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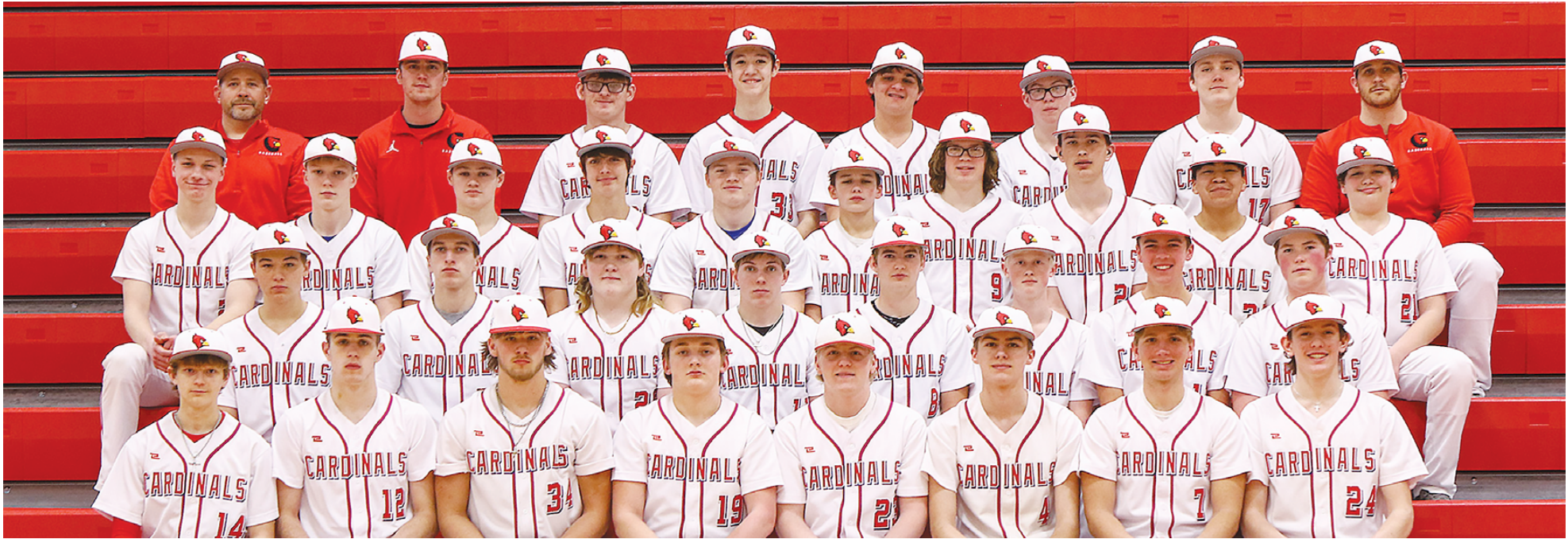
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The 2022 Crete-Milford baseball team includes, from left: (first row) Max Connell, Colton Homolka, Braden Schmeckpeper, Madaux DeLong, Ethan Wittstruck, Micah Hartwig, Tadd TeBrink and Mason Crumbliss; (second row) Cale Burkhardt, Conner Lomax, Maddix Fye, Jeffrey Kuncel, Mason Stone, Carson Kotil, Garrett Dittmer and Cole Stutzman; (third row) Connor Krumme, Kenner Svitek, Garrett Rockenbach, Jayden Boyle, Carter Tews, Patton Svitek, Alex Eltze, Nick Hollman, Brody Klein and Gabe Mach; and (fourth row) Assistant Coach Justin Nickel, Assistant Coach Bryant Rief, Karson Cowan, Tristan Heath, Zach Parra, AJ Snide, Everett Heath and Head Coach Jacob Cathey.

Crete/Milford baseball

March	17	at Ashland-Greenwood	4:30p
March	19	host Falls City	12p
March	22	host Norris	4:30p
March	24	host Branched Oak	4:30p
March	25	at Plattsmouth	4:30p
March	29	host Lincoln High	4:30p
March	31	at Wayne	4:30p
April	2	at Branched Oak, Malcolm	4:30p
April	4	host Wahoo	4:30p
April	5	host Beatrice	4:30p
April	7	host Bennington	4:30p
April	11	at Auburn	4:30p
April	12	at Central City	4:30p
April	14	host Pender	4:30p
April	18	at Seward	12p
April	19	host Adams Central	4:30p
April	21	host Blair	4:30p
April	25	at Waverly	4:30p
April	26	at Nebraska City	4:30p
April	28	at Plattview	4:30p
April	29	at Fairbury	4:30p
May	2	host Hastings	4:30p
May	3	host Maxwell	4p
May	5-9	at Districts	TBA
May	14-19	at State	TBA

home games played at Tuxedo Park

Crete/Milford baseball

Coach: Jacob Cathey
Years coaching: Third year
Assistants: Justin Nickel, Bryant Rief
Seniors: Braden Schmeckpeper (Crete), Micah Hartwig (Milford), Madaux DeLong (Milford), Ethan Wittstruck (Milford)
Additional returning letter winners: Tadd TeBrink, Mason Crumbliss, Colton Homolka, Conner Lomax
Strengths: Hitting and defense
Holes to be filled: Second base, pitching, outfield
Teams to watch: Norris

