KSHSAA releases classifications for 2019-20 school year

The Kansas State High School Activities Association released its classifications for the 2019-20 school year, along with the football classifications for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons.

There were a few changes in both areas, but more so on the football side.

Football classifications are determined based on enrollment figures in ninth, 10th and 11th grade. Louisburg is still in 4A with 432 students and is toward the lower half of the classification.

Entering Class 4A beginning in the 2020 school year will be St. James Academy, Lansing and Great Bend, who have all moved down from Class 5A. Wamego also made the jump back in from Class 3A.

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Football Classifications and Enrollments-Descending Order 2020 & 2021

Enrollment figures are based on ninth, tenth and eleventh grades only.
Enrollment figures are as of September 20, 2019.

6A

Member Schools - 32
Range: 1854 - 1092

Wichita-East	1854
Wichita-North	1691
Wichita-Southeast	1662
Derby	1638
Garden City	1560
Dodge City	1533
Olathe South	1503
Olathe East	1477
Olathe North	1469
Topeka-Washburn Rural	1449
Wichita-South	1438
Lawrence-Free State	1411
Manhattan	1402
Topeka	1364
Olathe Northwest	1356
Kansas City-Wyandotte	1355
SM East	1353
Gardner-Edgerton	1325
Haysville Campus	1297
SM West	1277
SM Northwest	1266
Olathe West	1256
OP-Blue Valley Northwest	1233
SM North	1226
Lawrence	1221
OP-Blue Valley	1182
OP-Blue Valley West	1182
Junction City	1136
Wichita-West	1129
Kansas City-JC Harmon	1110
SM South	1106
OP-Blue Valley North	1092

5A

Member Schools - 32
Range: 1083 - 655

Liberal	1083
Hutchinson	1049
Wichita-Heights	1045
Shawnee-Mill Valley	982
Leavenworth	977
Wichita-Northwest	970
Emporia	949
Kansas City-Turner	902
Wichita-Bishop Carroll	890
Topeka West	882
Topeka-Seaman	881
Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights	876
Maize	871
Kansas City-Washington	850
Maize South	842
OP-Blue Valley Southwest	811
Salina-South	800
Newton	788
De Soto	758
Salina-Central	758
Topeka-Highland Park	757
Andover	733
Goddard-Eisenhower	725
Valley Center	699
Kansas City-Sumner Acad.	698
OP-St. Thomas Aquinas	693
Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel	693
Pittsburg	691
Hays	687
Kansas City-FL Schlagle	687
Spring Hill	668
Goddard	655

4A

Member Schools - 32
Range: 654 - 340

Lansing	654
Great Bend	651
Lenexa-St. James Academy	649
Bonner Springs	640
Arkansas City	620
Andover Central	608
Basehor-Linwood	587
McPherson	535
Kansas City-Piper	518
Ottawa	507
Buhler	497
SM-Bishop Miege	493
Augusta	491
Winfield	472
Tonganoxie	471
Independence	461
Chanute	452
Paola	447
Fort Scott	434
Louisburg	432
Towanda-Circle	429
Coffeyville-Field Kindley	409
El Dorado	400
Eudora	391
Rose Hill	381
Altamont-Labette County	377
Mulvane	375
Atchison	355
Abilene	352
Wamego	351
Wellington	345
Ulysses	340

3A

Member Schools - 48
Range: 324 - 168

Baldwin	324
Topeka-Hayden	314
Parsons	286
Andale	279
Pratt	275
Clearwater	266
Iola	256
Girard	252
Nickerson	252
Clay Center Community	247
Holton	242
Concordia	241
Kansas City-Bishop Ward	240
Garnett-Anderson County	234
Chapman	224
St. George-Rock Creek	224
Baxter Springs	223
Osawatomie	221
Columbus	220
Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail	217
Wichita-Trinity Academy	217
Hoyt-Royal Valley	216
Hugoton	216
LaCygne-Prairie View	214
Hiawatha	213
Frontenac	211
Meriden-Jefferson West	211
Holcomb	210
Burlington	203
Hesston	202
Colby	201
Wichita Collegiate	201
Lindsborg-Smoky Valley	200
Galena	199
Scott Community	198
Caney Valley	192
Perry-Lecompton	192
Larned	188
Cherryvale	186
Marysville	183
Cheney	182
Goodland	182
Riley County	182
Russell	181
Council Grove	180
Sabetha	173
Gypsum-Southeast of Saline	171
Halstead	168

* ***Note: Per classification Rule 5-2-2, enrollment ties are broken by using the previous classification cycle count.***

2A

Schools - 48
Range: 168 - 112

Cimarron	168
Lyons	168
Wellsville	167
Haven	166
Hoisington	162
Osage City	161
Seneca-Nemaha Central	161
Fredonia	159
Silver Lake	158
Easton-Pleasant Ridge	156
Riverton	155
Neodesha	153
Norton Community	153
Beloit	150
Anthony/Harper-Chaparral	148
Kingman	148
Eureka	147
Pomona-West Franklin	144
Douglass	142
Kismet-Southwestern Hts.	141
Lakin	141
St. Marys	141
Hays-TMP-Marian	140
Oskaloosa	140
Minneapolis	139
Ellsworth	137
Atchison-Maur Hill-Mt Acad.	135
Rossville	135
Effingham-Atchinson Co Comm.	130
Erie	130
Hillsboro	129
Humboldt	129
Mound City-Jayhawk Linn	128
Phillipsburg	128
Wathena-Riverside	127
Belle Plaine	124
Syracuse	121
Garden Plain	120
Ellis	119
Cherokee-Southeast	118
Belleville-Republic County	117
McLouth	117
Eskridge-Mission Valley	116
Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic	116
Leon-Bluestem	112
Marion	112
Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan	112
Sterling	112

1A

Schools - 28
Range: 111 - 62

Whitewater-Remington	111
Conway Springs	110
Horton	110
Sedgwick	108
Arma-Northeast	106
Brookville-Ell-Saline	106
Richmond-Central Heights	106
Wabaunsee	105
Wichita-The Independent	102
Lyndon	99
Sublette	99
Ellinwood	98
Oakley	98
Salina-Sacred Heart	98
Uniontown	98
Johnson-Stanton County	96
Winchester-Jefferson Co. North	94
Inman	93
Elkhart	90
Plainville	89
Pleasanton	86
Allen-Northern Heights	85
Blue Rapids-Valley Heights	82
Smith Center	82
Holton-Jackson Heights	78
Troy	70
Olpe	69
Centralia	62

8-Player Division I

Schools - 48
Range: 98 - 66

Herington	98
Bennington	97
Hoxie	97
Yates Center	96
Medicine Lodge	95
Hill City	94
Howard-West Elk	93
Pratt-Skyline	93
Leoti-Wichita County	90
Spearville	90
WaKeeney-Trego Community	89
Moundridge	88
Sedan	88
Cottonwood Falls-Chase Co.	84
Stockton	84
Attica/Argonia	82
Valley Falls	82
Burlingame	80
Canton-Galva	79
Goessel	79
Meade	79
Ness City	79
Washington County	79
Little River	78
Shawnee-Maranatha Christian Academy	77
Cedar Vale/ Dexter	76
Burden-Central	75
Langdon-Fairfield	75
Madison/Hamilton	75
Solomon	75
Udall	74
Atwood-Rawlins County	72
Highland-Doniphan West	72
La Crosse	72
Oswego	72
Kinsley	71
Clyde-Clifton Clyde	70
Oberlin-Decatur Community	70
Rosalia-Flinthills	70
Jetmore-Hodgeman County	69
Lincoln	69
Macksville	69
Oxford	69
Moran-Marmaton Valley	68
Greensburg-Kiowa County	67
St. John-Hudson	67
Montezuma-South Gray	66
Pretty Prairie	66

8-Player Division II

Schools - 52
Range: 66 - 29

Sylvan-Lucas Unified	66
Rural Vista *(White City / Hope)*	65
Peabody-Burns	64
Bucklin	61
Minneola	61
Victoria	61
Caldwell	60
Satanta	60
Kensington-Thunder Ridge	59
Onaga	59
Downs-Lakeside	58
Mankato-Rock Hills	58
Coldwater-South Central	57
Lebo	57
Quinter	57
Beloit-St. John's/Tipton	54
Osborne	54
South Haven	53
Wakefield	52
Hutchinson-Central Christian	51
Ingalls	51
Sharon Springs-Wallace Co.	51
St. Francis	51
St. Paul	51
Claflin-Central Plains	50
Hartford	50
Norwich	50
Scandia-Pike Valley	50
Colony-Crest	49
Frankfort	49
Melvern-MDCV	49
Buffalo-Altoona Midway	48
Dighton	48
Hanover	47
Leroy-Southern Coffey Co.	47
Chetopa	46
Logan/Palco	46
Lost Springs-Centre	46
Otis-Bison	46
Linn	43
Waverly	42
Southern Cloud *(Miltonvale / Glasco)*	40
Stafford	40
Wetmore	39
Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell	38
Randolph-Blue Valley	38
Kiowa-South Barber	37
Winona-Triplains/Brewster	36
Chase	33
Axtell	30
Tescott	30
Wilson	29

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Goddard, Pittsburg and Spring Hill all saw their enrollment grow and will be moving up from 4A to 5A next year. Baldwin

saw their enrollment decline and will move down to Class 3A in football the next two years.

