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CK football coaches Landon Miller, Trent Ford, and Erick Wickman overcome with a championship kiss.

CK Drama finishes 4th at MNAC, preps for strong finish at District contest in Thedford



2021 CK Hoops
Bouncing into Action this season with high hopes for continued success

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#### CK Winter Break

#### Valentine Winter Break

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# CK CA:

#### What is your favorite Christmas Song?

"Last Christmas, by Wham!."

-Mrs. Kadlecek , Staff

"Redneck Twelve Days of Christmas."

- Gage Davis, Senior

"Jinglebell Rock, becasue it was my favorite on in elementary school-."

- Parker Andrews, Junior

"The one where Santa

makes out with mom" (Santa Baby).

- Jacob Knox, Sophomore

"I Want a Hippoptamus for Christmas because it's funny."

- Rylie Sexson, Freshman

"Jingle Bells."

-Kayleigh Ravenscroft, 8th Grade "Anything by Mariah Carev"

- Matthew Prewitt, 7th Grade

"Jingle Bell Rock."

- Delaniee Robertson, 6th Grade



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**CKBeat** Opinior

# Carrie's tips to Winter Well this season

By Carrie Ford

**CK Front Office** 

Wintering Well It happens every year, and every year I dread it. The days

grow shorter. There is less sunshine. Everything is cold and brown. How do those of us who love the warmth and length of summer days survive these cold and dreary days? I

recently read an article by a lady who shares the same struggle. Kristen LaValley makes some good suggestions for those of us who struggle with

'Wintering'.

In order to 'Winter Well' she suggests four 'Somethings':

Something to Do

Something to Read

Something to Watch

Something to Think About

Something to Do:

Is there something you want to learn or a hobby you've been wanting to dig into? This is a great time to put your phones away and take that time to master the hobby you've postponed.

When I was younger, I spent a year working on making homemade fondant for cakes. As I've aged, I feel like I've lost some of my ambition. This winter I am looking to find a hobby that will require a bit of research and learning. Things on my list include, but are not limited to, finding out how to make the perfect poached egg, building an outdoor bench, possibly learning to

embroider.

There are no rules. Maybe your to do is an inside job that you've been putting off. Now's your chance.

Something to Read:

My reading list is never ending, yet I don't read! I don't know when it happened, but a lot of my reading has turned to nonfiction. When I was younger, think pre-children, I used to read all the time. Junior High summers found me spending mornings at the library reading and then biking down to the swimming pool and swimming all afternoon. After evening chores, I could once again be found with a book. During the winter I would find a hiding place and read all the stories. Life seemed bigger then and, in my mind, it held more potential. Maybe it's time to put away the nonfiction stack and return to my first love. Ms. LaValley suggests a new mug to drink a cup of hot Joe or steaming hot chocolate while you snuggle into reading that new adventure.

Something to Watch:

Now honestly, this shouldn't be a problem, right? Moms out there, maybe you can identify, but I have a hard time committing to a whole movie. One show is no big deal or a few short YouTube videos are no problem. However, there are movies I've always wanted to watch. But at the end of the day those short flicks do add up. So, sit down and take the time to watch that whole movie. Perhaps there is a series you've

waited to start. Now is the time for you to get your Dr. Who, Yellowstone or Downtown Abby on! It's ok to take the time to enjoy a good show. It might provide some entertaining discussion around the Christmas dinner table.

Something to Think About:

This one is a bit trickier. Maybe you tend to overthink things? Why would something to think about be beneficial or even good for my mental health that is already suffering due to the lack of sunlight? Hear me out. Perhaps picking a thought to meditate on that you wouldn't normally think on would help your mental state. In my meditation, I usually choose to think on a bible verse, but you can choose to ruminate on whatever would help you. I shared with some friends that there seems to be a tension between comfort in our lives and becoming apathetic and tension and over-reacting. We live in a society that demands you be one extreme or the other. But I don't want that to be my mode of operation. This winter I've been thinking a lot about these things and taking the time to study them. Is there an issue that's been lurking in the back of your mind? A thought you cannot quite take captive or wrap your brain around? Maybe this winter is a good time for you take it and set it out on the table and look at it from all angles. These are my thoughts this year as I try to make it through the short days. Perhaps one or two of these ideas may help you too!

## CK Staff, students seek gratitude

By Kristin Fay

**CK Guidance Counselor** 

We are in the middle of the holiday season and most people associate the holidays with family, rest, and fun. This could also be a great time to help students practice expressing gratitude. Practicing gratitude and thankfulness can actually help to improve a person's level of happiness. According to an article published

by Harvard Health Publishing, "Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships." The article suggests the following strategies for practicing gratitude and thankfulness: write a thank-you note, thank someone mentally, tell someone how much you appreciate them, keep a gratitude journal, write down a couple of things each week that made you happy, count your blessings, and practice meditation.

Recently, the junior high and high school students and staff completed a 21 Days of Gratitude challenge. Each day a topic was sent to students and staff and they could choose to respond with a picture, text, or both. I wanted to share some of our student responses to the challenge:

My favorite hobbies are rescuing dogs, baking, and coloring. ~ Morgehan C. I got a horse necklace from my great grandma. Even though it is broken, I still take care of it as a good memory of her. ~ Delaniee R.

A gift I received was my first sketchbook. That sketchbook was what really started my love of drawing. I got to do so many different things in it. It was an amazing gift.  $\sim$  Namoi B. My favorite season is fall. What's better than cool weather and watching our Cowboy Football?  $\sim$  Riley J.

My horse Buford. I started riding him when I was barely three years old and he's a trusty pal. I also learned to rope on him.  $\sim$  Kassidy R.

Ok, let's face the truth. Cody is the best town ever! Everyone in Cody always treats each other with respect. Though I live 15 miles away from Cody, whenever I come and visit it is always a blast. I could walk around Cody for hours and never get tired. The traditions in Cody are even better like Commando and school concerts. ~ Emiliano G.

Something beautiful is the sunrise and sunset. All the colors and how it glows. It is very pretty and calming to look at.  $\sim$  Rylie S.

