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Pictured are the members of the 2023 Crete football team, from left: (front row) Jeffrey Kuncl, Angel Martinez, Juan Miguel Jacinto and Emmanuel Valdovinos; (second row) Oscar Ortiz, Cesar Linares, Theo Bohling, Reece Vertin, Emanuel Chanchavac, Garrett Rockenbach, Connor Krumme, Carter Tews, Owen Heath, Barrett Eggerling and Quinlan Vondra; (third row) Kenson Spence, Everett Heath, Ty Yeager, Carson Kotil, Brock Bohling, Ricardo Vicente Vasquez, Julian Mendez, Jules Reed, Josiah Harrington, Fabian Juarez and Mason Snider; (fourth row) Hunter Harrifield, Zackery Connell, Kaidyn Souders, Ranger Dwehus, Hunter Ross, Josue Perez Vicente, Alexander Cvevas, Logan Bessler and Hunter Knoche; and (back row) Phuoc Doan, Anthony Nelson, Alvaro Calderon, Ricky Orozeo, Peyton Steuer, Braylon Souders and Cooper Malone.

Crete Football

Coach's name: Mark Newmyer

Years coaching: seven, five as head coach

Assistant coaches: Colten Mach, Ryne Reeves, Jacob Hughes, Jay Quinn, Jackson Abe, Brysen Mach

Last season's record: 3-6

Seniors on this year's team: Reece Vertin, Theo Bohling, Owen Heath, Connor Krumme, Jeffrey Kuncl, Emmanuel Valdovinos, Emmanuel Chanchavac,

Quinlan Vondra, Angel Martinez, Cesar Linares, Garrett Rockenbach, Carter Tews, Barrett Eggerling, Juan Miguel, Oscar Ortiz

Returning letter winners: Reece Vertin, Theo Bohling, Owen Heath, Connor Krumme, Jeffrey Kuncl, Emmanuel Valdovinos, Emmanuel Chanchavac, Quinlan Vondra, Angel Martinez, Cesar Linares, Garrett Rockenbach, Carter Tews, Barrett Eggerling, Juan Miguel, Oscar Ortiz, Everett Heath, Carson Kotil, Ty Yeager, Kenson Spence, Jules Reed

Season outlook: The 2023 Cardinals are going to rely on their senior leadership to be success-

ful this season. We return a lot of experience on both sides of the ball. We had a good summer overall both in the weight room and the field. The boys are excited to go and compete in a very competitive Class B.

Holes to fill from last season: The biggest hole that is going to need to be filled is at QB, Reece Vertin will step in as the starter and has prepared himself well all summer for his new role on the team.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Elkhorn North (Week 3), Pius X (Week 5) and Norris (Week 8)

CRETE FOOTBALL

Aug 18	host Omaha Westview	7p
Aug 25	host Mount Michael Benedictine	7p
Sept 1	at Lexington	7p
Sept 8	host Elkhorn North	7p
Sept 15	host Schuyler	7p
Sept 22	at Lincoln Pius X	7p
Oct 6	at Beatrice	7p
Oct 13	host Norris	7p
Oct 20	at Omaha Buena Vista	TBD

*All home games are played at Doane.

FRONT PAGE COVER PHOTO: Pictured are area athletes, from left, (front row) Evelyn Baker, Tri County; Tatiana Meza, Wilber-Clatonia; and Breckan Schluter, Exeter-Milligan-Friend; and (back row) Bailey Theis, Dorchester; Addison Coe, Crete; Marin Rasgorshek, Crete; and Lily Jeffries, EMF.

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Pictured are the members of the 2023 Crete softball team, from left: (front row) Ansley Kuntz, Caitlynn Boyle, Lauren Maly and Ashaya Steele; (second row) Wendy Perez Lucas, Kasey Dunaway, Ady Ziemann, Lesli Kratochvil, Jordan Parde, Evannie Sand and Camry Draeger; and (back row) Lidia Perez Lucas, Saray Silveyra, Makesha Snith, Addie Meinke, Khloe Golden, Addison Dittmer and Reagan Cain.

CRETE SOFTBALL

Aug 18	Aurora Tournament	3p
Aug 22	Norris	6:30p
Aug 24	Seward	6:30p
Aug 29	Fairbury	6:30p
Aug 31	Lincoln Northwest	6:30p
Sept 2	Waverly Quad	9a
Sept 5	Triangular	4:30p
Sept 7	Aurora Triangular	4:30p
Sept 9	Hastings Tournament	10a
Sept 11	York	6:30p
Sept 12	Grand Island Central Catholic	6:30p
Sept 15	Scottsbluff	4p
Sept 19	Milford	6:30p
Sept 21	Beatrice	6:30p
Sept 23	Tournament	9a
Sept 25	Lakeview	TBD
Sept 26	Gross Catholic	6:30p
Sept 28	Central Conference Tournament	10a

Crete Softball

Coach's name: KiLee Griffin

Years coaching: Four

Assistant coach(es): Natalie Brainard, Taylor Gokie and Alan Moore

Last season's record: 16-13

Seniors on this year's team: Ansley Kuntz, Caitlynn Boyle, Ashaya Steele and Lauren Maly

Returning letter

winner's: Ansley Kuntz, Caitlynn Boyle, Ashaya Steele, Lauren Maly, Jordan Parde, Lesli Kratochvil, Ruby Van Horn, Camry Draeger, and Kacey Dunaway

Team captains: Ansley Kuntz, Caitlynn Boyle, Ashaya Steele and Lauren Maly

Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: We return nine players with varsity experience and with most of the offensive power returning I think our strength will be offense.

