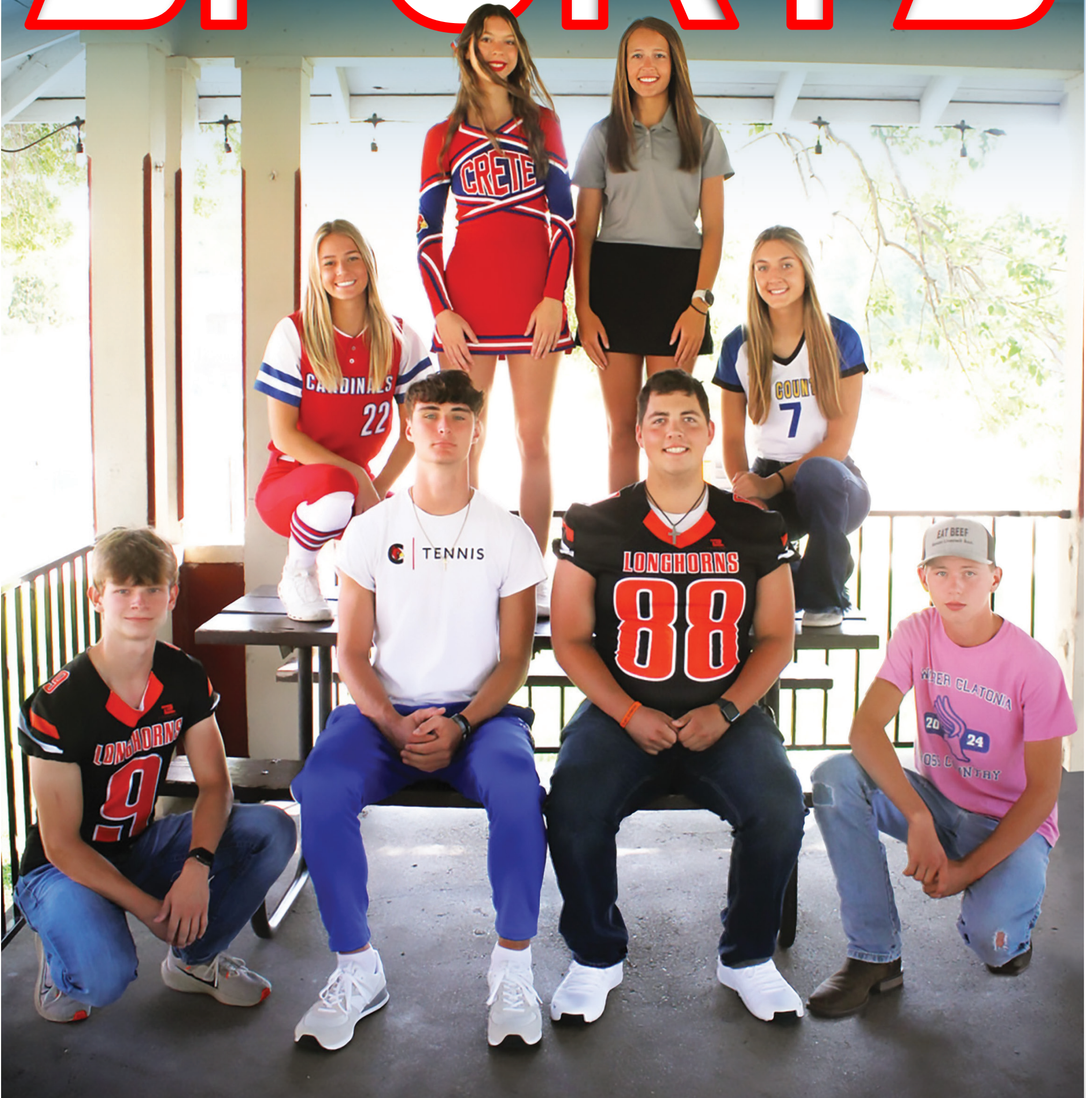


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CROSS COUNTRY

Crete cross country

Coach's name: Stan Croft
Years coaching: fourth year at Crete
Assistant coaches: Rachel Wohl
Conference affiliation: Central
Seniors on this year's team: Jimena Zamora
Returning letter winners: Colette Andelt, Kynleigh Draeger, Isabel Linares, Owen Hesser, Coleman Slater
Incoming athletes to watch: Avery Wilsman, Addison Dittmer, Gwen Kotil, Paisley Williams, Addy Brewer
Strengths of this year's team: We had a core group of athletes running together over the summer. It was a bigger group than we have had in the past. We have a strong group of young athletes.

Holes to fill from last season: We only have one senior on the men's and women's teams and she is a first year cross country runner. We are very young.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Lexington boys in conference and districts. Seward and York girls in conference and districts. Norris and Lincoln Pius X in the district meet.



The 2024 Crete High cross country team includes, from left: (front row) Coleman Slater, Kynleigh Draeger, Colette Andelt, Jimena Zamora, Katie Lopez Mejia, Addison Dittmer and Eimy Rueda; and (back row) Bryson Woods, Avery Wilsman, Chris Eberhardt, Kilean Steele, Gwen Kotil, Paisley Williams and Adriana Linares.

DAWN WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

EMF cross country

Coach's name: Lisa Kanode
Years coaching: 14 years of coaching, second year as EMF cross country head coach
Assistant coaches: Allison Meints
Last season's record: Boys finished second at the Doniphan-Trumbull meet; Keltyn medalled at three meets; Caleb at two meets and Kyler at one meet
Conference affiliation: Pioneer
Seniors on this year's team: Kyler Sladek (girls team)

Returning letter winners: Kyler Sladek, Caleb Black and Keltyn Kirchhoff
Incoming athletes to watch: Titus Petersen and Emily Bartels
Strengths of this year's team: I see this year's team having a lot of potential. While we are very young and inexperienced, we have drive and determination.

Having one year of experience now should help us as we head into the season a little more able to mentally prepare and know what to expect. We had four boys and one girl last year, and we are heading into this season with five and three, which will help not only at meets but also at practices.



Members of the 2024 EMF cross country team include, from left: (front row) Coach Lisa Kanode, Kyler Sladek, Naomi Black, Emily Bartels and Coach Allison Meints; and (back row) Brighton Riley, Derek Conley, Keltyn Kirchhoff and Titus Petersen. Caleb Black is not pictured.

