



2023 Ledger Fall Sports Preview

Fall sports seasons are about to get underway this week. With so much on the horizon, see all of the kids that will be part of teams this season for area schools like Mexico, Community R-6, Van-Far and North Callaway in the form of team photos and rosters. Some teams were unable to send in team photos by the deadline, including Missouri Military Academy, but there will be some coverage in this issue and future issues for MMA and other schools' teams that didn't make it in.



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The Mexico football team this year includes, front row from left, Dylan Jackson, Jacob Johnson, Ashton Belcher and Shantez Dorsey; in the second row from left, Kale Leverett, Peyton Hoover, Logan Rogers, Greydon Sewell, Tyson Carr, Hunter Cuno, James Donaldson and Daunte Cline; in the third row from left, Wylar Broeker, Malaki Spencer, Jaylin Merriman, Charlie Fisher, Drew DeMint, Ethan Johnson, Kelvin Watson, Landon Williams and Matt Prater; in the fourth row from left, Ethan Freyer, Leighton Hilderman, John Kelly, Gavin James, Evin Ford, Kaden Benne, Stephen Kerr, Zack Kreutz and Jayden Hodge; and in the fifth row from left, Eli Arnold, Conrad Snyder, Travis Shramek, Wyatt Troesser, Landon Johannaber, Hunter Love, Korbyn Dorsey, McIntosh Haag and Carter Ford.

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Van-Far Indians

The Van-Far football team this year includes a bigger roster that includes, front row from left, Bransen Salmon, Blake Foster, Nikos Connaway, Gage Gibson, Tyrece Cole and Reece Culwell; in the second row from left, Georgia Foster, Gabe Freie, Pacey Reading, Layne Varner, Dalton Hays, Kaleb Baskett, Ty Evans and Carson Huff; in the third row from left, Taniel Little, Easton Sharp, Gaven Gaston, Brandon Kurz, Kashton Rhodes, Kasen Christian and Evan Utterback; and in the back row from left, Chase Wright-McAfee, Ronnie Stanich, Davon Main, Dalton Dameron, Gibson Condie, Jackson Fischer and Haden Lynn.

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North Callaway Thunderbirds

The North Callaway football team this season includes, front row from left, Caden Teel, Brandon Biggers, Caleb Sheets, Collyn O'Neal, Collin Moore, Ben Haubner, Cade Miller, Cooper Safranski, Eli Matteson and Gabe Durlin; second row from left, Hayden Maddox, George Baumgartner, Jaiden Galbreath, Tucker Wright, Carsyn Sheets, Riley Humphrey, Wyatt Haden, Kyle Pennell and Tyler Huddleston; third row from left, Nick Threlkeld, Alex Hudnell, Carter Moore, Cooper Wortmann, Casper Safranski, Malikai Lang, Jayden Fasching and Lane Kimbley; and back row from left, head coach Kevin O'Neal, coach Sean Noble, Christian Moore, Cashton Holloway, Justice Moore, Tristan Petty, David Sapp, Gunnar Weneker, Jamarion Glover, Zac Craghead, Landen Oney, coach Jordan Delashmutt, coach Chris Moore and coach Ronnie Kimbley.

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Mexico Lady Bulldogs

The Mexico softball team this season includes, bottom row from left, Brooke Teel, Emma Cunningham, Kylie Burnett, Jordyn Thurman and Karlee Sefrit; center row from left, Keerstan Ewing, Kayleigh Samuelson, Kenley Jones, Payton Sells and Hannah Loyd; and top row from left, Bethany Forbis, Maddy Feger, Aleigha Henderson, Landri Teel, Payton Shaw and Matty Tolbert.

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Community R-6 Lady Trojans

The Community R-6 softball team this year has in the back row from left Amy McCurdy, Grace Welch, Keara Bosworth, Rylee Rafferty, Lydia Hoyt, Chloe Johnson, Peyton Schafer and Jocelyn Curtis. In the front row from left are Alyssa Beamer, Brooklyn Glasgow, Taylor Johnson and Paige Painter.

