

### **By Tim Linscott**

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A fifth place finish was the outcome for the Perkins County girls cross country squad at the Chase County Invite on Sept. 12, held at Imperial.

Two PCS female runners medaled with Emily Kemling taking sixth place with a time of 21:10.93.

Courtney Lyon ended with an 11th place finish (top 15 receive a medal), just over six seconds off of making the top 10. Lyon had a time of 22:32.31.

"I was delighted with the girls' efforts, as well as the boys," PCS cross country coach Paula Wurst said. "This is the first year that the state is running the 5K for the girls, so my team was a little tentative going into it. It is hard to have your race changed by 1,000 meters, but these girls are tough and have accepted the new distance without complaining."

Also competing for the girls included Kendra Hoffert, placing 24th (24:15.08) and Korey Lake was 44th (28:57.76). Jakelynn Broeder had a time of 29:35.19 and was 46th.

"Kendra also raced well and acknowledged after the race that it was less daunting than she thought. I think that my girls will face the next course with greater confidence. Korey and Jakelynn are new to our team this year, and we were excited that they ran the whole race and competed well," Wurst said.

The boys rounded out the top 10 with 151 team points. Brady Mailand had a time of 20:59.76 (49th) and Matthew Sestak had a time of 21:07.39 (50th). Coy Aerni earned a 54th place finish with a time of 21:36.92 with Dylan Barry finishing in 60th spot with a time of 22:05.22. Tyler Thelander was 54th (22:45.73). Shane Ourada had a time of 23:00.20 and was 66th while Dakota Prante was 73rd (24:08.86).