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# Crete High School

## Crete girls' wrestling

**Coach:** Nicco Salvador

**Years coaching:** 4

**This year's seniors:** None

**Other returning letter winners:** None

**Season outlook:** We have 10 girls out for the first NSAA official Crete girls' wrestling team. That is an amazing number to have out. Some girls bring some experience to the team, but this

will be all of our girls' first year in high school wrestling. We have some girls who have already taken leadership roles within the team. This year we are looking to build the foundation for our program.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:**  
TBD

**First competition:** Dec 3 @ Nebraska City:  
Friday Night Fracas



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The roster for the first girls' wrestling team at Crete, competing in 2021-22, includes, from left: (front row) Le Nelson, Trinity Williamson, Jaylin Adame, Alexa Ramirez and Ashaya Steele; and (back row) Alice Nolan, Alicia Lopez Alvis, Aileen Rueda, Helen Vasquez and Victoria Lu.

## Crete girls' wrestling

|                |                                |              |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. 2         | at Schuyler                    | 6:30p        |
| Dec. 3         | at Nebraska City Invitational  | 4:30p        |
| <b>Dec. 11</b> | <b>host Crete Invitational</b> | <b>9:30a</b> |
| Dec. 17        | at Ralston Invitational        | TBA          |
| Dec. 18        | at Platteview Invitational     | 10a          |
| Dec. 28        | at Winnebago Invitational      | 9a           |
| Jan. 6         | at High Plains Invitational    | 9:30a        |
| Jan. 14        | at Schuyler Invitational       | 4p           |
| Jan. 15        | at Nebraska City Duals         | 10a          |
| Jan. 21        | at Louisville Invitational     | 2:30p        |
| Jan. 29        | at Central Conf., Lakeview     | TBA          |
| Feb. 4-5       | at District, TBA               | TBA          |
| Feb. 18-19     | at State, Omaha                | TBA          |

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The 2021-22 boys' wrestling team at Crete High includes, from left: (first row) Jose Mendez-Lopez, Conner Lomax, Herman Vicente-Perez, Ivery Hoyos, Gali Jacinto, Junior Rafael, Ethan Cornish, Alejandro Blanco, Justin Morales and Daniel Perez-Felix; (second row) Pedro Vargas Montejo, Cameron Willey, Lesnier Gomez, Emmanuel Valdovinos, Cesar Linares, Wyatt Clarke, Jedidiah Kracl, Maung Aye and Hollis Anderson; and (third row) Izaya Caldwell, Ricardo Vicente-Vasquez, Roger Ramos, Jeffrey Kuncl, Jaime Ramos, Logan Johnson, Ashton Sundling and student manager Jason Mejia. Luis Garcia and Jayden Boyle are not pictured.

## Crete boys' wrestling

|                |                                    |              |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. 2         | at Schuyler                        | 6:30p        |
| Dec. 4         | at Friend Invitational             | 9a           |
| <b>Dec. 7</b>  | <b>host Lincoln High</b>           | <b>6:30p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 11</b> | <b>host Crete Invitational</b>     | <b>9:30a</b> |
| <b>Dec. 14</b> | <b>host Beatrice</b>               | <b>6:30p</b> |
| Dec. 17        | at Ralston Invitational            | TBA          |
| Dec. 21        | at Raymond Central Triangular      | TBA          |
| Dec. 31        | at Shelby-Rising City Invitational | 9a           |
| Jan. 7-8       | at High Plains Invitational        | 8a/8a        |
| Jan. 13        | at Yutan Invitational              | 4p           |
| Jan. 15        | at Nebraska City Duals             | 10a          |
| Jan. 21        | at David City Invitational         | 10a          |
| <b>Jan. 27</b> | <b>host Wilber-Clatonia</b>        | <b>6:30p</b> |
| Jan. 29        | at Central Conf., Lakeview         | 9:30a        |
| Feb. 11-12     | at District B-3, Minden            | TBA          |
| Feb. 17-19     | at State, Omaha                    | TBA          |

### Crete boys' wrestling

**Coach:** Nicco Salvador

**Years coaching:** 4

**This year's seniors:** Ivery Hoyos, Herman Perez, Bryan Juarez, Ethan Cornish, Gali Jacinto

**Other returning letter winners:** Pedro Vargas, Conner Lomax, Cesar Linares, Jeffrey Kuncl, Emmanuel Valdovinos, Jamie Ramos, Wyatt Clarke

**Season outlook:** We return a number of lower weights that saw varsity matches last year. We will lean on them for leadership and point scoring. We will need to develop our upper weight classes, we will have a lot of new faces in that group.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:** Every team in our district has seen recent success. This is one of the toughest districts I have seen. Blair, Hastings, Skutt and York all have good lineups coming back and will contend for team trophies at State. Norris, Wahoo, Lakeview, and Schuyler are other schools that will be very tough at districts.