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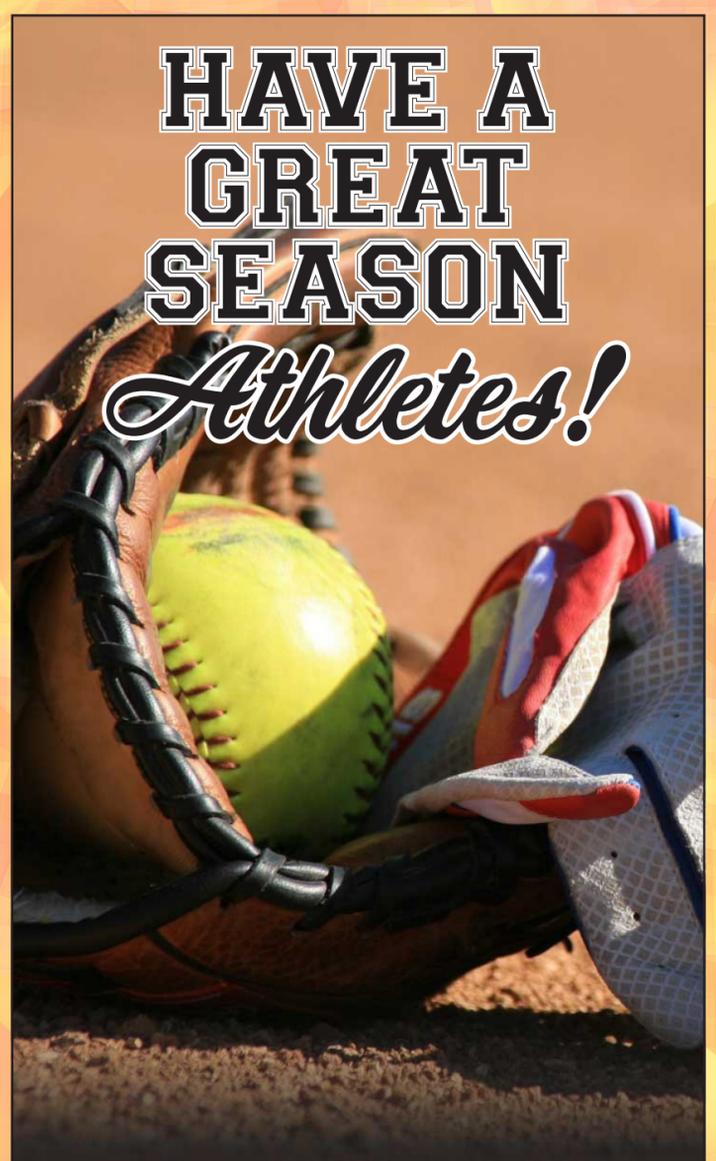
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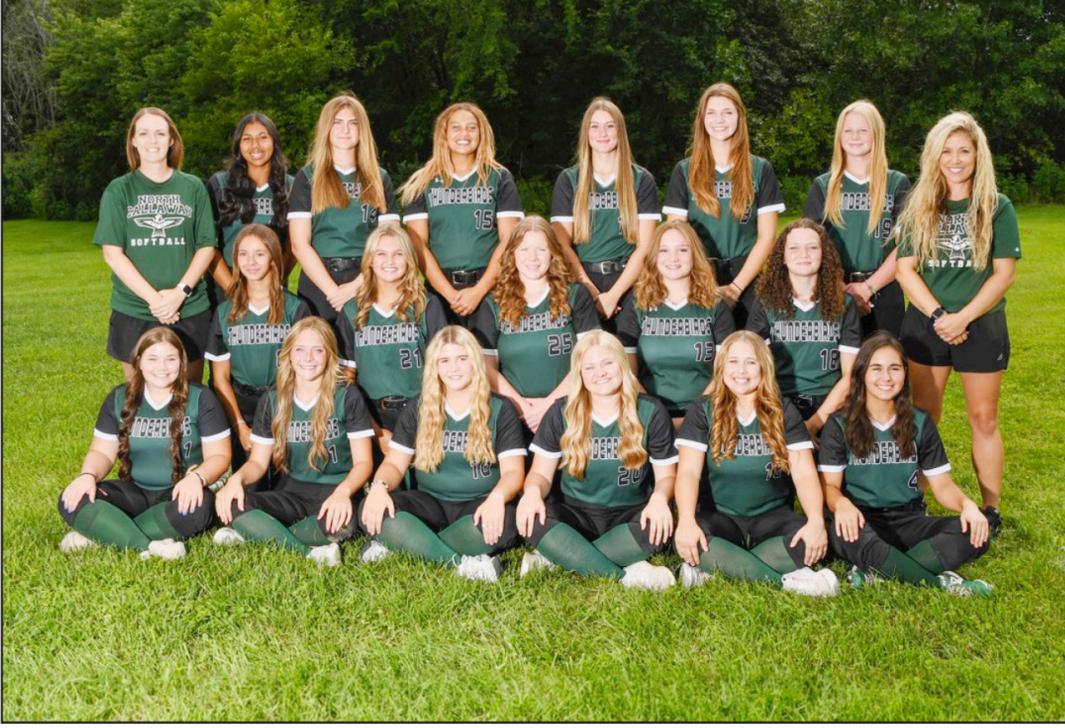
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North Callaway Ladybirds

