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## Chrisman/G-RF Cross Country

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### **CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE**

Aug. 31 at Doc Acklin Invite - PCHS 9:00 a.m. Sept. 7 Cow Chip Classic 9:00 a.m. Sept. 21 at Richard Spring Invitational 9:00 a.m. Sept. 24 at Homer Lake, Heritage 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 28 at St Joseph Spartan Classic 9:00 a.m. Oct. 4-5 at Nike Twilight TBA Oct. 12 at Lakeland, Cumberland Invite 9:00 a.m. Oct. 15 at Kickapoo, VVC Conference 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at Sister City Park, Charleston Invite 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 26 at Regionals TBA

## Chrisman, Georgetown-Ridge Farm return young, motivated runners

#### BY ROBBY TUCKER rtucker@prairiepress.net

Following a first-year campaign full of opportunities to learn and grow, Georgetown-Ridge Farm and Chrisman Cross Country Coach Seth Pearson is entering his second year at the helm with confidence.

"We were a young team, but made significant improvements throughout the season," Pearson said. "This year, we are still a very young team but have put in some work over the summer and are looking forward to competition."

Fortunately, Pearson and his roster of runners won't have to wait much longer – their first meet is the Doc Acklin Invite, hosted by Paris High School at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, followed by the Cow Chip Classic at 9 a.m., Sep. 7 in Chrisman.

Pearson and Chrisman Cross Country fans will have their eyes locked on a pair of young athletes as the year progresses. Sophomore Aidan Morgan will look to qualify for the IHSA State Meet a second straight year after a breakout freshman season and an appearance in the 3,200-meter race.

Leah Phipps, a junior, will aim to qualify in the 800-meter race after barely missing the cut last season. According to Pearson, Phipps made "significant improvements" during her sophomore campaign.

As a group, Chrisman's strength is found in its enthusiasm according to Pearson. Even in the face of grueling training, spirits remained high.

"The team's strength is (its) morale," Pearson explained. "All of the kids on the team are really enjoying the program, which is hard to do for cross country."

Pearson and his runners will zero in on nutrition and focus on remaining healthy throughout the season to ensure the Cardinals have a shot at postseason success.



Pictured from left to right, Hunter Meeker, Aidan Morgan, Morgan Coombs, Jackson Wilson and Amos Neal from the 2023 Georgetown-Ridge Farm and Chrisman cross country team.

## **Chrisman High School/G-RF Golf**

#### **GOLF SCHEDULE**

- Aug. 15 at Harrison Park, hosted by Oakwood, bring 5 Scramble 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21 at Harrison Park, hosted by Oakwood 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 4 at Turtle Run, hosted by Bismarck 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12 at Harrison Park, hosted by Oakwood 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16 at Hubbard Trail, hosted by Salt Fork 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 19 at Harrison Park, hosted by Salt Fork 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 23 at Hubbard Trail, hosted by Hoopeston 4:00 p.m. Sept. 24 at Harrison Park, hosted by Salt Fork 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 24 at Shewami Golf Course Watseka. VVC Conference 4:00 p.m.

**Oct. 1 at Girls Regionals TBA** 

Oct. 4 Iroquois West 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 12 at Salt Fork 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 25 at Momence 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 18 at Bismark 7:00 p.m.

**Oct. 2 at Boys Regionals TBA** 

### **GOLF ROSTER**

Sara Goss	
Sabrina Boyer	
Makayla Waterman	
Jase Latoz	
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#### **JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Sept. 2 Watseka 6:00 p.m. Sept. 9 at Oakwood 6:00 p.m. Sept. 16 at Clifton Central 6:00 p.m. Sept. 23 Westville 6:00 p.m.

**VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE** 

Aug. 30 at Watseka 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 20 at Westville 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 27 Hoopeston 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 7 Oakwood 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 14 Central 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 30 Hoopeston 6:00 p.m. Oct. 7 at Iroquois West 6:00 p.m. Oct. 14 Salt Fork 6:00 p.m. Oct. 21 Bismark 6:00 p.m.

