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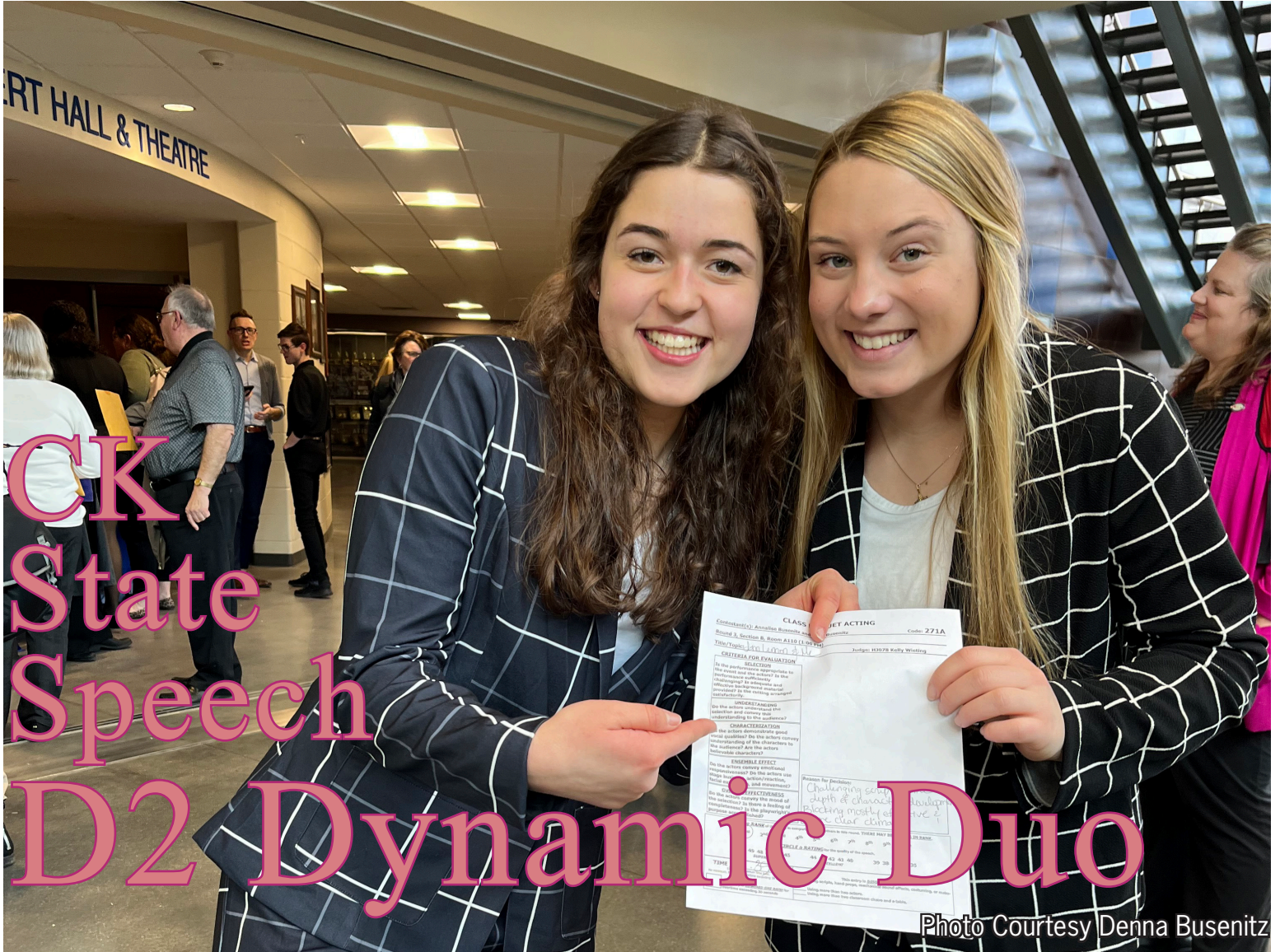
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CK State Speech D2 Dynamic Duo

Photo Courtesy Denna Busenitz

All in the family: CK senior, Annalise Busenitz celebrates with her sister, CK junior Abby Busenitz on a first place ballot at the NSAA State Speech Championships.

CK Speech MNAC Champs (AGAIN)!!



Pitch Perfect: CK Music MNAC Champs!



Naslund Finishes 3rd-place in Shot and Disc @Ainsworth Invite

MEME me up, sCKotty



Filling out NCAA Bracket at CK Like

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What is your favorite Video Game?

- “Mario Kart.”
-Mr. Nollette, Staff
- “Call of Duty Black Ops 2”
- Brady Skinner, Freshman
- “NBA 2K22.”
-Teagen Fish, 6th Grade
- “Call of Duty Vanguard.”
- Colby Cady, Senior
- “Call of Duty Modern Warfare”
- Blake Lancaster, 8th Grade
- “Red Dead Redemption 2”
- Dalton Keating, Junior
- “Grand Theft Auto 5”
- Wesley Willert, 7th Grade
- “Farming Simulator”
- Cooper Fay, Sophomore



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CK Q&A:

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 reviewed by the CKUS administration. Publication for each edition of the CKBeat will be the 20th of each month.



Point : Counterpoint *with* Kamryn and Max

By CKBeat Staff

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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 4:

Mr. Arnold: Would you rather always be hot or always be cold?

Kamryn: I would much rather be too hot

Max: If I'm always cold I can just put on more layers. If you're too hot, you can only walk around in a tank top and shorts.

Kamryn: But in the winter time have you ever seen the kid in only a shirt and shorts? You're scared of that kid, that's who I wanna be. He's awesome.

Max: Well I mean if you're cold, they have stuff to warm you up.



Courtesy CKBeat Staff

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

Kamryn: Well I'll go live in Alaska, I'll be worshipped there. Just run around in shorts and a tank top.

