

# Local Cross Country runners compete at Regionals; Cowgirl headed to state

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The top cross country runners in Atascosa and McMullen Counties competed at the UIL Region IV Cross Country Championship on Saturday, Oct. 29, with one advancing to state.

The athletes, representing Pleasanton, Poteet, Charlotte and McMullen County ISD, converged at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the competition.

For the fourth year in a row, senior Blaye Lee has earned a spot at the state meet. She finished 5th place overall in Class 1A, with a time of 13:45. She will run at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock at 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Here are the other results from the meet:

## Class 4A Girls, Team Results

"The Poteet girls did an amazing job beating out 16 other teams for a respectable 9th place. I am very proud of their record times and high placement," said head coach Jaelyn Hall-Smyth.

As a team, the Pleasanton Lady Eagles finished in 14th place.

## Class 4A Boys, Results

"The Poteet boys finished in the top half of the runners and finished 16th out of 24 teams. They ran a hard race and they ran with passion and determination! Thank you, Poteet Cross Country, for an amazing season and thank you Poteet for all the support!" said coach Hall-Smyth.

Coach Hall-Smyth also said she was extremely proud of the way the athletes performed. "Compared to last year when my girls were in the teens and now to place 9th... I am just thrilled with their improvement. My boys amaze me, to bring a team this year and be competitive, I am proud to say the least and look forward to next year with them all again."

## Class 1A Girls, Results

In Class 1A, the McMullen County Cowgirls team finished in 9th place.

## Class 4A Boys Individual Results

36th place: Shane Garcia of Poteet, 17:49.  
86th place: Juan Benites of Poteet, 18:38.  
97th place: Raymond Delgado of Pleasanton,



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McMullen County Cowgirl Blaye Lee finished in 5th place at the Cross Country Regional meet in Corpus Christi, in Class 1A. She will advance to the state meet on Nov. 12.

18:53.

105th place: Aiden Panza of Poteet, 19:01.

109th place: Joe Garcia of Poteet, 19:04.

115th place: Thomas Salas of Poteet, 19:15.

123rd place: Clirim Xhemaili of Poteet, 19:24.

170th place: David Sandoval of Poteet, 21:39.

## Class 4A Girls Individual Results

47th place: Jasmine Oliva of Poteet, 13:12.

51st place: Bianca Haynes of Poteet, 13:18.

56th place: Alina Escamilla of Poteet, 13:22.

59th place: Madelyn Bird of Pleasanton, 13:27.

65th place: Ayanna Oltivero of Pleasanton, 13:31.

71st place: Emily Zavala of Poteet, 13:36.

79th place: Kinsley Moore of Pleasanton, 13:42.

93rd place: Briana Alvarado of Poteet, 13:53.

108th place: Jennifer Balentine of Pleasanton, 14:09.

112th place: Messiah San Miguel of Pleasanton, 14:14.

125th place: Miranda Mancha of Poteet, 14:31.

129th place: Ashley Hui-zar of Pleasanton, 14:34.

142nd place: Tara Ramirez of Poteet, 15:01.

143rd place: Megan Hui-zar of Pleasanton, 15:03.

## Class 2A Boys Individual Results

83rd place: Roque Flores of Charlotte, 21:26.

## Class 1A Girls Individual Results

5th place: Blaye Lee of Tilden, 13:45.

23rd place: Brenda Beyer of Tilden, 15:13.

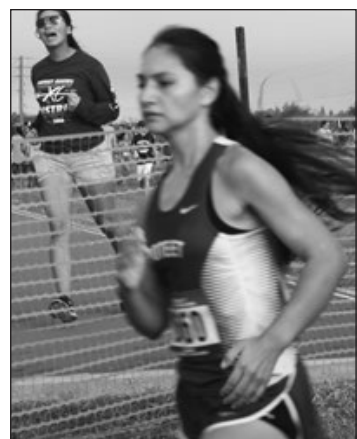
67th place: Baily Dawson of Tilden, 16:55.