### Chrisman High School Volleyball

**Georgetown-RF Football** 

JV VOLLEYBALL ROS	TER			
Player	#	Izzy Barrett	12	
Lyndsi Smith	3	Emma Brown	13	
Hannah Spain	5	Lily Crawford	21	
Addison Miller	8	Emma Williamson	30	
Morgan Simpson	9	Mikayla Wheeler	9	
Gracie Smith	10			

VARSITY VOLLEYBA	LL ROSTER			
Player	#	Jaidyn Alexander	15	
Brianna Barna	1	Lyndsi Smith	16	
Asa Hoult	3	Morgan Lehmkuhl	18	
Adalyn Miller	7	Taylor Jones	20	
Leah Phipps	8	Mikayla Wheeler	23	
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### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

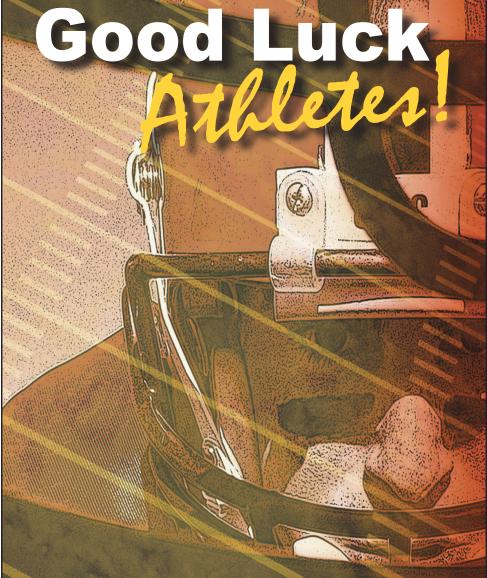
Aug. 27 at Marshall HS 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 3 at ALAH 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 4 at Georgetown 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 9 Robinson 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 12 Cissna Park 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 16 Tuscola 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 17 Iroquois West 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 19 at Salt Fork 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 23 at Heritage 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 24 at Watseka 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 26 Oakwood 6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 28 Hutsonville Tourney TBA	

Sept. 30 Martinsville 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 3 at Shlarman 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 5 at Sullivan 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 7 Paris 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 8 Georgetown 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 10 at BHRA 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 at Paris Tournament 8:00 a.m.
Oct. 14 Judah Christian 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Westville 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 17 Armstrong/Potomac 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Milford 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 Hoopeston (Sr. Night) 6:00 p.m.









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### Hustle and heart sit at the center of Chrisman Volleyball's 2024 campaign

#### BY VICTORIA LEITCH vleitch@prairiepress.net

Chrisman volleyball players and their coach, Emily Hollingsworth, are ready to bump, set and spike into the new season this fall.

Hollingsworth has been coaching the volleyball team in Chrisman for three years and during that time her favorite moments include "watching these young girls grow up and becoming great young women."

With a successful season last year, they hope to bring the same fierce Cardinal energy this time around.

"The season's overall record, including wins and losses can highlight the team's success and competitiveness," said Hollingsworth. "We had some big wins against rival schools and kept up with the bigger schools. With last year's JV record being 22-1 and most of those girls moving up to varsity, I expect our team to be tough."

According to Hollingsworth, fans can expect to see the Cardinals play with communication, coverage and celebration. She hopes these strengths bring success to this season. "Expect our girls to out-hustle other teams. They always play with full hearts, and it shows," she said.

Spectators should keep an eye out for Brianna Barna, senior setter, and Asa Hoult, senior outside hitter.

The volleyball team is looking forward to the Paris Tournament this fall and aim to hustle hard at the event.





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WR/DB **RB/DB** 

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WR/DB **RB/LB** OL/DL

### Paris High School Cross Country Paris High School Football

### **CROSS COUNTRY ROSTER**

### **CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE**

- Aug. 31 Doc. Acklin Memorial Cross Country Invite 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 3 at St. Anthony Lawrenceville/ Robinson/TTown 4:15 p.m.
- Sept. 7 at Chrisman Cow Chip Invitational TBA Sept. 19 Riverton Parke & La Salette, Oblong 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 21 at Tuscola Classic 10:00 a.m. Sept. 24 at Heritage High School 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Robinson Invitational 4:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at West Vigo/ La Sallete 4:00 p.m. Oct. 12 at Cumberland Invitational 9:00 a.m. Oct. 15 at LIC Meet @ Olney 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at Charleston High School 9:00 a.m.