The North Callaway softball team this season includes, back row from left, coach Kalyn Bradshaw, Lexi Angels, Chloe Holtkamp, Kymorie Myers, Liv Knoepflein, Lia Bondurant, Megan Schmidt, and head coach Mariah McKee; middle row from left, Braelyn Kuda, Maddy Gordon, Abigail Schmidt, Violet Martin and Kendra Pennell; bottom row from left, Lauren Speight, Addison Bedsworth, Faith Cash, Ella Slater, Bri Prosser and Corynne Miller.

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Van-Far Lady Indians

The Van-Far softball team this year includes, front row from left, Carmen Wilburn and Katelyn Sutton; second row from left, Kayla Heaton, Kaelyn Hutcheson, Dalana Gay, Reeve Woodall and Ayla Kempeter; third row from left, Kinzie Carman, Faith Griffith, Elaina Brogden, Lyddiona Cranston and Mylee Keller; fourth row from left, Addyson Hays, Mariah Maggard, Elliott Utterback, Chloe Zumwalt, Nora Bybee, Kenya Jones, Makayla McCurdy and Megan McCurdy; and the not pictured are Kylie Miller, McKenna Engh-Hoffman and Trinity Skwartz.

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Volleyball girls taking the court



Mexico Lady Bulldogs

The Mexico volleyball team will have enough for three teams including, in the back row from left, Ella Raines, Karsyn Heidemann, Jaclynn Cline, Sophia Franklin, Layla Belcher, Camy Blackburn, Mary Test and Emily Moppin. In the middle back row from left are Beth Borcharding, Gena Floyd, Anna Raines, Charley Jackson, Lizzie Joiner, Claire Isgrig, Dominique Carpenter and Carlie Edwards. In the middle front row from left are Brooke Smithee, Mya Stone, Skyler Arnold, Nevaeh Long, Ava Herron, Hailey Cuno and Zoey Schutte. In the front row from left are Sherlyn Mena, Eve Jaramillo, Milee Jackson and J'Zaria Fountain.

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North Callaway Ladybirds

The North Callaway volleyball team this year includes, back row from left, coach Andrew Klein, Natalie Shryock, Bailey Hill, Alex Craighead and Lakyn Hartley; middle row from left, Jaden Smithee, Rylee Horstman, Avis Endres and Ainsley Marx; and bottom row from left, Hayley Rothermich, Carlie Clark, Riley Blevins, Emily Martin and Adrian Brown.

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Community R-6 Cross Country

The Community R-6 cross country team has five freshmen, from left, Grace McCoskey, Grace Welch, Evelyn Scott, Rett Curtis and Nicholas Henke.