**First competition:** Dec. 2 dual @ Schuyler



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The Crete boys' basketball team for 2021-22 includes, from left: (first row) Owen Heath, Brayton Zeibig, Tadd TeBrink, Mason Crumbliss, Jabin Gardiner, Michael Willey, Max Connell and Kenner Svitak; (second row) Emanuel Chanchavac, Drew Henning, Reece Vertin, Aidan McDowell, Colton Homolka, Lane Wendelin, Trace Egge and Angel Martinez; and (third row) Julian Mendez, Ty Yeager, Julian Reed, Corbin Coe, Toryn Siske, Everett Heath, Kenson Spence, Brody Klein, Carson Kotil, Colton Fey and Patton Svitak. Not pictured is Justus Gardiner.

## Crete boys' basketball

**Coach:** Tony Siske

**Years coaching:** Second year at Crete, 21st season overall.

**Assistant coaches:** Todd Taravella and Mark Sand

**Last year's record:** 6-18

**Returning starters:** Jabin Gardiner, Mason Crumbliss, Tadd TeBrink, Aidan McDowell

**Other returning letterwinners:** Brayton Zeibig

**Team outlook:** Return a good nucleus. Will need some players who

played JV last year to step into varsity roles. Practices have been very competitive as there are multiple players competing for spots at each position. Dealing with a few injuries, when those players come back, depth will greatly improve. The goal will

be to be playing our best basketball during postseason play.

**Top teams in Class B:** Skutt, Bennington, Waverly, Roncalli, Elkhorn North, Scottsbluff, Platteview

**First competition:** Dec. 2 against Lakeview at home

Good luck to the Cardinals this 2021-22 winter sports season



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## Crete girls' basketball

**Coach:** John Larsen

**Assistants:** Mark Rogge, Annie Gardiner,  
Chris Newton

**Last year's record:** 21-4

**Seniors:** Brooke Deisley, Karlee Henning,  
Kaitlyn Wendt

**Other key players:** Mack Steuer, Marli  
Stones, Marin Rasgorshek

**Teams to watch:** Beatrice, Northwest, Norris,  
York, Seward

**First competition:** Dec. 2 against Lakeview  
at home

## Crete basketball

|            |                              |            |
|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Dec. 2     | host Lakeview                | 6/7:30p    |
| Dec. 3     | at Hastings                  | 6/7:30p    |
| Dec. 9     | host Beatrice                | 6/7:30p    |
| Dec. 10    | at Northwest                 | 6/7:30p    |
| Dec. 17    | host Fairbury                | 6/7:30p    |
| Dec. 18    | at Bennington                | 2:30/4p    |
| Dec. 21    | host Waverly                 | 6/7:30p    |
| Dec.28-29  | at holiday tournament, Doane | TBA        |
| Jan. 6     | at Lincoln Christian         | 6/7:30p    |
| Jan. 8     | host Wahoo                   | 2:30/4:30p |
| Jan. 14    | at York                      | 6/7:30p    |
| Jan. 15    | host Norris                  | 2:30/4p    |
| Jan. 18    | at Seward                    | 6/7:30p    |
| Jan. 20    | host Nebraska City           | 6/7:30p    |
| Jan. 22    | at Blair (girls)             | 2:30p      |
|            | at Elkhorn (boys)            | 4p         |
| Jan.24-29  | at Central Conference        | TBA        |
| Feb. 1     | at Schuyler                  | 6/7:30p    |
| Feb. 8     | host Platteview              | 6/7:30p    |
| Feb. 10    | at Aurora                    | 6/7:30p    |
| Feb. 15    | at Blair (boys)              | 6p         |
|            | at Elkhorn (girls)           | 7p         |
| Feb.21-23  | at Girls' subdistricts       | TBA        |
| Feb.22-23  | at Boys' subdistricts        | TBA        |
| Feb.25-28  | at Girls' district final     | TBA        |
| Feb.26-28  | at Boys' district final      | TBA        |
| March 7-12 | at State, Lincoln            | TBA        |



DOUG CARROLL | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

The girls' basketball team in Crete for 2021-22 includes, from left: (first row) Mack Steuer, Karlee Henning, Brooke Deisley, Kaitlyn Wendt, Caydence Kuss and Marli Stones; (second row) Sierra Crist, Trinity McMillan, Jenna Andindi, Ansley Kuntz, Lauren Maly, Jordan Parde and Jimena Santos; and (third row) Conleigh Spence, Alondra Franco, Evannie Sand, Ady Ziemann, Jordyn Adam, Lesli Kratochvil, Emerson Kroese, Marlene Guitron and Dayanara Adame-Ortiz. Not pictured are Marin Rasgorshek, Agata Wojnilko, Britney Alarcon and Jasmin Olague.