**Kinser Holloway** 

**Gage Wright** 

**Bryce McGrath Keenan Svendsen** 

**Christian Jackson** 

**Graham Templeton** 

### Paris High School Cheerleading

### **CHEERLEADERS**

Claire Kirby	Danica Rhoads
Delilah Bradley	Abby Pruitt
Carlee Longest	Arianna Malovski
Brysen Huie	Hailie Myles
Eva Smith	Chloe Peperak
Paige Wilson	Audrina Malovski
Abby Clodfelder	Madi Slaven
Alyssa Martin	Annalee Blair
Nora Adams	Paislee Lorenzen
Lily Wyrick	Bella Sunkel
Amelia Oakes	Taetum Noel

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# Name	Year	Position	11. Dawson Rogers	Sophomore
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1. Drew Kirby	Freshman	QB/DB	12. Quinn Williams	Senior
2. Jack Sabens	Freshman	QB-WR/DB	13. Andre Calhoun	Sophomore
3. Levi Bartley	Freshman	RB/LB	18. Camden Yantis	Sophomore
4. Bryar Shipley	Freshman	RB/LB	21. Za'Kylon Williams	Sophomore
6. Dani Lopez	Freshman	RB/LB	22. Max Johnson	Senior
23. Carter Breeding	Freshman	TE/LB	41. Skyler Sweet	Sophomore
26. Jayton Boling	Freshman	WR/DB	50. Logan Curl	Junior
52. Eli Blair	Freshman	OL/LB	51. Aksel Randolph	Sophomore
55. Wyatt Watson	Freshman	OL/DL	52. Brody Bishop	Junior
64. Keagin Luster	Freshman	OL/DL	54. Carter Eastham	Junior
72. Briar Good	Freshman	OL/DL	55. Koen Brinkerhoff	Senior
1. Brayden Rogers	Junior	QB/LB-DE	56. Dylan Flores	Junior
2. Karic Mason-Vita	le Junior	TE/LB	58. Cooper Keys	Senior
3. Carter Crippes	Junior	WR/DB	60. Evan Ramsey	Senior
4. Mason Byrnes	Senior	RB/LB	61. Charlie Ford	Junior
6. Garret Rigdon	Junior	RB/DB	62. Drake East	Junior
7. Madox Hutchings	Sophomore	RB/LB-DB	65. Logan Ludington	Sophomore
8. Carson Kollman	Junior	RB/LB	66. Alex Paquette	Sophomore
9. Carter Cochran	Sophomore	TE/LB	68. Taylon Deare	Senior
10. Drew Rogers	Senior	QB/DB	72. Richard Black	Senior

### VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30 at North Vermilion, Ind. 6:30 p.m.
Sep. 6 at Charleston 7 p.m.
Sep. 13 Marshall 7 p.m.
Sep. 20 at Lawrenceville 7 p.m.
Sep. 27 Mt. Carmel (Homecoming) 7 p.m.

### **JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Sep. 2 Marshall 6 p.m.	Sep. 30 at Mt.
Sep. 9 Charleston 6 p.m.	Oct. 7 Newton
Sep. 16 at Marshall 6 p.m.	Oct. 14 at Rich
Sep. 23 Lawrenceville 6 p.m.	Oct. 21 at Rob

. Carmel 6 p.m. n 6 p.m. hland County (Olney) 6 p.m. pinson 6 p.m.

Oct. 11 Richland County (Olney) 7 p.m.

Oct. 25 at Casey-Westfield 7 p.m.

Oct. 4 at Newton 7 p.m.

Oct. 18 Robinson 7 p.m.



Paris Tigers Camden Yantis (left) and Za'Kylon Williams (right) go head-to-head during a blocking drill.

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## Paris Tigers counting down the days before return to the gridiron

BY ROBBY TUCKER rtucker@prairiepress.net

The Paris Tiger football team will play its first game of the 2024 season on Friday, Aug. 30. A clock mounted in the team's weight room emblazoned with the words "Beat North Vermillion," the Tigers' first opponent, counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds left before the Tigers begin their quest for gridiron glory.

