

Sports

Runners medal at meet

By Kathe Hamman
The Yates Center Wildcat Cross Country teams came home with a lot of hardware from the Neodesha meet highlighted by two first time champions in their race of the day.

Morgen Crumrine in the varsity 5K and seventh grader Wyatt Erps winning the junior high boys race.

Coach King reported, “the Neodesha cross country race was a soggy, humid race but all Wildcats overcame the elements and performed amazingly. Crumrine and Gauge Murray ran their first varsity race of the season. Crumrine swept the competition and placed first, while Gauge placed sixth. Our junior varsity high school runners also had success of their own. Isaac Stoll led the pack with solid performance and placed third while Corbin Schultz wasn’t far behind him placing fifth. Bralyn Brooks ran her personal best in Neodesha. She has worked really hard all season long on the mental aspect of cross country and it finally paid off today. Lastly, the seventh grade Wildcat runners top the three top spots tonight finishing first, second and third. Great job to Erps for getting his first ever first place finish.”

Callan Slater came in second followed closely by Noah Clark. In the high school junior varsity boys race Isaac Stoll crossed the line in third place and teammate Schultz was less than a

minute behind in fifth place. In the girls junior varsity race Brooks and Sydney Johnston were fifth and sixth. Elliot Ard was seventh in the high school boys 5K.



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YATES CENTER Junior High School seventh grader Wyatt Erps guts out the end of his race to cross the finish line in first place.



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THE YATES CENTER fifth and sixth grade Wildcats protected their home field Saturday with a shut out victory over Madison 30-0. Kase Day surveys the defense as he takes



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MILESTONES REACHED by two Yates Center Wildcats while teammate Cayten Cummings put down her 1000th kill during the game.

Spring lawn care starts with proper winterization

By K-State Extension news service

Taking care of a home lawn can be time consuming but rewarding for many homeowners. Kansas State University horticulture expert Matt McKernan said as mowing season ends, it is important to service mowers before storing them for winter.

Always begin lawn mower maintenance by disconnecting the battery cable or spark plug wire to prevent accidental engine starts and ensure safety, McKernan recommends.

“Make sure you drain the gas tank of gasoline-powered engines, run the engine until it is out of gas, or use a gasoline stabilizer,” McKernan said. “Untreated gasoline can become thick and gummy.”

Spark plugs should be replaced. Before putting the new one in, place a few drops of clean oil inside the spark plug hole in the engine and turn over the engine a few times to lubricate the cylinder. Battery terminals usually corrode during the season, so they should be cleaned with a wire-bristle brush before being removed and stored

for winter.

“If you remove the battery, be sure to store it in a protected location for the winter; a cool basement works best,” McKernan said.

Cleaning and storing mowers properly is just one part of end-of-season-care. McKernan also suggests using this time to sharpen mower blades.

“Sharpening rotary mower blades is fairly straightforward,” said McKernan, who listed the steps to guide the process:

Check for major blade damage and replace what can’t be fixed.

Remove grass and debris with a damp cloth. Dry the blade before sharpening.

Use a grinding wheel or hand-file to remove nicks from the cutting edge. If using a grinding wheel, match the existing edge angle to the wheel. If hand-filing, file at the same angle as the existing edge.

File edges to 1/32 inch, or about the size of a period at the end of a sentence.

Avoid overheating the blade as this could damage it.

For optimum winter

storage, clean the blade with solvent or oil. Avoid using water because it will promote rust.

“Following these tips can help you better prepare your mower for winter storage and also save you some steps (next) spring,” McKernan said.

McKernan and his colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to McKernan at hortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Extension office.

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Public Notice

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Steven A. Leis is applying for a permit to authorize Enhanced Recovery in the Parker #N-1 and Parker #L-1 wells, located in Woodson County, Kansas

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned. You and each of you are hereby notified that Steven A. Leis has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Squirrel Sand Formation at the Parker L-1 (2820’FSL, 571’ FEL) and the Parker N-1 (3551’FSL, 504’FEL) wells located in Section 34 Township 25 Range 15E,

Woodson County, Kansas with a maximum operating pressure of 450# and a maximum injection rate of 75bbls per day per well.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Steven A. Leis
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of GARY D. TIDD, SR., Deceased WO-2026-PR-000007 **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified a Petition was filed on September 15, 2026, in this Court by Christopher Tidd, praying for the appointment of Christopher Tidd, Tracy Tidd and Gary D. Tidd, Jr., as co-executors of the estate of Gary D. Tidd, Sr, and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file

your written defenses thereto on or before the **14th day of October 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** of said day, in the District Courtroom, at the Woodson County Courthouse, in the City of Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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