Max: I would have the perfect body temperature to live in Australia, I get to ride kangaroos and fight giant spiders.

Kamryn: I get to live in the Arctic and

fight penguins and giant polar bears.

Max: Polar bears can be up to eight feet tall.

Kamryn: I never realized that, but I feel like I would die to a swarm of penguins.

Winner: Ice Cold Kamryn because death by penguins is an honorable way to go.

5 Dietary Considerations You "NEED" in Your Life

By Carrie Ford

CKBeat

1. Cottage Cheese and Fruit should never ever be mixed. This mixture is deadly and can create poisonous gases in your stomach. There is no discussion to be held regarding this issue. You've been warned and you're taking your life into your own hands if you choose to disregard this warning.

2. Butter should be used at all times and in all places. Margarine is one step away from plastic and will cause cancer which will kill you. It will not be a painless death. It will be slow and agonizing. I care about you all. Therefore, I'm letting you know.

3. Cheese. There can never be enough cheese. Unless it's that cheese that smells like barf, in which case you should run. Basically, we could all live on the many variations of cheese on everything. Cheesy omelets, cheesy pizza, cheesy potatoes, cottage cheese, cream cheese, cheesecake, cheese as a garnish or as the main dish. On the 8th day God created cheese and it was very, very good.

4. Coca Cola aka Ambrosia the nectar of the gods. Listen, I know there are some heathens out there who think the P word is better but NOTHING and I mean NOTHING beats good old fashioned Coca Cola. It cures everything. Headache – Coke, Stomach Ache – Coke, Heart Burn – Coke, Joint Pain – Coke. Listen people. The first thing you should try when anything is ailing you is Coca Cola. There are simply NO substitutes.

5. Coffee – There is no life worth living without coffee. My favorite coffee is straight up black like my soul, but I can make concessions for those of you who must have cream or sugar or fluffy additives. The main thing is Coffee and always will be.

From the desk of Superintendent Orrock

By Ryan Orrock

CK Superintendent

Special Education Finance

Recently I have been fielding

some questions about the addition of staff members or the overall spending of the district. Finance in education can be quite confusing, especially when you talk about the sources of revenue and now Covid money is coming in. I am confident in saying that the Cody-Kilgore School District's finances are in good shape and the board is very careful in how they spend local tax dollars.

It is the responsibility of every Local Education Agency to meet the needs of all children. Meaning when a student has a disability and the team decides what the next best step is, the district needs to comply within reason. Sometimes that involves buying new equipment.

Sometimes it means having to hire another paraprofessional. We work with the resources we have to meet the needs of students. One of our revenue sources

is the IDEA money. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ensures that all children with disabilities are entitled to a free appropriate public education to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living. Currently, we receive \$35,924 federal dollars for IDEA. IDEA dollars are spent on our ESU 17 Services. The ESU provides both Speech and School Psych. They are a big help as contracting these positions without the ESU would be costly for the district.

The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is a requirement of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In sum, an LEA must expend (except in specified situations) as much or more for the education of children with disabilities from either local funds only or combined state and local funds. This ensures that districts are using their Special Education dollars to meet the needs of special education students. We are held accountable as a district for spending the

same amount or more each year in both local and state. Exceptions being if a student ages out of the program, or the team has decided that the student no longer needs services.

The allowance cost reimbursement comes from the state to help offset the costs of Special Education. All reimbursements depend on if the cost is allowable. IDEA funds are reimbursed at 100%, state and local funds are reimbursed around 50%. Currently we have two special education teachers and four special education paras. Therefore, we are getting a pretty good reimbursement.

Our total budget this year was \$344,645.16 for Special Education. This includes our ESU 17 services. I hope this helped you understand a little bit about what we take in for revenue and what special education dollars are spent on. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Counselor's Corner: Strategies for Testing Season for Success

By Kristin Fay

CK Front Office

As the end of the year nears, students will soon be completing year end testing. Students in grades K-2 and 9-10 will complete

MAP testing. The Nebraska Department of Education requires NS-CAS testing in grades 3-8 and ACT testing for juniors. Cody-Kilgore staff use MAP, NSCAS, and ACT scores to better support student learning.

MAP testing is an adaptive test that measures student performance and growth. Questions are based on individual student responses to questions. If a student answers a question correctly, the test gets harder. If they answer incorrectly, the questions get easier. The questions asked of a student may be on grade level, below grade level, or above grade level based on their performance. Students receive a RIT score which is based on achievement. The RIT score corresponds with a percentile score that compares their performance to national peers.

NSCAS tests a student's level of mastery on Nebraska grade level standards. Students' scores fall into one of three categories: Developing, On Track, or College and Career Ready. Student scores in English Language Arts and Math are further divided into more specific subcategories. These subcategories help Cody-Kilgore staff to identify areas of strength or weakness for each student.

The ACT is widely used as an indicator of student proficiency in

high school as well as an entrance requirement for college. ACT scores are used to determine student readiness and placement for dual credit courses in high school and course placement in college.

Below are some testing strategies that our juniors learned from their John Baylor ACT prep course.

Dylan - The 3 R's Rest, Run, Restoration: Rest the night before and take relaxing breaks, run two 30 yard dashes, eat a healthy snack during your break

Byron - PUDWYK: Put down what you know

Dalton - Quick Check: Quickly check your answer, don't spend too much time on one question!

Kassidy - If you think you're struggling, it's ok. Everyone else is too!
Parker - Eat a high protein breakfast, be early to the test site to avoid stress, and wear comfortable clothes.

Cody-Kilgore juniors will complete the ACT on April 5. The junior high students, freshmen, and sophomores will complete their tests on April 13 and April 14. Please try to avoid scheduling any appointments or absences on these dates. It is difficult for students to make-up their tests and classwork. If you have any questions about the tests that your student takes, please reach out to your child's teacher or myself!

