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The Al DeLeon Invitational, held at West Hancock High School in Britt, IA was a unique event on the 2019-20 SHS Wrestling schedule. The tournament is named after longtime Britt/West Hancock Head Coach, Al DeLeon. Under DeLeon's leadership, the school, located in north Iowa, earned three State Championships among many other accolades during his thirty-three years at the school. Seaman Head Coach Patirck Kelly was a 1988 graduate of Britt High School and member of DeLeon's program. The team performed well and captured the team title at the tournament. They also experienced the environment of Coach Kelly's formative years. Thank you to all who supported the program in making this opportunity possible.



(L-R): Former assistant coach Ron Meyer, Coach Kelly, Coach DeLeon, Jeff Kelly, Lois DeLeon. Right picture: Al and Lois DeLeon.



A local newspaper dedicated a full-page to Seaman Wrestling participating in the Al DeLeon Invitational.



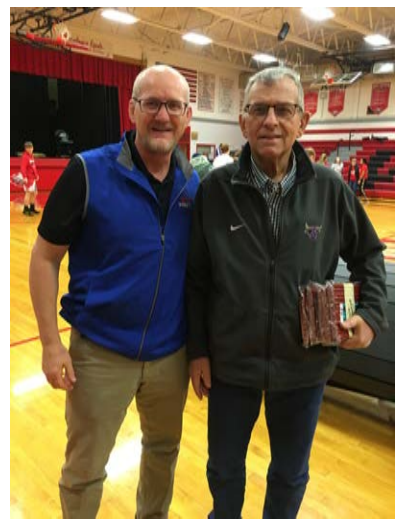
The team arrives in north Iowa.



Bailey Kelly works out on a squat rack dedicated to his grandmother in the West Hancock High School weightroom.



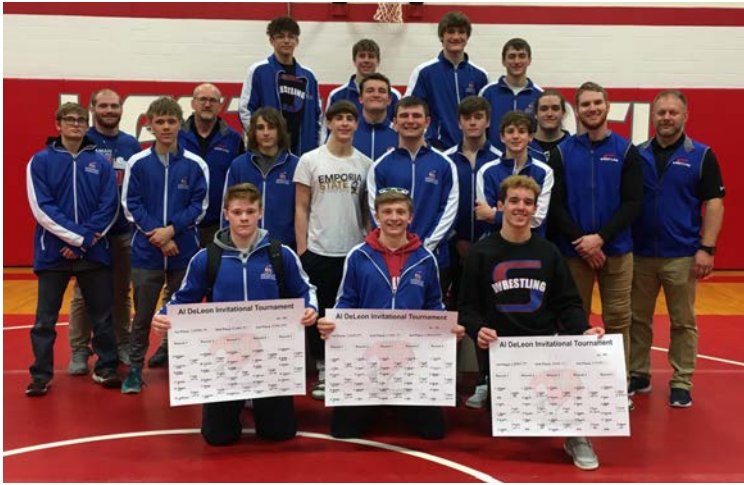
A chat with the legendary Britt/West Hancock Football coach, Bob Sanger. This year's team won the State Championship, his 52nd year as coach at the school.



Mike Chapman penned an article about the Vikes competing in Iowa for the nationally circulated *WIN* magazine.



A recently installed trophy case in the commons area at West Hancock High School was donated in memory of Coach Kelly's parents, Paul & Marlys Kelly.



2019 AI DeLeon Invitational Champion – Seaman Vikings



Riding in style with Matt behind the wheel.

SPORTS

Kelce continues to set records

Chiefs tight end records fourth straight 1,000-yard season

By Dave Kistritz
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Travis Kelce has never cared much about individual statistics, even though the Kansas City Chiefs tight end has been putting up some eye-popping

numbers ever since he arrived in the NFL seven years ago. He's the consummate team-first player. The only number that matters to him is the number of wins.

Well, all those catches and yards and touchdowns that Kelce keeps piling up happen to be a big factor in the number of victories the Chiefs have accumulated over the years. Kelce caught another 11 passes

for 142 yards in leading them to a 21-1 rout of the Denver Broncos on Sunday, allowing them to keep pace in the race for a first-round playoff bye in the AFC.

