



Ellinwood summer volleyball runner-up

ABILENE — The Ellinwood summer volleyball team enjoyed its best finish in 10 years with a runner-up finish at the Abilene Spiketacular June 26-27. Ellinwood finished with a tie for the best record (24-2) in set wins/losses, but finished second overall to Clay Center, which beat Ellinwood in a head-to-head match. The Eagles defeated last year’s 2A state runner up Valley Heights 3A powerhouse Beloit and 5A Salina Central to end with their best record at the annual summer tournament. “I was pleased with progress we have made this summer,” said Ellinwood volleyball coach Greg Maxwell. “Our upperclassmen have taken big steps forward in leadership and on-court performance. Our younger players have adapted to new roles and are contributing heavily to our success.” Ellinwood’s Hutchinson Summer League team finished 6-0 in the varsity division. The junior varsity crew finished 8-0 against JV teams, and 1-1 against varsity competition, beating Kingman’s varsity team. The team will compete at the Kearney, Neb. team camp in July.

Make it a Safe Summer: Be Aware of Fire and Burn Hazards

TOPEKA –Barbequing on the grill, making s’mores around the firepit and telling stories around the campfire are all great ways to spend quality time outdoors in the summertime. But it’s important to remember any fire can cause serious injuries to children. In fact, summer is the season when there is an increase in emergency room visits due to fire and burn injuries. Safe Kids Kansas and the Kansas State Fire Marshal (KSFM) remind families to take simple steps to make sure your, “What I Did This Summer,” story doesn’t include a trip to the emergency department. Data from 2019-2023 shows that as summer approaches, there is an increase in the number of fire and burn emergency department visits in Kansas. Emergency department visits more than doubled during this period compared to winter months. The highest number of emergency department visits occurred in July. “Many families enjoy summer traditions that include fire, such as grilling food and making s’mores,” Cherie Sage,

Safe Kids Kansas, said. “Be fire smart when you head outdoors and be prepared to take extra precautions when you may be far from a water source.” Follow these fire safety tips: ·Actively supervise children around all fires and fireworks. Your safest option is to attend a public fireworks show and leave it to the professionals. ·Teach kids how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. ·Create a three-foot child and pet-free safety zone around any fire pit, chiminea or grill. ·Only use grills outdoors. Position your grill at least 10 feet away from your home and away from any overhanging eaves, branches or deck railings. ·Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup to prevent flare-ups. ·Dispose of coals after they cool off in a metal can. ·Keep plenty of water nearby and have a shovel for throwing sand or dirt on the fire if it gets out of control. ·Build campfires at least 25 feet away from

anything that can burn. ·Never leave grills, fire pits, patio torches or campfires unattended. Ensure fires are fully extinguished before you leave the area. When extinguishing the fire, drown it with water. If you do not have water, use dirt as an alternative. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cooled. However, do not bury coals, as they can smolder and re-ignite. “Summer in Kansas brings backyard barbecues, campfires, and fireworks – but also an increased fire risk,” Kansas Fire Marshal Mark Engholm said. “Take a moment to review your escape plan, keep grills and fire pits away from structures, never leave flames unattended, and leave fireworks to the professionals.” Safe Kids Kansas and the KSFM urge parents to follow these safety tips to reduce the risk of fire injuries. Ensure you install and regularly test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Plan and practice your home fire escape plan frequently – children are more likely to do what they’ve practiced during an emergency. For more information about fire safety, visit safekidskansas.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram @safekidskansas.

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