CKUS March School Board Minutes

Cody Kilgore Unified Schools
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
March 14, 2022
Cody Secondary School

1. The Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 5:18 p.m. Roll call – Four members were present. Shannon Ravenscroft is on her way and arrived at 5:30. Kurt Busenitz is sick. Ryan Orrock & Donna Blocker were also in attendance. There were three guests present. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.

2. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Tim Nollette to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Motion carried 4-0.

3. President Naslund welcomed the visitors to the meeting. There were no comments.

4. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the Consent agenda as presented. General Fund claims in the amount of \$276,983.68 and Board Meeting Minutes for February 16 & March 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

5. Discussion followed with a presentation by students Dawson Fleagle, Mason Jones & their teacher Roxann Richards. They explained eSports & what it would mean to them and other students in our district. This is a sanctioned sport through NSESA. They have researched the requirements & will continue to work on some ideas for fundraising to help purchase equipment needed for this sport.

6. Discussion followed with Andrew Ward on the sewer project at the elementary school. Andrew explained the process and some of the costs involved at this time. He will have more information in a couple of weeks. Preliminary drawings were available to look at as well.

7. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Bethany Swendener to revise policy # 5068 Semester Test Exemption Policy with the changes as noted. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion followed on the building project. Mr. Orrock has been in contact with Gary & Caleb in Project Controls. They are working on the new plans and hope to have something to look at by the 21st.

9. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Landon Miller to declare items a surplus and sell them. Mr. Orrock will get this in motion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

10. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Bethany Swendener to approve the purchase of new high school math curriculum using ESSER dollars. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

11. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Tim Nollette to accept the resignations of Rebekah Turnbull as third grade teacher & Allie O'Neill as Head Girls Basketball coach. We accept with regrets and appreciation for their years of dedication to the students & staff of CKUS. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

12. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to Jodi Mosher to do custodial work at the elementary. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

13. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve certified teaching contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

14. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Bethany Swendener to approve the classified staff work agreements with a .56 raise, unexpected days closed hours paid & a possible tier system for unconditional leave days to accumulate to 4 days. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

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Cody Kilgore Unified Schools Board Minutes
March 14, 2022

15. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Mr. Orrock presented two proposals from Financial Auditors. Discussion followed and Mr. Orrock will reach out to them for more information. No decision was made at this time.

17. Discussion followed on the possibility of an FFA co-sponsor. More than half of our student body participate in FFA & it is necessary to have extra adults present when attending the competitions. Helping prepare the students in advance would also be of value.

18. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to approve the Depreciation Fund plan for 2022 as presented excluding vaulted toilets & stadium speakers at the football field at this time. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

19. At this time Mr. Orrock presented two proposals for siding on the superintendent's house. He will check with them to get a timeline & check references as well.

Superintendent Report:
There have been a few students impacted by Covid 19. The HVAC project is closer to being completed and is working well so far. He is working on job descriptions & hopes to have them all completed soon. We purchased some fencing supplies for repairs needed on the Kilgore school fence. Friday the 18th will be a strategic planning day with staff & board members. He shared the results he got for an athletic survey with students concerning the different

athletic programs in which they are interested.

20. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Bethany Swendener to move into executive session at 8:48 pm. The Board came out of executive session at 9:08 pm.

21. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Tim Nollette to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.

22. A Special Board Meeting will be held on March 28, 2022, to discuss the building project & approve new teacher contracts.

23. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be April 11, 2022, at 6:30 pm in Kilgore.

Claims submitted & approved: 4N6 Fanatics, annual renewal - speech, \$200.00 Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$893.69 Arnold, George, HSA, \$219.81 Bomgaars, supplies, \$214.83 Cardmember services, visa, \$727.75 Carolina Biological Supply, science supplies, \$223.96 Circle C Market, supplies, \$418.11
Cody Oil, fuel, \$7,540.10 Creativetime Solutions, time clocks, \$31.25 D/W Machine Mfg, shop supplies, \$25.00 Eduspire Solutions, e-hallpass, \$696.92 ESU 17, service contract, \$8,892.00 Great Plains Communications, telephone, \$634.67 Green Clean, mold removal, \$2,350.00 Innovative, custodial supplies - Cody, \$200.95 Josten's, diploma covers, \$106.28 Kadleck, Tara, FACS - reimb, \$25.58 KBR, electricity, \$7,952.64 Midland News, note cards, \$20.00 NASB, workshop - Ryan, \$75.00 Naslund, Janell, HSA, \$295.16 NE Safety & Fire, fire alarm system - inspection, \$1,008.00 NK Waste, trash service - Kilgore, \$214.00 Ostransky, Marty, bus physical, \$65.00 Premium Automotive Repair, bus repairs, \$8,717.55 Presto-X,

exterminator, \$107.00 Rasmussen Mechanical Services, HVAC, \$29,400.00 Ravenscroft, Liz, class curriculum - reimb, \$349.43 ReHab Visions, P/T & O/T services, \$1,574.28 Schneider Auto, service call - store van, \$10.00 True Value, custodial supplies - Kilgore, \$33.86 Village of Cody, water/sewer, \$361.50 Village of Kilgore, water fee, \$14.00 Wex Bank, sinclair fuel, \$75.00 Xerox, copiers, \$666.89
General Fund Payroll & Benefits, \$202,643.47
Respectfully Submitted, _____

Secretary
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Most Visited National Parks

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Blue Ridge Parkway National Park - 15.9 Million

Great Smoky Mountain National Park - 14.1 Million

Golden Gate National Park - 13.7 Million

Gateway National Recreation Area - 9.1 Million

ADVENTURES WITH AUBREE

Blue Ridge Parkway- 15.9 mil

Great Smoky Mountains National Park- 14.1

Golden Gate National Recreation Area- 13.7 million

Gateway National Recreation Area- 9.1 million

Lake Mead National Recreation Area- 7.6 million

George Washington Memorial Parkway- 6.8 million

Natchez Trace Parkway- 6.4 million

Lincoln Memorial- 5.8 million

Gulf Islands National Seashore- 5.5 million

Zion National Park- 5 million

Welcome to a new addition to the CK Beat- Adventures with Aubree! Join me as we travel around the world all from the comfort of your chair. Whether it's the trails of a National Park, the cobblestone streets of Rome, or the sandy beaches of Bora Bora, you are sure to feel as if you are on a heavenly, stress-free vacation. Grab your imagination and some popcorn to prepare for our exploration into my dream travel destinations.

