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CK senior Aubree Johnson shows off her haul to CK junior Kate Cox and CK sophomore Kayleigh Ravenscroft during the Welcome Back community picnic.

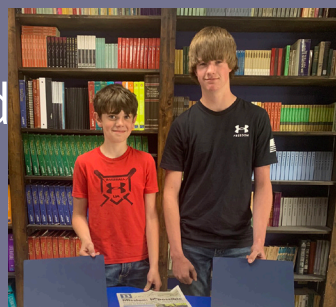
## Fresh Faces at CKUSD



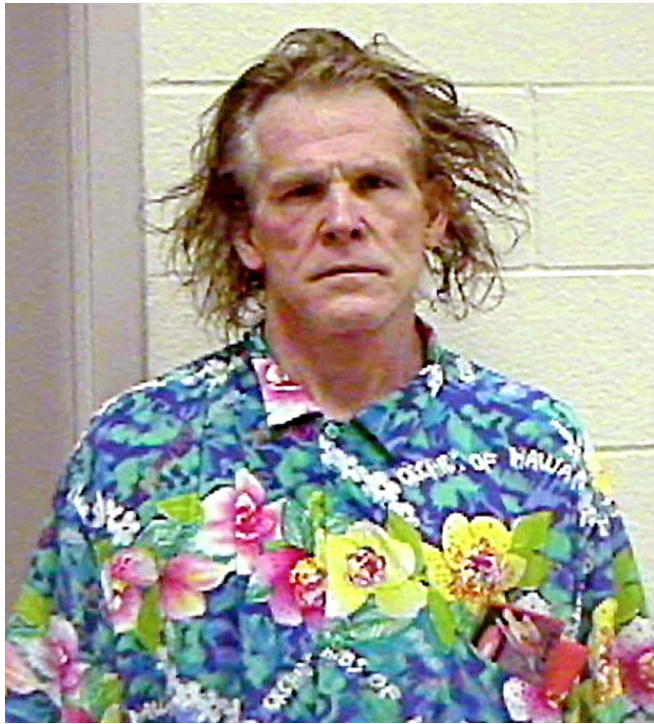
## Noreikaite snags bronze at State Track



## Hometown Heroes: Schied Boys Tapped for honor



# MEME me up, sCKotty



## Vibing, hair on point for Picture Day at CK!

Sept. 8th JH. HS FB/VB vs. Stuart

Sept. 9th Varsity VB @ Bridgeport

Sept. 11th School Board Meeting

Sept. 12 JH VB Triangular @ Valentine; HS VB Triangular @ Hay Springs

Sept. 14th Varsity VB Triangular @ Cody



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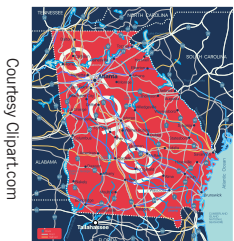
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# CK Q&A:

In your opinion, what is the best part of summer?

"Rodeoing."  
-Payton Burress, 6th Grade

Grade

"Spending time with my boyfriend."  
-Mikah Vander Wey, 12th Grade

"Going to Cheyenne Frontier Days to an Eric Church concert! So fun!"  
-Makynna Tucker, 10th Grade

"Camping in the Black Hills."  
-Conner Simmons, 7th Grade

"Georgia."  
-Mikena Sterkel, 8th Grade

"Not socializing with people."  
-Sammie Jones, 11th Grade

"Running at the Valentine track"  
-Tripp Hill, 9th



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# Point : Counterpoint *with* Kamryn and Max

By CKBeat Staff

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**CK Juniors**  
Kamryn Tucker  
and Maxwell Pruitt  
are tackling the  
issues that matter.

In this series, these two gentleman will debate the merits of a variety of hard-hitting controversies impacting society. Whether they argue the merits of classifying a hotdog as a sandwich, or determining the appropriate way to hang a roll of toilet paper, Kamryn and Maxwell will not hesitate to discuss, debate, and determine the truth's truth.

This is Point : Counterpoint

## Issue 8: Does Mayo Belong on a Hamburger?

**Max:** You know, I really think mayonnaise belongs on a hamburger. It adds a creamy and tangy element that enhances the overall flavor.

**Kamryn:** Seriously? Mayo on a burger? That's a crime against good taste! Burgers should be about meat and cheese, not a glop of mayo.

**Max:** Well, mayo isn't just any condiment; it brings moisture to the burger, preventing it from being dry. Plus, it pairs perfectly with lettuce and tomato for that classic burger combination.

**Kamryn:** But isn't that what ketchup and mustard are for? Mayo just makes everything slippery and messy. A good burger should hold together, not fall apart in a mayo-soaked mess.



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

**Max:** Fair point, but mayo can also be a canvas for creativity. You can mix in various flavors like sriracha, garlic, or herbs to create unique burger experiences.

**Kamryn:** True, but that's just masking the taste of the burger itself. A great patty should stand on its own without the need for a condiment crutch like mayonnaise.

**Max:** Well, it ultimately comes down to personal preference. Some people love the creaminess of mayo, while others prefer their burgers plain. Variety is the spice of life, right?

**Kamryn:** Variety, yes, but there's a line, and mayo crosses it. A burger should be a celebration of meat and flavors that complement it, not a mayo-drowning experience.

**Max:** And there you have it, the great mayo debate. In the end, it's all about how you like your burger, whether you're team mayo or not.

**Winner: Kamryn because mayo on a burger? What are you, Canadian? (Generated using ChatGPT AI).**

## Happy Llama - Sad Llama - Mentally Deranged Llama - Super Llama - Drama Llama - Mama Llama - Moose

By Carrie Ford

CKBeat

When my girls were in elementary school they learned The Llama Chant. It came complete with hand motions and of course it was hilarious because all of the girls at school would do it in unison. Follow along with my train of thought here - K Drama, Drama Llama. They go together not just because they rhyme but because any K Drama worth its salt has these very elements. It came to mind while I was thinking about my current obsession with K Drama's and life in general. All of us at times exhibit all of these aspects throughout life. Here at the CKUS MS/HS we're in the business of helping our kiddos navigate all of these.

**Happy Llama:** The first one most of us are pretty doggone good at! We love happy times and we try to celebrate them as much as possible. It's a rare bird who doesn't like to enjoy the good times and rather revels in melancholy but I digress. I've decided that it's much more important to figure out how to navigate the other six.

**Sad Llama:** It's taken me a long time to learn how to be sad and give myself permission to work through it. I used to get angry and want to lash out when sad instead of just riding the wave of sadness or grief and letting myself come back to shore naturally. I didn't want the sadness and I wanted it to be over. But we don't get to rush such things and we miss out on understanding ourselves and others if we always try to push past it and ignore it.

**Mentally Deranged Llama:** Ok this one might sting a bit, so brace yourself. I'm a firm believer that 'All God's People Got Issues.' I don't believe that there is any such thing as normal. If you think you don't have any issues may I point you to a biblical reference; If we say we have no sin ISSUES, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. I'm not trying to tell you to believe in God or the bible, but there are a lot of true things in the book and I think this is one of them. The sooner we can accept that we have an issue, process it, and progress through it, the better off our lives are. In my case my life is richer. I love it when I see anyone progress through something difficult and come out on the other end stronger and more compassionate to

others. I especially love it when we see a child learn how to do this. They are developing grit, and perseverance. That's the Cowboy Way!

**Super Llama:** Sometimes life requires us to be put on our superman cape and Cowboy Up. At times we just do it without even thinking. Maybe it's diving in the deep end to save a drowning person? Or perhaps it's on a much smaller scale and it's simply sticking up for a friend when someone cuts them down and saying out loud 'Hey that's really rude!' I would posit that although it may seem like it's on a smaller scale to many of us, finding the courage to speak up and say something definitely requires putting on our invisible super cape of courage. I truly admire when people stick up for the downtrodden. I especially admire it when a person can stick up for someone else without being a jerk themselves. It's a learned skill and it's beautiful.

**Drama Llama:** In the words of Taylor Swift, 'It's me! Hi! I'm the problem it's me' We all know we are the drama at times. Nuff said let's move on.

**Mama Llama:** Everyone has an inner Mama Llama (or mama bear). It's not necessarily a bad thing. It's that internal compulsion to stand up and shake the world by the shoulders and scream at the top of your lungs, 'Not to my child!' This mama is not exclusive to mothers only. We all have something or someone we want to protect. We often talk about crossing the line. The 'mama' comes out in everyone when a line has been crossed. We figure out those lines as we grow up. Most adults have learned to pick their battles wisely and use their inner 'mama' only in certain circumstances. If we don't learn how to use wisdom in drawing the lines or choosing our battles, we will become addicted to outrage and become sick. See above: Mentally Deranged Llama.

**Moose:** Some days you're just gonna be a moose. It's ok. I for one think we should be extremely happy on our Moose days and that brings us back full circle to Happy Llama. Be a Moose if you can. It's way more fun!

# Kassidy Roseberry



**Fondest CK Memory:** My fondest CK memory was Homecoming my senior year. The theme was so fun to incorporate into our hallway and floats, and of course winning the decorating contests was awesome too!

