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Dexter, MO - Though the actual season started just last Saturday, the Dexter boys and girls cross country Bearcats have been running all summer in preparation of this year's 2022 season.

"When we met in the spring, we set out to put in a lot of miles this summer and to accomplish something no other boys team has done at Dexter in over 50 years - a trip to state as a team," stated Dexter's head cross country coach Josh Dowdy. (Dowdy is also the athletic directors for Dexter Public Schools). "We have sent some individuals to state, but we are now looking to take our program to the next level."

If you think that cross country is an easy sport, think again. These athletes train year-round in the heat and the cold, they never stop running. It is an enduring sport that not only requires athleticism, but mental attitude and endurance to keep fighting when they can't feel their legs and can barely breath.

"I told them it will be easier said than done....easy to sit here and talk about it in a room filled with cold air," continued Dowdy. "The real proof will be if we decide to pound the pavement in mid-July when the temps and humidity are a challenge. This group has done it-they have been very dedicated and I am excited for them now to see the results of their hard work."

Since the season started officially, the kids have really embraced the team concept, both girls and boys. They are rooting hard for one another in practice and they are really motivating one another to do their best.

The girls have set some personal goals this season and are training hard so they are in the position to make it happen.

"We can't thank the community enough for their support.....while putting in miles over the summer and preseason, we have had people yell, honk, wave, smile and even spray us down at the car wash! It has been a blast and has been an awesome motivator for our team.....and we don't plan on stopping until we reach our goals."

Individual State Qualifiers from 2021

Girls

Abbie Lloyd- 102nd

Boys

Cameron Bell-117th

Clayton Bell-95th

Ben Dowdy-64th

You can see them run locally at the SCAA Conference in Bloomfield on October 8th and again at the Dexter Invitational on October 22nd.

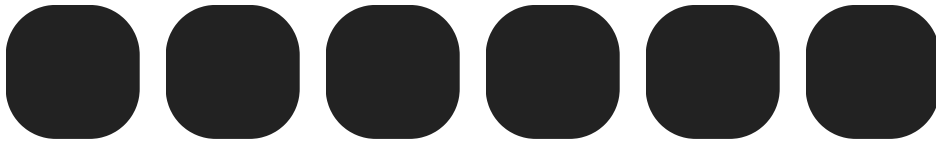
Front row from left to right: Stryker Muzny, Jasmine Smith, Alyssa Gross, Allie Lee, Lilly Crockett, Abby Lloyd, and Jaxon King.

Back row from left to right: Nathan Harris, Ben Dowdy, Clayton Bell, Chris Stone, Chase Farmer, Anistin Kyle, and Cameron Bell.

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2022 Puxico Indians Fall Baseball Team

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Puxico, MO - The 2022 Puxico Indians High School Fall Baseball Team is under head coach Bryant Ferneti.

Freshmen are Landan Burchard, Logan Crisel, Kaden McCain, and Samuel Payne.

Sophomores are Lawson Gage McLeary, Mason Levi Parsley, Jerrett Nathaniel Powell, Waylon Hunter Powell, Carson Michael Ward, and Gregory Scyler Zimmerman.

Juniors are Thomas Burch, Benjamin Jones, and Seth Goodman.

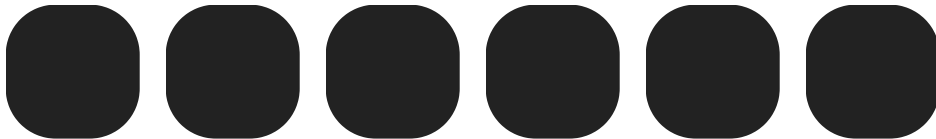
Seniors are Kelten Matthew Gage Adams, Cole Barnfield, and Eric Riddle.

Pictured front row from left to right are: Eric Riddle, Lawson McCleary, Sam Payne, Logan Crisel, Mason Parsley, Landan Burchard, Seth Goodman, Waylon Powell, and Carson Ward.

Back Row Left to right: Coach Bryant Ferneti, Kaden McCain, Scyler Zimmerman, Ben Jones, Thomas Burch, Kelten Adams, Cole Barnfield, Jerrett Powell, Coach Jimmy Davis

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The Puxico Cross Country team participated in the Barry Cody Bootheel Classic on Thursday, September. 1, 2022, at Ozark Ridge Golf Course in Poplar Bluff, MO.

Poplar Bluff, Puxico, Greenville and Clearwater runners competed in the varsity and junior high races with Doniphan sending junior high runners.

