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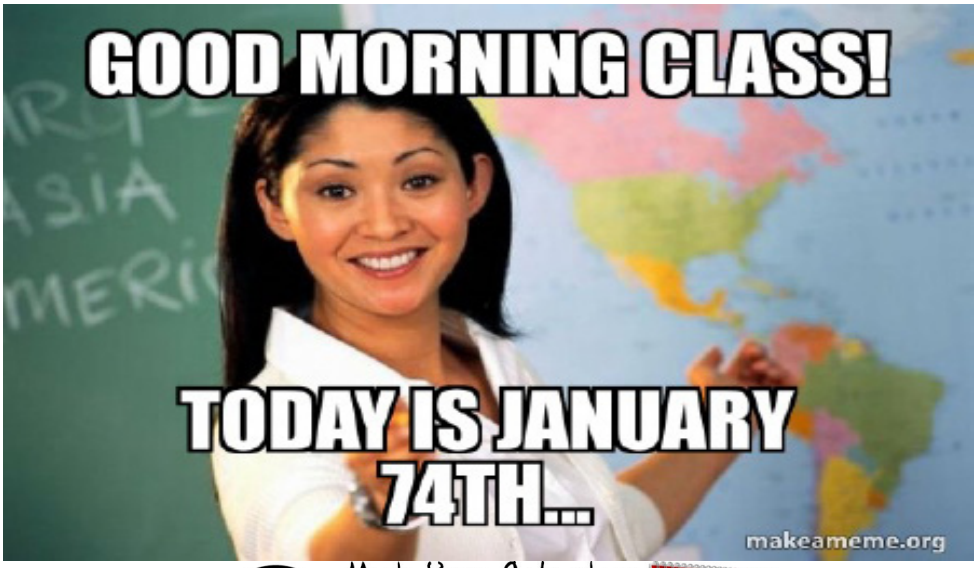

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January 27 HS BB v. Hemingford
January 28th FFA Districts CDE #1 @ North Platte
January 31st HS BB v. Hyannis
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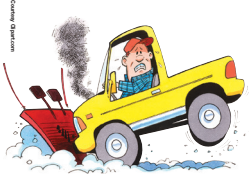
February 6th HS BB @ Crawford
February 7th HS BB v. Minatare

If you could name a Nebraska Department of Roads Snowplow, what would you name it?



CK Q&A:

"Best Snow Plow." -Nathan Burchfield, 6th Grade

"Snow Man." - Elizabeth Thompson, 7th Grade

"Snow Plow III Jr." - Will Cox, 8th Grade

"Pop Tarts." - Peyton, 9th Grade

"Snow Plow." - Jocelyn Besco, 10th Grade

"Flake Fighter." - Dawson Fleagle, 11th Grade

"Olaf." - Josh Calendacion, 12th Grade

"Snow Blaster." - Miss Mary Kay, Special Education Teacher





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CODY-KILGORE UNIFIED SCHOOLS



By Mr. Ryan Orrock

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January 31, 2026

Dear Cody-Kilgore Parents and Guardians,

Cody-Kilgore families I hope everyone is doing well as we approach the upcoming holidays. I wanted to bring your attention to the recent increase in illnesses within our school community, ranging from coughs and fevers to colds and other sicknesses. Due to the sickness we have implemented necessary precautions, including thorough cleaning and ensuring that our staff has the resources needed to maintain a clean environment.

In consultation with the North Central District Health Department, we have established guidelines to address instances where students have symptoms of illness. I would like to share these recommendations with you:

Fever: If a student has a temperature exceeding 100 degrees while at school, they will be sent home. The student must remain fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school. This process will apply to all students from PK-12.
Vomiting or Diarrhea:
Elementary Students: Students experiencing these symptoms, whether at school or at home, should stay home for 48 hours. This precaution is due to the limited handwashing practices typically observed by PK-5 students.
Students in Grades 6-12: Those in higher grades with the same symptoms can return after 24 hours.
Coughing: If any student, regardless of grade level, has a persistent cough that significantly disrupts the class, they will be sent home. They can return after 24 hours if the cough has subsided.
While our primary goal is to maintain in-person learning, it is crucial to prioritize the health and well-being of our students and staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following these guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ryan Orrock

Superintendent of Schools

Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools

Mrs. Arnold's Musical Musings



By Mrs. Arnold

CK Beat

January is the month of Honor Choir events! Every year the Nebraska Choral Director's Association hosts two incredible events aimed to provide opportunities for young singers to gather and make music together. Each year the two events, Sing Around Nebraska and Singing Youth of Nebraska rotate with one being a festival and one being an Honor Choir.

