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CK Seniors Gage Davis and Tucker Ravenscroft jump for joy as the fall semester kicks into action at Cody-Kilgore.

CKUS New Teacher Feature Meet the Newbies

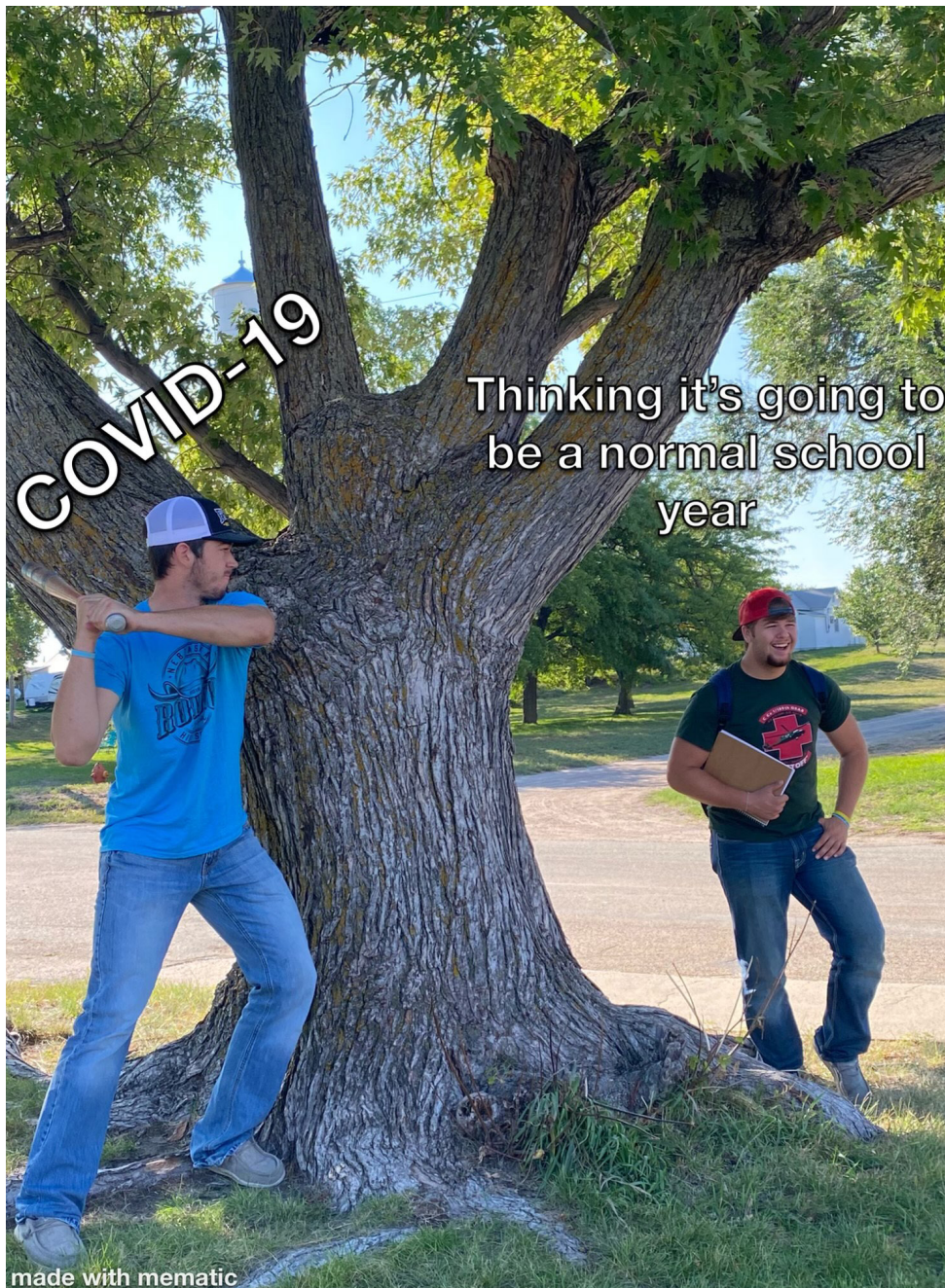


Fall Vibin' at CK

when someone says they're "not that excited" for fall:



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CK Q&A:

What is the best season and why is it fall?

"Three words: Football, cold,
and Halloween."
- Mrs. Arnold, Staff

"It's not."
- Annalise Busenitz, Senior

"Fall is the best because the
weather is perfect, and there is
pumpkin spice everything."
- Kassidy Roseberry, Junior

"School starts, I guess."
- Jimmy Brians, Sophomore

"Harvest."
- Traper Schied, Freshman

"Fall is the best season because
of its colors."
- Kynzee McConaughy, 8th
Grade

"The weather."
- Mano Garza, 7th Grade

"I like fall because it's closer to
Christmas."
- Mikena Sterkel, 6th Grade

Point : Counterpoint *with* Kamryn and Max

By CKBeat Staff

CKBeat

CK Sophomores Kamryn Tucker and Maxwell Pruitt are tackling the issues that matter.

In this series, these two gentleman will debate the merits of a variety of hard-hitting controversies impacting society. Whether they argue the merits of classifying a hotdog as a sandwich, or determining the appropriate way to hang a roll of toilet paper, Kamryn and Maxwell will not hesitate to discuss, debate, and determine the the truth's truth.

This is Point : Counterpoint

Issue 1: Coke versus Pepsi

Kamryn: Coke is better.

Maxwell: It's gotta be Pepsi. It tastes better. I don't like Coke because they use it to dissolve blood and such. I don't know why a person would want to drink that.

Kamryn: It's so versatile. That's my point. You can drink it and clean rust with it. It's amazing.

Maxwell: You just made my point. Why would you want a rust cleaner in your body?

Kamryn: You're just weak.

Maxwell: Pepsi is superior to Coke because it



Courtesy CKBeat Staff

Kamryn and Maxwell debate the issues challenging our times to ultimately bring CK together

doesn't destroy your insides. It's healthier? I think?

Kamryn: Coca-Cola is cooler.

Maxwell: I think you got me.

Winner this round: Kamryn. Coke is decidedly better than Pepsi. The case is now closed.

This has been Point : Counterpoint with Kamryn and Maxwell.

Counselor's Corner: Importance of GPA

By Kristin Fay

CK Guidance Counselor

"Fay! Why do you care so much about my grades?" This is a common question that

I'm asked on a daily basis as I'm stalking kids through the hallway asking them about missing assignments. My response is always because I care so much about their happiness and future success, but for some reason they take that as sarcasm! None of them want to really hear my rather lengthy reasonings discussed below. Truly, there are several reasons that the Cody-Kilgore staff tries to help students remain eligible.