**Quote:** "Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway." - Kay Ash

**Plan:** I will be attending South Dakota State University to major in Animal Science with an emphasis on production.

# Dalton Keating



**Memory:** Mr. Arnold's profound lectures.

**Quote:** If you think the price of winning is too high, wait till you get the bill from regret.

**Plans:** Attend Northeast Community College and major in Electrical Construction and Control.

# SENIOR 2023

# Parker Andrews



**Fondest CK Memory:** Winning a State Championship in Football

**Quote:** "Time is precious, waste it wisely."

**Plans:** Pursue a degree in agriculture business at Fort Hays State in Kansas. Eventually, I plan to return to the family ranch.



Bara Bilkova

Fondest CK Memory: English class was just the most wonderful educational experience ever.

Quote: "Do you think that I need more vitality?"

Plans: I plan to return back to my home in the Czech Republic where I will attend college for English language and literature.



Dylan Naslund

Fondest CK Memory: Making it to the state championship in Kearney and winning State in football.

Quote: "There are no regrets in life. Just lessons." - Jennifer Aniston

Plans: I plan to attend Northeast Community College to study Agronomy.



Urte Noreikaite

Fondest C-K Memory: Making state track and winning a medal. It's also cool to have set the school record in discus.

Quote: "Better an "oops" than a "what if"."

Plans: I plan to return to Lithuania and finish high school, after which I will pursue a career in the medical industry.



Byron Skinner

Fondest memory: It was pretty cool to win overall Best Actor at conference one-act because I was still learning my lines on the bus during the drive to Thedford.

Quote: "Pretend you know what you're doing until you do it for real."

Plans: I plan to attend Northeast Community College and study something related to agriculture.

# Opportunity to put your brand on CKUSD

By Ryan Orrock

CK Superintendent

Dear CKUS Community,  
I hope this message finds you well and

excited for the new school year. Celebrating Cowboy GRIT! Our Cowboy GRIT initiative continues to be a beacon of pride for our community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Cowboy GRIT GALA. Your support and participation mean everything to us and go a long way in strengthening our shared vision. Fundraiser Alert! Mark your calendars! Cowboy GRIT is hosting a series of fundraisers on:

- September 8th
- September 19th
- September 22nd
- October 6th

The goal? Raise funds for a brand-new school building, ensuring our students have the best facilities to match their potential.

Bring Your Branding Irons! We invite all ranches to brand their legacy on a wooden plaque that will be displayed




Brand sample from a totally random operation, chosen for no particular reason. 

Image Courtesy Rafter AL Ranch

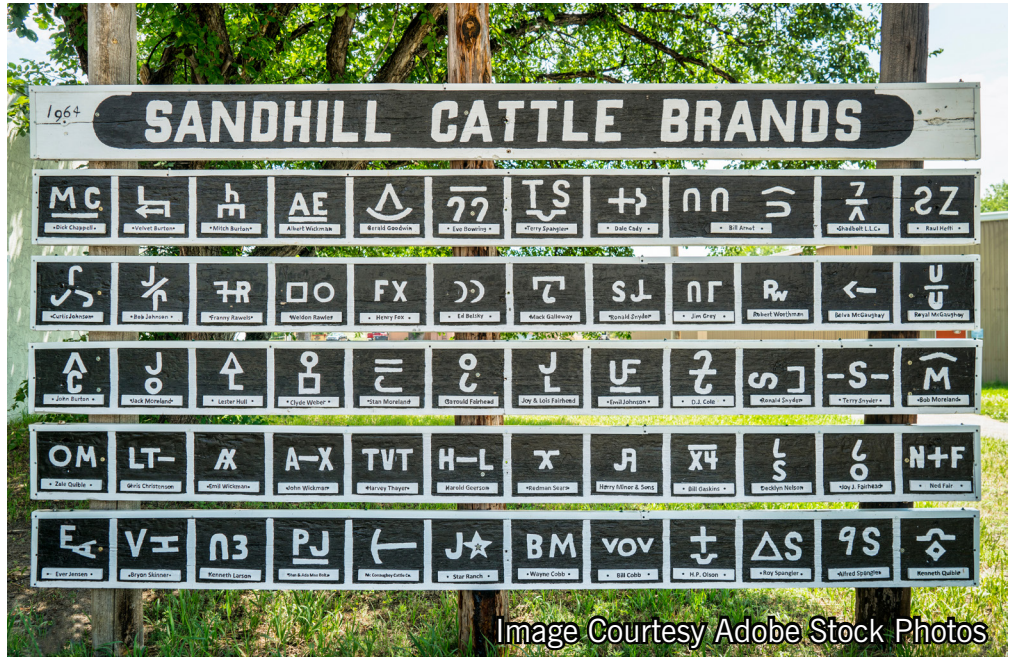


Image Courtesy Adobe Stock Photos

Cody-Kilgore is hoping to showcase area ranchers in effort to celebrate local ranching culture and support A sample of area Sandhills Cattle Brands as featured in Merriman, Nebraska.

with pride at our Cody school. Each brand costs \$1,000, and every penny will contribute directly to our building fund. Where & When?

- September 8th, 22nd, & October 6th: During the football games. Find us right next to the field at the shooting range.
- September 19th: During the Cody vs.

Bennett County volleyball game. We will be stationed on the east side of the school building in Cody.

Let's come together as a community and leave a mark that future generations will remember.

Let's continue the Cowboy spirit and pave the way for a brighter, stronger future for our students.

# CK NHS provides (ice) cream for the flock

By CKBeat Staff

CK Beat

Is the McDonald's ice cream machine on the fritz again? No worries, CK

National Honor Society has your back. With the proceeds generated from Smart Sips, CK NHS purchased a brand new ice cream machine.

Why NHS? Well, one of the tenants of the National Honor Society is Service. According to the National Honor Society Website, "Service represents the choice of stepping outside oneself to meet the needs of others, fueled by an unwavering passion for a cause, heartfelt empathy for others, or driven by personal circumstances. It's about performing selfless acts that transcend the ordinary,

engendering transformative changes that resonate through our schools, ripple across our communities, and reverberate on a global scale. In the noble act of service, we sculpt a better world with our hands, our hearts, and our humanity."


CK's NHS wanted to add something for the entire community to enjoy as part of the various offerings at concession stands operating during events hosted at Cody-Kilgore High School. Students concluded that adding an ice cream machine would accentuate the savory options with a delectable sweet offering of chocolate, vanilla, and swirl soft serve ice cream.

So the next time you swing by to catch

the Cowboys and Cowgirls, don't limit yourself to just to juicy hot dogs. Remember, nothing beats the heat, like a creamy frozen treat!



Image Courtesy Adobe Stock Photos

Ice cream cones depicted are a just a representation. Cones not included. 

# Cowboy UP! Let's RIDE! Incentive Program

By Tony Galvin

CK Principal / AD

CKHS/JH wanted to create a program that celebrates our student's positive contributions to the school.

What does RIDE stand for? Respect, Integrity, Determination, Excellence. These are the characteristics/traits/virtues that CKHS/JH wants to see our students exhibiting daily. When staff see these virtues exhibited, they will complete a Cowboy UP! slip. Students will bring the Cowboy UP! slip to the office to put it in a jar. The office in the AM will pull out a slip and celebrate the student over the intercom. That student will have a reward to choose from: a treat from Circle C, first in the lunch line, choose the lunch menu, or a concession token.

We also have a Cowboy and Cowgirl of the Month (student of the month) for JH & HS. We must celebrate those students who exhibit exemplary work & characteristics in school, classroom, and our community. When a student is a Cowboy or Cowgirl of the Month, they will get celebrated through the community & on social media. When they are Cowboy or Cowgirl of the month, they will have two options. The first one is that they can choose to take a friend to Husker Hub for lunch. The second one is that they can choose Cody-Kilgore gear at Sandshooters. The cowboys and cowgirls will have a write-up explaining the amazing things they do posted on social media and printed in the CK Beat!



## Cowboy UP! Let's RIDE!

*Respect*  
*Integrity*  
*Determination*  
*Excellence*



**Cowboy Up!**  
*Let's RIDE!*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Recognized for: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

RIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPECT, INTEGRITY, DETERMINATION, EXCELLENCE

### Welcome to CK

Cody-Kilgore extends warm welcomes to new staff members Mrs. Rhodes (At right) Miss Yordy (PK-12 Art), Mr Galvin (HS ADMIN), and Mrs. Anderson (HS Social Studies) pictured below.



# Mrs. Arnold's Musical Musings

By Mrs. Arnold

CK Beat

Mr. Arnold claims that it was love at first sight – he knew he was going to marry me from the first day he met me. What he didn't know was how many crazy adventures he would end up going on to benefit the CK Music Department. I have a feeling if he had known, he might have rethought things a bit. As we went on yet another adventure a week ago to pick up new-to-us choir risers from Chappell, NE in a downpour, I got to thinking that perhaps I should write a short guide for anyone contemplating marrying a music teacher.