For ninth-year head coach Jeremy Clodfelder, the countdown started shortly after a state tournament loss to Roxana in November 2023. For his players, preparations began in December.

"We are, like always, going through the process of getting ready to compete," Clodfelder said. "We have been at that since December 4 of last year when we began our off-season phase for this 2024 team."

Clodfelder and the Tigers are riding an impressive 2023 campaign that resulted in the team's triumphant return to the IHSA Playoffs. The Tigers' record sat at 2-3 on Sept. 22, 2023, before they went 3-1 to qualify for the postseason.

Still, last year's achievements have not satiated Paris' hunger for success. After the Roxana Shells bumped the Tigers in the first round of the IHSA 3A tourney, Clodfelder and his players want another shot.

"We are proud of the fact that we were once again able to earn our way back into the playoffs with a relatively young team," said Clodfelder, adding, "Our expectations never really change from year to year. We want to prepare in a way that gives us the best opportunity to represent our town and school with a program and team they can be proud of."

This year, part of that preparation includes incorporating a faster style of play called sprint-based football, a philosophy that prioritizes speed at every position.

"We've always done a version of it," Clodfelder explained in a previous interview. "But after the playoff loss (to Roxana), we realized we need to be faster at all positions."

Beyond the X's and O's, Clodfelder wants his squad to seek success in the little things.

"(Success requires) a number of things, from preparation to discipline to staying in the moment and really attacking the process each and every day," he explained.

Many of the players implementing Clodfelder's various schemes and plays are returners from last year's squad. Now with more in-game experience from top to bottom, the Tigers will look to improve on last year's performance.

"We obviously have several positions back with some valuable experience. So in short, we have some veterans in every position group with the exception of our specialists," he said. "However, even some of those veterans are still underclassmen and have to continue to grow."

Clodfelder and his staff look forward to showcasing the hard work of each of their players.

"We have so many guys that deserve to be mentioned for what we feel like they can accomplish, to the way they have worked in terms of preparation for this year," he explained. "Right now we are really focused on (the) team. There will certainly be a time for that (individual recognition) as we begin to play."

Many of the Tigers' opponents this year are familiar foes, including talented squads from Mt. Carmel and Charleston. While it can be tempting to look ahead at games coming down the pipeline, the Tigers are careful not to get ahead of themselves.

"Obviously there are rivalry games, but to us all of them are important. We try and get them (players) to focus and be where their feet are," Clodfelder remarked. "This game week one is the biggest for us right now and when it gets right down to it, today is the most important day, because we have an opportunity to improve today."

While the Tigers' season opens on Aug. 30, they will have to wait until Friday, Sept. 13 to take advantage of their home turf and fans. Clodfelder hopes the community will be ready to show up in large numbers when the time comes.

"I hope Tiger Nation is excited about another fall football season and makes the road trips as well as comes out to the 'Front Yard' when we are at home..." he explained. "From our team, to the 'Best Band In The Land,' to the cheerleaders, and any other group or organization that is striving to make Paris proud, we ask that they be present and cheer on the young people that put themselves out there."

### Paris High School Golf Paris High School Tennis

#### GOLF ROSTER

Sean Dunn	Ty Rhodes
Armend Malovski	Jake Perry
Landen Taylor	Garry Rigdon
Jaezyn Arbuckle	Carter Crippes
Carter Brinkley	Dylan Flores
Lincoln Livesay	

#### GOLF SCHEDULE

Aug. 17 at St. Anthony Invite @ Indian Springs 9:00 a.m.

- Aug. 19 at Robinson Golf Invite 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 20 at Casey-Westfield High School 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Arcola & Newton 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 CW/ Marshall/ Oblong 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29 at Tuscola High School 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at Robinson 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 3 at Oblong w/Lawrenceville 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5 at Charleston w/ Mattoon, Urbana 4:00

Sept. 10 at Marshall 4:00 p.m.

p.m.