Cody-Kilgore's eligibility requirements are some of the most rigorous in our area. While this isn't something our students always appreciate, it helps to ensure students are prepared for the future. Monitoring student performance keeps them on track for graduation and helps to prepare them for college and the workplace. Many

people in our community and the surrounding area will comment on the work ethic of our students and their ability to carry on a thoughtful conversation. Not all of our students are able to show their true abilities in the classroom, but striving for high academic standards and working to each person's true ability, can translate to the workplace.

Grades also matter when students are interested in participating in extracurricular activities. Erin Massoni from the College of DuPage found that students in extracurricular activities have reduced behavior problems, higher self-esteem, more positive attitudes toward school, and higher academic achievement. Participation in extracurricular activities has also shown to help students gain valuable life skills such as how to work within a team or group, taking leadership roles, reflecting on constructive criticism, time management, and solving problems. These activities give students the opportunity to shine in other areas besides the classroom.

Through many of our extracurricular activities, students are able to meet students from other schools and build important connections. Colleges also review a student's involvement in high school when considering scholarship opportunities.

Finally, a student's grades really matter when they are applying to colleges. Many colleges are looking more closely at a student's GPA than their ACT scores. ACT may show what a student is capable of, but a GPA will show how hard they are willing to work. A student's GPA is often a common predictor of student success in college. Many colleges give scholarships based solely on a student's GPA and Cody-Kilgore has had past graduates receive substantial scholarships based on their academic performance.

"Fay. No one is going to ask me my GPA when I go to apply for a job." While I admit that this may be true, a student's GPA can help open doors to college and their future successes.

From the desk of Superintendent Orrock

By Ryan Orrock

CK Superintendent

into the school routine. Cody-Kilgore has a great group of students and staff that will work hard to make the school year successful. I am going to go through some of the new changes and talk about where the district sits financially.

Fan Conduct

The School Board approved a Fan Conduct Policy. Let me be clear we have a great community that represents Cody-Kilgore in a positive way. With that being said we have had some complaints from other districts on our fan behavior. This is why the policy is in place. Cody-Kilgore first and foremost wants to win but sportsmanship is important.

2021-2022 Budget

During the September Board Meeting the board will set the tax asking for the 2021-2022 school year and approve the budget. I would like to say this is cut and dry, but the budgeting process is very complex. Below is what the board has levied for the General Fund over the years. They are very conservative but have had to ask for a higher levy based on the Valuation and the lack of land in the district. The district is fortunate to receive a good chunk of State Aid. Let me explain our funds and how they are used. General Fund- (Built in Reserves) This fund is used to pay for salaries, supplies, and any other costs that occur during the school year that do not fall into the other funds. Revenue comes from property taxes, and state aid. The 2021-2022 Budget is at \$3,399,210. Budget is conservative and commonly there is a 200-to-300-thousand-dollar cushion. Any leftover dollars are allowed to be transferred to other funds that the district manages. Remember this is the only fund that the board currently taxes. Working with the Nebraska Department of Education they recommend that the district builds at least 3 months of expenses into cash on hand. As of now the district has a healthy amount of cash on hand which allows general fund revenue to be moved to other funds.

The 2021-2022 school year has kicked off and it is good to be back

.889672	\$1,560,848
2017-2018	\$188,777,471
.877502	\$1,656,525
2018-2019	\$188,419,036
.952219	\$1,794,161
2019-2020	\$192,166,142
.946792	\$1,819,414
2020-2021	\$186,437,507
.961432	\$1,792,470
2021-2022	\$186,550,802
.960848	\$1,792,470

As you can see the Counties Taxable Valuation increased and then has leveled off.

The tax request was lowered in 2016-2017 which affected the budget two or three years down the road. Raising the tax levy has positively affected the General Fund Budget.

The School Board has set the tax request at the same dollar amount for this year which slightly lowered the tax request levy.

Our general fund expenses monthly are around \$250,000. The Board developed a General Fund plan that ensures that there is \$900,000 in the General Fund reserves or it is also called cash on hand. The dollars are there for situations that may arise where you needed to cover a month of expenses and do not have the revenue coming in.

Depreciation Fund

The Depreciation Fund it used to update buildings, buses, and other equipment that cost over \$5,000. It cannot be used to build a new building. We could not use the fund for the Crow's Nest, and it cannot be used for a new building. This year the board developed a 10-year plan to make sure our technology is up to date and rotates, purchasing of a new HVAC system, purchasing a school car, updating bathrooms and locker rooms. The Board is being proactive and trying to get ahead of the facility needs. At the beginning of the year the district stood at about \$300,000 in the fund. It is a good start but the Depreciation Fund needs to be built up to replace tech, buses, and other classroom needs each year. Remember this fund comes from any dollar's leftover in the General Fund. The goal is to have \$750,000 in this fund so if anything were to happen the money would be there.

Activity Fund

This fund is built by transfers from the General Fund, fundraisers, and dollars coming from admission and concessions. This includes National Honor Society, Student

Council, Individual classes, extra-curricular, etc. This fund is fairly healthy.

Special Building Fund

The Special Building Fund can be taxed but has not been by the board for a long time.

This fund was taxed awhile back. It is also where donations are put when given for facility improvements. This fund is to be used for any new construction. The fund was sitting at about \$76,000. The Crow's Nest will take about \$30,000 from the fund.

School Nutrition Fund

The dollars in this fund are used for our breakfast and Lunch Program. Expenses in this account come from groceries, kitchen equipment, and salaries of the cooks. This last year every student ate free. Therefore, we were reimbursed each meal. This has led to having a very healthy Nutrition Fund. We are looking into options to update equipment in the kitchen.

ESSER Dollars

Schools across the country have received three rounds of ESSER dollars. There are restrictions as it relates to Covid. The first round we received about \$33,000. We used these dollars for cleaning supplies, thermal scanners, masks, and paying staff that put in extra time to feed our families during the school closure. The second round was about \$121,000. The school board wanted to be proactive and update technology. All new laptops were purchased for our MS/HS students, new teacher laptops, iPads, smartboards, and new desktops. Now that the district is caught up technology will cost around \$30,000-\$50,000 a year to keep up the rotation. The final round of ESSER dollars was about \$270,000. One of the allowances with ESSER dollars was to update your HVAC system. The board took advantage of this as our Cody building does not have a good air conditioning system. The board approved a \$421,000 HVAC project. With the ESSER dollars covering about \$250,000. It was a great opportunity as it will cost the district only \$171,000 to get a new HVAC system for the Gym, Weight Room, and classrooms.