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Crete golf

Coach: Drew Rische
Years coaching: 5
Assistants: Jack Munter
Seniors: Sean Rethmeier, Clay Sears, and Ethan Cornish
Additional letter winners: Jacob Harrington, Brock Heusinkvelt, Wyatt Clark, Trace Egge
Strength of this year's team: Over the last five years we have started to compile a bit of depth and more competition on the team to become a varsity member. I think this will benefit when it comes to scoring at tournaments.
Holes to fill: None

Crete golf				
March	25	at Seward Invitational	10a	
March	31	host Seward	4p	
April	7	at Invitational	9a	
April	13	at Milford Invitational	9:30a	
April	14	at York Invitational	9a	
April	18	at Fairbury	4p	
April	21	at Fairbury Invitational	9a	
April	25	at Beatrice Invitational	9a	
April	29	host Crete Invitational	9a	
May	2	at Seward Triangular	4p	
May	6	at Central Conference, Seward	TBA	
May	10	at Invitational, Crooked Creek	9a	
May	17	at Districts, Beatrice	TBA	
May	24-25	at State, Columbus	10a	



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The 2022 Crete High golf team includes, from left: (first row) Clayton Sears, Sean Rethmeier and Wyatt Clarke; (second row) Brock Heusinkvelt, Logan Johnson, Dany Banos, Nicholas Zimmerman and Easton Kassing; and (third row) Cameron Willey, Ty Yeager, Colton Fey and Jacob Harrington. Not pictured are Trace Egge and Ethan Cornish.

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Friend golf

Coach's name:

Brian Arp

Years coaching: 4

Seniors (please list names): JB Drake, Christian Weber, Camryn Brandt

Strengths of this year's team: We actually have a very strong freshman group, starting with Jacob Klooz who I expect to place in every meet this year, along with Chase Paulsen, Zach Spohn and Dayton Kramer, all of whom have experience golfing as freshman. JB seems much improved, and I expect him to make a big jump this year.

Holes to fill from last year: We lose state qualifying golfer Frank Filipi.

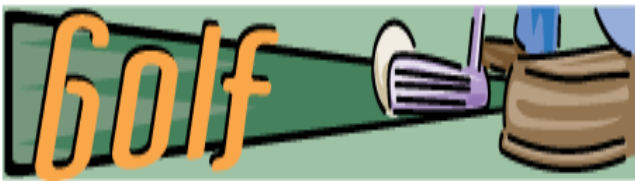
Teams to watch in conference/district: I'm not too sure, but I look for Thayer Central. I also know Franklin usually has strong golfers. Without a doubt



AMY HAUSMAN | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The 2022 Friend High golf team includes, from left: (first row) Cameryn Brandt, Jacob Spohn and Abbie Milton; (second row) Shelby Lawver, Dayton Kremer, Zach Spohn and Abby Klooz; and (third row) Coach Brian Arp, JB Drake, Jacob Klooz, Chase Paulson and Christian Weber.

the team to beat is Elm Creek; they return four of five golfers from last year's second-place team.



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

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Friend golf				
March	30	at Syracuse Invitational	9:30a	
April	5	host Quadrangular	4p	
April	6	host Friend Invitational	9:30a	
April	13	at Milford Invitational	9:30a	
April	20	at David City Invitational	9:30a	
April	25	host Southern	4p	
April	27	at Palmyra Invitational	8:30a	
May	3	at Sutton Invitational	9a	
May	9	host Fillmore Central	4p	
May	11	at Thayer Central Invitational	9:30a	
May	16-17	at Districts	TBA	
May	24-25	at State	TBA	



LEESA K. BARTU | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL
The Exeter-Milligan boys' golf team includes, from left, Carter Milton, Michael Bartu, Aidan Vavra and Jayden Capek.