First up on my list, Glacier National Park. Let me tell you, this place is gorgeous. If you're like me and absolutely love the mountains, you will be sure to fall in love with the landscape this park entails. Located in Montana near the Canadian border, this park has over 700 miles of scenic trails ready for eager hikers to trek.

Speaking of hiking, let's explore some of the trails in the park. Let's start with the Trail of the Cedars. This trail is only a mile long, so it is perfect for a day trip. It starts at the famous

Going-To-The-Sun-Road and makes one big loop back around. The raised boardwalk weaves through the ancient cedar trees; some of the trees are estimated to be older than 500 years! At the half-way point, there is a footbridge that arches over the Avalanche Creek. This pathway provides views of the Avalanche Gorge. Just past the footbridge, the Avalanche Lake Trail intersects the trail. If you choose to take this trail, it will lead you to the breathtaking view of glacier water as it rushes down the gorge. If you choose to stay on the Trail of Cedars, it will lead you around the loop and by the Avalanche Creek Campground and then back out to the road.

Just imagine walking on the wooden boardwalk and admiring the light shining through the towering trees, the green fern and mosses growing on the forest floor, the chirping and fluttering of the birds, the rushing of the waterfalls and flowing rivers. Just feeling like no time has passed, and everything is serene. Wow, the things I would give to experience that.

CK WNCC Trip Educational

By Dom Fresquez

CK Beat

On March 1, 2022, the freshman and sophomores traveled to Western Nebraska Community College for a visit and tour of the campus for us to get to see what college is like. During the visit my group looked at the weight room, the basketball court, the mechanic shop, a dorm and some of the classrooms around the building. My favorite part of the visit was the mechanic and welding shop. In the college they also had rooms in the library you could check into or set up a time to go in there. In the rooms you can be alone and do homework or relax and just hangout in there. They also had three different dorm styles within the area of the college. The room we visited was one you had to share with a roommate and the bathroom was a common one for the whole building. The second building they showed us had a little bit bigger rooms and more bathrooms with showers and everything throughout the building. The last building they have with dorms in it the rooms are even bigger



Photo Courtesy Mrs. Fay

Here's a look at the WNCC Autobody / Mechanic's Shop taken during CK's tour of WNCC with Mrs. Fay.

and you have your own bathroom and shower inside your room so you don't have to leave your room to shower or use the rest room.

Toward the end of the tour we learned about all the different scholarships they hand out and what you have to do to get them. One of the scholarships was if you were a first generation college student in your family you could get a 2,000 dollar bonus. After we learned about all the scholarships we played a game of rock, paper, scissors. We were split up into two teams which were picked by team captains Jacob Knox and Bentley Cornelius. To play the game we had to act out what we were playing as a team. For scissors we held our arms out at an angle, for paper we held our arms straight up and down, and for rock we had to squat and grab our knees. At the end of the game Jacob's team ending up winning 5-2. After we did all that we got to eat lunch at the college cafeteria, which was serving ham and cheese sandwiches or chicken on a stick. I heard both were pretty good. After lunch time was over we had to go home. The visit was fun and had convinced me to look more into going there due to the new CDL program they now have. Overall it seems like a good college and I would recommend looking into maybe attending it.



Photo Courtesy Dominic Fresquez

Here's a look at the WNCC Autobody / Mechanic's Shop.

CK QUIZ BOWL: Answering Life's Tough Questions

The Cody-Kilgore Quiz Bowl season is now finished and CK has once again fielded a Junior High and High School team led by their fearless Coach Janell Naslund. The Cowboy Brainiacs opened their season at the MNAC Quiz Bowl Tournament. At the MNAC event, the conference schools attending are split into two brackets and battle round-robin style (pool play) to try to be the final two in their bracket standing. At the high school level, the two teams from each bracket that score the most points then get to compete for the top 4 places. The CK High School team scored an average of 20 points in each round, ending with 125 points in pool play. At the junior high event, 2 brackets are formed as well but instead of taking those with the most points to the final round, the two top teams from each bracket with the best record get to compete for a placing. The CK Junior High team ended their tournament run with a 3-3 record and 155 total points. Neither CK team placed in the top three but both teams learned a lot and will continue to refine their Quiz Bowl skills for the future! As Cody-Kilgore develops the Quiz Bowl program, it was decided to host a local Highway 20 Triangular for high school teams this year. Valentine and Gordon-Rushville were invited to compete in Cody on March 28, 2022. Valentine brought two teams to make it a Quadrangular and the four teams competed in a round-robin style with Valentine's Team #1 winning the overall title. We are hoping that this Triangular will become an annual contest between the Quizzers in our immediate area!

Varsity and Junior High Quiz Bowl teams compete at MNAC in Halsey.