Sept. 13 at Mattoon Invitational 1:00 p.m. Sept. 14 at Mattoon Invitational 8:00 a.m. Sept. 17 Marshall/Heritage/CW/Salt Fork 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 21 Paris Golf Invitational 8:30 a.m. Sept. 23 at St. Anthony Match Play 1:00 p.m. Sept. 24 at Westville w/ Tri-county 4:00 p.m. Sept. 25 at Olney (LIC Championship) 8:30 a.m. Sept. 27 at Charleston Invite 1:00 p.m.

### **GIRLS TENNIS ROSTER**

Nora Adams	Addison
Allana Barczy	Paedyn
Ava Barrett	<b>Paislee</b>
Emerson Barrett	Jocelyn
Annalee Blair	<b>Bella Mo</b>
Myah Bartos	Addy Re
Natalie Burger	Linda Se
Kendal Close	Faith Sm
Selena Delacruz	Kendra \
Olivia Drake	Paven W
Kaidence Eveland	Graci Wa
Shelby Fry	Hailey Ya
Taylyr Fudge	

Addison Hansel	
Paedyn Keys	
Paislee Lorenzen	
Jocelyn Miller	
Bella Moreschi	
Addy Reel	
Linda Selimoska	
Faith Smith	
Kendra Viel	
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#### **GIRLS TENNIS SCHEDULE**

Aug. 27 at Flora High School 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29 at Urbana High School 4:15 p.m. Aug. 31 St. Joseph Ogden & Gibson City 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 3 at Danville High School 4:30 p.m. Sept. 4 St. Thomas Moore High School 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 9 Robinson High School (JV) 4:30 p.m. Sept. 10 Mahomet Seymour High School 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 at Mattoon High School 4:00 p.m. Sept. 12 Charleston High School 4:15 p.m. Sept. 14 at Mattoon Girls Invite 8:00 a.m. Sept. 16 Schlarman Academy - North Campus 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 17 at St. Anthony High School 4:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at Effingham High School 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21 Paris Doubles Tourney 8:00 a.m. Sept. 23 at Casey-Westfield High School 4:30 p.m. Sept. 26 Mt. Carmel High School 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 20 Mt. Carmer ngh School 4.30 p.m. Sept. 30 Richland County High School 4:15 p.m. Oct. 1 at Newton High School 4:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at Robinson High School 4:30 p.m. Oct. 10 Casey-Westfield High School 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Casey-Westfield (LIC Tourney) 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 14 at Teutopolis High School (JV)) 4:30 p.m.



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The Paris Tigers pose for a photo following the 2023 Little Illini Conference Tournament. Left to right, Shelby Fry, Ava Barrett, Graci Watson, Emmy Barrett, Bella Moreschi and Myah Bartos.



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### Tiger Tennis is gunning for the top spot in the LIC

#### BY ROBBY TUCKER rtucker@prairiepress.net

This fall, the Paris Tigers girls tennis team returns five of its top six players from a team that finished 11-6 and claimed second place in the Little Illini Conference (LIC) last season. The Tigers are not settling for number two this time around.

The loss of senior Graci Watson to a season-ending ACL tear stings for Head Coach Stefan Aydt and his crew and will lead to a shakeup of the team's doubles pairings, but Aydt is still confident the group will find success on the court, even with a slew of respected programs (Danville, Mahomet, St. Joseph-Ogden and Gibson City) making their way onto the Tigers' schedule this year.

"I still expect us to be very competitive in most duals and in the LIC, even with our more difficult schedule this season," Aydt told a Prairie Press reporter. "Depending on our sectional assignment, I like our chances of qualifying someone for state."

Aydt, now celebrating his 10th year coaching girls tennis and his 13th season at the helm of the PHS boys tennis program, will have plenty of veteran experience to draw on this season. Emmy Barrett, Bella Moreschi, Myah Bartos, Shelby Fry and Ava Barrett will all look to build on successful campaigns last season. Still, the coach noted several new names are making a push for the top of the lineup, including Kaidence Eveland, Hailey Yantis and Natalie Burger.

"We return five of last year's top six, but we also have a few girls who were lower in the lineup, as well as freshman Paedyn Keys, who are giving these girls a stiff challenge for varsity spots," he explained.

Aydt hopes the mix of experience and youth will be enough to topple Robinson, who took the top spot during the LIC Tournament last season.

