

# Villa Grove Blue Devils fall sports wrap

By Tony Hooker

**Volleyball**  
*Dropped by Bombers*  
Maci Clodfelder hammered seven kills, Logan Lillard backed her up with six and Kayln Cordes dished out 21 assists, but the Devils fell in three sets, 25-23, 20-25, 21-25 to Argenta Oreana on September 9.

**Boys HS Cross Country**  
Kurt Zimmerman took fourth place over all to lead the Blue Devils to a second place finish at the Cumberland County meet on September 8. Chase White ran ninth and Caleb Wiessing finished 14th for the VG harriers.

**Girls HS Cross Country**

Emma Buesing powered her way to a first-place finish to lead VG to the team title at the Cumberland County meet on September 8. Kyleigh Price backed her running mate by finishing fourth, one step ahead of fifth place finisher Madison Logan. Scarlett Howard ran home in eighth place, Jobeth Crafton cruised in ninth position and Hailey Stutz rounded out the team scoring in tenth.

**Boys Golf**  
Jake Gilles fired a 44, good for third place overall, as the blue devils finished second to St. Anthony in a match at Tuscola's Iron Horse course. Gavin Kiser fired a 47, Jesse Bessent tal-

lied a 56, and Nic Wilson shot 57 to round out the Devils scoring.

**Girls Golf**  
Addie Wilson had a 60, and freshman Lila Bessent fired a 66 for the girls at Iron Horse. Classmate Olivia Jones shot a 69, Zoey Thompson-Burton had a 71, and Jada Chandler and Madison Hines each shot 72's for the Devils.

**JH softball**  
*Top Toppers*

The Blue Devils kicked off the 2021 IESA regional tournament on September 8 by whipping Schlarman 17-2 behind a one-hit pitching performance from Cam McGaughey. Izzy Dodd led the

way at the plate, going 3-4 with a pair of doubles and five rbi's. Hayden Thomas was her usual stellar self, going 3-3 with a triple, three Rbi's and three runs scored. Lila Thompson-Burton also drove in two for VGJH.

**Repel Raiders**

Cam McGaughey and Piper Kiser teamed up on a five inning three hitter to lead the number three seed Blue Devils to a 13-3 pasting of number two seed Champaign St. Mathew on Saturday, September 11. Kiser doubled and scored twice, Hayden Thomas was 2-2 and scored four runs, Izzy Dodd tripled and scored twice, and McGaughey knocked in a pair

of runs to lead the way offensively. Ella Schweighart and Ryan Lillard each had a base hit and scored a run for VGJH, and Lauren Carter and Lila Thompson-Burton each scored a run, as well.

**Boys JH Cross Country**  
Nolan Shadwick placed sixth overall to lead VG to a second-place finish at the Heritage meet on September 7. Logan Hauersperger placed tenth, Robert Mitsdarfer came in 12th, Cole Cardiff ran 13th and fifth grader Miles Swigart placed 15th for the Blue and Gold.

**Girls JH Cross Country**  
Eva Piercy placed tenth at the Heritage CC meet on September 7. Lilly-lynn Da-

vis placed 15th, and Teaghan Henderson ran to an 18th place finish for VGJH.

**Boys JH baseball**  
*Mauled by Tigers*  
VGJH dropped an 11-3 decision to Westville on September 8. Thomas Vandeventer went 2-4 with a double and two runs scored, and Hayden Drake doubled and drove in a run for the Blue Devils. Zane Hosler and Jacob Golightly also had RBIs for VG. Jackson Smith was the hard luck loser, giving up five earned runs in six innings while striking out four. The Devils committed five errors, leading to six unearned runs in the contest.

## Villa Grove volleyball names junior and varsity she devils

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This week's she devils are Logan Lillard and Jobella Crafton

**Logan Lillard**  
*What's your favorite movie?*

All the Cars movies  
*What is your favorite food?*

Shrimp, for sure.  
*Who is your favorite teacher? Why?*

Mrs. Schable. She was my third-grade teacher and made school so enjoyable.

*Who are you dying to see in concert?*  
Carrie Underwood

*What will you be doing in 5 years? 10?*

In 5 years, I'll hopefully be playing college softball, and in 10 years I hope to have a successful job.

**Jobella Crafton**  
*Which of your coaches is the funniest?*

I can't choose who the funniest one is. They are pretty tied.

*What is your hidden talent?*

My semi-hidden talent is probably that I can draw semi-realistic faces or portraits.

*What artist are you lis-*

*tening to right now?*

I'm really enjoying listening to the Arctic Monkeys and Lana Del Rey.

*What's your favorite restaurant? What are you ordering?*

I really love eating at Ko Fusion. I always love to get some sort of stir fry

with noodles.

*Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10?*

I can see myself in 5 years in college, hopefully studying abroad somewhere in Europe. I don't really know about 10 years, but I know I'll be doing something I love.



Logan Lillard



Jobella Crafton

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### Villa Grove Blue Devils Varsity Volleyball Schedule

| Date            | Opponent        | Time    | Location         | Win/Loss |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|----------|
| Thu, Aug. 26    | Georgetown-R    | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      | W        |
| Tue, Aug. 31    | Tuscola         | 6 PM    | Tuscola          | L        |
| Thu, Sept. 2    | Bismarck-H      | 6 PM    | Bismarck-Henning | L        |
| Thu, Sept. 9    | Argenta-Oreana  | 6 PM    | Argenta-Oreana   | L        |
| Mon, Sept. 13   | Salt Fork Coop  | 6 PM    | Salt Fork Coop   |          |
| Tue, Sept. 14   | ALAH            | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
| Thu, Sept. 16   | Tri-County      | 6 PM    | Tri-County       |          |
| Tue, Sept. 21   | LSA             | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
| Thu, Sept 23    | Arcola          | 6 PM    | Arcola           |          |
| Mon, Sept. 27   | Judah Christian | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
| Tue, Sept. 28   | Heritage        | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
| Thu, Sept. 30   | Cumberland      | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
| Oct 4 - Oct 7   | LPC Tournament  | TBA     | Villa Grove      |          |
| Tue, Oct. 12    | Cerro Gordo     | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
| Thu, Oct. 14    | Okaw Valley     | 6 PM    | Villa Grove      |          |
|                 | *Senior Night*  |         |                  |          |
| Mon, Oct. 18    | Fisher          | 5:30 PM | Fisher           |          |
| Thu, Oct. 21    | Blue Ridge      | 6 PM    | Blue Ridge       |          |
| Oct 25 - Oct 28 | IHSA Regional   | TBA     | IHSA Regional    |          |

### Villa Grove Blue Devils Varsity Football Schedule

| Date          | Opponent                  | Time | Location        | Win/Loss |
|---------------|---------------------------|------|-----------------|----------|
| Fri, Aug. 27  | Fisher                    | 7 PM | Fisher          | W        |
| Fri, Sept. 3  | Ridgeview                 | 7 PM | Villa Grove     | L        |
| Fri, Sept. 10 | Cerro Gordo               | 7 PM | Villa Grove     | W        |
| Fri, Sept. 17 | Argenta-Oreana            | 7 PM | Villa Grove     |          |
| Fri, Sept. 24 | Cumberland                | 7 PM | Villa Grove     |          |
|               | *Homecoming*              |      |                 |          |
| Fri, Oct. 1   | Sangamon Valley           | 7 PM | Sangamon Valley |          |
| Fri, Oct. 8   | Tri-County                | 7 PM | Villa Grove     |          |
|               | *Senior Night/Pink Night* |      |                 |          |
| Fri, Oct 15   | Arcola                    | 7 PM | Arcola          |          |
| Fri, Oct 22   | ALAH                      | 7 PM | ALAH            |          |

### Villa Grove Blue Devils Varsity Cross Country Schedule

| Date          | Opponent       | Time    | Location               |
|---------------|----------------|---------|------------------------|
| Sat, Aug. 28  | St. Thomas-M   | 9 AM    | St. Thomas-Moore       |
| Sat, Sept. 4  | Chrisman       | 9 AM    | Chrisman High School   |
| Wed, Sept. 8  | Neoga          | 4:30 PM | Lake Land              |
| Sat, Sept. 11 | Shelbyville    | 9 AM    | Shelbyville            |
| Tue, Sept. 14 | Tuscola        | 4:30 PM | Wimple Park            |
| Sat, Sept. 18 | Tuscola        | 10 AM   | Wimple Park            |
| Tue, Sept. 21 | Uni High       | 4:30 PM | U of I Arboretum       |
| Sat, Oct. 2   | LPC Meet       | 9 AM    | Bethany - Crowder Park |
| Tue, Oct 5    | Sullivan       | 4:30 PM | Tabor Park             |
| Sat, Oct. 9   | Cumberland     | 9 AM    | Lake Land              |
| Tue, Oct. 12  | PBL            | 4:30 PM | PBL                    |
| Tue, Oct. 19  | Tuscola        | 4:30 PM | Wimple Park            |
| Sat, Oct. 23  | ISHA Regional  | TBA     | TBA                    |
| Sat, Oct. 30  | ISHA Sectional | TBA     | TBA                    |
| Sat, Nov. 6   | ISHA State     | TBA     | TBA                    |

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