Exeter-Milligan golf					
March 30	at Syracuse Invitational	9:30a	April 19	at Sandy Creek Invitational	9:30a
April 5	at Friend Triangular	4p	April 29	at Arlington Invitational	9a
April 6	at Friend Invitational	9a	May 3	at Sutton Invitational	9a
April 12	at Fillmore Central Invitational	10a	May 6	at York May Classic	9a
April 14	at Red Cloud Invitational	9a	May 9	at Crossroads Conference	9a
			May 16-17	at Districts	TBA
			May 24-25	at State	TBA

Exeter-Milligan golf
Coach: Dean Filipi
Season outlook: Coming off a year with no team, the Exeter-Milligan golf squad features four freshmen in 2022.
With all freshmen on the team we will be looking for team leaders as we go. Our schedule and district will be a challenge for us.
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Members of the Crete boys' soccer team include, from left: (first row) Herman Vicente Perez, David Figueroa Giron, Yordin Velasquez Sosa, Giovanni Castaneda, Junior Rafael Tercero, Omar Yanes, Travis Sweeney, Hermes Trujillo, Chris Dominguez, Andres Lucas Lucas and Jacob Fugett; (second row) Osvin Garcia Velasquez, Isaac Penate, Ruben Avalos, Nicky Lopez Regalado, Yahir Lopez Villa, Eduardo Guiza Ibarra, Chris Amaya, Eduardo Ortiz Contreras, Josue Lopez Perez, Owen Heath and William Bautista; (third row) Diego Espinoza Mendez, Enzo Giron, Carlos Alvarez Flores, Jesse Avalos, Kenson Spence, Isaah Sanchez, Edwin Jacinto Tercero, Emanuel Chanchavac and Sergio Morales Garcia; (fourth row) Juan Cardona Mendoza, Danny Barrientos, Joshua Morales Leon, Francisco Sanchez, Byron Rivas Martinez, Emmanuel Valdovinos, Andy Montejo, Domonic Betts, Wilson Rafael Lopez, Danny Lopez Loarca and Fredy Jacinto Tercero; (fifth row) Jeffrey Barrientos Acabel, Mynor Rafael Lopez, Pedro Simon DeLeon, Baltazar Adame Vasquez, Fabian Juarez, Daniel Perez Felix, Guadalupe Lopez, Mario Lopez Ortiz, Nelson Ortiz Guiza, Luis Villanueva Perez and Daniel Jacinto Bautista; and (sixth row) Jeremy Diaz Lopez, Maung Aye, Joshua Lopez Garcia, Nathan Barrientos, Alex Lucas Velasquez, Alfredo Garcia Escobar, Manny Ordaz and Sebastian Perez Adame. Not pictured are Alfredo Herrera, Edgar Mercado Figueroa, Elias Raymundo Tercero, Juan Tercero Martin, Enrique Garcia Sanchez, Denis Tercero, Paul Orlov, Alex Martinez Lopez and Luis Mendez Mireles.

Crete boys' soccer

Coach's name: Derek Spence

Years coaching: 20th year at Crete, 17th year as head coach at Crete

Assistants: Jhonny Beltran, Gilberto Rodriguez, Jay Johnson, Jorge Paredes

Varsity seniors: Gio Castaneda, Jacob Fugett,

Yahir Lopez Villa, Chris Amaya, Jorge Lopez Jacinto, Yordin Velasquez Sosa, Herman Vicente Perez, Chris Dominguez, Hermes Trujillo, Travis Sweeney, Andres Lucas Lucas, Junior Rafael Tercero, Eduardo Guiza Ibarra, Omar Yanes

Additional returning letter winners:

Edwin Jacinto Tercero, Isaac Penate, Isaah San-

chez, Emanuel Chanchavac, Owen Heath, Sergio Morales Garcia

Strengths of this year's team: Senior leadership, depth

Holes to fill from last year: Midfielder

Teams to watch in conference/district: Lexington, Schuyler, Norris



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Crete soccer

March	17	at Nebraska City	4:30p/6:30p
March	22	at Lincoln Lutheran (B)	5p
		host Auburn (G), DU	6:30p
March	24	host Norfolk Catholic (B), DU	6:30p
March	29	at Conestoga (G)	6:30p
March	31	at Seward	4:30p/6:30p
April	2	at Lexington (B)	3:15p
		host Lexington (G), CHS	3:15p
April	5	host Schuyler (B), DU	6:30p
		at Schuyler (G)	5p
April	7	host Aurora (B), CHS	5p
		host Aurora (G), DU	6:30p
April	9	at Beatrice Triangular (B)	9a
		host Triangular (G), CHS	9a
April	11-18	at Central Conference	TBA
April	19	host Lakeview, CHS	4:30p
April	21	at Norris (B)	6:30p
		host Norris (G), DU	6:30p
April	26	at Northwest	6:30p
April	28	host York (B), DU	6:30p
		at York (G)	5p
May	2-5	at Districts	TBA
May	7	at Substate	TBA
May	11-17	at State	TBA