This year both of those events fell in January. This year's festival event was Sing Around Nebraska, for fourth-sixth grade students. The "festival" rotation means singers were nominated by their instructors and meet at various spots around the state to rehearse and perform the same five songs across the state. This year ten students were nominated to attend the festival in Ainsworth on January 17. Those students were Audrey Nollette (4), Zander Barnes (5), Bristol Ford (5), Rowan Moreland (5), Lyla Orrock (5), Ira Swendener (5), Brooklyn Nollette (6), Leadie Robinson (6), M'elaiya Schmit (6), and Grace Simmons (6). We had a wonderful time rehearsing in the evenings leading up to the event and they sounded lovely with singers from Ainsworth and Sandhills Public School.

This was the year for Singing Youth of Nebraska (7th-9th grade students) to be in the honor choir rotation. We had a few students audition in the fall and Gunner Ford was selected for the choir. This event will take place in Hastings on Saturday, January 30. Gunner is currently learning five songs in preparation for the rehearsals and concert later this month. Gunner also recently stepped out, solo, and performed The National Anthem at a basketball game. He has been utilizing his lovely voice to represent Cody-Kilgore well and it is wonderful to see him willing to share his talents!

The high schoolers will also have an opportunity to meet with students from across Nebraska at the UNK Honor Festival. Each year UNK hosts a day for Honor Choirs and Bands, selecting students by audition for their 5 ensembles. Kynzee (12), Madysen (11), and Addysen (11) all auditioned this past fall and were all selected to sing in the Treble Honor Choir. They are learning music for that event which will take place on January 26, 2026.

When Honor Choir month (as I have been calling it) wraps up we will be turning our full efforts toward contest season and then the spring concert. We have lots of great music making ahead of us and we can't wait to share it with all of you soon!







CK One-Act Presents: The Necklace

This year, the small, but mighty drama jocks put together a solid production of Guy de Maupassant's masterpiece, "The Necklace." The group competed in two contests: the Panhandle Conference One-Act Festival, and the D2-5 District Contest.

At the PANCO One-Act Festival, Cody-Kilgore finished in fourth place. Three student-actors received recognition for outstanding performances: CK senior Makynna Tucker, CK junior Logan Hendrix, and CK sophomore Aubryanna Schmit. Overall, the cast and crew found the experience encouraging, as the hard work and long hours proved worth the effort. Finishing in the top four also motivated the team to focus for the upcoming district contest in Thedford, Nebraska.

Going into the D2-5 district contest, the CK Drama Jocks knew they were facing a tall order. The level of competition jumped significantly from the conference contest. In the end, Cody-Kilgore put on a great show, but finished in sixth-place. For perspective, Arnold High School, the eventual district champion was at that time the three-time defending state champions. They would go on to finish as D2 State Runners-up. Overall, the contest was a meat grinder. The silver lining for Cody-Kilgore came as the entire cast received recognition for outstanding performances: CK seniors Makynna Tucker, Kynzee McConaughey, sophomores Logan Hendrix, and Aubryanna Schmit.

To close out the competitive drama season, the team performed a public performance for the public in conjunction with the winter music program. The performance was a hit, so the cast and crew ended the season with the ultimate goal of putting on a good show, while having a good time. Seniors Makynna Tucker and Kynzee McConaughey will be missed, and their dedication to the CK Drama program will not be forgotten. Underclassmen Logan Hendrix and Aubryanna Schmit look to build for the future and take CK Drama to new heights with their remaining years of eligibility.





Top-10 Husker Horrors in my lifetime



By Mr. Arnold

CKBeat

1996 Arizona State
Weird things happen in the desert, but the defending National Champions shut out by a team they dispatched by 49 points the previous year was a bit of a stretch.

Texas 2009
I could add several Texas-Nebraska games to this list, but I settled on this debacle. It was the "Redout Around the World" game, which was supposed to be revenge for the infamous Big 12 Championship loss the previous year. In reality, the revenge fell short, and the Longhorns served a heaping plate of humble pie to the Skers.

BYU 2015
BYU is the dirtiest football team I have ever witnessed. Couple that with a last second successful Hail Mary, and you have a recipe for Big Red indigestion.

Northwestern (Ireland)
For whatever reason, the Wildcats always have DONU's number. Northwestern is a good school, so I suppose it would make sense that their team is full of smart guys. This game was more of a farce than anything. Frost's Folly led to his eventual sacking. I'm just glad I didn't have to cross the pond for yet another Husker Heartbreak.