The most beautiful thing ever is sitting on a hill and looking out onto a sunset, and the smell of fresh cold air is just perfect. Sitting there with the sight of the sunset and the sight of a loved one is awesome and nothing can beat that.  $\sim$  Emma T.

Something that makes me smile is talking to my friends and messing around with them.  $\sim$  Mason J.

As a staff, we are grateful to work with our students in our supportive school communities!

## From the desk of Superintedent Orrock

By Ryan Orrock

**CK Superintendent** 

Cody-Kilgore Families, As we move into the Holiday

season, I want to thank you for all of your support. It was great to see the big crowd in Kearney supporting the state champs. I hope the time off over the extended Thanksgiving Break allowed for quality family time. It is important that our Cody-Kilgore students get time away from all the activities they take part in.

With the Holiday season comes the time of sickness. Concerns have grown as people in our community have been getting sick. There have been a lot of conversations in the last week about what is best for our school andwhat we can do to help prevent the spread. The easy move would be masks. After seeing how

our staff and students struggled while

wearing masks last year the decision at this time is to not wear masks. The fact that masks are not worn outside of school, the NSAA not taking any action, and the Health Department only recommending masks made the decision easier.

prevent the spread steps are being taken by the school. Some changes we are making are noted below.

Salad Bar- We will now be serving the students at the salad bar.

Temp Taking- Both at the Elementary and Middle School we will be taking temps during lunch

to make sure we do not have sick students at school. This is an extra precaution because we have

noticed students coming into school which are fine in the morning but end up getting sick later in the day.

Sick Protocol- We are operating in the yellow. Please go to our school website to refer to our

Safe to Return Plan protocol. We are taking extra pre-cautions but we need your help in keeping

your child home when they are sick. If they have a fever, they should be at home at least 24

hours fever free before returning.

If you test positive for Covid19 I would urge you to call the school right away. We than can work with the Health Department on the next steps for your child. I know many have not wanted to

tested or report the sickness, but we need your help in keeping our community

Parents encouraged to monitor / screen students at home Student Temperature.

## What's Happening at CK: Upcoming Events



December 17th - HS BB v. Mullen @ 3:30 PM CK Corral

December 18th - HS BB @ Colome @ 1:00 PM

December 20th - JH / HS BB @ Stuart @ 1:00 PM

December 21st - JH Girls BB v. Valentine @ 4:30 CK Corral December 23rd -

January 2nd - Winter Break - No School

January 4th - HS BB @ Gordon-Rushville @ 5:00

January 6th - FFA Meeting after athletic / activity practice

January 7th - HS BB v. North Central @ 5:00 CK Corral

January 8th - JH /HS BB @ Sandhills Valley @ 10:00 AM

January 10th - School board meeting @ Cody @ 6:30 PM January 11th - HS BB v. Valentine @ 5:00 PM CK Corral

January 13th - JH / HS BB v. Hay Springs @ 3:00 PM CK Corral

January 14th - JH BB v. Mullen @ 1:00 PM CK Corral

January 15th - HS BB @ North Platte v. Hitchcock County @ 5:00 PM

January 18th - JH BB @ Hyannis @ 1:00 PM

January 18th - HS GBB v. Kadoka @ 5:00 PM CK Corral

January 20th - HS BBB @ St. Francis @ 4:00 PM

January 22nd - January 29th MNAC Basketball Tournament

January 26th - FFA State Degree Interviews & Proficiency Reviews

February 3rd - JH BBB v. Valentine @ 4:30 PM CK Corral

February 4th - HS BB @ Crawford @ 5:00 PM

February 5th - HS BB @ Minatare @ 4:30 PM

February 5th - JH BB Tournament TBD

February 7th - MNAC Intrumental Clinic @ Brady

February 9th - FFA District CDE #1 @ Valentine

February 10th - HS GBB @ Bennett County @ 5:30

February 10th - JH BBB @ Gordon-Rushville @ 4:00 PM

February 11th - JH/HS v. Sandhills Thedford @ 12:00 PM CK Corral

February 12th - ACT EXAM

February 14th - School board meeting @ Kilgore 6:30

February 14th -15th, 17th GBB Sub-districts TBD

February 17th - Parent - Teacher Conferences

February 17th - Cherry County Oral Spelling Bee @ Valentine

### **CKUS November School Board Minutes**

By Ryan Orrock

#### **CK Superintendent**

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

November 8, 2021
Cody Secondary School
1. The regular Board of Education
Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 6:32 p.m. Roll
call – All members were present. Ryan
Orrock, Donna Blocker & 1 guests were
also in attendance. President Naslund
verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.
2. It was moved by Kurt Busenitz &
seconded by Tim Nollette to approve the
agenda as presented with the addition
of item #7, accepting a resignation. Roll

3. President Naslund welcomed the visitor to the meeting. There was no comment

call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

4. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Bethany Swendener to approve the consent agenda as presented. The Board approved the claims in the amount of \$236,813.80 and the minutes from the October 11 2021 meeting. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

- 5. Discussion followed on the progress of the building project. There is a committee meeting tomorrow, November 9th
- 6. It was decided to approve the agreement with Sandhills Church of Hope for snow removal using the School's skidsteer and in turn the church will allow the school to use the building when necessary.
- 7. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to accept the resignation of Marsha Osburn, with regret and thanks for her many years of service to the students of CKUS. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 6-0

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Orrock shared information about the upcoming Veterans Day Program on the 11 Council is excited to be planning the program on the 11th and have been discussing other projects at the school as well. The HVAC system project will be starting in December, the delay being the lack of supplies. 25% of the fiscal year is completed with 20.14% of the budget being spent. We are finalizing the plans for Semester tests & students that are exempt from the test. A new bill was passed that in 2022-2023 we will need to have Financial Literacy in our Graduation Requirements. Requiring a semester of Personal Finance and some teaching at the Elementary and MS. The engineer came out for a site visit at the Kilgore school to look at the sewer system. He did say that the best route for the district to be the most cost effective would be to have our own sewer system. He is working on the design and cost now. Superintendent evaluation will be in December. Advertising for the crow's nest & gym is going very well. We need to purchase a snow blower for the sidewalks at the Cody campus. The Strategic Planning Day with administration, staff & board members will be December 17th from 8:00-12:00.

