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The Crete High School 2021 cheer team includes, from left: (first row) Grace Huesinkvelt, Karen Vasquez, Kaitlyn Yeager, Taylor Pierce, Angela Lopez and Jenny Cardoso; (second row) Camille Andelt, Hallie Clarke, Sofia Dimas, Bayli Kratochvil, Cassidy Meinke and Kiya Garrelts; (third row) Mia Nagengast, Tory Villamonte, Mackenzie Perez, Lindsay Schroeder and Steve Enriquez; (fourth row) Lexxus Souders, Jadya Sanchez, Rylee Sommer, Conleigh Spence and Lauren Corning; and (fifth row) Ella Heusinkvelt, Evannie Sand, Camden Kent, Juliette Diaz and Alexa Wackel.

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The 2021-22 cheerleaders at Wilber-Clatonia are, from left: (front row) Tatiana Meza, Danya Formanek, Addison Combs and Kaycee Rezabek; and (back row) Alayna Steffensmeier, Brooklyn Davidson, Kaylee Rimel, Maddison Vogel and Delaney Mazza.



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The 2021 Crete High School cross country team includes, from left: (first row) Ethan Koch, Angela Lopez, Karen Vasquez, Jenny Cardoso and Ruben Avalos; (second row) Coach Stan Croft, Sofia Dimas, Camille Andelt, Bret Fulton, Miguel Alarcon-Chavez and Luis Alarcon-Chavez; (third row) Steve Enriquez, Danny Lopez, Manuel Ordaz, Huang Aye, Adrian Escobar and Owen Faltin; and (fourth row) Brody Klein, Michael Vicente Reyes, Jordy Alvarez Morales, Leonardo Adame-Lopez, Garrett Dittmer, Tyler Ward and Leo Slevin.

**Coach’s name:** Stan Croft, Crete Cross Country/Head Boys Track

**Years coaching:** 13 years in college

**Assistants:** Justin Castellanos and Emily Standage is the Middle School Coach

**Seniors on this year’s team:** Jenny Cardoso-Franco, Ruben Avalos, Ethan Koch

**Returning letter winners:** Jenny Cardoso-Franco, Sofia Dimas, Camille Andelt, Ruben Avalos, Ethan Koch, Brett Fulton, Garrett Dittmer

**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** I’m hopeful that the season ends with the teams placing higher at districts, both were sixth last year. I am hopeful that we will have some individuals that will be competitive on both the boys’ and girls’ teams. Jenny has gone to state cross

country, and I am confident she will return and that a few other girls (Sofia Dimas and Camille Andelt) show significant improvement. We may have a few boys that are capable of running near the front of some races and making a run at an individual qualifying spot at for the state meet. Bret Fulton has been running well at practice.

I hope that I can push our athletes to challenge what they have believed they could accomplish. We have increased the mileage and intensity of what they are accustomed too and at some point it will pay off. I think a successful cross country coach has to find the fine line between overdoing it and high expectations. The beginning of the year has been going well and we are at that point.

**First competition:** Aug. 28 at Norris

# CRETE

## CROSS COUNTRY

Aug.	28	at Norris Invite	9:30a
Sept.	2	at Charlie Thorell Invite (Seward)	4:45p
Sept.	10	at Aurora	4:15p
Sept.	17	at Waverly	2p
Sept.	21	host Crete Invite, Doane	4:30p
Sept.	30	at Aquinas Invite, David City	4:30p
Oct.	7	at Central Conference, York	4p
Oct.	14	at Districts	TBA
Oct.	22	at State, Kearney	2:30p

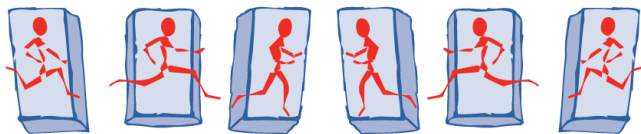


# TRI COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY

Aug.	28	at Norris Invite	9:30a
Sept.	4	at Beatrice Invite	4:30p
Sept.	9	at Fairbury Invite	4p
Sept.	16	at Fillmore Central Invite	5p
Sept.	23	at Randall Smith Invite (Hebron)	5p
Sept.	27	at UNK Invite (Kearney)	3p
Sept.	30	at Lincoln Lutheran Invite	4p
Oct.	14	at Districts	TBA
Oct.	22	at State, Kearney	noon

# WILBER-CLATONIA CROSS COUNTRY

Sept.	4	at Beatrice Invite	9:30a
Sept.	9	at Milford Invite, Doane	5p
Sept.	16	at Fillmore Central Invite, Geneva	5p
Sept.	21	at Malcolm Invite	4p
Sept.	23	at Randall Smith Invitational (Hebron)	5p
Oct.	1	at Syracuse Invite	3:45p
Oct.	7	at Southern Nebraska Conference (Hebron)	4:30p
Oct.	14	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct.	22	at State, Kearney	12:30p



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Running cross country for Tri County in 2021 are, from left: (front row) Kenzie Strein, Evelyn Baker, Abbie Drewes and Aubrey Sluka; and (back row) Alex Paxton, Ethan Jobman, Carter Siems, Carter Holtmeier and Lucas Lewandowski.