LEESA K. BARTU

Crete cross country

Aug. 30	at Northwest.....	4p
Sept. 5	at Charlie Thorell Invite, Seward.....	10a
Sept. 12	at Creighton Invite.....	8:30a
Sept. 28	host Crete Invite.....	10:30a
Oct. 3	at Aquinas Invite.....	TBA
Oct. 10	host conference.....	11a
Oct. 17	at Districts.....	TBA
Oct. 25	at State, Kearney.....	3p

home meets run at Doane University

EMF cross country

Sept. 3	at Superior.....	4p
Sept. 5	at Charlie Thorell Invite, Seward.....	10a
Sept. 12	at Milford.....	4:15p
Sept. 19	at Ravenna.....	4p
Sept. 26	at Doniphan-Trumbull.....	4:15p
Sept. 30	at UNK Invite.....	2:30p
Oct. 3	at Raymond Central Invite.....	10a
Oct. 10	at McCool Junction Invite.....	4p
Oct. 17	at Districts.....	TBA
Oct. 25	at State, Kearney.....	2:30p

Cover: Pictured on the cover are, clockwise from front left: Chase Tachovsky, Dorchester football; Lesli Kratochvil, Crete softball; Lauren Corning, Crete cheer; Abbi Milton, EMF girls' golf; Rylee McCune, Tri County volleyball; Evan Odvody, Wilber-Clatonia cross country; Owen Vyhnaek, Dorchester football; and Corbin Coe, Crete tennis.

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Wilber-Clatonia cross country

Coach's name: Nick Behring
Assistant coach: Ray Uher and Cody Vana
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Returning letter winners: Grant Eschiti, Beau and Evan Odvody, Aiden Wright, Jameson Conway, Ryan Nicholson, Eddy Garnica, Johnston Petersen
Athletes to watch: Grant Eschiti, Evan Odvody
Strengths of this year's team: Strong group of juniors, great group to work with and they always push each other and their team to do better each day
Holes to fill: We lost two senior girls and we



STEPHANIE CROSTON

Running cross country for Wilber-Clatonia in 2024 are, from left, Beau Odvody, Ryan Nicholson, Grant Eschiti, Jameson Conway, Evan Odvody, Aiden Wright and Johnston Petersen.

need to get those two replaced
Teams to watch in conference/district: Milford, Fillmore, Tri County, all of them really. This is a great conference with lots of talent.

Tri County cross country

Coach's name: Denise Tegtmeier
Years coaching: 4
Assistant coaches: Matt Dunker
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Seniors on this year's team: Ashton Schwisow and Ethan Jobman
Returning letter winners: Ashton Schwisow, Isabelle Peters, Ethan Jobman, Ethan Rosenthal, Sammy Holsing, Henry Holtmeier, Zane

Incoming athletes to watch: Freshman Sage Holtmeier and Devon Rasmussen Juniors Drew Siems and Henry Kapke
Strengths of this year's team: The boys team has put in the work over the summer. We have a young but experienced team. I feel we have a lot of depth and should be very competing. On the girls side we

have letter winners Isabelle Peters and Ashton Schwisow returning and also freshman Sage Holtmeier. We should have a solid girls team.
Holes to fill: We lost Lucas Lewendoski, Evelyn Baker, Mackenzie Smith, and Abbie Drewes
Teams to watch in conference/district: Our conference is new to us this year.



STEPHANIE CROSTON

Running cross country for Tri County in the 2024 season are, from left: (first row) Isabelle Peters, Sage Holtmeier, Ashton Schwisow and Jenn Woitalewicz; (second row) Henry Holtmeier, Sammy Holsing, Silas Sedlacek and Zane Brandt; and (third row) Ethan Rosenthal, Drew Siems, Devon Rasmussen, Henry Kapke and Ethan Jobman.

Tri County cross country

Aug. 31	at Norris	9:30a	Oct. 3	at Lincoln Lutheran	TBA
Sept. 7	at Beatrice	TBA	Oct. 10	at McCool Junction	4p
Sept. 12	at Fairbury	TBA	Oct. 17	at Districts	TBA
Sept. 19	at Fillmore Central	4:45p	Oct. 25	at State, Kearney	2:30p
Sept. 26	at Thayer Central	5p			

Wilber-Clatonia cross country

Sept. 7	at Beatrice	9a
Sept. 12	at Milford	5p
Sept. 19	at Fillmore Central	4:45p
Sept. 24	at Malcolm	10a
Sept. 26	at Thayer Central	5p
Oct. 4	at Syracuse	10a
Oct. 10	at conference	TBA
Oct. 17	at districts	TBA
Oct. 25	at state, Kearney Country Club	TBA

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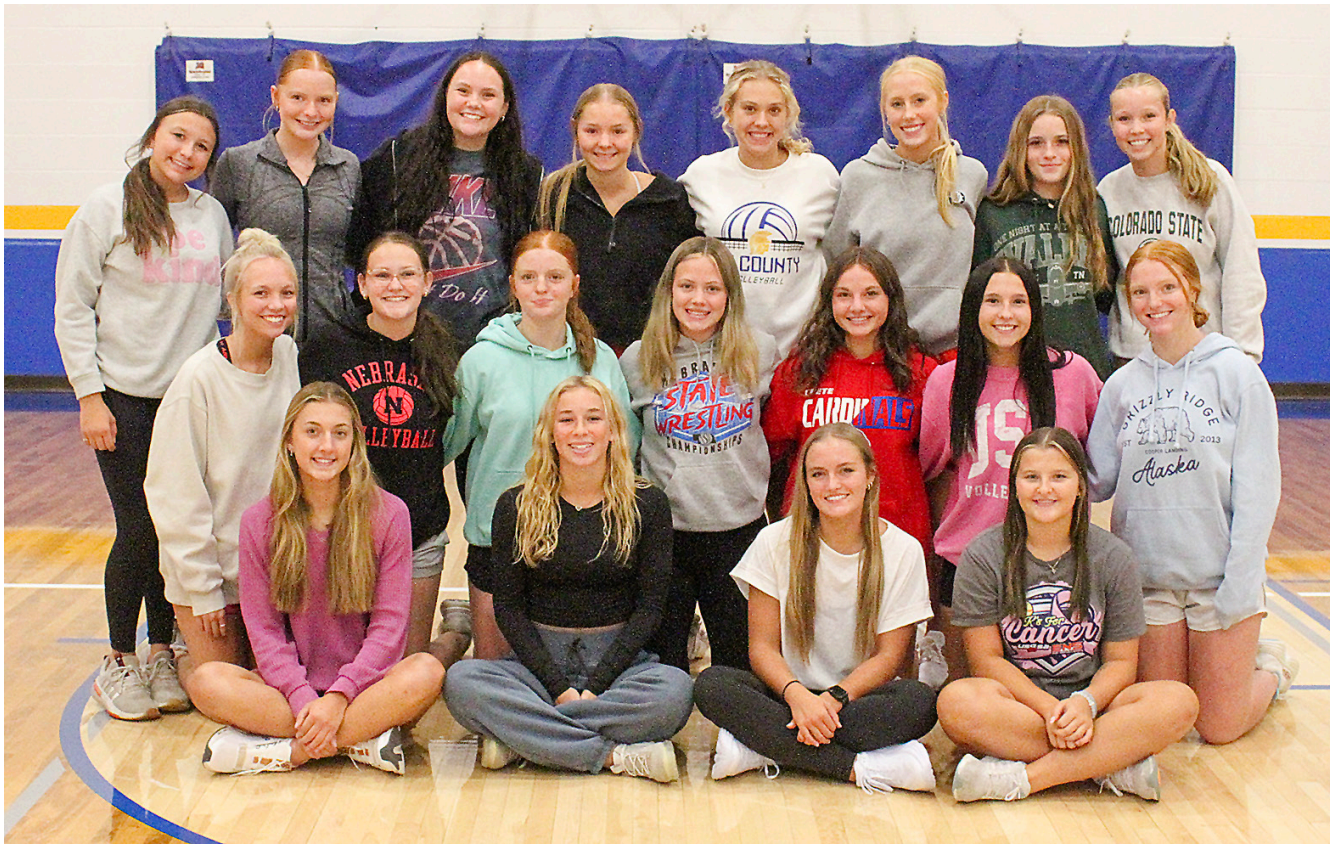
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VOLLEYBALL