Holes to fill from last season: Pitcher and

shortstop

Teams to watch in conference/district: Seward, GINW



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Pictured are the members of the 2023 Crete volleyball team, from left: (front row) Sierra Bond, Le Nelson, Hadley Swiercinsky, Reagan Bessler and Marin Rasgorshk; (second row) Melanie Flores, Erika Ruiz, Kenna Brugger, Sierra Crist, Trinity McMillan and Savannah Gosch; (third row) Emma Johnson, Emma Faltin, Noel Johnson, Lauren Eggerling, Lauren Kraus, Kelsey Talkington and Sophie Heusinkvelt; and (back row) Diana Tercero, Ana Tercero Lucas, Diana Gomez, Amelia Meyers, Izzy Meyers, Ali McDowell, Cairyss Kirkpatrick, Elena Olague and Ingrid Raymundo.

Crete Volleyball

Coach's name: Makayla Tepe

Years coaching: five

Assistant coaches: Annie Gardiner (5), Teri Zanker (1)

Last season's record: 17-19

Seniors on this year's team: Marin Rasgorshk, Hadley Swiercinsky, Reagan Bessler, Le Nelson, Sierra Bond

Returning letter winners: Marin Rasgorshk, Hadley Swiercin-

sky, Reagan Bessler, Le Nelson, Sierra Bond, Sierra Crist, Lauren Eggerling, Trinity McMillan,

Incoming athletes to watch: Sophie Heusinkvelt, Emma Faltin

Team captains: TBD

Season outlook: State-bound

Strengths of this year's team: Well balanced attack, strong defense, aggressive serve and pass

Holes to fill from last season: middle blocker position

Teams to watch in conference/district: Seward, York

CRETE VOLLEYBALL

Aug 24	Beatrice	7p
Aug 29	Columbus	7p
Aug 31	Blair	7p
Sept 2	Wahoo Tournament	9a
Sept 5	Grand Island Northwest	TBD
Sept 7	Nebraska City	7p
Sept 9	Norris Invite	9a
Sept 12	Schuyler	7p
Sept 14	Fairbury	7p
Sept 18	Grand Island	7p
Sept 21	Omaha Skutt Catholic	7p
Sept 23	Aurora Tournament	9a
Sept 26	York	7p
Sept 29	Scottsbluff and Gering tournament	4p
Oct 5	Lakeview	7p
Oct 10	Seward	7p
Oct 12, 14	Central Conference Tournament	TBD
Oct 19	Norris	7p

Crete cheer



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Pictured are the members of the 2023 Crete cheer squad, from left: (front row) Alejandro Rincon (Cardinal), Among Mejia, Victoria Villamonte, Steve Enriquez and Lindsay Schroeder; (second row) Conleigh Spence, Jadyamari Sanchez, Rylee Sommer and Lauren Corning; (third row) Katie Lopez Mejia, Yedi Zambrano Olirares, Stacy Mora Ramirez, Colette Andelt and Faith Heusinkvelt; and (back row) Alyiah Bakker, Dayana Navas, Jaylin Johnson, Allison McDowell, Adriana Dreve, Evan Rezac and Emma Clevette.

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Pictured are the members of the Crete boys' tennis team, from left, (first row) Cody Donohoe, Jayden Boyle, Aidan McDowell, Lane Wendelin, and Trace Egge; (second row) Ethan Placzek, Ty Dittmer, Nick Eltze, Patton Svitak, Corbin Coe, Colton Fye, and Toryn Siske; and (back row) Van Ngo, Isaiah Crist, Liam Boltt and Tenyson Siske.

Crete Tennis

Coach's name: Todd Sandberg

Years coaching: Four at Crete, 13 in total

Assistant coach: Tony Siske, Nathan Erickson

Returning letter winners: Aidan McDowell, #1 singles State Champion; Trace Egge, state qualifier at 1 doubles; Lane Wendelin, state qualifier at 2 doubles; Jayden Boyle and Corbin Coe.

Incoming athletes to watch: Patton Svitak, Nick Eltze and Ethan Placzek

Season outlook: Finished fourth at State last year as a team. Return five from the top eight from that team. Great senior leadership led by Aidan McDowell, Trace Egge and Lane Wendelin. This will be the deepest team since starting the program four years ago. We need to find new doubles teams which may take a few weeks.

CRETE TENNIS

Aug 24	Crete Triangular	4p
Aug 25	Lincoln Invite	8a
Aug 28	Host Lincoln Northeast	4p
Sept 1	Crete Invite	9a
Sept 5	Lincoln Invite	8:30a
Sept 8	Ralston Quad	10a
Sept 11	Host Ralston	4p
Sept 16	Bellevue West Invite	8a
Sept 21	Waverly Invite	9a
Sept 27	Host Lincoln High	4p
Sept 29	Beatrice Invite	9a
Oct 2	Elkhorn North	4p
Oct 3	Lincoln Northwest	4p
Oct 5	Host York	4p
Oct 12, 13	State at Woods Tennis Center	9a

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Pictured are the members of the 2023 Crete cross country team, from left: (front row) Owen Faltin, Tyler Ward, Garrett Dittmer, Aileen Rueda, Jordy Alvarez, Michael Vicente, Alicia Lopez Alvis and Manny Ordaz; (second row) Calen Homolka, Christopher Eberhardt, Kilean Steele, Coleman Slater, Eimy Rueda and Jennifer Cervantes Mendoza; and (back row) Kynleigh Draeger, Colette Andelt, Alfredo Lucas and Owen Hesser.

Crete Cross Country

Coach's name: Stan Croft

Years coaching: Three at Crete, 16 in total

Assistant coach: Rachael Wohl

Seniors on this year's team: Garret Dittmer, Owen Faltin, Michael Vicente Reyes, Jordy Alvarez, Tyler Ward, Danny Lopez Loarca, Aileen Rueda

Returning letter winners: Garret Dittmer, Owen Faltin, Michael Vicente Reyes, Jordy Alvarez, Tyler Ward, Danny Lopez Loarca, Owen Hesser and Colette Andelt

Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: We continue to get better but may not have the depth to compete for top spots in conference and district meets. Garrett should have a really good year and be a competitive individual and the other seniors should add a lot of depth on the men's side. Owen Hesser looks like he will be a big surprise based on the first few practices. Colette seems to be fit and prepared to pick up where she left off. Experience should be one of our strengths, we have a big group of senior boys that know what it take to make it through a cross country season.

