



Members of the 2026-27 Otis-Bison High School football team are (left to right) front row: Brooke Elsen, Ethan Maier, Brayden Vanpelt, Eli Tracy; back row: Tyler Gradig, James Short, Travis Ross, Dylan Richardson, Kolten Cory, Maddox Firebaugh, Ricky Martinez, Aiden Ochs-Lohrey, and Marcus Starr. Not pictured are Head Coach Marc Cowles, Assistant Coach Anton Foust, and Managers Jonny Kenyon, Brett Starr, Karter Cory and Carter Elsen. (photo by Riggs Photography)

Otis-Bison defeats Centre 60-19

Otis-Bison High School traveled east on Friday, September 4, to play Centre High School at Lost Springs. Otis-Bison won the game 60-19.

Otis-Bison recorded 393 total yards compared to Centre's 344 yards. Otis-Bison dominated on the ground with 343 rushing yards to Centre's 151, while Centre led in passing yards with 193 to Otis-Bison's 50. Otis-Bison recorded 13 first downs and 3

turnovers, compared to 11 first downs and 2 turnovers for Centre.

In Otis-Bison key player highlights, Aiden Ochs-Lohrey led the offense with 24 carries for 286 rushing yards and 7 touchdowns. Maddox Firebaugh went 2 for 7 in passing for 50 yards and 1 touchdown. Travis Ross added 31 receiving yards and 1 touchdown, while Kolten Cory contributed 31 rushing yards, 19 receiving yards,

and 1 touchdown.

On defense, Otis-Bison was led by Aiden Ochs-Lohrey with 14 tackles and 4 assists, followed by Travis Ross with 10 tackles and 6 assists, and Dylan Richardson with 7 tackles. Ricky Martinez scored 6 points with 3 two-point conversions.

The Otis-Bison Cougars will host Palco on Friday, September 11, at Otis.

Otis-Bison volleyball starts season at 3-6

The Otis-Bison High School volleyball team opened the season with a record of 3-6.

They played at Stafford on September 1 against Stafford and Cunningham. The Lady Cougars defeated Stafford 2-0 (25-22, 25-18) and Cunningham 2-0 (25-14, 25-10.)

They played at Macksville on September 3 against Macksville and La Crosse. They lost to La Crosse 1-2 (25-14, 19-25, 20-25) and won over Macksville 2-0 (25-10, 25-13).

The next time the Lady Cougars hit the floor will be Saturday, September 12, at the La Crosse/Otis-Bison Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Pool play is at each school, with finals at La Crosse this year.

USD 403 board to meet

Unified School District No. 403 will hold a regular board meeting at the Otis-Bison District Office, 301 W. Eagle in Otis, on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include, but not be limited to, the following: Call to Order - Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing - 7:00 p.m.; Roll Call; Public & Board Comments; Adjournalment of Hearing; Call to Order - Budget Hearing - 7:15 p.m.; Roll Call; Public & Board Comments; Adjournment of Hearing; Call to Order - Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.; Roll Call; Public Open Forum; Adoption of Agenda; Administrative Reports - Superintendent Report, Building Reports, Board Member Reports; Consent Agenda - Approve 8-10-26 Regular Meeting Minutes, Approve Treasurer Report, Approve Accounts Payable, Approve Activity Funds, Approve Petty Cash Funds; New Business - Building Needs and Assessments, Local Option Percentage, KASB Convention & Delegate Assembly Delegate, October Meeting Date; Adjournment.

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Members of the 2026 Otis-Bison Cross Country Team are (left to right) Lincoln Kelly, Christian Funk, Cameron Ochs-Lohrey, Jack Holman, Colten Fyler, Clara Boeh and Coach Stan Ewy. (photo by Riggs Photography)

Otis-Bison competes at TMP

The Otis-Bison cross-country team ran on September 5 at Thomas More Prep in Hays.

Jack Holman, freshman, took third place in the 5K JV race with a time of 22:14.17.

Christian Funk, eighth grade, ran the

two-mile course in a time of 17:52.70; and eighth-grader Colton Fyler finished the two-mile course in 16:12.70. Seventh-grader Clara Boeh finished the one-mile course in ninth place with a time of 7:04.30; and sixth-grader Lincoln Kelly ran one-mile with a time of 17:17.11.