The Dorchester volleyball team in 2024 includes, from left: (first row) Gabby Theis, Atley Zoubek and Baylor Behrens; (second row) Emilia Perez, Micaela Loarca, Savannah June, Faith Elkins, Briana Tellez and Tessa Martin; and (third row) Coach Amanda Clouse, Kendall Kasl, Hadley Brandt, Jace Yager, Ella Vyhnaelek, Lily Lehr, Bailey Theis, Livia Schweitzer and Coach Claire Tachovsky.

STEPHANIE CROSTON



The 2024 Tri County volleyball team includes, from left: (first row) Rylee McCune, Ashlynn Brown, Aubrey Siems and Addison Paxton; (second row) Sydney Brauer, Lucy Morrissey, Hollyn VanWinkle, Miley Garrison, Kenzi Scherling, Alaina Kopf and Kennadee VanWinkle; and (third row) Nicole Arnold, Sayber Hoesche, Norah Morrissey, Macey Gronemeyer, Meila Gronemeyer, Olive Clark, Emersyn Geise and Eliza Colbert.

STEPHANIE CROSTON



Members of the 2024 Wilber-Clatonia volleyball team are, from left: (first row) Natalie Chrans and Shali McCright; (second row) Lena Fritz, Lainey Roger, Haleah Schuerman, Sage Zoubek, Kaylie Fritz, Malinda Phillips and Roselyn Castro; and (third row) Coach Jena Schuerman, Camille Nohavec, Hadley Jurgens, Hannah Kohout, Emrey Hereth, Taya Schellhorn, Olivia Bright, Alysia Zoubek and Coach Amy Kozak. Star Thelen is not pictured.

STEPHANIE CROSTON

Wilber-Clatonia volleyball

Coach's name: Jenna Schuerman
Years coaching: third as head coach
Assistant coaches: Amy Kozak
Last season's record: 16-23
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska

Seniors on this year's team: Star Thelen
Returning letter winners: Shali McCright, junior, Haleah Schuerman, sophomore, Lainey Roger, sophomore
Athletes to watch: Haleah Schuerman debuting as

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Dorchester volleyball

Coach's name: Claire Tachovsky
School and sport: Dorchester volleyball
Years coaching: 4
Assistant coaches: Amanda Clouse
Last season's record: 16-11
Conference affiliation: Crossroads
Seniors on this year's team: Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Gabby Theis
Returning letter winners: Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Gabby Theis, and Bailey Theis
Strengths of this year's team: serving, out of system adjustments, flexibility with rotations
Holes to fill from last season: Middle blocker and setter

Dorchester volleyball

Aug. 27	host Wilber-Clatonia	5:30p
Aug. 29	host East Butler	6p
Sept. 5	host Weeping Water	7p
Sept. 6	host Pawnee City	5p
Sept. 10	at College View Academy	.6p
Sept. 12	at triangular, Hampton	.5p
Sept. 17	host triangular	5p
Sept. 24	host Osceola	7p
Sept. 27	at triangular, High Plains	.5p
Sept. 28	at triangular, Nebraska Lutheran	.9a
Oct. 1	at Sterling	.7p
Oct. 3	host triangular	5p
Oct. 4	at Silver Lake	.5p
Oct. 8	host Twin River	6p
Oct. 10	at Cross County	.7p
Oct. 14	host Parkview Christian	6p
Oct. 15	at triangular, McCool Junction	.5:30p
Oct.19-22	at conference, York	TBA
Oct.28-29	Subdistricts	
Nov. 2	District final	
Nov. 6-9	State, Lincoln	

Tri County volleyball

Coach's name: Megan Kopf
Years coaching: 1
Assistant coaches: Jaime Copenharve
Last year's record: 21-9
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Seniors on this year's team: Rylee McCune, Aubrey Siems, Ashlynn Brown, Addison Paxton
Returning letter winners: Seniors Aubrey Siems; Juniors Meila Gronemeyer, Alaina Kopf, Kenzi Scherling, Lucy Morrissey; Sophomores, Macey Gronemeyer, Olive Clark

Incoming athletes to watch: Sayber Hoesche
Team captains: Junior Meila Gronemeyer, Junior Alaina Kopf, Sophomore Olive Clark
Strengths of this year's team: We have a strong core of 4 returning starters who are energetic and excited coming off of last years season. Those starters have high goals for themselves and the team.
Holes to fill: Losing senior Outside Hitter Ella Clark. We are looking to her younger sister, Sophomore Olive Clark to step up into that role and Freshman Sayber Hoesche to play the other outside.
Teams to watch in conference/district: We're in a brand new conference and class so we don't know yet.

Tri County volleyball

Aug. 27	host triangular	5p
Aug. 29	at quad, Palmyra	TBA
Sept. 5	at Thayer Central	.7p
Sept. 9	host Auburn	7p
Sept. 10	at triangular, Lewiston	.5p
Sept. 12	at Fillmore Central	.7p
Sept. 14	at EMF Invite	.9a
Sept.16-19	at MUDECAS, Beatrice	TBA
Sept. 21	at Fairbury Invite	.9a
Sept. 24	at Sandy Creek	TBA
Sept. 26	at Elmwood-Murdock	TBA
Sept.30	host EMF	7p
Oct. 1-3	at St. Cecilia Invite	TBA
Oct. 8	host Wilber-Clatonia	TBA
Oct. 10	at Freeman	TBA
Oct.21-22	at conference	TBA
Oct.29-30	Subdistricts	
Nov. 2	District final	
Nov. 6-9	State, Lincoln	



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The 2024 EMF volleyball team includes, from left: (first row) Student Manager Lindsey Landis, Reese Tuttle, Avery Tuttle, Miley Ricenbaw, Keila Ricenbaw, Taylin Schluter, Babe Weber and Makenna Burchett; (second row) Cyra Ackland, Ensley Stahl, Sydney Engert, Alivia Luzum, Cheyenne Krupicka, Selah Petersen, Sophie Weber, Alexis Paulsen and Brogan Staskal; and (third row) Tori Bresson, Kiley Oldehoft, Aniston Meints, Gracie Vyhnaek, Lily Jeffries, Ella Archer, Kaydence Haase and Meredith Paulsen.