Things you should know if you're planning to marry a music teacher:

- 1) Be prepared to move music equipment – a LOT of it! You will undoubtedly be called upon to help set up and tear down risers, stage pieces, band chairs and stands, percussion equipment, props, etc. for every performance. Sometimes you will be doing this nearly alone so strength and patience will be required. Your music teacher spouse will come up with crazy schemes and often you will be roped into them. I would suggest keeping ratchet straps, a utility cart and a tarp or two on hand – you never know what he/she will need moved, loaded or hauled which brings me to the next point.
- 2) You are going to move pianos – a LOT of them. I know, this may seem like point one, but it really deserves its own space since I am sure my husband has had a part in moving no less than 10 pianos in the nearly 14 years we have been married. Just in case he thinks his piano days are over, I can assure him THEY AREN'T! At some point here we will need to move another one...in fact it's been a few years, so we are probably due for a piano moving date. After all, nothing is more romantic than moving a heavy upright that will crush your toes (or your whole person) if dropped. Maybe we will move a piano up or down a flight of stairs just to give ourselves a challenge.
- 3) Don't expect to talk to your spouse for the first hour or so after school is dismissed. Most days they will need complete silence for at least that long because their ears have been assaulted with sound from the moment the first student walked through the classroom door. It is, after all, part of the job.
- 4) Take every opportunity to enjoy your spouse's musical talent outside of the home because if they do it



Photo Courtesy Mrs. Arnold

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold living that Cowboy life at the Coffee Ranch in Sioux County, Nebraska.

for a job, they will likely not play their instrument at home. I have a piano in our home (yes, Mr. Arnold helped move it) but it just serves as a giant dust collector.

- 5) Brace yourself for professional shows and concerts including artists you would never, ever, ever go see on your own. Taylor Swift? Check. Michael Buble? Yep. Blue Man Group? You know it!
- 6) Your home will be bombarded by packages from Oriental Trading containing the most random items. These will undoubtedly be props and costumes for whatever performance is coming up. Eye patches, hula skirts, beach balls, battery operated candles, fake snow and giant candy canes will make their way into your home.
- 7) Speaking of random items - be prepared for your spouse to have random things in their bag - 10 spit rags needing laundered, yep! Reeds, tiny screwdrivers, super glue, a lighter...all useful tools but very random.
- 8) Be prepared for early mornings, late nights, and a life full of song. After all, they will know the best songs for every occasion and will probably sing them to you randomly.



# CKUS May School Board Minutes

Cody Kilgore Unified Schools

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting May 8, 2023  
Cody High School

1. The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 6:31 p.m. Roll call – All members were present. Ryan Orrock, Donna Blocker and Denise Farley were also in attendance. There was one guest. 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 6-0.

3. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Tim Nollette to approve the consent agenda as presented. The Board approved the claims in the amount of \$263,705.33 and the minutes from the April 10, 2023, meeting. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

4. Discussion followed on the progress of the building project. The Foundation Committee has met a total of three times. After meeting with the GRIT Board the plan is to make sure the GRIT vision statement includes short term goals of building a structure and providing on going support to the communities served by the school.

5. Discussion followed on the depreciation plan. Mr. Orrock updated the board on the ongoing depreciation projects. He received two similar quotes for carpet replacement. Struggling to find someone to give us a quote on the speaker system at the football field. Still working on getting the proper equipment and help to get the stairs moved. Two bids were received to replace the carpet in the Cody Cottage. It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Landon Miller to approve the quote from Nelson's on the carpet based on a slightly lesser cost. Motion carried 6-0.

6. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to accept the resignations of True Ford, head cook; Ashley Kasner, Art/Intervention; Leslie Roseberry, middle school assistant track coach; Nastsha Hamilton, High school assistant track coach and Mary Kay Ford Middle School Track coach. Motion carried 6-0.

7. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Shara Ford to approve new hires as follows, Tony Gavin, Secondary Principal/Athletic Director; Mackenzie Yordy, PK-12 Art Instructor; Angela Anderson, 8-12 social studies teacher; Sherry Westover, Head Cook in Cody. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Mr. Orrock will bring information on the handbooks at a later meeting.

9. It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Shara Ford to surplus the boys basketball and football jersey's at \$20 each and to advertise the 4 old welders. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Orrock shared the updated General Fund finances; the monthly NASB video; Mr Orrock was pleasantly surprised with the spring testing scores, showing improvements across the board. MNAC Recognition - First Team All-Academic Dylan Naslund for a 30 or above composite ACT score. Second Team Aubree Johnson and Byron Skinner for a 27-29 composite ACT score. Honorable Mention Cassidy Roseberry and Kamryn Tucker for a 25-26 composite ACT score. Mr. Orrock presented the proposed 2023-2024 professional development plan. Graduation will be May 13th in Cody at 10am and the school board will meet in Mrs Fay's room before it starts.

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10. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Landon Miller to move into executive session at 7:24 pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

11. The Board came out of executive session at 7:28 pm.

12. It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Tim Nollette to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims submitted & approved: Arnold, George H.S.A \$233.31; ACT, State Testing, \$408.00; Amazon, supplies, \$3,124.01; BioZone, science materials, \$2,017.49; Bomgaars, supplies, \$171.26; Buckles Fuel Service, Fuel - Elementary Field Trip, \$20.00; Cardmember Services - Elan, Visa, \$170.84; Century Business Products, Copiers, \$1,110.82; Cherry County Clinic, bus driver physical, \$28.00; Circle C Market, supplies, \$22.64; Cody Livestock, Custodial Supplies/elementary supplies \$152.30; Cody Oil, fuel bill, \$3,138.22; Cody Post Master, Stamps- 3 rolls & box rent, \$335.00; CreativeTime Solutions, Time Clocks 2 months, \$67.50; Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, Bus Driver Test, \$55.00; ESU 17, Services, \$9,835.10; Great Plains Communications, Phone, \$2,169.00; Heart City Lock and Key, 2 master keys, \$20.00; Hometown Lumber, Custodial Supplies, \$297.13; Innovative, Hand Towel Dispenser shipping fee, \$3.00; InSpire, PT Services, \$302.98; Jones School Supply CO, honor awards, \$121.00; KBR, Electricity, \$5,363.14; Matheson, welder and equipment, \$5,516.54; Modern Farm Equipment, Corp, track loader repairs, \$215.26; Mohawk USA LLC, 20 chrome book cases, \$577.01; Mosa Mack, Mosa Mack Pro Annual Licenses - Science, \$550.00; Mosher, Jodi, reimburse mailing fees, \$43.40; naea (Ne Ag Educators Assn), annual renewal of professional fees, \$235.00; NASB, regular membership dues, \$50.00; Naslund, Janelle, H.S.A., \$313.28; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Fire Extinguishers, \$242.42; Nebraska Central Equipment, bus parts, \$564.11;

NK Waste, Trash Service - Kilgore, \$267.50; Premium Automotive, bus repairs and, maintenance, \$4,789.22; Presto-X, Pest Control, \$110.43; ReHab Visions, PT/OT Services, \$361.85; Reimers Well Drilling, plumbing supplies for repairs in Kilgore, \$669.60; sedgwick cms - NASB-ALICAP, ALICAP \$2,500.00; Simple Solutions, elementary curriculum, \$3,860.00; Smith, King & Simmons, P.C. legal services, \$840.00; Staybridge Suites, Rooms for State FFA, \$3,333.87; Tolliver, Sharon, Teachers pay Teachers 22/23 purchases, \$109.66, Valentine Midland News, meeting minutes published, \$89.84; Village of Kilgore, Water, \$14.00; VoWac Publishing, elementary curriculum, \$2,013.90; Ward Plumbing and Heating, 2 porta pots - Kilgore, \$180.00; WEX Bank, Sinclair Fuel, \$76.10; Zaner-Bloser, Pre K - 1 supplies, \$396.60. General Fund Claims & Benefits, \$263,705.33

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13. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be June 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Kilgore.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary



# CKUS June School Board Minutes

Cody Kilgore Unified Schools  
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting June 12, 2023  
Kilgore Elementary School

1. The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 6:39 p.m. Roll call – All members were present. Ryan Orrock, Denise Farley and Jamie Sexson were also in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.

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

3. At this time the board recognized guest, Jamie Sexson who was there to express concerns about the semester testing policy especially the attendance portion of the policy.

4. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The Board approved the claims in the amount of \$240,441.42 and the minutes from the May 8, 2023, meeting. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

5. Discussion followed on the progress of the building project. Cowboy GRIT will convene this week to discuss the next steps as a nonprofit organization. They will explore potential grant opportunities and initiate efforts to educate the community about the benefits of donating to the school project through the nonprofit.

6. After a lot of good discussion, the current Semester Testing Policy will remain as is.

7. Discussion followed on items for the depreciation fund. We will look into funding options for the sound boards for the gym. It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Shara Ford to purchase speakers for the crow's nest at the football field, and we will install them. Into Reading was adopted to be the elementary ELA curriculum. Motion carried 6-0.