Otis-Bison Elementary School introduces High Five Friday! The first High Five Friday was held September 4 and was hosted by the Reading Grandmas. The Reading Grandmas of Otis-Bison Elementary visit the school each week to sit and read one-on-one with students and are an important part of the community. Each Friday morning before school community members, local businesses, school clubs, sports teams, and other groups are invited to the school to greet the elementary students as they arrive. This is a great opportunity to spread positivity, build connections between our school and community, and help our students start their Friday with a smile and a high five! If you or your group would like to participate, call the school office at 785-387-2371 to set up a Friday that works for you. (school courtesy photo)

OTIS-BISON HIGH SCHOOL OTIS-BISON JUNIOR HIGH 2026 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

(ALL DATES/TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Game Time 7 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 28 Centre Fr. Sept. 11 Palco Fri. Sept. 18 Logan HOMECOMING Tescott Fri. Sept. 25 Western Plains Sat. Oct. 9 Southern Coffey County Fri. Oct. 16 Chase PARENTS NIGHT Pawnee Heights Fri. Oct. 23 Bracket Game Thurs. Oct. 29 Regional Fri. Nov. 6 Sectional Fri. Nov. 13 Sub-State Fri. Nov. 20 State	Jamboree (6 p.m.) OTIS Lost Springs OTIS OTIS Tescott Ransom OTIS OTIS Rozel
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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Tues. Aug. 25 Sat. Aug. 29 Tues. Sept. 1 Thurs. Sept. 3 Sat. Sept. 12 Tues. Sept. 15 Mon. Sept. 21 Tues. Sept. 22 Sat. Sept. 26 Tues. Sept. 29 Tues. Oct. 6 Sat. Oct. 10 Tues. Oct. 13 Oct. 19 / 20 Sat. Oct. 24 Oct. 29 / 30	Volleyball Jamboree Norton Tournament Stafford/Cunningham Macksville/LaCrosse OB / LaCrosse Tournament Ness / Quinter Dighton Macksville/LaCrosse PARENTS NIGHT Hoisington Tournament Cent. Plains/Chase Ness City/Kinsley/St. John CPL Tournament Victoria/Ellinwood Regionals Sub-State State	@ Spearville 5:00 @ Norton 9:00 @ Stafford 4:00 @ Macksville 4:00 @ OB/LHS 9:00 @ Ness City 4:00 @ OTIS 4:00 @ OTIS 4:00 @ Hoisington 9:00 @ Chase 4:00 @ St. John 4:00 @ Hoisington 9:00 @ Ellinwood 4:00
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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 5 Sat. Sept. 12 Thurs. Sept. 17 Thurs. Sept. 24 Thurs. Oct. 1 Thurs. Oct. 8 Thurs. Oct. 15 Sat. Oct. 24	TMP - Marian Pratt-Skyline St. John Invitational Larned Ness City Sterling CPL Regionals	Hays 9:00 a.m. Pratt 9:30 a.m. Stafford 9:00 a.m. Larned 4:00 p.m. Ness City 4:00 p.m. Sterling 3:30 p.m. Ness City 4:00 p.m. Sat. Oct. 31 State
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JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thurs. Sept. 3 Thurs. Sept. 10 Thurs. Sept. 19 Thurs. Sept. 24 Thurs. Oct. 1 Thurs. Oct. 8 Thurs. Oct. 15	Central Plains St. John Ellinwood Macksville Victoria Ness City Kinsley	La Crosse 6:30 p.m. St. John 6:30 p.m. La Crosse 6:30 p.m. Macksville 6:30 p.m. Victoria 6:30 p.m. Ness City 6:30 p.m. La Crosse 6:30 p.m.
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JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Mon. Sept. 8 Sat. Sept. 12 Mon. Sept. 14 Mon. Sept. 21 Mon. Sept. 28 Sat. Oct. 3 Mon. Oct. 5 Mon. Oct. 12 Sat. Oct. 18	Victoria/St. John Western Plains Tournament Kinsley/Ness City Natoma Hoisington/Ellinwood JV Tournament Macksville/La Crosse PARENTS NIGHT Central Plains/Chase CPL Tournament	Victoria 4:00 p.m. Bazine 9:00 a.m. OTIS 4:00 p.m. Natoma 4:00 p.m. Hoisington 4:30 p.m. Kinsley 9:00 a.m. OTIS 4:00 p.m. Bushton 4:00 p.m. Victoria 9:00 a.m.
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Otis-Bison Unified School District No. 403
-- WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR --

SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

OBJH VB at Home
BOE Mtg.
7:30 p.m.

HS VB at Ness City

Band to State Fair
Big Man On Campus
7 p.m.

JH FB at La Crosse vs. Ellis
CC at St. John

HOMECOMING
Parade 2 p.m.
Crowning 6:30 p.m.
HS FB at Home vs. Logan

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