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Van-Far Cross Country

The Van-Far cross country team this year has, from left, Garrett Hopke, Erin Childs, Richard Hayden, Brooke-lyn Forman and Kylie Brooksher. Not pictured is Caleb Hazel and Khloe Wallace.

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North Callaway Cross Country

The North Callaway cross country team to be coached by new head coach Brooke Fischer this year includes, top row from left, Pressley Schmauch and Tristan Young; bottom row from left, John Higgins, Emerson Reinhard and Grace Rasmussen; and not pictured, Kaitlynn Murphy and Cassidy Murphy.

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Mexico Lady Bulldogs Golf

The Mexico girls golf team has three returning to its ranks, from left, junior Alexis Henderson, sophomore Ella Connell and junior Reagan Craig.

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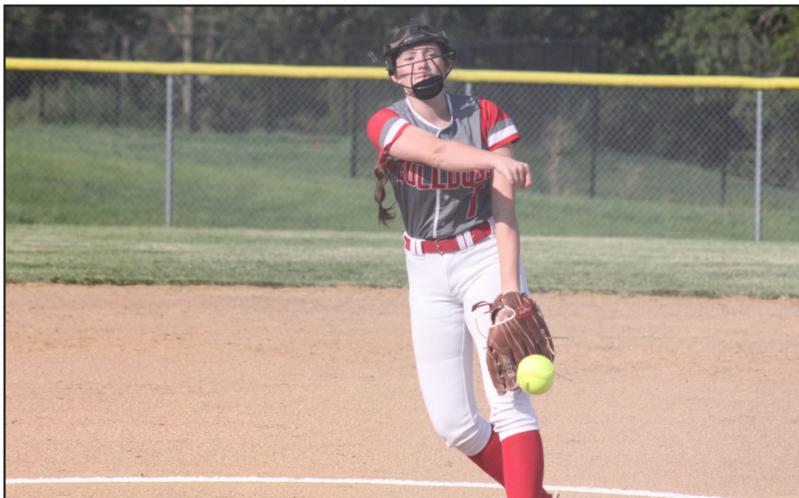
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Getting into game shape in jamborees

Fall sports teams in the area have and plan to participate in several preseason jamborees prior to the season starting for many this week. Mexico softball was one of these teams as it hosted Palmyra and Marceline, splitting the day with a 6-1 victory against Marceline. In other preseason action from the weekend, Mexico boys soccer played Fulton, Hannibal and Moberly in a Fulton jamboree, Mexico and Van-Far football were involved in the Monroe City jamboree. Missouri Military Academy soccer played in a jamboree at Father Tolton and Centralia football was at a Moberly jamboree. Community R-6 softball played Monday in Montgomery County and tied Montgomery at 2 and defeated Silex 8-7, the softball and volleyball teams at North Callaway and Centralia competed in Centralia jamborees on Tuesday, and Mexico volleyball went to Cuba on Tuesday.



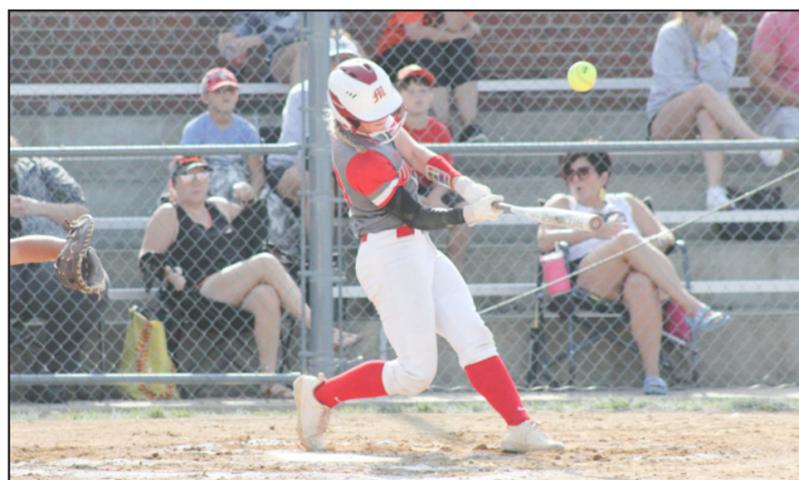
Mexico senior Emma Cunningham pitches against Palmyra in the first game of the Lady Bulldogs' home jamboree on Saturday.

