December

## School Finance <br> By Superintendent Adam Lambert

One of the main roles of the Superintendent of schools is to create and maintain the district's budget on an annual basis. As stated in previous articles, Cody-Kilgore relies heavily on state aid and has lost about $\$ 275,000$ over the past three years. As we can't predict the future or know what the Nebraska Legislature is going to do next, we try very hard to stretch every penny to not only maintain a great educational experience for our students, but also to continue to move forward with improvements in areas of need.

In an attempt to be as transparent as possible, I have broken down last year's financials into spending categories. This information is taken directly from our annual 50 -page audit. We also publish our monthly claims in board minutes and provide the Board of Education with an itemized break down of every account every month.


## Category

Instruction (teacher salaries \& supplies)
Special Education (salaries, supplies, \& services)
Poverty Program (salaries)
Business Operations (salaries, fees, supplies etc.)
Operation and Maintenance of Buildings
Pupil Transportation (salaries, fuel, maintenance)
Categorical Federal Program (Title I, IDEA, REAP)
Transfer of Funds (activity and lunch Funds)
Total Budget

|  | Money Spent | \% of Budget |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\$$ | $1,523,710.00$ | $52 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $219,281.00$ | $8 \%$ |
|  | $\$ 172,830.00$ | $6 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $336,421.00$ | $12 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $372,493.00$ | $13 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $96,680.00$ | $3 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $158,556.00$ | $5 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $42,500.00$ | $1 \%$ |
| $\$$ | $2,922,471.00$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

One of the difficulties in maintaining a near $\$ 3$ million budget is explaining to patrons that percentages are the best way to look at the budget when making purchases. A $\$ 3,000$ investment seems like a lot of money to an individual, but when you look at it compared to the overall operating budget, it is only $1 / 10$ th of a percent. One percent of our budget is $\$ 29,000$.

I have had great conversations with patrons over the past three years. One patron, at first, was frustrated that we invested $\$ 120,000$ on new route buses for our students, but it is only $4 \%$ of the overall operating budget. By comparison, a household with an annual income of $\$ 35,000$ making a $4 \%$ investment would be spending $\$ 1,400$ to update a vehicle to ensure that the family is safe on the roads. When that comparison is realized, it doesn't seem as dramatic.

As a school district we deal with large numbers on a monthly and yearly basis, which can be scary at times, but when broken down to compare apples to apples, it isn't as far-fetched as one might think. The goal for me and the Board of Education is to continue to work within our means. We are always concerned with taxes and levies, but some of those items are out of our control as the Legislature continues to make policy that directly impacts school districts across the state.

If you ever have any questions about school finance, please feel free to contact me any time.

## Junior High Football Stats <br> by Bonnie Hamilton

## RUSHING

Quinn Cheney-
Drew Farrell-
Jacob Knox-
Cooper FayParker AndrewsByron SkinnerCooper KursaveSpencer WhippleTrey Hand-

PASSING
Quinn Cheney- 439 yards
Spencer Whipple- 10 yards
Byron Skinner-
RECEIVING
Parker Andrews-
Drew Farrell-
Dylan Naslund-
Byron Skinner-
Cooper Fay-
Jacob Knox-
Trey Hand-

1 yard

203 yards
95 yards
78 yards
30 yards
22 yards
21 yards
1 yard

## TACKLES

Quinn Cheney-
Dylan Naslund-
Drew Farrell-
Dalton Keating-
Jacob Knox-
Cooper Fay-
Byron Skinner-
Parker Andrews-
Spencer Whipple-
Victor Remmers
Cooper Kursave-
Trey Hand-
Fumble Recoveries
Jacob Knox
Dalton Keating
Dylan Naslund
Parker Andrews
Cooper Fay
Cooper Kursave
Interceptions
Quinn Cheney 4
Parker Andrews 1
Jacob Knox 1
Cooper Kursave 1
Cooper Fay 1
Block Punt
Victor Remmers

48 tackles - 13 assists
35 tackles - 5 assists
27 tackles - 6 assists
25 tackles - 11 assists
21 tackles - 7 assists
8 tackles - 1 assist
8 tackles
7 tackles - 7 assists
6 tackles - 3 assists
5 tackles - 2 assists
3 tackles - 1 assist
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# Marketing Class Project 

By Abi Donner, Bentley Jenkins, Blake Schneider, and Liz Rosfeld

This semester, the Marketing class students have been hard at work.
They were originally assigned to create a business and product to implement the marketing concepts as they were learned. Quickly the project turned into a reality and grew into something more. The students designed their logos and products and the projects were coming together faster than expected. Blake, who decided to sell video games from Cody Oil, chose specific games and packaging for his products while the girls, Bentley, Abi, and Liz, met with Andrea Heinert from Sand Shooters. With a small trip to Valentine to brainstorm with Jo Hand at The Outback, the merchandise was in production, and the store is currently selling mugs and $t$-shirts that promote Cody.
The class is finishing this semester class out strong as we continue to learn how and what goes into marketing our products. We have enjoyed Marketing class this semester as we are getting to learn how to market products using real-life scenarios/businesses. Come check out what our students have done!