CK Junior High Quiz Bowl Participants (LtoR):

Dawson Fleagle, Emiliano Garza, Madysen Leithead, Kynzee McConaughey, Naomi Busenitz, Addysen Hawthorne



Photos Courtesy Janell Naslund

CK High School Quiz Bowl Participants (LtoR):

Parker Andrews, Byron Skinner, Trey Hand, Aubree Johnson
Abby Busenitz, Annalise Busenitz, Riley Jones, Cassidy Roseberry

CK Tracksters Racing into the New Season

The Cody-Kilgore track athletes have officially started the 2022 season. Our team might be small, but we are definitely mighty. Our tough team includes Annalise Busenitz, Dylan Naslund, Kassidy Roseberry, Abby Busenitz, Aubree Johnson, Ally Heath, Jasper Roseberry, Kate Cox, and Tylan Blume. Follow us as we jump from meet to meet this season. So far Junior Dylan Naslund has set the team's pace with a Runner-up finish in shotput at the Chadron Indoor meet, as well as two third places finishes in shotput and discus at the Ainsworth Invite.



Naslund Runner-up, 3rd places finishes at Chadron, Ainsworth Invites



2022 CK Track and Field

- April 4 Sandhills Invite @ Basset
- April 7 Bennet County Invite @ Martin
- April 22 Chadron Invite @ Chadron
- April 30 MNAC Conference Track @ Arnold
- May 3 Stuart Invite @ West Holt
- May 6 Valentine Invite @ Valentine
- May 12 District Meet @ Plainview
- May 20-22 NSAA Championships @ Omaha Burke HS

Funding for a new High Jump/Long Jump Runway

By Aubree Johnson

CK Beat

At Cody-Kilgore, students who high jump, such as I, are not provided with the proper high jump equipment that other schools fortunately are. While other schools have an official runway with regulated competition mats and standards, we only have a mat on the gym floor with two poles and a bungee cord. This consequently puts us at a great disadvantage. We cannot practice in our spikes, and we are not exposed to the weather that we will encounter at meets. Also, running on a gym floor compared to a high jump runway is an entirely different experience. Just imagine pounding your feet on the gym floor with heavy gym shoes with no traction the night before and then going to competition on a more springy surface with spikes that are increasingly lighter and obviously have much greater traction. It is a shock. When I compete in meets, I feel unprepared. The change is so drastic that it can even change my approach, which makes me feel less confident in my ability to perform to the best extent. Some-

thing needed to change.

Recently, Krista Ostransky and I applied for a grant from Sandhills Area Foundation for \$28,000. This money will be put towards a new high jump and long jump runway and pit. After waiting for about a month for their decision, they decided to donate \$11,600. After we applied for the grant, we took it to the school board meeting on February 16th. It took some time for us to hear back about how much they were going to fund because they needed to know how much Sandhills Area Foundation was willing to donate. After the school board members discussed it again, they decided they would put \$10,000 towards the project. We have received \$4,000 in donations, so with the \$10,000 from the school, and the \$4,000 from donations, the remaining cost of the project is \$2,400. I am extremely grateful for Krista deciding to apply for the grant; she put this whole thing together. I'm also grateful for all of the donations and the school board's willingness to fund \$10,000 for this project. Thank you!

CK Should Grapple Adding a New Winter Sport: Wrestling

By Dom Fresquez

CKBeat

An on going talk that's been going in the high school is that they need a wrestling team. Some of the high school students have talked about what they would need

in order to start one. The first thing we would need is a place to have practice and mats to practice on and host meets on. The next thing we need to find is people willing to coach a team. We would also have to talk to NSAA and see how soon we could get worked in the schedule. I have talked to people around the community and a lot of them have agreed that a wrestling team would benefit the school. I also know some kids that would come to Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools if we had wrestling. In order to get mats we could do fundraisers over the summer and raise money to purchase them. We would also need to purchase wrestling singlets. After we establish a team they could get together sometime during the weekend and design a singlet for the wrestling team to wear. One of the problems we will run into is also having a basketball team. Before we start a team we could send out a survey in the school which has students vote if they would do wrestling or basketball. We have also talked about that with students a little bit and based of of what they have said we would have enough for both but the survey would be good to make sure that it is true. We don't want to get rid of basketball because this town has a strong basketball community. It would also give students an alternative to do instead of having to do basketball every year.



The CK Beat Staff designed a prototype singlet for a future CK wrestling team <http://design.adidaswrestling.com/index.php/editor/index/id/19>.

The Madness of March, Why You Should Join

By Jacob Knox

CKBeat

Now you have probably have heard about

March Madness and if you haven't you have probably been living under a rock most your life. I'm here to tell you why you. Should join in on the Madness. Reason 1. Someone in your household will most likely be hogging the TV all month to watch the games any how so might as well jump in on the fun. Reason 2. There is no better feeling then watching as your friends bracket busts while your bracket is still fine. Reason 3. For you people who love a sense of strategy, look no further. March Madness has some of the highest thinkers participating. People spend all year studying teams to see who stacks up well against who to see who they choose to win it all. Reason

4. The competitiveness, If you and your friends want to try out something new to get your competitive drive churning March Madness is perfect for you. You can create a bracket pool and the person with the last standing perfect bracket can win money, or something that I personally like doing is instead of awarding the winner, punishing the loser. Making him/her do something embarrassing in public.

Now to show you my opinion on the matter I've listed who I think will advance out of the Round of 64 below. This years March madness bracket is pretty balanced throughout the 4 divisions. With the first seeds being Baylor, Gonzaga, Kansas, and Arizona. To start off in the round of 32 this is who I have.

In the West I have Gonzaga, Mem-

phis, UConn, Arkansas, Alabama, Texas Tech, Davidson, and Duke. There are only 2 upsets, 9 seed Memphis beating 8 seed Boise State, and then 10 seed Davidson beating 7 Michigan State.

In the East, I have Baylor, North Carolina, Indiana, UCLA, Virginia Tech, Purdue, San Francisco, and Kentucky. I have 3 upsets in the East, 12 seed Indiana beating 5 seed Saint Mary's, 11 seed Virginia Tech, and 10 seed San Francisco beating 7 seed Murray State.