This is the short version on how the district is sitting financially and what direction it is moving. The Cody-Kilgore School District has been fiscally responsible for many years. If you have any questions about our budget or how we are spending tax dollars please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Year	Taxable Valuation
Tax Request Levy	General Fund Tax Request
2016-2017	\$175,440,916

CKUS September School Board Minutes

By Ryan Orrock

CK Superintendent

Cody Kilgore
Schools – Board of
Education meeting,
September 13, 2021

Official Minutes Summary

The Budget Hearing was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 5:32 pm. Five members were present; Landon Miller was excused. Ryan Orrock, Donna Blocker & 1 guest were in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place. The agenda was approved as presented. Discussion followed on the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm. The Special Tax Asking Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Five members were present; Landon Miller was excused. Ryan Orrock, Donna Blocker & 1 guest were in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place. The agenda was approved as presented. Discussion followed on the Tax Asking for the 2021-2022 school year. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. All members were present. Ryan Orrock, Donna Blocker & 3 guests were in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place. The agenda was approved as presented. Claims were approved in the amount of \$248,757.00 and the minutes from the Aug 9th & 30th meetings were approved. At this time Kristin Fay presented informa-

tion on Dual Credit courses; Policies 1001, 1002 & 1003 were reviewed; Amy Ford's resignation was accepted; Holly Fay was hired as elementary Sped Para; School Board goals were approved; new choir robes will be purchased; old math books will be surplus; the 2021/2022 budget was approved at \$4,361,242; the tax levy was set at .960848; Superintendent Orrock gave his report on happenings at the school; the board moved into executive session at 8:27 to discuss personnel & student issues and came out of executive session at 8:57 pm; the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm; the next meeting will be October 11, 2021 at the Kilgore school. Donna Blocker, Recording secretary Claims submitted & approved: 20/20 Technologies, access point, \$733.20 Amazon Business, supplies, \$1,196.59 Apple, 5 ipads - ESSER, \$1,495.00 ARC, supplies - elementary, \$2,250.00 Bob's Signs, custodial supplies, \$45.00 Bomgaars, custodial supplies, \$344.57 Brown Co Hospital, bus physical - Jayson, \$175.00 Cardmember Services, supplies, \$395.54 CEV, iCEV Ag license annual renewal, \$1,200.00 Circle C Market, supplies, \$87.02 Cody Oil, fuel, \$1,867.58 Creativetime Solutions, time clocks, \$62.50 Deep Space Sparkle, art curriculum, \$299.00 District IX, ag dues, \$150.00 ESU 17, technology services, \$360.00 Great Plains Communications, telephone, \$1,247.71 Heart City Lock & Key, keys & service call, \$281.85 Heinert Ag Service, bus inspections & repairs, \$5,904.40 Hometown Lumber, cus-

tomodial supplies, \$280.01 JR Associates, music folders, \$326.57 KBR, electricity, \$2,356.06 KSB School Law, legal service, \$160.00 Microtel Inn, lodging - Mr. Orrock, \$342.00 Mills-Burruss, Bailie, tuition reimbursement, \$1,425.25 NASB, area mtg & NAEP renewal Donna, \$335.00 NE Safety & Fire Equipment, alarm inspections, \$690.00 Nebraska Central Equipment, bus parts, \$422.90 Nebraska Safety Center, bus test - Carrie, \$125.00 NK Waste, trash service - Kilgore, \$107.00 Nollette, Joslyn, reimb - teachers pay teachers, \$229.95 Nollette, Justin, 2 ins ded met, \$1,050.00 NRCSA, membership, \$850.00 Orrock, Ryan, ins ded met, \$525.00 Ostransky, Krista, fuel reimb, \$59.57 Presto-X, exterminator, \$107.00 ReHab Visions, P/T & O/T Services, \$799.26 REI, bus cameras, \$2,720.00 Rider Classroom Spanish, first semester, \$3,800.00 Scholastic, supplies - elementary, \$558.92 School Mate, planners, \$183.00 School Outlet, chairs, \$777.00 Simple Solutions, supplies - elementary, \$975.60 Sterling Computers Corp, firewall, \$2,569.28 Student Assurance Services, catastrophic insurance, \$502.50 Teachers Pay Teachers, Kendra's subscription, \$62.99 True Value, custodial supplies, \$162.76 UNK, teacher transition - Liz, \$2,000.00 Valentine Midland News, advertising & sports posters, \$315.80 Vernier, supplies - science, \$107.54 Village of Cody, water, sewer & trash, \$765.10 Village of Kilgore, water fee, \$14.00 Welder Manufacturing, slide repair, \$523.99 General Fund Payroll & Benefits, \$204,432.99

Office Notes: Penman of Constitution

By Carrie Ford

CK Front Office

The Penman of the
Constitution

On Friday September 17th most of our local residents were gearing up to watch some Cowboy football. But did you know that September 17th marks an even more important event in American history? It is the anniversary of the day our Founding Fathers signed the U.S. Constitution, the most influential document in our country's history. I've looked up a few facts to share with you about someone I had never heard of until the other day!

Gouverneur Morris (that's his name not his position or title) wrote the preamble to our constitution. He is often referred to as the "Penman of the Constitution" yet his name

isn't as common as Benjamin Franklin, or Thomas Jefferson. He was known for his eloquence and ingenuity. When you hear the words 'We the people of the United States' those are Gouverneur Morris' words. The first draft of the Constitution originally began with 'We the people of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts' etc. listing all of the states. Morris was having none of that run-on sentence and shortened it. He strongly believed that we were citizens of one union of states.

A very young Morris attended Columbia at the age of 12. He graduated at the age of 19 with his masters degree. A carriage accident claimed the lower half of his leg while just a young man. However, he didn't let that slow him down. He served as a senator, ambassa-

dor to France, and had a reputation for being a great dancer and a ladies man. Morris didn't settle down until the age of 57 when he married his housekeeper.

Morris cast the tie breaking vote that kept George Washington as the leader of the army. Who knows what would've happened if George Washington hadn't been there to lead our troops to victory. Morris was anti slavery and spoke passionately at the Constitutional Convention denouncing slavery. He was not able to convince his contemporaries to include it in the Constitution.