In the rest of the sports, not much changed with regards to Class 4A for this year.

Enrollment figures for all grades in Louisburg this year is 573, which puts the school in the upper half of Class 4A. The biggest school is Buhler with 661 and Bishop Miege is the second biggest at 656 and Ottawa is third at 653.



2019-2020 Classifications and Enrollments

Enrollment figures as of September 20, 2019 based on ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

Note: Schools are listed in descending order

↑School Moved Up in Class
↓School Moved Down in Class

Printable View Sort By School

6A		5A		4A	
Member Schools: 36		**Member Schools: 36**		**Member Schools: 36**	
Range: 2431-1312		**Range: 1305-710**		**Range: 661-312**	
Wichita-East HS	2431	↓Leavenworth HS	1305	Buhler HS	661
Wichita-North HS	2190	Wichita-Northwest HS	1260	Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege HS	656
Wichita-Southeast HS	2164	Emporia HS	1245	Ottawa HS	653
Derby HS	2105	Maize HS	1194	Winfield HS	642
Dodge City HS	2010	Wichita-Bishop Carroll HS	1153	Kansas City-Piper HS	638
Olathe South HS	2005	Topeka-Seaman HS	1150	Augusta HS	632
Garden City HS	1985	Topeka West HS	1146	Paola HS	603
Olathe North HS	1976	Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights HS	1131	Tonganoxie HS	599
Topeka-Washburn Rural HS	1933	Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest HS	1089	Fort Scott HS	592
Olathe East HS	1927	Kansas City-Washington HS	1084	Chanute HS	584
Olathe Northwest HS	1880	Kansas City-Turner HS	1076	Independence HS	581
Lawrence-Free State HS	1855	Maize South HS	1060	Louisburg HS	573
Wichita-South HS	1852	Salina-South HS	1046	Towanda-Circle HS	562
Manhattan HS	1823	Newton HS	1044	Coffeyville-Field Kindley HS	531
Shawnee Mission East HS	1758	Salina-Central HS	1001	El Dorado HS	528
Gardner-Edgerton HS	1729	De Soto HS	992	Mulvane HS	520
Topeka HS	1728	Andover HS	959	Eudora HS	493
Wichita-Haysville Campus HS	1712	Topeka-Highland Park HS	959	Altamont-Labette County HS	490
Shawnee Mission West HS	1638	Goddard-Eisenhower HS	952	Rose Hill HS	485
Kansas City-Wyandotte HS	1637	Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas HS	925	Atchison HS	472
Shawnee Mission Northwest HS	1624	Kansas City-FL Schlagle HS	909	Wellington HS	465
Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest HS	1619	Valley Center HS	904	Abilene HS	460
Lawrence HS	1601	Lenexa-St. James Academy	902	Wamego HS	446
Overland Park-Blue Valley HS	1600	Great Bend HS	884	Ulysses HS	433
Overland Park-Blue Valley West HS	1582	Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS	880	Baldwin HS	421
Shawnee Mission North HS	1557	Kansas City-Sumner Academy	871	Topeka-Hayden HS	408
Olathe West HS	1535	Pittsburg HS	867	Andale HS	375
Overland Park-Blue Valley North HS	1498	Hays HS	863	Clearwater HS	367
Shawnee Mission South HS	1469	Lansing HS	859	Parsons HS	363
Junction City HS	1440	Goddard HS	848	Pratt HS	355
Wichita-West HS	1421	Spring Hill HS	825	Iola HS	339
Kansas City-JC Harmon HS	1399	Andover Central HS	810	Nickerson HS	323
Hutchinson HS	1386	Bonner Springs HS	793	↑Holton HS	322
Liberal HS	1371	Basehor-Linwood HS	791	↑Girard HS	315
↑Wichita-Heights HS	1357	Arkansas City HS	765	Chapman HS	314
Shawnee-Mill Valley HS	1312	McPherson HS	710	↑Clay Center Community HS	312

3A

Member Schools: 64

Range: 305-172

↓Garnett-Anderson County HS	305
Concordia HS	303
↓Wichita-Trinity Academy	303
Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS	300
Columbus HS	296
↓Osawatomie HS	296
St. George-Rock Creek HS	294
Baxter Springs HS	286
Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS	286
Hoyt-Royal Valley HS	283
Hugoton HS	280
Hesston HS	279
Frontenac HS	276
Meriden-Jefferson West HS	275
Hiawatha HS	273
Galena HS	270
LaCygne-Prairie View HS	270
Holcomb HS	266
Marysville HS	266
Wichita Collegiate HS	266
Scott Community HS	265
Caney Valley HS	263
Lindsborg-Smoky Valley HS	263
Colby HS	262
Burlington HS	260
Perry-Lecompton HS	252
Goodland HS	246
Wellsville HS	243
Larned HS	242
Russell HS	239
Cheney HS	238
Sabetha HS	237
Riley County HS	231
Council Grove HS	229
Cherryvale HS	225
Gypsum-Southeast of Saline HS	223
Halstead HS	221
Haven HS	220
Riverton HS	214
Fredonia HS	213
Lyons HS	213
Silver Lake HS	213
Beloit HS	212
Seneca-Nemaha Central HS	210
Cimarron HS	207
Hoisington HS	205
Norton Community HS	204
Osage City HS	204
Easton-Pleasant Ridge HS	203
Kingman HS	202
Neodesha HS	200
Anthony/Harper-Chaparral HS	199
Pomona-West Franklin HS	192
Kismet-Southwestern Heights HS	190
Eureka HS	188
↑Lakin HS	185
Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy	184
Minneapolis HS	184
Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian HS	182
St. Marys HS	182
Douglass HS	178
↑Effingham-Atchison Co Community HS	174
↑Humboldt HS	174
Phillipsburg HS	172

2A

Member Schools: 64

Range: 171-109

Mound City-Jayhawk Linn HS	171
Oskaloosa HS	171
↓Belle Plaine HS	170
Rossville HS	169
Ellsworth HS	168
↓Erie HS	166
↓Wathena-Riverside HS	164
Conway Springs HS	160
Belleville-Republic County HS	158
Garden Plain HS	158
Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic HS	158
Cherokee-Southeast HS	157
Eskridge-Mission Valley HS	156
Arma-Northeast HS	155
Hillsboro HS	155
Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy	155
Ellis HS	154
Syracuse HS	153
McLouth HS	152
Whitewater-Remington HS	152
Horton HS	150
Sterling HS	147
Marion HS	146
Leon-Bluestem HS	144
Wichita-The Independent HS	142
Richmond-Central Heights HS	141
Sedgwick HS	140
Alma-Wabaunsee HS	139
Brookville-Ell-Saline HS	139
Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan HS	139
Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian HS	136
Medicine Lodge HS	134
Lawrence-Bishop Seabury Academy	132
Salina-Sacred Heart HS	131
Winchester-Jefferson County North HS	130
Bennington HS	128
Johnson-Stanton County HS	128
Lyndon HS	127
Oakley HS	127
Plainville HS	127
Sublette HS	127
Inman HS	126
Yates Center HS	126
Ellinwood HS	124
Pratt-Skyline HS	123
WaKeeney-Trego Community HS	122
Uniontown HS	120
Herington HS	119
Smith Center HS	119
Pleasanton HS	118
Elkhart HS	117
↑Hill City HS	117
Hoxie HS	116
Allen-Northern Heights HS	115
Howard-West Elk HS	115
↑Sedan HS	114
↑Cottonwood Falls-Chase County HS	113
Holton-Jackson Heights HS	113
Canton-Galva HS	112
Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS	110
↑Moundridge HS	110
Shawnee-Maranatha Christian Academy	110
Leoti-Wichita County HS	109
↑Spearville HS	109