OSU 2016
This game was bittersweet. On the one hand, it featured a Top-10 matchup, which ended in an embarrassing blowout on national television (again), yet this loss also served as the catalyst for the end of the Mike Riley era, which proves there is a silver lining in every cloud.

Wisconsin B10 championship game
While this game ended in a yet another lopsided loss for Nebraska, I can't help but reminisce on the night with fond memories of my father. Yes, it was a tense watch, and my dad added to the stress by obsessively checking the cook on the prime rib he decided to start roasting about midway through the game. In the end, I swallowed the agony of defeat between mouthfuls of delicious prime rib -- imagine eating a full meal at midnight, because refusing to do so would've been an even bigger tragedy than a Cornhusker loss.

Colorado 2001
If I could point to a game that forever changed the course of Nebraska football, it would be this disaster of a loss to the dreaded Buffaloes. The Blackshirts looked lost, and the offense had no option. Miraculously, in a spell cast by the BCS Borg during a wacky weekend of college football, Nebraska still wound up playing for the National Title.

Texas Tech 2004
70-10. Bill Callahan, enough said.

Kansas State 1998
I'm from SeNE, so proximity to the 'Mildcats' of Manhattan affects me more than most Sandhillers. KSU only "won" this game because of a horrific and near-decapitation no-call face mask to Eric Crouch.

Florida State 1993
Let's be honest, the better team did not win this game. FSU fumbled, and Toby Wright rightfully recovered the ball. Questionable one-sided officiating flummoxed Tom Osborne when he famously said, "We felt like we beat Florida State, but the officials took a lot of things away from us." Let's just say Tom got it right in 1994.

Elementary Recognizes First Semester Perfect Attendance



Pictured R-L (Front Row): Evy Robinson, Sloan Johnson, Parker Miller, and KoraLee Clyde. (Back Row): Lyla Orrock, Brekyn Ford, and Ethan Thompson.

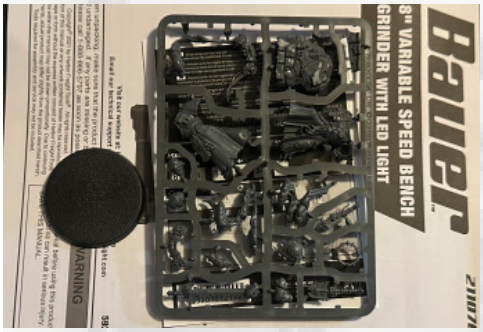


Pictured R-L (Front Row): Alivia Burress, Grady Rahn, Juliana Fairhead, Ryzen Heath, and Emersyn Orrock. (Back Row): Myah Burress, Leo Herrera, Elias Thompson, and Edwin Thompson

How to build a 40K miniature

By Tyson Hill

CKBeat



First, you gotta take the miniature out of the box and stare at the tiny little pieces on the sprues. All you really need to do at the stage is look for the pieces, so you can decide the order you want to assemble it in. I personally go: torso, legs, arms, weapons, assault pack and then head, but some people do it differently, and people paint then glue, so it is really just up to personal preference.



After about 20 minutes of cutting and gluing, he should look roughly like this: together but gray and sad like there's something missing and that's because there is. Asmodai is not yet painted. He does not even have a coat of primer on yet, so one has to fix that. Personally, I do a thin coat of primer and let it rest 12 hours before I paint, but I have met people who do not prime or do not even paint their models. Like everything in the Warhammer hobby, it is up to you to decide how you want to do it.



I did not take a photo of him while he was only primed, but I did take one after I had barely started the paint job. Notice how he is better defined and prouder than when he was merely gray. This was just the first coat, but he looks a lot better than he did gray.



Now look at him after I painted him. He's so proud and pretty and only took an hour because these minis are super small and have a lot of tiny details in them. Asmodai, Master of Repentance, is finished and ready to die in my enemy's first shooting phase. All the colors I used were Citadel brand. I used; Caliban Green for his hood and thigh plating, Leadbeltcher for the sword and wings on the sigil as well as the iron halo, assault pack and belt, I used Corax White and Mephiston Red for the purity seals, Retributor Armor for the gold and lastly for the robes I used a mix of Corax White, Wraithbone and Retributor Armor to get that off-cream color and used Corax White and Leadbeltcher for the grey on the smoke which is why it has a metallic effect.