I hope you like interesting facts as much as I do. Stay tuned for next month's issue!

Built to imPress Box



Courtesy Krista Ostransky

Community effort results in revamped press box, concession stand

A much-needed update to the press box situation at Cody Field was realized prior to the first home football game of the 2021 season. Through the dedication of Security First Bank, and that outstanding effort and skill of Krista and Marty Ostransky, The Crow's Nest now dominates the vista framing Cody Field.



Pride of CK community



Special thanks to the
following for their help
with the press box project

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CK Pounces in Paxton, Tames Tigers 67-12

By Dylan Naslund & Parker Andrews

CKBeat

On August 27, 2021, the C-K

Cowboys were victorious in their first football game of the season against the Paxton Tigers. The final score was 67 for the Cowboys and 12 for the Tigers. After a great return by Cactus Millar, senior running back Peyton Sterkel ran 42 yards for the first touchdown of the Cowboy's season. They then led the half at a score of 46-6. Senior backs, Cactus Millar and Peyton Sterkel were the big scorers of the game with 3 touchdowns each and a combined total of 256 rushing yards! The Cowboys crushed the Tigers in all purpose yards with 563 yards for Cody and 253 yards for Paxton. Junior Dylan Naslund had an amazing touchdown reception of 47 yards! Sophomore Jacob Knox also had a touchdown reception for 5 yards. He also had a rushing touchdown for a total of 12 points. Another Sophomore, Dominic Fresquez, had his first rushing touchdown and 2 carries for a total of 66 yards. Gage Davis had an impressive defensive performance of 8 solo and 11 total tackles in the victory. Tucker Ravenscroft had another great defensive game with 4 total tackles, 2 tackles for loss, and 1 sack. Parker Andrews had 1 interception in the back field. Cactus was also incredible on his return runs. He had 71 return yards with only 2 returns. This game was also a Security First 6 Man Game of The Week and all the players, coaches, and student managers for Cody received a T-Shirt after the win. The Cowboys



Courtesy Mr. Arnold

CK Junior Dylan Naslund races for a touchdown during action in the Paxton game.

had a good start and are going to have a great season competing to keep their number 1 rating given by The Lincoln Journal Star. Make sure to come to the games on Fridays to watch the Cowboys play and also enjoy some snacks and beverages at our brand new concession stand! Go Cowboys!!!!!!

Arthur Wolves outpaced by quick Cowboys

By Byron Skinner & Dalton Keating

CKBeat

The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys conquered the Arthur County Wolves on Friday, September

10th in Arthur, Nebraska. The Cowboys started the game off well with senior Tucker Ravenscroft finishing off a great drive by bulldozing his way into the end zone from the 2 yard line. The Cowboys then held the Wolves to a 3-and-out on Arthur's first drive of the game. Cactus Millar led the Cowboys to another score on the next drive, sprinting over the goal line from 22 yards out. On the second play of the next drive for Arthur County, sophomore Cooper Fay for the Cowboys laid a big hit on wide receiver Edward Daly causing a fumble, recovered by CK. Millar and Ravenscroft carried the Cowboys to the end of the first half racking up 5 touchdowns. CK ended the first half with 34 points to Arthur's 6. The second half was the same story. The Cowboys put up a whopping 43 more

points in the second half with Millar rushing for 239 yards off of 22 carries. The Cowboys' full-back, Peyton Sterkel, put up another 139 yards on the ground from 16 carries. Tucker Ravenscroft rushed for 65 yards off of 9 carries, scoring 6 touchdowns! Freshman Jasper Roseberry finished the game with 1 rush for 29 yards and a touchdown. Overall, the Cowboys had 479 yards of total offense. Cactus Millar also had 134 yards from receiving kickoffs. The Wolves recorded 318 yards of total offense, including 194 yards through the air and 124 yards on the ground. Defensively, Cactus Millar and Gage Davis both had 13 tackles each for Cody. Peyton Sterkel recorded 8 tackles with 2 sacks. Sophomore Cooper Fay also had 8 tackles giving the Cowboys 55 total tackles. Arthur County's Edward Daly racked up 18 tackles. Wolves' corner Bryce Hanna had 10 tackles giving the wolves a total of 41 tackles. The Cowboys



Courtesy Mr. Arnold

CK Freshman Jasper Roseberry punctuates CK victory over Arthur.

ended up being victorious in a thrilling and exciting Nebraska 6-man matchup.

CK defeats Santee 84-44 in first home game

By Cactus Millar

CKBeat

The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys had a very suc-

cessful home field Friday game against the Santee Warriors on September 10th. There were some big points put up on the board with a final score of 84-44. CK senior Cactus Millar started the Cowboys off with an easy 15 yard run into the endzone. The Cowboys did a very good job moving the ball down the field even when the younger kids were able to play. Jasper Roseberry, a CK freshman, put up some good rushing yards with 60 yards at 11 carries. Jacob Knox also had a good set of numbers for offense having 107 yards of total offense with 12 carries which averaged 9 yards a carry. CK senior Gage Davis had a very successful game on defense having an interception for a touchdown, and also a fumble recovery taken in for a touchdown. Sophomore Jacob Knox led Cody-Kilgore's defense with 13 total tackles, yes you read that right. When Head Coach Landon Miller was asked for a quote of the game this is what we received. "Santee had a couple playmakers that were explosive enough to capitalize on our mistakes. We had a couple of mental lapses on the coaching staff, and on the field that allowed Santee to put up more points on our defense than what we are used to allowing. At the end of the

day though, we are able to do a lot of good things resulting in a 42-12 first quarter and a 68-24 halftime lead. We were able to get off blocks, create big plays, and win in turnover game. In the end this is the stepping stone for what

is still to come." Over all the Cowboys had a good game, the starters were able to get to rest some, and the younger kids got some more experience under their belt.



Courtesy Kassidy Roseberry

The CK offense huddles up- during action in the Santee game.

CK Cowboys break Stuart Broncs 60-14

By Cactus Millar

CKBeat

The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys had another successful home game against the Stuart Broncos on September 17th.

The Cowboys put up some startling

good numbers, eventually winning the contest 70-14, while scoring 20 points in each of the first two quarters.