- 8. It was moved by Kurt Busenitz & seconded by Tim Nollette to move into executive session at 7:39 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
- 9. The Board came out of executive session at 8:14 pm. 1 of 2 th
- . Student

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November 8, 2021

- 10. It was moved by Kurt Busenitz & seconded by Tim Nollette to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
- 11. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be December 13, 2021, at 6:30 pm in Kilgore.

Claims submitted & approved: Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$1,426.05

Apptegy, website renewal, \$4,900.00 Arnold, George, HSA - Sep, Oct, Nov, \$659.43 Bomgaars, supplies, \$280.14 Chartwells Dining Services, college visit, \$96.00 Circle C Market, supplies, \$931.27 Cody Livestock, wasp killer, \$5.95 Cody Oil, fuel, \$4,547.17 D/W Machine & MFG, ag shop supplies, \$544.20 Diversified Drug Testing LLC, 2022 membership dues, \$60.00 Great Plains Communications, telephone, \$447.08 Hill, Mischell, reimb - shelving, \$97.96 Hometown Lumber, custodial supplies, \$306.65 Innovative, paper, \$1,460.24 IXL Learning, elementary, \$2,838.00 Kadlecek, Tara, reimb - supplies, \$13.62 KBR, electricity, \$2,428.82 KSB School Law, legal services, \$75.00 Laminator.com,

laminating film, \$49.99 Lancaster, Becky, HSA - Sep, Oct, Nov, \$885.48 McGraw Hill, elementary supplies, \$282.59 Musicians Friend, music supplies, \$239.99 Naslund, Janell, HSA - Sep, Oct, Nov, \$885.48 NCS Pearson Inc, Sped testing supplies, \$275.00 NE Paraeducators Conference, conference -Leslie, \$60.00 NK Waste, trash service, \$107.00 Phillips 66, fuel, \$395.18 Presto-X, exterminator, \$107.00 SCJS, subscription, \$50.00 Sinclair, fuel, \$56.83 Starr, Richard, tree trimming - Kilgore, \$250.00 Valentine Medical Center, bus physical - Blake, \$125.00 Valentine Midland News, advertising, \$29.45 Village of Cody, water & sewer, \$394.40 Village of Kilgore, water, \$14.00 Ward Plumbing & Heating, service call, \$377.50 Xerox, copiers, \$759.59 General Fund Payroll & Benefits, \$210,351.74

, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CKUS December School Board Minutes**

By Ryan Orrock

**CK Superintendent** 

Cody Kilgore Schools – Board of Education

meeting, December 13, 2021
Official Minutes Summary
The regular Board of Education
Meeting was called to order by Vice
President Kurt Busenitz at 6:38 p.m.
Roll call – Five members were
present; President Adam Naslund is
excused. Ryan Orrock is excused.
Donna Blocker & Education and President
Busenitz verified the posting of the
Open

Meetings Act, the meeting time & Description & Act, the meeting time amount the amount the meeting time amount the amount

of \$262,865.99 and the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting were approved. Discussion

followed on the building project, finding a new audit firm & amp; information received from FrontWater Engineering on the sewer situation in Kilgore. The board approved the technology plan & amp; the depreciation fund plan. The board approved hiring Mrs. Tara Kadlecek as elementary SPED teacher for next year & amp; Mrs. Michelle McNare as the JH Girls Basketball coach for this year. The board moved into

executive session at 8:18 pm and came out of executive session at 9:23 pm. The board approved a new

2 year contract with Mr. Ryan Orrock. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Donna Blocker, Recording Secretary Claims submitted & Damp; approved: ACT Finance, testing, \$408.00 Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$60.89

ARC, arc core, \$3,000.00 Arnold, George, HSA account, \$219.81 Arnold, George, mileage reimb - stage props, \$217.17 Big Bend LLC, capital campaign website, \$2,500.00 Bomgaars, air compressor & December 2018.

rods, \$920.97 Cardmember Services, supplies, \$1,072.07 Cherry County Clinic, bus physical - Blake, \$123.70 Cherry County Implement, custodial, \$67.94 Circle C Market, supplies, \$447.54 Cody Ag Livestock, science & Dil, fuel, \$8,651.77 Creativetime Solutions, time

clocks, \$31.25 D/W Machine, shop supplies, \$308.30 ESU 17,2 months - service contract, \$17,994.75 Ewell Education Services, annual AET subscription, \$325.00 Fay, Kristin, 2 ins ded met, \$1,050.00

Plains Communications, telephone, \$24.34 Hand's Lawn Service, winterize sprinklers, \$140.00 Heart City

Plumbing, service call & Deprise meeting, \$1,400.50 Heinert Ag Service,

bus parts & Diliday Inn \$87.29 Holiday Inn

Express, lodging - Mary Kay, \$96.00 Hometown Lumber, custodial supplies, \$105.10 Instrumentalist Awards LLC, music awards, \$407.00 Kadlecek, Tara, FACS & Expression Art supplies, \$62.21 KBR, electricity, \$3,714.26 KSB School Law, policy updates, \$350.00 KSO CPA's, audit, \$8,000.00 Lancaster, Becky, HSA

account, \$295.16 Library World, annual renewal, \$470.00 Mark's, custodial supplies, \$5,089.18 Mc-Graw

Hill, corrective reading, \$26.01 Naslund, Janell, HSA account, \$295.16 NE Central Equipment, bus parts,

\$27.74 NE State Fire Marshall, boiler inspection & Storage tanks, \$156.00 NK Waste, trash service - Kilgore, \$107.00 Old Republic Surety Company, treasurer bond - renewal, \$125.00 Pearson, SPED supplies, \$326.92 Presto-X, exterminator, \$107.00 RehabVisions, OT & Storage Property among the property of the supplies of the storage of the supplies of t

Teacher Innovations Inc, planbook - annual renewal, \$310.50 Think Social Publishing, supplies - Kristin, \$70.68 Village of Kilgore, water fee, \$14.00 Wex Bank, sinclair fuel, \$139.85 Xerox, copiers, \$725.47 General Fund Payroll & Energia Benefits, \$199,025.15



#### Wanna get your name out there? Buy an ad

If you have recently attended a football or basketball game you have probably noticed the advertising sign. Anyone may purchase a sign to display on the crow's news or in the gym. If you have any questions please contact Krista Ostransky at (402) 389-0899.