8. The first reading of the student, staff and activities handbook followed. This will be approved in July.

9. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Landon Miller to approve Garrett Egger as Assistant Football Coach and Mar Kay Ford as Assistant Track Coach. Motion carried 6-0.

10. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Landon Miller to hire Jen Orrock for the Elementary Sped Para position.

11. Discussion on board policies followed. Board policies 5018 and 5054 were reviewed. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Bethany Swendener to amend policies 4003, 4043, 4045, 4059, 5003, 5004, 5035, 5045, 5052, and 5062. Motion carried 6-0.

12. Discussion on the academic calendar followed. Bethany Swendener moved to change the homecoming date to October 6th consequently moving the October 13th scheduled Inservice

to September 22nd. Seconded by Landon Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

13. Discussion on updating curriculum followed. Shannon Ravenscroft moved to approve Mosaic as PreK – 12 curriculum and Into Reading for Elementary. Seconded by Tim Nollette. Motion carried 6-0.

14. Motion was made by Tim Nollette and seconded by Landon Miller to approve the affidavit for instructional hours for the 2022-2023 school year.

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15. Discussion followed on amendments to the negotiated agreement. It was moved by Tim Nollette and seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to approve an FFA co-sponsor at 7%, speech co-sponsor at 2% and One Act co-sponsor at 5%. As well as a new teacher stipend of \$1,000 upon signing and another \$1,000 signing the 2nd year.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Orrock shared the updated General Fund finances; the monthly NASB video; Mr Orrock reported on projects being worked including the high jump surface, locker room shower floors and weight room AC. Kurt will be setting the date to move the stairs soon. Mold testing in the older modular in Kilgore came back with good results. Nelson's is going to look at adding some linoleum to the older modular for the preschool. Some of the doors are not shutting right in Kilgore and we are looking for solution to help with this. Most of the strategic planning survey's have been completed. We should be able to get moving on this in July after they have compiled all the data. NHS has offered to purchase an ice cream machine.

16. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Shara Ford to move into executive session at 9:36 pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

17. The Board came out of executive session at 9:43 pm.

18. It was moved by Shara Ford & seconded by Landon Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims submitted & approved:

Amazon, supplies \$9,561.63; Arnold, George, H.S.A \$233.31; Bomgaars, supplies \$735.18; Butch's - Lavem Ceplecha, replaced sillcaulk \$230.25; Card Member Services, Visa \$2,484.95; Carolina Biological, Science Supplies, \$368.90; CCR Roofing, repairs to cottage roof \$300.00; Cengage, accounting curriculum \$36.75; Century Business Products, copiers \$1,194.49; Circle C Market, Supplies \$132.62; Cody Oil, fuel \$3,555.62; Cody Post Master, Kilgore Box & 3 rolls stamps \$335.00; Cody's Country Cabin, staff storm stay over \$49.00; Creativetime Solutions, time clock \$33.75 Elizabeth Ravenscroft, Staff Development - Tuition \$2,206.17; ESU 17 Services - 2 months \$12,594.02; Ford, Carrie reimb retirement

party supplies \$85.92; Great Plains Communications, Telephone \$1,782.69; Heart City Plumbing & Heating, woodford-super's house, \$71.60; Hometown Lumber, Silicone for planters, art \$146.85; imagine learning summer school curriculum \$150.00; innovative supplies \$3.00; inspire Services - 2 months \$490.04; journeyed, Microsoft Office 360 pro plus x 25 \$605.00; KBR Electric \$3,467.82; KSB School Law, policy update annual fee, \$1,320.00; Modern Farm, Cody School Mower \$90.06; NASB, Denise - membership dues \$50.00; Nasland, Janelle, H.S.A \$313.28; NE Central Equipment, Inc bus repairs (def tank serv repl) \$1,180.76; NE Safety & Fire, repair in Kilgore \$206.00; NE Safety Center, distance learning bus endorsement \$255.00; NK Waste, Trash Service Kilgore \$214.00; Phillips 66, Fuel - State Track \$71.38; Presto-x, pest control, \$119.26; Simple Solutions, Reading Comp 6-7-8 \$800.00; The Math Learning Center, Math Curriculum – Elem \$749.52; Valentine Midland News, publishing \$46.08; Village of Cody, Water/Sewer/Trash \$341.70; Village of Kilgore, Kilgore Water \$79.25; Westover Electric, HS Bathroom and Kitchen Fan repair \$1,053.59; Wex Sinclair, Math trip to Rapid fuel \$61.50; Wieser Educational, Math Curriculum \$71.97; Zaner-Bloser, reading curriculum elementary \$396.60; General Fund Payroll & Benefits \$192,166.91.

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19. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be July 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Cody.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary



# CKUS July School Board Minutes

Cody Kilgore Unified Schools

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting July 10, 2023

Cody High School

1. The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Adam Naslund at 6:39 p.m. Roll call – All members were present. Ryan Orrock, and Denise Farley were also in attendance. President Naslund verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.

2. It was moved by Tim Nollette & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

3. There were no public comments from visitors.

4. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Kilgore Building fixes. The Board approved the claims in the amount of

\$230,170.12 and the minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

5. Discussion followed on the progress of the building project. Cowboy GRIT board met June 14th. The board set up a Cowboy GRIT Gala for August 1st. During this meeting the building project will be discussed as well as the benefit of donating to GRIT. This event will be advertised and they will take 100 guests.

6. Discussion followed on the Mental Health Assessment. After a meeting at ESU this summer our lack of data on the mental health side was identified as a problem. A few options for Mental Health Assessments were provided and after a lot of good discussion it was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Tim Nollette to move forward with the Mosaic Assessment tool, with letters being sent out in the back to school packets explaining that families can either opt in or opt out of the assessment portion of the curriculum, as well as making the questions available to parents for review prior to the assessment. Motion carried 6-0.

7. Discussion followed on Middle School Sports admission cost. We will have 6 games this year that are stand-alone middle school games. As we still have costs to offset with these games it was moved by Tim Nollette and seconded by Landon Miller to charge an admission rate of \$3 per adult and \$1 per student at these standalone middle school games. Motion carried 6-0.

8. It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Shara Ford to approve the following co-sponsor positions; Bailie Mills-Burress FFA co-sponsor, Jodi Arnold speech co-sponsor and Jodi Arnold one act co-sponsor. Motion carried 6-0.

9. It was moved by Landon Miller and seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to offer the 2nd assistant football coaching position to Brye Szakacs. Motion carried 6-0.

10. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Bethany Swendener to adopt the Activity, Student Aid, and Staff handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

11. Discussion on board policies followed. Policy 6038 Artificial Intelligence was put into first reading. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Landon Miller to amend policies 3001, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3033, 3036, 3059, 6003, 6004, and 6025.

Motion carried 6-0.

12. Discussion followed on the Property Tax Authority Certification. There are some changes as to what can be levied for property taxes, and concerns about fluctuations with state aid. More information will be presented at the August board retreat.

13. Discussion followed about scheduling the budget retreat, budget hearing, and special hearing to set special tax requests. It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Landon Miller to have the Budget Retreat August, 28th at 6:30 pm in Cody, the Budget Hearing at 5:30 pm on September 11th and the Special Tax Request meeting at 5:45 pm on September 11th in Cody. Motion carried 6-0.

14. Discussion followed on the soundproofing boards for the gym. CKEA and the Student Council have each offered donations of \$4500 to the project. It was moved by Tim Nollette and seconded by Shannon Ravenscroft to order 4x8 panels for the east and west walls in the color silver neutral, at a cost of \$22,705 before donations. Motion carried 6-0.

15. Discussion followed on updating our Football record boards and creating a new ACT record board. It was moved by Tim Nollette and seconded by Bethany Swendener to pay Landon Miller \$15 per hour to update the football boards and Kristen Fay \$15 per hour to create the ACT board. Motion carried 5-0. Landon Abstained.

16. Discussion followed on intervention/progress monitoring. It was moved by Shannon Ravenscroft and seconded by Bethany Swendener to purchase the iReady program at a cost of \$11,445.60 for grades K-8. Motion carried 6-0.

17. Discussion followed about some things to be fixed in the Kilgore Buildings. The water line is leaking in the northeast corner of the oldest modular building. The paneling will need to be replaced, as well as linoleum in part of the building and new outside doors. It was decided to consider not using the building. The building committee will need to come in a look at the building to decide on a path going forward. Heart City Lock & Key came in and looked at the classroom doors. It will cost about \$1,500 per door to replace the doors that are currently not working. The board gave the authority to replace the doors that need to be replaced.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Orrock shared the monthly NASB video and the updated General Fund finances; Mr. Orrock reported on projects being worked including the high jump surface, bathroom stalls in the locker rooms the gym floor will be done the week of the 17th. Kurt has moved the stairs. Speakers have arrived. The wall in the older cottage in Kilgore has been removed to add more space. Mr. Orrock and Mr. Galvin plan to attend the MNAC meeting July 13th. Mr. Orrock presented the plans for the Tech/Bus committee meetings. We have a bad leak under the older modular in Kilgore, resulting in the school building not having water since June 22nd. Our insurance company, Alicap is working to find someone who can come do the work. We could still have a problem, but insurance will be involved.