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The Friend High School boys' basketball team for 2021-22 includes, from left: (front row) Zach Spohn, Mason Vossler, Tyrell Fennell, Chase Paulsen, Fred Hausman and Will Vyhnaelek; and (back row) JB Drake, Breckan Schluter, Cooper Girmus, Chase Svehla, Spencer Ebersbacher, Jacob Klooz, Preston Knollenberg, Christian Weber and Jacob Weber.

## Friend boys' basketball

**Coach:** Brian Arp

**Years coaching:** 9

**Last year's record:** 12-12

**Seniors:** JB Drake, Christian Weber, Cooper Girmus, Fred Haus-

man, Elijah Black

**Other returning letter winners:** Spencer Ebersbacher, Breckan Schluter, Chase Svehla

**Season outlook:** We return a lot of experienced players and guys that

are multi-year starters. With the all the guys we have coming back we should be competitive in every game. We do need to find guys that will fill roles coming off the bench as we are not extremely deep.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:** BDS, Falls City Sacred Heart, Johnson Brock, Tri County, Lourdes Central Catholic

**First competition:** Lewiston Dec. 2

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The 2021-22 Friend High School girls' basketball team includes, from left: (front row) Lilly Ellison, Vivian Weber, Shelby Lawver and Emily Brahmstedt; and (back row) Reagan Bartley, Ashley Braun, Ella Archer and Keila Ricenbaw. Not pictured are Abbie Milton and Cameryn Brandt.



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## Friend basketball

|                |                                    |                |
|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dec. 2         | at Lewiston                        | 4p             |
| Dec. 7         | at Sterling                        | 6:15/8p        |
| Dec. 10        | at Falls City Sacred Heart         | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Dec. 14</b> | <b>host Parkview Christian</b>     | <b>5:30/7p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 17</b> | <b>host Lawrence-Nelson</b>        | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Dec. 21        | at Exeter-Milligan                 | 6:15/8p        |
| Dec.28-29      | at holiday tournament, East Butler | TBA            |
| <b>Jan. 4</b>  | <b>host Tri County</b>             | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan. 6         | at Southern                        | 6:15/8p        |
| <b>Jan. 8</b>  | <b>host McCool Junction</b>        | <b>2:30/4p</b> |
| <b>Jan. 11</b> | <b>host Dorchester</b>             | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan. 13        | at Osceola                         | 6:15/8p        |
| <b>Jan. 18</b> | <b>host Thayer Central</b>         | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan. 21        | at Johnson-Brock                   | 6:15/8p        |
| <b>Jan. 27</b> | <b>host Heartland</b>              | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Jan. 28</b> | <b>host Pawnee City</b>            | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Feb. 1-5       | at Pioneer Conference              | TBA            |
| Feb. 10        | at Meridian                        | 6:15/8p        |
| <b>Feb. 11</b> | <b>host Diller-Odell</b>           | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Feb.14-17      | at Girls' subdistricts             | TBA            |
| Feb. 18        | at Cross County (boys)             | 7p             |
| Feb.21-24      | at Boys' subdistricts              | TBA            |
| Feb. 25        | at Girls' district final           | TBA            |
| Feb. 28        | at Boys' district final            | TBA            |
| March 7-12     | at State, Lincoln                  | TBA            |

### Friend girls' basketball

**Coach:** Head

Coach: Nicole White;  
Asst. Coach: Cortney Kenney

**Years coaching:**

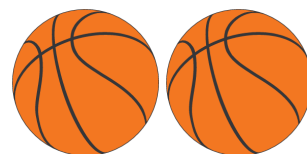
This will be my third year

**Last year's record:** 0-21

**Seniors:** Cameryn Brandt and Vivian Weber

**Other returning letterwinners:** Shelby Lawver, Emily Brahmstedt, Lilly Ellison

**Outlook:** Strengths (hardworking girls, we have the same group of girls back with experience and a lot of incom-



ing freshmen who are going to help us out in many ways)

**Holes to fill:** We are going to be a young team so we just got to find what works for us and get used to playing with one another.

**Teams to watch in our conference:** Sacred Heart, Sterling  
**First game:** Lewiston Dec. 2

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## Friend wrestling

**Coaches:** Nathan Baber and Cole Meyer

**Years coaching:** 3

**This year's seniors:** Jesse Duba and Zakk Smith

**Other returning letter winners:** Jesse Duba

**Season outlook:** This is looking to be a great season for our wrestlers. We are returning some strong talent along with two new wrestlers that can make a big difference. We strongly feel that multiple guys have a chance to go a long way and with hard work they have already put in it looks like that is going to happen.

