

Runnin' Eagles host home meet in Ness City



Pictured above l. to r.: Hunter Stenzel, Josh Brookshire, Ethan Flax, Wyatt Sutton and Chaz Sehl-Anderson work as a team to get their head and legs ready for their big race on home soil.

Ness City October 2
Weather: Light Breeze, Sunny, Low 80's
Course: Rolling Hills, Great Footing
Meet Info: There were five races: JH Girls, JH Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys.
Medals: Top ten in each JH race, top 10 in JV and top 15 in each Varsity race medaled. Top three varsity teams medaled.
JH Girls: There

were 18 girls in the race. Shayden Boydston of Ellis led from start to finish to win the race in a new meet record time of 5:25. The Runnin' Eagles had two top ten finishers: Jordan Schwien in 4th place and Natalie Younger in 9th place.
JH Boys: There were 62 runners in the race. A good battle up front between Sebastian Favela of Kiowa County and Grant Pearce of Wallace County

lasted the entire race. It was Favela who came out on top by less than 1 second. Both ran impressive times of 4:55 which broke the meet/course record. Jaxson Campfield and Bently Walker both competed tough for The Runnin' Eagles.

JV Boys: There were 26 Boys in the race. Jeremiah Harper of Deerfield won the race with a time of 20:36. Sampson Liggett placed 8th for The Runnin' Eagles.

Varsity Girls: There were 53 Girls in the race. The Boydston sisters of Ellis set the early pace and never let up, finishing 1-2 with impressive times of 19:15 and 19:35. The Runnin' Eagles had three medalists with Stephany Esparza 5th place, Taegin Liggett 7th place and Emma Petersilie 15th place. Brecklyn Bishop was one place away from medaling. Corinne Younger, Brynlee Pfannenstiel and Hannah Younger also competed for The Runnin' Eagles.

Varsity Boys: There were 60 runners in the race. Broxton Gall of The Runnin' Eagles was on a mission to get some home cookin' and that he did! Broxton won the race by over 40 seconds and set a new course/meet record of 16:23. Wyatt Sutton 9th and Ben Durham 14th also medaled for The Runnin' Eagles while Hunter Stenzel, Josh Brookshire, Ethan Flax and Chaz Sehl-Anderson competed for The Runnin' Eagles.

Team Standings: There were five full girls teams and it was a battle for the team title. Scott Community finished with 30 points, just one point ahead of The Runnin' Eagles! The Runnin' Eagles, currently ranked 2nd in class 1A, beat state ranked Hodgeman County, Quinter and Ingalls. On the boys side there were eight full teams. It was a battle between #1 state ranked Quinter and #2 state ranked Runnin' Eagles. Quinter ended up winning with 50 points, just 7 points ahead of the Runnin' Eagles.

Jordan- 4th, 6:07 Good speed race, ready to cook in the 2 mile next week.
Natalie- 9th, 6:49 Big PR, starting to understand the whole running/racing thing.
Jaxson- 15th, 5:52 PR, has gotten faster every week.
Bently- 31st, 6:22 Big PR, gaining more confidence every week.
Stephany- 5th, 21:14

Competed tough, especially the second half of the race. Gonna cook next week.

Taegin- 7th, 21:43 Glad to have her back! Huge confidence booster for the Senior.

Emma- 15th, 23:08 Consistent all season, breaking out next week.

Brecklyn- 16th, 23:18 Steady last three weeks, gonna cook next week.

Corinne- 27th, 24:11 Ready to cook next week.

Brynlee- 30th, 24:55 Healthy again, now ready to cook next week.

Hannah- 50th She finished and stayed upright. That's all we wanted.

Broxton- 1st, 16:23 Career PR & Meet Record! Was a dude today. He's rolling!

Wyatt- 9th, 17:43 PR, first time under 18 minutes. Now he's cooking!

Ben- 14th, 18:23 Competed tough last mile. Ready to cook at Lakin.

Hunter- 20th, 18:41 Got out fast to pace our pack. Gonna cook at Lakin.

Josh- 21st, 18:46 Gonna break out at Lakin.

Ethan- 26th, 19:06 Will bounce back and cook at Lakin like he always has.

Chaz- 30th, 19:26 The PR train keeps rolling through, CHOO CHOOOO.

Sampson- 8th 22:56 Battling some knee issues. Once healthy he will cook.

Younger's Comments: "Minus the computer issues the entire meet, all of the races were extremely competitive which made for a fantastic meet! We came home with lots of hardware which is always a good thing when you are on your home course! Broxton keeps being a dude this season to lead the boys team. Wyatt, finally realizing what he can do, had a very nice pr. Our boys pack is ready to break a part and drop some time next week. Steph had a very good race and it was great to have the 1-2 punch of Steph and Taegin back! Emma and Brecklyn continue to stay steady while Corinne and Brynlee are putting in 2 fine freshman seasons! It was good to have Hannah back, hopefully she can continue to progress the rest of the season. All Chaz does is PR every race! We need to get Sam healthy so he can start rollin' with the boys! We head to Lakin on Saturday for our favorite regular season meet. It's very competitive on a very nice course. Training has been very good, kids are ready to roll!"