Cody-Kilgore FFA Takes in Denver Stock Show

By Kayleigh Ravenscroft

FFA President

After the Banner County Boys game, Saturday, January 10, six hard working, passionate FFA members departed to experience the Denver Stock Show. They began the trip with a short three hour drive filled with music, jokes, and fast food from Harrisburg, NE to Denver, CO. James Walkling was at first unsettled with the sight of eight lanes of traffic, but quickly acclimated to the new setting. After arriving at the Air BNB, all six of us ended our evening with hot tubbing, air hockey, foosball, and watching a classic, Mean Girls.

The next day was filled with lots of laughs and lots of walking. We departed the Air BNB and went straight to the Stock Yards. Hundreds of vendors and thousands of cattle later, it was time to head off to the Mexican Rodeo, where we learned about the beautiful culture of Mexico and how the traditional American Cowboy originated from Vaqueros. A hurt bronc rider and a champion bull rider later, it was time for dinner at Smokin' Fins, where we got Mrs. Nollette to find her liking for sushi.

Upcoming CK FFA Events:

January 28th - CDE #1 @ North Platte

February 11th - CDE #2 @ Gothenburg

February 23-28 - National FFA Week

March 1st - FFA Cornherstone Award Application Due

Monday morning was slow, but enjoyable. We started with a sit down breakfast and then made our way over to the mall, which was two stories and filled with froyo shops, designers like Gucci, and other stores that many of us had never been to before. The drive home on Monday was quiet and very slow, but we eventually made it home with less money in our pockets, but many more memories to cherish.



CK FFA members (L-R) Wesley Willert, Bentley Ford, Kayleigh Ravenscroft, Lilly Ravenscroft, Connor Simmons, and James Walkling enjoy a some of Colorado's finest cuisine while on a break from the Denver Stock Show.

Welcome back, Tucker

By Sfaff Reporters

CKBeat

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Cody-Kilgore welcomed back distinguished alum Tucker Ravenscroft, Class of 2022. In a full-circle moment for Ravenscroft, he found himself in familiar confines in the shop at Cody-Kilgore. A 2024 Graduate of Laramie County Community College, Ravenscroft put his welding skills on display as he presented a demonstration on TIG welding for the freshman class.

Ravenscroft's presentation certainly captured the attention of the students present, as Mr. Orrock said, "They were so captivated. I was impressed at how interested they were in the presentation."

It was a welcome return for Ravenscoft, and his desire to share his knowledge to current Cody-Kilgore students will certainly benefit them in the future.



CK alum '22 Tucker Ravenscroft conducting a presentation on TIG welding for CK freshmen Chase Schied, Daltyn Schmit, Coyoke Sterkel and Alex Barnes.



Student becomes teacher: Ravenscroft leads a TIG welding demonstration.

Grounded: Cherry-Todd Lacreek present electric safety at Cody-Kilgore



By Sfaff Reporters

CKBeat

On January 7, 2026, representatives from Cherry-Todd and Lacreek Electric Cooperatives made a service call to Cody-Kilgore to highlight the importance of electric safety to staff and students at Cody-Kilgore Unified School District. Students were provided with demonstrations of the power of electricity, and how to avoid dangerous electrical situations.

Arthur County Wolves outlast Cowboys

By Tyson Hill

CKBeat Reporter

On Friday, December 12, 2025, the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys hosted the Arthur County Wolves in the season opener. The Cowboys played a tight game against the Wolves, ending up with a tough loss of 46-51.

The first quarter saw both teams trying to each build an early lead; however, both teams were evenly matched. The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys could not break out against the Wolves, with the Wolves answering each of the Cowboy's shots with shots of their own, ending the first period with a tied score of 10-10. This game was turning out to be anyone's game.

The second quarter was good to the Cowboys as they finally got a lead they were looking for in the first quarter, breaking the stalemate by scoring nine points. This lead change did not rattle the Wolves, as they scored five more points of their own, ending the quarter with a final score of 19-15, signaling halftime.

After halftime, both teams came back with a strong desire to take home the win. The third quarter saw both teams trade scores, but both Arthur County and Cody-Kilgore remained locked in a headlock most of the game. A quick three-pointer by Arthur Sophomore Carter Storer, effectively pushed the Wolves to a lead, ending the quarter with a score of 32-35.

In the fourth quarter, the Cowboys came back with a vengeance, putting up layup after layup and free-throw after free-throw; however, the Wolves remained firm, despite the Cowboys' best efforts, ending the game with a hard loss of 46-51.

Notable moments for the Cowboys included: CK senior Hesston Fay (24) being the lead shooter for the Cowboys, scoring a total of 16 points, grabbing eight rebounds as well as six steals and assists. Following close behind was CK



senior Cash Cooper (3), who scored nine total points, grabbed 10 total rebounds, and snatched three steals, while adding one assist. CK senior Kaden McNare (1) netted eight points, totaled five rebounds and one assist. CK sophomore Teagen Fish (2) added seven points, eight rebounds and three steals. Rounding out the stat sheet CK freshman Bentley Ford (0) scored five points, while adding five rebounds, and two steals.