Playing soccer for the Crete girls' team in 2022 are, from left: (first row) Aleja Hernandez, Maricela Jacinto, Diana Ortiz, Niurka Aguilera, Kaitlyn Yeager, Taylor Pierce, Kaitlyn Wendt, Angie Adame, Ivonne Lopez, Karen Vasquez and Angela Lopez; (second row) Mary Lucas, Evelyn Becerra, Brisa Ortiz, Karyme Martinez, Dilma Rafael, Zaylyn Morales, Sofia Dimas, Hallie Clark, Abigail Linares, Ashley Quiroz, Candelaria Ramos and Maricela Lopez; (third row) Mia Cabrera, Crystal Avalos, Tera Palmer, Jimena Zamora, Emily Chavez, Jayda Sanchez, Alexa Ramirez, Makienze Perez, Abigail Abbott, Conleigh Spence, Griselda Vargas and Anette Cabrera; (fourth row) Ashley Gonzalez, Jazmin Tellez, Sandra Ramos, Elizabeth Lu, Damaris Tercero, Alrondra Lemus, Dayanara Adame, Lizeth Gonzalez, Yaqueline Estrada, Jimena Sanchez, Cristina Velasquez, Brittney Mendez and Jackie Castillo; and (fifth row) Head Coach Yessenia Ramos, Student Managers Angely Adame, Velinda Valdez, Bricedya Garcia, and Assistant Coach Chelsea Thiem.

Crete girls' soccer

Coach's name:

Yessenia Ramos

Years coaching: 1

Assistants: Chelsea

Thiem

Seniors: Aleja Her-

nandez, Angela Lopez, Angie Adame, Diana Ortiz, Ivonne Lopez, Kaitlyn Wendt, Kaitlyn Yeager, Marisela Jacinto, Taylor Pierce, Niurka Aguilera, Karen Vasquez

Additional re-

turning letter winners: Juniors: Mary Lucas, Dilma Raphael, Shaylene Segura. Soph-

omores: Abigail Linares, Emily Chavez

Strengths of this year's team: We have the most numbers this program has had in a long time. We're sitting

at 50 athletes.

Holes to fill from last year: a lot of the present seniors and younger girls were our strengths last year and having them return this

year will provide a lot of room for success.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Nebraska City (3/17), Auburn (3/22), and Conestoga (3/29)

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STEPHANIE CROSTON | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The 2022 tennis team at Wilber-Clatonia is, from left, Samantha Escobar, Amy Kozak and Aleksa Chambers.

Wilber-Clatonia tennis

Coach's name: Kurt Kiesel
Years coaching: 10 as head
Returning letter winners: Amy Kozak



Strengths of this year's team: Enthusiasm
Holes to fill from last year: all but Amy

WCHS tennis				
March	24	at Grand Island Central Catholic Invite		10a
April	5	at Beatrice		4p
April	9	at Ralston Invitational		8:30a
April	12	host Crete		4p
April	28	at Hastings Invitational		10a
May	3	at Nebraska City		4p
May	19-20	at State, Lincoln		TBA

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Crete girls' tennis

Coach's name: Nathan Erickson
Years coaching: First year as head coach of the girls' team. I've been an assistant coach to Coach Todd Sandberg with the boys for two years.

Assistants: Todd Sandberg (head coach of the boys' team)

Seniors: Riley Schmidt, Jordyn Coe

Additional returning letter winners: Not sure if they are letter winners last year, but returners who will contribute to varsity are Erandy Rodriguez Herrera, Cassidy Meinke, Reagan Bessler, Sierra Bond, Caitlynn Boyle, Ansley Kuntz, Melissa Castillo

Strengths of this year's team: Leadership, positive energy, power and athleticism. In addition they are very responsive to new coaching strategies and are quickly improving.

Holes to fill from last year: Two seniors who played at first and second singles respectively at the state tournament: Tram Ngo and Lena Zahourek

Teams to watch in conference/district: Not sure. I hope we can build really fun and intense rivalries with nearby schools including Beatrice, Norris, York Nebraska City and Waverly.



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The 2022 girls' tennis team at Crete High includes, from left: (first row) Sierra Bond, Erandy Rodriguez Herrera, Riley Schmidt, Jordyn Coe, Cassidy Meinke and Reagan Bessler; (second row) Evannie Sand, Caitlynn Boyle, Bayli Kratochvil, Ansley Kuntz, Jordyn Adam, Sierra Crist amd Barbara O'Donnell; (third row) Hadley Swiercinsky, Grace Nimely, Agata Wojnilko, Addie Woods and Stephanie Don Juan Mendoza; and (fourth row) Melissa Castillo, Aileen Rueda Amador, Alicia Lopez Alvis and Dina Mejia Vasquez. Ruby Martinez is not pictured.