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Logan Herndon

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Football

Volleyball

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Cross country (boys  
and girls)

Girls' golf

Boys' tennis

Members of the 2021 Wilber-Clatonia cross country team are, from left: (front row) Celia LaMere, Alexa Landeros, Jessica Martinez, Lena Eschiti and Sarina Lavilay; and (back row) Angel Nateras, Pedro Hernandez, Ivan Znamenacek and Roberto Torres. Not pictured is Logan Herndon.

**Coach's name:** Coach Nick Behring, Wilber-Clatonia boys' and girls' cross country

**Years coaching:** 26

**Assistant coaches:** Ray Uher and Cody Vana

**Seniors:** Logan Herndon  
**Returning letter winners:** Logan Herndon, Pedro Hernandez, Roberto Torres, Lena Eschiti, Jessica Martinez  
**Season outlook:** Logan and Pedro are our two lead-

ers, but I expect the younger underclassmen to pick up the slack; the girls' leaders will be Lena and Jessica. These four kids all placed in conference and was very close in districts. We may have, like I men-

tioned before, an underclassman on both teams surprise us some.

**First meet:** Saturday, Sept. 4, at Beatrice

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Playing football for Crete High School in 2021 are, from left: (first row) Jacob Fugett, Clay Sears, Isaac Krael, Andrew Burianak, Braden Schmeckpeper, Bryan Banos, Cale Bessler, Kevin Castro and Chris Amaya; (second row) Tadd TeBrink, Will Chica, Trevor Rejcha, Bryan Juarez, Ivery Hoyos, Kenny Le and Connor Leiting; (third row) Jacob Harrington, Kolton Henkel, Austin Krumme, Sebastian Lemus, Diego Reyes, Brayton Zeibig and Michael Willey; (fourth row) Karson Cowan, Colton Homolka, Drew Henning, Maddix Fye, Barrett Eggerling, Saul Lopez Castro, Emmanuel Valdovinos and Owen Heath; (fifth row) Connor Krumme, Carter Tews, Reece Vertin, Cesar Linares, Quinlan Vondra, Garrett Rockenbach, Easton Kassing, Juan Miguel and Jedidiah Krael; and (sixth row) Dylan Rejcha and Aaron Meinke.

**Coach’s name:** High football  
Mark Newmyer, Crete **Years coaching:** 5

**Assistants:** Nicco Schmeckpeper, Andrew Salvador, Troy Kantor, Burianek, William Chica, Isaac Krael, Chris Colten Mach, Mark Amaya, Clayton Sears, Rogge  
**Last year’s record:** 1-6  
**Seniors on this year’s team:** Braden

ing, Jacob Fugett  
**Returning letter winners:** Braden Schmeckpeper, Isaac Krael, Clayton Sears, Cale Bessler, Trevor Rejcha, Kevin Castro, Bryan Banos, Conner Leiting, Jacob Fugett, Jacob Harrington, Diego Reyes, Kevin Castro, Brayton Zeibig, Michael Willey, Tadd TeBrink  
**First competition:** at York Aug. 27

CRETE FOOTBALL

Aug.	27	at York	7P
Sept.	3	host McCook	7P
Sept.	10	at Seward	7P
Sept.	17	host Lexington (homecoming)	7P
Sept.	24	at Plattsmouth	7P
Oct.	1	host Omaha Gross	7P
Oct.	8	host Norris	7P
Oct.	15	at Waverly	7P
Oct.	22	host Beatrice	7P
Oct.	29	First round playoffs, TBA	TBA
Nov.	5	State quarterfinals, TBA	TBA
Nov.	12	State semifinals, TBA	TBA
Nov.	22	Class B state final, Lincoln	7:15p

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**Coach's name:**  
Brent Zoubek, Dorches-  
ter, Football

**Years coaching:**  
18th year overall,  
10th as head coach at  
Dorchester

**Assistant:** Lute  
Brees

**Last year's re-  
cord:** 6-3, lost in first  
round of state playoffs

**Seniors on this  
year's team:** Blake  
Hansen, Ben Novavec,  
Jason Paz, Jose Tellez

**Returning letter  
winners:** Blake Han-  
sen, Ben Nohavec, Jason  
Paz, Garrett Tachovsky,  
Jacob Cerny, Marcos  
Gonzalez, Israel Corne-  
jo,

**Season outlook  
(athletes to watch,  
holes to fill, teams  
to watch in the con-  
ference/district):**  
Athletes to watch: Gar-  
rett Tachovsky, Jacob  
Cerny, Ben Nohavec,



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Members of the 2021 Dorchester High football team are, from left: (first row) student manager Chase Tachovsky, Blake Hansen, Jose Tellez, Ben Nohavec, Jason Paz and student manager Carter Cerny; (second row) Garrett Tachovsky, Marcos Gonzalez, Andy Drake, Israel Cornejo, William Paiz Bautista and Jacob Cerny; and (third row) Assistant Coach Lute Brees, Garrett Nohavec, Owen Vyhnaek, Ashton Jirsa and Head Coach Brent Zoubek. Brett Ladely is not pictured.