Holes to fill from last season: We don't necessarily have big gaps, we just need to continue to improve and increase numbers for both teams.

CRETE CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 26	Norris Invite	9:30a
Aug 31	Concordia University Invite	5:45p
Sept 8	Invite at Mahoney State Park	9a
Sept 15	Waverly Invite	2p
Sept 23	Doane Invite	10:30a
Sept 28	Aquinas Catholic Invite	4p
Oct 5	Central Conference Meet	4p
Oct 12	Districts	4p
Oct 20	State at Kearney	TBD



KEATON BURGESS

Pictured are the members of the Crete girls' golf team, from left: (first row) Hailey Kersten and Grace Clevette; and (back row) Jordyn Adam, Abby Murphy and Addison Coe. Missing from the photo are Melissa and Joycelyn Castillo.

Crete Girls' Golf

Coach's name: Julie Foster

Years coaching: Five

Senior and returning letter winner on this year's team: Melissa Castillo

Returning letter winners (please list names): Melissa Castillo

Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: We have two returning golfers and a freshman who has golfed with her family.

CRETE GIRLS' GOLF

Aug 25	Seward Invite	9a
Aug 28	Seward, Fairbury	4p
Sept 1	Beatrice Invite	9a
Sept 5	Triangular	TBD
Sept 11	Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept 15	Crete Invite	9a
Sept 20	Elkhorn Invite	9a
Sept 25	Superior	4p
Sept 26	Tri County Dual	3p
Sept 29	Central Conference Tournament	9a
Oct 3	Districts	TBD
Oct 9, 10	State	TBD

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DORCHESTER FOOTBALL

Aug. 25	host St. Edward	7p
Sept. 8	at Red Cloud	7p
Sept. 15	at Harvard	7p
Sept. 22	host Meridian	7p
Sept. 29	at Sterling	7p
Oct. 6	at Lewiston	3p
Oct. 13	host Parkview Christian	7p
Oct. 20	host Pawnee City	7p
Oct. 27	First round state playoffs	TBA
Nov. 3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov. 10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov. 17	Class D6 state championship	TBA



Pictured are the members of the Dorchester football team, from left: (front row) Student Manager Paxton Behrens, Mason June, Carter Cerny, Ariana Tellez, Chase Tachovsky, Owen Real, student manager Mason Vyhnalek and student manager Landon Shaw; and (back row) Student manager Trevin Steuk, Head Coach Brent Zoubek, Willima Paiz, Frank Matejka, Owen Vyhnalek, Ashton Jirsa, Marcos Gonzalez, student manager Payton Zoubek and Assistant Coach Spencer Kotas. Not Pictured are Victor Alegria, Andy Drake, Caden Axline and student manager Thor Nerud.

Dorchester Football

Coach's name: Brent Zoubek
Years coaching: 20th

year coaching
Assistant coach: Spencer Kotas
Last season's record: 2-6
Seniors on this year's team: Marcos Gonzalez, Andy Drake, Victor

Alegria, Ashton Jirsa, Owen Real, William Paiz
Returning letter winners: Marcos Gonzalez, Andy Drake, Victor Alegria, Ashton Jirsa, Owen Vyhnalek, Chase Tachovsky, Caden Ax-

line, Carter Cerny
Athletes to watch: Andy Drake, Marcos Gonzalez, Chase Tachovsky, Owen Vyhnalek, Owen Real
Strengths of this year's team: We have

some good skilled position players who have some experience. Have good speed at the skilled positions as well. Key will be trying to get them the ball in space so they can make plays.
Holes to fill from

last season: We need to replace two of our top three tacklers from last season. We need to improve at tackling.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Pawnee City, Parkview Christian, Sterling

DORCHESTER VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 22	at Conestoga	5:30p
Aug. 24	at East Butler	7p
Aug. 25	host St. Edward	5p
Aug. 31	at Weeping Water triangular	5p
Sept. 5	host College View Academy	6p
Sept. 7	at Giltner triangular	5p
Sept. 8	at Red Cloud	5p
Sept. 12	at Nebraska Lutheran triangular	5p
Sept. 15	at Harvard	5p
Sept. 19	at Osceola	7p
Sept. 21	at Shelby-Rising City triangular	5:30p
Sept. 23	at Nebraska Lutheran Invite	9a
Sept. 26	host Sterling	7p
Sept. 28	at Diller-Odell triangular	5p
Oct. 5	host Cross County	7p
Oct. 9	at Parkview Christian	6p
Oct. 10	host BDS, McCool Junction	5:30p
Oct.14-17	at Crossroads Conference, York	TBA
Oct.23-24	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA



Pictured are the members of the Dorchester volleyball team, from left: (front row) Savannah June, Gabrielle Theis, Atley Zoubek, Bailey Theis, Lily Lehr, Livia Schweitzer and Micaela Loarca; and (back row) Coach Amanda Clouse, Quinn Kasl, Kayli Carey, Madison Theis, Amber Kotas, Addison Lehr, Hailey Schweitzer and Coach Claire Tachovsky. Not pictured are Baylor Behrens, Stephanie Korinek, Jace Yager, Emilia Perez and Briana Tellez.

