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Kayden Stroda scored on a 1 yd run with a failed extra point providing the score of 38-34 in favor of the Heat closing out the 3rd quarter.

In the 4th quarter Davidson scored on 2 TD runs while the Heat failed on both extra point attempts and Lebo added 2 more TD runs but only making good on 1 of the extra point tries to bring the final score of Heat 50 and Lebo 48 to close the game out.

Offensive leaders were Landon Rice rushing 7 times for 14 yards. Kayden Stroda rushed for 8 carries and 76 yards. Dalton Davidson finished the night with 13 carries for 64 yards and Evan Tate had 7 carries for 98 yards.

The Heat finished the night with 35 rushes for 252 yards offense

Receiving for the Heat was Brayden Allen with 2 receptions for 55 yds and a TD scored, Evan Tate had 1 catch for 18 yards, and Landon Rice had 3 receptions for 66 yards. The Heat combined for 129 yards through the air.

Davidson had 12 attempts while completing 6 catches on the night.

Defensively

Kayden Stroda had 8 tackles with a safety, Davidson had 4 tackles with 1 assists, Tate had 6 tackles and 1 assist. Rice had 3 assists and 2 pass deflections and Allen had 2 tackles, 1 deflection and 1 interception with a 15 yd return. Logan Oliver and Ely Benner each had a tackle.

Unfortunately we have played a lot of our kids on both Varsity and JV nights but we needed to get experience to our younger athletes quickly this season. It seems to have paid off in the fact that we are playing much better football toward the end of the season

Friday, October 23

Rural Vista 0, Lebo 46

The Heat suffered a loss on Friday against the Lebo Wolves. We knew going in that it would be a very tough opponent but it was disappointing to not make it to the 2nd half of the game.

Offensively we just could not move the ball against a superior defensive front which limited us to throwing the ball which has not been a strong suit for us this season.

Rushing attempts were limited to Landon Rice with 3 carries for 2 yds, Kayden Stroda with 4 attempts for 3 yds, Evan Tate with 1 carry for 2 yds and Nolan Effland with 12 carries and 19 yds.

Passing for the Heat was Effland going 3 for 8 for 40 yds and receiving was Rice 1 catch for 5 yds, Stroda 1 catch for 25 yds and Brayden Allen with 1 catch for 10 yds.

It's hard to be competitive with only 66 yds of total offense through the night.

Defensively we were led by Effland with 6 tackles and 2 deflections, Kayden Stroda with 5 tackles, Dalton Davidson with 2 tackles and 2 assists, Malakhi Kramer with 2 tackles, Brayden Allen with 2 tackles, Landon Rice with 1 tackle and 1 assists and Colter Johnson with 1 tackle.

The Heat will face a tough opponent in Frankfort on Thursday evening at 6:00 for our final game of the season.

Rural Vista High School Volleyball
info from Coach Adam Sobba and MaxPreps

The Rural Vista Heat high school volleyball team ended their 2026 season as the runners -up in the sub-state matches played at Centralia.

Semi-final match

Rural Vista 25, Northern Heights 22

Rural Vista 25, Northern Heights 12

The Heat first took on Northern Heights, defeating them in two sets to put the Heat in the championship match-up with Centralia.

Individual stats vs Northern Heights were:

Kills - Molly Hunnicutt, 9; Kaimey Evans, 7 and Lilli Stilwell 6

Aces - Evans, 3; Stilwell, 2 and Reagan Fiest and Addison Barnes, 1 each

Blocks - Hunnicutt, 1

Digs - Evans, 14 (which put her over 1,000 digs for her career with her senior season yet to come); Barnes, 13, Kamryn Anderson, 8 and Fiest, 6

Assists - Anderson, 21

Championship Match

Rural Vista 7, Centralia 25

Rural Vista 13, Centralia 25

Individual stats vs Centralia were:

Kills - Evans, 6 and Stilwell 2

Digs - Barnes, 10; Stilwell, 7 and Evans, 4

Assists - Anderson, 10

The loss gives the Heat a season record of 28-13 and sends Centralia on to the state tournament in Salina where they are the number one seed with a 41-0 record. Others in the 1A D1 tournament are South Gray, (39-1), Linn (36-2), Goessel (37-4), Little River (34-6), St. John's Tipton Catholic (31-7), Blue Valley (31-8) and St. John Hudson (31-12).