"Right now it's just a bunch of numbers. Honestly, I'm focused on winning games," said Kelce, who became the first tight end in NFL history with four consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. "Being a team

sport, the individual accolades, you know, I like to kind of push them aside and try to focus on how I can get better for my teammates."

Get better? Maintaining his level of excellence is probably good enough. Kelce has 1,331 yards receiving, which means he's closing in on another season that would rank among the top 10 in Chiefs history. The

four seasons of 1,000 yards are matched only by tight ends Tony Gonzalez, Jason Witten and Rob Gronkowski — though none of them did it consecutively. And with 6,107 yards through his first seven seasons, Kelce has already shattered the NFL record for a tight end at this point in his career.

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KU on top of college hoops world



CITY NOTES

Seaman wrestlers headed to Iowa

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Rick Peterson of the *Topeka Capital-Journal* did a great job with coverage of the team before and after the event.

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runner-up finishes. He also spent four years as head coach at Waldorf Community College before retiring. DeLeon is expected to be in attendance Saturday. "He really can't speak any more and he's confined to a wheelchair, but he comes and is recognized," Kelly said. Kelly said he started trying to finalize the Iowa trip after seeing a picture of DeLeon at last year's tournament. "When I saw that picture it really kind of hit home to me that it's time. We need to do this, and get up there."

Seaman competed in the Colby Eagle Invitational last weekend, posting dual wins over Liberal (42-30), Phillipsburg (5-30), Hinkley, Colo. (60-12) and Hutchinson (51-32). Viking senior 145-pounder Landon Willard and senior 100-pounder Dylan Williams

both posted 7-0 records at Colby while sophomore 106-pounder Justin Kruse went 0-1.

The Vikings will also be in action Wednesday, traveling to Shawnee Heights (5 p.m. start) for their annual dual match with the T-Birds.

Washburn Rural won the team title in Saturday's 17-senior dual. Shawnee Heights (5 p.m. start) will face Mission Northwest Cougar Invitational by a 592.5-340.5 over Olathe Northwest as eight Junior Blues earned individual championships.

Sophomore Austin Fager, senior Gavin Carter and junior David Huckstep all remained unbeaten on the season, with Fager (52 pounds) improving to 9-0-0, Carter (195) now 10-0-0 and Huckstep (285) improving to 11-1-0.

The Junior Blues also got wins from sophomore Jacob Tangpricha (106), junior Bishop Murray (113), junior Bowen Murray (132), sophomore Nick Vincent (138) and senior John Vincent (145). Shawnee Heights finished second in Saturday's



Seaman wrestling coach Patrick Kelly, left, and his Vikings will travel to Britt, Iowa, for Saturday's AI DeLeon Invitational. (FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE CAPITAL JOURNAL)

Manhattan Duals tournament, posting a 4-1 record on the day, with wins over the Manhattan junior varsity (84-0), Paola (65-9), Smith Center (40-37) and Abilene (51-21).

The T-Birds' lone loss was a 45-20 defeat against host Manhattan. Heights sophomores Brock Ferguson (113), Caden Walker (145) and Preston Hartman

(152) all went 5-0 on the day while Zack Gonzales (160), Nolan Slusser (170), Bryce Yeagley (195) and Garrett Peery (220) all posted 4-1 records.

CITY NOTES

Seaman, Heights, Rural wrestlers win team titles

By Rick Peterson
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Three city boys wrestling teams captured team championships Sat. to wrap up the pre-holiday portion of their schedule, with Seaman winning in Iowa while Shawnee Heights won at Tonganoxie and Washburn Rural took home the title in Carroll's tournament at Wichita. Seaman traveled to Britt, Iowa, for the AI DeLeon

Invitational and claimed the team championship by a scant 201-250 margin over Central Springs, Iowa.

The Vikings got individual championships from seniors Cameron Smith at 132 pounds, Landon Willard at 160, with all three wrestlers going 5-0 in the tournament. Smith recorded four first-period pins and a 10-0 major

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Washburn Rural senior Gavin Carter, left, won the 195-pound title Saturday at the Carroll Invitational, improving to 15-0 on the season. (FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE CAPITAL JOURNAL)