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Lady Trojans Gear Up For Track and Field Season

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Mike Schaub is back as head coach of the Barnesville Lady Trojans Track and Field team for 2018. Schaub, who is entering his 12th season as the leader of the program and his 18th season overall, returns another youthful roster of athletes that are looking to improve upon their 2017 performances.

Barnesville has only two seniors on the roster for the upcoming season as Allison Peterson and Kaitlyn Thompson enter their final campaign. Peterson will participate in the sprints, relays and jumps, with Thompson running the distance events.

Juniors out for the team this season include Tessa Herman, discus and shot put; Claire Meyer, hurdles, jumps and relays; Elora Passa, sprints and jumps; Madison Sossa, distance and relays; Emily Spilde, sprints, pole vault and relays; Kendra Paulson, hurdles and jumps; and Natalie Votava, pole vault.

The sophomore class will consist of Kya Anderson-discus and shot put, Emerson Biewer-discus and shot put, Elizabeth Peppel-distance and relays, Jenna Poppel-sprints and jumps, Grace Schindler-sprints, jumps and relays, Chloe Walseth-sprints, jumps and relays and Bayleigh Edgar-sprints.

Rounding out the freshman class are Kaylee Johnson, distance; Kimberly Maesse, sprints, jumps and relays; Samantha Passa, distance, jumps and relays; Alivia Pederson, shot put and discus; Olivia Sorenson, sprints, jumps and relays; Jordan Thune, distance and relays; Jordan Tschumperlin, sprints, jumps and relays; Allie Aadland, sprints, jumps, pole vault, distance and relays; and Hailey Dunham, sprints and jumps.

Underclassmen include eighth grade athletes Emily Bredman, distance, high jump and relays; Kylee Engel, shot put and discus; Emma Friesen, distance and relays; Mathea Jablonsky, sprints, jumps and relays; Kaitlyn Levenson, sprints, jumps and relays; Hannah Riddle, sprints and jumps; Sydney Rustad, sprints, jumps and relays; Emily Schoenecker, sprints, jumps and relays; Liv Brasel, shot put and discus; Deshanna Dotson, sprints and jumps; and Thea Stetz, shot put and discus. Seventh graders are Mya Askegard, Rumely Biewer, Krysta



Members of the Barnesville Lady Trojans varsity track team are left to right, row one - Hunter Neuleib, Mya Askegard, Allie Aadland, Lilly Markey, Belle Peterson, Rumely Biewer, DeShanna Dotson, Kaitlyn Levenson, Kylie Morgan; row two - Jordan Tschumperlin, Elizabeth Peppel, Kya Anderson, Thea Stetz, Kylee Engel, Natalie Votava, Kim Maesse, Krysta Braton, Madi Sossa, Bayleigh

Edgar; row three - Allison Peterson, Emily Spilde, Grace Schindler, Emily Schoenecker, Jenna Poppel, Emma Rietz, Emerson Biewer, Livinia Brasel, Mathea Jablonsky, Sydney Rustad, Chloe Walseth; row four - Jordan Thune, Emily Smith, Hailey Dunham, Tessa Herman, Kendra Paulson, Kaitlyn Thompson, Claire Meyer, Emma Friesen, Kaylee Johnson, Sam Passa, Emily Bredman; row

five - Assistant Coach Britta Teeples, Assistant Coach McKinzie Tangen, Alivia Pederson, Tori Wacker, Hannah Riddle, Elora Passa, Emily Riddle, Jaida Cox, Olivia Sorenson, Rylan Schumacher, Head Coach Mike Schaub. Not pictured is McKenna Peterson.

Braton, Jaida Cox, Lilly Markey, Kylie Morgan, Hunter Neulib, Belle Peterson, Emily Riddle, Emma Rietz, Emily Smith and Tori Wacker.

"We finished in the top seven, as a team, in all regular season track and field meets last season," said Schaub. "We finished 3rd out of 15 teams in the Section 6A True Team meet and sixth at Sub-Sections. We also advanced 11 athletes to the Section 8A meet and finished in 14th place.