In the South, I have Arizona, TCU, Houston, Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee, Ohio State, and Villanova moving on to the Round of 32.

In the midwest, I have Kansas, Creighton, Iowa, South Dakota State, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Miami, Auburn. This concludes the round of 64.



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.

1914 - (The school building at this time was located at the west end of 5th Street.) Cody needs a new school! Cody will add a fourth teacher and 10th grade. Finances were good with a large balance and no outstanding debt. Citizens petitioned the district to build a new school. They felt Cody had the best school around and it needed to stay that way. Petition was for a bond not to exceed \$15,000. As Cody had one of the richest districts there would not be an increase in current taxes. Women over 21 who have children or property could vote on school matters. School started with 80 students with more coming in as haying was finished.

An October bond vote was approved, all 50 votes were in favor. The railroad pays over half the taxes in the district.

1915 - Owing to a mistake the district had about twice as much money as needed. The

levy was at .34 mill while .20 would have been plenty. Two different architects submitted plans for the school. Work would begin immediately after the site was determined at the annual meeting. The current school site was suggested along with a site south of the railroad.

Bids for the new school were opened with 9-10 bidders on each item. The building bids ranged from \$13,000 to \$18,000. The plumbing and heating bids started at \$4,000. The building bid was awarded to C.N. Powers of Silver City, Nebraska and B.Grunwald of Omaha for the heating and plumbing. Work will start after June 14 with students being in the new building before cold weather sets in.

This brick building remained in service until the current high school was built.



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CK Speech MNAC Champs 7 of 8 Years

By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

Another year of oratorical excellence has embarked for the CK Speech Team at the MNAC speech contest in Thedford. There were celebrations and disappointments, but overall, the future is bright for CK Speech.

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Isaac/Daya - 6th

Informative
Kate - 3rd
Sadee - 5th

Entertainment
Aubree - 2nd
Ally - 3rd

OID
Riley, Abby, Annalise, Aubree, Kassidy - 1st
Isaac, Jasper, Mikah, Sadee, Daya - 4th

Extemporaneous
Dylan - 3rd

Persuasive
Rylie - 4th
Ally - 5th

Humorous
Abby - 3rd
Jacob - 5th

Poetry
Riley - 5th
Kassidy - 6th



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CK Speech finishes third of nine at district contest

By Mr. Arnold

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The regular season concluded for the CK Speech Team at the D2-6 Speech Contest at Crawford. District Speech is the

meet that qualifies speakers for state. To qualify for a trip to Kearney, the event has to receive third or higher. It was a tough day of competition with several tested and tried quality speech programs. In the end, CK qualified one event to the NSAA State Speech Championships, a duet featuring CK senior Annalise Busenitz with her sister, CK sophomore Abby Busenitz, and finished in third place of nine teams competing. The District Champion Potter-Dix Speech Team would go on to be the State Runner-Up for Class D2. With just two seniors filling out the roster, the future looks bright for a young up-and-coming CK Speech Team. Individual placings for CK were:

- STATE QUALIFIED Duet Act: Annalise & Abby B., 3rd
- Poetry: Riley J., 4th
- Humorous: Abby B., 6th
- Informative: Kate C., 4th & Sadee A., 5th
- Entertainment: Ally H., 5th
- Persuasive: Ally H., 6th
- Extemporaneous: Jacob K., 5th
- OID: Isaac, Drew, Mikah, Nadaya & Sadee, 6th



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Pitch Perfect: CK Band, Choir MNAC Champs!!!

By Mrs. Arnold

CKBeat

Happy Spring!
Spring for music
students always

means contest. The Junior High and High School music students have been working hard all winter to prepare for contests. The first, MNAC Conference, was held on Tuesday, March 28 in Stapleton. Before giving the results, I'd like to take this opportunity to explain a little bit about how music contests work.

Music contest, in its basic form, is not really a competition between students or schools but rather a "contest" against a musical rubric. The rubric has seven musical categories that the judges use to rate the contestant(s) performance. A little like golf, the lower the score, the better the rating. A score of 7 (1 point in each category) is considered a perfect score. A "I" rating means the performance was Superior, II means it was Excellent, III indicates Good, a IV is Below Average and a V is considered a Poor performance. Judges also provide feedback – things that were done well and things that could be improved upon are noted. At the District Music contest (held the third week of April), there are no team scores and few special awards.



However, at the MNAC Conference each Superior rating is worth 10 points, Excellent ratings are worth 7 points, Good ratings are worth 4 and so on. These points give the team a total point value for vocal, instrumental and overall and in this way an Instrumental, Vocal and Overall Music Champion are named. All the schools in our conference compete against one another regardless of east and west division. Junior High students are allowed to compete but have to have at least one high school student in their group (and because of that cannot compete as a soloist).

I am happy to report that the Cody-Kilgore Music Students were very successful at the MNAC Music Contest! Cody-Kilgore was named Vocal Music Champions as well as Overall Music Champions. In addition, we received 14 superiors and

two Top Honors awards. Those receiving superior ratings were: Mikah, Grace and Sadee – Vocal Solos and Dominic – Snare Drum Solo. Small Groups receiving superior ratings were: Trey & Dominic, Percussion Duet; Mikah, Grace & Kayleigh, Flute Trio; Kate, Samantha, Ayden, Rylie, Sadee, Abby, Nadaya & Grace, Vocal Ensemble. The other Superior ratings went to our two large groups that were also named the Top Ensemble in their category.