This intense match ended with a narrow loss for the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys, leaving the Cowboys looking for the win as they hit Highway 20 east for a game against the Stuart Broncos.

Cowgirls trap Lady Wolves 51-41

By A.J. Brown

CKBeat Reporter

The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls faced the Arthur County Lady Wolves on Friday, December 12, in Cody, Nebraska. After coming up short in two close scrimmages against Crawford and Hemingford during the Hall of Fame Jamboree, the Cowgirls began their Class D girls' basketball campaign by daring to tame the Lady Wolves. In the first quarter, the Cowgirls broke out early and viciously with CK senior Kayleigh Ravenscroft (0) setting the tone with a successful three-pointer. The Cowgirls continued their forward momentum against the Lady Wolves, racking up a commanding 14-point lead, and ended the first quarter in outstanding fashion leading 20-6, foreshadowing the success to come for the Cowgirls.

In the second quarter, the Lady Wolves tried to fight back against the Cowgirls' lead, by scoring 10 points, but their effort failed as the Cowgirls held the line. The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls answered the Lady Wolves's challenge by scoring 16 of their own points, securing their lead at halftime with a score 36-22.

After taking time to recharge over halftime, the Lady Wolves came back with a debt to settle against the Cowgirls, scoring 11 points; however, the Cowgirls were not deterred and scored point for point with the Lady Wolves, ending the quarter with a score 47-33.

In the fourth and final quarter, the Cowgirls started to run into trouble with both fouls and injured players, unfortunately having to play with only four players on the court in the last two minutes of the game. Naturally, the Lady Wolves saw this opportunity as their prime time to



strike and close the score gap; scoring a quarter high score of 14 points to the Cowgirls' 4 points. Each team scrapped and fought for points; however, the Lady Wolves could not claw back into the lead.

Despite the many obstacles the Cowgirls faced in their game against Arthur County, they still came out victorious, surely a wonderful sign of games to come. In the end, the Cowgirls took home the win with a final score of 51-41. Next on the Cowgirls' schedule, they hit the road headed east to go take on the Stuart Lady Broncos.

Cowboys drop road opener to Stuart

By Tyson Hill

CKBeat Reporter

On Saturday, December 13, the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys traveled east down Highway 20 to Stuart to tip off against the Broncos. Despite their hard work and strong team mentality throughout the game, the Cowboys faced a hard defeat of 61-33,

First quarter saw action with both teams breaking the silence. CK sophomore Teagen Fish (2) set the stage early by scoring the first points on the board; however, the Broncos ended the first quarter with a lead of 21-7.

In the second quarter, the Broncos continued their scoring trend, but the Cowboys were unfazed. The Cowboys showed their signature grit and spirit, staying positive despite the obstacles put forth by the Broncos. By halftime, the Broncos' lead had ballooned to 30 points with a score of 41-11.

As the third quarter began, the Cowboys had a new fire to them, scoring a quarter-high of 11 points--effectively doubling their previous score in the first two quarters, to try to shrink the lead between them and the Broncos, but the Broncos' lead was too big for the Cowboys to close, ending the third quarter with a score of 53-22.

The fourth quarter saw the Cowboys continuing their momentum, tying their previous quarter high of 11 points, but the Broncos' lead still was too wide to close, and the game ended with a final score of 61-33, signaling another hard loss for the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys.

CK senior Cash Cooper (3) led the Cowboys in scoring with 12 total points. Cooper also grabbed the most rebounds at 11, and he added one steal. CK sophomore Teagen Fish (2) followed Cooper in scoring with seven points, four total rebounds, one steal. CK senior Blake Lancaster rounded out the Cowboy output with six points, two rebounds and one steal.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The Cowboys are facing their next opponents, the Mullen Broncos, on Friday, December 19, at the CK Corral in the Crown Jewel of the Sandhills, Cody, Nebraska.

Stuart Lady Broncos defeat Cowgirls

By A.J. Brown

CKBeat Reporter

On Saturday, December 13, the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls hit the road to continue their undefeated campaign at their next game in Stuart, Nebraska, as they faced off against the Lady Broncos on their own home turf in Holt County.

In the first quarter, the Lady Broncos started the fight with a strong hit, when Paityn Shefflied (2) scored the first out of 10 straight points for the Lady Broncos, forcing the Cowgirls to play catch up from the opening tip. The Cowgirl's scored a total of 3 points, thus ending the first quarter with a score of 3-10.