**First competition:** Dec. 4 Bob Arehart Invitational at Friend

## Friend wrestling

|            |   |     |
|------------|---|-----|
| Dec. 4     | host Friend Invitational                        | 9a  |
| Dec. 11    | at Meridian Invitational                        | 9a  |
| Dec. 18    | at Wahoo Invitational                           | 9a  |
| Dec. 31    | at Shelby-Rising City Invitational              | 9a  |
| Jan. 8     | at Franklin Invitational                        | 9a  |
| Jan. 13    | at Yutan  | 4p  |
| Jan. 15    | at Cross County Invitational                    | 10a |
| Jan. 21    | at Thayer Central Invitational                  | TBA |
| Jan. 29    | at Raymond Central Invitational                 | 9a  |
| Feb. 4     | at East Central Nebraska Conf.<br>Weeping Water | 2p  |
| Feb. 11-12 | at District D-2, Pleasanton                     | TBA |
| Feb. 17-19 | at State, Omaha                                 | TBA |



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Friend wrestlers for 2021-2022 are, from left, Mason Semler, Zakk Smith, Jesse Duba and Dayton Kremer.

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# Dorchester High School



STEPHANIE CROSTON | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

The 2021-22 Dorchester boys' basketball team includes, from left: (front row) Jose Tellez, Jason Paz and Blake Hansen; and (back row) Fernando Perez, Garrett Nohavec, Andy Drake, Owen Vyhnaelek, Jacob Cerny, Garrett Tachovsky and Owen Real.

## Dorchester boys' basketball

**Coach:** Miles Ray

**Last season's record:** 4-18

**Assistant coaches:** Nick Ginapp, Corey Bird

**Seniors on this year's team:**

Blake Hansen, Jose Tellez

**Other returning letter winners:** Garrett Tachovsky

**Season outlook:** We will need to replace a majority of our scoring this

year and will be a young team again with limited varsity experience. Our goal is to improve every practice and compete at our highest level on a nightly basis. We are looking for guys to step up and fill some major roles for us this year.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:** Conference: Cross County, BDS, Osceola

**First competition:** Dec. 2, at Meridian

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STEPHANIE CROSTON | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

The Dorchester girls' basketball team in 2021-22 includes, from left: (front row) Gabrielle Theis, Emma Paiz, Hailey Schweitzer, Kayli Carey, Quinn Kasl and Mitsu Real; and (back row) Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Amber Kotas, Addison Lehr, Bryer Shaw and Madison Theis.

## Dorchester girls' basketball

**Coach:** Brandon Bruha

**Years coaching:** 8

**Assistant:** Audra Corbit

**Last year's record:** 13-9

**This year's seniors:** No seniors

**Returning letter winners:** Hailey Schweitzer Addison Lehr, Madison Theis, Quinn Kasl, and Mitsu Real

**Season outlook:** We have a young team this year. We do not have any seniors or juniors on the roster, but I feel we have a solid group with a lot of potential. Our goal is to grow as players and get better every game as the year goes on. We lost three seniors last year who were our leaders and did most of our scoring for us, so we are looking to see who can fill those roles.

**First competition:** Dec. 2 at Meridian

## Dorchester basketball

|                |   |                |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| Dec. 2         | at Meridian                             | 6/7:30p        |
| Dec. 9         | at Exeter-Milligan (girls)              | 7p             |
| <b>Dec. 10</b> | <b>host Bruning-Davenport/Shickley</b>  | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 14</b> | <b>host Harvard</b>                     | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Dec. 16        | at Osceola                              | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Dec. 21</b> | <b>host Cedar Bluffs</b>                | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Dec. 30        | at Lewiston                             | 6/7:30p        |
| Jan. 4         | at College View Academy                 | 5:30/7p        |
| Jan. 6         | at Sterling                             | 6/7:30p        |
| Jan. 11        | at Friend                               | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Jan. 13</b> | <b>host East Butler</b>                 | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Jan. 14</b> | <b>host High Plains</b>                 | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan. 18        | at Cross County                         | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Jan. 20</b> | <b>host Shelby-Rising City</b>          | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan.22-28      | at Crossroads Conference                | TBA            |
| <b>Jan. 31</b> | <b>host College View Academy (boys)</b> | <b>7p</b>      |
| Feb. 1         | at Parkview Christian (girls)           | 6:30p          |
| <b>Feb. 3</b>  | <b>host Nebraska Lutheran</b>           | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Feb. 4         | at Giltner                              | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Feb. 8</b>  | <b>host Hampton</b>                     | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Feb. 11</b> | <b>host McCool Junction</b>             | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Feb.14-17      | at Girls' subdistricts                  | TBA            |
| Feb. 18        | at Exeter-Milligan (boys)               | 7p             |
| Feb.21-24      | at Boys' subdistricts                   | TBA            |
| Feb. 25        | at Girls' district final                | TBA            |
| Feb. 28        | at Boys' district final                 | TBA            |
| March 7-12     | at State, Lincoln                       | TBA            |

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Wrestling for Dorchester in 2021-22 are, from left: (front row) Brett Ladely and Jacob Hatfield; and (back row) Esperanza Arriaga, AyLynn Schwisow, Ariana Tellez, Briana Tellez and Coach Chris Nelson.