Dorchester Volleyball

Coach's name: Claire Tachovsky

Years coaching: Three
Assistant coach: Amanda Clouse
Last season's record: 15-13
Seniors on this year's team: Amber Kotas, Addison Lehr, Hailey

Schweitzer, Madison Theis, Stephanie Korinek, Quinn Kasl, Kayli Carey
Returning letter winners: Amber Kotas,

Addison Lehr, Hailey Schweitzer, Madison Theis, Stephanie Korinek, Quinn Kasl, Gabby Theis, Bailey Theis, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek

Strengths of this year's team: Experience
Holes to fill from last season: Libero

Teams to watch in conference/district: BDS, Cross County, Meridian, Shelby/Rising City

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STEPHANIE CROSTON

The 2023 Wilber-Clatonia football team includes, from left: (first row) Kyle Pedersen, Stone Thelen, Owen Smith, Ken Guerra, Gage Heller, Hugo Pomajzl, Allen Odvody, Carson Radcliff, Riley Haack and Ty Kuhlmann; (second row) Caleb Klabenes, Keith Kvasnicka, Jack Zimmerman, Carter Skleba, Jorge Vazquez, Caden Parham, Cash Keslar, Owen McCright, Karsen Fisher and Gavin Vican; (third row) Allen Roger, Grant Kuhlmann, Cooper Palmer, Aiden Zajicek, Henry Prokop, Izaak Fritz, Lucas Karpisek, Hayden Woerner, Aven Smith, Grant Petersen and Jonatan Zelaya; (fourth row) Jamil Sampson, Garrett Nohavec, Ryan Marsh, Kian Morris, Karson Inderlied, Elijah Hamilton, Zach Marsh, Collin Kohout, Alex Mildward and Gabe Klabenes; and (fifth row) Gustavo Garcia, Ty Roesler, Grant Marks, Alan Guerra, Preston Barnes, Cameron Vyhnalek, Camden Meza and Gavin Steffensmeier. Jordan Marsh and Dalton Sinn are not pictured.

WC Football

Coach's name: Lynn Jurgens

Years coaching: 15th year as head coach

Assistant coaches: Ryan Fuerhoff, Tony Braithwait, Lance Kuhlmann, Randy Homolka, Rich Zimmerman, David Zimmerman, Austin Adams

Last season's record: 5-4

Seniors: Gavin Vican, Carter Skleba, Jack Zimmerman, Kenneth Guerra, Ty Kuhlmann, Carson

Radcliff, Riley Haack, Gage Heller, Hugo Pomajzl, Kyle Pedersen, Jorge Vazquez, Stone Thelen, Caleb Klabenes, Allen Odvody, Karsen Fisher, Owen Smith, Keith Kvasnicka, Jordan Marsh

Other letterwinners: Cooper Palmer, Cash Keslar, Aiden Zajicek, Grant Petersen, Caden Parham, Henry Prokop, Elijah Hamilton, Jonatan Zelaya, Grant Kuhlmann

Season outlook: We lack speed and depth at the skill positions. Our lines on both sides of the ball will be our strength. We need to have a year without so many major injuries. Our schedule is very tough with no easy games.

WILBER-CLATONIA FOOTBALL

Aug. 25	host Hastings St. Cecilia	7p
Sept. 1	at Louisville	7p
Sept. 8	host Doniphan-Trumbull	7p
Sept. 15	at Fillmore Central	7p
Sept. 22	host Lincoln Lutheran	7p
Sept. 29	at Tri County	7p
Oct. 6	host Centennial	7p
Oct. 13	at Milford	7p
Oct. 20	host Malcolm	7p
Oct. 27	First round state playoffs	TBA
Nov. 3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov. 10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov. 20	Class C2 state championship	TBA

WILBER-CLATONIA CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 2	at Beatrice	9:30a
Sept. 7	at Milford Invite, Doane	5p
Sept. 14	at Fillmore Central Invite	5p
Sept. 19	at Malcolm Invite	3p
Sept. 21	at Thayer Central Invite	5p
Sept. 29	at Syracuse Invite	3:45p
Oct. 5	at Southern Nebraska Conf.	4p
Oct. 12	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 20	at State, Kearney	TBA



STEPHANIE CROSTON

Running cross country for Wilber-Clatonia in the 2023 season are, from left: (front row) Kelby Znamenacek, Eddy Garnica, Alexa Landeros, Lena Eschiti, Aiden Wright and Ryan Nicholson; and (back row) Grant Eschiti, Beau Odvody, Jameson Conway and Evan Odvody. Jessica Martinez is not pictured.

Evan Odvody, Ryan Nicholson

Team captains: Lena and Jessica

Strengths of this year's team: Very young team, great group of kids to work

with, looking to be much stronger than last year.

Teams to watch in

conference/district: District is going to be at Branched Oak Lake with David City hosting this year.

WC XC

Coach's name: Nick Behring

Assistant coaches: Cody Vana and Ray Uher

Seniors on this year's team: Lena Eschiti and Jessica Martinez

Returning letter winners: Lena Eschiti, Grant Eschiti, Jessica Martinez, Brittany Torres Alarcon, Jameson Conway, Beau Odvody,

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The 2023 Wilber-Clatonia softball team includes, from left: (first row) Stephanie Zajicek, Jaylin Miller, Tatiana Meza, Delaney Mazza and Mika Chlupacek; (second row) Aubrey Ninneman, Nevaeh Barnett, Gianna Ellis-Erickson, Raeligh Braden and Samantha Novak; and (third row) Kelsey Zajicek, Savannah Lowery, Val Ninneman, Maddux Johnson, Lily Homolka, Korrina Paulsen and Alexis Kreshel. Emma Walker is not pictured.



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The Wilber-Clatonia volleyball team in 2023 includes, from left: (first row) Jera Schuerman, Breanna Spilker, Madison Vogel, Kiley Kotas and Alexa Lira; (second row) Sage Zoubek, Lainey Roger, Claire Watson, Ashlyn Zoubek, Lauren Kuhlmann, Shali McCright and Star Thelen; and (third row) Kaylie Fritz, Abby Beck, Natalie Zoubek, Haleah Schuerman, Kindle Prokup (SM) and Taryn Jonas. Monica Zoubek is not pictured.

