dahved Stuerke. The Bluebirds are coached by; Head Coach Nate Steenburgen, Asst Coach Brian Clark, and JH Coach Katy Schlesselman.











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Lady Bluebirds Hope To Start New Season Off Strong

Cole Camp's Rick Grunden retired after 18 years at the Lady Bluebird helm. Mark Swartz comes over from the boy's assistant job for his first duty as a head coach. Darian Rusk will be his assistant.

They were 7-11 last season. Gone is Destiny Kestner their point guard.

Kyla Harms, a KMZU Dream team member and All- conference honorable mention will be a key.

Senior Desiree Heimsoth needs to be a force underneath and she needs 15-20 touches a game.

Dylana Stoppel, Karley Thayer and Ashley Campbell need to step up in bigger roles.

Coach Swartz commented on his team, "We are returning seven players from last year's team, have a handful of freshmen that moved up, and a few fresh players joining our team this year. We have a talented group of young ladies and each one will have a role to fill this season. We want to be a defensive minded team, pressure the basketball, limit scoring opportunities for our opponents, and provide ourselves with opportunities to score in transition."

He realizes the challenges for this season.

They played Warsaw last week at home before the upcoming Warsaw tournament in December. As a low seed, they will be tested in a hurry.

Coach Swartz, have high hopes for all my players for this upcoming season. We have a lot of talented schools around us that will be a challenge, but I believe we can be as successful as we want to be, if we are willing to put in the time and work to get there. I look forward to all the challenges and experiences that we will face this season."

Thanks coach, we wish you the best.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Bluebird Basketball Looks To Improve With New Season

Head coach Kevin Shearer

's team is coming off a disappointing 6-10 season a year ago. Shearer took over the reins two years ago after a long absence from coaching basketball.

His biggest problems this season will be finding where and how to use his talent, Coach Shearer commented, "Strength will be our number of players who can contribute, should be competitive practices. Weakness need to find roles for this team in 2021-2022.". Coach Shearer has some 16 players who could contribute.

He returns MBCA All-district, All- conference 6'6 Greg The Cross. lanky Cross has the prettiest jump shot from the free throw line as anyone in the area. He will be hard to stop.

Also, returning is his All- Conference floor general Ethan Shearer. The junior will have ketball fortunes will

Beth's

the ball into the hands of 6'5 Michael Wissman underneath the basket some 15 times a game. Wissman is foul prone but if he can stay in the game, he gives the Bluebirds a deadly high-low duo with Gross at the top of the lane.

Their best defender in Dayton Oelrich graduated along with the scrappy Garrett Strathman.

After those three, Wissman, Cross and Shearer, the Bluebirds lineup is wide open.

Ethan Corpening is recovering from football injuries as is Gentry Dierckman. Those two, if healthy, would give the Bluebirds two more capable options.

The two dark horses

are Maeto Cano and Reid Harrison. Cato is as tough and as physical as anyone in the area and Harrison is as fast or faster than anyone around. Now how to convert that to bas-

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basketball to find a way to get be Coach Shearer's pet project.

> Owen Ives, Kinser Brockman, Thomas Cano, Preston Oelrich, Tyler Howard, Colton Banks, Matthew Bright, and Grady Strathman will give the Bluebirds plenty of depth and there may be a starter or two in the group.

> A proposed shot clock would hurt the Bluebirds as they like to pass the ball around the horn several times on each possession.

> In any event, Cole Camp will be someone to watch.



Matthew Bright



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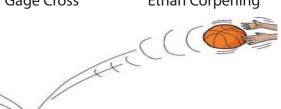


Gage Cross



Ethan Corpening







BOYS BASKETBALL

Wildcats Season Hinges On Athleticism, Youth

This year's Warsaw Wildcats will boast inexperience and youth, but a few returners and an exceptionally talented freshman class provides hope for a program that has not seen its season win total hit double digits since the 2018-19 campaign.