## Dorchester wrestling

**Coach:** Chris Nelson

**Years coaching:** 4

**This year's seniors:** None

**Other returning letter winners:** Jacob Hatfield

**Season outlook:** We have a pretty young team, so we are looking to learn, build, and improve a lot this season.

**First competition:** Friend on Dec. 4

**As a first-year head coach, what should fans know about you and your coaching style? What do you hope the athletes learn this season?** I prefer to focus on mastering a select few moves rather than trying to teach lots and lots of moves. If you can nail the basics then you become a very solid wrestler.

I hope to teach the athletes how to become very technical wrestlers, how to work hard, become self disciplined, and how to motivate themselves.

## Dorchester wrestling

|      |       |  |       |
|------|-------|--|-------|
| Dec. | 4     | at Friend Invitational                 | 9a    |
| Dec. | 11    | at Osceola Invitational                | 9a    |
| Dec. | 18    | at Johnson County Central Invitational | 9:30a |
| Jan. | 8     | at Malcolm Invitational                | 9a    |
| Jan. | 15    | at Cross County Invitational           | 10a   |
| Jan. | 21    | at Thayer Central Invitational         | 2:30p |
| Jan. | 28    | at Freeman Invitational                | 3p    |
| Jan. | 29    | at Doniphan-Trumbull Invitational      | 9:30a |
| Feb. | 3     | at Crossroads Conf., East Butler       | 4p    |
| Feb. | 11-12 | at District D-2, Pleasanton            | TBA   |
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# Exeter-Milligan High School



LEESA K. BARTU | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

## Exeter-Milligan boys' basketball

**Coach:** Dean Filipi

**Assistants:** Matt Nicholas, Travis Kotas

**Seniors:** Kole Svec, Peyton Pribyl, Braden

Capek

**Other returning letterwinners:** Tyler Due, Marcus Krupicka, Andrew Vavra

**Newcomers to watch:** Troy Kallhoff, Draven Payne, Devin Harrison, Mikey Bartu, Aidan Vavra

**Season outlook:** Senior leadership will be relied on early this season. We will need to develop depth early in the season to be competitive. As always, our schedule is very competitive. We hope to play hard and be competitive this season.

**First competition:** Dec. 2 at home against Deshler

Members of the Exeter-Milligan boys' basketball team in 2021-22 are, from left: (front row) Student Manager Brett Kallhoff, Andrew Vavra, Draven Payne, Mikey Bartu, Aidan Vavra, Carter Milton and Student Manager Adrien Mueller; and (back row) Student Manager Clayton Pribyl, Braden Capek, Adrian Schoofs, Kole Svec, Peyton Pribyl, Tyler Due, Marcus Krupicka, Troy Kallhoff, Dravin Birkes and Student Manager Truman Milton. Jayden Capek and Devin Harrison are not pictured.

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## Exeter-Milligan girls' basketball

**Coach:** Jackson Krejci

**Years coaching:** 14

**Last year's record:** 23-5

**Seniors:** Maddie Luzum, Cameran Jansky, Emma Olsen

**Other returning letter winners:** Jasmine Turrubiates, Jozie Kanode

**Season outlook:** Our post game will be strong with some key players back at the guard spot. It will be key to develop depth as the season progresses. That will be the key to our success.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:** BDS, Meridian, Cross County

**First competition:** Deshler - Dec. 2

The 2021-22 Exeter-Milligan girls' basketball team includes, from left: (first row) Cameran Jansky, Maddie Luzum and Emma Olsen; (second row) Jasmine Turrubiates, Jozie Kanode and Olivea Swanson; and (third row) Head Coach Jackson Krejci, Student Manager Kiley Oldehoeft, Taylor Pribyl, Malorie Staskal, Savana Krupicka, Lily Jeffries, Emma Meyer, Kierra Papik, Student Manager Sydney Engert and Assistant Coach Sara Pella Student Manager Alivia Luzum is not pictured.

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# Exeter-Milligan basketball

|                |   |           |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Dec. 2</b>  | <b>host Deshler</b>                         | <b>6p</b> |
| Dec. 3         | at Osceola                                  | 6p        |
| <b>Dec. 7</b>  | <b>host East Butler</b>                     | <b>6p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 9</b>  | <b>host Dorchester (girls)</b>              | <b>7p</b> |
| Dec. 10        | at Heartland                                | 6p        |
| <b>Dec. 16</b> | <b>host Nebraska Lutheran</b>               | <b>6p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 17</b> | <b>host High Plains</b>                     | <b>6p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 21</b> | <b>host Friend</b>                          | <b>6p</b> |
| Dec.29-30      | at holiday tournament, Roseland             | TBA       |
| Jan. 4         | at Diller-Odell                             | 6p        |
| <b>Jan. 7</b>  | <b>host Shelby-Rising City</b>              | <b>6p</b> |
| Jan.10-15      | at MUDECAS, Beatrice                        | TBA       |
| Jan. 18        | at Meridian                                 | 6p        |
| <b>Jan. 20</b> | <b>host Bruning-Davenport/<br/>Shickley</b> | <b>6p</b> |
| Jan.22-28      | at Crossroads Conference                    | TBA       |
| Feb. 1         | at Giltner                                  | 6p        |
| Feb. 4         | at Hampton                                  | 6p        |
| <b>Feb. 8</b>  | <b>host McCool Junction</b>                 | <b>6p</b> |
| Feb. 11        | at Cross County                             | 6p        |
| Feb.14-17      | at Girls' subdistricts                      | TBA       |
| <b>Feb. 18</b> | <b>host Dorchester (boys)</b>               | <b>7p</b> |
| Feb.21-24      | at Boys' subdistricts                       | TBA       |
| Feb. 25        | at Girls' district final                    | TBA       |
| Feb. 28        | at Boys' district final                     | TBA       |
| March 7-12     | at State, Lincoln                           | TBA       |