Unfortunately, the second quarter was not in the Cowgirls' favor, either. Scoring four points was not enough for the Cowgirls to put a dent in the Lady Broncos' lead before halftime; however, the Cowgirls did not allow the Stuart Lady Broncos to intimidate them. The second quarter ended with a total score of 7-23.

The halftime break gave the Cowgirls just enough time to rest up and get themselves back into the game. The Cowgirls were able to make beneficial plays, thanks to CK senior Rachel Farley (10), for netting eight points. The Lady Broncos, however, were rested and ready as well, and they answered the Cody-Kilgore rally with 24 points, ending the third quarter with a score of 47-15.

As the fourth and final quarter began, the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls were beginning to feel the Lady Broncos' kick. With only four players left on the court after Aubryanna Schmidt (23) took a hard fall, the Cowgirl's had no choice but to keep fighting. And fight they did. The Cowgirl's tied their previous quarter high score of eight points, managing to break through the tough Lady Broncos defense; however, the Stuart proved too much for the Cowgirls as they added 14 points, effectively ending the game 60-23.



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Next up for Cody-Kilgore, the Cowgirls' will play host to the Mullen Broncos on Friday, December 19, at the CK Corral.

Mullen Broncos outlast Cowboys 57-47

By CKBeat Staff

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On December 19, 2025, the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys hosted the Mullen Broncos in Cody, Nebraska. The game featured a perfect blend of sloppy passing that translated to too many turnovers, which spelled doom for the Cowboys. In the end the Cowboys suffered defeat to the Broncos 57-47.

During the first quarter of action, the Cowboys kept it close, but the disjointed nature of the game resulted in few offensive possessions for either team. By the end of the quarter, the Broncos held the advantage by three points as the Cowboys trailed 9-6.

By the second quarter, both teams settled into the game and began scoring points as the pace of the play increased. Although Mullen held the advantage throughout the game, the Cowboys kept pace. By halftime, the Broncos led by seven, 28-21.

Coming out of half time, the Cowboys sought to pick away at the Mullen lead, but the pesky Broncos held firm. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Cowboys still trailed by seven points, 41-34.

In the final period of action, the Broncos padded their growing lead, and the Cowboys ran out of time to respond. In the end, Mullen snatched an early Christmas gift from the Cowboys as they cruised into winter vacation victorious 57-47.

Individual highlights for the Cowboys include:

CK senior Hesston Fay (24) led all Cowboys in scoring with 18 points, while grabbing seven defensive rebounds, and snatching seven steals.



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CK senior Cash Cooper (3) added 14 points, 12 rebounds, four steals, and two assists. CK sophomore Teagan Fish (2) scored 11 points, hauled in four rebounds, and pocketed two steals.

Up next, the Cowboys will play in the Brady Holiday Tournament to start the new year, and play host to the Hay Springs Hawks in a Highway 20 showdown slated for Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the Crown Jewel of the Sandhills, Cody, Nebraska.

Cowgirls fall to Mullen Broncos 45-21

By CKBeat Staff

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The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls played host to the Mullen Broncos for some Holiday Hoops prior to winter break. Unfortunately for the Cowgirls, the Lady Broncos galloped away victorious 45-21. From the jump, the Lady Broncos defined the tone of the game. The Cowgirls had difficulty establishing offensive rhythm, while the Lady Broncos capitalized on Cody-Kilgore en route to a dominant win.

By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Broncos led the Cowgirls 11-5, and continued to pad the lead for the remained of the game. At halftime, Mullen led Cody-Kilgore 28-8. In the third quarter, though the Lady Broncos maintained a firm lead, the Cowgirls showed some life offensively by scoring nine points to push their total to 17 points. Unfortunately, the Lady Broncos doubled Cody-Kilgore's effort, which resulted in a commanding 20-point lead heading into the final period of action.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Broncos, satisfied with a comfortable lead, set the cruise control to victory. As substitutes made entry into the contest, Mullen's scoring flurry began to wane. Another eight points by Mullen doubled up the four points scored by the Cowgirls to end the contest in a 45-21 Lady Bronco victory.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK senior Rachel Farley (10) led all Cowgirls scoring with eight



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points. Farley also added seven rebounds, and five steals. CK sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft (2) scored five points, and added three rebounds, while fellow sophomore Mikena Sterkel (1) netted four points, eight rebounds, and three steals.

Up next, the Cowgirls will ring in the new year by participating in the Brady Holiday Tournament, before hosting the Hay Springs Lady Hawks on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska.