The Wildcats graduated one player from last year's 7-win team in Trey Palmer, but he was a four-year starter who ran the floor and could score when he was called upon. Palmer is now playing at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, MO. The other player who graduated from last season's team is Austin Brazel. He was also a floor leader who other players would rally around.

"With youth and inexperience, we have to be able to create a tempo," said 'Cats coach Scott Floyd. "And we have to keep turnovers at a minimum; take care of the ball."

One player who can, undoubtedly, help create that tempo is Brady Slavens. Slavens (6'2", Sr, Forward) is coming off a 2020-21 season in which he gained some post-season honors, but his return to the hardwood for the upcoming roundball season is still in question at this time due to an injury sustained in the final game of the Wildcats football season. If he is or is not able to make his way to the floor could have big impacts on the Warsaw

season.

On the offensive end, Warsaw will look to exploit their athleticism to get out in transition and generate points off the break, while on defense, Floyd wants his players to be aggressive in the halfcourt and apply occasional full court pressure when needed.

Several returnees in Tayten Boyer (5'10", Jr, Guard), George Montez (5'9", Guard) and Riley Taylor (5'8", So, Guard) make the backcourt a solid group after they all saw valuable varsity minutes last season. Boyer, along with Garrett Ferguson (5'8", Fr, Guard) will be called upon to run the floor from the point guard spot. Other players who Floyd expects to contribute to his backcourt include Reece Brazel (6'0", Jr, Guard) and Shane Poyser (5'8", Sr, Guard).

Added depth in the

frontcourt this seaalbeit mostly son, from underclassmen, may bring a boost to Floyd's squad and help keep fresh legs on the floor. Grant Chapman (6'1", Sr, Center) enters his fourth season for the Wildcats and has been mentored by Floyd since day one. Brycen Clark (6'1", Jr, Forward) will also bolster the depth at the "big" spots and brings some varsity experience with him. A trio of freshmen in Josh Bunch (6'1", Fr, Forward), Jayce Depriest (6'1", Fr, Center) and Peyton Painter (6'1", Forward/Center) may all be called upon early and often to learn quick and provide immediate contributions. "As a group, this incoming group of freshmen are extremely hard workers and want to have success in basketball," Floyd said. "They will be thrown into the fire, so to speak, this year. But what is developed this year will certainly pay dividends in the future."

He added, "Patience will need to be a virtue. It will take time for youth and (in)experience to blend. But the added depth that we have will give us a chance to tweak the style of play we are accustomed to and take advantage of our athleticism."

Floyd usually has a tough time pinpointing one date to circle on his calendar, so traditionally spoke of the beginning of the season as a period of his schedule to keep an eye on.

"I'm always anxious to get things going at the beginning of the season and then playing in the Warsaw (Invitational) Tournament the following week," said Floyd. "I'm just excited to get started and to see what we have!"

The 2021-22 season will mark 26 years in the game for Floyd, but he's only entering his 5th as the head coach of the Wildcats. He has a career record of 388-295 and is 44-55 in his tenure at Warsaw. He will be assisted by Dennis Larson, who's in his first year on the bench with Floyd, but is no stranger to the game as he was a 2007 graduate of Warsaw High School where he played 4 years for then Wildcats coach Matt Brownsberger.



Grant Chapman Senior



Brady Slavens Senior



Reece Brazel Junior



Brycen Clark Junior



Jayson Roberts
Junior



Caden Thornburg
Junior



George Montez Junior



Tayten Boyer Junior



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Grace Drake Sophomore



Alysia Yoder Freshman



Madison Finkenbine Freshman



Keira Mostaffa Freshman

Ladycats Want To Use Run & Shoot Recipe

When the job was handed to him with just a month or less before the season was scheduled to start, new Ladycats basketball head coach Matt Henderson knew that he needed to break things down and make things easier for his players since he was faced with very little time to prepare for their first game.

roster but we will use them all," Henderson said. "The girls have done great so far and we've had some really good practices.

. . we're just going to have to go through that transition of bringing that same effort to games."