1A

Member Schools: 117

Range: 108-14

Stockton HS	108
Elbing-Berean Academy	105
Little River HS	105
↓Meade HS	103
↓Ness City HS	103
Washington County HS	103
Udall HS	102
↓Goessel HS	101
Valley Falls HS	101
↓Oswego HS	98
Burden-Central HS	97
Troy HS	97
Macksville HS	96
Atwood-Rawlins County HS	95
Rosalia-Flinthills HS	95
La Crosse HS	94
Solomon HS	93
Burlingame HS	92
Lincoln HS	92
↓Oberlin-Decatur Community HS	91
Oxford HS	91
St. John-Hudson HS	91
Clyde-Clifton Clyde HS	90
Jetmore-Hodgeman County HS	90
Peabody-Burns HS	90
Kinsley HS	89
Langdon-Fairfield HS	89
Highland-Doniphan West HS	87
Olpe HS	87
Centralia HS	86
Montezuma-South Gray HS	86
Moran-Marmaton Valley HS	86
Greensburg-Kiowa County HS	85
Wichita-Classical School Of Wichita	83
Onaga HS	82
Caldwell HS	80
Lebo HS	79
Minneola HS	79
Bucklin HS	78
Pretty Prairie HS	78
Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS	78
Norwich HS	77
Victoria HS	77
Coldwater-South Central HS	76
Mankato-Rock Hills HS	76
Satanta HS	76
Kensington-Thunder Ridge HS	75
Osborne HS	75
Madison HS	74
Dexter HS	72
Hanover HS	71
Burrton HS	70
Hutchinson-Central Christian HS	69
St. Francis HS	69
Ingalls HS	68
McPherson-Elyria Christian HS	68
Downs-Lakeside HS	67
Wakefield HS	67
Hartford HS	66
Quinter HS	66
Dighton HS	65
Frankfort HS	65
Melvern-Marais Des Cygnes Valley HS	65
St. Paul HS	65
Claflin-Central Plains HS	64
Colony-Crest HS	63
Randolph-Blue Valley HS	63
Scandia-Pike Valley HS	63
Lost Springs-Centre HS	62
South Haven HS	62
Rexford-Golden Plains HS	61
Chetopa HS	60
Sharon Springs-Wallace County HS	60
Buffalo-Altoona Midway HS	59
Leroy-Southern Coffey County HS	58
Otis-Bison HS	58
Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell HS	57
Stafford HS	57
Ashland HS	56
Linn HS	56
Tribune-Greeley County HS	55
Beloit-St. John's HS	54
Waverly HS	54
Wetmore HS	51
Attica HS	50
Deerfield HS	49
Argonia HS	48
Cunningham HS	48
Kiowa-South Barber HS	48
Rolla HS	46
Moscow HS	45
Axtell HS	42
Bird City-Cheylin HS	42
Chase HS	42
Hope HS	42
Cedar Vale HS	40
Rozel-Pawnee Heights HS	40
Tescott HS	40
Wichita-Central Christian Academy	40
Almena-Northern Valley HS	39
White City HS	39
Logan HS	38
Wilson HS	35
Fowler HS	32
Natoma HS	30
Ransom-Western Plains HS	29
Weskan HS	29
Brewster HS	28
Palco HS	28
Glasco HS	27
Longton-Elk Valley HS	26
Hamilton HS	25
Miltonvale HS	22

Three schools will make the move up to Class 4A this year. Clay Center, Girard and Holton all saw their enrollment increase and will come back to 4A, while Osawatomie, Anderson County and Wichita-Trinity Academy will move out of 4A to 3A this year.

Larson comes full circle after being named new LHS baseball coach



Louisburg High School has a new head baseball coach as Kade Larson was named as the successor to former head coach Joel McGhee, who resigned early in the summer.

Kade Larson made a big impact on
the Louisburg High School baseball program in his four years of playing for the
Wildcats from 2010-2013.

Larson still holds numerous team
records and was an All-Frontier League player during that span. His baseball
life came full circle recently as he was named as the LHS head baseball coach and
the hire was approved by the USD 416 Board of Education in June.

Now, one of the best players in Louisburg baseball history, will be leading the Wildcat program from a different perspective.

“I’m very excited to get started and I look forward to developing the new and returning players to their best potential,” Larson said. “This is very special to me to be able to return and be the head coach for this program.”

Larson was the assistant coach for the Wildcats last season and will take over from former coach Joel McGhee, who resigned toward the end of last school year. McGhee spent the last four years as the Louisburg head coach.

“Kade will do a great job and he’ll have great support from his home town community,” McGhee said. “We had had significant transition over the four years, having had six assistants. We were very competitive in a lot of games, but tended to have a bad inning that would come back to bite us. This past season could have been a good one, but we had several things that came up that knocked down our team strength throughout the season.”

Another former Wildcat will join Larson on the bench this upcoming season as former head coach Jeff Lohse will return as the team’s assistant coach. Lohse spent 17 years as the Louisburg head coach and helped lead two teams to the state tournament during that

span.

Larson played under Lohse during his entire high school career and he is excited to have his former coach on the bench with him.

“I’m very happy to be the new head baseball coach,” Larson said, “The experience I gained last year will be very important to the success we hope to find this year. Coach Lohse will be very helpful. Any time you can get that much experience on the bench, it helps tremendously.”

Lohse remembers Larson during his playing days and he could tell, even then, that Larson would have the opportunity to become a head coach one day.

“Kade was a competitor and very knowledgeable of the game even back when he was in high school,” Lohse said. “He still holds many records for us and is one of the best to ever put on the jersey. I know his goal was to be a head baseball coach one day, but I don’t think he ever thought it would happen so quickly for him.

“Kade has a passion for coaching and is willing to put in the work and time to help this program be successful. We are happy to have him back in the purple and white.”

Larson currently holds three Louisburg baseball records, including career hits (109), career doubles (30) and doubles

in a season (13). He is also in the top three of four other categories as he
put together one of the best offensive careers in Louisburg history.

He will now try to translate that success
to his current players as he begins the newest chapter of his baseball career.

“I feel as though we have a lot of
returning talent this year and we hope to make big strides forward,” Larson
said.

Stiles, Lohse, Burk and Bowes to be inducted into LHS Hall of Fame



Dennis Stiles (top left), John Lohse (top right), Jason Burk (bottom left) and Krystal (Bowes) Grojean will be inducted into the Louisburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

It has been 11 years since
Louisburg High School had inducted a class into its athletic hall of fame, but

the wait for a new class is finally over.

The USD 416 Endowment Association, which oversees the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame, has announced a new 4-member class. Dennis Stiles (Class of 1969), John Lohse (1995), Jason Burk (1999) and Krystal (Bowes) Grojean (2001) were the top four vote getters in this year's hall of fame voting and will be honored in an induction ceremony sometime this fall.

"Louisburg has a history of great athletes," said Damon Dennis, a USD 416 Endowment Association board member. "We had a good cross-section of both young and older voters this year that really took their job seriously. The four athletes chosen represent several generations of former Wildcats and each one were dominant in their particular era and sports. The Endowment Association is excited to get the Hall of Fame going again and plan on some big things in the future."

More than two dozen voters, that includes current members of the hall of fame, long-time Louisburg residents, teachers and coaches, voted on the class in June. Each voter was asked to submit their top four choices for the hall and votes were then tabulated.

To be eligible for the hall of fame, the inductee must wait at least 10 years following graduation to be nominated.

The last class that was inducted was in 2008 and Dennis, and the rest of the Endowment Association, is committed to making this a yearly occurrence moving forward.

Here
are the accomplishments of each of the newest hall of fame inductees. Look for
more information on an induction ceremony in the coming weeks.



Dennis Stiles

Dennis Stiles – Class of 1969 – Football, Basketball, Track

Stiles
lettered 4 years in football and
track and 3 years in basketball. His senior year he was named all-league and
all-state in football and was co-captain on the Wildcat team that finished the
year 4-4.

As sophomore, he played on the varsity basketball team which was 12-0 in
league play, finished the year 19-3 and were district champions. He earned
honorable mention all-state honors his sophomore and junior seasons and was
second-team all-state his senior year. Stiles was at one time the school's
career scoring leader.

Stiles competed at the state
track meet as a junior and senior where he placed fourth in the discus his
senior year. He previously held school records in the discus

and triple jump.
He also received a football scholarship to Kansas State University.



John Lohse

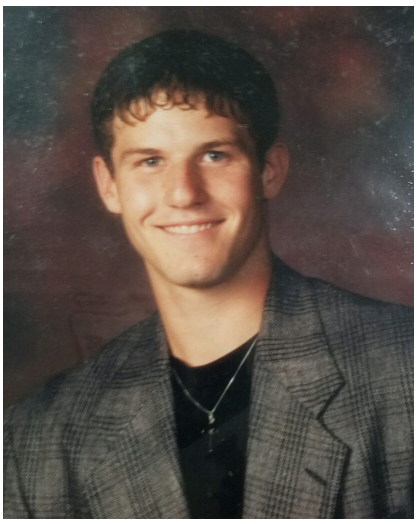
John Lohse – Class of 1995 – Football, Basketball and Baseball

Lohse lettered all four years in baseball and was selected to represent
Kansas in the all-star baseball classic his senior year. He was an all-league
pitcher and centerfielder for the Wildcats his sophomore through senior years.
He had a .510 average his junior and senior seasons with 10 home runs his
junior year and 12 more his senior season.