#### Cody-Kilgore tames Stuart Broncs in second go-round

By Parker Andrews

**CKBeat** 

The Cowboys finished

their regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, and now defeated the Stuart Broncos 55 to 19 in the first round of playoffs. Senior Gage Davis had a monster game putting up 102 rushing yards and two touchdowns with only four carries! He also led the Cowboy defense with 14 total tackles. Tucker Ravenscroft also had two powerful touchdowns near the goal line. In all, the Cowboy offense had a total of 74 passing yards and 350 rushing yards compared to the Broncos offense which had 43 passing yards and 99 rushing yards. On defense The Cowboys had 49 tackles, one sack by Peyton Sterkel, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and a total of two interceptions made by sophomore Cooper Fay

and Junior Parker Andrews. The Cowboys are now 9-0 looking for 12-0, but have to take every game at a time.



CK seniors Cactus Millar, Gage Davis, and Tucker Ravenscroft smother a Stuart Bronco ballcarrier in the first round of 6-man playoffs. CK Notched a 55-19 win in a rematch with the Broncos.

Next up the Cowboys will play their rival, the Arthur County Wolves in the quarterfinals.

#### Cowboys stymie Arthur Co. in NSAA quarterfinals

By Parker Andrews

CKBeat

Wow! The Cowboys have destroyed

their rival Arthur County by an unbelievable score of 51-6. The Cowboys put up 45 points in the first half alone! Their rushing game was on fire with a total of 328 yards and six touchdowns. Senior Tucker Ravenscroft had an incredible performance on the ground with 138 yards and five touchdowns. That's 30 points for the big Tucknasty! Seniors, Gage Davis and Peyton Sterkel each had one touchdown as well. Peyton Sterkel had a hay day on the defensive line having 5 sacks and six OB hurries. Let's not forget the defensive unit held them to one "lucky" touchdown. Everyone knew that the Cowbovs would win, but not by that much! During the regular season Cody-Kilgore beat Arthur 77 to 33, but that was regular season, this was the playoffs! Now, after this awesome victory, the Cowboys are set to play in the semifinals against

the Wallace Wildcats. Cody-Kilgore will play Wallace on one side of the bracket and on the other side will be Potter-Dix taking on a scrapy Spalding Academy Shamrocks team.



CK senior Gage Davis prepares to smash an Arthur County running back during the quarterfinals of 6-man playoff. CK would win convicingly with a final score of 51-6.

All four teams in this final four have never won a state championship in football so it will be a great story for one 'special' team.

### CK whips Wallace Wildcats, punches ticket to final

By Dylan Naslund

**CKBeat** 

The Cowboys defeated the Wallace Wildcats

Friday, November 12, 2021. This was a huge semifinal match up in Wallace for the chance to play in the six-man Championship Game. The Cowboys made the 72-28 win look easy to move on to the final game. The Cowboys started the game off strong with a score of 32-14 in the first quarter and then another 21 points with none allowed in the second quarter to make the halftime score 53-14. The team started the half off with a running clock to keep a tradition they seemed to have started during the year leading more than 35 points. This was a team effort with four players with at least 10 points, but Peyton Sterkel was the top scorer with 30 points and also 217 rushing yards. Tucker Ravenscroft also had 20 points and Gage Davis had 12. Dominic Fresquez also kicked 10 points through the uprights with PATs. Special teams played a big role in this game with Peytan Sterkel returning one kick for a touchdown and Wallace also returning two. The Cowboys destroyed



CK senior Peyton Sterkel takes the handoff from CK sophomore Cooper Fay during the 6-man semifinal at Wallace.

the Wildcats in rushing yards with 438 to 81. The Cowboys' defense was also on point only allowing 174 yards and two touchdowns to the Wildcats offense. Tackles were a team effort with a total of 42 and five players with over five tackles

themselves, and ten players having made tackles. Thanks to Gage Davis, Peyton Sterkel, and Tucker Ravenscroft the Cowboys also had five tackles for loss. The Cowboys put on a big show to pull off this semifinal game and move on to

### Cowboys overcome Coyotes in 6-man championship

By CK Beat Staff

CKBeat

The Cowboys on November 19, 2021, capped off a perfect season with a dominating win against the Potter-Dix Coyotes at Cope Field

at Kearney, Nebraska. Though the Coyotes scored first after stuffing the CK offense on the first drive of the game, the Cowboys were fast to come back. What seemed like a close game quickly opened up to a 29-16 halftime lead for the Cowboys. Coach Miller kept the team focused, and through the second half the Cowboys piled up 36 points, which proved to be too much for the Coyotes.

CK senior Peyton Sterkel had a breakout game for the Cowboys, rushing for 240 yards on 26 carries, as well as scoring five touchdowns for Cody-Kilgore. The Cowboys' stingy defense intercepted three P-D passes, recovered one fumble, and returned another fumble for a touchdown.

In the end, the Cowboys hoisted Cody-Kilgore's first football state championship in school history. It was certainly a season for the history books, and the 2002 Class D State Basketball Championship welcomes some company in the CK trophy case.



CK senior Tucker Ravenscroft, AKA Tucknasty, celebrates a defensive stop in the state championship atainst Potter-Dix in Kearney, Nebraska.

# **CK Football State**



The Four Horsemen of the Championship, CK seniors Peyton Sterkel, Gage Davis, Cactus Millar, and Tucker Ravenscroft prove Cody is not a one-horse town.

# "Most prolific six-man team in history" -OWH

833 Total Points and appearances, and Parkview Christian

69.4 Points Per Game Average\*

to a high-powered offense that dominated every game. Spalding Academy and

\*NSAA Six-man Records

# Champions in 6-man

# Scanning the wires...

"And so it came to pass, and in a most spectacular way, the Cowboys won the school's first-ever state football championship. In the process they set a six-man season scoring record - you talk about something hard to do, outscoring every other Nebraska six-man football team to ever play the game, holy smokes - with their foot off the gas."