WC Volleyball

Coach's name: Jenna Schuerman

Years coaching: Second year as head: six years coaching high school

Last season's record: 8-23

Seniors on this year's team: Jera Schuerman, Breanna Spilker, Madison Vogel, Kiley Kotas, Alexa Lira

Returning letter winners: Jera Schuerman, Breanna Spilker, Madison Vogel, Kiley Kotas, Lauren Kuhlmann, Claire Watson

Incoming athletes to watch: Freshmen Lainey Roger and Haleah Schuerman are coming in with a lot of court experience and will compliment the skills of our returning players.

Team captains: Jera Schuerman, Breanna Spilker, Madison Vogel, Kiley Kotas

Strengths of this year's team: Flexibility in our offense is going to be one of our strengths this season. Our hitters are versatile and are comfortable hitting from multiple positions on the court.

Anything else we should know: Several of the girls put in a lot of time during the off season playing club volleyball, which positively impacts our level of play.

WILBER-CLATONIA VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	at Palmyra Quad	6p
Aug. 26	at Centennial Invite	9a
Aug. 29	host Nebraska Lutheran	5:30p
Aug. 31	host Triangular	5p
Sept. 2	at Weeping Water Invite	9a
Sept. 5	at JCC Triangular	5p
Sept. 16	at Fillmore Central Invite	9a
Sept. 19	host Centennial	7p
Sept. 23	at Palmyra Invite	9a
Sept. 26	at David City Triangular	5p
Sept. 28	at Shelby-Rising City	5:30p
Oct. 3	host Tri County	7p
Oct. 10	at Milford	7p
Oct. 12	host Fillmore Central	7p
Oct.16-17	at Southern Nebraska Conf.	TBA
Oct. 19	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 23	at Subdistrict final, TBA	TBA
Oct. 24	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

WC Softball

Coach's name: Mark Radcliff

Years coaching: 8

Assistant coach: Morgan Fluent

Last year's record: 6-19

Season outlook: We will be very young and inexperienced this year with many freshmen who are going to be asked to play key positions.

Key losses: Shaylee Keslar - Pitched for us and had a solid bat.

Returning: Delaney Mazza, senior, will be asked to be one of our key leaders this year. Tatiana Meza, senior, will start the year recovering from an injury. We hope to get her back in September, but she has taken on a coach's role to help with our younger players.

Mika Chlupacek has been our catcher in the past. She again will be asked to do this but will also be playing first often. We will rely on her bat to move runners around and drive in runs.

Gianna Ellis Erickson will again have a solid bat for us. She will also be asked to help on the mound and is very versity in order to play many different postions.

Savannah Lowery is new to Wilber this year coming from Crete. She will be a key to our infield this year.

We will have several freshman who will also contribute this year, Alexis Kreshel at catcher, Samantha Novak outfield and Korrina Paulsen will pitch some and in the outfield.

Our schedule again this year will be challenging each week, but our goal is to attack each game with the mindset that we are going to play aggressive and get better every game.

WILBER-CLATONIA SOFTBALL

Aug. 17	at Raymond Central triangular	6p
Aug. 19	at Milford Quad	8:30a
Aug. 22	host Triangular	4:30p
Aug. 26	at Holdrege Invite	10:30a
Aug. 28	at St. Paul	6p
Aug. 29	host Milford	6:30p
Aug. 31	at Auburn	6p
Sept. 5	at Centennial triangular, Gresham	5:30p
Sept. 7	at FCEMF triangular	4:30p
Sept. 9	at Falls City Invite	9a
Sept. 12	at David City	5p
Sept. 14	at Syracuse	6:30p
Sept. 16	host Triangular	10a
Sept. 19	host Southern	6:30p
Sept. 23	at Southern Nebraska Conf.	10a
Sept. 26	at Schuyler	6:30p
Sept. 28	host Fairbury	6:30p
Oct. 2	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 6-7	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct.11-13	at State, Hastings	TBA
Oct. 16	at State final, Omaha	TBA

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WC cheer

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LEFT: The 2023-24 Wilber-Clatonia cheerleaders are, from left, Sierra Timmerman, Addie Combs, Brooklyn Davison, Tatiana Meza, Valerie Ninneman and Elaina Roger.



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The 2023 Tri County football team includes, from left: (first row) Tayden Gronemeyer, Kaden Van Winkle, Colton Placek, Dustin Kapke, Evan Quackenbush, Cael Washburn, Brayden Ebbers, Jackson Kirchoff and John Wehrman; (second row) Ibrahim Castillo, Ben Holsing, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Keyton Reck, Henry Kapke, Drew Siems, Rylan Ebbers, Owen Lewandowski and Luis Alarcon; and (third row) Brodie Chase, Owen Carel, Keaton Mulanax, Garrett Smidt, Brenden Krumme, Riley Kopf, Pierce Damrow, Sean Chase, Nick Sullivan, Chance Cunningham, Cheston Stewart and Gavyn Houston. Trevor Pearson is not pictured.

Tri County Football

Coach's name: Brett Scheiding

Years coaching: 11

Assistant coaches: Ray Brown, Derrick Damrow, Caleb Armstrong, Kim Moreno, Delva Smith

Last season's record: 2-7

Seniors on this year's team: Brayden Ebbers, Cael Washburn, Colton Placek, Dustin Kapke, Evan Quackenbush, Jackson Kirchoff, John Wehrman, Kaden Van Winkle, Tayden Gronemeyer

Returning letter winners: Tayden Gronemeyer, Dustin Kapke, Colton Placek, Cael Washburn, John Wehrman, Ibrahim Castillo, Pierce Damrow, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Gavyn Houston, Drew Siems

Incoming athletes to watch: Rylan Ebbers, Riley Kopf, Garrett Smidt

Team captains: Cael Washburn, Dusty Kapke, Evan Quackenbush, Cooper Stokebrand

Strengths of this year's team: We have more depth than we have had for a couple of years. That depth is across all positions, but we certainly have more skill depth with experience this season.