In football, Lohse was a 3-year letterwinner. He was an all-league wide
receiver his junior and senior seasons. In his senior year, he had 850 yards
receiving and 11 touchdowns and was later selected to represent Kansas in the
Metro Classic All-Star Game.

Lohse was also a 3-year letterwinner in basketball and was an all-league selection his junior and senior seasons. He averaged a double-double
his junior and senior years.

Post-graduation, Lohse attended Pittsburg State on a baseball scholarship and played on the Gorilla team for four years. He was selected to
the all-MIAA team his sophomore and junior seasons before injuring his shoulder
his senior year. He had a .315 average his junior and senior seasons. In his
first collegiate at-bat his freshman year, Lohse hit a game-winning grand slam
to give Pitt State its first win over Missouri Southern in five years.



Jason Burk

Jason Burk – Class of 1999 – Track and Football

Burk was a 4-year letterwinner for the Louisburg track and field team
and qualified for state in all four years in four events. He accumulated 12
state medals, 16 regional track medals and 14 Frontier League

medals. Burk was selected to the Kansas City All-Metro track team in 1998 and 1999.

During his senior season, Burk was a state champion in both the triple and long jump. He won the triple jump with a leap 48 feet and the long jump with a mark of 22-5. He also finished fifth in the 100-meter dash and sixth in the high jump. As a junior, Burk won a state championship in the triple jump with mark of 46 feet and won three more state medals. He took second long jump, fourth in the 100 dash and sixth in the 200 dash. As a sophomore, Burk won state medals in the triple jump (second), long jump (fourth) and 4×100 relay (third). He was a member of the 4×100 team that took second at state as a freshman in 1996.

At one time, Burk held seven school records. He currently holds school records in the triple jump, high jump and long jump. Burk holds the school record for most points in a season with 326.

Burk also played football, where he was a part of bi-district, district and regional championship teams.



Krystal (Bowes) Grojean

Krystal (Bowes) Grojean – Class of 2001 – Volleyball, Basketball, Track

Bowes was a 4-year letterwinner in track before she was offered a
scholarship on the Wichita State track and field team.

In her senior season at Louisburg, Bowes earned three state medals,
including a second-place finish in the javelin with a throw of 145-10. She was
also third in the discus with a toss of 126-9 and fifth in the shot put at
37-5. As a sophomore and junior, she finished sixth in the discus at state. In
all, Bowes racked up five state medals in her high school career before moving
on to Wichita State. She is the current Louisburg record holder in the javelin
(146-10) and discus (137-11).

At Wichita State, she earned academic All-American honors and was a team captain all four years. Bowes was a two-time NCAA national qualifier and finished fifth in the javelin and was second in the Missouri Valley Conference in 2006. In 2004, Bowes took first in the MVC in the javelin and fourth in the discus. In 2003, she won the Missouri Valley Conference discus title, was second in the javelin and fourth in the hammer throw. Bowes was also a member two Shocker teams that won conference titles.

In volleyball and basketball at LHS, Bowes was a 3-year letterwinner in each sport and earned first-team all-Frontier League honors each season.

Current members of the LHS Hall of Fame

Class of 2005:

Tom
Stevens – 1934 – Track and Field (High Jump)

1947/48
Undefeated Football Teams

Richard
Meiers – 1949 – Basketball/Football

Don
Meek – 1965-1998 – Coach/Administrator

Larry
Harding – 1976-1994 – Volleyball/Golf Coach

Amy
Dodson Goode – 1986 – Volleyball/Basketball

Class of 2006:

Jim
Wells – 1936 – Track and Field (Pole Vault)/Football

Doug
Eaton – 1971 – Wrestling

Sue
Truman Apple – 1974 – Track and Field/Volleyball/Basketball

Mike
Meek – 1985- Football/Wrestling/Track and Field

Jamie
Waite – 1991 – Track and Field (Pole Vault)/Football/Basketball

Class of 2007

Alan
Taylor – 1949 – Football

Tim
Dozier – 1987 – Wrestling/Football

Beth
Dodson Dixon – 1989 – Volleyball/Basketball

Jeff
Lohse – 1991 – Baseball/Football/Basketball

Class of 2008

Greg
Kahmann – 1987 – Baseball/Football/Basketball

Mark
Buckingham – 1994 – Basketball

Blue Caplinger selected as 2019 Louisburg Sports Zone Male Athlete of the Year



Blue Caplinger made history in a few different ways for Louisburg High School during the 2018-19 season.

Caplinger, along with fellow LHS student Alyse Moore, became the first Wildcat athlete in recent memory – if ever – to participate in two sports during the same season. All that led up to what was a spectacular finish to his senior year.

Caplinger helped the 4×400-meter relay to a state championship in late May, which was the school's first individual track title since 2015. When all was said and done, Caplinger lettered in four sports this past year.

These are just a couple of the reasons why Caplinger was chosen as the 2019 Louisburg Sports Zone Male Athlete of the Year.

The award, which is in its second year, is to recognize an outstanding LHS student athlete. Louisburg Sports Zone

asked the head coaches at LHS to submit nominations and those nominations were
then organized and submitted back to the coaches for a vote.

The coaches then submitted their
top three choices and the number of votes were added up, which decided the
winner.

Caplinger was one of the leaders
of the Wildcat football team that reeled off 10 straight wins to start the season
and captured a regional championship before falling to eventual state champion
Bishop Miege.

He was an All-Frontier League player on both sides of the ball as he earned first team defensive honors from the safety spot with 31 tackles, two fumble recoveries and an interception.



Blue Caplinger poses for picture with his coaches (from left), boys track coach Andy Wright, head football coach Robert Ebenstein and baseball coach Joel McGhee. Not pictured is wrestling coach Bobby Bovaird.

Caplinger played a couple different positions offensively and earned second team all-league honors as a multi-purpose player. He had 310 yards rushing and four touchdowns to go along 234 yards receiving and two more scores.

He was also the lead blocker on a lot of the big runs that teammate Austin Moore – who was a first-team all-league and all-state running back – had during the season.

“Blue was the most all-purpose player we had,” Louisburg football coach Robert Ebenstein said. “He was the ideal teammate who put the team first all the time. He always did anything that was asked of him. He was a tough competitor and a great all-around person.”

During the wrestling season, Caplinger was a state-ranked wrestler at 170 pounds for much of the year. He ended his season with a team-high 33-5 record and was a regional champion.

At the Class 4A state tournament, Caplinger finished one win shy of his first state medal. In all, Caplinger finished with a team high in wins and also holds the school record for most career reversals (72) and most career escapes (86). He ended his Wildcat career with a 111-57 record.

“Anyone who knows Blue understands what a great young man he is,” Louisburg wrestling coach Bobby Bovaird said. “Blue embodies so much about what wrestling is all about. I wanted him to get that state medal so badly, and he came so close not once, but twice. With these sorts of setbacks, Blue has demonstrated that he’s gained the resilience to be a champion in life.”

In the spring, Caplinger became a dual-sport athlete as he participated in both baseball and track and field.

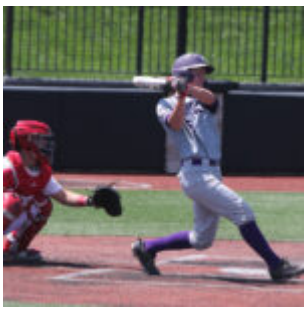
Although his focus was on track, Caplinger helped out the Wildcat baseball team as a pinch-runner as he stole five bases in eight games.

However, Caplinger did a lot of his damage on the track as he was one of the Wildcats' top sprinters. He joined Justin Collins, Ben Wiedenmann and Chris Williams to win the Class 4A state title in the 4×400-meter relay.

Caplinger, along with Charlie Koontz, Wiedenmann and Collins, also medaled fifth at state in the 4×100 relay. Both relays broke school records this past season in the Frontier League and regional meets.

Caplinger will continue his athletic career this fall as he plans to attend Benedictine College on a football scholarship.

Wildcat baseball awarded four spots on all-league team



Louisburg senior Beckett Rasmussen was one of four Wildcat players to recently earn honorable mention All-Frontier League honors.

It may not have been the season
the Louisburg High School baseball team had hoped for as the Wildcats finished the

year with five wins, but the Frontier League coaches saw a lot of talent from the Louisburg squad.

The All-Frontier League teams were recently released and the Wildcats found four members of the team included among the league's best.

Seniors Beckett Rasmussen, Michael Rogers, junior Madden Rutherford and freshman Brandon Doles were all selected to the honorable mention team for their efforts this past season.

"We were represented well in a league that expanded this season and that is filled with talented athletes," Louisburg coach Joel McGhee said. "The Frontier League is extremely competitive and produces some of the top athletes in the state every season. The competitiveness of the league, partnered with the addition of the new teams, makes an All-Frontier League selection an even greater achievement."