"Robinson placed all six girls on the all-conference team last year to take first place, but with four of those girls graduated, and us returning five of six from our second-place team, we're hoping we have a chance to move into that top spot," he said. "But it's always a tough conference, so we'll have to see what everyone looks like this fall."

Claiming the title will require equal parts skill and focus. Aydt's team will look to play smart and focus on accuracy and angles over raw power.

"We won't hit nearly as many winners as some other teams, but our opponents will have to earn every point because our girls never give up on a point and are good at hitting smart, consistent shots," Aydt explained, later adding, "Mentally, we've spent a lot of time in practice talking about needing to practice with the same focus and intensity we want to play matches with."

Fans will have a couple of opportunities to see the Tigers' skills in action at home. Paris is set to host the Paris Doubles Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 21 as well as an IHSA Sectional on the weekend of October 18 and 19. The school's spacious facilities, complete with multiple tennis courts, allowed Paris High School to be considered as a host site.

"Before the new school, we didn't have enough courts, so I believe this will be the first time Paris has hosted a sectional," Aydt said.

T-town, Flora and Olney are all included in Paris' doubles sectional – a trio of programs Aydt believes are "three of the premier girls programs in the southern half of the state." In singles, the Tigers could find themselves pitted against top talent from Danville and Uni High, including two IHSA state finalists.

"Both tournaments will feature high-level talent," Aydt noted.

Whether at the Paris Doubles Tournament or in the postseason, the coach hopes to see the community support his team.

"We love when people come out to watch the matches and support the girls, especially at tournaments," Aydt concluded.

The Tigers open the season on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Flora High School. Matches begin at 4:30 p.m.

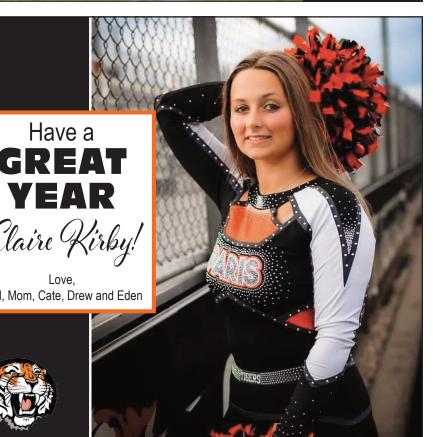




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### **Paris High School Volleyball**

#### **VOLLEYBALL ROSTER**

Peighton Smith	Jacie Young
Abby Clodfelder	Kailey Young
Kylee Kleptz	Nora Adams
Rayah Smith	Allana Barczy
Morgan Coombes	Natileigh Bridgewater
Emma Kraemer	Pailynne Camp
Maddie Frank	Paedyn Keys
Alexis Landsaw	Jocelyn Miller
Aly Martin	Sadie Sallee
AbiMcConkey	Madi Slaven
Eva Smith	Landrie Stevens
Same Stalay	

Sara Staley

### **VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug. 26 Heritage High School 6:00 p.m. Aug. 27 North Vermillion High School 5:30 p.m. Sept. 3 Hutsonville High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 5 at Martinsville High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 7 at Georgetown JV Volleyball Tourney TBA

Sept. 7 at Westville Varsity Volleyball Tourney TBA

Sept. 9 at Sullivan High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 10 Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 12 at Casey-Westfield High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 14 at Shelbyville Varsity Tourney 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 16 at North Central HS - Farmersburg 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 19 Lawrenceville High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 23 at Kansas High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 24 Bismarck-Henning High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 at Oblong High School 6:15 p.m. Sept. 30 at Riverton Parke Jr/Sr HS 5:45 p.m. Oct. 2 at Salt Fork High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 3 at Marshall High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 7 at Chrisman High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 8 Richland County High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 10 at Mt. Carmel High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 12 Paris Tiger Classic 8:30 a.m. Oct. 14 Terre Haute North Vigo HS 5:00 p.m. Oct. 15 at Tuscola High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 17 Robinson High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 21 Neoga High School 6:15 p.m. Oct. 24 at Newton High School 6:00 p.m.