EMF volleyball

Coach's name: Madalynn Fousek
Years coaching: 6
Assistant coach: Keeley Kroeker and Taylor Erdkamp
Last season's record: 17-12
Conference affiliation: Pioneer
Seniors on this year's team: Ella Archer, Lily Jeffries, and Keila Ricenbaw
Returning letter winners: Ella Archer, Keila Ricenbaw, Lily Jeffries, Kaydence Haase, Kiley Oldehoft, and Taylin Schluter
Incoming athletes to watch: Miley Ricenbaw, Reese Tuttle
Strengths of this year's team: Our girls want to improve and find ways to win easily, hard, and ugly. Last year, being our first year together there were a lot of new things for everyone. We were trying to stay a float with all of the changes and a lot of them were learning new ways on how to do things. This year their

mindsets have changed and we are more gritty. So I think our strength this year is going to be how we continue to compete each set.
Holes to fill: Savana Krupicka and Malorie Staskal were a big part of our success last year. They both were great blockers and became consistent attackers for us. We will need a few people to step up to help fill that void that they brought last year. I am confident that we have the right athletes to be able to do this.
Season outlook: We have quite a few returners that have had a lot of varsity experience and we also have a great bunch of sophomores and freshman that are coming in. We have players in the sophomore and freshman class that are going to push those who had a spot last year. The exciting thing is that we have options and we will be able to go to our bench. The underclassman

are going to play a big role this year. They will be pushing a lot of players and I am excited to see that competition unfold in the upcoming weeks.
Teams to watch in conference/district: They haven't come out with the district pairings yet, but I know there is a lot of talent around our area. BDS is returning a lot of key players and will always be a tough, competitive team. Tri County and Deshler will also be competitive. ry all bring back key players to their teams.
 The Pioneer Conference will be competitive again as well. Diller-Odell, HTRS, and Johnson Brock are all great teams that finished well in the conference last year. All of us return key players but also lost a few key playes, so it will be a great week of volleyball when it comes conference time.

EMF volleyball

Aug. 29	at triangular, Pawnee City	.....5p
Sept. 3	host Aquinas	..... 7p
Sept. 10	host Lawrence-Nelson	..... 7p
Sept. 14	host EMF Invite	..... 9a
Sept.16-19	at MUDECAS, Beatrice	..... TBA
Sept. 24	at Sutton	.....7p
Sept.26	host Diller-Odell	..... 7p
Sept. 28	at Bertrand Invite	..... 10a
Sept. 30	at Tri County	.....7p
Oct. 1	at Osceola	.....7p
Oct. 5	at JCC Invite	.....9a
Oct. 10	at triangular, Deshler	.....5p
Oct.15, 19	at conference	..... TBA
Oct. 22	at quad, Silver Lake4p
Oct.29-30	Subdistricts	
Nov. 2	District final	
Nov. 6-9	State, Lincoln	

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The volleyball team at Crete High for 2024 includes, from left: (first row) Kelsey Talkington, Melanie Flores, Alivia Sundling, Erika Ruiz, Trinity McMillan, Sierra Crist, Arianna Heusinkvelt, Noel Johnson and Destni Bussinger; (second row) Elana Olague, Amilia Meyers, Emma Faltin, Ali McDowell, Izzy Meyers, Diana Gomez and Ana Tercero Lucas; (third row) Claire Willey, Abby Talkington, Tenley Kozisek, Addison Slama, Kassidy Egge, Kylie McMillan, Berkley Egge, Meleni Linares and Trinity White; and (fourth row) Zoe Williams, Courtney Slater, Charlotte Sebaaly, Brynlee Ziemann, McKinley Yeager and Genesis Perez.

Crete volleyball

Coach's name: Makayla Tepe
Years coaching: 6
Assistant coach: Annie Gardiner
Last year's record: 22-14
Conference affiliation: Central
Seniors on this year's team: Sierra Crist, Trinity McMillan, Erika Ruiz
Returning letter winners: Sierra Crist, Trinity McMillan, Erika Ruiz, Kelsey Talkington, Sophie Heusinkvelt, Ali McDowell
Incoming athletes to watch: Kassidy Egge, Kylie McMillan, Ariana Heusinkvelt (move in from Superior)
Strengths of this year's team: Have a great outside

hitter returning in Sierra Crist (Class B kill leader last season). We are young, but jump well. Hopefully going to be good in serve and pass and able to defend at a high level
Holes to fill: We have many holes to fill after losing five senior starters. Reagan Bessler will be the biggest in the setter position and Marin Rasgorshek from the middle. We have a young roster, but this group is fun and selfless. Hoping we can blend the pieces together and put together something pretty special.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Lakeview, Seward

Crete volleyball

Aug. 29	at Beatrice	.....7p
Sept. 3	at Columbus	.....6:30p
Sept. 5	at Blair	..... TBA
Sept. 7	at Wahoo Invite	.....9a
Sept. 10	host Northwest	..... 7p
Sept. 12	at Nebraska City	.....7p
Sept. 14	at Kearney Invite	.....9a
Sept. 17	at Raymond Central triangular	.....5p
Sept. 24	at Lincoln High	.....7p
Sept. 28	at Aurora Invite	.....9a
Oct. 1	host York	..... 7p
Oct. 3	at Omaha North triangular	.....4p
Oct. 7	host Palmyra	..... 7p
Oct. 8	at Milford	.....7p
Oct. 10	at Lakeview	.....7p
Oct. 15	host Seward	..... TBA
Oct.17-19	at conference	..... 7p
Oct. 22	at Gretna East	.....6:30p
Oct. 24	host Malcolm 7p
Oct.29-30	Subdistricts	
Nov. 2	District final	
Nov. 6-9	State, Lincoln	



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SOFTBALL

Wilber-Clatonia softball

Coach's name: Mark Radcliff
Years coaching: 8
Assistant coaches: James Bates, Megan Tinsley, Katie Schroeder
Last season's record: 2-26
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Seniors on this year's team: Gianna Ellis, Mika Chlupacek, Maddux Johnson, Marlee Lloyd, Stephanie Zajicek
Incoming athletes to watch: Hadley Brollini, Kariss Rosenthal
Strengths of this year's team: Youth and energy. The new players we added to our team this year have brought a lot of excitement and drive to get better every day.
Holes to fill from last season: We lost our shortstop and center fielder from last year. These will be a challenge to replace, but we have had some younger girls who are stepping up nice.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Milford is always good in our conference.



The 2024 Wilber-Clatonia softball team includes, from left: (first row) Mollie Bates, Journey Pospisil, Maddux Johnson, Marlee Lloyd, Gianna Ellis-Erickson and Gabby Vlan; (second row) Peyton Mischnick, Alexis Kreshel, Sam Novak, Korrina Paulsen, Hadley Brollini and Kariss Rosenthal; and (third row) Lilly Homolka, Kelsey Zajicek, Ashlyn Zoubek, Taryn Jonas and Claire Watson. Not pictured are Mika Chlupacek, Savannah Lowry, Aubrey Ninneman, Valerie Ninneman and Stephanie Zajicek.