18. It was moved by Shara Ford & seconded by Tim Nollette to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims submitted & approved:

ACT, Mosaic Curriculum \$2,250.00; Amazon, Supplies \$1,562.88; April Rhodes, reimb supplies (paint for classroom) \$63.98; Arbor Barber, Tree Trimming \$900.00; Arnold, George, H.S.A \$233.31; Bomgaars, supplies \$1,029.20; Card Member Services, Visa \$548.67; Century Business Products, copiers \$699.69; Cherry Co Clinic, Fee \$28.00; Cody Oil, fuel \$1,315.38; Cody's Husker Hub, Meals - Staff Appreciation/ Interviews \$544.04; Creativetime Solutions, time clock \$33.75; Diversified Drug Testing, Silver Membership \$200.00; Elizabeth Ravenscroft, Deductible Reimb \$525.00; ESU 10 Mid NE Power School Conference \$150.00; ESU 17 Services - 2 months \$10,465.02; Great Plains Communications, Telephone \$513.78; Harris School Solutions, Annual Data Team Support Contract \$4,843.50; Heart City Lock & Key,

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keys \$30.00; Hometown Lumber, Repairs \$5,034; imagine learning, summer school curriculum \$275.00; integrity Network Solutions, Dell Chromebook (Technology class) \$1,101.50, KBR, Electric \$2,589.25; KSB School Law, consent decree \$422.50, Naslund, Janelle, H.S.A \$313.28; NE Council of School Administrators, NCE Conference - Justin \$370.00; NK Waste, Trash Service Kilgore \$214.00; Phillips 66, Fuel - NSNA State Conference \$21.79; Premium Auto Repair, Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance \$6,478.84; Presto-x, pest control \$119.26; Reese Propane & Appliance, Oven Repairs - Superintendent's house \$227.45; True Value, Supplies \$415.22, USPS, Bulk Mailing Permit \$310.00; Valentine Midland News, publishing \$32.47; Village of Cody, Water/Sewer/Trash \$549.51; General Fund Payroll & Benefits \$185,872.30.

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# State Track: CK proves their medal(s)

By CKBeat Staff

CKBeat

It was a banner year for the Cody-Kilgore Track and Field teams. Multiple school records have

fallen, not to mention countless personal bests recorded. The season culminated in three CK athletes qualifying for the NSAA State Track and Field Championships hosted at Omaha Burke High School in Omaha, Nebraska. CK seniors Dylan Naslund and Urte Noreikaite, along with then-junior Aubree Johnson exemplified CK's emphasis on demonstrating respect, integrity, determination, and excellence.

At the state track meet, Johnson, Naslund, and Noreikaite took turns on the podium after securing appearances in the finals of the respective events: Johnson in high jump. Naslund in shot put and discus, and Noreikaite in discus. Johnson qualified in the 200 meter run, but failed to make it out of the preliminary round. In the end, Noreikaite placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in discus, Naslund finished 4<sup>th</sup> in discus and 5<sup>th</sup> shot put, while Johnson rounded up the CK medal count with 6<sup>th</sup> in the high jump.

Johnson, Naslund, and Noreikaite all set school records in their respective events: Johnson in the high jump with a mark of 5'1"; Naslund set two records for shot put and discus with throws of 52'9.5" in shot put and 153'8" in discus. Noreikaite also set two

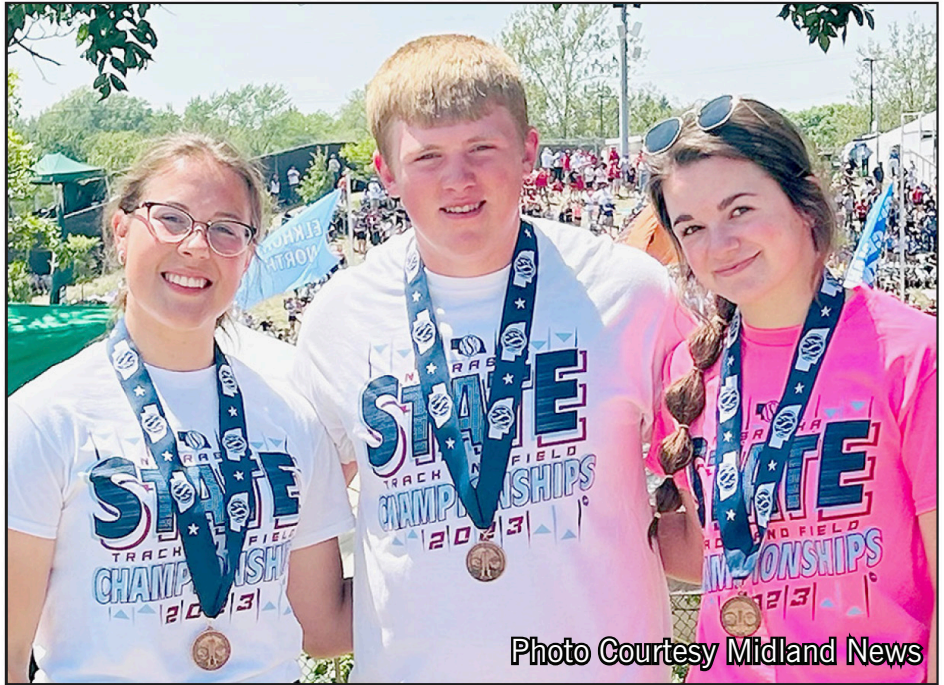


Photo Courtesy Midland News

Urte Noreikaite (left), Dylan Naslund (center) and Aubree Johnson (right) represented Cody-Kilgore at the 2023 NSAA State Track Meet in Class D and brought home four medals in five events.

school records in shot put and discus with throws of 35'5" in shot put and 126'9" in discus. It should also be mentioned that then-CK 7th-grader Lilly Ravenscroft set the Cody-Kilgore junior high record in the 1600 meter race with a time of 5:43.81. All in all, first year Head Coach Ashley Blume certainly had a breakout debut.

## CK State Track Qualifiers flex on Class D



Former CK Exchange student Urte Noreikaite flexes on the Nebraska Class D discus competition at the NSAA State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke in Omaha, Nebraska.

CK senior Aubree Johnson jumps her way to a 6th-place finish in the Nebraska Class D Girls high jump competition during the NSAA State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke in Omaha, Nebraska



CK Graduate and then-senior Dylan Naslund on the podium collecting his 5th-place medal in shot put. Naslund also finished in 4th-place in discus. After shaking up the CK record book, Naslund concluded his illustrious track and field career with the school record in the shot put and discus. Along the way, he collected a seeming mountain of medals and was an integral part of the track and field team.

# Cowboys Wallop Wallace Wildcats

By Trey Hand

CKBeat

The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys football team on Friday, August 25, 2023, began their quest

for the NSAA Six-Man Championship against the Wallace Wildcats in Wallace, Nebraska.

Luckily for the Cowboys, the scoring came early and often. During their initial possession, Cody-Kilgore Senior, Jacob Knox galloped 30 yards to set up the Cowboys deep in Wallace territory. The ensuing play, Cody-Kilgore Junior, Jasper Roseberry punctuated Knox's run with a touchdown. CK Senior Dom Fresquez added the two-point conversion kick to build an 8-0 lead over the Wildcats.

The quick score allowed the Cowboys to set the tone defensively, when they forced a turnover on downs during Wallace's initial offensive series.

Following Wallace's punt, the Cowboys picked up where they left off on their previous scoring drive. Jacob Knox toted the rock 40 yards to add another quick score to Cody-Kilgore's total. The conversion kick failed, but the Cowboys extended their lead to 14-0.

Wallace attempted to regain some offensive momentum by driving the ball into Cowboy territory, but they stalled out at the 15 yard line. The Cowboy defense forced another turnover on downs, setting up yet another scoring drive orchestrated by Roseberry.

By halftime, the Cowboys amassed a 42-6 lead, which triggered the running clock rule in the second half. A shortened game resulted in a Cowboy victory against the Wildcats 64-14.

The Cowboys rolled up 411 yards of offensive, while the defense



Photo Courtesy Shontell Smiles

CK senior, Cooper Fay ready to set a block to spring CK junior, Jasper Roseberry for a big gain during football action in Wallace, Nebraska. The Cowboys won 64-14.

snagged three turnovers led by Drew Farrell, Jacob Knox, and Cody-Kilgore Junior Brady Skinner.

Next up for the Cowboys is the Six-Man game of the week pitting Cody-Kilgore against the Arthur County Wolves. The Top-10 contest will be a solid indicator of success for the rest of the season for the winning team. Kickoff against is 1PM MT September 1, 2023 at Cody Field.