Adonna Bennett/Prairie Press File Photo A pair of Tiger blockers fully extend during a PHS Volleyball match.

Claire Kirby! Love.

Have a

Dad, Mom, Cate, Drew and Eden



## **Tri-County Football**

### VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30 at Sangamon Valley High School 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 6 CO-OP Cerro Gordo/Bement 7:00 p.m. Sept. 13 at CO-OP Arthur Lovington/Atwood Hammond 7:00 p.m.

Sept 20 Arcola Jr/Sr High School 7:00 p.m. Sept. 28 Nokomis High School 1:00 p.m.

### JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### Sept. 2 at Sangamon Valley High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 9 CO-OP Cerro Gordo/Bement 6:00 p.m. Sept. 16 at CO-OP Arthur Lovington/Atwood Hammond 6:00 p.m.

### Oct. 4 at Argenta-Oreana High School 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 11 at Cumberland High School 7:00 p.m. Oct. 18 Sullivan School District (Homecoming and Senior Night) 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 25 at Villa Grove High School 7:00 p.m.

#### Sept 23 Arcola Jr/Sr High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 23 Nokomis High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 7 at Argenta-Oreana High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 14 at Cumberland High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 21 Sullivan School District 6:00 p.m.



A Tri-County ball carrier eyes an ALAH defender during a 2023 football game.

## **Tri-County Golf**

### **GOLF SCHEDULE**

- Aug. 26 Tuscola High School (HS Golf @ Tuscola Invite [Ironhorse]) 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 28 Marshall High School (HS Golf @ Marshall w/Villa Grove & Heritage) 4:00 p.m. Sept. 3 at Arcola Jr/Sr High School (HS Golf @
- Arcola) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5 Villa Grove High School (HS Golf @ Villa Grove [Tri-City]) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12 Casey-Westfield High School (HS Golf @ Casey w/Marshall) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Shelbyville High School (HS Golf @ Shelbyville [Eagle Creek] w/Tuscola & St. Teresa's) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 Oblong High School (HS Golf @ Oblong [Oak Glen]) 4:00 p.m.

- Sept. 18 Arcola Jr/Sr High School (HS Golf @ Arcola [Kaskaskia]) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19 Marshall High School (HS Golf @ Marshall ) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Paris High School (HS Golf @ Paris Invite [Boys]) 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 23 Casey-Westfield High School (HS Golf @ Casey w/Oblong) 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24 OPEN (HS Golf @ LPC Tournament @ Eagle Creek) 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 26 Arcola Jr/Sr High School (HS Golf @ Arcola [Kaskaskia]) 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10PEN (HS Girls Golf Regional @ TBA)
- Oct. 2 OPEN (HS Boys Golf @ Regionals TBA)





Love, Coco and Buzz











Love you always, Nana & Papa

## Tri-County High School Volleyball

#### **VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug. 26 Oblong High School 6:00 p.m. Aug. 27 Tuscola High School 6:00 p.m. Aug. 29 Westville 6:00 p.m. Sept. 3 Casey-Westfield High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 5 Oakwood High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 10 at Shelbyville High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 12 at Villa Grove High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 16 at Marshall High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 17 at Blue Ridge High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 19 Okaw Valley High School 6:00 p.m.

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LAKE LAND COLLEGE Sept. 23 Paris High School 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 24 Heritage High School 6:00 p.m. Sept. 26 at Argenta-Oreana High School 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 1 at CO-OP Arthur Lovington/Atwood Hammond 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 3 Arcola Jr/Sr High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 7 at OPEN (LPC Volleyball Tournament @ ALAH) TBA Oct. 8 at OPEN (LPC Volleyball Tournament @

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GET EYES ON YOUR BUSINESS. ALAH) 6:00 p.m. Oct. 10 at OPEN (LPC Volleyball Tournament @ ALAH) TBA Oct. 12 at Paris High School TBA Oct. 15 at Cerro Gordo High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 17 Sullivan School District 6:00 p.m. Oct. 22 Cumberland High School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 24 at Unity Christian School 6:00 p.m. Oct. 28 OPEN (HS Volleyball Regionals @ Kansas) TBA

Oct. 9 at OPEN (LPC Volleyball Tournament @



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