"Emily Schoenecker placed second at Sections, earning a trip to the State Track and Field Meet, where she finished in 22nd place. We expect big things from Emily again in 2018, while looking for improvements with all our athletes throughout this season. They are great athletes that have excellent work ethics. It should be a fun season."

Barnesville will once again compete in the Heart O' Lakes Conference, Sub-Section 30 and Section 8A.

Schaub will focus on coaching the sprints and relays, with Britta Teeples, assisting the program for the third season, coaching high jumpers and long distance runners.

Boys Coach Scott Amundson will

work with the girls in the shot put and discus, while Chad Suter enters his first season as the boys assistant coach and will focus on the long and triple jump events.

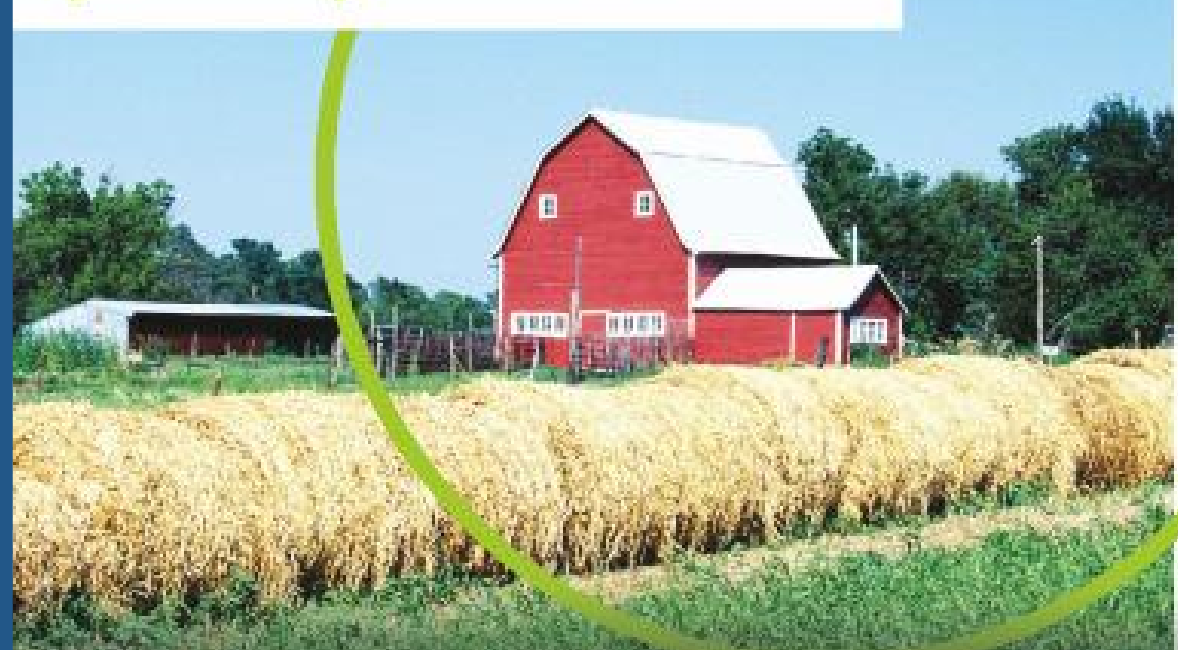
McKinzie Tangen is also in her first season working the hurdlers, jumps and Junior High.

Captains for the 2018 season will be Elora Passa, Claire Meyer and Emily Spilde. Coach Schaub believes that Perham will be the HOL Conference favorite this season with Park Rapids leading the pack to win Section 8A.

"I am excited to see how all our athletes will perform this season," said Schaub. "Emily Schoenecker is our only returning athlete to make it to the state meet. She will continue to participate in the long jump, 200 meter dash and sprint relays. Another athlete to watch for is Jordan Tschumperlin. Jordan set a school record in the triple jump last season and looks to excel in that event as well as the high jump and sprint relays. Both girls attended many camps in the off-season to improve in their events. It will be fun to watch them compete this season. I look for our team to be strong in all areas as we have a lot of depth and a great work ethic. I can't wait for the season to get under way."

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