Top Medium Vocal Ensemble was awarded to the CK Junior High/High School Treble Chorus. Members attending were – Sixth Graders: Lillian, Delaniee and Mikena; Seventh Graders: Naomi, Addysen and Madysen; Eighth Graders: Rachel, Kynzee, Kayleigh and Elliah; Freshmen: Kate, Samantha, Ayden and Rylie; Sophomores: Sadee, Abby, Nadaya, Mikah and Grace
Top Large Vocal Ensemble was awarded to the CK Junior High Mixed Choir (+ Mikah to make them eligible to compete). Members attending were – Sixth Graders: Luke, Teagen, Benjamin, Isaac, Lillian, Delaniee, Mikena; Seventh Graders: Naomi, Morghean, Emiliano, Addysen, Logan, Mason, Madysen, Makynna, Havana; Eighth Graders: Rachel, Kynzee, Kayleigh, Elliah; Sophomore - Mikah



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The CK high school women's choir prior to earning a Superior rating at the MNAC Contest

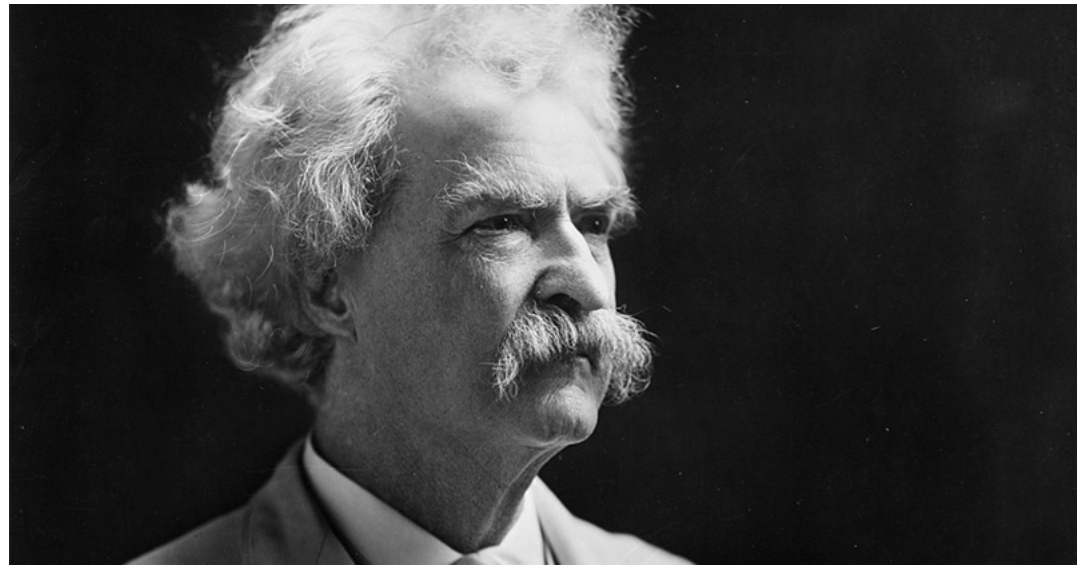
MARK TWAIN, OR THE MEASURE OF A MAN

By Tylan Blume

CKBeat

This is Tylan talking here and today I

am going to write about the father of American Literature, Mark Twain. Twain was born on November 30, 1835. Interesting fact as an infant Twain wasn't expected to live. Twain's birth name was Samuel Langhorne Clemmens, he was raised in Florida, Missouri. Yes there is a small town in Missouri called Florida. After Twain's near death situation at birth he would remain sickly and frail until the age of seven. Twain's first formal education was limited. In the year 1848, the year after the departure of his father. Twain's name was obviously still Clemmens at this point in time. Anyway, moving on. Clemmens ended up dropping out of school to work full-time as an apprentice printer at a Newspaper in Hannibal, Missouri. In 1851, he switched jobs to work a more typesetting job at a local paper owned by his older brother Orion, and would go on to publish a handful of short stories. In 1853 Clemmens left Hannibal and spent the next couple years of his life in places such as New York City, Philadelphia and Keokuk Iowa, and mainly just worked as a printer. In 1857, Clemmens started his new employment as a steamboat apprentice or steamboat pilot Whatever. The following year, while being on employment on a boat called the Pennsylvania, he got his younger brother Henry a job aboard. Samuel Clemmens at the time only worked in Pennsylvania until early June. before moving on to a new job. Then, on June 13, Clemmens had heard that the Pennsylvania had been struck in a disastrous deadly boiler explosion. The Pennsylvania had said to be traveling towards Memphis, Tennessee, when this happened by the way. Among those who had perished as a result of this



explosion was Clemmens's 19 year old brother Henry who he had left on that boat a few weeks prior. Clemmens was devastated in grief after hearing the incident happen on the radio. Still grieving, Clemmens decided to move back to some small town in Mississippi and got his pilot's license there in 1859. He continued to work on steamboats until the American civil war had started in 1861, when Clemmens started his official long lasting writing career. He came up with a pen name, Mark Twain which comes from the term signifying two fathoms 12 feet, a safe depth of water for steamboats. You may not know this, but Twain briefly served in the Confederate Militia. In June of 1861, shortly after the civil war had begun, twenty five year old Clemmens joined the Marion rangers, a pro militia even though Clemmens family had owned a slave when he was a child, Clemmens wasn't very ideologically convicted and probably enlisted with the militia due to having loyalty to his southern roots. Shortly after the Marion rangers disbanded Clemmens took a job as a silver miner after failing to make enough money, Clemmens found out he wasn't cut out for handy work. Meanwhile, Clemmens took a job as a reporter in a city in Virginia. Shortly

after Clemmens moved to write for the Nevada newspaper in fall of 1862. In the following month of February, Clemmens used the pen name Mark Twain for the first time. Although prior to that he had tried out the other pseudonyms, including W. Epaminondas, Adrastus Blab and Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass. Believe it or not, Twain struck literary gold in California. In May 1864, Twain challenged a rival Nevada newspaperman with whom he had dueled. But, instead a literal fight took place, supposedly to avoid being arrested for violating the territory's anti-dueling law. Later that year Twain headed to San Francisco, where he got a job as a reporter, but soon his coworkers grew uninterested with his work and eventually got fired by his boss because of it. After that had occurred, Twain posted bail for a friend who'd been arrested in a barroom brawl. When his friend skipped town, Twain sadly didn't have the funds to cover the bond, he too decided he should get out of San Francisco for a while and traveled to the mining cabin of friends at Jackass hill in Tuolumne county, California. The Jackass hill area was booming during the 1849 gold rush, but when Twain visited very few minors remained while at a bar in a town

