

Sports

Cross-country races in Owensboro

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The Webster County cross-country team competed in the 61st Owensboro Invitational in on Saturday, with Landon Higdon and Paisley Stone earning spots on the podium in the meet.

Higdon crossed the finish line in 16:39.06.

He was right behind Thomas Davis of Union County again, who took the individual title with a time of 16:18.09. Apollo's Axton Alvey rounded out the top three with a time of 17:19.05.

Stone finished the girls' meet in

19:54.04, a Webster County freshman record.

Owensboro Catholic's Peyton Reid topped the girls' field in 18:49.00, and Addy Alvey of Apollo was second in 18:57.09. In third place was Elenor Pendleton of

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Tigers maul Trojans early in Princeton

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Coach Jon Tarrance had a simple strategy for his football team before they took on an undefeated Caldwell County in Princeton: "Go out and compete." The first year skipper added that the pressure was on the Tigers, as they were already banking on the win.

The Tigers seemed undaunted by that pressure, as they cruised to an early 7-0 lead after two plays and in 25 seconds of the first period. When the Trojans offense took the field, they appeared to be locked in. Ty Phillips had a good run to get the ball almost to midfield, but on second down, he tried his hand at passing and was picked off by the keen Tigers defense. Two plays later, the Tigers extended their lead to 14-0.

Webster was down, but not out. Christopher Newman scratched and clawed his way back to midfield, where Wes Alexander jumped in and got a Trojans first down. Diego Salazar tried to extend that push, but was wrapped up by a host of Tiger defenders each time he carried the ball. The Trojans were forced to punt the ball away. A penalty on Caldwell pushed the ball back to the Tigers 17-yard line, where the Tigers would take over. The hosts gave it to one of their running backs and he was off to the races. Just like that, the score was 21-0 with almost five minutes left in the first quarter.

Webster's offense took the field again. They showed much better ball handling than in their first three outings. Alexander was manhandled at the 27-yard line, literally slammed by a host of Tiger linemen that seemed to be making a statement. Newman scratched again for a few yards. Salazar worked in earnest trying to make something happen, too, even accidentally knocking down a line judge in the process. A turnover on downs and a penalty on Webster County sent the Caldwell offense off to the races again. Trojan defenders pulled him down in the red zone, but he scored on the next play. With 1:37 left in the first, the score was 28-0.

Despite giving up four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes, no Trojans were hurt, which was perhaps the silver lining in the proverbial cloud. Literal storm clouds formed over Princeton, but no delay was called. It seemed as the second quarter started that Newman was shaken up, but he was back shortly. After an empty trip, the Trojans turned it over again on downs, and the Tigers



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Wes Alexander (13) triumphantly brings the ball into the endzone for a 2-point conversion as Juan Salazar blocks.

scored in three relatively quick plays. One minute into the second period, the Tigers had forced a running clock.

Alexander returned the ball to the 30-yard line, and on the drive Newman lost his helmet and appeared to be genuinely hurt this time. Phillips worked to rally his team on a long third down situation, only to get called for delay of game. At third and 20, Alexander finally found a hole and broke free, pushing up to the 48-yard line. Newman, returning to the game, pushed farther upfield but was brought down at the 34. Newman carried once more, working the ball to the 25. A penalty on Caldwell put the Trojans in the red zone for the first time. Alexander carried again, not getting far. Salazar tried too, but was stopped. Newman stepped up again and got another first down for the Trojans. He continued to scratch and claw along with help from Phillips and Alexander, but it just wasn't enough to get to the endzone. The drive ended with the second half's completion, only a matter of a few yards to reach the endzone.

Despite a lopsided score, Tarrance was still upbeat.

"We are improving every week and that is the main thing," he said. "We have a bunch of players who haven't had a big chance on the varsity level and each week they are given an opportunity to get better and they are taking it. We are still having a lot of fun."

The Trojans elected to receive the second half kickoff, but their woes continued as the third quarter began to tick away. A deep kick put the ball at the Trojans own 11-yard line, and a fumble on the second play that was recovered by the Tigers put them in striking range before the band had even sat back down. With 7:09 left in the third, Caldwell extended their lead to 42-0.