Marcos Gonzalez, Blake  
Hansen  
We have holes to  
fill offensively in losing

All State running back  
Collyn Brummett and  
Kohl Tyser to gradua-  
tion. Defensively we will

need to fill the void left  
by Kohl Tyser.  
Teams to watch are  
McCool Junction, Ster-

ling, Parkview Chris-  
tian in the District and  
Pawnee City out of the  
district.

**First competition:**  
at home vs Meridian on  
Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

# DORCHESTER FOOTBALL

Aug.	27	host Meridian	7:30p
Sept.	3	at Pawnee City	7p
Sept.	10	host Lewiston	3p
Sept.	24	at Hampton	7p
Oct.	1	at Sterling	7p
Oct.	8	host Heartland Lutheran (homecoming)	7p
Oct.	15	at Parkview Christian	4p
Oct.	22	host McCool Junction	7p
Oct.	29	First round playoffs, TBA	TBA
Nov.	5	State quarterfinals, TBA	TBA
Nov.	12	State semifinals, TBA	TBA
Nov.	19	Six-man state final, Kearney	7p

Good luck to all the fall sports athletes.

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The 2021 Tri County football team includes, from left: (first row) Jackson McNiff, Jurgen Baker, Camden Cline, Gavin Weichel, Grant Lewandowski, Brevin Damrow, Colton Bales, Christopher Janssen and James Kerns; (second row) Jack Hopkins, Ben Holsing, Colton Placek, Tayden Gronemeyer, Kaden Van Winkle, Gage Brinkman, Dilan Martinez, Jackson Kirchoff, Cooper Stokebrand and Kehton Sowards; and (third row) student manager Cade Spahr; Ivan Castillo, Ibrahim Castillo, Cole Spahr, Pierce Damrow, Cael Washburn, Dustin Kapke, August Gerlach, Zach Bergmeier, John Wehrman, student manager Wyatt Dike and Coach Brett Scheiding. Not pictured are Evan Quackenbush, Brayden Ebbers and student managers Fischer Ensz, Jonah Schwab and Rylan Ebbers.

**Coach's name:**  
Brett Scheiding, Tri  
County football

**Years coaching:** 9

**Assistant:** Delva  
Smith

**Last year's re-  
cord:** 10-1, lost in the  
state semifinals

**Seniors on this  
year's team:** Bre-  
vin Damrow, Grant

Lewandowski, Gavin Weichel

**Returning letter winners:** Brevin Damrow, Grant Lewandowski, Gavin Weichel, Chris Janssen, Colton Bales, Jackson McNiff, Cael Washburn, Dustin Kapke, Jurgen Baker

**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** We are coming off two great seasons and ultimately think we can be towards the top again by year's end. We had some great players graduate, but the guys that return and played with them know how it's done, and the pieces we have returning are strong

leaders. We have some size to put upfront, but we need to develop that athleticism and continue to play physical football. Our returning top players were sometimes overshadowed by their predecessors, but several are top-tier guys that will have a chance to mold some athletic younger guys by year's end. We hope to contend for another district title and make a run late in the year. We have some tough teams to contend with ahead that are returning some quality experience.

Athletes to watch: Brevin Damrow (5-10, 225) is the smartest lineman we have had to

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# TRI COUNTY FOOTBALL

Aug.	27	at Johnson County Central	7p
Sept.	3	host Weeping Water	7p
Sept.	10	at Elmwood-Murdock	7p
Sept.	17	host EMF	7p
Sept.	24	at Heartland	7p
Oct.	1	host Southern	7p
Oct.	8	host Freeman (homecoming)	7p
Oct.	15	at Thayer Central	7p
Oct.	21	First round playoffs, TBA	TBA
Oct.	29	Second round playoffs, TBA	TBA
Nov.	5	State quarterfinals, TBA	TBA
Nov.	12	State semifinals, TBA	TBA
Nov.	22	Class D-1 state final, Lincoln	10:15a

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The 2021 Wilber-Clatonia football team includes, from left: (first row) Garrett Pecka, Fernando Vazquez-Moreno, Hugo Bjurdalen, Colby Homolka, Cody Zalesky, Quinn Palmer, Sawyer Kunc, Adam Kotas, Mason Combs, Jon Zoubek, Houston Broz, Isaac Smith, Austin Kvasnicka and Steven Pronk; (second row) Saul Sanchez, Zac Hessheimer, Josue Vargas, Jorge Vazquez, Zach Vyhnaelek, Stone Thelen, Gavin Vlcán, Carter Skleba, Tyson Kreshel, Coy Rosentreader, Deagen Hoover, Gage Heller, Michael Rhodes, Carson Radcliff and Caleb Drake; (third row) Ashton Keltner, Grant Petersen, Brayden Connell, Cash Keslar, Riley Haack, Lexand Baker, Caden Parham, Ty Kuhlmann, Ryan Marsh, Jordan Marsh, Owen McCright, Oscar Ortiz, Ethan Inthavong and Allen Odvody; and (fourth row) student manager Conner Herndon, Keith Kvasnicka, Kenneth Guerra, Kyle Pedersen, Cooper Palmer, Owen Smith, Hugo Pomajzl, Lane Vesely, Aiden Zajicek, Jack Zimmerman and Lucas Karpisek. Not pictured are Zander Baker and Karsen Fisher.

