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CK Senior and Prom Queen Cassidy Roseberry having a good time at Prom 2023: A Roaring Good Time, while CK Juniors Max Prewitt and Sadee Adamson look on.

Naslund, Roseberry
crowned
Prom
King,
Queen



CK Music
Repeats MNAC
Championship



CK Track and Field
jumping into action in
2023



MEME me up, sCKotty



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- April 15th HS Track Alliance
- April 19th District Music @ Alliance
- April 21 HS Track @ Chadron
- April 28 HS/ MS Track MNAC @ Arnold



In your opinion, what is the best group dance?



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| <p>“The Time Warp!”
-Mr. Arnold, Staff</p> <p>“The Macarena.”
-Urte Noreikaite, Senior</p> <p>“The Macarena.”
-Drew Farrell, Junior</p> <p>“The Cupid Shuffle.”
-Tristan Fish, Sophomore</p> | <p>“Line dance to Copperhead Road.”
-Kynzee McConaughy, Freshman</p> <p>“Line dance to Copperhead Road.”
-Addyson Hawthorne, 8th Grade</p> | <p>“Line dancing to Cotton Eye Joe”
-Amanda Pungratz, 7th Grade</p> <p>“The Hamster Dance.”
-Ashley Farley, 6th Grade</p> |
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Comments, Questions?

E-Mail them to cknews@cody-kilgore.com or mail to CKHS: 360 West 4th Street, Cody, NE 69211 Please note that all contributions will be previewed by the CKUS administration. Publication for each edition of the CKBeat will occur monthly, with a brief break during summer.

Point : Counterpoint *with* Kamryn and Max

By CKBeat Staff

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CK Juniors
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 truth's truth.

This is Point : Counterpoint

Issue 7: Which farming simulator is better: Farmville or Hay Days?

Kamryn: I think Farmville is a better farm simulator than Hay Day. It's a classic game that has been around for over a decade and has a large player base. The game has a wide variety of crops and animals to choose from, allowing players to create and customize their own unique farm. There are also a lot of social features in Farmville that allow players to interact with other players and help each other out, creating a sense of community. The simpler and more straightforward interface of Farmville can be easier for some players to navigate, making it a great option for beginners.

Max: I respectfully disagree, I think Hay Day is a better farm simulator than Farmville. The game has a more modern design and graphics, making the game visually appealing and engaging. Hay Day offers a more extensive range of features, such as fishing and mining, which adds to the overall experience and makes it more immersive. The game offers a more personalized experience for players by allowing them to customize their own farm, town, and even their own avatar. The game offers a more seamless user



Courtesy CKBeat Staff

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

experience, with a smoother interface and more intuitive controls, making it easier for players to navigate.

Kamryn: While Hay Day may have a more modern design, I think Farmville's simplicity is what makes it a better option. It's easier for players to understand and navigate, especially for those who are new to the game. The social features in Farmville make it a great option for players who are looking to interact with others and build a sense of community. Additionally, the game has a large player base, which means there are always people to play with and help each other out.

Max: I agree that Farmville's simplicity may be easier for some players, but I think the extensive range of features in Hay Day makes it a better option for those who are looking for a more immersive experience. The personalized experience that Hay Day offers allows players to create a farm and town that is unique to them. The seamless user experience in Hay Day makes it easy for players to navigate and enjoy the game without any confusion.

Winner: Kamryn because Farmville is the OG Farm Simulator. (Generated using ChatGPT AI).

Dropping the Sword of Manufactured Outrage

By Carrie Ford

CKBeat

Lately my thoughts have been dwelling on how angry so many people seem to be. This anger is not usual anger, it's different. It's an anger that is fed intentionally or unintentionally by each of us on a daily basis and we disguise that anger as a righteous anger. I'm talking specifically about

manufactured outrage. It's an extremely effective tool used by various social/political movements throughout history. However, since the advent of social media it has grown and devoured more and more topics to create outrage over. The emotion that's feeding this type of anger is addictive. We live to find that comment, picture or article that will offend us. Unfortunately this type of anger is a monster whose hunger can never be appeased.

I'm tired of anger. I don't want to waste my precious life mad at everyone and indignant because someone in person, online, or in the media tells me to. I've been observing our children at the middle school and high school and how this affects them. It's very hard to guide a young person through the tumult of teenage years if you are constantly angry yourself. How are we modeling to them the ability to navigate this world if we show them a constant state of indignation and self righteous anger? It models entitlement and narcissism to our children if we constantly turn each and every offense into a DEFCON level 1 situation. Screw the chain of command. I'm taking this straight to the Supreme Court! This anger filters down and our kids are learning that everything they don't like needs to be treated with outrage. I fear that the stress and anger will eat their inner core leaving only a shell, numb to what truly matters.

Please don't misunderstand me. I believe there are things that are worth fighting for. I believe we should teach our children how to fight for the things that matter. But, I'm weary, and I think

our kids are weary. I've removed myself from Facebook for the most part. I don't want to hear or see all the things I'm supposed to be outraged over. I just want to be able to see family and friends enjoying this beautiful life we've been given. I want to be able to show our children how to go about fighting for what is right without being distracted by every offense. I want our students to learn how to go to the person/source directly first and try to come to an agreement or compromise first. And then how to progressively step forward in fighting for what is right in a way that will not consume them. Our country was founded on compromise. We have a really good framework to learn from.