Alexander was brought down around the 37-yard line on the kick-off, but finally found the hole he was looking for. He ran the ball all the way to the 3-yard line before he was brought down, a run that

energized the sideline and the Trojans faithful who had come to cheer on their team. Newman tried twice to get it in, but was denied. But on third

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the **WWTP Rehabilitation/Upgrade – Contract No. 1** will be received by the **City of Providence** at:

Hand delivery: City Hall, 201 East Main Street, Providence, KY 42450
Mail delivery: P.O. Box 128, Providence, KY 42450
until **4:00 PM central, 5:00 PM eastern time on SEPTEMBER 21, 2026.**

The Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Providence City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM local time, September 21, 2026, contingent upon a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud the first available time a quorum can be established either at the next regularly scheduled council meeting or at a special called council meeting.

The project includes, but is not limited to, the following:
The construction of a wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation/upgrade including but not limited to new equipment for the following: screening, grit removal, oxidation ditch, and (2) clarifiers. A new 40 ft. diameter clarifier and splitter box will be constructed at the treatment plant, with an upgraded disinfection system and all related work as specified and shown on the Drawings.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, awarded as a "Total Lump Sum Bid Price" as indicated in the Bid Form. The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, etc., incidental to and required for the construction of the facilities.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of the Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents and Specifications.

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to the City of Providence, 201 East Main Street, PO Box 128, Providence, KY 42450 allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS consisting of drawings and specifications may be examined at the following places:

City of Providence 201 East Main Street Providence, KY 42450	HMB Engineers, LLC 3 HMB Circle, US 460 Frankfort, KY 40601
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and must be obtained from Lynn Imaging (the Issuing Office) 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, phone (859) 226-5850 upon receipt of a non-refundable payment as follows:

City of Providence
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Prime bidders seeking Official Plan Holder status must purchase the complete set. Suppliers, manufacturers, and subcontractors wanting only the digital copy of the Documents may obtain same upon payment of \$250.00 per digital download. **All payments are non-refundable. Bids from anyone not on the Issuing Office Plan Holders list may be returned unopened.** Questions pertaining to this project may be directed to HMB Engineers, LLC at (502) 695-9800 or email to Nick Pilcher, P.E. at npilcher@hmbpe.com.

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM, local time, on September 8, 2026**, at Providence City Hall, 201 East Main Street, Providence, Kentucky 42450. Bids will be accepted only from bidders represented at the mandatory pre-bid conference.

All addenda, which may be issued for this Project, will be issued to each **Official Plan Holder** via email.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the City of Providence in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid. **No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date bids are opened.** Conditional or qualified Bids will not be accepted.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Anti-Kickback Act, Section 3 Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin. Federal law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap, and sex in this project. Minority firms are particularly encouraged to participate.

Successful Bidder shall comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the timetables and goals set forth therein.

Successful Bidder shall make positive efforts to use small, minority, women owned and disadvantaged businesses. Successful bidder is required to employ the six "Good Faith Efforts" as listed in US EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program when soliciting subcontractors and suppliers. Documentation of these efforts will be a required submittal prior to Contract Award. See Supplemental General Conditions for Clean Water State Revolving Fund, page 27 included in the contract documents.

Procurement for this project will be subject to DOW Procurement Guidance including Davis-Bacon Act.

This project may be partially or entirely funded by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority State Revolving Loan Fund A (KIA) Loan and a DRA (Delta Regional Authority) CIF (Community Infrastructure Fund) Grant. Contractor must comply with AIS (American Iron & Steel) requirements.

Contractor shall comply with all OSHA (P.L. 91-596) requirements and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (P.L. 91-54) Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A-Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies to American Iron and Steel and BABA requirements to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron and steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

The de minimis and minor components waiver (all project specific waivers as applicable) apply to this contract.

Owner: City of Providence
By: Tom Glover
Title: Mayor