## Beef In Schools

Superintendent Lambert

We are entering our third year with our beef in schools project, which is set up for our students to be able to eat locally raised beef instead of commodities beef during lunch. Up to this point we have been very blessed with local ranchers and families donating cows to the school lunch program. Below is an article from Erin Heath explaining how donating beef might be a beneficial option for you and or your operation. If you are interested in donating a beef please call me at the school anytime. 402-823-4117. Thanks for your continued support of our students and our great lunch program at CKUS!


## Tax Jobs \& Cuts Act provides value to commodity \& livestock charitable gifts <br> By: Erin R. Heath, CPA

Many farmers and ranchers give with the best intentions. To get a tax benefit from cash charitable contributions, itemized deductions for 2018 must exceed $\$ 24,000$ for a married filing joint return, approximately double the amount in 2017. Generically speaking, itemized deductions include up to $\$ 10,000$ of combined personal non-business state \& property taxes, home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, and in some cases medical expenses.
Many times, farmers and ranchers will not have enough itemized deductions to receive an actual tax benefit from their cash charitable contributions. An alternative is to give crop, or cattle to your charity through a proper method of transfer. This approach reduces gross income, and thus a direct tax savings in both income and self-employment taxes.
It is important to document appropriate transfer of the commodity. The charity must have control of the commodity and its disposition, not the taxpayer.
Here is an example:
Rancher Joe is married and normally writes a check to his church each year for $\$ 10,000$. He has no other itemized deductions and gets no federal tax benefit from the donation. For this year, he elects to give the church 15 steers which reduces his farm income by $\$ 10,000$ (reducing his income and self-employment tax) and is still entitled to deduct his standard deduction of $\$ 24,000$. Assuming he is in a $15 \%$ tax bracket, the gift of cattle saves him about $\$ 3,000$ in tax versus making a cash gift.
Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools program, Beef in Schools is an effective method of gifting to reduce taxable income.
I encourage you to sit down with your tax advisor and ask them if commodity gifting would be a good fit for you.
Disclaimer: This article is for general information purposes and is not legal tax advice.

## 2018 Cowgirl Volleyball Team



Back row L to R: Coach Lambert, Aubree Johnson, Annalise Busenitz, Fayth From, Tatym Jespersen, Shaelyn Welch, Elle Ravenscroft, Hayley Schied, Colby Cady, Kassidy Roseberry, Coach Burchfield.
Front row: Seniors Bailey Cady, Trinity Shipley, Kacie Kursave, Addison Johnson, Kenzie Barnes, Halee Hall.

The Cowgirls are having their best season in recent years. Building on past years, Coach April Lambert and the Cowgirls are meshing to bring home the victories.

The Cowgirls were tested by Gordon-Rushville in a match September 13 in Cody. It took all five matches to win, 2522, 26-24, 11-25, 22-26, 1715. The Cowgirls won against Hay Springs on September 21. The next morning they travelled to Brady to play in an all day tournament. The Cowgirls won their fist game, but lost to Anselmo-Merna and Mullen. The Cowgirls placed fourth that tournament playing against great teams.


2018 Junior High Volleyball Team

Back row L to R: Sadee Adamson, Ayden Naslund, Mikah Vander Wey, Jayda From, Kassidy Roseberry, Grace Wolff, Abigail Busenitz, Coach Robinson.
Middle row: Samantha Jones, Kyla Star Boy, Rylie Sexson, Allison Heath, Emma Thompson.
Front row: Aubree Johnson, Tacey From.

## 2018 Cowboy Football Team



Back row L to R: SM Quinn Cheney, Taylor Cady, Coach Miller, Gage Davis, Tyler Ravenscroft, Claysen Davis, Jared Tolliver, Tucker Ravenscroft, Blake Schneider, Coach Ford.
Front row: Peyton Sterkel, Bert Hooper, Brye Szakacs, Waylon Schneider, Jesus Garza, Cactus Millar, Caustin Hill, Daniel Busenitz, Mason Hill.


2018 Junior High Football Team

Back row L to R: Carson Lancaster, Tanner Olson, Victor Remmers, Cooper Kursave, Jacob Knox, Cooper Fay, Drew Farrell, Byron Skinner, Coach Hamilton.
Front row: Spencer Whipple, Dylan Naslund, Quinn Cheney, Dalton Keating, Parker Andrews, Trey Hand.

## Fifth Grade Field Trip to Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge

On Wednesday, September 5, the 5th grade class and Mrs. Lancaster traveled to the Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge for the Nature Fest field trip. They met other schools at the sale barn facility including Valentine and Ainsworth. A Cutcomb Lake 5th grader joined the Cody-Kilgore 5th grade group as she will be attending C-K next year! The students rotated by group to stations set up there including the "Incredible Journey", "Bird Migration", "Trees", "Ecosystems", "Fort Niobrara", "Skulls, Antlers, Horns, \& Hides", and "Waterfall Wisdom". The 5th graders gained a lot of information and had a great time participating in the activities provided. A special treat for the day was getting ice cream before they traveled home!