Crete tennis				
March	24	host Beatrice		4p
March	28	at St. Paul		4p
April	1	at York Invitational		10a
April	5	at Waverly		4p
April	7	at Invitational, Grand Island		10a
April	9	at Invitational, Omaha	8:30a	
April	12	at Wilber-Clatonia		4p
April	13	host Ralston		4p
April	18	host Lincoln Southeast		4p
April	19	at Beatrice		4p
April	25	host Norris		4p
April	29	host Lincoln Northeast		4p
May	3	at Lincoln Christian Invitational	9a	
May	5	host York		4p
May	12	host Nebraska City		4p
May	19-20	at State, Lincoln		TBA

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Crete boys' track and field

Coach: Stan Croft
Years coaching: First year as head track, second coaching high school track. I coached collegiate track and field 12 years in the 90s and 2000s.
Assistants: KiLee Griffin, Justin Castellanos, Alan Varela, Kyleigh Williams
Seniors: Cale Bessler, Connor Leiting, Isaac Kracl, Ethan Koch, Will Chica

Additional returning letter winners: Antonio Ortiz, Michael Willey, Miguel Alarcon
Strengths: Our strengths will be strong in individuals in multiple groups. We will need some younger athletes to step up to replace depth in all of the event groups.

We will count on continued improvement across the board. We will be short in the hurdles and are moving some upperclassmen into the long hurdles and will hope some younger athletes can step up.
Teams to watch: The usual suspects will be strong. Norris, Seward, Northwest in conference and probably Waverly added in districts.



DOUG CARROLL | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL
The 2022 boys' track team at Crete High includes, from left: (first row) Ethan Koch, Cale Bessler, Conner Leiting, Kenny Le, William Chica and Austin Krumme; (second row) Antonio Ortiz Regalado, Michael Willey, Miguel Alarcon Chavez, Ariel Guerra Salazar, Angel Martinez Marquez and Owen Faltin; (third row) Jedidiah Kracl, Glen Clouse, Martin Ortiz, Steve Enriquez, Luis Alarcon-Chavez, Cesar Linares and Saul Lopez-Castro; (fourth row) Julio Juarez Lopez, Barrett Eggerling, Julian Mendez Rodriguez, Josiah Harrington, Corbin Coe and Jackson Finner; and (fifth row) Michael Vincent Reyes, Jordy Alvarez-Morales, Leonardo Adame-Lopez, Alejandro Rincon Manzano, Tyler Ward and Toryn Siske.

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The 2022 Crete girls' track team includes, from left: (first row) Maggie Wohl, Alexa Kraus, Karlee Henning, Caydence Kuss and Jenna Andindi; (second row) Marin Rasgorshek, Lauren Maly, Ashaya Steele, Le Nelson, Ruby Van Horn, and Vivian Kirkpatrick; and (third row) Jordan Parde, Lauren Corning, Ady Ziemann, Emerson Kroese, Trinity McMillan, Ella Heusinkvelt, Lesli Kratochvil and Alexa Wackel.

Crete girls' track and field

Coach: Alyssa Baber

Years coaching: 10 total, this is my fifth season as head coach of the girls' track team

Assistants: KiLee Griffin, Justin Castellanos, Doug Dolezal, Alan Varela

Seniors: Karlee Henning

Strengths: The team is very coachable and hardworking.

Crete track & field

March	19	at Doane University Invite	10a
March	26	at Fairbury Invitational	9:30a
March	31	at Norris Invitational	10a
April	8	at Waverly Invitational	10a
April	14	at Syracuse Invitational	10a
April	23	at York Invitational	10a
April	28	host Crete Invitational	10a
May	5	at Central Conf., Holdrege	9:30a
May	10	at Districts	TBA
May	18-19	at State, Omaha Burke	TBA

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Dorchester track and field
Coaches' names: Brian Rut and Brandon Bruha
Years coaching: 7 years and 4 years
Assistants: Bethany Theis
Seniors: Karter Tyser, Jose Tellez and Ben Nohavec

Additional returning letter winners:
Juniors: Jacob Cerny, Fernando Perez, Garrett Tachovsky; Sophomores: Jacob Hatfield, Macros Gonzalez, Addison Lehr, Amber Kotas, Stephanie Korinek, Madison Theis, Makayla Schlueter, Mitzu Real, Hailey Schweitzer, Kayli Carey, Quinn Kasl

Strengths of this year's team: Dedication and work ethic. Our student athletes have been putting in the time to make themselves better during each and every practice. They are doing the little things to improve their speed and agility which will show up in their performances.

Holes to fill from last year: We lost five seniors from last year's team, two of whom made it to state, so we will be looking for some individuals to step up and fill the leadership roles that we lost. Twenty-two of the 29 athletes are freshmen and sophomores, so we will be young, but I don't believe that we have an athlete on the team who doesn't believe they can't compete with the best.