**Coach's name:** Lynn Jurgens, Wilber-Clatonia football  
**Years coaching:** This will be my 13th year as head coach at WC.  
**Last year's record:** 7-2

**Seniors:** Mason Combs, Houston Broz, Sawyer Kunc, Isaac Smith, Hugo Bjurdalen, Colby Homolka, Quinn Palmer, Jon Zoubek, Adam Kotas, Cody Zalesky, Austin Kvasnicka, Fernando Vazquez

Moreno, Steven Pronk  
**Letterwinners:** Mason Combs, Carter Skleba, Sawyer Kunc, Lane Vesely, Isaac Smith, Kenneth Guerra, Coy Rosentreader, Oscar Ortiz, Colby Homolka, Quinn Palmer, Carson Radcliff, Jack Zimmerman, Zander Baker, Houston Broz, Jon Zoubek, Tyson Kreshel, Riley Haack, Gage Heller, Deagen Hoover, Hugo Pomajzl, Adam Kotas, Kyle Pedersen, Jorge Vazquez,

Cody Zalesky, Caleb Drake, Austin Kvasnicka, Stone Thelen, Michael Rhodes, Allen Odvody, Fernando Vazquez Moreno, Karsen Fisher, Owen Smith, Zachary Vyhnaelek, Keith Kvasnicka, Jordan Marsh  
**Season outlook:** We have some major injuries which will be tough to overcome with a very difficult schedule. Lack of depth is a

concern, but we do have great numbers which will hopefully help with depth.  
**First game:** Aug. 27 vs. Hastings St. Cecilia

## WILBER-CLATONIA FOOTBALL

Aug. 27	host Hastings St. Cecilia	7p
Sept. 3	host Sutton	7p
Sept. 10	at Superior	7p
Sept. 17	at Sandy Creek	7p
Sept. 24	host Bishop Neumann (homecoming)	7p
Oct. 1	at Yutan	7p
Oct. 8	host Centennial	7p
Oct. 15	at Syracuse	7p
Oct. 22	host Lincoln Lutheran	7p
Oct. 29	First round playoffs, TBA	TBA
Nov. 5	State quarterfinals, TBA	TBA
Nov. 12	State semifinals, TBA	TBA
Nov. 23	Class C-2 state final, Lincoln	2:45p



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# GIRLS' GOLF



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The 2021 Crete High School girls' golf team includes, from left: (front row) Lindsay Schroeder, Melissa Castillo, Conleigh Spence and Camden Kent; and (back row) Hallie Clarke, Kaitlyn Yeager, Karyme Martinez and Nohemy Lopez.

**Coach's name:** Julie Foster, Crete girls' golf  
**Years coaching:** This is my 4th year.  
**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** We have a very new team. We look to improve as the season continues.

**First competition:** Our invitational is Sept. 17. We host Conference on Oct. 1.

## CRETE GIRLS' GOLF

Aug. 27	at Seward Invite	9a
Aug. 30	at Fairbury Triangular	4:30p
Sept. 3	at Beatrice Invite	9a
Sept. 7	at York Triangular	4:30p
Sept. 13	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 17	host Crete Invite	9a
Sept. 22	at Invitational, Indian Creek	9a
Sept. 28	at Tri County	4:30p
Oct. 1	host Central Conference	9a
Oct. 4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 11-12	at State, Scottsbluff	TBA

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Golfers at Tri County in 2021 are, from left: (front row) Brooke Boyce and Emma Sullivan; and (back row) Megan Schmidt, Taryn VanEperen, Trenae Meyer and Kourtney Stege.

**Coach's name:** Samantha Pfingsten, Tri County girls' golf

**Years coaching:** 3

**Assistant:** Missy Sand

**Last year's record:** Two state qualifiers, just missed qualifying for state as a team

**Seniors on this year's team:** Taryn VanEperen (4th year), Trenae Meyer (1st year)

**Returning letter winners:** Taryn

VanEperen

**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):**

We have one returning varsity golfer, senior Taryn VanEperen, and two returning JV golfers, junior Megan Schmidt and sophomore Emma Sullivan. We have three new golfers, senior Trenae Meyer, junior Kourtney Stege,

and freshman Brooke Boyce. I am excited for another hopeful season. Taryn will be a great leader and great example of what we will expect from the underclassmen. Although we have a green team this year, I am excited for the potential these girls have!

**Next competition:** at Syracuse Invite Aug. 26

## TRI COUNTY GOLF

Aug. 23	at Quad	TBA
Aug. 26	at Syracuse Invite	9a
Sept. 3	host Tri County Invite	9a
Sept. 7	at Seward	4p
Sept. 9	at Heartland Invite	9a
Sept. 13	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 16	at Johnson County Central Invite	9a
Sept. 17	at Crete Invite	9a
Sept. 20	host Triangular	4p
Sept. 23	at Lincoln Pius X Invite	8:30a
Sept. 28	host Crete	4:30p
Oct. 4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 11-12	at State, Columbus	TBA

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The Crete High School 2021 softball team members are, from left: (first row) Karlee Henning, Kaitlyn Wendt, Jordyn Coe, Riley Schmidt and Maddy Persing; (second row) Addison Woods, Ruby Van Horn, Jordyn Adam, Adysen Ziemann, Leslie Kratochvil, Evannie Sand and Jordan Parde; and (third row) Lauren Maly, Ansley Kuntz, Mack Steuer, Marli Stones, Caitlynn Boyle and Ashaya Steele.