88th place: Tannah Walker of Tilden, 17:36.

92nd place: Erika Waldau of Tilden, 17:51.

125th place: Hallie Taylor of Tilden, 20:09.

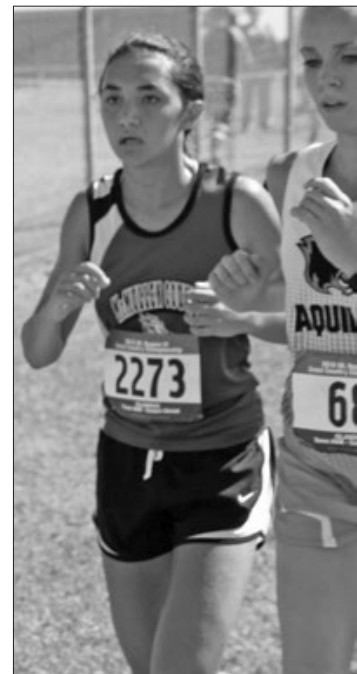
Congratulations to all runners and good luck to Blaye Lee on her upcoming competition.



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Emily Zavala of Poteet at the Regional Cross Country meet.



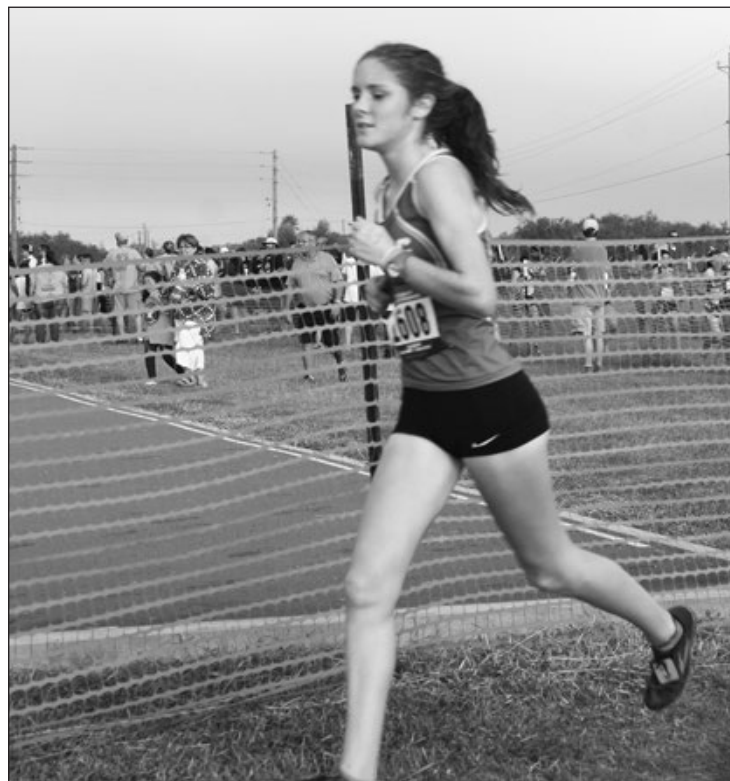
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Cheering on Poteet Aggie Shane Garcia are his family, left to right: Shawna, Shane, Taryn and Donovan R. Garcia Sr.



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Brenda Beyer of McMullen County ISD competes at Regionals.



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Pleasanton runner Raymond Delgado was among those qualifying for the Regional meet in Corpus Christi.



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Madelyn Bird of Pleasanton competes at the recent Regional meet.

# Congratulations to the Pleasanton Junior High Cross Country Teams!

The 7th grade girls won the district meet and Jai Oltivero won the 8th grade boys division. Jai has not lost a race in 2 years - he has been undefeated in junior high. For results see the November 9, 2016 edition of the Pleasanton Express.

# Pleasanton Junior Varsity beats Somerset

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Pleasanton Junior Varsity hosted the Somerset Bulldogs, Thursday, October 27.