About ten years ago I read the book "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp. This book truly transformed my life. There are very few books that hold the rank of life-changer for me. I began the practice of counting the one thousand gifts. Gifts that can be as mundane as a rainbow in the oil spill on the cement, or gifts that include miracles on a holy level. Counting my blessings and practicing gratitude actually then puts me in the frame of mind to address the things that are wrong in my life. It teaches me to let go of what is not in my circle, so to speak, and focus on what is in my circle. My circle is my family, my friends, my community. I am not called to a life of outrage on the daily, but rather a life of looking at events and situations through a different lens, a lens of encouragement, compassion, and strength to face each day and adversity as they come my way. This is what I am hoping to model to my children. This is what I hope those of us involved in the educational environment can also do for our children in this community. Let's teach our children how to sort through all the offenses of this world. How to focus on what is truly important to them, and then to address those wrongs with strength, compassion, and humility. Let's teach our children how to lay down the swords of manufactured outrage.

Early Childhood Informational Meeting

By Ryan Orrock

CK Superintendent

The Cody-Kilgore School District currently has

a Preschool for four-year-olds and then a Kindergarten for 5- and 6-year olds. The Nebraska Department of Education has a rule in place that requires students when they are 5 years old on or before July 1st to enter Kindergarten. A good number of students are not socially and/or academically ready for Kindergarten by the age of 5. Students that are not ready for Kindergarten can struggle socially with peers or have a gap in their education.

The Early Childhood Team which consists of the Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st grade teachers have been collaborating about our

Early Childhood Program throughout the year. The team has since talked to other schools and the NDE about better options for the district.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
INFORMATIONAL Meeting**

**May 4, 2023 Kilgore School
Preschool Room**

9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast for students and
parents**

The Nebraska Department of Education has a strong stance against having a transitional Kindergarten, but after talking to the NDE and other schools, I think we have to

make changes. We are a very unique district with families living so far away. Resources outside of public education are few and far between.

Our team decided to propose the idea of having a Junior Kindergarten to the school board. The school board approved the addition of a Junior Kindergarten. Teachers will administer a Kindergarten Readiness Test in the spring. The results will be presented to parents to help decide each child's placement. Parents make the decision about whether to have their child be in Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten.

Please come out on May 4th to have breakfast with our team and learn more about our programs. We strive to build a strong Early Childhood Program for the Cody-Kilgore Students.

AQuESTT Classification Explanation

By Mr. Orrock and Mrs. Fay

CK Administration

Recently, there have been several questions regarding Cody-Kilgore's AQuESTT classification

score that can be viewed on Nebraska's Education Profile. We understand not all patrons are always able to attend school board meetings and want to provide a brief overview of what was presented at the November 2022 meeting.

AQuESTT classifications are based on several factors including academic achievement, academic growth, progress towards English language proficiency, graduation rate, and chronic absenteeism rates.

A large part of our focus at Cody-Kilgore is on the academic achievement of our students. Beginning with a change several years ago in grade-level Nebraska standards and proficiency cut-scores, staff noticed that our students were not performing where we would like them to be. Changes in curriculum, a more formalized intervention and progress-monitoring process, and a focused school-improvement goal on ELA were a few things implemented in response to declining scores. Students in grades 3-8 are now testing using the NSCAS through-year growth model instead of MAP Growth. The

NSCAS Growth test measures student proficiency on grade-level standards. This data helps us to target and focus instruction on specific standards on which students may be struggling.

It is also very important to note that our high school received an AQuESTT rating of "Good" when in fact, our 2021-2022 ACT scores were 100% proficient on all areas of the ACT. The Nebraska Department of Education cannot disclose this information on the NEP portal because there were fewer than 10 students in the class. An appeal was made on our high school classification, but it is a federal guideline that NDE must follow. Regardless of the inaccurate depiction of our high school performance, we are very proud of the hard work of those students! While C-K staff is always striving to improve our scores overall, our NSCAS Science and NSCAS Math proficiency ratings were still above the state average.

What else are we doing to try to improve? There are several areas beyond academic performance that can help to boost our classification. One of our major hurdles at Cody-Kilgore is our chronic absenteeism rate. A student is considered chronically absent if they are gone for 10% of enrolled days. It doesn't matter if the student is

sick or if the school has determined it to be an excused absence. At the district level, 21.82% of our students were considered chronically absent. Last year, the school board implemented our semester testing incentive to try to reduce the number of chronically absent students. It is similar to policies implemented in other schools and is used as a reward for students who attend school regularly and maintain good grades.

C-K staff members recognize that there is work that still needs to be done. Cody-Kilgore along with schools across the nation are seeing a decrease in student performance after the Covid shutdown and changes. Like other schools, we have also seen a change in the overall well-being of the mental health of our students. Some students seem to struggle with problem-solving skills and perseverance; again, not an observation that is unique to Cody-Kilgore. Identifying these areas of need will help us implement positive, effective plans to improve.

Please know that Cody-Kilgore staff members are dedicated to the success of our school and the well-being of our students. We invite you to reach out to teachers and administrators to address any questions or concerns you may have about the academic performance of our school.

CKUS February School Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting February 13, 2023

Kilgore Elementary School

1. The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 6:37 p.m. Roll call – All members were present. Ryan Orrock, Donna Blocker & seven guests were also in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.

2. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Shara Ford to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

3. At this time President Naslund recognized the visitors. Ryan, Jamie & Rylie Sexson, Brian & Sarah Schied and Doug Schneider discussed concerns with the criteria for students to participate in extracurricular activities and to discuss the progress of the building project.

4. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The Board approved the claims in the amount of \$276,298.10 and the minutes from the January 9 & February 2, 2023, meetings. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
New Business:

5. Discussion followed on the progress of the building project. Mr. Orrock shared a recommended timeline from Tobin Buchanan. He continues to stay in contact with Project Controls and Ayars & Ayars as we move forward with plans.

6. Discussion followed with Mr. Orrock presenting an update on the Depreciation Fund.

7. Discussion followed on the Academic Calendar. Mr. Orrock will bring it to the March meeting.

8. Discussion followed on the Graduation requirements. Mr. Orrock & Mrs. Fay will continue to work on this.

9. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Bethany Swendener to hire Mrs. Ashley Blume-Vackiner as the High School Head Track Coach. If she cannot do JH track, Mr. Orrock will advertise for a JH Track Coach assistant. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried 6-0.

10. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the Business Manager Contract with Denise Farley for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 6-0.

11. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to have Mr. Orrock advertise for the Art/Technology teacher position. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 6-0.

12. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by

Bethany Swendener to approve Negotiations between the Board of Education and CKEA for the 2023-2024 school year with the following updates: Base pay \$36,350, 6% for Broadcasting with the stipulation of adding advertising, \$17 per class covered, 7% for One Act Coaching. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 6-0.

13. It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Tim Nollette to approve the municipal Advisor Contract with First National Capital Markets. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Orrock shared the updated General Fund finances; the monthly NASB video with Marcia Herring; a Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Friday, February 17 at 8:00 in Cody - Kari Stephens will present the data from the surveys and lay out the needs analysis; Karen Hasse from KSB School Law presented to the MS & HS students last week. She did a nice job of making our students aware of the legal

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consequences for their actions. KSB School Law will review the interlocal agreement with the Circle C Market to determine some solutions as to who insures what with the store. Congratulations to the e-Sports team for winning the Winter State Championship. Marcia Herring will be presenting a workshop on Opens Meeting Act rules & regulations. Mr. Orrock has contacted Panhandle Conference to see if it is possible to join their conference.

14. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Shara Ford to move into executive session at 9:39 pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters, student issues & personnel. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

15. The Board came out of executive session at 10:40 pm.

16. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Bethany Swendener to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

17. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be March 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Cody.

Claims submitted & approved: 3S Fabrication & Repair, ag shop supplies, \$193.00 Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$3,157.34 Arnold, George, reimb speech scripts, \$120.00 Arnold, George, H.S.A., \$233.31 Arnold, Jodi, reimb art supplies, \$186.35 Badland Enterprises, pump septic tank, \$600.00 Blocker, Donna, ins ded met, \$525.00 Cardmember Services, supplies, \$220.89 Century Business Products, copiers, \$1,447.22 Cherry County Clinic, bus physicals -Jerry, Blake, Marty, \$364.40 Cherry County Implement, booster cables, \$111.99 Cherry County Treasurer, election

billing, \$100.00 Circle C Market, supplies, \$377.18 Cody Livestock, custodial supplies, \$957.69 Cody Oil, fuel, \$5,875.75 Cody Post Office, stamps - 3 rolls, \$189.00 Creativetime Solutions, time clocks, \$33.75 ESU 17, service contract, \$12,168.00 Ford, Mary Kay, reimb fuel, \$82.91 Great Plains Communications, telephone, \$246.52 Hometown Lumber, custodial supplies, \$363.54 Innovative Office Solutions, trash can liners, \$1,157.85 Integrity Network Solutions Inc, chromebooks - REAP funds, \$12,518.00 IXL, annual licenses, \$3,026.00 Jostens, diplomas & covers, \$169.90 Kadlecek, Tara, riemb sped supplies, \$7.87 KBR, electricity, \$8,778.39 Kittrell, Monica, tire gauges reimbursement, \$34.58 KSB School Law, legal services, \$587.50 Modern Farm Equipment, skid steer repair, \$638.64

Monroe HVAC Inc, service call, \$625.32 Naslund, Janell, H.S.A., \$313.28 NK Waste, trash service - Kilgore, \$107.00 Overdrive, online library, \$250.00 Phillips 66, fuel, \$90.55 PowerSchool, annual licenses, \$4,043.25 Presto-X, extermi-nator, \$110.43 ReHab Visions, OT/PT services - 2 months, \$2,354.53 Reimers Well Drilling, pressure switch, \$241.68 Rider Classroom Spanish, second semester, \$4,200.00 Valentine Midland News, advertising, \$26.18 Village of Cody, water & sewer, \$356.10 Village of Kilgore, water bill, \$28.00 Wex Bank, sinclair fuel, \$84.92 York Hotel & Conference Center, lodging - esports, \$602.48 General Fund Claims & Benefits, \$209,030.45

Respectfully Submitted,

_____, Secretary

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CKUS March School Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting March 13, 2023

Cody High School

1. The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 6:34 p.m. Roll call – All members except Bethany Swendener were present. Ryan Orrock, Donna Blocker, Denise Farley & nine guests were also in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.

2. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the agenda with the additions of section J – Network Equipment and replacing “staff” with “student” under the executive session. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

3. At this time President Naslund recognized the visitors. Bea Jones read a statement expressing concerns with student interviews. Tom and Buffy Cooper, Steve Fay, Jason and Michelle McNare, Mark and Leslie Roseberry discussed concerns with the Basketball schedule.

4. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The Board approved the claims in the amount of \$250,674.38 and the minutes from the February 13, 2023, meetings. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

New Business:

5. Discussion followed on the progress of the building project. Discussion was held about setting a timeline to hold a special election, fundraising and the next steps to take. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to make a Board of Education resolution to call a special election at the May board meeting, allowing us to set a July bond election date. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

6. Discussion followed on the public comments about the Basketball schedule. The decision was made to keep the compromises previously established and keep the game in question on our schedule. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

7. Discussion followed on the Academic Calendar. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Shara Ford to approve the academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused.

8. Discussion followed on the Graduation requirements. It was moved by Landon Miller and seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to approve the updated graduation requirements. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

9. Discussion followed about helping the Legion club with the utilities for the White Elephant Hall. It was moved by Shara and seconded by Tim to approve the agreement to help the legion with the utilities. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

10. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the option enrollment application for one student beginning immediately, and 2 students for

the 23/24 school year. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

11. It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Shara Ford to approve the certified contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

12. It was moved by Shara Ford & seconded by Tim Nollette to approve the Jr. High Assistant track coach agreement with Leslie Roseberry. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

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13. It was moved by Shara Ford & seconded by Tim Nollette to approve the elementary special education contract with April Rhodes. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

14. Discussion followed about setting classified rates. It was moved by Tim Nollette and seconded by Landon Miller to offer a .50 raise across the board. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

15. Discussion followed about advertising for two grounds and maintenance positions to help with snow removal and mowing in Kilgore and to help with mowing in Cody. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Landon Miller to advertise for these positions. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

16. Discussion followed about updating the network equipment. It was moved by Tim Nollette and seconded by Landon Miller to purchase the network equipment upgrade with the e-rate discount, using the depreciation fund. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Orrock shared the updated General Fund finances; the monthly NASB video; the Strategic Planning meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, April 14th at 8:00 in Cody - Kari Stephens will present the data from the surveys and lay out the needs analysis; Marcia Herring will also be coming out on April 14th and will be presenting a workshop on Open Meetings Act rules & regulations. Mr. Orrock has started to work with Donna and Denise on the 2023-2024 budget. State aid is projected at about \$200,000 more than we received in the 2022-2023 budget. The March in-service plan is to have the elementary teachers travel to Mullen to observe an ELA curriculum we are interested in. The MS/HS will be working on some of our goals for this year.

Donna and Denise have put together the numbers for the activity fund. It looks like admission fees are making up for the officials cost. In the past few years, we have been transferring \$30,000 per year from the general fund, and it looks like we will need to transfer that amount again this year. The pump has gone out of the dishwasher in the school house. A replacement pump would be around \$400, Reeses recommended to just replace the dishwasher and provided two quotes of new ones currently in store. The panhandle conference will meet March 15th to discuss the option of letting us in the conference. Have received one application for the Art teacher position but have not heard back after

reaching out to the applicant. March 16th we will be having our food service review.

17. It was moved by Shara Ford & seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to move into executive session at 9:33 pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters, student issues & personnel. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Bethany Excused

18. The Board came out of executive session at 10:06 pm.

19. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Shara Ford to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0, Bethany excused.

20. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be April 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Kilgore.

Claims submitted & approved: 3S Fabrication & Repair, ag shop supplies, \$250.00 Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$2,307.88 Bomgaars, supplies \$55.97, Butch's (Laverne Cepelcha) shop drain repair attempt \$216.00 Cardmember Services, supplies, \$566.49; Carolina Biological, cow eyes \$44.40; Casey Peterson, services related to potential new building \$250; CCR Roofing, roof repair (insurance deductible) \$500.00; Century Business Products, copiers, \$1,240.24; Circle C Market, supplies, \$419.92 Cody Oil, fuel, \$11,084.72; Egan Supply, updated MS girls locker room \$2,625.71; Flower Land, supplies for FACS \$28.00; George Arnold, H.S.A \$313.28; Heart City Plumbing and Heating, Kilgore Boiler Issues \$1,101.50; Hometown Lumber, custodial supplies \$201.94 Innovative Office Solutions, trash can liners, \$188.60; IXL, upgrade IXL site license \$538.00; Janelle Naslund,

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H.S.A, \$313.28; Jodi Mosher, diesel treatment \$30.00; Kay Dee Burchfield, insurance deductible met \$525; KBR, electric \$8,769.48, KSB School Law, legal services and digital citizenship presentation; \$4,308.02; Martin Ostransky, DOT Physical \$65.00; Modern Farm Equipment, skid steer, \$1,437.10. NE Safety and Fire Equip, inspection \$979.00; Nebraska Safety Center, Jason McNare EDLT \$345.00 NK Waste, trash service - Kilgore, \$107.00; Overdrive, One source, import AB \$25.00, Popplers, music \$186.40; Premium Automotive, bus service \$1,004.68; Presto-X, exterminator \$110.43; Rasmussen, boiler work – Kilgore \$1,116.00; ReHab Visions, OT/PT services - 2 months, \$2,953.11; Stec Electric, lighting issue, and bulbs – Kilgore \$373.24; Valentine Midland News, advertising, \$3.26; Village of Cody, water/trash, \$342.20; Village of Kilgore, water bill, \$14.00; Wex Bank, sinclair fuel, \$78.50 General Fund Claims & Benefits, \$199,696.25