Kansas Cross Country Coaches Jim Maska Early Season Poll

- 1A Girls
- 1) Ness City
 - 2) South Gray
 - 3) Centralia
 - 4) Beloit-St. Johns
 - 5) Axtell
 - 6) Hodgeman County
 - 7) Golden Plains
 - 8) Pratt Skyline
 - 9) Wabaunsee
 - 10) Olpe
- 1A Boys
- 1) Ness City
 - 2) Quinter
 - 3) Meade
 - 4) Pratt Skyline
 - 5) Beloit-St. Johns
 - 6) St. John-Hudson
 - 7) Central
 - 8) Centralia
 - 9) Axtell
 - 10) Kiowa County



Thomas Whipple died October 2

Thomas E. Whipple, 81, passed away on October 2, 2025, at his home in Arizona City, Arizona. He was born on August 10, 1944, in Dighton, Kansas, the son of Virgil and Ethel (Stout) Whipple.

Tom grew up in Beeler, Kansas, and graduated from Beeler High School. On August 20, 1967, he married Clarnetta Gumescheimer in Bazine, Kansas. He spent his time raising his family in Beeler and Ness City.

He was a farmer in his early years later working in construction. He never lost his connection to the farm and took any opportunity to catch up on what was happening on the farm with his brothers and other family members whenever he could. He owned Tom Whipple Construction and built and remodeled many homes in Kansas and Colorado. He was also a previous owner/operator of Ness Bowl, in Ness City. He moved to Cañon City, Colorado, where he spent over 20 years and then chose to spend his final years traveling in his RV and spending the winters in Arizona.

Tom will be remembered for his hard work, his devotion to his family, his woodworking skills, his love for cooking on the grill and entertaining his friends and family, and for his quick wit and one-liners.

Tom is survived by his four children, Annetta (Pat) Fellhoelter, Bryan Whipple, of Ness City, Janetia (Pete) Flax, of Ransom and Loretta (Hunter) McMillen of Solomon; nine grandchildren, Landon, Jared (Miriam) and Kyler Fellhoelter, Seth (Ava), Bryce and Ethan Flax, Raegan, Logan and Kennedy McMillen; three great-grandchildren, Kamree, Kendall and Kooper Fellhoelter; two sisters-in-law, Neah Whipple of Great Bend and Ruby Whipple of Kalvesta; and his companion, Brenda Reiley, Arizona City.

Tom was proceeded in death by his parents and his brothers, Vyril Whipple and Grover Whipple.

A funeral service will be held at Ness City Methodist Church, Ness City, Kansas, on Monday, October 13, 2025, 10:30 am. Burial will follow at the Beeler Cemetery, Beeler, Kansas. Viewing will be at Fitzgerald Funeral Home on Sunday, October 12, 2025, from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm with the family present from 5:00-7:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be given to Beeler Cemetery Improvement Fund.



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The Eagles took on an early 6-0 lead on a 66-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Stenzel to Dakoda McDonald. McDonald later returned a kickoff 42 yards for a score; Javier Talamantes added the two-pointer. Javier Talamantes and Dracen weeks each forced a fumble.

Rushing Leaders: Braddix Bozarth 7 carries 20 yards

Javier Talamantes 7 carries 14 yards

Passing Leader: Hunter Stenzel 2 of 4

pases, 71 yards 1 TD

Receiving Leader: Dakoda McDonald 2 catches 71 yards 1 TD

Tackles/Assists

Javier Talamantes 4/0
Thane Brenner 3/1
Daniel Morales 2/2
Dracen Weeks 2/1
Hunter Stenzel 2/0
Israel Gonzalez 2/0

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IN DISTRICT COURT OF NESS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of GWENDOLYN J. KLITZKE, Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 59)

Case No.: NS-2025-PR-000024

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on September 24, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Richard Klitzke, heir and co-Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Gwendolyn J. Klitzke, praying for Informal Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in this Court, in the City of Ness City, in Ness 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. SUBMITTED BY: KAYLENE BRIN, PA /s/ Kaylene Brin Kaylene Brin, 109 W 10th Hays, Kansas 67601 #15748 (785)628-1145; FAX (785)628-3098 Attorney for Petitioner

Share your thoughts email us at: nessnews@gbta.net or call 785/798.2213

No Driver's License renewals until 2026

The Ness County Treasurer's Office will be temporarily unable to process Driver's License renewals beginning October 9th, 2025, due to pending certifications. **We expect to resume these services in early 2026.** In the meantime, please schedule your license renewal at a full-service station in a nearby community, such as Hays, Dodge City, or Great Bend.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through these upcoming changes. We look forward to being able to fully serve our community again in 2026!

The City of Ransom is -HIRING-

The City of Ransom is looking for a full-time maintenance person. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during late fall and winter and 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during late spring and summer. The job description includes (but not limited to) maintenance on machinery, lift station maintenance, reading water meters (we are in the process of going to digital readings), mowing (tractor mower/zero turn mower), road maintenance, etc. Must be able to keep logs and fill out reports for the state for water and sewer. Applicants will be eligible for KPERS and PTO. We will base the pay on previous experience and certification. If not water/sewer certified, the City of Ransom will pay for classes and testing done to become certified. The City of Ransom is an EOE. For more information or an application, contact the City of Ransom via phone (785-731-2456) or mail P.O. Box 207 Ransom, KS 67572.

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