Bob Jensen HuskerlandPreps

"The historic season the Potter-Dix Coyote Football team enjoyed came to a disappointing end Friday night at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, as they fell to the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys by a final score of 65-to-37.

The Coyotes' historic run fell just short of a State Championship as the Cody-Kilgore running attack proved to be too much for the Coyotes to stop for four quarters.

Mike Motz Sidney Sun-Telegraph "Cowboys made it clear that they were creating intensity while running the football down the Coyotes' throats. The Cowboys rushed for 444 yards on the ground while Potter-Dix was more effective in the passing game. Leading the Cowboys' backfield was Peyton Wilkerson-Sterk. He scored five touchdowns while netting 240 yards in 26 carries."

Petter Holland, Jr. Kearney Hub

"Potter-Dix tried to stay in the game behind its passing attack. Sophomore Brayden Kasten threw for 141 yards and two touchdowns, and junior Luke Kasten threw for 93 and two more scores. But three interceptions helped Cody-Kilgore create some separation en route to its first state championship."

Lincoln Journal Star

"The state's most prolific Six Man team in history walked off with the school's first state championship Friday night.

But it was how Cody-Kilgore defended a team averaging 62 points a game itself that contributed greatly to the Cowboys' 65-37 victory over Potter-Dix at the UNK "

Stu Pospisil Omaha World Herald

"The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys defeated the Potter-Dix Coyotes 65-37 to become the Class D6 champions on Friday.

Both teams came into the game undefeated and fighting for their first state title. To get to the championship, the Cowboys defeated Stuart 55-19, Arthur County 51-6, and Wallace 72-28."

Bryanna Winner Scottsbluff Star Herald

#### Nebraska Six-Man All State Team First Team Offense

**Tucker Ravenscroft** \*Cactus Millar, Offensive Captain Dylan Naslund

#### First Team Defense

Gage Davis

\*Peyton Sterkel, Defensive Captain











## Miss football season? Check out Texas 6

By Mr. Arnold

**CKBeat** 

I'll bet I'm not alone in terms of missing six-man football Fridays. Admittedly, this season

was one for the ages, which makes its absence leaving one craving more. There is something about football season ending and pondering long dark winter of our discontent. Well, fear not fellow gridiron fans, the streaming channel Paramount+ has just the thing to satiate your hunger for six-man football.

The docudrama is based on the small Texas town of Strawn, population 653. Located 75 miles west of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Strawn is small town America. The blue-collar community lives and dies for six-man football, which is something of a sensation in Texas. Currently the University Interscholastic League (think NSAA equivalent) recognizes 150 six-man teams in two divisions.

What struck me about the series was how much the Strawn Greyhounds have in common with our Cody-Kilgore Cowboys. It should be mentioned that Strawn has won four six-man state championships, but as of late, the Greyhounds have come up just short of glory. Coach Dewaine Lee, in his more than 20 years of coaching has had his struggles and success. What is truly captivating is how Lee is able to mold a ragtag bunch of Texans into a six-man powerhouse. Sound familiar? It should. Coach Miller has created quite a six-man juggernaut in Nebraska, but it hasn't come easy.

After just missing glory in 2016 in a bitter defeat to the Riverside Chargers (let's be honest, basically an 8-man team playing 6-man) in the six-man championship, Coach Miller never waivered and continued to field tough teams that embodied the grit of sandhills communities comprising Cody-Kilgore. Since making the championship, CK has consistently been a force to be reckoned with in the Nebraska six-man playoffs. This run included three straight trips to the semifinals.

Coach Lee's path back to a championship title has been detoured three times in the state semifinals. This year, the Greyhounds are undefeated. Teams haven't come close. The parallels are eerie, huh? Now, we all know CK's fairtale ending, but what about the Greyhounds? Well, they're slated to face off in the Division II six-man championship Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at

AT&T Stadium (AKA Jerry World) in Dallas, Texas.



Other than that, I don't want to give too much away before you check out both seasons of this action-paced series.

Well, take it from me, the series is worth the watch. Unlike most trash inundating the masses, this program is wholesome. It celebrates hard work, dedication, and perserverance, themes that seem absent in the majority of programming at present.

So, if you subscribe to Paramount+ just for Yellowstone, remember to check out this gem of show. It's a love letter to six-man football, and a perfect way to fritter away the dark nights during a cold winter until the ground thaws, and pads start popping again next August for the upcoming season of the real-life boys of fall. P.s., Strawn won the 2021 State Championship.

#### Early season roundup for the CK Cowboy Cagers

By Coach Hamilton

**CKBeat** 

The CK boys basketball team is practicing at a fast pace to catch up

on the lost practice time. The effort is 100 percent, and the boys are learning new things at a fast pace. The goal for this team is to improve daily, so they can be their best in February. The new coaches have been pleased with their effort and willingess to learn new and different ways to play basketball. The team is hoping for a cussessful season led by the three seniors: Peyton, Tucker, and Gage.



### Early season roundup for the CK Cowboy Cagers

By Gage Davis

**CKBeat** 

With the super-season the Cowboys completed in football last month,

they are now transitioning into basketball mode. The Cowboys have a new coaching staff, with Tim Hamilton as the head coach, and Clay Hamilton stepping up to be the assistant. Despite only having four practices before their first weekend of games, the Cowboys started the season 1-1. The first game to kick off the season ended in a thriller, with the Cowboys coming up just short of beating the Hay Springs Hawks 47-45. The game came down to the final minute, but the final minute wasn't enough to pull it off. The next day was the home opener against Sioux County. It was a dominating game for the home team, ending in a final score of 50-12. Many young players came off the bench and quickly found success. The following week had scheduled games against the Arthur County Wolves and Stuart



CK sophomore Jacob Knox defends against a Sioux County Warrior with a little help from CK senior Tucker Ravenscroft

Broncos. Both games were postponed due to weather conditions. The Cowboys will face the Mullen Broncos Friday the 17th, and then travel to Colome to take on the Cowboys on Saturday the 18th. Then a short day off and they will be back on the road to face the Stuart Broncos in the rescheduled game on Monday the 20th.