**Coach’s name:** KiLee Griffin, Crete softball  
**Years coaching:** 2  
**Assistants:** Brittany Carroll, Alan Moore, and Natalie Brainard  
**Last year’s record:** 21-12  
**Seniors on this year’s team:** Jordyn Coe, Karlee Henning, Kaitlyn Wendt, Riley Schmidt  
**Returning letter winners:** Mackenzie Steuer

**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** Athletes to watch: Kaitlyn Wendt, Karlee Henning, Jordyn Coe and MacKenzie Steuer. We are returning a core group of experience but will look for underclassmen to fill important roles. We will be led in the circle by Mackenzie Steuer, a junior.  
**Next competition:** Aug 26 at Seward

CRETE SOFTBALL

Aug.	20	at Aurora Invite	3p
Aug.	24	host Norris	6:30p
Aug.	26	at Seward	6:30p
Aug.	31	at Fairbury	6:30p
Sept.	2	host Bennington	6:30p
Sept.	4	at Ashland Quad	9a
Sept.	9	host Triangular	4:30p
Sept.	11	at Hastings Invite	10a
Sept.	13	host York	6:30p
Sept.	14	host G.I. Central Catholic	6:30p
Sept.	16	at Southern	6:30p
Sept.	21	host Milford	6:30p
Sept.	23	at Beatrice	6:30p
Sept.	25	host Crete Invite	9a
Sept.	27	at Lakeview	6:30p
Sept.	28	at Omaha Gross	6:30p
Sept.	30	at Central Conference, Aurora	9a
Oct.	4	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct.	8	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct. 13-15		at State, Hastings	TBA

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run the show up front. He is a four-year starter at center and a huge reason for our success the last few years. He is also a physical specimen and neutralized some really good defenders including all-staters and Husker walk-ons all year long last season.

Defensively, Brevin is a load to move and when he played defensive end, he absolutely ate up pullers. Gavin Weichel (6-2, 180) is a downhill physical player. As a safety, he closes hard after reading the run and has zero quit in his game. What he lacks in

athletic ability he totally makes up for in drive and effort. He was a physical blocking tight end last season and now moves full time under center. His style is much different than Cole Siems was, but he reads very well and runs very physically as well.

Grant Lewandowski (6-0, 180) has been our leading receiver for the past 2 seasons. He has really turned into a deep and big play threat. He blocks well on the edge

and takes pride in being physical, which is vital in our typically run first offense. He is also extremely intelligent with the game in recognizing coverages and running quality routes. Defensively he is stepping into a bigger role in using his skills in coverage.

Chris Janssen (6-5, 200) was our amazing surprise last year defensively. He set single season school records with 7.5 sacks and 20 tackles for loss in a single sea-

son. He uses his length and his speed extremely well and is becoming a more physically minded player. The kid can jump out of the gym, so we are hoping to take advantage of his height and jumping ability in

the passing game as well. Chris has the body type that will give him the opportunity at a high collegiate level if he wishes to head that direction.

**First competition:**  
Aug. 27 at JCC

WILBER-CLATONIA  
VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 26	at Palmyra Quad	6p
Aug. 31	at Crete Quad	4:30p
Sept. 2	at Sandy Creek	7p
Sept. 4	at Weeping Water Invite	9a
Sept. 7	at Freeman Triangular	5p
Sept. 18	at Fillmore Central Invite	9a
Sept. 21	host Centennial	7p
Sept. 25	at Friend Quad	10a
Sept. 28	host Triangular	5p
Sept. 30	at Milford	7p
Oct. 5	host Tri County	7p
Oct. 14	host Fillmore Central	7p
Oct. 16	at Centennial Invite	9a
Oct.18-21	at Southern Nebraska Conference	TBA
Oct.25-26	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 30	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 4-6	at State, Lincoln	TBA



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The 2021 Wilber-Clatonia softball team includes, from left: (front row) Emma Walker, Tatiana Meza, Kaycee Rezabek, Delaney Mazza, Stephanie Zajicek and Gianna Ellis-Erickson; and (back row) Mika Chulpeck, Morgan Watson, Alayna Steffensmeier, Claire Thompson, Shaylee Keslar, Natalie Zoubek and Marlee Lloyd.