Respectfully Submitted, _____
_____, Secretary

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Mrs. Arnold's Musical Musings

By Mrs. Arnold

CK Beat

The spring semester has had music students buzzing as we prepared and participated in Honor Choir/Band as well as the first of two contests. We are also working hard on our music for the upcoming spring concerts and look forward to presenting our final performances. Some of this semesters happenings:

Class D All-State Honor Band

On March 18, 2023, students from across the state of Nebraska gathered on the UNK Campus for Class D All-State Honor Band. Students had previously auditioned for a place in one of three bands. Cody-Kilgore had three students participate. Isaac Robinson played trumpet in the Jazz Band, Dominic Fresquez played percussion in the Honor Band and Bara Bilkova was selected first chair flute for the Honor Band. Band members worked with guest conductors all day to perfect music they had previously practiced and then presented their work at a concert that evening. It was a great experience for CK's band students!

MNAC Music Contest

I am happy to report that the Cody-Kilgore Music Students were once again very successful at MNAC Music Contest! Cody-Kilgore was named Vocal Music Champions as well as Overall Music Champions. In addition, we received 16 superiors and two Top Honors awards. Those receiving superior ratings were: Vocal Quartet of

Kayleigh, Ashley, Rachel and Lilly; Small Vocal Ensemble of Mikah, Sadee, Nadeya, Grace, Samantha, Rylie, Rachel and Kayleigh; Vocal Duet of Sadee & Mikah; Vocal Solos – Rylie, Sadee, Kayleigh, Mikah; Flute/Percussion

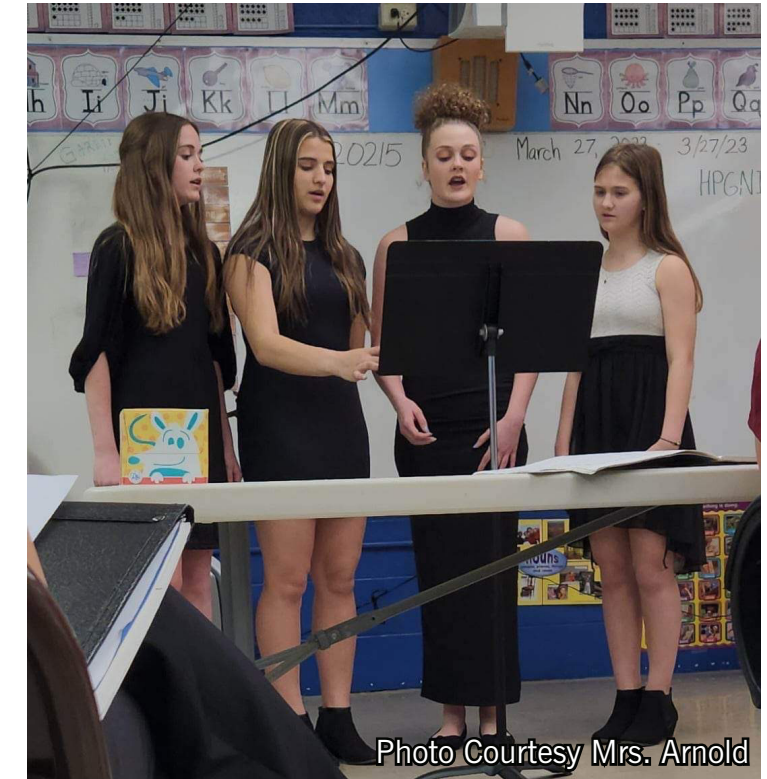


Photo Courtesy Mrs. Arnold

It's all in the family when CK freshmen Rachel Farley and Kayleigh Ravenscroft team up with their middle school siblings Ashley

Trio of Bara, Trey & Dominic; Flute Trio of Mikah, Lilly & Amanda; Flute Duet of Kayleigh and Lilly; Guitar Solo – Mikah; Flute Solo – Mikah; Piccolo Solo – Kayleigh; Flute Solo – Bara; Large Vocal Ensemble – CK Mixed Choir & Medium Vocal Ensemble – CK Women's Choir

Top Flute Solo was awarded to Bara Bilkova. Top Large Vocal Ensemble was awarded to the CK Mixed Chorus which is comprised of all CK Choral Students 6th-12th Grade!

Next up we have District Music Contest in Alliance on April 19 and then we will be focusing in on our concerts. The JH/HS Concert will take place on May 4, 2023 and the Elementary Concert will be on May 10, 2023 in Cody. We hope to see you there as we celebrate another successful year of music making!

CK senior Bara Bilkova was selected as first chair flute for the Class D All-State Honor Band, and she was also named Top Flute Solo at the MNAC Music Contest.



Photo Courtesy Mrs. Arnold

CK Speech 4th at D1-3 district speech contest

By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

The CK Speech team completed its shortened season Monday, March 6, 2023 at the D1-3 district

speech contest in Creighton, Nebraska. Overall, the team finished in fourth place of eight teams in the final sweepstakes standings. While the end result did not match expectations, several CK speakers received medals, and a few new competitors gained valuable experience at a meat grinder of a speech meet.