Council Grove Cross County
by Coach Joshua Gant

The Braves traveled to Fredonia on Saturday for the 3A sub-state race to determine who would earn a trip to the state meet next weekend. CG, who had secured the FHL title, was heading into sub-state as a team with the potential to upset someone and qualify for the state meet as a team. Seeded 4th, the Braves needed to finish as a top 3 team to qualify.

The Braves ran their best races of the season, with 5 PRs and 2 Season Bests. Jadyn Picolet led the way once again, running with the front pack and finishing in 17:37 in 7th. The next Brave to cross the finish line was Hayden Horton, finishing 17th with a PR time of 18:42. Carter Bremer came across a second later PRing in 18:43 in 19th place. In the 4th spot was Brody Nelson with another PR, in 30th place, in 19:17. The final scoring member for the Braves, Brayden Jarvis came across in 19:47, in 39th place.

As the scores came in they knew it was going to be close. Burlington, the 3 seed, was neck and neck with the Braves throughout the race, and in the end it would be Burlington who would advance to state, 9 points in front of the Braves.

"Our guys ran great races. They got stronger as the race went along. They hunted down points in the back half of the race. They posted great times."

The only problem for the Braves was that Burlington did the same thing. The Wildcats 3-6 runners all posted PRs.

"We're disappointed, obviously, because we knew it would take our best, and we did that. Sometimes, you get beat at your best. That's the beauty of competition. But we couldn't have asked for better races. Jadyn becoming a 4-time qualifier is a tremendous accomplishment. Brody went out on a PR, which is the best way to go. And Horton and Bremer were amazing. Each one of the guys posted a time to be proud of." Nick Most and Aaron Crotts also posted PRs on Saturday.

Picolet will return to the state meet for a 4th time as an individual. He heads to Rim Rock in Lawrence next Saturday, the 3A boys race is scheduled for 12:55.

"He has always risen to the challenge this time of year. Gherkin's best races have always been in the post season, so I expect him to be great one more time. It should be a great race."

Results for the Braves were:

Jadyn Picolet 17:37 7th/91

Brody Nelson 19:17 30th

Carter Bremer 18:43 19th

Hayden Horton 18:42 17th

Brayden Jarvis 19:37 49th

Aaron Crotts 21:15 72nd

Nick Most 20:30 60th







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Successful Season for 5th-6th Grades Volleyball in CK League



Successful Season - *The girls finished 2nd in the CK 5th-6th Grade League volleyball tournament. Pictured are: front - **Bristol Harris, Allie Beavers, Quinn Effland and Erin Effland;** Back - **Coach Callie Effland, Ensley Effland, Fallon Coleman, Julianna Senne, Heidi Bahret, Faith Kolbek and Coach Madison Beavers.** (courtesy photo)*

Reminder.... Hearing Set by USD #417 Concerning Closing Prairie Heights School

Just a reminder...

The USD #417 Board of Education set a public hearing date for the potential of closing Prairie Heights School in Alta Vista. The hearing will be held in the Council Grove Junior High/Senior High School auditorium on Tuesday, November 4, at 6 pm.

The decision to hold the hearing was made at the Board of Education meeting in Council Grove on Monday, October 12.

White City Seniors to Offer Annual Christmas Shoppe

The White City Senior Class is once again planning on having the Christmas Shoppe at the school. The Christmas Shoppe allows younger students to "shop" for affordable gifts for their family members.

If you would like to donate items, they would surely appreciate it. Items may be brought to the school during regular school hours.

Thank you to all for helping provide this shopping experience for the kids.

Veteran's Appreciation Meal and Guest Speaker on November 7 at Latimer Church

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7, for the Veteran's Appreciation Sloppy Joe Meal at the former Zion Lutheran Church in Latimer. The meal of sloppy joe, chips and dessert will be served from 5-6 pm.

At 6:15 pm, Chaplain (Colonel) David M. Johnston II of Fort Riley will give a presentation on service, gratitude and significance of Veterans.

A free will donation will be taken for the church window restoration. This event is sponsored by the Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Society.

Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee Regional Library Hosting Kansas Reads to Prescoolers Program

Activities to support the 2026 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Program will be held state wide during the month of November. Please join the Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library, in cooperation with the State Library of Kansas, as we work together to promote the importance of reading to the very young in our State.

The Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Program provides an opportunity for Kansans to make a difference in the life of a child. The purpose of the program is to ensure that every Kansas child between the ages of 0-5 years old is read to during the course of the program. The goal of the project is to remind parents, caregivers and librarians the importance of reading aloud to children every day of the year. Studies show that the more a child is read to the better they are prepared for learning to read and succeeding in school. So do your part and plan to bring that special child in your life to one, or more, of the Kansas Reads events that PWRL will be hosting this month.

As in past years, one book has been chosen to act as the focus for the Kansas Reads week's events and activities. The book selected for the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Program in 2026 is Lightning Bug Jamboree, written by Stephanie Brinkley and illustrated by Victoria Mikki.

When the summer sun sets, lightning bugs gather round with toads, fox and cricket sounds, and it's time for the "Lightning Bug Jamboree." This year's selection features a rhyming story brimming with friends and delight, lightning bug facts, an original "Lightning Bug Jamboree" song with music, and information about the author and the illustrator who helped bring this jamboree to life.

Lightning Bug Jamboree has also been chosen as one of the 15 outstanding titles written by Kansans or about a Kansas-related topic that were included in the 2026 Kansas Notable Books List. Books and authors chosen to receive this honor represent the best contemporary writers and writing available in the state. All the Kansas Notable Book List titles are now available for checkout and patrons are encouraged to come check them out!

Readings of Lightning Bug Jamboree, along with accompanying activities, will be held at the following locations, dates, and times. All events are free and open to the public. For more information about the Kansas Reads Programs, or any aspect of library services, please call the St. Marys Headquarters Library at 785-437-2778, or contact your local library location at the number listed below. We hope to see you soon at the Library!!

St. Marys Headquarters Library, 306 N. 5th , St. Marys, KS 66536, 785-437-2778

- Tuesday, Nov. 3 – 9:30-11 am - Kids Café / Kansas Reads Storytime at the PWRL St. Marys Library
- Monday, Nov. 16 – Friday, Nov. 20 – Special Kansas Reads Storywalk will be displayed along the sidewalk at the PWRL St. Marys Library.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18 – 3:00 pm – Special Musical Reading of Lightning Bug Jamboree by Author Stephanie Brinkley

Alma Branch Library, 115 W. 3rd, Alma KS 66401, 785-765-3647

- Monday, Nov. 2 – Friday, Nov. 6 - Kansas Reads Storywalk will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Wabaunsee County Courthouse.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3 – 10 am - Kansas Reads Storytime at the PWRL Alma Branch Library
- Monday, Nov. 9 - Kansas Reads Storytime for Alma Homeschool Group
- Monday, Nov. 16 – Friday, Nov. 20 – Kansas Reads Storywalk will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Wabaunsee Elementary School.

Eskridge Branch Library, 115 S. Main, Eskridge KS 66423, 785-449-2296

- Saturday, Oct. 31 – Kansas Reads Storywalk on display at the park during Eskridge Fall Festival
- Tuesday, Nov. 3 – 10 am, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Eskridge Branch Library

Onaga Branch Library, 313 Leonard, Onaga KS 66521, 785-889-4531

- Friday, Nov. 20 – 4:00 pm, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Onaga Branch Library
- Monday, Nov. 16- Friday, Nov. 20, Kansas Reads Storywalk on display in local downtown business windows.

Alta Vista Mini Library, 310 Center, Alta Vista, KS 66834, 785-499-5542

- Wednesday, Nov. 4 – 11 am, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Alta Vista Mini Library

Harveyville Mini Library, 128 West Oak, Harveyville, KS 66431, 785-589-2414

- Tuesday, Nov. 3 – 11 am, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Harveyville Mini Library
- Saturday, Nov. 7 – 10 am, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Harveyville Mini Library

Olsburg Mini Library, 318 N. 2nd, Olsburg, KS 66520, 785-468-3347

- Thursday, Nov. 5 – 11 am, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Olsburg Mini Library

Westmoreland Mini Library, 315 Main, Westmoreland, KS 66549, 785-457-2841

- Monday, Nov. 2 – 11 am, Kansas Reads Storytime at the Westmoreland Mini Library