Holes to fill from last season: We lose some strong experience up front and a couple of linebackers and running backs that really set the tone for us last year, but we only lost five from last year's roster, so hopefully we have some experienced guys that can fill the void.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Malcolm and Wilber-Clatonia are probably your perennial contenders, but I think Milford will take a big jump this season.

TRI COUNTY FOOTBALL

Aug. 24	at Fairbury	7p
Sept. 1	host Yutan	7p
Sept. 8	at Wood River	7p
Sept. 15	at David City	7p
Sept. 22	host Malcolm	7p
Sept. 29	host Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Oct. 6	at Milford	7:30p
Oct. 13	host Lincoln Lutheran	7p
Oct. 20	at Centennial	7p
Oct. 27	First round state playoffs	TBA
Nov. 3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov. 10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov. 20	Class C2 state championship	TBA



STEPHANIE CROSTON

LEFT: The 2023 Tri County girls' golf team includes, from left, Samantha Heideman, Jamie Bartels, Aubriana Sluka, Emma Sullivan and Brooke Boyce.

Tri County Girls' Golf

Coach's name: Samantha Pfingsten

Years coaching: four

Assistant coach: Missy Sand

Seniors on this year's team: Emma Sullivan (fourth year), Audrey Sluka (first year), Jamie Bartels (first year)

Returning letter winners: Emma Sullivan

Outlook: We've got three re-

turning golfers this year. They hold potential if they're willing to put in the time.

Strengths of this year's team: Three returning from last year and will help to boost

Holes to fill from last season: Lost seniors Megan Schmidt and Kourtney Stege.

TRI COUNTY GIRLS' GOLF

Aug. 21	at Shelby-Rising City triangular	2p
Aug. 24	at Syracuse Invite	9a
Sept. 1	host Invite at Beatrice	9a
Sept. 5	at Seward	3p
Sept. 7	at Heartland Invite	10a
Sept. 11	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 12	at EMF Invite, Friend	9a
Sept. 14	at JCC Invite	9a
Sept. 18	at HTRS Invite	9a
Sept. 21	at Lincoln Pius X Invite	8:30a
Sept. 26	host Crete at Beatrice	3p
Oct. 3	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 9-10	at State, TBA	TBA

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Playing volleyball at Tri County in 2023 are, from left: (first row) Catrina Washburn, Cassidy Thavenet, Ella Clark and Reagan Schwisow; (second row) Sydney Brauer, Aubrey Siems, Ashlynn Brown, Alaina Kopf, Addison Paxton, Rylee McCune and Kennadee Van Winkle; and (third row) Macey Gronemeyer, Olive Clark, Kenzi Scherling, Lucy Morrissey, Meila Gronemeyer, Miley Garrison, Ava Miller and Hailee Miller. Ellie Peters is not pictured.

Tri County Volleyball

Coach's name: Kim Roberts

Years as head coach: Fourth year at TC

Assistant coaches: Jesi Brewer and Jess Shepler

Last year's record: 10-17

Reflection on last season: Last season we had a young team and played multiple matches close. We are continuing to develop fundamentals and push leaders to develop quickly.

Key athletes lost: Karli Scherling

Key returning athletes: Ella Clark is our key leader returning as our outside hitter and six-rotation player. She is a senior this year and developed her leadership roles early on in her volleyball career.

Strengths: We have new freshmen and sophomore that come with some quality experience.

Areas of improvement: We are working to strengthen our speed of our game, setter/hitter connection, middle involvement in our offense and serve receive consistency. As young players with a quality senior leadership squad we look forward to develop and flip our program this season.

Goals: Our goal this year is not only to be over .500 with our record but to contend for both Mudecas and conference championships. We have lots of new players, and our mindset is we have to expect to win every day in practice to win matches throughout our season.

TRI COUNTY VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	at Palmyra Quad	6p
Aug. 29	at Falls City Sacred Heart	6:30p
Aug. 31	host Thayer Central	7p
Sept. 5	at Cornerstone Christian triangular	5p
Sept. 7	host Fillmore Central	7p
Sept. 9	at Friend Invite	9a
Sept. 11-14	at MUDECAS, Beatrice	TBA
Sept. 16	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 21	at Diller-Odell	6:30p
Sept. 25	at EMF, Friend	7p
Sept. 30	at JCC Invite	9a
Oct. 3	at Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Oct. 5	host Freeman	7p
Oct. 9-14	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Oct. 17	at Southern triangular	5p
Oct. 23-24	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

TRI COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 26	at Norris Invite	9:30a
Sept. 2	at Beatrice Invite	9a
Sept. 7	at Fairbury Invite	4p
Sept. 14	at Fillmore Central Invite	4:45p
Sept. 21	at Thayer Central Invite	5p
Sept. 25	at UNK Invite, Kearney	noon
Sept. 28	at Lincoln Lutheran Invite	4p
Oct. 5	at McCool Junction Invite	4p
Oct. 12	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 20	at State, Kearney	TBA

Tri County XC

Coach's name: Denise Grell

School and sport: Tri County cross country

Years coaching: Six

Assistant coach: Matt Dunker

Seniors: Lucas Lewandowski, Evelyn Baker, Abbie Drewes, MacKenzie Smith

Returning letterwinners: Lucas Lewandowski, Ethan Jobman, Ethan Rosenthal, Evelyn Baker, Abbie Drewes, Isabelle Peters

Strengths: This year's team brings back a lot of experience. We have four seniors but also have a lot of young runners who will bring a lot of experience to the team as well.

I am looking for good things again this year from sophomore Isa-

belle Peters who placed seventh last year and was named to the all state team. Also on the girls' side I am excited for Evelyn and Abbie who have worked hard and put in a lot of miles this summer. This will be Mackenzie and Ashton's first year of cross country and I am excited to have a full girls' team this year who I think will be pretty competitive.