Individually, these CK speakers placed in the finals rounds as follows:

Informative Speaking: Ally Heath, 4th place; Kate Cox 5th place

Persuasive Speaking: Kassidy Roseberry 4th place; Kynzee Barnes, 6th place

Entertainment Speaking: Urte Norekaite 4th place; Aubree Johnson 5th place

Program of Interpretation: Urte Norekaite 4th place; Bara Bilkova 5th place.

The Wausa Vikings won the D1-3 district championship, and Creighton finished as Runner-up. In the end, though CK didn't qualify anyone to the state contest in Kearney, it should be noted that Wausa qualified 15 events and placed in 12 at the state finals, ultimately hoisting the class D1 State Championship. In retrospect, despite the abbreviated season, and competing against bigger schools, the CK speech team held its own, and will be ready to prove their mettle next year.



Photo Courtesy Mr. Arnold

CK medalists at the D1-3 district contest included (front row L-R) Kynzee Barnes, Ally Heath, and Urte Norekaite; (back row L-R) Kate Cox, Bara Bilkova, Kassidy Roseberry, and Aubree Johnson.



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2022-2023 CK Speech Team (front row L-R) Zoey Dorian, Mikah Vander Wey, Kynzee McConaughy, Ally Heath, Urte Norekaite, Isaac Robinson, Rylie Sexson; (middle row L-R) Jacob Knox, Daya Johnson -Mooney, Kate Cox, Kassidy Roseberry, Aubree Johnson; (back row L-R) Byron Skinner, Drew Farrell, Trey Hand, Tristan Fish, Dominic Fresquez (student manager), and Dylan Naslund.

CK Track and Field off and running

By Jacob Knox
CKBeat

Cody-Kilgore attended the Chadron Indoor meet this passed Saturday, March 18th. We were

the smallest school with the competition being Alliance, Bayard, Chadron, Creek Valley, Custer, Gering, Scottsbluff, Southeast, and St. Thomas More.

Note- Aubree Johnson held the Cody-Kilgore high jump record along with 4 other female athletes at 4'10 and now she holds the new record of 5'

Jasper Roseberry 60M dash-11th place 7.5 seconds

Bentley Cornelius 800M-11th place 2:34.31

Tylan Blume 800M-16th place 2:59.13

Bentley Cornelius 1600M-9th place 6:06.55

Dylan Naslund Shot Put-2nd place 45-01.50

Jasper Roseberry Shot Put-9th place 35-04.50

Aubree Johnson 200M- 9th place 29.62

Kate Cox, Kayleigh Ravenscroft, and Ally Heath 400M- 5th (1:10.79), 6th (1:10.94), and 7th (1:14.28) respectively.

Aiden Hand 800M- 8th place 2:48.89

Aiden Hand 1600M-6th place 6:29.38

Ally Heath 60M hurdles- 3rd place 10.87

Urte Noreikaite Shot Put- 4th place 32-07.5

Aubree Johnson, Kayleigh Ravenscroft, and Aiden Hand- 2nd (5'), tie for 3rd (4'8"), and 7th (4'4") respectively

Rachel Farley Long Jump- 13th place 12-05.00

Kate Cox Triple Jump- 5th place 29-09.25



CK freshman Kayleigh Ravenscroft, clears the bar with ease during high jump competition at the Ainsworth Relay Meet in Ainsworth, Nebraska.

Ainsworth Track Meet Results

Girls Long Jump Relay- 5th place with Kayleigh Ravenscroft- tie 8th, Rachel Farley-9th, and Bara Bilkova- 23rd

Girls High Jump Relay-2nd with Aubree Johnson 2nd, Kayleigh-tie 4th, and Aiden Hand- 11th

Girls Triple Jump- Kate Cox- 3rd

Boys Discus- Dylan Naslund- 1st and Jasper Roseberry 7th

Boys Shot Put- Dylan Naslund-1st and Jasper Roseberry- 12th

Girls Discus Relay- 5th - With Urte Noreikaite- 4th, Ayden Naslund-17th, and Cassidy Roseberry- 27th

Girls Shot Put Relay- 5th- with Urte Noreikaite- 3rd, Cassidy Roseberry- 24th, and Ayden Naslund- 27th

Girls 4x200- 5th place 2:03.4

Aubree Johnson, Ally Heath, Bara Bilkova, and Kate Cox

Boys Sprint Medley- 6th- 4:59.9

Jasper Roseberry, Bentley Cornelius, Tristan Fish, and Tylan Blume



Photo Courtesy Janelle Naslund

CK senior Dylan Naslund gives the discus a toss at the Ainsworth Relays Track Meet, Friday March, 24, 2023.

