

2025 Summer Sports Preview – Exira-EHK Baseball



NT file photos

A young Exira-EHK baseball team this summer will rely heavily on several returning veterans, including Owen Juhl (left) and Alex Hansen (left photo) and Austin Rasmussen. (right photo)



14-player team for Spartan baseball this season under new coach

Exira-EHK under guidance of Trey Petersen, with brother Tyler an assistant

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ELK HORN – If the name Trey Petersen sounds recent, particularly as an Exira-EHK athlete, that’s because it is.

The 2023 alum of Spartan Nation just completed his sophomore year at Northwest Missouri State, where he’s pursuing his degree in physical education.

He’s home for the summer, and will now be serving as head coach of his alma mater, assisted by older brother and also a former Spartan do-everything standout Tyler Petersen, himself a student at Northwest Missouri State and a history education major there.

“I had a good relationship with the kids growing up and the kids I played

with,” said Trey, who takes over from Randy Kelly. “Having this job means a lot, and having the people on the team means a lot, especially having my brother on the team by my side is going to help me tremendously with coaching.”

It almost seems appropriate that the Petersens will be helming a team that has five eighth-graders on a 14-player roster, one of those eighth-graders being their younger brother, Thomas.

Young, yes, but one thing Trey thinks will be working in their favor is familiarity. He coached them as sixth- and seventh-graders on the B-Cuds, so they are familiar with his expectations and goals.

“They’re finally starting to click together as a team and I’m excited for what the season holds for them and excited to see them grow as a team,” he said.

There are a number of veterans who are back and

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Trey Petersen
Exira-EHK baseball coach

will be looking to improve upon last year’s 6-12 season. Seniors Alex Hansen, Owen Juhl and Josh Nelson return, as do sophomore Anthony Young and junior Austin Rasmussen.

“Having (the returning letterwinners) is going to be huge, not only when it comes to hitting but also pitching,” said Petersen. “I know that’s on the stat sheet they weren’t the best hitters, but I firmly believe we can change that around this year.”

The Spartans will be looking to improve offensive production after hitting just .218 as a team a year ago. Just three players hit above .300, with Alex Hansen the only one returning, hitting exactly .300, but with a .481 on-base percentage after drawing seven

walks and reaching on five errors by the opponents. Hansen also stole 12 bases. Rasmussen had a .275 average but returns 14 base hits, three for doubles, and swiped six bases.

Hansen will be looked upon as the Spartans ace on the mound. He was 2-3 last year, and worked 25-1/3 innings. He had a 4.14 ERA and struck out 30 batters while walking just five. Rasmussen worked 14-1/3 innings, with a 2.93 ERA and eight strikeouts, while Nelson and Young could also be in the starting rotation.

“The mound is going to be great for us and we’re going to be having guys who’ll be throwing strikes and throwing consistently well,” said Petersen.

Owen Juhl will be the

starting catcher. Petersen has been working with Juhl in the off-season and is starting to have the needed skills fine-tuned. Freshman Blake Nelson will also be catching, having played previously for Tyler when he was in charge of the B-Cuds, and he’ll also see other positions as well.

“It’s going to take time because he hasn’t played a ton of games back there this season,” said Petersen.

Multiple players will probably be seeing different positions this season, as the coaching staff figures out who will go where the best and what’s needed for the situation at hand.

“We could have five or six players play five or six positions, and when you have low numbers you’re going to have to do that and adjust,” said Petersen.

Top teams in the Rolling Valley Conference are expected to be Coon Rapids-Bayard and Woodbine, as both teams often make it tough to match up. Non-

conference opponents include Earlham, ACGC, Griswold, IKM-Manning, Panorama and Audubon; it’s Earlham that’s the season opener on Wednesday, May 28.

There’s plenty of optimism for the future. The next couple of years will have bigger and better expectations from the players, and hopes for improved off-season workouts.

“If the kids come in with a good attitude, I think we could do some things this summer,” said Petersen, hopeful to instill the same values as his father has to past Spartan athletes. “There’s no way you can tell where it’s going to go because it comes down to who comes ready to play for about an hour-and-30 to two hours. You never know what’s going to happen.”

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Exira

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On or after June 3, 2025 the City of Exira will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 as amended (P.L. 97-35), to undertake the following project:

Project Title: City of Exira Downtown Façade Improvement

Purpose: Downtown façade renovation of 11 facades on 8 buildings

Location: Washington Street, Exira

Estimated Cost: Total project cost is \$1,150,702.25 with \$650,000 in HUD assistance

The activities proposed: are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Exira City Hall, 108 East Washington Street, Exira, IA 50076 and may be examined or copied from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The ERR can also be viewed at region12cog.org/plans.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mike Huegerich, Mayor. All comments received by June 2, 2025 will be considered by the City of Exira prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Exira certifies to the Iowa Economic Development Authority that Mike Huegerich in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Iowa Economic Development Authority approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Exira to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Exira’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Exira (b) the City of Exira has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUDUBON, STATE OF IOWA, TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL OF ENTERING INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES (GENERAL FUND) OF THE CITY, AND THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR AN ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Audubon, State of Iowa, will hold a discussion meeting on the 9th day of June, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., in the City Hall, 315 Broadway St., Audubon, Iowa, at which meeting the council proposes to discuss entering into a Loan Agreement and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,800,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes payable from the General Fund, to provide funds to pay the costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new Audubon Fire and EMS building.

Aggregate annual principal and interest due from the general fund of the City on the proposed Loan Agreement and all other loan agreements payable from the General Fund in force on the date of authorization will not exceed ten (10) percent of the last certified general fund budget amount.

At the above discussion meeting the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City to the above action. At any time on or before July 9, 2025, a petition, asking that the question of entering into the Loan agreement and authorizing issuance of Capital Loan Notes payable from the General fund be submitted to the registered voters of the City, may be filed with the City Clerk, at City Hall, Audubon, Iowa, in the manner provided by Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa.

The Council shall meet on the 14th day of July, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., being not less than 20 days from the date of the discussion meeting, in the City Hall, 315 Broadway St., Audubon, State of Iowa, for the purpose of taking additional action on the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement and authorize the issuance of the Notes or acting on any petitions received.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Audubon, State of Iowa, as provided by Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2025

Janelle Remsburg,
City Clerk, City of Audubon, State of Iowa.

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