STEPHANIE CROSTON

Wilber-Clatonia softball

Aug. 22	at Aquinas triangular	4:30p
Aug. 24	at Milford Invite	.8a
Aug. 27	at Auburn triangular	4:30p
Aug. 31	at Holdrege Invite	.9a
Sept. 3	at Milford	6:30p
Sept. 5	host Auburn	6:30p
Sept. 10	at Centennial triangular (Utica)	4p
Sept. 14	at Falls City Invite	.9a
Sept. 17	host David City	6:30p
Sept. 19	host Syracuse	6:30p
Sept. 21	host triangular	11a
Sept. 24	at Southern	6:30p
Sept. 28	at conference, Fairbury	TBA
Oct. 1	host Schuyler	5p
Oct. 3	at Fairbury	6:30p
Oct. 7-8	Subdistricts	
Oct. 11	District final	
Oct.16-21	State	

home games played at Legion Park

FCEMF softball

Aug. 22	at triangular, Cairo	4p
Aug. 24	host triangular	10a
Aug. 26	at Aurora	6:30p
Aug. 27	host Fairbury	6:30p
Aug. 31	host quadrangular	10a
Sept. 3	at Southern Valley	6:30p
Sept. 5	host Southern	6:30p
Sept. 7	at Fairbury Invite	.9a
Sept. 10	host triangular	4:30p
Sept. 12	at triangular, Freeman	4:30p
Sept. 15	at West Point Beemer Invite	.9a
Sept. 16	host triangular	4p
Sept. 17	at Central City	6:30p
Sept. 19	at triangular, Cross County	4p
Sept. 23	host Lincoln Northwest	6:30p
Sept. 26	at Cass County	6:30p
Sept. 28	at conference	10a
Oct. 1	host Milford	6:30p
Oct. 7-8	Subdistricts	
Oct. 11	District final	
Oct.16-21	State	

home games played in Geneva



LEESA K. BARTU

EMF athletes on the FCEMF softball team are, from left, Kierra Papik, Malorie Lawver, Ashley Braun, Brooklyn Oldehoeft and Emma Meyer.

Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan-Friend softball

Coach's name: Sydney Anderson
School and sport: FCEMF softball
Years coaching: first
Assistant coach: John Schelkopf and Lorie Sliefert
Last season's record: 20-15
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Seniors on this year's team: Ashley Braun, Bailey Hafer, Carly Lukes, Emma Meyer, Kierra Papik
Returning letter winners: Ashley Braun, Calli Gonzales, Bailey Hafer, Malorie Lawver, Carly Lukes, Emma Meyer, Brooklyn Oldehoeft, Kierra Papik, Alexis Saattmann, Addison Treinen
Strengths of this year's team: Our team strengths will come from experience. A handful of our upperclassmen have been starters or contributed lots of innings in previous years. These athletes are parts of a veteran battery and a strong core to a line up.
Holes to fill: We graduated a pitcher who has thrown

a bulk of the innings for us in the last few years. Ashley Braun will look to take on a bit heavier load this fall and we have a few newcomers that will likely get to see some time in the circle as well.

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Members of the 2024 Crete High softball team include, from left: (front row) Wendy Perez Lucas, Reagan Cain, Kacey Dunaway, Ady Ziemann, Lesli Kratochvil, Jordan Parde, Ruby Van Horn, Evannie Sand, Camry Draeger, Addison Meinke and Maria Chanchavac; and (back row) Macy Dunaway, Madynn Dunham, Lidia Perez Lucas, Khloe Golden, Makesha Smith, Saray Silverya, Cheyenne DuBray, Logan Ochinerro, Kimberli Magana, Maddie Williams and Natalie Davis.

Crete softball

Coach's name: KiLee Griffin
Years coaching: 5
Assistant coaches: Al Moore, Natalie Brainard, Taylor Gokie
Last season's record: 11-19
Conference affiliation: Central 10
Seniors on this year's team: Ady Ziemann, Jordan Parde, Ruby Van Horn, Evannie Sand, Lesli Kratochvil

Returning letter winners: Ady Ziemann, Jordan Parde, Ruby Van Horn, Evannie Sand, Lesli Kratochvil, Kacey Dunaway, Camry Draeger,
Incoming athletes to watch: Macy Dunaway, Madynn Dunham, Logan Ochinerro
Team captains: Kacey Dunaway, Camry Draeger, Ruby Van Horn, Ady

Ziemann, Lesli Kratochvil
Strengths of this year's team: Experienced with a core group of returning starters and have a talented group of young players
Teams to watch in conference/district: GINW

Crete softball

Aug. 23	at Aurora Invite	.....3p
Aug. 27	at Norris	.....6:30p
Aug. 29	host Seward	..... 6:30p
Sept. 3	host Fairbury	..... 6:30p
Sept. 5	at Lincoln Northwest	.....5p
Sept. 7	host quad (Tuxedo Park)	..... 9a
Sept. 10	at FCEMF triangular, Geneva	.....4:30p
Sept. 12	host triangular	..... 4:30p
Sept. 14	at Cozad Invite	.....9a
Sept. 16	at York	.....6:30p
Sept. 17	at Grand Island Central Catholic	.....6:30p
Sept. 20	host Scottsbluff	..... 4p
Sept. 24	at Milford	.....6:30p
Sept. 25	host Beatrice	..... 6:30p
Sept. 28	host invite (Tuxedo Park)	..... 9a
Sept. 30	host Lakeview	..... 6:30p
Oct. 1	host Gross	..... 6p
Oct. 3	at conference, Seward	..... 10a
Oct. 7	Subdistricts	
Oct. 11	District final	
Oct. 16-21	State	

home games played at Crete High unless otherwise indicated

BOYS' TENNIS



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The Crete boys' tennis team in 2024 includes, from left: (first row) Tenyson Siske, Ty Dittmer, Corbin Coe, Patton Svitak, Nick Eltze, Colten Fey and Oliver Oglesby; (second row) Carter Benes, Dan Underwood, Liam Boldt, Isaiah Crist, Jace Peschong, Brigham Moser and Van Ngo; and (third row) Martin Brockway, Reggie Dittmer, Brayden Kent, Miles Jenny and Braeden Schacht.

Crete boys' tennis

Coach's name: Todd Sandberg
Years coaching: 15 (fifth at Crete)
Assistant coaches: Tony Siske
Last year's record: finished fifth at state
Conference affiliation: Central 10
Seniors on this year's team: Patton Svitak, Corbin Coe, Colton Fey, Nick Eltze and Ty Dittmere
Returning letter winners: Svitak, Coe, Eltze and Tenyson Siske

Incoming athletes to watch: Isaiah Crist and Liam Boldt
Strengths of this year's team: 19 guys out for the program and pretty much all of them are athletic.
Holes to fill: Need to replace five out of the six who went to state last year. Need to find some leadership.
Anything else we should know about this year's team: It will be fun to watch this new group develop over the season.