Under Henderson, the Ladycats will look to employ a high-intensity game that gets up and down the floor quickly.

"The girls we have, they all trust the system," Henderson commented. "It's a different style than most of them are used to, but they're all learning fast."

Warsaw returns a flurry of players with varsity experience from last year's team who will look to take a step towards improvement their program. Most, however, will be playing for their third coach in as many years.

Senior Taylor Howe (5'4") returns to the frontcourt for the Ladycats where she is coming off of a junior season that saw her hone in All-Conference, All-District and Central Missouri Media All-District honors.

"She's super quick and is a great ball handler, but she is a floor leader," Henderson said. "She can score, but her ability to push the ball and draw the defense should create some open opportuni-

ties for some of our

other players too." Senior Karlie Jones (6'0") returns to the Ladycats backcourt where she has anchored down the post for the last three years. In the past, she has done a good job owning the paint, but this year, she will need to trust herself to take the open shot opportunities even when she's playing a little further

"We have a very short away from the basket. "We've seen her make those shots in practice," Henderson said. "Again, that's one of those things that just has to transition over to a game and playing the same way that you practice."

> The new coach added, "The thing that makes those two (Howe and Jones) even more special is that they are both leaders. Their relationship on the floor is as strong as it is off of it. They just know each other so well."

Joining Howe in the frontcourt will be junior Jazzmyn Swisher (5'7"),sophomores Konopasek Angela (5'6") and Laney Arnett (5'4") and freshmen Madison Finkenbine (5'6"), Keira Mostaffa (5'3") and Alysia Yoder (5'2").

Swisher will provide some outside shooting for the Ladycats and can't be left alone by a

defense. Konopasek is a superquick guard who can get up and down the floor in Henderson's scheme. Arnett is a player who is improving with every practice and once she gets caught up, she will impact the floor by making defenses respect her while opening up

opportunities for her teammates.

Finkenbine is an athlete who has basketball knowledge and once she catches up her game to the varsity level, her smooth lefthanded shot is more than enough to provide some additional offensive firepower for Warsaw. Mostaffa might be one of the toughest players on the floor for the Ladycats. She is described as having an eye for the floor that is tough to match and when she is freed up, she can hit some shots from outside. Her relentless pursuit on defense, however, will be her biggest asset early in the season. Yoder is a player who, until this season, had never stepped foot on a basketball floor, but she is another one who is improving in practice every day and will eventually give some valuable minutes off of the bench for the Ladvcats.

In the Warsaw backcourt, Jones will be aided by junior Ashlyn Laue (6'0") and sophomores Grace Drake (5'11") and Rachel Henderson (5'9").

Laue is another returning starter for the Ladycats and, even at 6'0", plays bigger than she is. Though designated as a backcourt player, with her shooting ability, she will probably see time in the frontcourt as well.

With her length, Drake should provide an impact on the defensive end of the floor early and as the season progresses, should be able to contribute in the offense eventually. Henderson will be a force down low for the Ladycats. She is a strong, tough player who can only be described as a "banger" down low. She won't shy away from any opponent and as games pass, should be able to be counted on more

and more.

"This will be a different team than anvone has seen for the last few years," Henderson concluded. "There will definitely be some teams worn slick when the game is over. They're going to know they played us."

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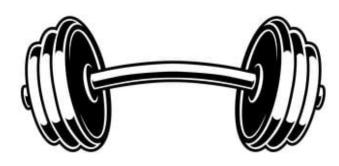
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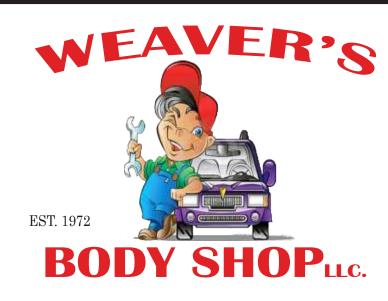
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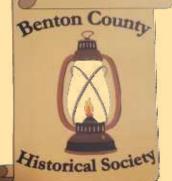
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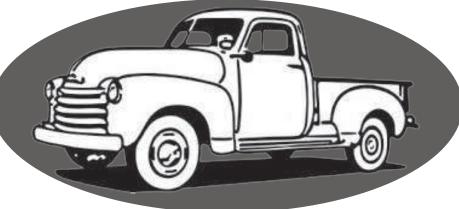
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Wildcats Wrestlers Aim To Turn Corner With New Staff

tling squad will use a few key upperclassmen and a good number of younger grapplers to try to take the next step with the program this season under the direction of a new coaching staff.