[Jeremy Jacob]



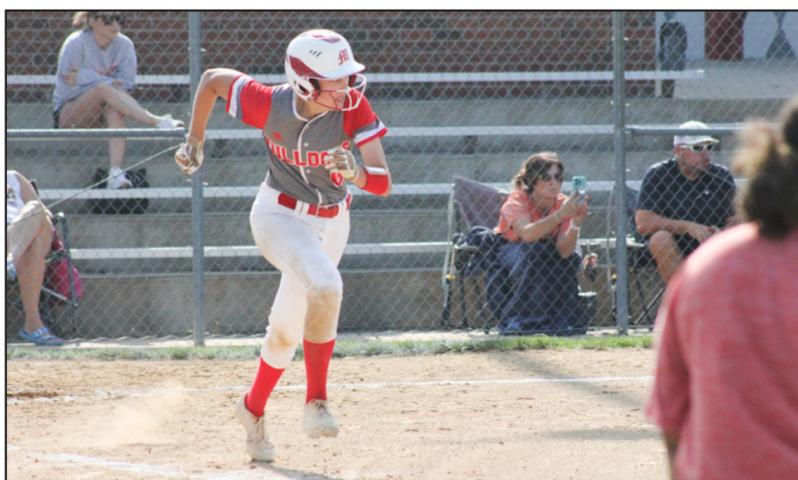
Mexico junior Kenley Jones makes a catch in shallow right field against Palmyra on Saturday in the Lady Bulldogs' home jamboree.

[Jeremy Jacob]



Mexico sophomore Hannah Loyd sends a ball flying against Palmyra on Saturday in the Lady Bulldogs' home jamboree.

[Jeremy Jacob]



Mexico senior Brooke Teel runs out of the batter's box against Palmyra on Saturday in the Lady Bulldogs' home jamboree.

[Jeremy Jacob]

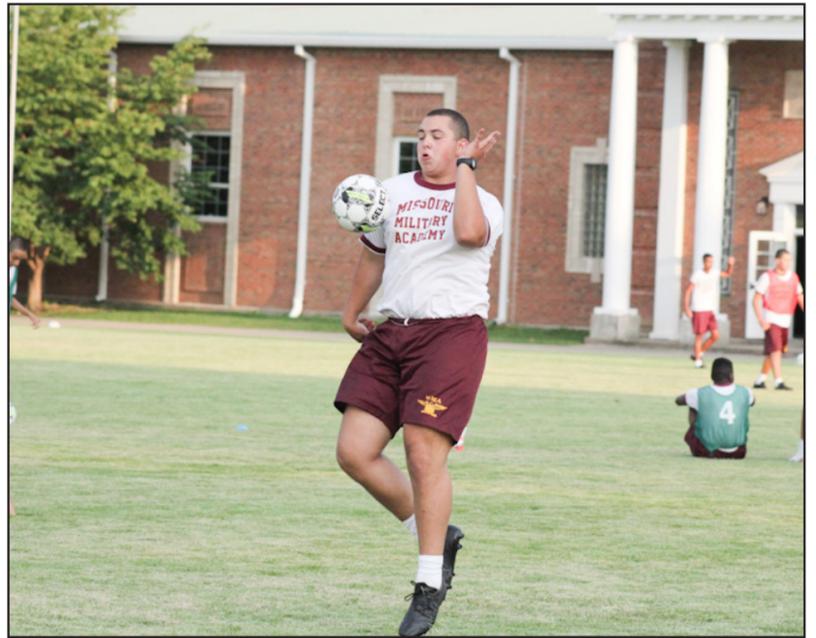
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MMA athletes become familiar

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