Senior, Tucker Ravenscroft, was the Cowboys' battering ram on offense, punching in two touchdown runs when it was most needed, as when the Cowboys faced 4th and goal from the 2-yard line.. Senior, Cactus Millar, led the Cowboys offense with 206 rushing yards on 16 carries averaging 12.9 yards a carry. Defensively, the Cowboys came alive and showed what Cowboy football really is. Even though Coach Miller was forced to play athletes out of position due to injury, the Cowboys surrendered only 14 points.. Junior Dylan Naslund, filling in for injured junior Parker Andrews at safety, did an excellent job only allowing

two deep receptions while compiling seven tackles in the game. Sophomore Gabe Glines showed what he could do on defense by leading the team with 9 tackles, two of those being huge TFLs. Head Coach Landon Miller was pleased with the Cowboy effort stating, 'Stuart brought a fundamentally sound squad to Cody this week. I felt they were coached well and played well defensively. I think in the second quarter when we started sustaining blocks is when our offense came to life and we were able to get chunk plays in our run game. Defensively, I think we were able to capitalize on their mistakes and make some key tackles for loss that kept them behind down and distance. We weren't perfect, but I felt this week's game showed definite progression from last week and I like the direction our boys are headed.'

Overall the Cowboys are now 4-0 on the season and go back on the road to play the Sioux County Warriors at Harrison, Neb., on Friday, September 24th.

The Cowgirls Season Is Successful Thus Far

By Annalise Busenitz &
Colby Cady

CKBeat

As the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls swept the court for a win against the Bennett County Warriors on the 21st of September, they continued moving together towards a winning season. The record currently stands at 6-3. The Cowgirls started on level ground but have started the long climb up to the top of the hill. They are 13th in the state, according to NSAA. The small team of ten players gained a new coach this year. Wendy Adamson joined forces with her mother, Vera O'Neill, as a coaching assistant. This amazing duo challenges the girls to keep their eyes focused on a state title. So far in this year's season, the Cody-Kilgore volleyball team is undefeated in the South Dakota bracket. They came out on top against 3 teams from South Dakota, including Little Wound, Kadoka, and Bennett County. Other Cowgirl victories were against Hay Springs and Hyannis. In the tournament that took place on September 16, 2021, Cody-Kilgore faced tough competition. They lost to Ainsworth in their first match, but the Cowgirls challenged the C2 Gordon-Rushville Mustangs to a 3-set game. This upset will give them motivation to continue on in the season. Losses for this midwestern Nebraska team are staying at a minimum. These setbacks include the Sandhills Valley Mavericks, Arthur County Wolves, and the C1 Ainsworth Bulldogs. Despite their losses, the Cowgirls will strive to keep their recent winning streak. Good luck to Cody-Kilgore against the Sioux County Warriors on Friday, September 24th!

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Courtesy Kim Johnson

CK Sophomore Aubree Johnson gets air against Gordon-Rushville.



Courtesy Leslie Roseberry

CK Cowgirls celebrate the dramatic five-set victory over Kadoka, SD at the CK Corral



Courtesy Clipart.com

2021 CK Volleyball Season in swing

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Little Wound (Kyle, SD)
Location: Cody-Kilgore High School
Report Final Score
9/2
Sandhills Valley (Stapleton, NE)
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6:00p
@ Ainsworth (Ainsworth, NE)
Location: Ainsworth High School
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9/21
@ Bennett County (Martin, SD)
Location: Bennett County High School
Report Final Score
9/24
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Location: Valentine High School
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@ Mullen (Mullen, NE)
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@ Twin Loup (Sargent, NE)
Location: Twin Loup High School
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Minatare (Minatare, NE)
Location: Cody-Kilgore High School
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@ Crawford (Crawford, NE)
Location: Crawford High School
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St. Francis Indian (St. Francis, SD)
Location: Cody-Kilgore High



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Miss Jones goes to Lincoln: Trip to State Capitol

By Riley Jones

CKBeat

Spilling a cup of coffee in my car after realizing I had run a red light with a sheriff sitting to the right of the road wasn't how I intended my day to start. I was on my way to the capitol building to hear my aunt testify in front of the legislature, but was currently held up in the morning traffic of downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. Even though I was running behind, I was obliged to refill my cup of joe since my previous mug of coffee was now seeping into every seam and crevice of my car's seats. "One iced caramel macchiato with almond milk and an extra shot of espresso, please." Upon receiving my basic coffee order, I was ready to embark for the capitol.

There are seventy-seven rooms on the first two floors in our capitol building: forty-nine being senators' offices, seven being hearing rooms, and twenty-one being other offices, lounges, or rooms for the government staff. I had to navigate to Hearing Room 1510 to hear my aunt's testimony in front of the Health and Human Services committee made up of seven Nebraska senators. The official hearing was named LR143, and it is a study proposed by Senator John Stinner of District 48 to assess the needs of mental and behavioral health services and providers, consider the shortages of providers, and determine the needs to create adequate mental and behavioral health services. As a Clinical Psychologist and the owner/director of Western Nebraska Behavioral Health (WNBH), my aunt, Dr. Catherine Jones-Hazledine was one of seven people that was asked to give a testimony surrounding the proposal. The other six speakers were other mental health providers that worked in a variety of different environments, including: hospitals, schools, and clinics. Each testimony could be no longer than five minutes, and then the speaker was at the hands of the committee for them to ask questions about their testimony. Within two hours, the hearing was complete, and all speakers and observers were asked to clear the hearing room for the next hearing that followed.

Following the hearing, I found myself standing outside the room, talking with my aunt as she introduced me to multiple physicians, psychologists, government officials, and even Senator Stinner- I had a short, but sweet conversation with him about my rural upbringing. It's easy to make the conclusion that I was the youngest person in that hearing room by at least thirty years, and I was even asked before the testimony whose assistant I was (because of my "government official" outfit)! This was the second capitol hearing I have attended, and I can only be thankful for everything I've learned and everyone I have met through these experiences. Although a career in politics might not be in my future, witnessing in real time how our government is operated is something that I will admire.



Great Start for C-K FFA

By Sadee Adamson

CKBeat

The 2021 C-K FFA Kick off at Cody park was a big success! From the amazing food Chief, Justin Nollette served, to the excited kids signing up for events.

The officers could not be happier! It was good to see new faces showing up to the event and seeing everyone get involved. The officers loved being able to help everyone out and encourage the members to try new events!

C-K FFA represented well at the 2021 Range Judging competition in Alliance, Nebraska. The senior team consisted of Dylan, Byron, and Cassidy. They received fourth with a white ribbon. The junior team, consisting of Trey, Jacob, Jasper, and Carson, received tenth. All other members who competed were Cash, Ally, Tanner, Brady, Blake, Drew, Cooper F., Kynzee, Hesston, Kaden, and Cooper P. The qualifying senior and junior teams will be attending state range judging in Valentine, Nebraska on September 30th.