## 2021 CK Cowgirls Season Preview

By Annalise Busenitz

**CKBeat** 

The CK Cow-

ketball team this season comes out very young. This young team consists of one senior, Colby Cady; four sophomores: Aubree Johnson, Abigail Busenitz, Mikah Vander Wey, and Sadie Adamson; and also four freshman: Ayden Naslund, Ally Heath, Kate Cox, and Rylie Sexson. The team only has three varsity returners from the 2020-2021 season. They have started the season out 0-3, but each game and each practice they get better. They continuously show up ready to work and striving to get better at the game of basketball. All while they work hard in many other activities as well. This year will be a rebuilding year for the

CK girls basketball team. They will come up against many challenging teams and the focus is to always get better and to compete all year. These girls are young and already impressing us so much by their ability to work through adversity, hold themselves accountable, keep their head held high, and stick together through the challenges they have and will continue to face as a team with only one upperclassmen. There isn't a doubt in my mind that these girls will see success down the road. Our senior, Colby Cady, has a tough job and is a great leader. She is here leading these girls in a year of obstacles. She is setting an example for them in years to come and has really been an outstanding senior role model.



She keeps a positive attitude and pushes her teammates to compete, it really is humbling to see her accountability and respect for our team. The girls have also made a decision as a team to show their CK Cowgirl pride by picking trash out of the bleachers after each home and away game. It really makes us proud to see this team wanting to serve others even if the game didn't go how they wanted. It is a great representation of our CK Cowgirls and they have already received compliments for being a "class act". Stay tuned this year and the many years to follow this team because there is so much talent from each girl. With a little experience and hard work, they will do great things.

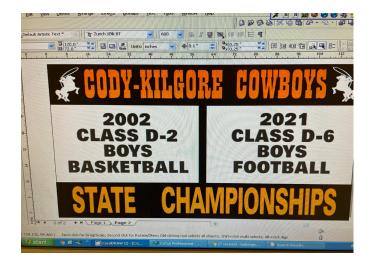
## Updated championship billboard fund drive info.

By Krista Ostransky

CKBeat

We would like to purchase two new billboards along the highway at Kilgore and Cody

to commemorate our basketball and football state champions. The two new signs would replace the 2002 State Basketball Championship sign. The approximate cost of both signs would total \$3,000.00. If you would be interested in contributing towards this purchase, you may contact: Adam Johnson at (605) 828-0002 or Krista Ostransky at (402) 389-0899.



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## CK Drama wraps up season 5th at Districts

By CK Beat Staff

**CKBeat** 

The CK Drama team ended the season Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Thedford High School

during the D2-5 District Play Production Contest. After a promising fourth-place finish at MNAC, the CK Drama team sought to improve elements of its production in order to put on a polished performance at the District contest. In the end, the team put on a great show, but the District Contest for Play Prodution is notoriously difficult, no matter where a team is assigned.

CK did have a decided disadvange of facing two of the same judges from conference. Though both judges acknowldeged significant impriovement, the third judge wasn't as impressed. The CK Drama Team finisehed as the fourth best team in scoring, but in a weird quirk of Play Production rules, finished in fith place out of seven teams, behind Chambers, Stuart, Thedford, and Sandhills. The Cowboys bested Mullen and Keya Paha County.

Chambers High School won the District Contest, while Stuart High school finished in second place. Chambers High School would go on to place third in the Nebraska Class D Play Production Championships in Norfolk on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Receving outstanding performance certificates for the CK Drama team were: CK junior, Byron Skinner, and CK Sophomores Abigail Busenitz, Drew Farrell,



Trey Hand, Isaac Robinson, and Mikah Vander Wey. The CK Drama team showed considerable improvement over the season. Mr. Arnold sends his special thanks and praise to the seniors that put so much time and effort over the season and past four years. The future looks bright for the CK Drama team, as a majority of the cast were underclassman, so Mr. Arnold feels good about the next two years.

## CK Speech ready to sound off this season

By CK Beat Staff

**CKBeat** 

year, so don't be alarmed if

you see CK students talking to walls. Yes, competitive speech is kicking into gear, so I though I'd give everyone a quick overivew of the NSAA-sanctioned activity.

This year, CK looks to put forth another full team for competition. This important because, like track and field, students can participate in both individual and group activ-

It's that time of ities, with an overall score for the total team. There are nine different events, and each school is allowed two entries per event. The nine events are subdivided into public address activities and dramatic interpretations. Traditionally, the CK Speech team has only competed in two contests per season, though the actual speech season runs from November through March. Scheduling, and budget issues limit the CK Speech team,

however, they've made the most of their opportunities. To date, the CK Speech team has won MNAC-West seven times in eight years, and they are the defending Class D2-6 District Champions. CK graduate Sadie Vander Wey earned an individual state championship in Serious Prose at the 2020-2021 Nebraska State Speech Championships, the first CK speech champion since Lori Barker won a title in 2005 in Interpretation of Poetry.

# Mrs. Arnold's Musical Musings

By Mrs. Arnold

**CKBeat** 

The musical gears continue to grind as we are polishing up (and in some cases just getting started on)

pieces for the upcoming Holiday Concert. While the extended vacation last week over Thanksgiving was marvelous for rest and relaxation, it has certainly put CK's musicians into high gear upon our return to school. Regardless of the state of our readiness — we are excited to perform for everyone on Thursday, December 16 in the gym in Cody and are hoping the nice weather will hold! This year's concert does not have a specific theme but come prepared to hear classics as well as some new tunes highlighting a plethora of fun things about the holiday season!