Girls Sprint Medley- 4th-5:03.7

Aubree Johnson, Ally Heath, Bara Bilkova, and Aiden Hand

Girls 4x400- 2nd- 4:43.1

Kate Cox, Ally Heath, Aiden Hand, and Kayleigh Ravenscroft

~ PROM ROYALTY 2023 ~



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THEME:
ROARING 20S

BAND:
COUNTRY RUSH

PROM KING:
DYLAN NASLUND

PROM QUEEN:
KASSIDY ROSEBERRY

PROM PRINCE:
CARSON LANCASTER

PROM PRINCESS:
GRACE WOLFF





The CK junior class strikes a pose prior to the Grand March during prom at the White Elephant Hall

THEME: A ROARING GOOD TIME
BAND: COUNTRY RUSH
PROM KING: DYLAN NASLUND
PROM QUEEN: KASSIDY ROSEBERRY
PROM PRINCE: CARSON LANCASTER
PROM PRINCESS: GRACE WOLFF

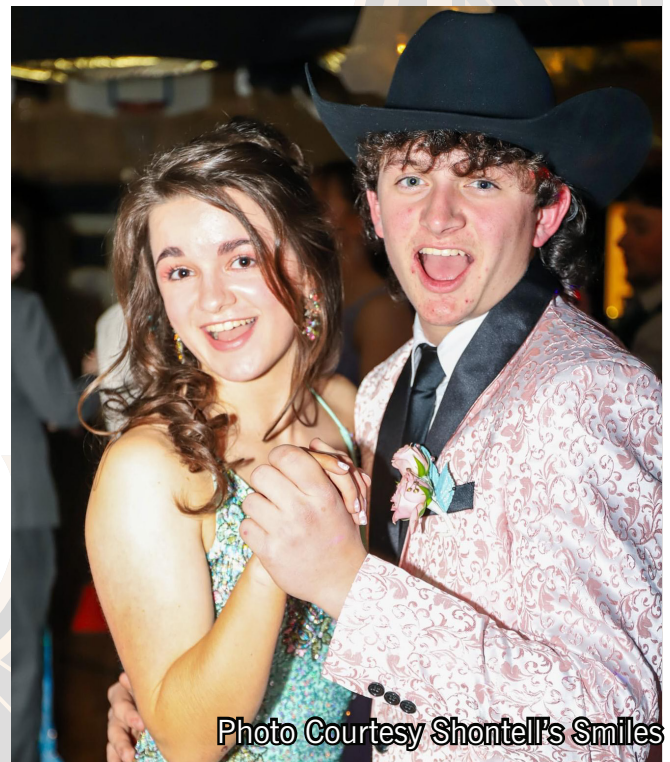


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CK juniors Aubree Johnson and Drew Farrell singing and dancing the night away during Prom 2023 at the White Elephant Hall.

Finding a GREAT book in Gatsby

By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

The sophomore class is currently reading F. Scott Fitzgerald’s masterpiece, *The Great Gatsby*. It seemed an appropriate

choice, considering the prom theme for the year. It’s serendipitous how life just lines up perfectly, without any kind of planning, whatsoever (wink-wink).

The *Great Gatsby* may be considered a contemporary American literary masterpiece, but to me, I see its greatness for what it did: it inspired an aliterate reader to discover a love of reading. Yes, you read that correctly. Mr. Arnold, “Mr. English,” struggled reading at a young age. The *Great Gatsby* helped me see the tumultuous nature of literature like never before.

Prior to reading *Gatsby*, I had been battered with a seemingly constant tidal wave of depression in the form of John Steinbeck: *The Pearl*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, and *East of Eden*. English class lulled me into boredom. These stories are important, but they were all about poor people doing poor people things in poor people ways. Boring.

Enter *Gatsby*. Sure, there is a bit of world building in the first two chapters, but chapter three turns up the temperature and sets the stage of a slow boil that ends in what Fitzgerald terms a holocaust. Now, I know the prom theme is “A Roaring Good

Time,” but *Gatsby* Chapter 3 would work just as well. In chapter 3 of *Gatsby*, our narrator, Nick experiences his first West Egg (Long Island, NY) party, and it’s an experience.

Now, for an aliterate reader, concepts like partying caught my eyes. You mean books have cool stuff like this in them? I was immediately hooked. Reading about poor people was sad. In contrast, reading about rich people destroying their lives was fascinating!

Gatsby is what the kids these days call a Giga Chad, and did I mention Tom? Tom is the perfect heal. He’s good looking, smart, and rich. Don’t you just hate him already? The love trapezoid involving *Gatsby*, Tom, Myrtle, Daisy, and George spins the reader into dizziness as Fitzgerald masterfully maintains a constant simmer of tension until the climax when a simple man named George took it upon himself to set the record straight.

This book has is all: romance, envy, revenge, success, failure, life, and death. It took a kid that could read but chose not to and got him to read it several times. I suppose some thanks are in order to Mrs. Bauman, my sophomore English teacher for assigning *The Great Gatsby*. I’m not so sure I would’ve ended up where I am if it hadn’t been for her, or Fitzgerald’s magnum opus.



Mullet Musings with Jimmy

“The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.”
- Tony Robbins



CK FFA: Opening Doors of Opportunity in the Ag Industry

By Ally Heath

CKBeat

The C-K FFA members are gearing up for state FFA week! The convention starts Wednesday, March 29th at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Members attending will tour the Lincoln Zoo, Campbell's Nursery, and Nebraska Machinery. In other news, the chapter celebrated National FFA week with our annual FFA breakfast. This year the officers introduced a door decorating contest. Teachers decorated their door to represent what FFA stands for in their own way. Third place was Miss. Bailie, second place was True Ford, and the winner was the office! The officers and elementary committee also paid the elementary a visit to inform them of the importance of FFA. Stay tuned for more FFA coverage next edition!