## Upcoming CK athletic events

### Volleyball

- Sept 1 CK vs Arthur Co.
- Sept 8 Ck vs Stuart
- Sept 9 Tournament @ Bridgeport
- Sept 12 Triangular @ Hay Springs
- Sept 14 Triangular @ Cody
- Sept 16 Tournament @ NPCC
- Sept 19 CK vs Bennet Co
- Sept 22 CK vs Minatare
- Sept 26th Triangular @ Valentine
- Sept 29 CK vs Crawford @ Crawford
- Sept 30 Triangular @ Sargent
- Oct 6 CK vs Sioux Co. (Homecoming)
- Oct 17 Triangular @ Crawford
- Oct 23-24 Subdistricts @ TBA
- Oct 28 District Finals @ TBA
- Nov 1-5 State Championship @ Lincoln



Photo courtesy Liz Ravenscroft

### Football

- Sept 1 CK vs Arthur Co. @ Cody
- Sept 8th CK vs Stuart @ Cody
- Sept 15 CK vs Santee @ Santee
- Sept 22 CK vs Minatare @ Cody
- Sept 29 CK vs Crawford @ Crawford
- Oct 6 CK vs Sioux Co. (Homecoming) @ Cody
- Oct 19 CK vs Hay Springs @ Hay Springs
- Oct 27 D6 Quarter First Round @ TBA
- Nov 3 D6 Quarter Final Playoff @ TBA
- Nov 10 D6 Semi Final Playoff @ TBA



Photo Courtesy Shontell's Smiles

# ADVENTURES WITH AUBREE: TETON TERRORS

By Aubree Johnson

CKBeat

This summer, my sister and I decided to tackle the 11-hour drive all the way to the other side of Wyoming to see family. Luckily, my family chose the best place to live, right by the Grand Tetons! Seeing the Tetons in person has always been my dream, and I've always found them to be breathtaking even just in pictures.

The drive there wasn't the best thing I've ever experienced... I ended up driving the whole 656 while Addi slept. She's great company. Unfortunately, we left a little later than we hoped to, so we only saw the flat and boring part of Wyoming before it got dark. I drove right past the Tetons, and I couldn't even see them.

While I was there, my cousins took us on so many fun hikes! We went to Valley Viewpoint, Swift Creek, Cottonwood Lake, and Intermittent Spring before the Tetons. My favorite hike was Swift Creek. The water is the prettiest shade of blue, and it's so clear. It's also freezing cold but so refreshing. If you get the chance, always take a dip! On the whole hike, we were surrounded by enormous rock faces. The way they jut out and in and the visible layers of rock was a sight to see. They made me feel so insignificant and tiny like a little ant. If you ever get the chance, go! It's such a gorgeous hike.

The highlight of the trip was 100 percent seeing the Grand Tetons. Wow, it was just so surreal to be there! On our way there, we got to drive through downtown Jackson Hole and saw the famous Million Dollar Cowboy Bar and all of the other cute shops! Luckily the drive was only an hour, so we had almost all day to explore the park.

Our first stop was the Chapel of the Transfiguration which is the cutest little log cabin church that has the iconic buck and rail fence surrounding it. It even has a matching arch and walkway leading up to the church. The view from here is absolutely incredible. The Grand Tetons are the most perfect backdrop for this church and the contrast between the two makes them both stand out beautifully on their own. The gorgeous hues of yellows and purples from the wildflowers and the greens from the shrubs, grasses, and trees make this scene feel like a painting. When you step into the church, there are intricate stained glass windows in the entrance. But the best part is the large window behind the altar that looks as if it's almost a poster of the Tetons on the wall. The church is a little dark inside, so the bright and beautiful mountain range pops. It's one of the coolest views I have ever seen!

After exploring the church, we decided to stop at Jenny Lake and go paddle boarding. I think this is one of the prettiest places I have ever been to, but I feel like anywhere in this park is breathtaking. The water is crystal clear and is a gorgeous shade of blue, but also extremely cold. While we were



Photo Courtesy Aubree Johnson

CK Senior, Aubree Johnson takes in the majestic Tetons during her senior photo shoot.

paddle boarding, it was fun to see all of the fish swimming under us! The lake is close to the foot of the mountains, and it was breathtaking seeing them so close. I couldn't take my eyes off of them! It was just so serene and calm. Words cannot even come close to describing the view. Really is a bucket list place!

Next stop, T.A. Moulton Barn. It's a weird name, but I can almost guarantee that you have seen this barn in numerous pictures. This is where I got to take my pictures. After frantically getting ready in the bathroom of a Maverick's gas station, we were on our way back to the park to take pictures! The sun was hitting the Tetons beautifully, and there was almost a haze to the mountains. The barn was the absolute perfect spot for pictures and there was a whole pasture behind it to experiment with! This spot was the best place to see the mountain range as a whole, and was just so stunning!



Photo Courtesy Aubree Johnson

# Concert of the Era: AKA Taylor Swift is life

By Kate Cox

CKBeat

On July  
14, 2023,  
my

mom Maggie, Cadence's mom Tiffany, Cadence Swanson, and I traveled to Denver, CO for the Taylor Swift concert the following day. We stayed in an airbnb that night and were up bright and early to get all our shopping done before the concert. Cadence and I both had many outfit choices but didn't love any of them. We finally ended up buying our favorite outfit choices the day of and wore them that night. We arrived back at our airbnb around 12:30 p.m. to start getting ready. Maggie found a party bus to get onto so that we wouldn't have to drive in the extremely crazy traffic. The Taylor Swift concert and a Yankees game against the Rockies were on that day so the traffic was extra hectic. We had to be dressed and ready to go by 2:30 p.m. even though the concert didn't start until 7. The bus that we took to the concert arrived at the stadium around 6 p.m. We found our seats which were pretty decent. We were on the third level but center with the stage. Cadence and I sent our parents to get merchandise and food. Tiffany waited in the merchandise line about an hour before she arrived back just in time to see Taylor's entrance. I can say that the entire experience was so surreal and the energy in the stadium was amazing. Everyone was so nice and welcoming. One of the best trends that people created for the Eras Tour is making friendship bracelets to trade with all the other thousands of people there. This was our ten year anniversary of seeing Taylor Swift in concert for the first time, which was her Red tour. Cadence and I can both say that it was amazing and entertaining. I can't wait for her next tour or I might even travel abroad to see her in concert in London. One can never get enough of Taylor Swift.



Photo Courtesy Kate Cox

CK Junior, Kate Cox and her mom take an in-flight selfie before attending Taylor Swift's Eras concert in Denver, CO.



Photo Courtesy Kate Cox

CK Junior, Kate Cox and friends rockin' their friendship bracelets at Taylor Swift's Eras concert in Denver, CO.

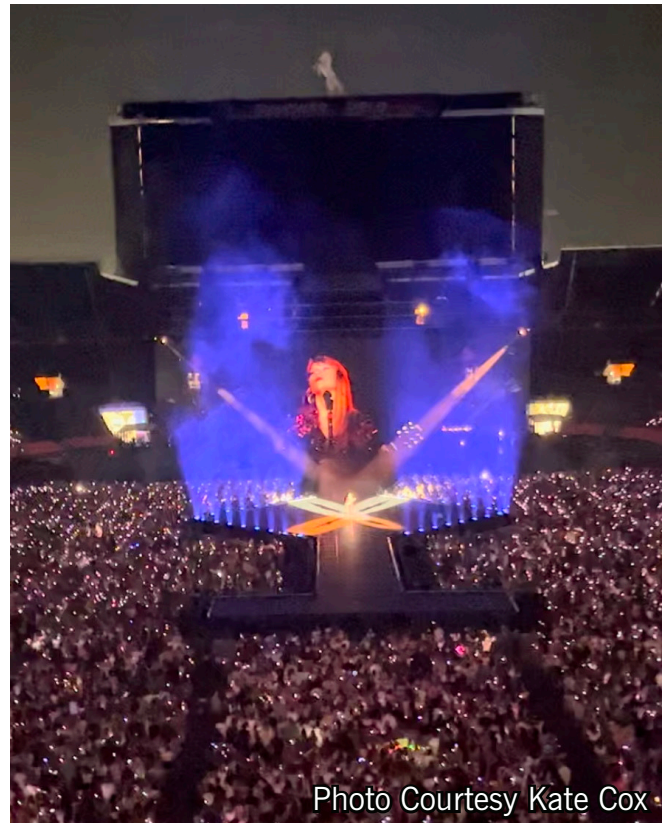


Photo Courtesy Kate Cox

Taylor Swift in action on stage in Denver, CO. CK Junior, Kate Cox captured this shot while TSwift played all the jams.

# C&C Rodeo Factory: HS National Finalists

Based on their season and finals performance Cooper Fay and Cash Cooper qualified for the High School National Finals in Gillette, Wyoming. Cooper qualified in Saddle Bronc and Cash qualified in Light Rifle.