Rutherford was among the team's top offensive threats as he finished the season with a .373 average and had 25 hits, seven of which were doubles and 13 RBIs. He also struck out just six times in 74 plate appearances and he was named as a utility player on the honorable mention team.

"Madden had another solid year for us this season as he played a

number or positions this season," McGhee said. "He is an extremely versatile
and competitive athlete. He had lot of hard hit balls this year, and led
the team in RBIs, and did a great job getting on base and plating runs. Several
of his hardest hits balls went to the deepest part of the park or right at a
fielder.

"Madden was limited in his pitching this season, but he is pitcher that teams do not want to face. He had very good games in our win over
Parsons and in our walk-off loss to Anderson County."



Junior Madden Rutherford was selected as an honorable mention all-league utility player.

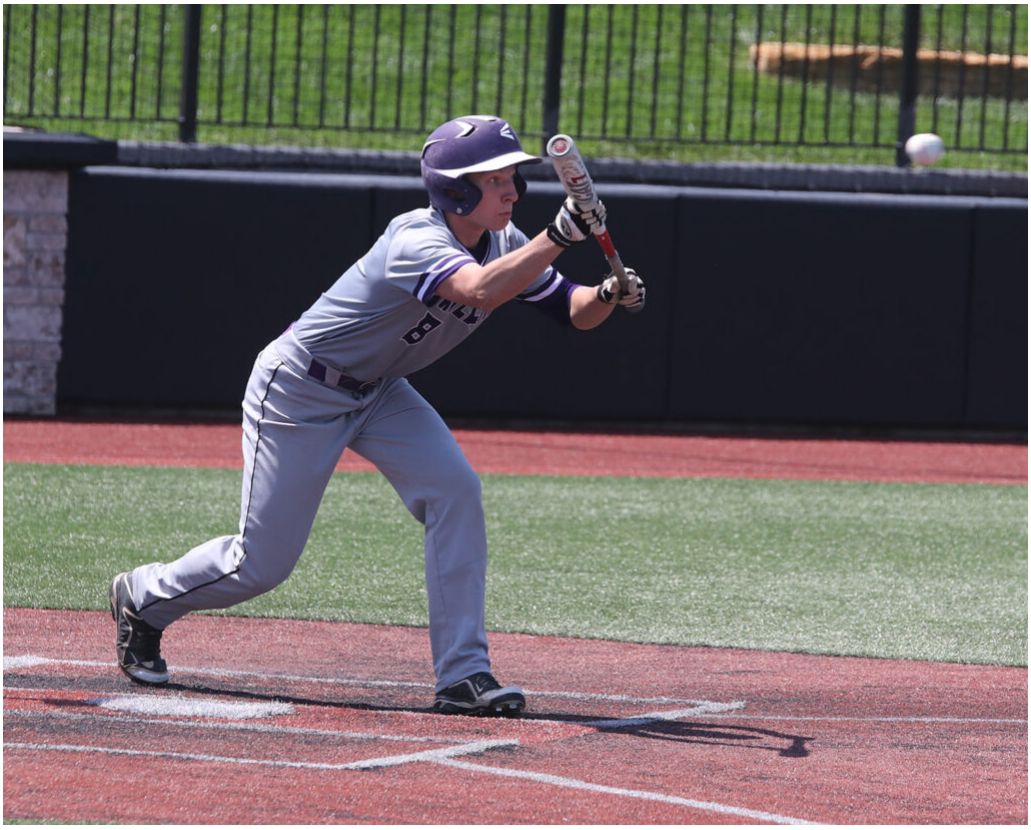
Rasmussen was another Wildcat who provided Louisburg with some big moments this season as he played both the outfield and catcher spot.
Although he made the all-league team as an outfielder,

Rasmussen also fared
well behind the plate.

Offensively, he ended the year with a .333 average with 23 hits,
six doubles and 11 RBIs at the top of the Wildcat lineup.

“Beckett had a great year this year,” McGhee said. ‘He played in
the outfield and caught a majority of our games. He batted in the two hole, and
had a great on base percentage. He had a great year at the plate and is a
team first guy. He did a great job behind the plate this year and in the
outfield.

“Beckett was not only a leader on the field, but also in the classroom and in the many other organizations that he has been a part of
throughout his high school career.”

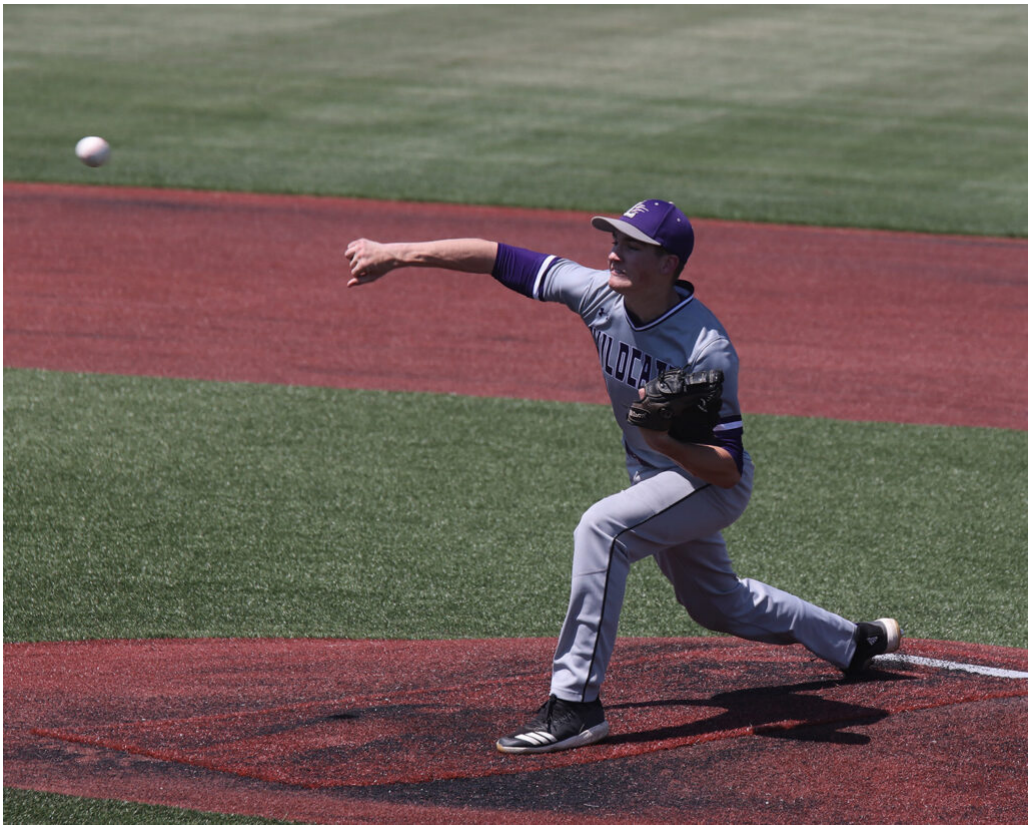


Senior Michael Rogers was an honorable mention selection as an infielder for Louisburg.

Rogers was the Wildcats' starting second baseman all season as he earned his all-league infield spot with solid defense and timely hitting.
Rogers hit .304 on the season to go along with 17 hits and had just seven
errors in the team's 22 games.

"Michael had a great senior season," McGhee said. "He started every game for us at second base and put forth great effort in everything he did. Rogers hustled after every ball hit his way, busted it on the base path, and worked extremely hard at all times. Mike did a great job throughout the season getting on base and scoring runs. He is a great example to his teammates and was someone we could always rely on."

As a freshman, Doles put together a solid
first season for the Wildcats as he also earned a spot on the all-league
infield. He finished his first season for Louisburg with a .356 batting average
and had 16 hits and 8 RBIs. He also had just five errors on defense, while also
serving as one of the Wildcats' starting pitchers.



Freshman Brandon Doles earned honorable mention honors as an infielder.

“Brandon had a great freshmen year,” McGhee said. “He came in and
made an impact on the mound and at the plate. He drove in runs consistently and
was a regular on the base path. He showed great hustle, and made some very
heads up reads to pick up a base. Brandon challenged hitters on the mound and
was very efficient in his pitching. He allowed the defense to support him, and
didn’t give up many walks. We are looking to see some great things from Brandon
over the next few years.”