Between Veterans Day tributes and Christmas carols, we managed to sneak in some auditions for two Nebraska Choral Director's Association sponsored events – Sing Around Nebraska (4th-6th graders) and Singing Youth of Nebraska (7th-9th graders). Sing Around Nebraska is held on various dates in January and February in locations throughout the state. Students are auditioned on the local level and then nominated by their teacher. Each school can

nominate up to ten students. This year, the competition was stiff as there are many 4th-6th graders that are excellent singers. It was a very difficult decision for me and I anticipate that some of the singers that did not make it this year will in the future! Cody-Kilgore's 2022 Sing Around Nebraska Participants will be: Lilly Ravenscroft (6th), Delaniee Robertson (6th), Mikena Sterkel (6th), Miriam Busenitz (5th), Bentley Ford (5th), LaShea Lessert (5th), Wayne Orrock (5th), Addie Sexson (5th), Fiora Moreland (4th) and Holden Moreland (4th).

Singing Youth of Nebraska is a one-day event held on January 29, 2022 in North Platte. Those interested in participating are required to submit a recorded audition to NCDA. The auditions from across the state are then judged to determine the singers that will fill the 120 spots available for the entire state. This is the first year Cody-Kilgore has submitted auditions for this event and we earned FIVE spots! Cody-Kilgore's 2022 Singing Youth of Nebraska Participants will be: Rylie Sexson (9th), Kayleigh Ravenscroft (8th), Naomi Busenitz (7th), Emiliano Garza (7th) and Madysen Leithead (7th).

## Nebraska All-State Children's Choir

By Mrs. Arnold

**CKBeat** 

On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, Miriam Busenitz and Addie Sexson participated in the Nebras-

ka Music Educators Association All-State Children's Choir which was held in Lincoln, Nebraska at UNL. Prior to the event, the girls had to learn and memorize

seven pieces of music that they would perform with over 200 other fourth and fifth graders from across the state.

Up bright and early, Miriam and



Addie arrived at the Glenn Korff School of Music and checked in. They had a full day of rehearsals in the Kimball Recital Hall breaking just a few times to refuel for the next rehearsal. The Guest Conductor was Penny Dimmick, an Associate Director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir and the coordinator of Music Education studies at Butler University. She worked with the large children's choir all day and prepared them for their concert.



Late that same afternoon, Miriam, Addie, and 222 other amazing young singers from the state of Nebraska, presented their hard work to a large audience gathered at the Lied Center. The kids sang their hearts out and even entertained the audience with dance steps to their final piece! They were rewarded with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. It was a wonderful day of learning and music making.

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# Ask Kass: The unwanted gift conundrum

By Kassidy Roseberry

Dear Kass.

**CKBeat** 

What do I do if I receive terrible Christmas gifts? Sometimes I get clothes that don't even fit me or gifts that have been already given in the past years. What would you recommend if I keep receiving these awful presents?

D.K. Cody, Nebraska

Dear D.K.,

I, too, receive some gifts that I do not appreciate or that I don't need or like. That is an excellent question. I recommend smiling and saying, "thank you" in the most sincere way possible without sounding sarcastic. You then can keep the gift in the packaging it came in and regift it to someone who might need it or to someone who is going to fit it. Sincerely yours,

Kass

# What's in a Christmas tradition?

By Mr. Arnold

**CKBeat** 

Why do families do the things they do to celebrate Christmas? It never occurred to me that some families

open presents on Christmas Eve (blasphemy). Do you open your presents one at a time (lame), or is it a glorious free for all of paper, ribbons, and bows? You mean to tell me it's not common to go to church at midnight Christmas Day? Wait, it's weird to stack presents on paper plates on the dining room table before bedtime?

My family certainly practices customs and traditions that don't fit into the traditional observance of Christmas. This came to my attention as I regaled the freshman class with some of my childhood Christmas memories as an introduction to the short story, The Gift of the Magi.

For 94 years, my mother's side of my family has gathered, interrupted only by 2020, to celebrate Christmas together. The hosts and venues have changed over the years, but the traditions have not. The gathering would include a social hour, with an impressive slate of hors-d'oeuvres tantalizing the revelers. Following that, the family would gather at the table and enjoy the traditional meal of fried fish and oyster stew. Yes, apparently, it's a common tradition, but I haven't met many people that still serve this meal, and to be honest, the younger generation prefers chili. After supper we would engage in our family's version of White Elephant. For several years, my grandmother even hired someone to impersonate Santa, but budget cuts and inflation...

Anyway, an adult is designated the year's Rudolf and sent outside with a flashlight and a trash bag. The designated Rudolph would then use a flashlight (preferably red) to mimic the most famous reindeer of all. The kids would



giggle with glee, the doorbell would ring, and magically, Santa's (trash) bag of gifts beckoned the family. Once the bag of gifts and treats had been obtained, the children were tasked with dispensing the presents to the proper party. Generally, these gifts are trifling affairs before the legitimate exchange of gifts prior to the end of the night.

The final event of the evening occurs when the remaining family sorts the mountain of gifts into piles. Then as each person collects their presents, they stack them on paper plates, which bear the name of each family member. The end goal of this activity is to judge who's been good the previous year. When my grandmother was still alive, she usually won. Now, my mom holds that honor, and we all do our best to maintain the traditions started so long ago, though I'm pretty sure my family didn't go to the movies on Christmas Day in 1927. Wait, you don't go to the movies on Christmas Day? Weird.

## End of term hectic, productive for CK FFA

By Sadee Adamson

**CKBeat** 

The end of the year is always busy for the Cody-Kilgore FFA Chapter. Between fruit sales and contests across the state, the members never seem to be bored. Towards the be-

ginning of November, some members traveled to Curtis, Nebraska for the 2021 District Livestock Judging. FFA Fruit Sales went from November 1st to the 18th. Then to round off November, a few members competed in North Platte at the 2021 District LDE competition.

The trip to District Livestock Judging on the eighth of November was a successful one. The Cody-Kilgore Junior team was very competitive, qualifying for state. The Junior team that qualified consisted of Trey Hand, Sadee Adamson, Mikah VanderWey, and Ally Heath. Trey placed 4th, Sadee 9th, Mikah 19th, Ally 20th. Kassidy Roseberry was our only Senior team competitor and she received 24th out of many other competitors.. Blake Lancaster received 10th in the junior high division.

Four members, three being officers, participated at the 2021 District LDE (Leadership Development Event) Competition. Kassidy Roseberry competed in Senior Public Speaking. Dylan Naslund took part in Extemporaneous Speaking. Riley Jones completed the Job Interview. Kayleigh Ravenscroft qualified for state, receiving second in Ag Literacy. She received a purple ribbon.