Working hard on decorating the hallways for Homecoming are Elle Ravenscroft, Halee Hall and Hayley Schied. Join us on Thursday, Oct 4 at 5pm for the National Honor Society Supper, the FFA Labor Auction and the 2018 Coronation events. The evening will end with the bonfire behind Husker Hub and the fireworks at the football field. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

# Cody-Kilgore Competes at Gordon-Rushville XC Invite By Coach Cheney 

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Cody-Kilgore competed in the Gordon-Rushville Cross Country (XC) invitational in Gordon, NE on Thursday, September 20th. Conditions were cooler with high 60 degree temperatures and a slight breeze when the meet started at 4:00 pm . Three CK Middle School competitors ran the rolling 1.5 mile course, which is equivalent to about 2400 m . Tanner Olson, Drew Farrell, and Jimmy Brians placed 16th, 28th, and 30th, respectively out of 31 runners. In the men's high school division Nick Olson placed 32 of 66, running a season best time of 21:00. Emmalea Olson also performed well, placing 2 nd out of 40 runners with a time of 21:16.0. She improved the school record by another 15 seconds.

Cody-Kilgore has two meets left before Districts:

September 27th
October 3rd
October 11th
October 19th
-West Holt

- MNAC at Thedford
-District - 6 at Bridgeport
-State Cross Country at Kearney


Cody-Kilgore's Emmalea Olson improved on the previous cross country record by another 15 seconds with a time of 21:16 at the Gordon Rushville invitational cross country meet.


## 2018 Cross Country Team

L to R: Coach Cheney, ?? , Dalton Keating, Nick Olson, Tanner Olson, Emmalea Olson.

# Teen Autumn Art Workshop in Halsey Written by Sadie Vander Wey 

This month, Josi and I attended the Teen Autumn Art Workshop in Halsey. This was their seventh year hosting it, as well as one of their largest groups of students participating. Josi and I started off the morning by being introduced to each of the four artists hosting the classes. Jan Keller, who previously taught at Ord, taught watercolor. Paul Loomer from Broken Bow brought polymer clay that the students could design the cover of a tin box with. Christy Kosmicki taught "realism to abstraction" and based part of her lesson on Picasso. Gib Neal, who lives in Colorado, returned to teach "drawing from nature.

After being introduced to the teacher, Josi and I made our way upstairs to begin our first class with Paul Loomer. We were given tins, clay, and stamps as well as told to be creative. We spent over an hour crafting our tins and creating unique patterns and shapes. While we were waiting for the clay to bake onto the tins, we decided to take a walk around the camp and explore. During our walk outside, we both noticed many other students working on nature drawings. A few pictures that we glimpsed looked amazing, given the amount of time they
 had. Once we had finished with our walk, Josi and I headed back inside to add a layer of paint to our clay projects. By the time we were finished, it was time for lunch.

As soon as we were finished with lunch, Josi and I were whisked away to Gib Neal's drawing class. We were given pieces of paper that had a square cut out of them. These were to be our focal points for the image we chose to draw and would help us to focus on certain aspects of it. Mr. Neal walked us through the elements of art and explained what every single one was, before setting us loose to express our creativity. The second we were allowed to leave, Josi and I headed out towards a high place, one that we had seen on our earlier walk. It was a steep climb that would make anyone's legs burn. Once in our perch on the high, wooden platform, Josi and I set to work. We had two hours to replicate a scene that we saw in the surrounding area. After the two hours were completed, we headed back, only to find that the camp was deserted. As it turned out, a few schools needed to leave early. The organizers had moved the schedule up, unknown to us. Unfortunately, we had missed cookie time, but the ice cream we had later compensated for it.

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Community members, 9-12 grade students, and younger students (may participate with a guardian) - are you interested in visiting our Nation's Capitol? There will be an interest meeting on October 5th at 10:00 a.m. (after the pep rally) in Mrs. Tolliver's room. We will be discussing the date and cost for the Washington, D.C. trip. If you are interested and cannot make the meeting, please call the school at 402-823-4117 and leave your name and number. You can also reach me at my email: stolliver@cody-kilgore.com

## Parent Teacher Conference October 18th 5:00-8:00pm In Kilgore



Cody-Kilgore friendhips last forever!

Cody-Kilgore will no longer be using The Cube to broadcast home games, concerts and graduation. You will find our broadcasts on YouTube Live. Go to www.youtube.com and search for Cody-Kilgore Schools.

Digital Journalism Class Michaela L., Hayley $S$ Emmy C., Ms. Richards

## Homecoming 2018

Monday, October 1 - Decade Day

PreK \& Sixth: 1960s
Kindergarten \& Seventh: 1930s
First \& Eighth: 1940s
Second \& Freshmen: 1990s
Third \& Sophomores: 1950s
Fourth \& Juniors: 1980s
Fifth \& Seniors: 1970s
Staff: 1920s

## All School Pep Rally @ 9:00 a.m. in Cody

Tuesday, October 2 - Pajama Day
Class Meetings during 6th Hour
1:00 p.m. JH Volleyball and Football w/ Mullen
HS and JH Cross Country - MNAC in Thedford

## Wednesday, October 3 - Opposite Day

Thursday, October 4 - Class Color Day
*Colors will be assigned at Monday's Pep Rally*
All School Volleyball Fun @ 3:00 p.m. in Cody
5:00 p.m. - Supper @ High School by NHS
6:30 p.m. - FFA Labor Auction in Gym
Coronation to follow in Gym
Bonfire \& Fireworks to follow downtown

## Friday, October 5 - Spirit Day

8:30 a.m. - Parade Lineup
9:00 a.m. - Parade Downtown
9:30 a.m. - Pep Rally in the Gym
10:30 a.m. - Booster Club Meal (FB Players and Coaches served first)
11:00 a.m. - Junior High Volleyball and Football w/ Hyannis
1:00 p.m. - Football Game w/ Hyannis
3:30 p.m. - Volleyball Game w/ Hyannis
8:00-11:00 p.m. - Homecoming Dance @ White Elephant Hall