Upcoming FFA Events

Sep. 29- State Range Judging

Oct. 7- Labor Auction

Oct. 12- Chapter meeting after practice

Oct. 20- Officers visit elementary

Pumpkin Spice and all things nice

By Kassidy Roseberry

It's Fall Y'all!

CKBeat

Bonfires, tailgates, football, and pumpkin spice; these are a few of the magical wonders of fall. The official first day of fall is September 22. When I wake up that morning, you can bet your bottom dollar I'll be having a pumpkin spice latte, wearing a flannel shirt, and warming the "First Day of Fall" scent in my Scentsy warmer. Not going to lie, I have been in fall mode since the beginning of September. Heck, as I'm writing this, I'm drinking a pumpkin caramel flavored coffee! If you see my mom or I walking around with a cup, it is most likely going to have a pumpkin spice something in our cups. After all, pumpkin spice is everything nice!

The common fall image in our heads is usually orange, yellow, and red leaves delicately falling from the sky with round pumpkins resting in a pumpkin patch. Apple cider, apple pie, and pumpkin bread aromas fill the house. It's 60 degrees outside, sweaters and scarves are brought down from my closet. There is a crisp cool breeze softly blowing through the windows. All of this is very cliché, but that is a dream fall scene to me. My dad is complaining because the aromas are giving him a headache, and he doesn't appreciate Charlie Brown Thanksgiving playing on the TV. However, mom and I couldn't care less.

However, I know the fall image looks different in other people's heads. Specifically talking about the avid hunters in our school, their image of fall is that perfect shot on the big buck they've been tracking on trail cams for three months and bombing a math quiz because they're too busy thinking about where the deer are going to be that night.

Regardless of your image of a perfect fall scene, 40 percent of people say that fall is their favorite which makes it the most popular season! So get outside, enjoy the nice weather and have a pumpkin spice latte. Trust me, you'll enjoy it. Oh my gourd I love fall!



Courtesy CKBeat Staff

Mr. Arnold is the fall vibe while guzzing his first Pumpkin Spice Frappé of the season.

Fall, football, fun: The best Season

By Peyton Sterkel

CKBeat

Have you ever woken up in the morning and had that nice crisp air of fall hit you and make you have to go back inside to get a sweatshirt? When I think of fall all I think about is the smell of wet grass in the morning and Friday Night Lights. Fall brings back those memories of the past football seasons. For me, it reminds me that it's time to get better and to move on from what happened last year because it's time to start over. This has to be my favorite season by far because fall weather is the most perfect weather because it's at the point where you need a sweatshirt to survive the

day when your window is just starting to fog up and you need to have some heat on while you're driving the road. The lights hit the field at 7 o'clock, fans yelling in the stands, players being able to see their breath on the field like a cold vehicle starting for the first time in the morning as coaches look for a formation like a puppy trying to decide what toy to chew. Fall is the season of competitiveness and also it's very calm. It relaxes me when I see the leaves turning in the cool air. The birds chirp so little in the morning it's just super relaxing and helps me get my day going in the right direction.

Mrs. Arnold's Musical Musings

By Mrs. Arnold

CKBeat

Fall in the music room is always an interesting time (and sound experience). Junior High and High School Band usually begin with a few pretty rusty practice sessions. Sure, some take their instruments home over the summer but actually practice it? HA! Sixth Grade Band sounds more like a hunting call class - need someone to call in a goose OR a moose? We've got you! Mix in a few weird instrument failures needing fixed (sticky valves, broken corks and keys, stuck mouthpieces) and there is never a dull moment.

While the band is battling the negative effects of the summer slump and getting back into shape, the choir students are often doing the same but in different ways. Vocal range often has to be rebuilt and all of those days in the hayfield singing along to the radio have to be reprogrammed into proper vowels and choral singing. Throw in a cold, allergies and sinus infections here and there and fall can be a tough time to be a singer! Thank goodness

warm, hydrating drinks are in season.

Despite the challenges of getting students back into the swing of academic music, fall is an important rebuilding time that will set the music department up for success in the winter and spring! It is exciting to watch students advance musically. Seeing each student's development throughout the year, up close and personal, makes teaching music incredibly rewarding.

As a community, Cody-Kilgore patrons also have several opportunities to see these music students grow and develop. One special event that CK will be hosting this fall is the Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference Choral Clinic. All of the choirs in the MNAC will be coming together to sing and present a special concert on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. under the superb direction of Kayla Nilson from Ainsworth. Our Junior High and High School choir students will all be participating in this event and as a community we have the great opportunity of being the audience for the concert!

DEMO time, the art of the derby

By Cactus Millar

CKBeat

When talking about old American sports, or pastimes I would have to say that derby is right up there at the top. Derby is not like any other sport out there. There are hundreds of hours and thousands upon thousands of dollars people put into these cars just to wreck them in a short period of time. Now you're probably wondering why would someone take all that time and money just to go break and wreck these cars? Well, let me tell you what, there is nothing that even compares to the adrenaline rushes, experiences, and the social connections that happen during this sport. The adrenaline a person gets from driving in a derby does not compare to any other sport in any way.

When it comes to building these cars there is always a 5-10 page rule book that everyone has to follow in order to drive these cars in the arena. There are different types of classes starting with just knocking the windows out and driving clear up to welding the whole car. I personally run the 90s and newer cars, as these cars are the easiest to build. They can be built in a day or less, depending on who is building them, and whether you have help or not. The most complicated class out there would probably be full weld. This class consists of full roll cages and welding of the frame.

In derby there is a lot of competition, I would have to say that it is one of the most competitive sports around for multiple reasons. I have personally seen fights and arguments break out between drivers, and pit crews in this sport. With all that being said, you would think that sportsmanship would be poor with the amount of competition, well you'd be completely wrong. Derby people are some of the best people when it comes to sportsmanship, someone might go out and junk another's car in the arena, but that person also would be the first back out in the pits to



Courtesy CKBeat Staff

CK Senior Cactus Millar observes the majesty of a demo car

help them fix it, and that is what I love most about this sport.

In conclusion, I would not want to participate in another sport more than derby. I have made some of the best friends going to derbies, whether I'm helping or driving. I would even say that derby is a family, well I'm proud to say that this is my family!

New Teacher Feature: Welcome to CK!