*game time listed*

*is for girls' varsity; boys will follow*



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The 2021-22 Exeter-Milligan cheerleaders are, from left, Lilly Jeffries, Hannah Busboom, Morgan White, Maddie Luzum, Jozie Kanode and Malorie Staskal.

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# Tri County High School

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The 2021-22 Tri County boys' basketball team includes, from left: (front row) Colten Jantzen, Gracin Hahn and Uriel Martinez; (middle row) Alex Paxton, Caden Bales, Braiden Strouf, Jason Wehrman, Tayden Gronemryer, Colten Bales, Ben Holsing and Ethan Jobman; and (back row) Dusty Kapke, Camdon Cline, Andrew Sasse, Chris Janssen, Cameron Reynolds, Pierce Damrow, Carter Siems, Chris Krings and Jonah Schwab. Not pictured is Gavin Weichel.



## Tri County boys' basketball

**Coach:** Jeremy Siems

**Years coaching:** This will be my third year as head coach.

**Last year's record:** 20-6

**Seniors:** Colten Jantzen, Gavin Weichel, Uriel Martinez, Gracin Hahn

**Other returning letter winners:** Carter Siems,

Chris Janssen, Andrew Sasse  
**Season outlook:** Looking ahead to the upcoming season, I am encouraged with the potential this team presents. We return three starters from last season and

that experience will pay dividends moving forward. While many questions remain after graduating two very productive players from last season, I am very confident that we have several

players who have put the time into the offseason and are ready to contribute.

**First competition:** Wilber/Clatonia Dec. 2



GREG FORBES | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

The 2021-2022 Tri County girls' basketball team includes, from left: (front row) Reaggan Schwisow, McKenzie Smith, Karli Scherling, Morgan Stokebrand, Taylor Koch, Ellie Peters, Catrina Washburn and Abbie Drewes; and (back row) Coach Taylor Pocock, Riley McCune, Ashton Schwisow, Ashlynn Brown, Hailey Lauenstein, Addison Paxton, Harley Dike, Kamrynn Whitmore and Maddux Johnson.



## Tri County girls' basketball

**Coach:** Taylor Pocock

**Years as head coach:** This will be my second year.

**Assistant coach:** Greg Fanders

**Last year's record:** 3-18

**Seniors:** Morgan Stokebrand

**Other returning letterwinners:** Kenzie Strein, Taylor Koch, Karli Scherling

**Key returning players and why they're key:** Morgan Stokebrand - she is a senior now, she is able to play both guard and post position, great team leader, hardworking, passionate

Karli Scherling - she is a junior now, she is sharpening up her shot from the perimeter, stronger, hardworking

Kenzie Scherling - she is a sophomore now, stepped up as a freshman last year and got some minutes, hoping this year she can be a leader, can also play all positions

**Strengths:** we are small but will be quick with the ball, team morale,

**Weaknesses:** height, working well under pressure (something we are going to work on to not force turnovers)

**Goals:** Play together as a team, always play hard, push the ball down the floor (fastbreaks) and run on teams, increase our shooting percentage from the perimeter

**First competition:** Wilber-Clatonia on Dec. 2



GREG FORBES | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

The 2021-22 Tri County wrestling team includes, from left: (front row) Caden Reedy, Zaid Martinez, Grant Lewandowski and Kanin Baker; (middle row) Cole Spahr, Ibrahim Castillo, Cooper Stokebrand, Colton Placek and Lucas Lewandowski; and (back row) Toby Ambrose, James Kerns, Jurgen Baker, Cael Washburn and Jack Hopkins. Not pictured are Brevin Damrow, Gage Brinkman and Jackson Kirchoff.

