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Fall Sports Wrap Up

Stand out seasons: Girls' and boys' soccer teams make play offs

Girls' Soccer

This year girls' soccer team was able to win the District 6 playoffs for the first time in the program's history.

The team was coached by Ralph Winterburn, Andy Aveni and Tom Lutz.

The girls finished with a record of 15-3-1. Winterburn started the season with a positive mindset.

"Based on the results and success of last year, the expectations of the program have risen," Winterburn said.

Winterburn was happy with the outcome of the season.

"After reviewing our team goals for the season, the girls were able to accomplish most of them.

They got a lot closer as a team, their possession got better and

they matured a lot as a team in big games and moments," Winterburn said.

Boys' Soccer

This year the boys' team captured the District VI Championship and went deeper into the State Playoffs than they ever have in team history.

The team is coached by David McCarter, Travis Young, Travis Deleo, Jeremy Young and Doug Sipes. The boys finished with a record of 17-3-1.

"This might have been the best season that the school has ever seen. We dealt as a unit and became a team early on. We gained a lot more confidence and game experience and increased ability as the season continued," McCarter said.



Football team ends first season with new coach



The Mt. Lion football team began their season with a new coaching staff and a limited number of seniors. However, even with these difficulties the team persevered and left the season with a record of 1-9.

At the beginning of the season head coach Vince Nedimyer started with a positive outlook for the upcoming season.

"We are constantly looking to improve the effort that we put forth as a team every day. The players have responded well to previously mentioned concepts and we hope that it starts to transfer to the field," Nedimyer said.

Although the team ended with a difficult record, they continued to push past the negatives and focus on what they could do to improve.

"We're looking forward to the winter off-season and getting into the weight room with the returning players," Nedimyer said.

Season Records

Girls' Soccer

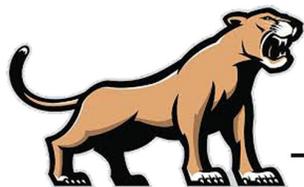
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Boys' Soccer

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Football

9-1



Tennis team brings home district title

This year, the girls' tennis team won their first district team title in 11 years. The team saw success from Alese Rinker who won the District 6 Singles championship over her teammate Morgan Stevens.

The team also had a record number of 50 members on the team. The girls were able to shut out Hollidaysburg and State College and won the Central Mountain Invitational. The team was coached by Eric Hovan, Mark Sapita and Adam Redinger and finished with a record of 11-3.

"We had so many girls who improved so much throughout the season. This was such a fun team to coach. I'm excited for next season," Hovan said.

Cross Country



Girls' and boys' cross country teams keep running

This year the girls' cross country team had two girls qualify for states, sophomore Mackenzie Kelley and freshman Reese Wilbur. The girls finished with a record of 0-3. The team is coached by Tabitha Quinn.

"I felt that the season worked out better as it progressed. This was a building year for us. We were looking to have consistency from the runners and close the spread from runners," Quinn said.

The boys' cross country team began their season during the summer and defeated Hollidaysburg Sept 10.

The future is bright

"Five of our seven varsity runners are returning next season."

"Goals we had for the beginning of the season included being first or second at the District Six Championships," coach Lee Baranik said.

Although the team was disappointed with the outcome of the season, they also made positive strides.

"The future is very bright as five of our seven varsity runners are returning next season. These harriers received lots of great experience by running at quality invitationals we attend and at the dual meets on our schedule," Baranik said.

Baranik and the runners are looking forward to next year's season.

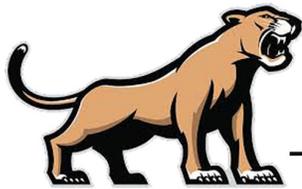
"Next season we expect our runners to be more focused on a plan for each race and know the competition's abilities and weaknesses," Baranik said.

State
Qualifiers

Tennis
Alese Rinker

Cross Country
Mackenzie Kelley

Cross Country
Reese Wilbur



“We have tweaked the defense slightly, and so far have had great success with these defensive changes,” Coach John Saboe said.