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE BASEBALL

FIRST TEAM

PITCHER – Bear Gardner, Paola,

junior; Cooper Cunningham, Tonganoxie, junior

CATCHER – Austin Fisher,
Tonganoxie, senior

INFIELD – Connor Quick, Baldwin,
junior; Chase Terrell, Bonner Springs, senior; Chad Bones, Ottawa, senior;
Brandon Walker, Piper, senior

OUTFIELD – Diadrien Aho, Ottawa,
junior; Caden Marcum, Paola, freshman; Ethan Basler, Tonganoxie, senior

UTILITY – Ty Bennett, Baldwin,
senior

SECOND TEAM

PITCHER – Connor Quick, Baldwin,
junior; Garrett Trimmer, Paola, senior

CATCHER – Corbyn Meyers, Spring
Hill, junior

INFIELD – Cameron Reynolds,
Ottawa, senior; Creigh Markovich, Paola, junior; Tyson Cheathman, Spring Hill,
senior; Gehrig Goldbeck, Tonganoxie, freshman

OUTFIELD – Korbin Hiebert, Eudora,
senior; Brendyn Bard, Piper, junior; Zade Barker, Spring Hill, junior

UTILITY – Klayton Coffman, Bonner
Springs, senior

HONORABLE MENTION

PITCHER – Chase Terrell, Bonner
Springs, senior; Korbin Hiebert, Eudora, senior; Jackson

Murphy, Ottawa,
junior; Garrett Williams, Paola, sophomore

UTILITY – Jayden Pierce, Eudora,
senior; Madden Rutherford, Louisburg, junior; Colby Stewart, Spring Hill,
junior

INFIELD – Hunter Peacock, Baldwin,
junior; Jayden Pierce, Eudora, senior; Brandon Doles, Louisburg, freshman;
Michael Rogers, Louisburg, senior; Nate Golubski, Piper, sophomore

OUTFIELD – Beckett Rasmussen,
Louisburg, senior; Garrett Williams, Paola, sophomore; Jake Scoma, Spring Hill,
senior

2019 Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Year nominees



For the past three years, Louisburg Sports Zone has given out Athlete of the Week awards during each of the three sports seasons. I do it to recognize special athletic achievements and to highlight the athletes.

For the second straight year, Louisburg Sports Zone will be handing out an Athlete of the Year honor to a male and female athlete at Louisburg High School. I wanted the opportunity to recognize those who exemplify what it means to be an “athlete.”

Although I am giving out the award, I wanted the process to be subjective, so I asked the head coaches at LHS to help me out. I asked each coach to send me nominations of who they thought exemplified the Athlete of the Year honor. They will then vote for their top 3 male and female athletes and then I will tabulate the results and determine the winner. In the next week, I will announce this year’s recipients.

Below are the nominees for this year’s award in alphabetical order by last name. Congrats to all those who were nominated and best of luck!

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



CARSON BUFFINGTON – SENIOR – BASKETBALL, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL

Carson was a 3-time letter winner in her senior season and was named as a team captain in volleyball, basketball and soccer.

In volleyball, Buffington earned second team All-Frontier League honors as she helped lead the Lady Cats to a Class 4A state runner-up performance. She also moved from her starting setter position to the outside hitter spot and had a lot of success for the Lady Cats as she tallied 130 kills in her new position. With all that success, Buffington was also selected to the Greater Kansas City Volleyball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Match.

Buffington also wrapped up a strong career for the Louisburg basketball team as she averaged eight points and seven rebounds to go along with three steals a contest. She was named as a Frontier League honorable mention this past season, and she also was selected as an all-state honorable mention.

In girls soccer, Buffington was the starting goalie for Louisburg in all 20 games. She posted 13 shutouts, which is a school record and had a .952 goals against average, which is also a school record. Buffington had 90 saves on the season that ended as a Class 4-1A state runner up for the second consecutive year. For her efforts, she was also selected second team All-Frontier League. Buffington was also named first team all-state goalie and was named Goalkeeper of the Year.



ANNA DIXON – SENIOR – VOLLEYBALL

Anna wrapped up her fourth volleyball season as a varsity starter for the Lady Cats and guided Louisburg to its second consecutive Class 4A-state runner-up finish.

Dixon, who is currently with the Kansas State volleyball team, ended her senior season with 584 kills and had a hitting percentage of .260. She also added 325 digs, 50 aces and 42 blocks as she played all six rotations. With those lofty numbers, Dixon earned several big time honors in her final season.

She was selected as an All-Frontier League first team player and was also named to the 4A State All-Tournament Team. Those honors continued as she was named the Kansas Volleyball Coaches Association Class 4A Player of the Year and earned a spot on KVA All-State First Team.

Following the season, Dixon was also named as an Under-Armour All-American also earned MaxPreps/American Volleyball Coaches Association Player of the Week honors.



ALYSE MOORE – SOPHOMORE – BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, TRACK AND FIELD

Alyse is a 3-sport varsity letter-winner this past year as she earned letters for the basketball, softball and track and field teams. This past spring season, Moore went to state in two different sports and became the first Wildcat athlete in recent memory to do so.

In her first season in track and field, Moore threw the javelin for the Lady Cats and went on to become regional champion as she

eclipsed her personal best throw by almost 25 feet in just her third
competition of the season. The following week, she medaled fourth at the Class
4A state tournament with a personal best throw of 131 feet and 9 inches.

Moore was also the starting shortstop for the Lady Cats as she helped Louisburg to its first regional championship since 2014.

During the basketball season, Moore was a starter for the Lady Cats and averaged six points, five rebounds and three steals a game.



TRINITY MOORE – JUNIOR – CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER

Trinity is 2-sport letter-winner for Louisburg this past year as she had state performances in both cross country and soccer.

During the fall, Moore was the top runner on the Louisburg

girls cross country team as she helped the Lady Cats to a regional runner-up finish and qualified for state as a team for the first time in school history. Moore medaled fourth at the Class 4A state meet in Wamego and currently holds the school record for the fastest time in program history. She also earned first-team All-Frontier League honors for her third place finish at the league meet.

In soccer, Moore was a starter on the Wildcat team that recently finished as the Class 4-1A state runner-up for the second consecutive year. At the midfield spot, she finished the season with 12 goals and six assists and was also named to the All-Frontier League first team.



DELANEY WRIGHT – FRESHMAN – BASKETBALL, CROSS

COUNTRY, TRACK AND FIELD

Delaney is a 3-sport letter-winner as she took part in cross country, basketball and track and field and competed at the state level in two of those.

Wright found most of her success in track and field as she earned four medals at the Class 4A Kansas State Track and Field Championships in Wichita this past month. She medaled in the long jump, 400-meter-dash, 200-meter dash and as a member of the 4×400-relay.

During the regional meet, Wright broke two school records (long jump, 400 dash) and earned a regional and Frontier League title in the long jump. She also earned a medal in the long jump at the Kansas Relays earlier in the season.

In cross country, Wright was a member of the Louisburg team that finished as a Class 4A regional runner-up and qualified for the state meet as a team for the first time in school history. In basketball, Wright saw playing time at the varsity level as a freshman at different points throughout the season.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



BLUE CAPLINGER – SENIOR – BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, WRESTLING

Blue is a 4-sport letter-winner in football, wrestling, baseball and track and field and competed at the state level in two of the sports.

In football, Caplinger was an All-Frontier League player on both sides of the ball as he was named to the first team defense as a defensive back and second team offense as a multi-purpose player. On defense, Caplinger, who helped Louisburg to a 10-1 record and a regional championship, had 31 tackles from the safety spot and also had two tackles for a loss, two fumble

recoveries and an interception. Offensively, he had 544 total yards and six touchdowns.

On the wrestling mat, Caplinger was a regional champion at 170 pounds and finished his season with a 33-5 record. The Louisburg senior fell one match short of state medal with a 2-2 record at the Class 4A state tournament. He currently holds the school record for most career reversals (72) and most career escapes (86). Following the season, he was also named to the KWCA Academic All-State first team.

Caplinger split time between baseball and track and field in the spring. Although he spent time as a reserve and pinch-runner on the baseball team, Caplinger found a lot of success on the track.

He qualified for state as a member of two relays. Caplinger was a member of the 4×400 relay team that won the Class 4A state championship in 3 minutes and 25 seconds. Caplinger also helped the 4×100 relay to a fifth place finish and went on to garner two state medals.

Caplinger will join the Benedictine football team this fall.



AUSTIN MOORE – SENIOR – FOOTBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, WRESTLING

Austin is a 3-sport letter winner in football, wrestling and track and field and was among the state's best in two of the sports.

Moore thrived on the football field for the Wildcats as he helped Louisburg to a 10-1 record and a regional championship. Moore was a first team All-Frontier League player on both sides of the ball and was the league's leading vote-getter. He went on to rack up all-state awards as the Louisburg senior earned Class 4A first team all-state honors as a running back from the Topeka Capital-Journal and the Kansas Football Coaches Association. Moore was also named as a Class 4A first team all-state linebacker from the Wichita Eagle.

When the season was all said and done, Moore tallied 1,554 total yards from the running back spot, including 1,428 yards on the ground,
and had 21 touchdowns before he broke his collarbone during the regional
championship game.