## Tri County wrestling

**Coach:** Jerod Spahr

**Years coaching:** 19

**Seniors:** Caden Reedy, Zaid Martinez, Kanin Baker, Brevin Damrow, Grant Lewandowski

**Other returning letter winners:** James Kerns, Jurgen Baker, Toby Ambrose, Lucas Le-

wandowski, Colton Placek

**Season outlook:** We are a mature group with a lot of experience.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:** Aquinas, Fillmore Central

**First competition:** Dec. 2, Palmyra, five duals

## Tri County basketball

|                |                                      |                |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dec. 2         | at Wilber-Clatonia                   | 6/7:30p        |
| Dec. 4         | at Johnson County Central            | 2/4p           |
| <b>Dec. 7</b>  | <b>host Pawnee City</b>              | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 10</b> | <b>host Southern</b>                 | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Dec. 11        | at Centennial                        | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Dec. 16</b> | <b>host Johnson-Brock</b>            | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 21</b> | <b>host FC Sacred Heart</b>          | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| <b>Dec. 27</b> | <b>host Meridian</b>                 | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Dec. 28        | at Diller-Odell                      | 3p             |
| Jan. 4         | at Friend                            | 6/7:30p        |
| Jan. 6         | at Fairbury                          | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Jan. 8</b>  | <b>host Freeman</b>                  | <b>5:30/7p</b> |
| Jan.10-15      | at MUDECAS, Beatrice                 | TBA            |
| <b>Jan. 21</b> | <b>host Fillmore Central</b>         | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan. 25        | at Thayer Central                    | 6/7:30p        |
| <b>Jan. 27</b> | <b>host Lewiston (girls)</b>         | <b>6:30p</b>   |
| <b>Jan. 28</b> | <b>host Lourdes</b>                  | <b>6/7:30p</b> |
| Jan. 31-Feb. 5 | at Pioneer Conference                | TBA            |
| Feb. 8         | at Humboldt/Table Rock/<br>Steinauer | 6/7:30p        |
| Feb. 11        | at Sterling                          | 6/7:30p        |
| Feb.14-17      | at Girls' subdistricts               | TBA            |
| Feb. 18        | at Lewiston (boys)                   | 7p             |
| Feb.21-24      | at Boys' subdistricts                | TBA            |
| Feb. 25        | at Girls' district final             | TBA            |
| Feb. 28        | at Boys' district final              | TBA            |
| March 7-12     | at State, Lincoln                    | TBA            |

**See the Tri County wrestling schedule in this week's Republican.**

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The 2021-22 Wilber-Clatonia boys' basketball team includes, from left: (first row) Mason Combs, Hugo Bjurdalen, Quinn Palmer, Austin Kvasnicka, Houston Broz and Steven Pronk; (second row) Josue Vargas, Kenneth Guerra, Cash Keslar, Owen McCright, Connor Harms, Eli Williams, Carson Radcliff, Gavyn Hormandi, Nick Jacobsen, Ethan Inthavong and Oscar Ortiz; and (third row) Jack Zimmerman, Jorge Vazquez, Ty Kuhlmann, Tyson Kreshel, Caden Parham, Carter Skleba, Cooper Palmer, Ashton Pulliam, Aiden Zajicek and Coy Rosentreader.

## Wilber-Clatonia boys' basketball

**Coaches:** Lucas Albrecht, Drew Tenopir

**Years coaching:** eighth at W-C, 11th overall

**Last year's record:** 11-10

**This year's seniors:** Houston Broz, Mason Combs, Austin Kvasnicka, Quinn Palmer, Hugo Bjurdalen

**Other returning letter winners:** Tyson Kreshel

**Season outlook:** We must replace four starters. Mason Combs returns after averaging 11 ppg and 4 rpg. We had a solid JV team

with several kids who will have to transition to the varsity level. We have 9-11 kids ready to fill roles, they have put in time and bought

into their role previous seasons and will now have expanded roles. We will be inexperienced having to replace four starters but have

expectations to compete at a high level each night out.  
**Teams to watch in conference/district:** Milford, Heartland,

Centennial, Tri County, Auburn (district)  
**First competition:** Dec. 2 at home against Tri County

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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 Stefensmeier, Brooklyn Davidson, Kaylee Rimel, Maddison Vogel and Delaney Mazza.



STEPHANIE CROSTON | CRETE/WILBER/FRIEND

Members of the 2021-22 Wilber-Clatonia girls' basketball team include, from left: (first row) Aspen Oliver, Claire Thompson and Haley Spilker; (second row) Amy Kozak, Breanna Spilker, Jordan Musil, Carly Rains and Melody Novotny; and (third row) Jera Schuerman, Madison Vogel, Kelsey Kotas, Emily Ehlers, Elsie Woerner and Star Thelen. Mackenzie Anthony and Stephanie Zajicek are not pictured.