Photo Courtesy Kristin Fay



# Four CK Cowboys make NE HS State Rodeo Finals

Four Cody-Kilgore high school students qualified for the Nebraska High School State Finals Rodeo in June. In order to qualify, competitors must be ranked in the top 30 of their respective events. C-K students who qualified were:

- Cooper Fay - Saddle Bronc, Team Roping
- Blake Lancaster - Team Roping
- Hesston Fay - Team Roping
- Cash Cooper - Cutting



Photo Courtesy Kristin Fay





# Chuckin' and Duckin' CK Rodeo

By Drew Farrell

CKBeat

I went to Rapid City this summer and roped in the NTR. My family and I always go over the fourth of July. There are a whole bunch of different numbered ropings over the weekend. I decided to get in higher numbered roping than I normally would and it paid off. The ropings are a pick one, draw one or draw two steers. My first run in the first round didn't go as planned. The second run in the first round my heeler and I had a clean time. Coming back in the second round I only had one shot at winning money. I played it smart and my heeler



Photo courtesy of Karla Laursen

and I had another smooth run. This was a three head roping so the short round was on the third steer. My heeler, Clay, and I had to wait and see what callback we were coming back as. There were 30 teams that came back to the short round. Clay and I were 23rd high call. I have always been told to go make a clean run no matter what place you are sitting. Clay and I came out in the short go and had a seven second run. After that, it was a waiting game. We stayed in the lead for a few runs then we got bumped down a few times. We ended up eighth in the roping and won \$650. That night, I felt so accomplished but I knew the next day was going to be even better. I drew a guy from Whitewood, South Dakota in the 8.5 roping. This roping was also a three head. Cason was my heeler's name and we had two clean runs in the first two rounds. Coming in to the short go, we were third high call. I was a nervous wreck going into the short round. All I had to do was get a clean time and I would win big. Some teams before us went out and had no times. This made me even more nervous. When it was our time to go, I cleared my head and did my job. Cason did his job on the heel side and we were sitting first with two teams to go. Second high call team went out and missed. One team to go and I was on top of the world. The high call team missed their steer too.

Cason and I ended up winning the roping and \$3250 a piece. The weekend treated me well and I walked out of Rapid winning \$3900 while clearing \$2400. I am looking forward to next summer, that's for sure.



Photo courtesy of Karla Laursen

# Sterkel Buckle Bonanza

By CKBeat Staff

CKBeat

Cody-Kilgore 8th grader Mikena Sterkel continued to pad her rodeo resume during the summer season in the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo division. She won multiple buckles in Goat Tying, Break-



Photo Courtesy Raychel Sterkel

away, and Pole Bending. Her efforts resulted in a National Junior High Rodeo Finals appearance.



Photo Courtesy Raychel Sterkel

# Schied Brothers Exemplify CK Excellence, Heroism

By CKBeat Staff

CKBeat

Cody-Kilgore students and brothers, Traper and Chase Schied have quite a reputation in the northern Sandhills, and their heroism is becoming something of a legend for their efforts to provide life-saving medicine to a young child in need. All they had to do is navigate through a horrific blizzard and monstrous snow drifts while surviving bone-chilling temperatures to eventually save the day and make the return trip home down Glory Road. Their unwavering bravery and sense of community saved a young CK student suffering from Scarlet Fever. The aftermath of their deed has resulted in a veritable heaping of accolades. Despite their new-found celebrity status as heroes, the Schied boys remain grounded in humility.

“Someone needed help, so we helped,” Traper quipped as he summarized his adventure in a way that only Tom Osborne could top, in terms of stoicism. When asked about all the media attention, both Traper, a CK junior, and Chase, a CK 7th-grader, thought it was cool, but they both stressed that they didn’t understand because, as they said, in the Sandhills, people rely on each other. “Our neighbors needed help, so it wasn’t a hard decision to make,” Traper said.

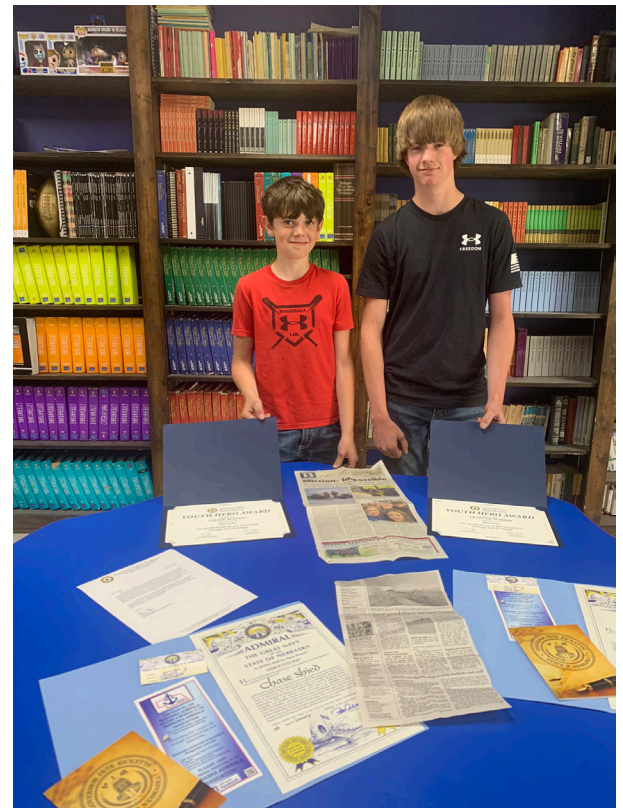
The decision to help may have been easy to make, but the trip was arduous. The boys had to travel 10 miles as the crow flies, which isn’t usually an issue. The problem that complicated the situation was an historic blizzard that stretched an easygoing ride next door to about 30 minutes of navigating through whiteout conditions. When asked how they made it through the storm, Traper acknowledged his phone helped, but he also used area landmarks to help guide the two of them to their destination. “We used my phone, but we also kept a lookout for trees and fences and stuff,” Traper said.

During the annual Cody-Kilgore Awards Night in May, Traper and Chase were both recognized by the American Legion Auxiliary when Jean Vackiner presented the brothers with the American Legion Youth Hero Award.

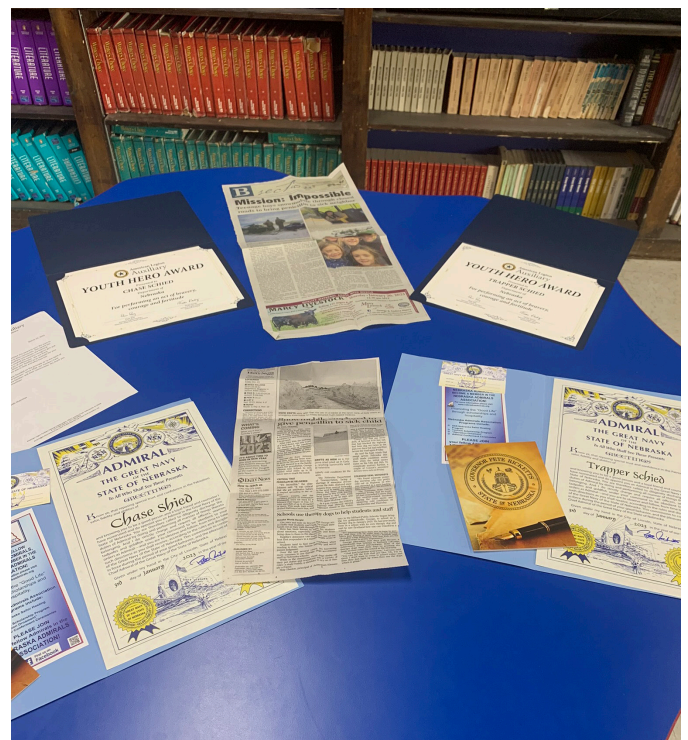
Not to be outdone, former Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts added a special honor of recognition for their valorous deeds: he commissioned Traper and Chase as Admirals in the Nebraska Navy. True to form, the boys appreciated the attention, but downplayed their heroic status. “It’s cool because some people don’t get it (awards). It’s a little too much for what we did.”

When asked if their were heroes, they were hesitant to respond. After some prompting (ok, pleading) Traper replied, “No, not really, because we didn’t do anything heroic. Adam needed help. We had snowmobiles, and Adam had a sick girl, so we did what we could.”

When asked to summarize the whole affair, Chase said with a wry smile, “It was fun.”



CK Junior Traper Schied, and his brother, CK 7th Grader show off their accolades in recognition of their actions. Pictured on the table are several awards and certifications recognizing Traper and Chase for their bravery. A close-up below showcases two official proclamations from former Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts, as well as an impressive spread in the Tri-State Livestock News. Traper also wanted to point out they declined an offer to fly out to New York to receive an award, but, as he said, he had more important things to do on the ranch.



# Rebirth of optimism with rebuilt road

By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

If last winter and spring didn't challenge your sense of integrity and determination, I'm not sure much else will. For the humble owners of the Rafter AL ranch, three miles of "road" personified that challenge, which presented a unique and humbling experience with each trip down the trail. In the heat of the frustration and demoralization, it was easy to lose sight of the lesson accumulating around us those six agonizing months.

Must I remind you that I'm from what Eastern Nebraska calls civilization, and markers of said polite society usually include creature comforts like pavement? It's safe to say I've had a steep learning curve. Case in point: Nollett (yes, no 'e') Road, colloquially known as the Big Muddy (ok, we call it something else, but that's not fit for print).

Nollett Road makes minimum maintenance trails look like the Autobahn. The Big Muddy in its best condition still has enough quirks to make any trip an adventure. Mrs. Arnold and I should own stock in Pit Stall, or at least franchise one for all of the flat tires and cracked wheels we've financed.