# WILBER-CLATONIA

## SOFTBALL

Aug. 19	host Aquinas	6:30p
Aug. 21	at Milford Quad	8:30a
Aug. 30	at Weeping Water	6:30p
Aug. 31	host Milford	6:30p
Sept. 7	at Centennial Triangular	4p
Sept. 9	at Freeman Triangular	4:30p
Sept. 11	at Falls City Invite	9a
Sept. 14	at David City	TBA
Sept. 18	host Quad	10a
Sept. 21	host Southern	6:30p
Sept. 25	at Conference, Milford	10a
Sept. 28	at Auburn	6:30p
Sept. 30	host Fairbury	6:30p
Oct. 4	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 8-9	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 13-15	at State, Hastings	TBA

**Coach's name:** Mark Radcliff, Wilber-Clatonia softball  
**Years coaching:** 6  
**Last year's record:** 5-19  
**Seniors on this year's team:** Claire Thompson  
**Returning letter winners:** Shaylee Keslar, Alayna Steffensmeier, Tatiana Meza  
**Season outlook (ath-**

**letes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** Our biggest hole to fill this year will be at catcher (Rylee Sand) replacing a solid three-year starter at that position. We have three girls competing for the spots. With only one senior, we will need several young girls to step up, it

looks like it might be someone different each night right now. A few to watch are junior Morgan Watson, sophomore Delaney Mazza and freshman Gianna Ellis-Erickson.

**Next competition:** Aug. 30 at Weeping Water



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The Crete boys tennis team for the 2021 season includes, from left: (first row) assistant coaches Tony Siske and Nathan Erickson, Omar Becerra, Travis Sweeney, Christopher Dominquez, David Figueroa, Yahir Lopez-Villa and head coach Todd Sandberg; (second row) Cody Donohoe, Jayden Boyle, Brock Heusinkvelt, Mason Crumbliss, Jabin Gardiner, Isaac Peñate, Jose Q Mendez Lopez and Maximus Connell; (third row) Wyatt Clarke, Trace Egge, Mason Stone, Jeffrey Kuncl, Aiden McDowell, Lane Wendelin, Glen Clouse, Martin Ortiz, Jeffrey Barrientos and Juan Cordona;; and (fourth row) Patton Svitak, Corbin Coe, Ty Dittmer, Alfredo Herrera, Nicholas Eltze, Baltazar Adame and Luis Mendez.

CRETE  
BOYS' TENNIS

**Coach's name:** Todd Sandberg  
**Years coaching:** Second year of the program;  
11th overall as a head coach of tennis  
**Assistants:** Tony Siske and Nathan Erickson  
**Seniors:** Travis Sweeney, Yahir Villa Lopez,  
David Figueroa, Omar Becerra  
**Returning letter winners:** Aidan McDowell  
(finish fourth at state at 1 singles), Travis Sweeney  
(won match at state at 1 doubles), Yahir Villa Lopez,  
David Figueroa, Omar Becerra, Max Con-

nell, Isaac Penate.  
**Season outlook:** In our first year we had 13  
student-athletes and this year as of today we have  
30 guys on the roster. Crete should be able to field  
a JV and reserve tennis team with athletes who are  
learning the game of tennis. McDowell, Sweeney  
and Penate all went to state last year and will lead  
an athletic group of new tennis players.  
First dual is at Doane vs. Adams Central. We are  
hosting our first ever Crete Invite on Friday, Sept 3.



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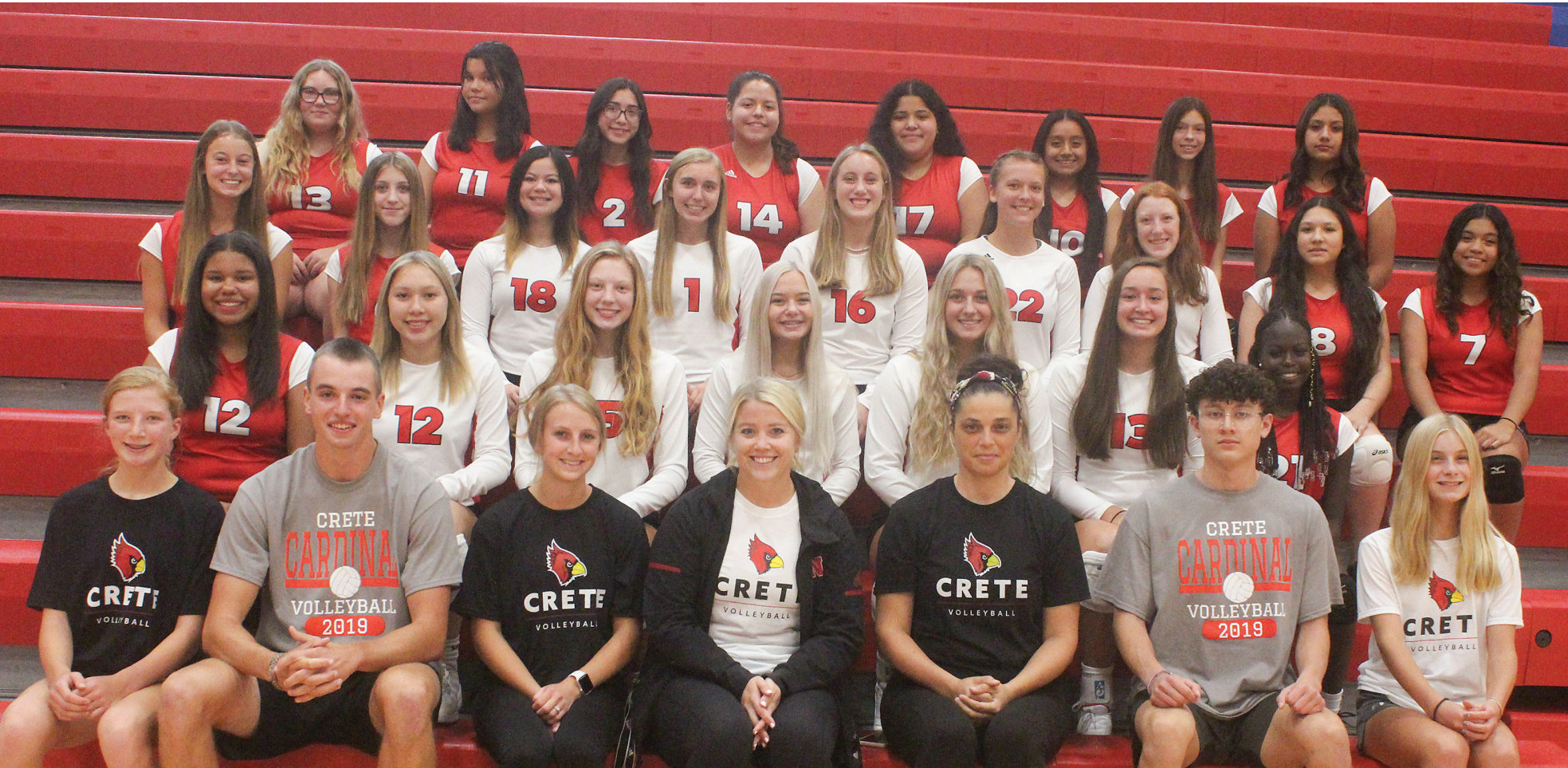
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# VOLLEYBALL