## Wilber-Clatonia basketball

|                |                                  |         |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Dec. 2         | host Tri County                  | 6/7:30p |
| Dec. 3         | at Heartland                     | 6/7:45p |
| Dec. 9         | at Raymond Central               | 6/7:30p |
| Dec. 11        | host Superior                    | 6/7:30p |
| Dec. 17        | host Sandy Creek                 | 6/7:30p |
| Dec. 18        | host Fillmore Central            | 6/7:30p |
| Dec. 21        | at Thayer Central                | 6/8p    |
| Dec. 28-29     | at holiday tournament, Malcolm   | TBA     |
| Jan. 6         | at Johnson County Central (boys) | 7:45p   |
| Jan. 13        | host Fairbury                    | 6/7:30p |
| Jan. 18        | host Centennial (girls)          | 7:15p   |
| Jan. 20        | host Freeman                     | 6/7:30p |
| Jan. 21        | at Malcolm                       | 6/7:30p |
| Jan. 25        | host Palmyra                     | 6/7:30p |
| Jan. 31-Feb. 5 | at Southern Nebraska Conf.       | TBA     |
| Feb. 8         | at Sutton                        | 6/7:30p |
| Feb. 11        | host David City                  | 6/7:30p |
| Feb. 14-17     | at Girls' subdistricts           | TBA     |
| Feb. 18        | host Centennial (boys)           | 7:30p   |
| Feb. 21-24     | at Boys' subdistricts            | TBA     |
| Feb. 25        | at Girls' district final         | TBA     |
| Feb. 28        | at Boys' district final          | TBA     |
| March 7-12     | at State, Lincoln                | TBA     |

### Wilber-Clatonia girls' basketball

**Coach:** Matt McElfresh

**Years coaching:** 2

**Last year's record:** 5-16

**This year's seniors:** Haley Spilker, Aspen Oliver, Claire Thompson

**Other returning letter winners:** Emily Ehlers, Jera Schuerman, Amy Kozak, Carly Rains, Elsie Woerner, Melody Novotny

**Season outlook:**

I believe that we have a great nucleus of at least 10 players that are capable of playing at the varsity level and competing. These girls are gritty, physical, and aren't going to back down from the tough competition we will face during the year. If we can shoot the ball better than last year, handle pressure, and limit our turnovers, I could see this team winning double digit games for the first time

in a long time.

**Teams to watch in conference/district:** Sutton, Centennial, Superior in Conference; Freeman, Centennial,

Palmyra, Tri County is our entire district  
**First competition:** Thursday, Dec. 2, we open with Tri County at home

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## Wilber-Clatonia wrestling

**Coach:** James Bates

**Years coaching:** 30 years

**Assistant:** Paul Havel. Volunteers Cody Vana, Jorge Hernandez, Brad Pomajzl

**Season outlook:** We are once again a pretty young team. Football injuries have really hurt us. Sawyer Kunc is a returning state medalist and is out for the season. We also lost Stone Thelen for the year. Colby Homolka is a two-time state qualifier and state medalist and he will be out 2-5 weeks with a football injury. Key returners are Pedro Hernandez who is a state medalist at 106, Colby Homolka who is one of just 2 seniors on the team.

We have a really strong sophomore class that will have to carry the team this year. We had some wrestlers who had great summers in terms of competition we are looking for guys like Zander Baker, Lane Vesely and Hugo Pomajzl to step up and be competitive.

Other guys who could contribute on the varsity level are Iverson Mejia, Alan Odvody, Jordan Marsh and Ashton Keltner.

We have a difficult schedule wrestling many upper-level teams in Class C as well as many Class B teams. We are going to two new tournaments – one in Cross County and one in Boone Central.

Our goals for the season are to keep getting better every day. We are still a pretty young team, so I expect some growing pains but hopefully, we are laying a foundation for a good run in the next couple of years. We also have three to four guys who we would like to see on the podium come late February.

**First competition:** in Palmyra the Thursday



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Wrestling for Wilber-Clatonia in 2021-22 are, from left: (front row) Coach James Bates, Pedro Hernandez, Iverson Mejia, Ashton Keltner, Anne Hegwald and Coach Paul Havel; and (back row) Keith Kvasnicka, Lane Vesely, Fernando Vazquez, Zach Hessheimer, Allen Odvody, Hugo Pomajzl and Zander Baker.

after Thanksgiving. Five duals. Centennial and Tri County will be tough there. We will not be a great dual team this year.

## Wilber-Clatonia wrestling

|                |                                   |              |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. 2         | at Palmyra Duals                  | 4:30p        |
| Dec. 11        | at Meridian Invitational          | 10a          |
| Dec. 18        | at Kearney Catholic Invitational  | 9a           |
| <b>Jan. 7</b>  | <b>host Wilber-Clatonia Duals</b> | <b>3:30p</b> |
| Jan. 15        | at Cross County Invitational      | 9a           |
| Jan. 21        | at Thayer Central Invitational    | 2:30p        |
| <b>Jan. 22</b> | <b>host Tri County</b>            | <b>5p</b>    |
| Feb. 4         | at Norris Invitational            | 3p           |
| Feb. 11-12     | at District C-2, Oakland-Craig    | TBA          |
| Feb. 17-19     | at State, Omaha                   | TBA          |

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