Now former coach, Eric Nolan moved on to Republic High School after 2 years with the Wildcats. In his short tenure and through the youth program, Nolan was able to help recruit several new wrestlers and now the new coaches will look to continue

that momentum. In his return to the corner for the Wildcats, new co-head coach Billy Daleske brings a wealth of knowledge, as well as a lot of experience on the mat. A graduate of WHS in the class of 2003, Daleske was a state medalist himself in his high school years. After college, he began his career in education and coaching at Marceline High School before returning home to Warsaw in 2009. In his first stint on the mat with the Wildcats, he served as head coach before surrendering his position to begin his career in administration. Now back on the mat, Daleske is exactly where he loves to be. "I think that by seeing the kids at the school and in the hallways, it gives me an opportunity to relate with them and get

and at events too." Daleske went on to say, "Everybody knows that wrestling is a very disciplined, individual sport; and it's not for everyone. But for those kids who are willing to put in the time, we're going to do our best to make it worth it for them."

to know them on a

more personal basis,"

Daleske said. "I think

that helps to earn their

respect when we're

in the wrestling room

Joining Daleske as the Wildcats co-head coach this season is Nathan Parker. Parker, also a graduate of WHS in 2006, has a

The Warsaw Wres- lot of knowledge to lend and much of that comes through his own experiences on the mat for Warsaw. He also already has established relationships with many of the underclassmen on this year's team since he has coached them through the middle school wrestling program.

> "Having coached a lot of the younger wrestlers for the last couple of years in middle school, they all know what we've worked on, how we've gotten better and what we need to do to continue to improve," Parker said. "I'm looking forward to being there and seeing them bring that all to the next level now." Justin Keys, Jared Steenburgen Lance Estes will all join Dalekse and Parker as assistants, each bringing their own talents to the team.

> Warsaw's squad will be led by 2-time state qualifier, junior Nick Bagley. Bagley has fallen just short of a medal in his first two trips to state but has his sights set high for a return appearance in March at the Cable Dahmer Arena in Independence.

> Juniors Hudson Karr and Coehen Walton and senior Corbin Thirstrup are all wrestlers with varsity experience who will look to make a big impact under the guidance of the new staff and hopefully join Bagley at the 91st Boys MSH-SAA Wrestling Cham-

> pionships. Junior Donovan Campbell is a wrestler that is in his third year with the team and is looking to nail down a spot on the varsity roster for the Wildcats. Sophomore Denver Frace and freshmen Sonny Garrett, Ethan Foster, Jayden Culbertson, Jayce Mathis, Culbert-Christian son, Bradley Watson, Drake Murrell and Kendall Bagley will all vie for some varsity time throughout the year. Murrell was

> a state qualifier as an



Skylon Boone Sophomore



Marlee Street Sophomore



Jayden Culbertson Freshman



Sonny Garrett Freshman



Ethan Foster Freshman

eighth grader a year ago.

Sophomores Marlee Street and Skylon Boone are two female returners who will look to make their mark for Warsaw and they'll be joined by freshman Brooklyn Jackman.

"This is a great group of kids who have already been working hard to get better, and make each other better," Daleske said. "We're still relatively young, but we have several kids who have varsity experience and we're going to build on that."



Jayce Mathis Freshman



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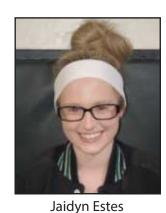
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