

WILDFIRE |

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

to be good decisions made on their part, communication with each other and working together to get that goal.”

“It made all of us realize we are in the running for this, we are capable of making it further and further and further,” Wiesinger said.

“I think we can get back to regionals. I think most of us are hoping to, because we did get there and we only lost three seniors,” Grist said.

The majority of the team’s seniors made an appearance in the state basketball tournament last year, which lit a fire for the team as well.

“That really fired us up, knowing what it’s like in that environment. You want to get there again and to do it in volleyball would be huge for our school,” Wiesinger said.

A three-division volleyball system will go into effect this fall, which may benefit the team also.

“This year, with the three-class system, I think we have a chance of making it. I hope we can. That would an awesome experience,” Wiesinger said.

“It is going to play out pretty well in our favor. I think it’ll be really nice to see different teams, whether it is us or not, just different teams at the state tournament compared to what it has been,” Damjanovich said.

The team debuts by traveling to play Harding County Sept. 2.

TIGERS |

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

– and almost 200 aces, led by Dinius’s team-leading 45, which means the Tigers can leap out from almost any direction on the court and will be a tough, nightly test.

“With the floor players that I have, they’re great leaders and they set an amazing example while helping the younger girls... so, leadership-wise, we’re pretty set,” Stuber said. “Our biggest thing – and I think it goes for any team – is that you can’t get overly confident and thinking that, yes, we have the same team basically as last year – and a lot of teams have lost a few – but we can’t think about that too much and just play as well as we can.”

The September schedule includes a roadtrip to Harding County, S.D., Sept. 2, followed by a test at the Coal Country Invite in Beulah Sept. 6. Flasher will serve as visitors for the Tigers’ home opener on Sept. 9, and the schedule is dense-packed from there.

“I think we have to take things day-by-day, because looking down the road doesn’t ever work – or, at least, it didn’t for us – and we have to focus on ourselves and not-so-much everyone else,” Stuber said. “We just have to stay in it, and keep the girls from losing focus and drive, and the biggest thing is if we want to be successful we have to stay focused and driven and loving it.”

One way or the other, the team is headed for a season of possibilities.

Volleyball debuts three-class system

BY LUANN DART  
luann@westriv.com

Volleyball will enter a new era this fall, as the sport follows in the footsteps of basketball toward a three-class system.

Following the same action that realigned the divisions for basketball, the N.D. High School Activities Association finalized a three-division volleyball system that will go into effect this fall.

Previously, volleyball was split between Class A and Class B. Now, it will be Division AA, Division A and Division B.

The plan divides schools into AA, A and B classes based on an enrollment formula. Both

schools in Hettinger County are in Division B. Eight districts and four regions now comprise Division B.

The tournament schedule will follow the footsteps of basketball tournament as well.

District tournaments will qualify four teams in each district to advance to regional tournaments. Eight teams will advance to the state tournament from within the four regions, including the first-place team from each region and those who win challenge games to earn second place and a qualifying state berth, similar to the basketball tournaments.

The state tournament will be played Nov. 20-22 at the Bismarck Event Center, with all three divisions playing on the same weekend at the same venue.

The Region 4 District 7 teams include Beach, Belfield, Bowman County, Glen Ullin-Hebron, Grant County, Hettinger/Scranton, Mott-Regent, New England, Richardton-Taylor and South Heart.

The Region 4 District 8 teams are Center-Stanton, Central McLean, Flasher, Garrison, Mandaree, New Salem-Almont, Standing Rock Community, Washburn, White Shield and Wilton-Wing.

The plan for a three-class system for boys and girls basketball moved forward for the 2023-24 seasons.

Cross-country teams start season

The cross-country teams started their season at the Killdeer Early Bird Meet Aug. 22.

Under a new contract for services between the Mott-Regent and New England school districts, the schools are making both golf and cross-country available to all their students.

Girls golf is in the fall and boys golf is a spring sport. Cross-country is a fall sport.

Since the agreement is not an official sports co-op, the athletes will compete under their own school banners.

While New England has traditionally had a cross-country team, Mott-Regent is now fielding a runner under the new agreement.

The New England girls had a solid performance in Killdeer, placing seventh as a team out of 14 teams.

In the 3,000-meter varsity race for New England, freshman Hannah Dinius led the team, taking 25th with a time of 14:39. Eighth-grader Abby Binstock followed in 29th place with a time of 14:51.50. Seventh-grader Patricia Kathrein took 57th place with a time of 16:41 and sophomore Breanna Erickson placed 59th with a time of 16:52.

For Mott-Regent, junior Kara Roll placed 37th with a time of 15:16.

Just two boys competed in Killdeer for New England.

In the 3,000-meter varsity race, sophomore Beau Keith clocked a 13:29 time for 62nd place, while senior Mark Schmidt took 102nd place with a time of 16:10.50 in his debut race.

The runners are being coached by Justin Kathrein, a 2023 graduate of New England High School who competed in cross-country while in high school.

The team will next compete in the Bowman County Invite Friday, Aug. 29, then at the Beulah-Hazen invite Sept. 5.

Following a full schedule in September and October, the Class B West Region Meet will take place in Beulah Oct. 11, with the Class B state meet held in Jamestown on Oct. 24.

HETTINGER COUNTY  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hettinger County has positions open on the Hettinger County Road Crew for the New England area. This position will be full time with benefits and will include operating road-graveling equipment; knowledge of mechanical repair would be helpful. Possessing or the ability to obtain a commercial driver’s license is a must for this position.

The successful applicants will be subject to all regulations pertinent to county employees as to workers compensation and county policies affecting the operation of county equipment.

**This position will be open until filled.**

Application available at auditor’s office at 824-2515 or resume may be delivered to the office of the Hettinger County Auditor in the County Courthouse in Mott or may be mailed to: Hettinger County Auditor, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, ND 58646 and should be marked road crew position.

ADVERTISE  
TODAY!



herald@gspublishing.net  
to learn more!

PRIME DOWNTOWN NEW ENGLAND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY  
FOR SALE

Roosevelt Custer Regional Council is accepting proposals for the purchase and development of a commercial building in downtown New England. This property was recently deeded to the Council and offers an excellent opportunity for a new business startup, expansion or relocation.

Property description:

- Address: 731 Main Street, New England, ND
- Square Footage: 2,163
- Lot Size: 0.16 Acres (7,144 sq. ft.)
- Layout: Spacious open floor plan with a front office, two bathrooms and a functional utility room. Designed for flexibility, this layout is ideal for a variety of business uses.
- Zoning: Commercial
- Features: Modern commercial building constructed in 2013, featuring large front display windows, steel roof and updated waterheater installed within the past year. Includes rear apartment, alley access and additional parking in the back, along with prime front street parking.
- Condition: Sold “as-is”

Our goal:

While the purchase price will be a factor, priority will be given to proposals that:

- Create jobs
- Enhance the downtown district
- Increase community vibrancy and economic activity

Proposal Requirements:

- Intended business use and community benefit
- Plans for building improvements
- Proposed purchase price
- Evidence of financial capacity

Showings: Available by appointment. Call 701-483-1241 to schedule.

Deadline: Email proposal to [jessica@swnd.org](mailto:jessica@swnd.org) no later than 5 p.m. MST Sept. 15.

Full RFP & Details: Contact Jessica Buer, Roosevelt Custer Regional Council at 701-483-1241 | [jessica@swnd.org](mailto:jessica@swnd.org) [www.rooseveltcuster.org/commun](http://www.rooseveltcuster.org/commun)