We are a trio of Cody-Kilgore marketing class students who wanted to participate in the revitalization of Cody. What started out as a simple assignment soon spiraled into a company and a product design.

By wearing and using our merchandise you agree that nothing can stifle the spirit and community's pride in our town. You're agreeing that Cody, NE really is "A Town Too Tough To Die".

We would like to extend our thanks to you for buying any of our products and supporting the community. Thank You, B.A.E.

## Seniors Attend County Government Day



County Government Day was held on November 14, 2018. 16 Seniors visited and learned about 11 different county offices. The Veterans Office was popular with the students as they learned about the office through a fun trivia game. A nice lunch was provided by the Cody and Valentine American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you to all involved in making this day a success.

Need a holiday present for a secret pal or a family member?
2018 Yearbooks are on sale for only $\$ 20$
Get a steal of a deal!
Contact the Cody-Kilgore office
(402) - 823-4117

## Cody Movie Night

December 27
at
Community Hall
5:30 - Enjoy a holiday movie with in-laws, confusion, and destruction. Suitable for all ages.
7:30 - An African nation and the entire world is at risk in this 2018 release. It has a compelling story, unique settings, cool visuals, and interesting characters. It is rated PG-13.

Sponsored by the Village of Cody
Licensing does not allow the name of the movies to be posted in public places. Movies will be shown at the Elephant Hall, use the south-side door. Bring a pillow, blanket, snacks, lawn chairs (and a blanket or rug to protect the floor). Please clean up your area before leaving.

## Cody FFA

The Cody-Kilgore FFA Chapter has been busy the last few weeks with everything from Livestock Judging to Fruit Sales. We started the month out with our District Livestock judging competition on November 6th in Curtis. We had a very successful day having our Senior judging team place 3rd, which qualified them for state livestock judging. We also did our annual fruit sales fundraiser that was very successful. Tuesday, November 20th we had our Greenhand Ceremony where the first year members were awarded their
 Greenhand degrees. The members that received their Greenhand degrees were Brye Szackacs, Annalise Busenitz, Tucker Ravesnscroft, Fayth From, Gage Davis, Colby Cady, Cactus Millar, Riley Jones, and Payton Sterkel(as seen above). In addition three of these members, Riley, Gage, and Fayth, presented the FFA Creed, and Claysen Davis, Kenzie Barnes, and Elle Ravenscroft gave their speeches to prepare for our upcoming competitions. In the coming weeks, we will compete in Leadership Development Events competitions at Ogallala on November 28th and North Platte on December 4th. The events we will be competing in at these two competitions are junior and senior public, cooperative, creed, and natural resources speaking events as well as job interview. The students have been working hard to prepare for these events so wish us luck!

## School Reach

Want current, up-to-date information on happenings at Cody-Kilgore? Don't receive the School Reach call from the office? Find out about changes on the calendar after the fact? Does it seem like you're the last to know?

Consider calling the Cody office and ask to be put on the School Reach call. 402-823-4117

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## Fourth Grade Students Competed in the Auxiliary Poster Contest

Fourth grade students competed in the annual NACD and NACD Auxiliary Poster Contest, this contest provided students the chance to have their art displayed as part of a national conservation outreach initiative. This year's theme was "Watersheds, Our Water, and Our Home". Students entered their posters into the local competition of the Middle Niobrara NRD. In the 4-6th grade division, Naomi Busenitz placed 1st, James Sexson placed 2nd, and Madysen Leithead placed 3rd. In the Nebraska's Association of Resources District Winners (State Level) Naomi Busenitz placed 1st in the 4th-6th grade level, her work will be representing Nebraska
 at the National competition. Students posters will be displayed at the Middle Niobrara NRD \& Ainsworth Farmers Ranchers Agronomy Open House \& Customer Appreciation Day on December 10th in Ainsworth.

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Cody-Kilgore uses YouTube.com to broadcast home games, concerts and graduation. You will find our broadcasts on YouTube Live. Go to www.youtube.com and search for CodyKilgore Schools.



