

Lady Eagles have high expectations

By **TERRY LIDY**

In her tenth year as volleyball coach, Nicole Underwood has great expectations after last year's team not only won the Apollo, but also the regional and sectional titles. "We have a great group of dedicated, hard working ladies who are eager for competition," said Underwood.

Leading the way are tri-captains Katie

Probst, Nikki Tipsword and Haley Woods. Other seniors returning include Mallory Bolander, Chelsey Probst and Nicole Fitzmaurice.

Four juniors counted on include Kimberlin Wallace, Whitney Koebele, Joni Hahn and Lucy Emmerich. Sophomore Hillary Keller will divide her time between the varsity and junior varsity.

The junior varsity includes sophomores Rachel Finn, Haley Kinder, Brianne Nail and Mallory Kocher; Freshmen include Erica Earnest, Rachel Urfer, Jordan Huston, Amanda Fugate, Jasmin Arnold, Nicole Schackmann and Beth Helmink.

Senior exchange student, Theresa Ney, from Germany, will also play J-V ball.

The Lady Eagles open

up the season at home on Tuesday September 2 with Oblong followed by home matches with Effingham and Salem on the 9th and 11th. On the weekend of the 12th and 13th, the Lady Eagles will again be in the prestigious Crossroads Classic in Effingham. Those matches should be a good barometer into how good the Lady Eagles of 2008 might be.



Varsity Volleyball Team: Front row, left to right, Lucy Emmerich, Mallory Bolander, Joni Hahn, Nicole Fitzmaurice and Chelsey Probst. Back row, left to right, Katie Probst, Haley Woods, Hillary Keller, Kimberlin Wallace and Whitney Koebele. Not pictured, Nikki Tipsword. (photo by Terry Lidy)