Dorchester track & field				
March	17	at Doane University		1p
March	22	at Thayer Central Invitational		11a
March	29	at Friend Relays		10a
April	4	at Meridian Invitational, Friend		10a
April	14	at Deshler Invitational		10a
April	19	at Friend Invitational		10a
April	25	at McCool Junction Invitational		9a
April	30	at Crossroads Conference		9a
May	5	at McCool Junction Invite	9:30a	
May	12	at Districts		TBA
May	19-20	at State, Omaha Burke		TBA



MEAGHAN STOUT | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL
The 2022 Dorchester track team includes, from left: (first row) Ben Nohavec, Karter Tyser and Jose Tellez; (second row) Coach Brandon Bruha, Brett Ladely, Garrett Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Fernando Perez and Coach Brian Rut; (third row) Quinn Kasl, Addison Lehr, Hailey Schweitzer, Madison Theis, Amber Kotas, Kayli Carey, Stephanie Korinek, Makayla Schlueter and Mitzu Real; (fourth row) Owen Vyhnaelek, Jacob Hatfield, Andy Drake, Marcos Borrego Gonzalez, Victor Alegria Lopez, Garett Nohavec and Gerson Mungia Carrasco; and (fourth row) Coach Corey Bird, Isabella Cornejo, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Angelina Cornejo, Ariana Tellez, Gabby Theis and Coach Bethany Theis.



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LEESA K. BARTU | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The Exeter-Milligan boys' track team includes, from left: (front row) Andrew Vavra, Troy Kallhoff, Tyler Due, Draven Payne and Dravin Birkes; and (back row) Assistant Track Coach Lisa Kanode, Chase Vnoucek, Marcus Krupicka, Ben Bartu, Cade Kresak, Braden Capek, Daysan Staskal, Student Manager Carver Kanode, Wesley Ronne, and Head Track Coach Brian Murphy. Adrian Schoofs and Assistant Coach Trevor Luzum are not pictured.

Exeter-Milligan boys' track

Coach's name: Brian Murphy

Years coaching: Tenth as boys head

Seniors: Ben Bartu, Braden Capek, Wesley Ronne

Additional returning letter winners:

Marcus Krupicka, Cade Kresak, Daysan Staskal, Chase Vnoucek, Tyler Due, Dravin Birkes, Draven Payne, Troy Kallhoff, Andrew Vavra.

Strengths of this year's team: The boys' team has a lot of experience coming back from last year, and they have come into the track season looking stronger.

Holes to fill from last year: We lost three seniors, and two of them were state qualifiers who scored a large number of points for us last year.

Teams to watch in conference/district:

Both our conference and district are strong as usual with several strong track and field teams.

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Exeter-Milligan girls' track

Coach: Katherine Smith
Assistants: Madalynn Fousek, Lisa Kanode;
Volunteer: Trevor Luzum
Seniors: Cameron Jansky and Emma Olson
Season outlook: We are very, very small this season. That is going to make relays a challenge and doing much in team standings. But this group of girls does not back down from a challenge. We have strong traditions in this team and we will find a way to figure it out. We are going to have to be very focused and specialized in our individual events.

Cameron Jansky had a great 2020-2021 season in the 800. She's really grown to understand and perfect the race. She understands and accepts the training it takes to be great at that race. The 800 is a race you must be OK being uncomfortable and be focused when you're uncomfortable. She figured that out and she's going to really get after it this season. She's got big goals. She medaled at the

state meet in the 800 and she's looking to build off that momentum.
Jozie Kanode was our leader in the field events in the pole vault. She's very focused in that event. For her to be a sophomore last year, technically a freshman with COVID, and go to Burke and medal in the pole vault, was an awesome experience for her. She remembers that feeling and is going to be confident this season. She's continually looking to perfect her technique and that is going to make her great this season.
Our strength every season is just the way these kids know how to compete. That's why I love coaching them. They know my expectations of training. We train hard. We will be well trained and compete hard.
During 2021, we were able to get some young girls to compete and medal at the state team. That's a great experience for anyone to just be at Burke, then to compete. Medaling is an even better experience.



LEESA K. BARTU | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL
The 2022 Exeter-Milligan girls' track team includes, from left: (first row) Maddie Luzum, Emma Olsen and Cameron Jansky; (second row) Jasmine Turrubiates, Jozie Kanode, Olivea Swanson and Morgan White; and (third row) Assistant Coach Madalyn Fousek, Taylor Pribyl, Savana Krupicka, Malorie Staskal, Lily Jeffries, Kierra Papik and Head Coach Katherine Smith.

Exeter-Milligan track & field

March	17	at Doane Indoor	10a
March	23	at McCool Junction Triangular	2p
March	29	at Turkey Creek Relays, Friend	10a
April	6	at Meridian Invitational, Friend	10a
April	12	at Heartland Invitational	1:30p
April	19	host EM Invitational McCool Junction	9:30a
April	26	at Shelby Invitational	10a
April	30	at Crossroads Conference	9a
May	4	at Paul Underwood Classic McCool Junction	9:30a
May	11	at Districts	TBA
May	20-21	at State, Omaha Burke	TBA



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Friend track and field
Coach: Jim Pfeiffer
Years coaching: 30
Assistants: John Clouse, Lori Klooz
Seniors: Cooper Girmus, Zakk Smith, Elijah Black
Additional returning letter winners: Kylie Weber, Jacob Weber
Strength: seniors and incoming freshmen class numbers
Teams to watch: Pioneer conference teams are always competitive, and we look forward to seeing our kids compete and improve over the course of the season.