Crete boys' tennis

Aug. 29	host triangular****	..... noon
Aug. 30	at Lincoln Northeast Invite	.....8a
Sept. 6	host invite****	..... 9a
Sept. 9	at Lincoln Northeast	.....5p
Sept. 12	at Standing Bear	.....4p
Sept. 13	at Ralston quad	..... 10a
Sept. 15	at Ralston	.....3p
Sept. 19	at East v. West Challenge	.....9a
Sept. 21	at Bellevue West Invite	.....8a
Sept. 24	host triangular*	..... 4p
Sept. 26	at Waverly Invite	.....9a
Oct. 1	host Nebraska City*	..... 4p
Oct. 2	at Lincoln High	.....4p
Oct. 3	at Beatrice Invite	.....9a
Oct. 8	at Lincoln Northwest	.....4p
Oct. 10	at York	.....2p
Oct. 12	at Kearney dual tournament TBA
Oct. 17-18	at state, Woods Tennis Center TBA

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WCHS volleyball

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setter, Lainey Roger returning middle blocker, and Hadley Jurgens (freshman) as Libero.

Strengths of this year's team: We will have two returning varsity starters that put in a lot of time in the off-season playing at a competitive club level. I look for them to be positive leaders to help elevate the team to compete at the varsity level.

Holes to fill from last season: This year we are looking to fill all three front row hitting positions, libero as well as two setters. Haleah Schuerman will be transitioning from OH to setter/RS hitter.

Anything else we should know about this year's team: This year's team is going to be young, but they work hard, are very coachable and scrappy.

Wilber-Clatonia volleyball

Aug. 27	at Dorchester	.....5:30p
Aug. 29	at Palmyra quad	.....6p
Aug. 31	at Centennial Invite	.....9a
Sept. 5	at Sandy Creek	.....7p
Sept. 7	at Weeping Water Invite	.....9a
Sept. 10	at Freeman triangular	.....5p
Sept. 21	at Fairbury Invite	.....9a
Sept. 24	at Centennial	.....7p
Sept. 28	host quad	..... 10a
Oct. 1	host triangular	..... 5p
Oct. 3	host Shelby-Rising City	..... 6:30p
Oct. 8	at Tri County	..... TBA
Oct. 14-17	at conference	..... TBA
Oct. 22	at Milford triangular	.....5p
Oct. 24	at Fillmore Central	.....7p
Oct. 29-30	Subdistricts	
Nov. 2	District final	
Nov. 6-9	State, Lincoln	

Good luck all athletes this fall.

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GIRLS' GOLF



LEESA K. BARTU

The EMF girls' golf team in 2024 includes, from left, Coach Matt Nicholas, Reagan Bartley, Hadley Sladek, Kmila Benitez, Abby Klooz, Abbie Milton, Dylen Collier and Head Coach Lori Klooz.

EMF girls' golf

Coach's name: Lori Klooz
Years coaching: 2
Assistant coach: Matt Nicholas
Conference affiliation: Pioneer
Seniors on this year's team: Abbie Milton (state qualifier), Kmila Benitez, Reagan Bartley
Returning letter winners: Abbie Milton, Abby Klooz, Kmila Benitez, Dylen Collier
Strengths of this year's team: Abbie Milton, returning state qualifier; experience, strong leadership

EMF girls' golf

Aug. 22	at Central City	10a
Aug. 26	host triangular	4p
Sept. 3	at Heartland	4p
Sept. 12	at Heartland Invite	10a
Sept. 14	at Aurora	9a
Sept. 17	host EMF Invite	9a
Sept. 19	at Tecumseh Invite	9a
Sept. 23	at Humboldt	9a
Sept. 24	at Fullerton	10a
Oct. 1	at Ravenna	10a
Oct. 7	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 14-15	at State	TBA

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Members of Crete High's 2024 girls' golf team include, from left, Abby Murphy, Lauren Kraus and Grace Clevette.

Crete girls' golf

Coach's name: Julie Foster
Years coaching: 6
Conference affiliation: Central
Seniors on this year's team: Jordyn Adam
Returning letter winners: Jordyn Adam, Grace Clevette, Addison Coe, Hailey Kersten, Abby Murphy
Strengths of this year's team: I'm excited to have five returning golfers. It's only the first week of practice but I can see improvements since last season.

Crete girls' golf

Aug. 30	at Seward Invite	9a
Sept. 6	at Tri County Invite	9a
Sept. 9	at Fairbury triangular	4:30p
Sept. 10	host triangular	2p
Sept. 16	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 20	host Crete Invite	9a
Sept. 24	at Elkhorn Invite	9a
Sept. 30	at Superior triangular	4p
Oct. 1	host triangular	4p
Oct. 4	at conference	10a
	Jackrabbit Run, Grand Island	
Oct. 7	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 14-15	at State	TBA

Monument Shadows, Gering

Tri County girls' golf

Coach's name: Samantha Pflingsten
Years coaching: 5
Assistant coaches: Missy Sand
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Strengths of this year's team: We're a young team. This will be a year of growth and improvement for our girls.
Anything else we should know about this year's team: We have a group of girls that are ready to learn the game of golf. I'm hopeful that we will see lots of improvement throughout our season.



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The Tri County girls' golf team for 2024 is, from left, Audree Sullivan, Samantha Heidemann and JoJo Ambrose. See the season schedule on the next page.

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The 2024-25 cheer squad at Crete High includes, from left: (first row) Conleigh Spence, Rylee Sommer, Lauren Corning, Jadya Sanchez and Jasmin Olague; (second row) Gloria Ixtaban, Adrianna Drevo, Faith Heusinkvelt, Colette Andelt, Stacy Mora, Yedi Zambrano, Katie Lopez, Amory Mejia and Angie Aguilar; (third row) Emma Clevette, Dayana Navas, Addison Dittmer, Ali McDowell, Evan Rezac, Alyiah Bakker, Peyton Wilford, Estefania Mendez and Jamie Escobar; and (fourth row) Jazmine Reynolds, Genesis Banos, Alejandra Sanchez, Yislen Llanes-Hernandez and Natalia Montejo.



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The 2024-25 cheerleaders at Wilber-Clatonia are, from left, Pauline Lierz, Malinda Phillips, Valerie Ninneman, Sierra Timmerman, Lilee Smith, Roselynn Castro and Ashly Ayala. Addie Combs is not pictured.

RIGHT: EMF cheerleaders for the 2024-25 sports seasons are, from left, Sydney Engert, Selah Petersen, Lily Jeffries, Alivia Luzum and Cheyenne Krupicka.



