



ELISHA JONES AND ASHLEY HORTON at league volleyball in Colby.

## Player explains libero position

By ELISHA JONES

I find that many people wonder what this is, the libero, so I've decided to share some knowledge with these people.

The libero is a defensive specialist in the game of volleyball and is only allowed to play in the back row. In most cases the libero is considered the best passer. Her role on the team is to pass the ball and dig the ball effectively for the setter to get a good set so that the hitter can get a good hit. The libero is not allowed to set or attack the ball in front of the ten-foot line, but can set or attack from the back row, behind the ten-foot line.

The libero wears a different jersey from the other team members so that

the referees know who the libero is, if the team has one. Each team is allowed to have a libero, but it is not required.

The libero is allowed to go in for any player in the back row. The replacement, however, must be behind the ten-foot line. The libero is also allowed to serve for one rotation. In other words, the libero can only serve for one person.

When the libero goes in, it is not considered a substitution; instead it is called replacement, and to keep track of this there is a libero tracker for each game. The libero tracker keeps track of when the libero goes in and who the libero takes the place of.

The libero is simply a member of

the team who can pass effectively for the team. Just like each member of the team has a role, the role of the libero is to pass or to dig the ball.

I am the libero for Decatur Community High School, and I am proud to be the libero for such a good team!

## Black Shirt winners announced on Friday

By FARRA MCCHESENEY

This week's Black Shirt winners are Jacob Larue, high school football; Chris Larson, cross country; Jordan Dreher, high school volleyball; Chris Anderson, junior high football, and Elizabeth Nedland, junior high volleyball.

Every two weeks, the coaches pick one athlete from their program who has shown a positive attitude, good effort, and has provided a positive influence for their teammates to follow.

The shirts are handed out on certain Fridays. Activities Director Joe

Dreher says that the shirts are a way to get kids motivated and are something for them to look forward to as a reward for their positive attitude and good effort.

The first black shirt award winners were Toby Peters, high school football; Jessica Fredrickson, high school volleyball; Dalton Jones, cross country; Zach May, junior high football; and Keatra Fisher, junior high volleyball.

The second set of black shirts was awarded to Nathan Simonsson, Elisha Jones, Andrew Richards, Kennedy Fortin, and Hannah May.



JUNIOR WILEY FARR practices roping a calf with his uncle, Mick Barth. Wiley has been roping since he was six years old. - Dictator Staff Photo

## Student headed to nationals

By ASHLISAMSON

Junior Wiley Farr has qualified for the National Finals for Team Roping in Oklahoma City on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Wiley has been roping for eleven years now. He got started when he was six with the encouragement of his uncle, Mick Barth. Wiley has also been a member of the United States Team Roping Championships for three years.

In July Wiley competed in Colo-

rado Springs with his roping partner/uncle Mick Barth. Wiley is the heeler, which means he ropes the feet, and Mick is the header.

The two roped as a team and then drew for two other partners. Wiley won with one of his partners, Bob Johnson who is from Oklahoma. They ended up getting fifth place out of 253 teams and are now qualified for the national finals in Oklahoma City.

Mick and Wiley still hope to

qualify as a team, so they plan to compete in the preliminaries in Oklahoma.

The national competition is the weekend of Nov. 2 and over eight thousand roping teams will compete.

Wiley competes with his horse Barbee, whom he trained himself. He plans to continue roping after high school.

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