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nearby in Calaveras County, California, Twain overheard a man tell a tale about a frog jumping contest. When Twain returned to San Francisco in February of 1865, he received a letter from a friend who is also a writer asking him to help him with a story he had been putting together. Twain decided to send a story based on the jumping frog tale he had heard, however, by the time he got around to finalizing it the book had already been published. As it happened, though, the book's publisher sent Twain's piece; Jim Smiley and his jumping frog; to the Saturday press in New York, which ran it on November, 18, 1865. The humorous story turned out to be a big hit with readers and was reprinted across the country. Eventually retitled *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*. Those of you who research Mark Twain may know this. Twain based *Huckleberry Finn* on a real person. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is the story of the title character, a young misfit who floats on a raft down the Mississippi River with a runaway slave named Jim. *Huckleberry Finn* made his debut in Twain's 1876 novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, appearing as Sawyer's sidekick. The real-life model for Huck Finn was a friend of Twain's who was four years older than him named Tom Blankenship. Twain had known this fellow while growing up in Hannibal. Blankenship's family was poor and his father was a manual laborer who had the reputation for being the town's big drunk. Twain noted in his *Autobiography*: In *Huckleberry Finn* I have illustrated Tom Blankenship exactly as he was. He was very ignorant, dirty, hated showering, and wasn't fed enough. But, he had a good heart as any other ordinary boy had. Although it's unknown what happened to Blankenship later in life. Twain clarified he'd heard a rumor Blankenship became a peace justice

member in Montana, but other reports have said he was jailed for theft or died of cholera. What is certain is that from the time *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published, it had been one of the most controversial stories in America. Just months after its official American release date in 1885, it was banned by the public library in Concord, Massachusetts, for supposedly having a coarse language and low moral tone. Through the 20th century, critics began condemning the book. Saying it was rather racist. In the next few decades the story would even be removed from some school reading lists. Many scholars, however, perceived this news as rather critical. I agree because I have just read this story recently and even nowadays I find this news to be ignorant. Now in this article we will be moving on to a new subject. I am going to explain how bad of a businessman Mark Twain was. After making success in writing, Twain struggled to organize his money, he had a number of bad investments indeed and eventually went into bankruptcy. One investment involving an automatic typesetting machine cost him nearly 200,000 dollars by some estimates, an enormous problem considering that in 1890 the majority were earning less than 1,200 dollars a year, not good right. Conversely, when offered the chance to invest in a new invention the telephone. Twain reportedly turned down its creator, Alexander Graham Bell. Twain himself invented a variety of things, including a self-pasting scrapbook, which sold well, and an elastic strap for his pants that didn't fit his waist which only worked temporarily. In 1891, Twain moved out of his 25-room Hartford home, where he had been living since 1874, and moved in with his family in Europe or relocated so to speak, in order to live in a more cheap environment, he also hoped the change of scenery would help his wife, who was ill.

Nevertheless, in 1894, following the failure of the publishing company he had started a whole decade earlier, Twain, still struggling with his investments, decided to declare bankruptcy. The following year, he embarked on an around-the-world speaking tour in order to make money to pay his debts, which he was able to do within several years. In my last inclusion of this article I am going to start out by informing you that Mark Twain has no living direct descendants. In 1870 when Twain still went by Samuel Clemmens, just so you remember since this article has been so long. Anyway, back on track. So yeah in 1870, Clemmens married a woman named Olivia Langdon, who was raised in an abolitionists family in Elmira, New York. The couple was introduced by Olivia's younger brother, who had previously met Clemmens during a voyage to Europe and the holy land aboard the steamship *Quaker City* in 1867. Clemmens wrote about this excursion in his bestselling 1869 travel book, *The Innocents Abroad*. The Clemmens family had four children, including a son who had perished as a toddler and two daughters who died in their 20's. Twain's wife Olivia Clemmens died in 1904 at age 58 in my opinion that is still not considered old enough to die. Meanwhile on April 21, 1910, her renowned husband, whose sickness had taken over after a number of months, Mark Twain passed away at age 24 at his home in Redding, Connecticut. Another one of Twain's sister's who had lived named Clara Clemmens had one child, Nina Grabrilowitsch, who had died in 1966. Grabrilowitsch was childless and humorless. In conclusion there are no direct descendants of Samuel Clemmens alive today.



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Millar's Per Hour: Whiskey City Revolution

By Cactus Millar

CKBeat

When watching a derby you might think that the

people that drive the cars just show up, drop the car off the trailer, and drive. Well, you'd be wrong. These drivers have to take their cars through a 3-stage process to make sure their cars are legal to run the show. The first part of this is the top side of the car. This consists of making sure the cage is safe, fuel tanks are mounted well, and the whole exterior of the car is built within the rules created for that specific show. The next step is on the bottom side of the car. This consists of making sure the frame under the car has the correct amount of modifications, this is one of the bigger parts of this process. The final stage is called re-tech. This is the part where the driver had one chance to fix his car to be within the set rules. If the driver fails to fix everything on the list that he was supposed to, his car will be loaded and he will not be allowed to run at the event. Teching in my experience is what can make a break a good show. A person has to be very precise and consistent and if you let one person have an inch they'll take six. A large number of the people that drive look to find loopholes in the rules and when they are told to cut it out it is not a good day. In short, teching is a very exciting but educational experience, I for one learned and saw a lot of things I never would have if I hadn't helped tech at Whiskey City Revolution.





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