All horror stories aside, last winter proved to be a leviathan even seasoned Lakeview residents couldn't have anticipated. In the aftermath of the Blizzard of '22 (I prefer the more hyperbolic Bomb

Cyclone) Big Muddy was so ravaged and drifted, Governor Kristi Noem activated the South Dakota National Guard to clear the road - with dynamite. At the peak of the storm, 30' drifts buried our hamlet. We didn't move for three weeks. It seemed hopeless. Imagine being so demoralized on a Snow Day that going to work sounds like a vacation!

The ensuing weeks and months unfolded like a comedy of errors. When the road finally cleared, the thaw destroyed what structural integrity remained of the Big Muddy. At one point, five of our vehicles were out of commission. I joked, at the time, that Mrs. Arnold and I were one storm away from taking a donkey cart to school.

Thousands of dollars, and two "we're stuck and can't make it to work" days later, I can't help but notice the lesson taught during such a stressful season. Big Muddy was so bad, it could only get better. The rough times in life, though traumatic, can teach us about ourselves. In the face of adversity, as I prepared for each white-knuckle experience down our road, I realized the snow is always deepest before the thaw. The mud is muddiest before the drought. It's not the destination. It's the journey, and now that our road is rebuilt, Big Muddy is no more. Gone is the Highway to Hell because now I'm blasting my own Dirt Road Anthem.



## Mullet Musings with Jimmy

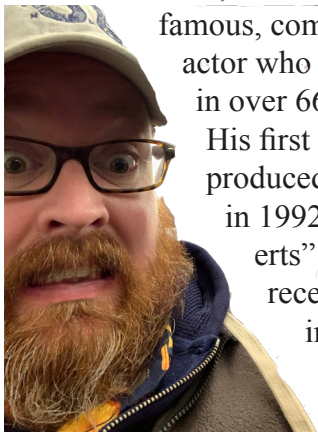
My mother always used to say:  
The older you get, the better you  
get, unless you're a banana.



## Enquiring minds want to know: is Mr. Arnold, Jack black?

By Maxwell Prewitt

CKBeat



In this article I will review why I believe the English teacher for Cody-Kilgore High School, Mr. Arnold, is the famous, comedian and actor who has been in over 66 movies.

His first movie was produced and aired in 1992 "Bob Roberts" and his most recent voice over in "The Super Mario Bros" film. Jack Black is

an accomplished actor, he is also an accomplished musician in a group called "Tenacious D" with their first song in 2001 being "Tribute" and their latest being "Kickapoo." English teacher Mr. Arnold is a favored teacher by many students and one of my personal favorites. While



being a good educator, he at times seems to be, almost fanatic or crazy, shouting and yelling, maybe even yodeling about odd things. At the same time, he is making a pretty decent and easy to understand point in the long run. Wearing odd items of attire, parading the school in a rather short, billowy silken cape and wearing vibrant shirts of Macho Man Randy Savage candidly sitting at the beach, Mr. Arnold is well known for his strange and unique ensemble. He is also renowned in his strange behavior, adding unconventional twist

to his words and even using made up words like "jabroni" or playing music that no great myriad of people would ever want or wish to listen to on any normal occasion. While Mr. Arnold is his own unrepeatable human, I believe he may have an alter ego, one of the esteemed Jack Black! If a person has ever happened to overhear or listen to one of Jack Black's songs or feasted one's eyes on a film with Jack Black in it, they might notice Jack's unique behavior and reflect and imagine that he only behaves this way because he is paid to do so. However, after witnessing his Youtube that lets people into his own personal life, you would notice that he strange all of the time, the same way Mr. Arnold acts at school! They share the same epic beard and even more epic proportions and Mr. Arnold can miraculously sing every song of Tenacious D without skipping a beat!

## Drew's Rulz: Add one more class period and shorten the school day for more variety and opportunities

By Drew Farrell

CKBeat

In my opinion, I think Cody-Kilgore should shorten their class periods so we can get out of school earlier.

It wouldn't have to be a big time

adjustment. Just imagine getting out of school 30 minutes earlier. Also, I think another option would be having eight periods with 45-minute class periods. The days are long enough as it is, and I think it would help the students get through the day if they knew the day was shorter. If students are in sports, they get out of practice a 6:00 p.m. From there, they have to travel up to an hour just to get home. That's just the start. They still have to eat and do other things (homework) when they get home. Late nights and a mountain of homework add up to long day, and it can get really tiring. I wouldn't mind getting out of school at 3:30 p.m. with the compromise of going

to school on Fridays. Thirty minutes many not seem like a lot, but when it comes to sleep, a half-hour extra sleep is noticeable. I know this opinion isn't going to get anywhere, but it is worth a thought. All of our friends from other schools get out around 3:00 p.m., it's only fair that Cody-Kilgore follows suit, right?

\*\*\*Update: I just spoke to Agatha, the senior exchange student, and she said they go to school on Saturday. After careful consideration, maybe my idea to mess with the school schedule is a bad idea. School on a Saturday? Get outta heah!



# CK FFA gearing up for another year of Ag-focused education

By Jakelyn Calkins

FFA Secretary / CKBeat

Hello CKUS! As summer comes to an end and the school year approaches,

I'd like to bring everyone's attention to the Cody-Kilgore FFA chapter! We look forward to starting off the school year with our annual FFA Kickoff. The kickoff brings attention to our chapter by enjoying cornhole, signing up for future contests, and meeting new people. We have numerous new additions and plans to put forth this year. Cody-Kilgore FFA invites the community to join us in all of our fundraisers and fun activities! With a newly elected set of chapter officers and some new members, we plan to bring great achievements to the community and our chapter this year! Have a wonderful school year everyone!



## 2023-2024 CK FFA Officers

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 Historian Carson Lancaster  
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## *Ms. Bailie tabbed as assistant FFA Sponsor for the 2023-2024 School Year*

By CKBeat Staff

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Mr. Nollette is getting a little help from new assistant FFA Sponsor, Ms. Bailie for the 2023-

2024 school year. With this addition, Mr. Nollette will benefit from Ms. Bailie's unwavering support for Ag-Education and her infectious optimism. Both Mr. Nollette and Ms. Bailie are ready to get students in a position to succeed in a variety of FFA areas of focus, from public speaking to range and livestock judging.

Ms. Bailie will also help provide assistance and supervision. With an activity as popular as FFA at Cody-Kilgore, Mr. Nollette, and CK Administration felt it was in the best interest for the students and CK FFA to add an extra sponsor to help bolster the success and prominence of Ag-Ed at Cody-Kilgore.



## Upcoming CK FFA Events:

Sept. 6th Range Judging Clinic @ Valentine  
 Sept. 20th Area Range Judging Contest @ Valentine  
 Sept. 16-27th FFA State Range Judging @ Crete  
 Oct. 4 th Livestock Judging Clinic @ Valentine  
 Oct 11th District Livestock Judging @ NCTA, plus  
 Farm and Ranch Agronomy



## HEADLINES FROM A BYGONE ERA

This 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.

### CK Gridiron Glory

1970 - The football team completed their first undefeated season in their football history. The Cowboys scored a total of 296 points to their opponents 50 points.

1972 - The football team had their second undefeated season in three years. They averaged 38 points to the opponents 7 points.

1974 - The football team played their first 11-man game in the history of Cody-Kilgore.

### Commercial Hotel/Diamond X

In 1903 I.C. Stotts announced he would build a hotel in Cody on the north side of Nebraska Street, facing south to the Spark Bros. general store. He figured the cost would be \$3,000 for a 30'x70', 2-story building. The name would be the Commercial Hotel and would include a restaurant. Stotts paid \$150 for the lot in 1904.

Due to a shortage of help in 1909 the Commercial was closed for a while. It would be interesting to know if there really was a shortage of help or a management/employee problem.

The Commercial Hotel became less of a hotel and more of a cafe during the 30s. The name changed to the Diamond X Cafe with a billiard hall in the building. There is a high probability of illegal activities in the "unused" hotel rooms.

The owner, Jack Stotts, had the cafe interior decorated with 130 paintings of cattle with brands and ranch name.

Before the building was demolished, ranchers were able to attempt to remove their brand painting from the lath and plaster walls.

Jack brought in a cook/gambler for the Diamond X. Tommy Miyao came to the United States from Hiroshima, Japan around 1906. Tommy always had a pot of chicken soup on the stove and cooked aged steaks to perfection.

Tommy was a cook, a gambler, and a drinker. The drinking caused his death. He always had a shot of whiskey and chaser



An undated photo depicts the Cody Commercial Hotel and Diamond X Cafe.

in the morning at Stotts' Drugstore. That fateful day the cleaning lady had sat a glass of ammonia water on the counter and he drank that as a chaser. After several days in the hospital he died, January 21, 1963. He is buried in Cody's Prairie Lawn Cemetery.

The Diamond X was torn down in the 70's.



Interior shot of the Diamond X Cafe in Cody. Note the area brands featured.