With those numbers, he was named the Kansas Small Class Player of the Year by 810 Varsity and was All-Purpose Player of the Year by Kpreps.com. Earlier this year, Moore was also named to the Kansas Shrine Bowl roster.

On the wrestling mat, Moore missed more than half of the season with his broken collarbone, but came back in a big way. Moore won his first 14 matches when coming back at 220 pounds, which included a regional championship. He went on to earn his first state medal as he finished fourth at the Class 4A state tournament with a 3-2 record. He was also named to the KWCA Academic All-State first team.

During the spring, he was a member of the Louisburg track and field team and threw the javelin for the Wildcats. He was also on the throwers relay that ranked Top 5 nationally at one point in the season.

Moore will join the Kansas State football team this fall.



KIEFER TUCKER – SENIOR – FOOTBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, WEIGHTLIFTING

Kiefer is a 2-sport letter winner in football and track and field and also went to state competition in two activities.

Tucker was a presence on the line of scrimmage for the Louisburg football team as he was a first team All-Frontier League player on both sides of the ball and helped the Wildcats to a 10-1 record and a regional championship.

The Louisburg senior was among on the leaders on the offensive line as he helped pave the way for more than 3,500 yards of total offense. On defense, Tucker recorded 55 tackles from the defensive end spot, including three tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a sack. Those numbers helped earn him honorable mention all-

state honors and was
also named to the all-state team by the Kansas Football Coaches Association.
The honors kept coming for Tucker as he was recently selected to participate in
the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

During the winter, Tucker was a member of the Louisburg powerlifting team and certainly made his mark there as well. Tucker won the Class
4A state championship in the 220-pound class and broke a 24-year-old record in
the bench press with a lift of 375 pounds.

In track and field, Tucker qualified for state for the first time in the discus. He finished as a regional runner-up and went on to take ninth at the Class 4A state meet in Wichita, just one spot away from earning a state medal.

Tucker will join the Emporia State football team this fall.

Wildcats split with rival Paola on Senior Night



Louisburg senior Beckett Rasmussen runs in from right field to make the catch Thursday against Paola on Senior Night at Lewis-Young Park.

It was a busy couple days for the Louisburg baseball team last week as it hosted Paola and Eudora and the Wildcats got a big win against their rival on Senior Night.

After Louisburg lost the doubleheader opener, 15-6, to Paola on Thursday at Lewis-Young Park, the Wildcats made sure they didn’t end their Senior Night on a sour note. Louisburg held off a late Paola rally to take the nightcap, 8-7.

Senior Logan McClellan pitched the final 1-plus innings to get the save, including a strikeout with the go-ahead runners on base to secure the win. Fellow senior Jakob Krause got the win as he gave no earned runs in almost four innings of work.

Paola took a 2-0 lead after the first inning, but the Wildcats struck back as they scored a run in the second and six in the third to take a 7-2 advantage. Each team scored a run in the fifth, but Paola scored three in the sixth to cut into the Wildcat lead.

Madden Rutherford had a big game offensively for the Wildcats as he reached base in all four at-bats. The Louisburg junior recorded three singles, 2 RBIs and a walk to help ignite the Wildcat offense.

Freshman Matt Madison had two-run single in the win and McClellan also had two hits and an RBI for the Wildcats. Krause finished with an RBI single, while Andrew Krause, Brandon Doles and Michael Rogers also had a hit for Louisburg.

It was a good way to end what was
a memorable night as seven Wildcat seniors were honored in-between games during
a Senior Night ceremony. Beckett Rasmussen, Logan McClellan, Jakob Krause,
Chase Norton, Noah Larson, Michael Rogers and Blue Caplinger were all
recognized for their time with the Wildcat program.



Louisburg seniors (from left) Michael Rogers, Chase Norton, Logan McClellan, Noah Larson, Jakob Krause, Blue Caplinger and Beckett Rasmussen were honored in-between games Thursday on Senior Night.

In the opener, the Wildcats found
themselves down early to Paola. The Panthers scored eight runs in the first
inning and never looked back as they took a 12-1 lead going into the bottom of
the sixth inning.

Louisburg answered with five runs
in the sixth to keep the game going, but the Panthers scored three more times
in the seventh to seal the win. Paola pounded out 15 runs on

16 hits to get the split of Louisburg.

The Wildcats did have 10 hits of their own, but had a tough time getting those into runs. Andrew Krause led the Louisburg attack with three hits and an RBI and Rogers had a two-run single for the Wildcats.

McClellan had a pair of hits, including a double, and an RBI for Louisburg. Madison also finished with two hits for Louisburg, while Rasmussen had an RBI single and Rutherford finished with a base hit.

EUDORA EDGES LOUISBURG IN REGULAR SEASON FINALE

Louisburg hosted Eudora in a make-up game Friday at Lewis-Young Park in what was its final regular season contest.

The Wildcats were able to outhit the Cardinals, but came up short in the run department as they fell 5-2 to Eudora.

A pair of freshman pitchers helped keep the game close for Louisburg as Brandon Doles pitched the first four innings and gave up just two earned runs and struck out three. Maverick Rockers threw the final three frames and gave up one earned run and struck out a batter.

Sophomore Matt Madison led the
Wildcat offense with three hits, including a double and an RBI. Madden
Rutherford and Noah Larson each had two hits each, while Doles, Rockers and
Logan McClellan had a single each.

The game was tied at 1-all going
into the top of the fourth inning, but Eudora struck for two runs and then
added insurance runs in the sixth and seventh innings to seal the win.

Wildcats take two from Osawatomie for first sweep of season



Louisburg junior Madden Rutherford follows through on a base hit during a game earlier this season. The Wildcats swept Osawatomie on Friday, 6-1 and 18-2.

OSAWATOMIE – It has been a
frustrating year at times for the Louisburg baseball team and it didn’t help
matters Thursday when they lost a pair of games to Anderson County.

However, the Wildcats got a little pick-me-up Friday when they traveled to Osawatomie for a doubleheader. It was exactly what Louisburg was looking for.

The Wildcats recorded up their first sweep of the season as they rolled the Trojans in Osawatomie, 6-1 and 18-2, and it also snapped a long losing streak for Louisburg in the process.

“Getting the sweep was needed,” Louisburg coach Joel McGhee said. “We had two tough games with Anderson County on Thursday that we came up short in and being able to turn around the next day and pick up two wins was huge. We did a much better job taking care of the baseball and did not have mistakes that led to extra outs and free bases. This was a much-needed sweep and we made the improvements in our fielding that we needed to see.”

Louisburg senior Jakob Krause took care of the Osawatomie lineup as he pitched six innings and gave up one run on four hits and struck out six batters to get the win. Freshman Kolby Kattau had a scoreless seventh inning on just five pitches.

The Wildcats struck for four runs in the top of the second inning and struck for two more in the fifth to help seal the win against the Trojans.

“Jakob did a great job filling up the zone and challenged hitters,” McGhee said. “He was able to get lead-off outs and

in most innings got the first two batters out. He did not give up any walks, and made their hitters put the ball in play."

To start the second inning, freshman Brandon Doles scored on a passed ball and then Krause helped himself with a 2-run single that scored A.J. Drew and Michael Rogers. Senior Beckett Rasmussen, who had Louisburg's lone extra base hit, doubled home Krause to make it a four-run game.

Senior Noah Larson added an RBI single in the fifth that scored Blue Caplinger, and Andrew Krause singled home Larson to complete the Louisburg inning.

In the nightcap, it was Rasmussen's bat that led the charge for the Wildcats. The Louisburg senior finished with three hits and 5 RBIs. He also walked, doubled and scored three runs in a game where all the Wildcats got involved in one way or another.

"Beckett had a great night," McGhee said. "He saw a lot of pitches, which led to quality at-bats. He had multiple extra base hits that drove in runs and he showed great hustle. He found ways to get on base and get across the plate.

"For the night we had a lot of quality at-bats. We had guys seeing more pitches that led to positive outcomes."

Several of Rasmussen's teammates had good showings as well. Junior Madden Rutherford had three hits, including a double, and 3 RBIs, while sophomore Matt Madison had a pair of hits and 3 RBIs.

Jakob Krause had two hits with a double, two walks and scored three runs to go along with 2 RBIs. Senior Logan McClellan and freshman Maverick Rockers also finished with two hits and Larson had an RBI double.

McClellan also gave the Wildcats a strong pitching performance as he went four innings and gave up no earned runs and struck out five. Rockers then came in for relief in a scoreless fifth inning.

“Logan threw well also,” McGhee said. “He had some long periods between throwing several times, but came in and threw strikes. He also had multiple innings in which he got the lead-off or first two batters out.

“Our most efficient innings came from Kolby Kattau and Maverick Rockers. Both came in to close out the games and threw very well. They filled the zone and both threw under 10 pitches to finish up the game.”

The Wildcats (3-14) opened with a nine-run first inning, which was more than enough to get the sweep. Louisburg added six runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth to compete the run-rule win.