On the boys' side we lost two valuable runners due to graduation, but I am expecting Lucas to step up to the challenge this



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The Tri County cross country team for 2023 includes, from left: (seated) Isabelle Peters, McKenzie Smith, Evelyn Baker, Abbie Drewes and Ashton Schwisow; and (standing) Zane Brandt, Ethan Jobman, Lucas Lewandowski, Ethan Rosenthal, Henry Holtmeier and Sammy Holsing.

year. I am also excited for freshman Sammie Holsing as he has shown a lot of potential since

the start of the season. I am also expecting the boys' team to be competitive as well as there is a

strong core. Districts will be tough as always but there is a reasonable

chance both boys and girls could make it to state.

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The 2023 Exeter-Milligan-Friend football team includes, from left: (first row) seniors Breckan Schluter, Andrew Vavra, Draven Payne, Tyler Due, Spencer Eberspacher, Mason Semler, Preston Knollenberg and Jacob Weber; (second row) Zach Spohn, Mikey Bartu, Will Vyhnalek, Chase Paulsen, Jacob Klooz, Mark Milton, Jayden Capek and Carter Milton; (third row) Josiah Ocegüera, Mason Vossler, Dayton Kremer, Aidan Vavra, Hunter Svehla, Zach Vossler, Brett Kallhoff and Logan Krupicka; (fourth row) Rylan Bartels, Jacob Spohn, Adrien Mueller, Zayde Arp, Truman Milton, Cohen Harre, Evan Brahmstedt and Jaxson Brandt; and (fifth row) student managers Tommy Kallhoff, Maddux Milton, Bob Milton and Ty Svehla.

EMF Football

Coaches' names: Kory Kahlandt and Jim Pfeiffer

Years coaching: Second

Assistant coaches: Brian Arp and Jordan Pella

Last year's record: 5-4

Seniors: Spencer Eberspacher, Jacob Weber, Andrew Vavra, Breckan Schluter, Draven Payne

Letter winners: Spencer Eberspacher, Jacob Klooz, Jacob Weber, Andrew Vavra, Breckan Schluter, Draven Payne, Aidan Vavra, Mikey Bartu

Season outlook: Good returning experience. Senior-led team. A few players injured last year are now healthy and will provide depth that we have lacked in years past. Need to fill a few spots we graduated by younger players needing to step up.

Teams to watch: North Platte St. Patrick's, Clarkson-Leigh, Palmyra, Thayer Central, Stanton, Crofton

EMF FOOTBALL

Aug. 25	host Clarkson-Leigh (Friend)	7p
Sept. 1	at McCool Junction	2p
Sept. 8	at Sandy Creek	7p
Sept. 15	host Freeman (Milligan)	7p
Sept. 22	at Palmyra	7p
Sept. 29	host Thayer Central (Friend)	7p
Oct. 6	host JCC (Milligan)	3p
Oct. 12	at Southern	7p
Oct. 19	First round state playoffs	TBA
Oct. 27	Second round state playoffs	TBA
Nov. 3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov. 10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov. 20	Class D1 state championship	10:15a

EMF CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 24	at McCool Junction	7p
Aug. 31	at Superior Invite	4p
Sept. 2	at Beatrice Invite	4p
Sept. 7	at Milford Invite, Doane	5p
Sept. 14	at Central City Invite	4:30p
Sept. 21	at Doniphan-Trumbull	4:15p
Sept. 25	at UNK Invite, Kearney	noon
Oct. 5	at McCool Junction Invite	4p
Oct. 12	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 20	at State, Kearney	TBA



LEESA K. BARTU

The EMF Bobcat cross country team in 2023 is, from left, Keltyn Kirchhoff, Caleb Black, Kyler Sladek, Grady Bresson and Troy Kallhoff.

EMF XC

son Meints

Seniors on this year's team: Troy Kallhoff

Coach's name: Lisa Kanode.

Years coaching: Nine years with volleyball, eight years track and field, and three years with cross country

Assistant coach: Alli-

Athletes to watch: Caleb Black, sophomore, Keltyn Kirchhoff, freshman, Grady Bresson, freshman. Kyler Sladek, junior

Strengths of this year's team: We are new to cross country

and a young team. However, we do not lack competitive drive and we are eager to get started. Caleb was third in the mile at districts running a 5:11 while Keltyn ran a 5:18

as an eighth grader. Troy brings leadership and spunk to the team, while Grady and Kyler train with a lot of heart and strong work ethic. Even though we are new and have a lot to

learn, I expect us to set realistic goals and have high expectations for ourselves and each other. We will have to give each other our best every day and work to improve each week.

Teams to watch in conference/district: McCool, Tri Country, Freeman and Cornerstone Christian

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Members of the EMF Bobcats volleyball team in 2023 are, from left: (first row): Regan Bartley, Lily Jeffries, Savana Krupicka, Malorie Staskal, Keila Ricenbaw and Ella Archer; (second row): Kiahna Bachle, Kiley Oldehoeft, Kaydence Haase, Babe Weber, Taylin Schluter and Selah Petersen; and (third row) Avery Tuttle, Alexis Paulsen, Aniston Meints, Sydney Engert, Sophia Weber, Gracie Vyhnaek and Cheyenne Krupicka.

EMF Volleyball

Coach's name: Madalynn Fousek

Years coaching: Five

Assistant coaches: Keeley Kroeker and Taylor Erdkamp

Seniors on this year's team: Savana Krupicka and Malorie Staskal

Returning letter winners: Savana Krupicka, Malorie Staskal, Lily Jeffries, Ella Archer, Keila Ricenbaw, Reagan Bartley, Kaydence Haase, Kiley Oldehoeft, Taylin Schluter, Babe Weber, Selah Petersen

Team captains: Savana Krupicka and Malorie Staskal

Strengths of this year's team: This summer we have started to bond and get to know one another well. One of our strengths will be our ability to lean on one another and learn from each other. We will have the talent to compete with many top-tier teams, and the relationships being formed on our team will only help us in the long run.