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The Crete High School 2021 volleyball team members are, from left: (first row) Lauren Kraus, Sean Rethmeier, reserve coach Alyssa Downs, head coach Makayla Westphal, JV coach Annie Gardiner, Tony Ortiz and Lauren Eggerling; (second row) Mia Nagengast, Hadley Swierczinsky, Alexa Kraus, Grace Heusinkvelt, Brooke Deisley, Marin Rasgorshek and Jenna Andindi; (third row) Trinity McMillan, Ella Heusinkvelt, Le Nelson, Maggie Wohl, Sierra Bond, Sierra Crist, Reagan Bessler, Alondra Valdorinos and Jadyamari Sanchez; and (fourth row) Zilah Jones, Erika Ruiz, Leslie Flores, Evandy Rodriguez, Velinda Valdez, Mary Lucas-Lucas, Lauren Corning and Leslie Garcia.

**Coach's name:** Makayla Westphal, Crete volleyball

**Years coaching:** 3  
**Assistants:** Annie Gardiner, Alyssa Downs

**Last year's record:** 3-29

**Seniors:** Brooke Deisley, Grace Heusinkvelt

**Returning letter winners:** Brooke Deisley, Grace Heusinkvelt, Alexa Kraus, Marin Rasgorshek,

Reagan Bessler  
**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** Marin Rasgorshek, sophomore middle blocker, Sierra Crist, freshman outside hitter  
We are pretty young this year with a large majority of kids who are freshman and sophomores on varsity. We graduated six seniors, so we are looking to

fill a lot of gaps in our lineup. Returning senior Brooke Deisley will also be gearing

up ready to compete again after being out last season with a knee injury. We have a lot of

competitive girls who are excited to be back in the gym and want to learn and compete each

and every day they are in the gym.  
**First match:** Aug 26 vs. Beatrice, 7 p.m.

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**Coach's name:** Claire White, Dorchester volleyball  
**Years coaching:** First year at high school level  
**Assistant:** Bethany Theis

**Last year's record:** 13-13  
**Returning letter winners:** Jayana Duchek, Amber Kotas, Addison Lehr, Hailey Schweitzer  
**Season outlook**

**(athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):**  
This season, my focus is to increase our knowledge about the game of volleyball and to continue to grow into well-rounded athletes. As a young team, it's important that we create a solid foundation of knowledge and skill to build on. I hope the athletes enjoy and embrace

the learning experience that this season will be for all of us, including myself. It's truly a blessing to get to play again this year. I am excited for the athletes' opportunity - time really does go by fast so we will be sure to make the most of it!  
**First competition:** Aug. 26 at East Butler

DORCHESTER VOLLEYBALL			
Aug.	26	at East Butler	7p
Sept.	2	host Triangular	5p
Sept.	7	host College View Academy	6p
Sept.	9	at Triangular, Giltner	5p
Sept.	14	at Nebraska Lutheran	7p
Sept.	16	host Friend	7p
Sept.	21	at Osceola	7p
Sept.	23	at Triangular, High Plains	5:30p
Sept.	25	at Nebraska Lutheran Invite	9a
Sept.	28	host Sterling	7p
Sept.	30	host Triangular	5:30p
Oct.	5	at Parkview Christian	7p
Oct.	7	at Cross County Triangular	5:30p
Oct.	12	at McCool Junction Triangular	5:30p
Oct.16-19		at Crossroads Conference	TBA
Oct.25-26		at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct.	30	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov.	4-6	at State, Lincoln	TBA

**Note:** Photos, previews and schedules for the Exeter-Milligan teams will be included in the Aug. 25 edition of the Friend Sentinel.