CK FFA Livestock judging team competes at State FFA

By Drew Farrell

CKBeat

On March 31st the Cody-Kilgore livestock judging team competed in the state competition in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska. Dylan, Parker, Grace, and I all competed. It was an early morning that consisted of running off of no sleep and Dunkin' Donuts. When we arrived at the east campus of University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I saw what seemed to be a million blue jackets. To get the morning started, they packed all of us in a classroom. The room was full to the brim and they

explained the rules to us. The first part of the contest was the written test. Once I got that done I took a lil' snooze. Then we went to judge the 10 classes in the arena. There were a few hard classes to judge, but in the end it all went well. We had three sets of reasons, and I feel like I did better than I ever have on them. We finally got through the day and waited for results. Dylan and I received white ribbons. Parker was two places from ribboning and the team got 31st out of 57. Even though it was a long day, I would do it again.

Andrews, Roseberry earn FFA degrees to cap off CK State

By Ally Heath

CKBeat

State FFA 2023 is officially in the books! The FFA members left

Cody on a Tuesday afternoon and returned the following Saturday morning. The convention started with a tour to the Lincoln Zoo. Members got a backstage view of where the giraffes call home and the zoo's diet kitchen where we learned how special diets are prepared. Following that Mr. Nollette put together a scavenger hunt in Whole Foods and Fareway Meat Market. Thursday morning the chapter visited Nebraska Machinery. There we walked through the shop and parts department. And lucky enough we got to climb in some of the equipment. Thursday night ended with pizza night in the hotel lobby, before an early awakening for livestock judges. Those not participating in livestock judging spent some money at the Gateway Mall before returning to Pinnacle Bank Arena for the final two sessions. Parker and Kassidy were recognized for receiving their state degrees. We thought our convention had come to a close but then yet another blizzard rolled in. This extended our stay another night in Grand Island before returning home safely Saturday morning



CK seniors Kassidy Roseberry and Parker Andrews celebrate their FFA state degrees with CK FFA sponsor Mr. Nollette at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Roseberry, Sexson deal in Ag Issues

By Kassidy Roseberry

CKBeat

Rylie Sexson and I were given the opportunity to participate in the Ag issues Academy at State FFA. Prior to state, we were given two assignments to complete. We had to choose a leader and discuss their qualities and how they

got to the position they are in. For our next assignment, we were assigned an agricultural association in Nebraska. I was assigned to the Nebraska Dairy Association and Rylie was assigned the Nebraska Pork Association. Part of our assignment was to talk about what those associations did and who were members of those organizations.

Upon arriving at the Graduate hotel for the meeting, we talked about what characteristics a leader should have, and we discussed the agricultural leaders in our state. Then we got together with our specific organizations and talked about what issues face those particular things. We were associated with FFA members from all over the state, so it was very interesting to hear the different opinions. There were keynote speakers who also joined us. A state lobbyist representing agriculturists talked about how he has grown in his career. A state senator spoke about his life as a farmer and a senator and even his experience being governor for a few days! The last speaker was the CEO of the National FFA Organization and he informed us that Nebraska is on track to have the most members recorded in history!

It was a great experience and we were able to bring home new knowledge of issues in agriculture that we, as young agriculturists, can work to solve and overcome.



CK senior Dylan Naslund shows off his silver medal in Extemporaneous Speaking at State FFA with Mr. Nollette.



HEADLINES FROM A BYGONE ERA

A new feature of the CK Beat will take a look at the history of the Cody-Kilgore area through documents preserved by our local historian, and cookie aficionado, Ms. Richie.

The original Cody Hotel was built beside the railroad tracks. It was known by several names, Elkhorn Eating House and Cody Eating House.

The proprietor of the Elkhorn Eating House was M. Underwood in 1888. He had a short episode of intense and acute pain, he put an end to his suffering. Underwood was a well-to-do man and was successful in the hotel business.

The November 28, 1913 edition of the Cody Cow Boy gives a description of its demise.

Cody Hotel Burns

“On Monday night shortly after 11 o’clock fire was discovered at the Cody Hotel and before the fire fighting apparatus could be brought into action the fire had gained such headway there were no hopes of saving the building. The alarm was given and a good percent of the population of the town were disturbed from their slumbers and assembled near the fire. There being no buildings within quite a distance of the hotel and only a light wind there was no great danger of the fire spreading although a vigilant watch was kept in the vicinity of the buildings where sparks were flying. There was a little wind in the south at the time the fire started but later it changed to the southwest.

For a few days past the hotel had been used only as a rooming house, Al. Smith and George Stotts having charge of it. There were not many people in the building at the time of the fire and as the fire started on the north side of the roof the occupants



An undated photo depicts The Red Onion Hotel in Cody in its heyday prior to its ultimate demise as a victim of alleged arson. -

had plenty of time to get out with all of their belongings.

It is not definitely known what started the fire but some seem to think that it was caused by a spark from the chimney. Al Smith stated that he had fixed the fire in the stove about thirty minutes before he discovered the building was on fire and in the meantime had gone to bed but had not gone to sleep. Insurance to the amount of \$2,000 was carried on the building.

The passing of the Cody Hotel removes one of the early landmarks of the village. The building was erected about twenty-four years ago and has been operated almost continually as a hotel until it burnt down.”

Later rumors would attempt to put the blame of the fire on competition between the hotels. The loss of the Cody Hotel left Cody with the Commercial Hotel and the Stotts’ Hotel.

The location of the hotel would be west of the current tennis court and near the railroad. This is the hotel referred to as the Red Onion in Marguerite Wobig’s book.