Holes to fill from last season: This is an entirely new team for all of us, so our biggest challenge this season is creating a new team culture and finding ways to win together as a new team.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Diller-Odell and Falls-City Sacred Heart

FCEMF Softball

Coach's name: Aaron Lauby

Years coaching: 11

Assistant coaches: Tonia Frey, Lorie Sliefert, Alexis Schmidt

Last year's record: 15-14

Seniors: Amy Lauby, Lilly Ellison, Kaili Head

Letter winners: Amy Lauby, Lilly Ellison, Kaili Head, Ashley Braun, Bailey Hafer, Carly Lukes, Addie Treinen, Calli Gonzalez, Emma Meyer

New players to watch: Freshman Malorie Lawver, sophomore Alexis Saatmann

Outlook: We have experience coming back and should have depth at every position.

I think we will be a competitive team, and if we play up to our capability could be playing deep into the postseason.

We graduated arguably our best defensive players from a year ago. That will be a big focus for us is to put the best defender possible at each position.

I think Sophomore Addie Treinen and Junior Emma Meyer will both have key roles for us this season defensively and hopefully, able to contribute at the plate. I have high hopes for Sophomore Calli Gonzales and Junior Carly Lukes anchoring down our outfield and being able to use their speed on the bases. Sophomore Alexis Saatmann played a lot of games this summer and showed good improvement from a year ago.

Teams to watch: I anticipate our schedule to be the most difficult that it has ever been. We added teams like York, Crete, Lincoln Northwest, and Aquinas. So regardless of whatever our record might be we tend to have a track record of being pretty good by end of the season and hopefully we can continue being at our best when it matters most. As far as other teams on our schedule in our class that I expect to be top rated and talented would include Bishop Neumann, St. Paul, Central City, Polk County, and St. Cecilia to name a few. In our conference Milford is probably the favorite but our conference tends to be very balanced from top to bottom.

(see softball photo on page 14)

EMF VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	host triangular (Friend)	5p
Aug. 29	at David City Aquinas	7p
Sept. 5	at Lawrence-Nelson	7p
Sept. 7	at Shelby-Rising City triangular	5p
Sept. 9	host EMF Invite (Friend)	TBA
Sept.11-14	at MUDECAS, Beatrice	TBA
Sept. 19	host Sutton (Exeter)	7p
Sept. 21	host triangular (Friend)	5p
Sept. 25	host Tri County (Friend)	7p
Sept. 26	host Osceola (Exeter)	7p
Sept. 30	at JCC Invite	5p
Oct. 5	at Meridian triangular	5p
Oct. 9-14	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Oct. 17	at Silver Lake Quad	4p
Oct. 20	at Diller-Odell	7p
Oct.23-24	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

FCEMF SOFTBALL

Aug. 17	at York triangular	4p
Aug. 19	at Centennial triangular, Utica	10a
Aug. 21	host Aurora	6:30p
Aug. 22	at Fairbury	6:30p
Aug. 26	host Quad	10a
Aug. 29	host Southern Valley	6:30p
Sept. 2	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 5	at Crete triangular	4:30p
Sept. 7	host Freeman, Wilber-Clatonia	4:30p
Sept. 9	at West Point Intive	9a
Sept. 11	at St. Paul triangular	4p
Sept. 12	host Central City	6:30p
Sept. 14	host Cross County, St. Cecilia	4:30p
Sept. 18	at Lincoln Northwest	5p
Sept. 21	vs Minden	6p
	host Louisville	6:30p
Sept. 23	host Conference	TBA
Sept. 26	at Milford	6:30p
Oct. 2	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 6-7	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct.11-13	at State, Hastings	TBA
Oct. 16	at State championship, Omaha	TBA

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EMF GIRLS' GOLF

Aug. 17	at Central City	10a
Aug. 21	at Osceola	2p
Aug. 29	host Heartland	4p
Sept. 7	at Heartland Invite	10a
Sept. 9	at Aurora Invite	9a
Sept. 12	host EMF Invite	9a
Sept. 14	at JCC Invite	9a
Sept. 18	at HTRS Invite	9a
Sept. 19	at Fullerton Invite	10a
Sept. 26	at Ravenna Invite	10a
Oct. 3	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 9-10	at State, TBA	TBA

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The EMF girls' golf team for 2023 includes, from left, Abbie Milton, Abby Klooz, Dylen Collier, Kmila Benitez and Halona Wootton.

EMF girls' golf

Coach's name: Lori Klooz

Years coaching: First

year coaching girls golf

Assistant coach: Matt Nicholas

Returning letterwinners: Kmila Benitez, EM girls, Abbie Milton, Friend boys' team

Outlook: We are excit-

ed for our first season as the EMF Bobcats. We have two young ladies with two years of golf experience. Kmila

Benitez is a junior that has played the last two years for Exeter-Milligan. Abbie Milton has played two years on the

Friend boys' golf team. We also have freshman Abby Klooz, sophomore Dylen Collier and senior Halona Wootton, so we

will be able to have a team score.

EMF cheer



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The EMF Bobcat cheerleaders for 2023-24 are, from left: (front row): Selah Petersen, Sydney Engert and Cheyenne Krupicka; and (back row) Alivia Luzum, Kaydence Haase, Lily Jeffries and Malorie Staskal.



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The EMF members of the Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan-Friend softball team are, from left: (front row) Kierra Papik, Lilly Ellison, Taylor Pribyl and Emma Meyer; and (back row) Malorie Lawver, Ashley Braun, Hailey Goodrich, Hadley Sladek and Brooklyn Oldehoeft.

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