STEPHANIE CROSTON | CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The 2021 Dorchester volleyball team includes, from left: (first row) Mitzu Real, Ariana Tellez, Gabrielle Theis and Quinn Kasl; (second row) Lily Lehr, Hailey Schweitzer, Kayli Carey, Jayana Duchek, Makayla Schlueter, Atley Zoubek and student manager Bailey Theis; and (third row) Coach Claire White, Madison Theis, Addison Lehr, Amber Kotas, Stephanie Korinek, Baylor Behrens and Assistant Coach Bethany Theis. Not pictured is student manager Livia Schwetzer.

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Members of the Friend High volleyball team in 2021 are, from left: (front row) Sophie Weber (student manager), Kyler Sladek, Emily Brahmstedt, Vivian Weber, Cameryn Brandt, Abbie Milton and Keila Ricenbaw; and (back row) Coach Keeley Kroeker, Miley Ricenbaw (student manager), Shyann Smith, Reagan Bartley, Ella Archer, Kylie Weber, Kiarra Fennell, Laura Casper, Taylin Schluter (student manager) and Assistant Coach Julie Ricenbaw.

**Coach's name:** Keeley Kroeker, Friend volleyball  
**Years coaching:** This will be my 3rd Season  
**Assistant:** Julie Ricenbaw  
**Seniors:** Cameryn Brandt and Vivian Weber

**Returning letter winners:** Cameryn Brandt, Vivian Weber, Kylie Weber, Kiarra Fennell and Emily Brahmstedt  
**First competition:** Aug. 26

**Head Coach:** Erin Pecena, Wilber-Clatonia volleyball  
**Assistant coach:** Kayla Shaner  
**Seniors:** Haley Spilker, Aspen Oliver, Lizzie Martinez  
**Additional returning let-**

**ter winners:** Amy Kozak, Jera Shuerman, Carly Rains,  
**Season outlook:** We are a young team. We have set goals as a team and have high expectations. Every day the girls are working to earn a spot while

helping the newcomers with drills and expectations. Practices so far have been high energy. We have high expectations for ourselves.

**First competition:** Quad at Palmyra Aug. 26

*Good luck to the Friend Bulldogs, Exeter-Milligan Timberwolves and Dorchester Longhorns!*



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The volleyball team at Tri County for 2021 includes, from left: (first row) Morgan Stokebrand, Veronica Reynonlds and Emily Thavenet; (second row) Ella Clark, Karli Scherling, Jamie Bartels, McKenzie Smith, Payton Smidt, Addison Paxton and Ashtyn Schwisow; and (third row) Riley McCune, Catrina Washburn, Maddux Johnson, Cassidy Thavenet, Ashlynn Brown, Aubrey Siems, Ellie Peters, Reagan Schwisow and Harley Dike.



STEPHANIE CROSTON | CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

Playing volleyball at Wilber-Clatonia in 2021 are, from left: (first row) Lizzie Martinez, Aspen Oliver and Haley Spilker; (second row) Jaylin Miller, Samantha Escobar, Addison Combs, Amy Kozak-Jensen, Holly Zoubek, Melody Novotny, Carly Rains, Breanna Spilker and Star Thelen; and (third row) Brooklyn Valenta, Miranda Duntz, Jera Schuerman, Madison Vogel, Marie Slama, Elsie Woerner, Kiley Kotas, Kelsey Kotas and Kira Jones. June Petersen and Alexa Lira are not pictured.

**Coach's name:** Kim Roberts, Tri County volleyball

**Years coaching:** Second year at Tri County

**Assistant:** Jen Wolfe

**Last year's record:** 9-18

**Seniors on this year's team:** Morgan Stokebrand, Emily Thavanet, Veronica Reynolds

**Returning letter winners:** Morgan Stokebrand, Ella Clark, Cassidy Thavanet, Karli Scherling

**Season outlook (athletes to watch, holes to fill, teams to watch in the conference/district):** We are a very young and hard working team with some young starters from last year. I can't wait to watch them grow and develop as a team.

**First competition:** Quad at Palmyra Aug. 26

## TRI COUNTY VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 26	at Palmyra Quad	6p
Aug. 31	at Falls City Sacred Heart	7:30p
Sept. 2	host Thayer Central	7p
Sept. 7	at Lewiston Triangular	5p
Sept. 9	host Fillmore Central	7p
Sept. 13-16	at MUDECAS, Beatrice	TBA
Sept. 18	at Fairbury Invite	TBA
Sept. 23	at Diller-Odell	7:30p
Sept. 25	at Axtell (Kan.) Invite	9a
Sept. 27	at Friend	7p
Oct. 5	at Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Oct. 7	host Freeman	7:30p
Oct. 9	at Falls City Invite	9a
Oct. 11-16	at Pioneer Conference	TBA
Oct. 19	host Triangular	5p
Oct. 25-26	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 30	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 4-6	at State, Lincoln	TBA

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