Coach Derek Skloss said, "The game started with a big kickoff return by Eagle Chris Garcia. The Eagle offense took the field with good field position and Fisher Underbrink was able to find Johnathan Garcia for a 30-yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion was good by Underbrink running the ball into the end zone."

"The Eagle defense was able to hold the Bulldogs scoreless in the first quar-

ter with Anthony Diemert leading the way. Eagles took the 8-0 lead into the 2nd quarter. That's when Underbrink called his number again and scored from 3-yds out. The extra point was no good. "The Bulldogs were able to score one TD in the 2nd quarter and that made the halftime score 14-8, Eagles."

Coach Skloss continued, "The second half started with the Eagles continuing to play swarming defense with Sergio Rodriguez leading the team in tackles. Half way through the 3rd quarter, Nicodemus Juarez came up with a big hit on the quarterback that caused

a fumble and the Eagles recovered setting up the 3rd score of the night. Chris Garcia was able to find the end zone with a 10-yd run moving the score to 20-8. Extra point was no good.

"The Bulldogs were able to score late in the 4th, making the score 20-16. But this night belonged to the Eagles. The defense was able to stop the late charge and the offense moved the ball, getting first downs. The game ended with an Eagle victory, 20-16. This moved the Eagles record to 6-3 on the season and 3-1 in district. The Eagles will travel to Beeville for their final game Thurs., Nov. 3."



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The Pleasanton Lady Eagles celebrate their victory over Carrizo Springs on Tuesday, Nov. 1 in Pearsall. They won in 4 sets. They will be playing Orange Grove in Tilden Thursday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m.

# Pleasanton Freshmen lose to Somerset

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The Pleasanton Freshmen played host to the Bulldogs from Somerset last night in Eagle Stadium.

Coach Seth Rutland said, "Somerset wasted little time capitalizing on a good kickoff return and scored the first points of the game. Their conversion failed and left the score 6-0, Bulldogs. "Pleasanton's Riley Torres took the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touch down. This was followed up by a Jose De La

Cruz to Daniel Valadez 2-pt. conversion. The score was now 8-6. "The Eagle defense played well early. Good play from Preston Thompson and Riley Torres and Kade Loeffler along with Daniel Valadez made it tough for the Bulldogs early. The Eagles scored on a 38-yard touchdown pass from Nathaniel Acevedo to Daniel Valadez. Preston Thompson added the extra point to bring the score to 15-6, Eagles."

"Somerset popped a long run before half and was successful on their conversion, so going into halftime

the score was 15-14, Eagles. "The second half was a different game altogether. The Eagles struggled to regain the momentum they had in the first two quarters. Somerset managed to score a few more times to none for the Eagles. The final score was 34-15, Bulldogs."

"The Eagles played hard but just couldn't finish the game that they had started. Once momentum was lost, we were never able to regain it. The Eagles finish district play next Thurs. as they travel to Beeville."

# Lady Eagles prepare for playoffs

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Pleasanton Lady Eagles traveled to Cuero, Tuesday, October 25, where they lost to Cuero in 3 sets, 25-12; 25-17 and 25-17.

The Lady Eagles did qualify for the playoffs and their opponent was decided on Friday, October 28 after a match between Lytle and Carrizo Springs. That decided Pleasanton's first playoff opponent.

Coach Gabriel Aguirre said, "The Cuero game was our last district contest.

Now it's time to get ready for playoffs as we finished 2nd in district."

Lady Eagles are facing Carrizo Springs in Pearsall, Tuesday, November 1 as we go to press. Details on this game later.

Here are Lady Eagle stats: Kills - Laken McAda - 8, Kaycie Shannon - 7.

Digs - Candra Casias - 11, Amber Guerra, Madison McDonald & Laken McAda - 6 each.

Assists - Amber Guerra - 11. Blocks - Janessa Ximenez - 1.