By Cactus Millar

CKBeat

The beginning of each new school year is a clean slate, and with that fresh start, a new crop of fresh faces greet one another at CK. This year, the CKUS school district welcomes two new teachers, and two familiar faces in different roles at CK. New to CK this year are Pre-K-12 art teacher, Tara Kadlecek and 2nd-grade teacher, Ashley Kasner. Let's get to know our new hires with a short Q & A session.

What are you from?

Originally I'm from Newell, SD (north of Rapid City)

What were you doing before?

I was teaching K-2 Special Education at Wolf Creek School.

Where did you go to school?

Black Hills State

What drew you to CK?

Cody-Kilgore looked like a good school district to work in.

What is your favorite thing about teaching at CK so far?

My favorite thing so far has been getting to know the kids'



Tara Kadlecek

Where are you from?

Born in Onawa, Iowa and graduated high school from Whiting Community Schools in Whiting, Iowa with the same 12 students I started Kindergarten with.

What were you doing before?

K-5 Reading and Math Interventionist for Bennett County. I have taught Kindergarten thru 5th grade in both Colorado and Texas prior to Bennett County.



Ashley Kasner

Where did you go to school?

I received a rodeo scholarship to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M to earn an Associate of Science, then to Northwestern Oklahoma State University on a rodeo scholarship to earn a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a K-12 Masters of Reading from the University of Northern Colorado

What drew you to CK (and/or what is your favorite thing about teaching here)?

I am so excited to be part of the learning community where my family lives and ranches while enjoying and providing small town values for our son.



Former CK Teacher Milton wins Teacher of Year



Mardi Milton, former longtime CK junior high teacher, was recently recognized as the Nebraska American Legion Teacher of the Year. Milton, who retired from CKUS at the end of the previous school year, spent the entirety of her career teaching for the CKUS school district (35 years). It should also be noted that Milton is also a graduate of CKUS.

We, at the CKBeat, cannot think of a more fitting capstone to a remarkable career and legacy at Cody-Kilgore than to be selected for such a prestigious award. So, we applaud the Nebraska American Legion for selecting Milton Teacher of the Year because it was the perfect choice to punctuate a presence that will be sorely missed at

CK.

To Mrs. Milton, we wish you the best in your retirement, and we will miss your dedication and compassion for all things Cody-Kilgore.

Also, if you find yourself in a pinch and need a hotel room, check out The Westerner Motel in Chadron, we hear they have great rates, and comfy living.

How to be **OK** with being a lone wolf

By Tylan Blume

CKBeat

Greetings! I am Tylan Blume and I am going to share 10 interesting tips on how to be okay with being a Lone wolf.

Tip 1: The most important tip of them all is to be your own person.

In summary, if you like something different it is 100 percent alright. Like Matthew McConaughey always says, "it's just a way of life bro." - in like a lot of movies.

Tip 2: Have a vintage spirit and don't be ignorant of what's actually cool.

In summary, this kind of adds to tip 1. Those of you who don't know what it means to have a vintage spirit, well let me clarify. Vintage means old like, spirit well, it is your is your spirit, duh. So it basically means having an old soul. This picture underneath is a meme, but also an example, so just read it and find out.



Tip 3: Keep your intellect to yourself in order to keep a low profile.

In summary...now, this tip may seem negative, but hear me out. For example, if you show people your intellect, then people will think boring, "he's a genius whatever then," but if you keep it to yourself then you make people wonder, "what does this guy really do with his spare time or what is he thinking," that's the simplicity of it. Anyway, I mean take Matt Damon's role as Will in Good Will Hunting, for example. If you haven't seen it, then I highly recommend it for those of you who are still interested in the 90s era.

Tip 4: It is okay to be shy, as long as you have a good heart, others will still accept you.

In summary, I mean take bashful from the Seven Dwarfs as an example. He uses his big heart in the sense that he loves Snow White, but he is too shy to have her, so he treats her with solid respect anyway. I can guarantee none of you take the time to watch a cartoon from the 1930s, unless you have a cable TV.

Tip 5: Don't isolate yourself for too long, because people may never get to see the real you, and that would certainly be a sad opportunity to miss.



In summary, take Edward Scissorhands. What a wonderful example. Tim Burton is a creative-minded director, so do not underestimate him. Anyway, Johnny Depp's portrayal of this Frankenstein-ish type creature is a perfect example of what I wrote above, another excellent 90s film by the way.

Tip 6: It is ok to show emotion every once in a while, I mean we're only humans.

In summary, Have you ever heard the saying men don't cry except for when they do? It's true. Even the toughest men and women on the planet cry. If you think about it, crying is good for you when you are coping with emotions. Crying helps release the hormones that make you feel bad,

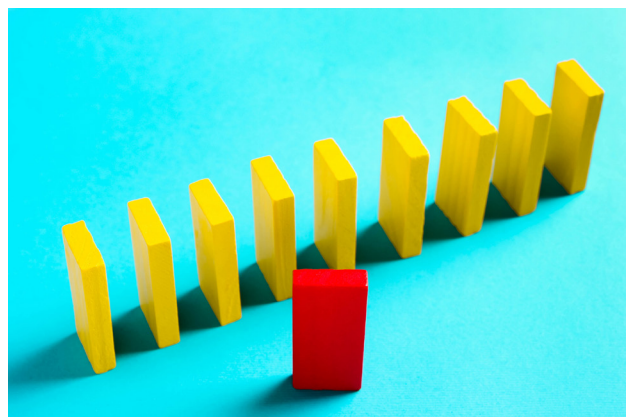
which eventually fixes you. I used a portrait of Frodo Baggins because he seems to cry a lot compared to some Lord of the Rings characters. I mean, he's not the only sad movie character, but I think he is a fair example of how to not be afraid to show emotion.

Tip 7: Be Modest

In summary, the portrait is Jasper Hale from the Twilight franchise, and I think he is a perfect example of modesty when it comes to movie characters. I personally am not a big fan of Twilight, but I think that this character is a character to aspire to. I'm not saying he necessarily encapsulated me or anything, but he is gallant and a gentleman, even knowing he is very reserved and quiet. And a vampire.

Tip 8: Don't let anyone tell you you're a freak.

In summary, this portrait is a character from the 2016 film The Accountant. For those of you who have not quite got around to it, I highly recommend it. It was at one point the #1 film in America. Now let's get down to the nitty gritty details, This character's name is Christian Wolff, an assassin by night and by day an accountant and math prodigy similar to Will Hunting. Who knows Ben Affleck could be jealous. (That was just a joke let's not get critical here.) So, the reason why I use him as an example is because he is diagnosed with Aspergers and he's still successful. The bottom line is, don't let others call you a freak because you are not. In conclusion, I am going to quote the film, ***spoiler for those of you who haven't seen it, "Victim or not make a decision."