Cowboys defeat Hay Springs Hawks

By CKBeat Staff

CKBeat

The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys rang in the new year with a thrilling come-from-behind victory over the Hay Springs Hawks, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in Cody, Nebraska. Prior to the Hay Springs game, the Cowboys participated in the Brady Holiday Tournament, where the Cowboys lost to the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes 60-40 during the opening round, but rebounded in a victory over the Brady Eagles, 57-42. Cody-Kilgore parlayed the momentum gained during the holiday tournament to defeat the Hay Springs Hawks 39-36.

From the start, the game proved to be a defensive struggle, which resulted in both teams committing what seemed like an endless deluge of personal fouls. At the end of the first quarter, the Hawks led by one point, 7-6.

In the second quarter, both teams traded scores, but the contest remained a one-score affair. By halftime, Hay Springs led 19-16, after a mystifying call reversed a last second shot by CK sophomore Teagan Fish (2).

The third quarter played out in similar fashion to the previous periods. The Hawks continued to score, but the Cowboys kept pace, always keeping the game to a one-score possession. At the end of the quarter, the Cowboys trailed the Hawks by three 29-27.

During the fourth quarter, the Cowboys stormed into the lead and did not look back. The final two minutes of the game proved pivotal for the Cowboys, as they took the lead and played with a ferocious defensive tenacity the resulted in a coveted victory over Hay Springs, 39-36.



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Individual Cowboys highlights include:

CK senior Hesston Fay led the Cowboys in scoring with 17 points. Fay also added six rebounds, two assists, and two steals. CK sophomore Teagan Fish added seven points, and 10 rebounds, while CK senior Cash Cooper totaled six points, four rebounds, and two steals.

Up next, the Cowboys will host the North Central Knights on Friday, January 9, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska.

Hay Springs Lady Hawks defeat Cowgirls

By CKBeat Staff

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Despite having a small squad of six girls this year, the Cowgirls held their own against bigger schools at the Brady Holiday Tournament held January 3-4, 2026. During the first round, the Cowgirls lost to Anselmo-Merna 56-42. In the second round, the Cowgirls fell to Hitchcock County 50-35.

The following week, the Cowgirls hosted the Hay Springs Lady Hawks on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska. Cody-Kilgore kept the game close late into the contest, but eventually the Lady Hawks pulled away by 10 points in the fourth quarter en route to a 56-46 victory over the Cowgirls. In the loss, the Cowgirls showed moxie as they kept the game close made the Lady Hawks earn the victory.

In the first quarter, both teams exchanged scores resulting in a one-point Lady Hawk lead, 13-12. By the second quarter, the Lady Hawks were able to separate from the Cowgirls by building a seven point lead by halftime, 31-24.

During the third quarter, the Cowgirls chipped away at the Lady Hawk lead, and they eventually pulled within four points trailing 42-38 heading into the fourth quarter. In the final period of action, the Lady Hawks were able to hold off the surging Cowgirls. Eventually, Hay Springs extended the lead to 10 points after CK senior Rachel Farley (10) fouled out of the game, resulting in a Lady Hawk victory with the final score 56-46.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:



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CK senior Rachel Farley led all Cowgirls in scoring with 16 points, while adding eight rebounds, six steals, and three assists. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel added 15 points, with 12 rebounds, three assists, two blocks, and two steals. CK senior Kayleigh Ravenscroft scored eight points and added three rebounds and one assist.

Up next, the Cowgirls will host the North Central Knights on Friday, January 9, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska.

Knights survive, defeat Cowboys 48-42

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On Friday, January 9, the Cowboys hosted North Central in a night out in the hills. Unfortunately for the Cowboys, the Knights came prepared for the date and took advantage of Cody-Kilgore's miscues to come away victorious 48-42.

In the first quarter, North Central stormed to an early lead, but the Cowboys responded, which foreshadowed what would become a tight contest. By the end of the period, the Knights led by one point 10-9.

The second quarter of action mirrored the first period. Both teams traded points and turnovers, so no team was able to fully pull away with a definitive lead. Despite the Cowboys playing with tenacity, the Knights still held a one point advantage headed into halftime 20-19.

At the start of the third quarter, both teams continued to assert dominance, so the close nature of the game meant each possession came at a premium. Any momentum the Knights built, the Cowboys would effectively answer. Through three quarters of play, it was still a one-score game, with the Knights leading 33-32.

During the fourth quarter, turnovers and foul issues began to plague the Cowboys. As a result, the Knights were able to build a lead that weathered a frantic Cowboy comeback late in the game. In the end, the Knights were victorious 48-42.