Tri County girls' golf

Aug. 26	at triangular, Friend	.....	2p
Aug. 29	at Syracuse Invite	.....	9a
Sept. 6	host invite	.....	9a
Sept. 11	at Seward	.....	TBA
Sept. 12	at Heartland Invite	.....	10a
Sept. 16	at Fairbury Invite	.....	9a
Sept. 17	at EMF Invite	.....	9a
Sept. 19	at JCC Invite	.....	9a
Sept. 23	at HTRS Invite	9a
Oct. 1	at Crete	4p
Oct. 7	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct.14-15	at State	TBA

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FOOTBALL



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The 2024 Crete High football team includes, from left: (first row) Julien Reed, Julian Mendez, Mason Snider, Josiah Harrington, Carson Kotil, Ty Yeager, Kenson Spence, Fabian Juarez, Brock Bohling, Ricardo Vicente Vincente and Ethan Placzek; (second row) Ranger Dwehus, Kaden Bruns, Nick Wendt, Zach Connell, Josue Perez, Enrique Rondriguez, Alexander Cuevas, David Perez, Hunter Ross, Kaden Souders, Jonathon Zelayas, Emilio Badillo and Carlos Sanches; (third row) Grayson Cain, Brady Hestermann, Calen Homolka, Gio Carrera, Benji Espinoza, Jefry Rivas, Alvaro Calderon, Anthony Nelson, Peyton Steuer, Hunter Harrifeld, Lyle Van Horn, Hunter Knoche, Tommy Doan, Braylan Souders, Elisandro Cardoso and Ricky Orozco; and (fourth row) Jonathon Cawley, Zack Delano, Kyson Kassing, Landon Zeibig, Santiago Rincon, Gunner Cline, Haansh Patel, Landry Kuntz, Carson Sand, Cole Snider, Jermiah Harrington, Cayden Reddish, James Quinn, Brayan Mlguel, Sam Lopez and Nicholas Simon DeLeon.

Crete football

Coach's name: Mark Newmyer
Years coaching: 6
Assistant coaches: Colten Mach, Ryne Reeves
Last year's record: 5-5
Conference affiliation: Central 10
Seniors on this year's team: Carson Kotil, Kenson

Spence, Julian Mendez, Everett Heath, Jules Reed, Joey Harrington, Mason Snider
Returning letter winners: Carson Kotil, Kenson Spence, Julian Mendez, Everett Heath, Jules Reed, Joey Harrington, Mason Snider, Zach Connell
Season outlook: Have to replace a number of starters.

Need some young kids to step up and make plays. Need our older guys to grow into leadership roles.
Teams to watch: Bennington, Skutt, Waverly, Norris, Blair

Dorchester football

Coach's name: Brent Zoubek
Years coaching: 13
Assistant coaches: Spencer Kotas
Last year's record: 1-7
Conference affiliation: Crossroads
Seniors on this year's team: Owen Vyhnalek
Returning letter winners: Owen

Vyhnalek, Chase Tachovsky, Carter Cerny, Mason June, Caden Axline, Frank Matejka IV
Strengths of this year's team: I think we can steadily improve as the season goes along and be competitive with most of the teams on our schedule. We lost two games on the final play of the game

last year. I'm hopeful our experiences from that will motivate our team to work harder so that we can finish games. We have a few experienced players on offense and defense that we can surround our younger more inexperienced players with. We will lack depth, so injuries are always a concern. Some of the young-

er kids gained valuable experience last season and will be called upon for bigger roles both offensively and defensively. It's a new schedule and that's always exciting.
Teams to watch: Arthur County, Potter-Dix, SEM, Red Cloud, Pawnee City, Hampton



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The 2024 Dorchester football team includes, from left: (front row) student managers Mason Vyhnalek and Boone Smith, Ariana Tellez, Max Novak, Caden Axline, Chase Tachovsky, Mason June, Bryan Martin and student manager Trevin Steuk; and (back row) Coach Spencer Kotas, student managers Landon Shaw and Paxton Behrens, Thor Nerud, Blake Cerny, Owen Vyhnalek, Hunter Wake, Frank Matejka IV, Carter Cerny, student managers Payton Zoubek and Harrison Vyhnalek and Coach Brent Zoubek.

Crete football

Aug. 29	at Platteview	TBA
Sept. 6	host Beatrice	7p
Sept. 13	host Scottsbluff	7p
Sept. 20	at McCook	7p
Sept. 27	at York	7p
Oct. 4	host Ralston	7p
Oct. 11	host Lincoln Northwest	7p
homecoming		
Oct. 18	at Northwest	7p
Oct. 25	host Seward	7p
Nov. 1	Playoffs	
Nov. 8	Quarterfinals	
Nov. 15	Semifinals	
Nov. 26	Class B championship	7:15p
Memorial Stadium		
<i>home games played at Doane University</i>		

Dorchester football

Aug. 30	at Sterling	7p
Sept. 6	host Pawnee City	7p
Sept. 12	at Heartland	7p
Sept. 27	host Harvard	7:30p
homecoming		
Oct. 4	at Silver Lake	7p
Oct. 11	host Diiler-Odell	3p
Oct. 18	host Red Cloud	7p
Oct. 25	at Meridian	7p
Nov. 1	Playoffs	
Nov. 8	Quarterfinals	
Nov. 15	Semifinals	
Nov. 22	Class D6 championship	7p
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STEPHANIE CROSTON

Representing Wilber-Clatonia on the gridiron in 2024 are, from left: (first row) Lexand Baker, Lucas Karpisek, Grant Petersen, Caden Parham, Cooper Palmer, Aiden Zajicek, Cash Keslar, Gabe Klabenes and Ryan Marsh; (second row) Jamil Sampson, Alan Guerra, Kelby Znamenacek, Ty Roesler, Zach Marsh, Alex Mildward, Preston Barnes, Kian Morris, Karsen Inderlied and Easton Sand; (third row) Phillip Zoubek, Grant Marks, Crew Pulliam, Izac Fritz, Elijah Hamilton, Allen Roger, Brock Young, Camden Meza, Gavin Steffensmeier and Aven Smith; (fourth row) R.J. Klaassen, Noah Jozsa, Garrett Radcliff, Truitt Stohs, Ethan Jonas, Chase Petersen, Connor VanLaningham, Hayden Woerner, Cameron Vyhnaelek and Javon Allen; and (fifth row) Breckyn Mazza, Ben Anthony and Logan Dak. Owen McCright is not pictured.