Louisburg will try and keep its winning streak going Thursday when it travels to Eudora for one game.

Wildcats lose two to Anderson County

It was a tough night for the Louisburg baseball team Thursday in Garnett as the Wildcats lost a pair of games, including a 4-3 loss that ended in walk-off fashion.

The Wildcats then committed five errors in the nightcap that led to a 9-4 loss to the Bulldogs.

Louisburg got a good start from junior Madden Rutherford who pitched a complete game in the loss and gave up three earned runs on 10 hits and struck out nine batters.

The Wildcats held a 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the seventh, but the Bulldogs loaded the bases with two outs and then singled home two runs to steal the win from Louisburg.

“Anderson County was tough,” Louisburg coach Joel McGhee said. “We got a lead in the first inning of game one, and saw it disappear after several mistakes were made in the bottom of the inning. We battled back to retake the lead. Madden was throwing very well and was challenging the hitters. He filled the strike zone and had multiple innings with lead-off outs, first two batters out, and two 1-2-3 innings.

“Anderson County had some timely hits in the final inning, and ended with a walk-off single down the right field line, that just caught the foul line to win the game. Everyone wanted that game.”

Freshman Brandon Doles and senior Logan McClellan each had RBI hits in the loss for Louisburg and senior Michael Rogers finished with two hits to lead the Wildcats.

In the nightcap, Louisburg struck first with four runs in the first inning, but errors allowed the Bulldogs to score three in their half of the first. Anderson County followed with two runs in the third, fifth and sixth innings to complete the sweep.

Rutherford had a big day at the plate with three hits and a run scored, while Doles had a two-run single and Kolby Kattau had an RBI double. Senior Chase Norton also added a double.

“Game two started off well as we picked up a four run lead, but then struggled to take care of the ball and Anderson County again came up with hits and took advantage of our mistakes,” McGhee said. “Brandon Doles and Andrew Krause threw well, but we were unable to overcome our errors in the field and were unable to get things rolling on offense after the first inning.”

Wildcats pick up first win with split of Bonner Springs



Louisburg junior Madden Rutherford tags out a Bonner Springs runner Tuesday during the Wildcats' game at Lewis-Young Park.

It has been a rough stretch to start the season for the Louisburg baseball team.

The Wildcats have not been at full strength since their opener and have had a difficult schedule to begin the year. All that led to eight straight losses and Louisburg was looking for its first win going into Tuesday's doubleheader with Bonner Springs.

Louisburg is winless no more as the Wildcats defeated the Braves 8-6 in the first game, and although they lost the nightcap 11-1, it was good to get the monkey off their back.

"Getting the first win was big," Louisburg coach Joel McGhee said. "It was much needed. We've been down several players over the past week, and finally had our most experienced guys back. Our younger players have done a great job competing against the more experienced lineups of Baldwin, Spring Hill and Wellsville over the past six games."

One of those younger players was freshman Brandon Doles who came up big for the Wildcats late in the first game. With the game tied in the bottom of the fourth inning, Doles singled home senior Noah Larson to give Louisburg a 7-6 lead.

Doles then came on in relief to get his first varsity win as he

pitched 3 1/3 scoreless innings and gave up just one hit and struck out a batter.

“Brandon has done an outstanding job this season,” McGhee said. “He has shown quality stuff on the mound each time he has thrown and has a great approach at the plate. He is patient and takes advantage of the opportunities that he has had. He hasn’t given up many walks and challenges hitters to put the ball in play. Brandon has been on a roll to start the season.”

Both teams opened the game with a run in the first inning, and after Louisburg was down 2-1 in the bottom of the second, the Wildcats took the lead with three runs in the frame.

Michael Rogers tied the game with an RBI single that scored pinch runner Blue Caplinger and then Logan McClellan singled to score Rogers to give the Wildcats the lead. Madden Rutherford then walked with the bases loaded to put Louisburg up 4-2.



Senior Blue Caplinger steals second base Tuesday and would later score a run in the Wildcats' win over Bonner Springs.

Louisburg (1-9) responded with two more in the third when McClellan doubled to score Caplinger and Rogers scored on a wild pitch to give the Wildcats a 6-3 advantage.

Bonner Springs tied the game at 6-all with three runs in the fourth, but Doles' RBI single put Louisburg up one and then got an insurance run when Beckett Rasmussen scored on an error in the sixth.

"We did a great job battling in the game," McGhee said. "We combined efforts on the mound and had some great at-bats. Our hitters were patient at the plate and worked counts to their advantage. We had some hard hit balls that drove in runs when we needed them."

Seniors Jakob Krause, Rasmussen and McClellan each had two hits to lead the Wildcats and all three had a double. Rutherford

and McClellan each
finished the day with 2 RBIs.

The nightcap didn’t go as well for the Wildcats as Bonner Springs scored eight runs in the final two innings as the Braves turned a 3-1
game into an 11-1 run-rule win in the sixth inning.

Louisburg hurt itself defensively with six errors and the Braves
took advantage. Offensively, the Wildcats recorded just three hits on singles
from Rasmussen, Garrett Harding and Andrew Krause.

“In the second game we
had several errors to start the game that allowed Bonner to get an early lead,”
McGhee said. “We had opportunities throughout the game, but were unable to
capitalize. At one point we had bases loaded with no outs, and were unable to
score a run.

“The biggest impact on the game were the ‘freebies’ that we gave
up, extra bases on misplayed balls, walks, and errors that kept innings going.
Bonner did a great job taking advantage of our mistakes.”

Louisburg will return home today when it hosts Tonganoxie for single game. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

Wildcats fall to Wellsville in home opener



Louisburg freshman shortstop Maverick Rockers tries to turn a double play Thursday during the Wildcats' home opener against Wellsville.

The Louisburg baseball team had
hoped a change of scenery might turn around their recent string of bad luck.

Louisburg hosted Wellsville on
Thursday in its home opener after playing six consecutive games on the road. Unfortunately
for the Wildcats, they weren't able to turn it around.

The Wildcats are still looking for
their first win of the season after a pair of 5-0 and 7-3 losses to the Eagles
at Lewis-Young Park. Louisburg was also missing a couple starters due to a
class trip, which made a young team even younger.

Wellsville took a two-run lead in
the opener and never looked back and the Eagles had a perfect going until the
sixth inning when junior Kaden Oehlert broke it up with a single. Kolby Kattau,
a freshman, added another single later for the Wildcats' only two hits.

Freshman Maverick Rockers provided the Wildcats with a quality start as he gave up three earned runs on five hits and struck out two over five innings.

In the nightcap, the Wildcats had a 2-1 lead going into the fifth inning after an RBI single from Kattau scored Michael Rogers in the third. A.J. Drew then tripled in the fourth inning and scored on a wild pitch to give the Wildcats the lead.

Wellsville then answered with three runs in the fifth and three more in the seventh to secure the win.
Louisburg scored another run in the fifth when Oehlert scored on a Wellsville error, but the Wildcats could get no closer.

The Wildcats (0-8) were able to pound out 11 hits, but stranded several of those runners. Five errors also cost the Wildcats.

Freshman Brandon Doles led the Wildcat bats with three hits, while Andrew Krause and Kattau each finished with two.

Junior Garrett Harding provided the Wildcats with a strong start as he didn’t allow an earned run in his four innings of work, gave up two hits and struck out two. Krause gave up two earned runs in three innings of relief and struck out four.

Louisburg will try for that first win tonight when it hosts Bonner Springs in a doubleheader at Lewis-Young Park.

First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

LOUISBURG DROPS TWO GAMES TO SPRING HILL

The Louisburg baseball team continued its long road schedule on April 2 when the Wildcats traveled to Spring Hill for a Frontier League doubleheader.

Although the Wildcats put up a fight in both games, they fell to the Broncos, 5-2 and 4-2.

The Wildcats got good starting pitching in the opener as Andrew Krause and Brandon Doles combined to allow just three earned runs in nearly six innings and gave up nine hits.

Offensively, the Wildcats just couldn’t get much going. Junior Madden Rutherford finished with a pair of RBI doubles to lead the Louisburg offense, while Beckett Rasmussen and A.J. Drew also had two hits.

Spring Hill jumped out to a 4-0 lead after four innings and never looked back.

In the nightcap, the Wildcat offense racked up 10 hits, but couldn’t the big one when they needed it. Kolby Kattau had the lone extra base hit with a double and finished with two hits for the day.

Doles and Krause also had two hits each to help the Louisburg cause and Doles drove home the Wildcats’ other run.

Logan McClellan, Maverick Rockers
and Drew combined to throw six innings as they gave up three earned runs on
just five hits.

Louisburg held a 2-1 lead going
into the bottom of the fourth inning, but the Broncos scored two in the frame
and another in the sixth to get the win.