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Erie High School varsity runners Trystin Agee, Anthony Pasquarelli, Isaac Myers, and Colt Corbett at the start of Saturday morning's cross country meet in Erie.



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Erie High School junior varsity runners Lydea Hendrickson, Parker Hawkinson, and Easton Harris-Sinclair prepare for the start of the race.

Erie High hosts second annual cross country meet

By KYLE CARPENTER
Head Cross Country Coach

On Saturday, September 5th, Erie High School hosted our second annual home Cross Country meet.

Our course is located on approximately 60 acres of woods, creeks, and ponds adjacent to the high school. This year, we made a change to the start time to get the races started earlier, due to the extreme heat in the forecast. I believe this change will be permanent, as average temperatures in early September continue to rise. Another change from this year is the number of participants. Last year, three schools participated, with a total of 24 runners. This year, six schools competed, with a total of 59 runners. We hope to see this trend continue and for the meet to continue to grow.

Despite the high temperatures, and this being the first race of the season, our kids competed well and were able to record some great times.

Trystin Agee, Sophomore, finished the Varsity race in a time of 23:35, and placed 8th, earning a medal. I was greatly impressed with Trystin's freshman season, and am excited to see what he can do this year.

Colt Corbett, Senior, ran the Varsity race in a time of 29:58, and placed 13th. Colt is currently battling an illness, and most people would have stayed in bed. I was proud of him for being tough and deciding to run, and I know that once he gets better he will have better



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Erie High School cross country athletes returned home with plenty of hardware after the second annual Erie cross country meet Saturday morning.

times and more enjoyable races.

Easton Harris-Sinclair, Freshman, finished the JV 2-mile in a time of 15:26, and placed 5th, earning a medal. This was Easton's first experience in cross country, and we expect to see great things from him. Already he has improved his time from our 2-mile time trial a couple weeks ago.

Parker Hawkinson, Sophomore, ran the JV 2-mile in a time of 18:39, and placed 6th, earning a medal. This was also Parker's first experience in cross country, and like Easton, he improved on his 2-mile time trial result. If both of these boys continue to work, I know we'll

see their times improve.

Lydea Hendrickson, Sophomore, finished the JV 2-mile in a time of 18:17, and placed 3rd, earning a medal. Lydea ran track for us last year and decided to give cross country a go. She has been a terrific runner, and I know we'll see great things from her. Like the boys, she also improved on her 2-mile time trial result.

Annie Myers, Senior, ran the Varsity race in a time of 33:56, and placed 12th. I know that Annie continues to have a tough time battling illness, and I am very proud of her for toughing it out her senior year anyway. She is a very hard worker and a

terrific kid with a positive attitude always, even when things aren't going her way.

Isaac Myers, Junior, finished the Varsity race in a time of 24:16, and placed 9th, earning a medal. Isaac ran on a painful ankle, and in cross country where the racing surface is uneven, that can make a big impact on your race. I am proud of him for staying tough and finishing the race, and hope his ankle heals soon. If it does, I know we'll see huge leaps in performance.

Anthony Pasquarelli, Junior, ran the Varsity race in a time of 20:09, and placed 4th, earning a medal. Anthony was our fastest



Submitted photo
Erie High School senior Annie Myers in action during Erie's second annual cross country meet Saturday morning.

runner of the day, and is the pillar of our team, both on race days and at practice. Anthony's goal is to finish a race in under 20 minutes, and he came very close today, despite the high temperatures and a slow course. If he stays healthy, I believe he'll reach his goal. He finished today's race a minute and a half faster than the same race last

year. All of these kids have been putting in the effort and it shows. They are improving every day and getting tougher, both physically and mentally. I am excited to see what they will do this season.

The teams raced at Greenbush Thursday. Next week, the teams travel to Oswego.

Kansas revenues 10% above estimates for first two months of new fiscal year

By MORGAN CHILSON
KansasReflector.com

TOPEKA — Kansas tax collections trended upward in the first two months of fiscal year 2027 coming in 6.5% above estimates, the state reported.

Total Kansas receipts, including taxes and other revenue, such as interest, for July and August were \$113.9 million, or 10% above estimates, according to a report Tuesday by the Kansas Legislative Research Department. Individual income tax receipts were above the estimate by \$64.1 million, or 8.7%, the report said.

Corporation taxes, however, continued to

come in below estimates, down by 10.9%, or \$4.4 million, for July and August.

"However, corporation income tax receipts were more in line with the prior-year amount, only lagging the year-to-date level by 1.3%," the KLRD report said.

Kansas real gross domestic product, which measures the market value of all final goods and services, increased by 1%, making Kansas GDP growth up 3.8% on average for the last four quarters.

"Contrary to the national level, government spending, especially military spending, was a large contributor to the growth of the Kansas economy," the KLRD report said. "Among private industries, manufac-

turing of both durable and non-durable goods contributed positive growth, which was partially offset by declines in agriculture and retail trade."

Kansas House Majority Leader Chris Croft, an Overland Park Republican, attributed the positive financial report to reduced spending.

"These numbers reflect the Legislature's balanced policies of restraining spending and responsible tax relief," he said in a news release. The state general fund budget for fiscal year 2027 is \$10.7 billion, while the estimated revenue is \$10.1 billion, according to KLRD's website. The total state budget for the same period is \$26.77 billion.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEOSHO COUNTY,
KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Lee Middleton,
Deceased.

Case No. NOE-2026-PR-000039

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mark Alan Middleton, surviving son and one of the heirs of Charles Lee Middleton, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Neosho, County, Kansas:

Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Thirty (30) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the 6th P.M., Neosho County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Chanute in Neosho County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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