Wilber-Clatonia football

Coach's name: Lynn Jurgens
Years coaching: 15 as head coach at WCHS
Assistant coaches: Tony Braithwait, Ryan Fuerhoff, Ben Myers, Randy Homolka, Rich Zimmerman, David Zimmerman, Austin Adams
Last season's record: 6-4
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Seniors on this year's team: Ryan Marsh, Cooper Palmer, Cash Keslar, Owen McCright, Lexand Baker, Aiden Zajicek, Grant Petersen, Gabe Klabenes, Caden Parham, Jamil Sampson, Lucas Karpisek
Returning letter winners: Ryan Marsh, Cooper Palmer, Ty Roesler, Aven Smith, Cash Keslar, Allen Roger,

Zach Marsh, Owen McCright, Aiden Zajicek, Grant Marks, Hayden Woerner, Grant Petersen, Eli Hamilton, Gabe Klabenes, Gavin Steffensmeier, Cameron Vyhnaelek, Caden Parham, Izac Fritz, Lucas Karpisek
Incoming athletes to watch: Logan Dak, Crew Pulliam, Chase Petersen, Brock Young
Strengths of this year's team: Skill positions
Holes to fill from last season: Offensive and defensive line, quarterback. We are very small with very little depth.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Auburn, Syracuse

Wilber-Clatonia football

Aug. 30 host Boys Town 7p
Sept. 6 at Lincoln Christian.....7p
Sept. 13 host Milford 7p
Sept. 20 at Fillmore Central.....7p
Sept. 27 at Auburn.....7p
Oct. 4 host Fairbury 7p
Oct. 11 at Nebraska City.....7p
Oct. 18 host Falls City 7p
homecoming
Oct. 25 at Syracuse.....7p
Nov. 1 Playoffs
Nov. 8 Quarterfinals
Nov. 15 Semifinals
Nov. 26 Class C1 championship.....2:45p
 Memorial Stadium



STEPHANIE CROSTON

Playing football for Tri County in 2024 are, from left: (first row) Kenton Sowards, Pierce Damrow, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Ibrahim Castillo and Ben Holsing; (second row) Luis Alarcon, Nick Sullivan, Jason Wehrman, Keyton Reck, Gavyn Houston and Trevor Kapke; (third row) Justus Wehrman, Blake Pieper, Cade Spahr, Gabe Alarcon, Cheston Stewart, Owen Lewandowski, Garrett Smidt and Caleb Schnuelle; and (fourth row) Justin Schwisow, Chance Cunningham, Keaton Mulanax, Owen Carel, Brenden Krumme, Trevor Pearson and Carver Olberding.

Tri County football

Aug. 30 host Johnson County Central 7p
Sept. 6 at Freeman.....7p
Sept. 13 at Centennial.....7p
Sept. 20 host Sandy Creek* 7p
homecoming
Sept. 27 at Southern7p
Oct. 4 host EMF 7p
Oct. 11 host Thayer Central 7p
Oct. 17 at Sutton.....7p
Oct. 25 Playoffs
Nov. 1 Playoffs
Nov. 8 Quarterfinals
Nov. 15 Semifinals
Nov. 25 Class D1 championship.....2:45p
 Memorial Stadium

Tri County football

Coach's name: Brett Scheiding
Years coaching: 12
Assistant coaches: Ray Brown, Caleb Armstrong, Derrick Damrow, Kim Moreno
Last season's record: 4-5
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska
Seniors on this year's team: Ben Holsing, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Ibrahim Castillo, Kenton Sowards, Pierce Damrow
Returning letter winners: Ben Holsing, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Ibrahim Castillo, Pierce Damrow, Gavyn Houston, Keyton Reck, Garrett Smidt, Nick Sullivan
Incoming athletes to watch: Jason Wehrman, Kenton Sowards, Trevor Kapke, Owen Lewandowski, Caleb Schnuelle

Team captains: Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Ben Holsing, Pierce Damrow
Strengths of this year's team: We have a good group of seniors that have solid experience returning and we'll lean on them a bit here as they work with our underclassmen. I think we have a good group of athletes with some speed that will help us as we play a solid schedule of teams.
Holes to fill: We lost a large class of seniors that had a lot of experience for us. Our top two qb's from a year ago departed so we have some work to do in that area. Moving from 11 to 8 man allowed us to have a little more depth up front, so that helped with a hole that would have needed to fill.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Sandy Creek, Thayer Central, EMF

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LEESA K. BARTU

Playing on the EMF football team for 2024 are, from left: (first row) Mikey Bartu, Carter Milton, Dayton Kremer, Will Vyhnalek, Aidan Vavra, Zachary Spohn, Jacob Klooz, Mason Vossler, Chase Paulsen and Mark Milton; (second row) Jayden Capek, Brett Kallhoff, Logan Johnson, Josiah Ocegüera, Christian Conley, Zach Vossler and Hunter Svehla; (third row) Zayde Arp, Jacob Spohn, Truman Milton, Rylan Bartels, Jaxson Brandt, Evan Brahmstedt, Bob Milton and Deacon Erdkamp; and (fourth row) Adrien Mueller, Cohen Harre, Elijah Ocegüera, Will Kallhoff, Gabriel Covarrubias, Clayton Pribyl and Ty Svehla.

EMF football

Coach's name: Kory Kahlandt & Jim Pfeiffer
Years coaching: 12 total (third as head coach)
Assistant coaches: Brian Arp, Jordan Pella, Josh Bartley
Last year's record: 11-2, Class D1 runner-up
Conference affiliation: Pioneer
Seniors on this year's team: Mason Vossler, Mark Milton, Dayton Kremer, Will Vyhnalek, Jacob Klooz, Mikey Bartu, Zach Spohn, Aidan Vavra, Chase Paulsen, Jayden Capek, Carter Milton
Returning letter winners: Mason Vossler, Mark Milton, Dayton Kremer, Will Vyhnalek, Jacob Klooz, Mikey Bartu, Zach Spohn, Aidan Vavra, Chase Paulsen, Jayden Capek, Carter Milton, Cohen Harre, Truman Milton, Zach Vossler, Hunter Svehla, AJ Muller, Brett Kallhoff
Athletes to watch: Truman Milton, Zach Vossler, Mason Vossler, Mark Milton, Hunter Svehla, AJ Muller, Brett Kallhoff, Dayton Kremer

Strengths of this year's team: Good core of returning athletes back, they know what it takes to play in November; offensive and defensive line. Winning is good for any program, but the 2024 Bobcats know it's a new team but also know what it takes to get far in the playoffs. We have good depth with a good amount of guys that have put in the work and deserve to be on the field. Need some younger guys to step up and fill key spots. We expect to be a good team that plays fast, fundamental football. This group works hard and needs to get better week to week in order to make a postseason run.
Holes to fill: Running back is the biggest, graduated some really good players that our younger guys will have to step up to fill their positions
Teams to watch: Sandy Creek will be good, along with Thayer Central and Tri County coming back to 8-man.

EMF football

Aug. 30	at Clarkson-Leigh	.....7p
Sept. 6	at Johnson-Brock	.....7p
Sept. 13	host Shelby-Rising City****	..... 7p
Sept. 20	host Southern*	7p
	homecoming	
Sept. 27	at Sutton	.....7p
Oct. 4	at Tri County	.....7p
Oct. 11	host Sandy Creek*	..... 7p
Oct. 18	host Thayer Central****	..... 7p
Oct. 25	Playoffs	
Nov. 1	Playoffs	
Nov. 8	Quarterfinals	
Nov. 15	Semifinals	
Nov. 25	Class D1 championship:2:45p
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