Girls' volleyball team qualifies for states

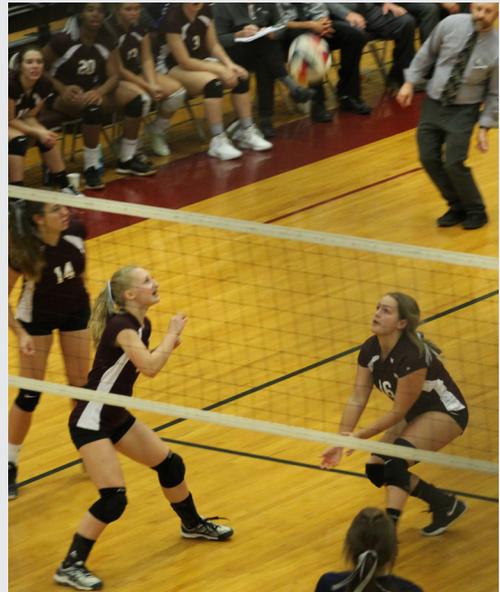
The team began their season on Aug. 30 at the Fort LeBoeuf Invitational.

The Lady Lions were challenged with having only one senior.

“We have tweaked the defense slightly, and so far have had great success with these defensive changes,” Coach John Saboe said.

The team had a record of 7-9. The team made it to states when the team won 25-14 in the first set, 25-11 in the second set and 25-16 in the third set.

“This season we were pleased with the successes that we had considering we only returned with one senior and two varsity starters,” Saboe said.



Cheerleaders, Lionees finish fall season and prepare for winter competitions

The Mt. Lion cheer squad began their season early in the summer and earned numerous awards throughout the summer and fall season.

“So far this year, our squad has won a lot of awards. In the beginning of the year five of our cheerleaders won All-American Cheerleaders. Recently, we took fourth place in the Rumble in the Jungle varsity division,” head coach Jamie Dyer said.

Unlike the other fall sports, cheer still has a full winter season left. They will be competing in districts on Dec. 14.

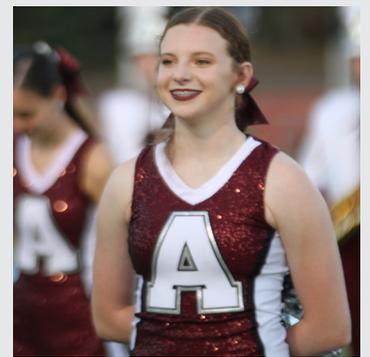
“We’re currently preparing for the upcoming winter bas-

ketball and wrestling season,” Dyer said.

This season the Lionees added the football games to their schedule. The team also returned to being a competitive squad.

“We traveled to United High School on Nov. 3 to compete in the sixth annual Rumble in the Jungle Cheer and Dance Classic and received first in the High School Dance category as well as capturing the highest score of the day out of every group in the entire competition to be named Grand Champion,” Coach Sami Cessna Floyd said.

During the fall season the



girls stood on the sideline and performed during halftime with the band.

“This was the first time we’ve performed as part of football season, and to be welcomed by the marching band to become

part of their halftime shows, as well as dancing on the track in front of the student section every game, was an amazing experience. We’re excited to see what next fall holds for us,” Floyd said.

Volleyball Record

7-9

Rumble in the Jungle:

* Cheer brings home fourth place varsity division

* Lionees bring home first in high school dance category



- Scott Lawhead- 81.43
- Dominic Fasolo- 86.05
- Cameron Geisler- 90.86
- Marcus Lucas- 91.00
- Robert Mancinelli- 91.53
- Lucas Muffie- 92.90
- Kyle Hite- 93.63
- Judah Fulchiero- 94.00
- Daniel Batrus- 98.90
- Sean Eakins- 107.00
- Jake Walsh- 108.25
- Anthony Pacifico- 109.75

Golf team ends season 4-7

This year the golf team aimed to improve their scores from last year and give more experience to the younger players. The team finished the season with a record of 4-7 and is coached by Erick Kozak.

“I thought we had a chance to win a couple of more matches. I was hoping that some more people would step up and fill in the shoes of the kids we lost last year, but overall I thought we had a solid season,” Kozak said.

Coaches Erik Kozak and Ron Bowser prepared the golf team for multiple upcoming tournaments. They faced off against DuBois on Sept. 18, Kiski on Sept. 19, St. Joes on Sept. 24, Sectionals at Sinking Valley on Sept. 26 and Championships at Scotch Valley on Sept. 30 to start the season.

This golfers also competed to try to win \$25,000 as part of the Operation Our Town Tournament.



Fan support year round: Maniacs celebrate school spirit with themes