Friend track & field				
March	23	at Doane Invitational	8:30a	
March	29	host Invitational	10a	
April	4	at Meridian Invitational, Friend	10a	
April	14	at Deshler Invitational	10a	
April	19	host Friend Invitational	10a	
April	25	at McCool Junction Invitational	9a	
April	30	at Pioneer Conference	9a	
May	5	at Cross County Invitational	10a	
May	10	at Districts	TBA	
May	19-20	at State, Omaha Burke	TBA	

Track and field events	
Track	Field
100-meter dash	Long jump
200-meter dash	Triple jump
400-meter dash	High jump
800-meter run	Pole vault
1,600-meter run	Shot put
3,200-meter run	Discus
100-meter hurdles	Relays
(girls)	
110-meter hurdles	
(boys)	
300-meter hurdles	

Have a great season!



AMY HAUSMAN | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL
 Competing for Friend High in the 2022 track and field season are, from left: (first row) Ella Archer, Reagan Bartley, Ashley Braun and Kylie Weber; (second row) Will Vyhnalek, Jacob Weber, Mason Vossler, Mason Semler and Tyrell Fennel and Matija Martines; and (third row) Coach John Clouse, Elijah Black, Chase Svehla, Cooper Girmus, Zakk Smith and Coaches Jim Pfeifer and Lori Klooz.

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STEPHANIE CROSTON | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

Competing in track and field for the Tri County boys' team in 2022 are, from left: (first row) Brevin Damrow, Uriel Martinez, Grant Lewandowski, Gavin Weichel, Gracin Hahn and Nick Scheele; (second row) Ben Holsing, Ethan Jobman, Kenton Sowards, Camdon Cline, Colton Placek, Cooper Stokebrand, Jonah Schwab, Evan Quackenbush, Kaden VanWinkle, Lucas Lewandowski, Brayden Ebbers and Tayden Gronemeyer; and (third row) Aiden VanEperen, Riley Kopf, Carter Holtmeier, Cael Washburn, Dusty Kapke, Cameron Reynolds, Jackson McNiff, Pierce Damrow, Cole Spahr, Carter Siems, Matt Scheele and Alex Paxton.

Tri County track and field

Coach's name: Ryan Clark

Years coaching: 1

Assistants: Kris Kowalski, Zach Waller, Reese Hennerberg, Sean Roberts

Seniors: Brevin Damrow, Gracin Hahn, Colton Jantzen, Grant Lewandowski, Nick Scheele, Gavin Weichel, Veronica Reynolds, Morgan Stokebrand

Additional returning letter winners:

Girls: 10th Grade: Evelyn Baker, Ella Clark, Abbie Drewes, Kenzie Strein, Ellie Peters, Cassidy Thavenet, Catrina Washburn; Boys: 11th Grade: Carter Holtmeier, Carter Siems, Colton Bales, 10th Grade: Dusty Kapke, Tayden Gronemeyer, Cameron Reynolds, Kaden VanWinkle, Cael Washburn

Strengths of this year's team: Team-oriented work ethic. Both groups have a strong middle distance core.

Holes to fill from last year: We lost a lot of experience in the hurdles and distance races.

Teams to watch in conference/district: It's a challenging district this year, we expect to be ready compete with the best during this phase of the season.

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STEPHANIE CROSTON | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The 2022 Tri County girls' track team includes, from left: (first row) Veronica Reynolds and Morgan Stokebrand; (second row) Reagan Schwisow, Harley Dike, Aubrey Siems, Ella Clark, Karli Scherling, Skye Washburn, Kenzie Strein, Addison Paxton and Ashton Schwisow; and (third row) Rylee McCune, Hailey Lauenstein, Evelyn Baker, Ashlynn Brown, MacKenzie Smith, Catrina Washburn, Ellie Peters, Cassidy Thavenet and Abbie Drewes.

Area sports

Crete: Boys' and girls' soccer, baseball, boys' and girls' track, boys' golf, girls' tennis