The most recent event that we all got to take part in was

the annual FFA
Fruit Sales!
This year
was a big
success
thanks
to a
very
generous
community
such as our
own. The stu-

dents worked together to sort boxes and prepare orders. This event truly teaches teamwork and unity while being able to visit with community members. Thank you to everyone who ordered this year; it is so appreciated by the Cody-Kilgore FFA! To round off the year, the chapter will put on a Christmas lights contest. The officers will be judging houses from Cody to Kilgore on the 20th of December!

Upcoming events:

Dec. 20- Christmas Lights are judged

Jan. 26- FFA State Degree Interviews and Proficiency Reviews

# Tylan Talks about Val Kilmer, a trilogy

By Tylan Blume

**CKBeat** 

Director Martha Coolidge and writer PJ Torokvei created a film called Real

Genius in 1985 to attempt to make being called a nerd cool. This film relates to another infamous 1980s flick Revenge of the Nerds which was created the previous year in 1984. This movie full of intellectually gifted students and remarkable scientists and Nerds was What I would call a success but the specificity of this whole movie is the relationship between Chris Knight and Mitch Taylor. Chris continuously sees a strange man coming in and out of his closet. Chris later finds out who this man is and begins to study him and finds out this man was the former School Stud like him who attempted to create the laser that Chris was trying to make. This man's name was Lazlo hollyfeld Mitch on his fifth attempt to run away. But, Chris explains to Mitch what is yet to come in his life based on his analysis and vision of Hollyfeld. Chris tells the story

of Hollyfeld to Mitch. I am not going to tell the story in my article because that would technically be a spoiler for those who watch the movie but I will explain one thing. In an alternate universe after Mitch finds Hollyfeld in his lair Mitch and Chris find out that Hollyfeld is Mich. This is where Mitch remembers the story that Chris told and finds out that this is not what he wants to be and this is where Mitch is finally convinced.



First in this Article I am going to explain the personality of the main character of this 1985 film Real Genius. This character is played by a young Val Kilmer, who's betrayal is very impressive in this film. Anyway I'm gonna get to

the point now... His name is Chris Knight and he is known as one of the coolest 'nerds' in this movie. Chris is also by far one of the most brilliant minds in the movie as well. His weakness is he does not take himself or others very seriously. And he's not exactly considered to be a good influence, Although Chris's free spirited nature helps his other intelligent friend Mitch relax.



Next in this article I am going to explain the personality of Chris's friend Mitch. Mitch Taylor is a new kid on campus that volunteers to help Chris create a chemical laser. Mitch is very insecure and asks Chris for advice on how to become more like him.

# Tylan Talks about Val Kilmer, a trilogy

Chris explains to Mitch that he too was just like Mitch. His mother dressed him up in nice clothes and forced to wear nice shoes. But Chris gained confidence after meeting the former smartest man on Campus Lazlo Holleyfeld he met him by going into his closet and making his way into Lazlo's lair. Chris tells Mitch how to get into the lair and Mitch goes onto his journey down the tunnels.



To end this article I am going to explain the personality of Lazlo Hollyfeld. Lazlo was once a popular genius on Campus in the 70s but ten years later Lazlo had been found hidden in a lair which is in Chris Knight's closet Lazlo is an incredibly intellectual man who Chris had claimed to look up to. But Lazlo had attempted to create a cosmetic laser. Lazlo failed and admitted that he admired the fact that Chris and Mitch were able to fulfill a dream he never could.

The Character that I look up to in this movie most is Chris because of his secure intelligent nature. The character that I relate to is probably Mitch Taylor because, like Mitch, I also feel insecure and look to Mr. Arnold for advice the same way Mitch looks to Chris for advice.



Hey guys this is Tylan talking and I would like to start off by asking why is Val Kilmer's Batman so frowned upon by critics? Yes, I am writing about another Val Kilmer portrayal, like I said in the Doors article, I have a new slight obsession with Val Kilmer. Anyway, let's get to the point now. Personally, I don't think that Val Kilmer's Batman was that bad. Sure, he gave off a different vibe when it came to personality. Portraying the Caped-Crusader with a more reserved and laid back party boy attitude rather than stiff and annoyed and depressed orphaned child attitude. He's still an orphan, obviously, but you know what I mean. Otherwise I found Kilmer's

approach to Batman rather cool. Although I think Kilmer tried to take the sexy approach on Batman with the popped out nipple suit and the flirtatious conversation with Nicole Kidman's character Dr Chase Meridan but maybe I'm just stereotyping a little bit.



No, Kilmer did not do a bad job; he had just claimed that he felt like he couldn't interact with the other actors and actresses in the film due to feeling so isolated because in the mask Kilmer had claimed that he could not smell through the nose piece of the mask nor hear because it seemed so inclosed Kilmer claimed. In Kilmer's biography called Val that was just released this year in 2021 Kilmer said that he never exactly thought it was cool playing Batman even knowing he wanted to play Batman since he was 4 years old but he claimed that it would be cool to actually be Batman and not just play him in a movie.



Hey this is Tylan talking here. Today I'm gonna talk about my last Val Kilmer character, Doc Holliday. Doc Holliday was a man described as slick, sickly and wellread. Val Kilmer embodies this role to perfection. Doc is a dentist turned gambler who can speak Latin just as well as he can operate a revolver, which is very well indeed. Doc is also a jokestar whose cleverness is unmatched in a town of drunken brawlers and vagrant cowboys. Val Kilmer had filmmakers put a bed of ice under him in the scenes where Doc is on his deathbed, so he could feel the pain that Doc possibly felt. Without a doubt Doc was Wyatt Earp's right hand man even knowing he was considered to be a maverick Doc flipped the script and used his perceptive personality traits to see the good man that Earp was. In conclusion, Doc had claimed to be in his prime although he may have had a former relationship with Johnny Ringo who in which became his foe. Johnny Ringo is certainly a villain you love to hate. But, Ringo was just an all out ignorant cocky fool who in the end got mocked roasted and murdered by Doc.