"The goal in cross country is to have the lowest overall score," stated head coach Hannah Hindman. "This is the first time that we have ever placed as a team!!"

Results from the Barry Cody Bootheel Classic

High School Varsity Boys: 3.1 miles

Logan Robison 1st - 18:42

Jett Hancock 2nd - 18:59

Karsen Long 7th - 21:36

Kaysen Long 8th - 22:11

Caleb Pierce 16th - 28:34

Junior High Boys: 1.8 miles

Colton Stroud 1st - 12:13

Drake Armstrong 2nd - 12:36

Jonah McClurg 10th - 16:47

Caden Schrader 11th - 17:22

High School Varsity Girls: 3.1 miles

Lanie Wilkerson 4th - 24:05

Paisley Wilkerson 5th - 25:16

Junior High Girls: 1.8 miles

Carlee Smith 6th - 13:46

Maddie Camden 9th - 14:22

Puxico won the boys team title, 25-30 over the host Mules. Poplar Bluff was the only team with enough girls for a team score as the Mules took five of the top seven spots.

The Puxico Cross Country Indians will head to Arcadia Valley in Ironton on September 10th. The bus will leave the Arnold Ryan Gym at 5:30 a.m. on time so get there 15 minutes early and get checked in.

Junior High will race first with the boys at 9:15 a.m. and girls at 9:20 a.m. The varsity boys race begins at 9:45 a.m. and the girls at 10:15 a.m. The boys junior varsity will be at 11:00 a.m. and the girls at 11:05 a.m. Distance for junior high is 1.5 miles and the high school is 3.1 miles. Medals will be handed out at the end of the race. Good luck Indians!

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Dexter, MO - The Lady Cats of Dexter defeated the Cape Central Lady Tigers 8-1 on Thursday, August 31, 2022.

"I was super proud of the ladies today," commented head tennis coach Kristi Boles. "We have worked hard preparing for these matches and it is paying off. It's been a long week, but we still have one more match to finish the week off. I know the girls will be looking forward to the weekend for a bit of rest."

Doubles:

Bella Cook/Grace Marvel (D) defeated Megan Maxton/Sydnee Williams (CC) 8-6

Kate Churchill/Emma Dorton (D) defeated Kathryn Buckley/Sydney Britt (CC) 8-1

Destiny Ahrens/Alise Howell (D) defeated Emily Velasquez Rico (CC) 8-5

Singles:

Megan Maxton (CC) defeated Bella Cook (D) 8-0

Grace Marvel (D) defeated Kathryn Buckley (CC) 8-2

Kate Churchill (D) defeated Sydnee Williams (CC) 8-5

Emma Dorton (D) defeated Sydney Britt (CC) 8-2

Destiny Ahrens (D) defeated Emily Velasquez Rico (CC) 8-1

Alise Howell (D) defeated Lucy Cook (CC) 8-5

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DHS Lady Cats Tennis Match Ends Due to Lightning

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DHS Lady Cats Tennis Match Ends Due to Lightning Strike

The Dexter Lady Bearcats tennis team opened their season at home on Monday, August 29th against Poplar Bluff. The match was called due to lightning and ended in a tie 4-4.

"Overall, I was pleased with our first match," commented head tennis coach Kristi Boles. "We had a lot of nerves that I saw pop up and hopefully, those will subside as the season progresses. We had some close matches that we ended up pulling out and I was very proud of those ladies, but we need to learn to finish a match when we have the early lead."

"We have three more matches this week, so we will work on getting all the kinks out and getting better every match," continued Boles.

Doubles:

#1 Bella Cook / Grace Marvel (D) defeated Kaitlyn Booker / Ava Richardson (PB) 8-6

#2 Kate Churchill / Emma Dorton (D) defeated Lauren Hamilton / Maura Dill (PB) 9-8 (7-5 tiebreak)

#3 Ella Skillman / Molly Maurer (PB) defeated Destiny Ahrens / Alise Howell (D) 8-2

Singles:

#1 Kaitlyn Booker (PB) defeated Bella Cook (D) 8-1

#2 Grace Marvel (D) defeated Ava Richardson (PB) 8-6

#3 Kate Churchill (D) defeated Lauren Hamilton (PB) 8-6

#4 Emma Dorton (D) and Ella Skillman (PB) - match unfinished (Emma was up 7-6 when match was called)

#5 Molly Maurer (PB) defeated Destiny Ahrens (D) 8-3

#6 Maura Dill (PB) defeated Alise Howell (D) 8-0

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