Dorchester: Boys' and girls' track

Friend: Boys' and girls' track, boys' golf

Exeter-Milligan: Boys' and girls' track, boys' golf

Tri County: Boys' and girls' track

Wilber-Clatonia: Boys' and girls' track, girls' tennis

TCHS track & field

March	18	at Doane University	1p
March	23	at Pioneer Conference, Doane	9:30a
March	29	at Wilber-Clatonia Invitational	2p
April	5	at Johnson County Central	9:30a
April	12	at Lewiston Invitational	9:30a
April	19	host Dan Tesar Invitational	10a
April	23	host MUDECAS	9a
April	30	at Pioneer Conference	9a
May	3	at Freeman Invitational	9a
May	12	at Districts	TBA
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STEPHANIE CROSTON | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The boys' track team at Wilber-Clatonia for the 2022 season includes, from left: (first row) Houston Broz, Adam Kotas, Steven Pronk, Jon Zoubek, Mason Combs, Quinn Palmer, Austin Kvasnicka and Logan Herndon; (second row) Deagen Hoover, Ashton Pulliam, Tyson Kreshel, Josue Vargas and Caleb Drake; (third row) Jamil Sampson, Ryan Marsh, Joey Pucket, Oscar Ortiz, Junior Mildward, Cash Keslar, Gavin Vlcen, Jorge Vazquez, Cash Parham and Lexand Baker; and (fourth row) Ivan Znamenacek, Lucas Karpisek, Jose Trejo, Jacob Williams, Cooper Palmer and Aiden Zajicek. Not pictured are Caleb Panning, Kenneth Guerra, Brayden Connell and Owen McCright.

**Wilber-Clatonia
boys' track and field**

Coach: Lynn Jurgens
Years coaching: 16th season as head coach
Assistant coaches: Ryan Fuerhoff, Ken Furstenau, Landon Schmitt, Kayla Shaner, Ray Uher, Haydyn Weise
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Russ Rezny, Michael Pulliam
Seniors: Houston Broz, Mason Combs, Adam

Kotas, Quinn Palmer, Austin Kvasnicka, Steven Pronk, Jonathon Zoubek, Logan Herndon
Other letter winners: Ashton Pulliam, Tyson Kreshel, Jorge Vazquez, Deagen Hoover, Oscar Ortiz, Carter Skleba
Strengths: Throws, jumps and middle distance
Holes to fill: Long distance, sprinters
Teams to watch: Centennial, Thayer Central, Freeman

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WCHS track & field				
March	29	host Wilber-Clatonia Invitational	2p	
April	6	at Malcolm Invitational	10a	
April	12	at Milford Invitational	2p	
April	19	at Dan Tesar Invite, Tri County	10a	
April	25	at Conestoga Invitational	9:30a	
May	6	at Johnson County Central	9a	
May	12	at Districts	TBA	
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**Wilber-Clatonia
girls' track and field**

Coach: Ken Furstenau
Years Coaching Track: 17
Seniors: Aspen Oliver — shot put and discus
Additional returning letter winners: Jera Schuerman, Carly Rains

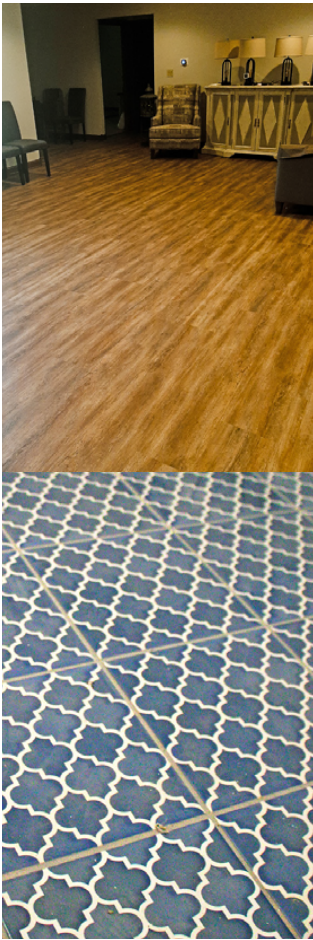
Strengths: Definitely the throws with Aspen Oliver and Emily Ehlers (shot put and discus) and Jera Schuerman (discus). When Carly Rains returns from injury she will be strong in the hurdles and middle-distance races. Jera Schuerman will also provide a great deal of strength in the middle distances. I believe Morgan Watson will be strong in the sprints and the high jump. We will be young on the track, but there is a ton of potential and a great deal of room for growth.

Holes to fill: We just have a lot of young girls mixed in with a core group of returning upper-classmen who have done a good job of leading through the first week of practice.



STEPHANIE CROSTON | THE CRETE NEWS/WILBER REPUBLICAN/FRIEND SENTINEL

The 2022 girls' track team at Wilber-Clatonia includes, from left: (first row) Alayna Steffensmeier, Emily Ehlers, Aspen Oliver, Lizzie Martinez, Morgan Watson and Shaylee Keslar; (second row) Delaney Mazza, Lena Eschiti, Tatiana Meza, Danya Formanek, Addison Combs and Jaylin Miller; and (third row) Coach Ken Furstenau, Kira Jonas, Breanna Spilker, Jera Schuerman, Madison Vogel, Mackenzie Anthony, Star Thelen, Alexa Landeros, Lillian Korbel and Coach Haydyn Weise. Not pictured are Carly Rains, Jessica Martinez, Emily Rhodes and Natalie Zoubek.



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