**Tip 9: Even knowing you're a quiet person, people could be missing out on your sense of humor, so don't be afraid to use it.**

In summary, Nathan Young from Misfits, a Channel 4 TV show (UK). Nathan is not exactly a role model at all. He is quite pervy, and that is why he is a loner, so ultimately that is why people keep a distance from him. Even though he is a loner, he is still considered to be very hilarious.

Tip 10: Not necessarily a tip but a fun fact.

It has been psychologically proven that heavy metal is for people who are introverted and emotional deep down. In summary, I mean just think about the lyrics in the music. It can contain a bunch of dark emotionality and have very distinct imagery, and it could even cause a method called the Lucifer effect, where a person changes their personality completely. Not saying I dislike heavy metal, I am a huge metalhead. Don't get me wrong, but the bottom line is just listen to it and enjoy it and don't dig too deep.



Jonesing for a purpose: Freewriting

By Riley Jones

CKBeat

Alright, this is freewriting. I don't know how to freewrite. Arnold told me just to write about whatever comes to my mind, but I don't think he realizes that my mind is just like a giant tornado with random thoughts cycling around. I also think we should put a disclaimer before we publish this, warning people that I'm not mentally ill. Because I know after reading this, they will think I have problems. What do I write about? What do I write about? Did I remember to eat last night? Yes, I did. I had chicken strips. And then I went outside, and then I came back in and watched Friends. No, wait... I watched Grey's Anatomy. That show is too much. You would think as stressed out as I am all the time that I would hate the drama, but I kinda love it. Alright, what else? I saw an episode of the Golden Girls the other day. Why are those old ladies so funny? I wonder what they are all doing now? Oh my gosh. What if they died? I don't think the world will keep spinning without Betty White.

AM or FM, the good ones always fade away

By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

Pretty good. If anyone knew my father, hearing him say, "Pretty good," translated to a ringing endorsement from a notoriously quiet and stoic man.

Meals were pretty good. So where good deeds, efforts, achievement and the like. I can remember two instances of outstanding, but pretty good was his go-to compliment. For an emotive person like me, pretty good, at times, rang pretty hollow.

Dad and I were tuned to different wavelengths. I'm more of a HD hard rock FM signal, while dad was more of a small town AM soft rock hits of 70s kind of guy. He didn't speak much, so it was ironic we bonded over talk radio.

Living in the sandhills, I've had to adjust my musical tastes. Translate to mean I have developed an appreciation for country music...KFAB doesn't come in.

Trips back home can be measured by my anticipation at the first flicker of an identifiable sound from KFAB. When I'm headed east (usually at dusk), KFAB comes in sharp, but going back to the frontier, the station slowly fades away as I trek into the back country.

Crisscrossing the country late at twilight shaped my fondness for things that go bump in the night, and if one is into that genre, then Coast to Coast AM is the standard-bearer for all things paranormal. Thinking back on it now, it seems a little weird that my dad and I would sit and listen to a radio show, but I'm forever thankful for these moments. I am also now forever geeked out about silly things like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster (I want to believe).

As silly as it might be to believe in aliens, I think that fostering a liking for a show like Coast to Coast AM helped to develop an open mind. When knee-deep in conspiracy theories, I learned

to question the narrative and think critically.

Unfortunately, the original host of Coast to Coast Am, Art Bell, died several years ago. The show goes on, but I can't help but feel like something is missing. Dad is gone, but life must go on without him. Everything is good, but everything is different.

The wonders of technology allow me the ability to listen to reruns of Art Bell from the 90s, and my phone still has two voicemails from my dad, but it's not the same.

I still strain to hear Dad, all the while hoping and praying that as his voice fades away, some weird tweak in the ionosphere will boost his signal when I need it most. I'll keep listening and someday I know the message will be crystal clear: things are pretty good.

CK Drama set to produce Yellow Thunder play

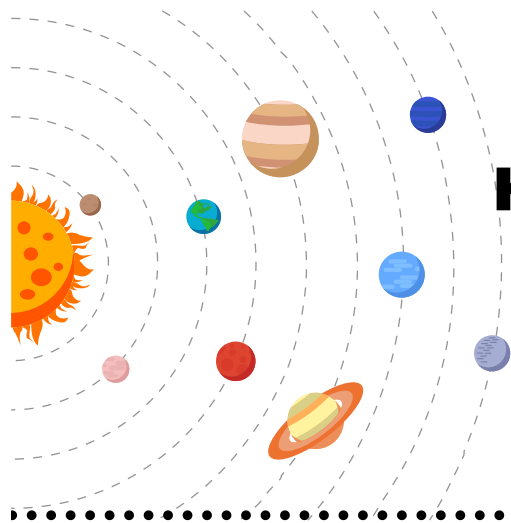
By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

What better way to celebrate a new school year than diving deep into the drama that turns the wheels at Cody-Kilgore high school. This year, the CK Drama Jocks are set to produce the play, "The Sacred Dance of Yellow Thunder."

Currently, the drama team is in search of 1970s era nicknacks and tchotchkes. The play takes place in a small-town post of the American Legion, so anything that would add authenticity to that would be appreciated. If you have anything that might help the drama team accomplish the task of bringing to life a 1970s era American Legion, please contact Mr. Arnold via phone: 402-823-4117; or via email: garnold@cody-kilgore.com. There will be a public performance of the drama scheduled for a date in November, so be on the lookout for updated plans in order to catch the show!





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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:30-6:30	NHS SUPPER
5:30-6:30	FFA SILENT AUCTION
6:30	FFA LABOR AUCTION
7:30	BONFIRE @ C-K FOOTBALL FIELD
7:45	FIREWORKS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:15	PARADE LINEUP
8:30	BOOSTER BRUNCH @ CODY PARK
9:00	PARADE
9:30	PEP RALLY
9:45	CORONATION
10:00	ELEM. PUNT, PASS, KICK @ FOOTBALL FIELD
11:00	LUNCH @ C-K FOOTBALL FIELD
11:00	JH FOOTBALL SRIMMAGE
11:00.	JH VOLLEYBALL SCRIMMAGE
1:00	HS FOOTBALL
3:30	HS VOLLEYBALL
8:00-11:00	HOMECOMING DANCE

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