Individual Cowboy highlights include:

CK senior Hesston Fay led all Cowboy scorers with 22 points. Defensively, Fay also collected six rebounds, amassed three steals, and added one block. CK freshman Bentley Ford scored seven points, and accounted for 10 rebounds, and two assists. CK sophomore Luke Cooper netted four points, and totaled three rebounds, one steal and one block.

Up next, the Cowboys will hit the road west to face the Banner County Wildcats in Harrisburg, Nebraska on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Lady Knights too much for Cowgirls

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Coming off a close loss to the Hay Springs Lady Hawks, any hope the Cowgirls had of getting right against North Central ended when the Lady Knights took the opening tipoff. From the start, the Cowgirls ran into a North Central buzz saw that ended in a dominating 61-35 victory for the Lady Knights.

Early in the first quarter, the Lady Knights set the tone by taking an early lead, but the Cowgirls kept it close, for the time being. By the end of the first quarter, North Central's ability to exploit Cody-Kilgore's smaller roster proved an early indicator of the eventual outcome. By the end of the quarter, the Cowgirls vigilant defensive effort began to wear on the team. North Central's effective and efficient substitutions resulted in a nine point lead with the Lady Knights in front 22-13.

In the second quarter, the Lady Knights unleashed a flurry of points that ballooned North Central's lead to 25 points. The Cowgirls had a difficult time establishing offensive rhythm as they were under constant duress from North Central's relentless defensive press. By halftime, the Lady Knights led 44-19.

In the second half of action, the Lady Knights continued to substitute, while the Cowgirls struggled to chip away at North Central's commanding lead. Content to play defense and rely on support from the bench, the Lady Knights ended the third quarter with a 52-25 lead.

The Cowgirls did not quit. In fact, they outscored the Lady Knights in the fourth quarter by one point, but by that time, it was too little, too late for the Cowgirls as the Lady Knights won the game 61-35.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK senior Rachel Farley and sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft both tallied 13 points. Farely also added seven rebounds, two assists, and two steals. L. Ravenscroft recorded two rebounds, two assists, and two steals. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel scored five points, and added eight rebounds, thee assists, and six steals.

Up Next, the Cowgirls will travel to Harrisburg, Nebraska to face the Banner County Lady Wildcats on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Banner day for Cowboys against Bobcats

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On Saturday, January 10, the Cowboys made the trip out west to Harrisburg, Nebraska to take on the Banner County Wildcats. The long trip proved to be a banner day for the Cowboys as they defeated the Wildcats in definitive fashion 59-11.

The Cowboys knew that they had to break out early this game, and break out they did. The Cowboys' offense had the Wildcats scrambling to defend them and Cody-Kilgore's signature "Chaos" defense had even the best Wildcat defender on their toes. The Cowboys worked for an early lead of 11 points, making the Wildcats think twice about their competitors. The first quarter ended with a score of 15-4 in the Cowboys' favor.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys slammed the door on the Wildcats as Cody-Kilgore piled 27 points on Banner County, which essentially put the game away for the Cowboys. By halftime, Cody-Kilgore cruised to a 42-8 lead.

During the third quarter, the Cowboys worked in some substitutions, but maintained defensive intensity by shutting out the Wildcats in the period. By the end of the third quarter, the Cowboys set the cruise control to victory with a 51-8 lead.

The fourth quarter allowed the Cowboys to continue to substitute, which continued to wear down the young and outnumbered Wildcats. In the end, the Cowboys added eight points en route to a dominating 59-11 victory.

Individual Cowboy highlights include:

CK senior Hesston Fay, who led all Cowboy scoring with 17 points. Fay also added three rebounds, three assists, and five steals. CK senior Cash Cooper and sophomore Teagan Fish both scored 10 points. Cooper totaled four rebounds, with one assist and five steals. Fish added four rebounds, four assists, and six steals. CK freshman Bentley Ford totaled eight points, with five rebounds, one assist, and two steals.

Up next, the Cowboys will travel to the Heart City to face the Top-10 ranked (C2) Valentine Badgers on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in Valentine, Nebraska.

Cowgirls defeat Banner County 54-22

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The Cowgirls took advantage of a scenic trip west to Harrisburg, Nebraska to chalk up a 54-22 victory over the Banner County Lady Wildcats.

After a sluggish start to the new year, the Cowgirls did waste any time taking the lead and controlling the game against Banner County. In the first quarter, Cody-Kilgore surged to a 12-point lead and never looked back. By the end of the first quarter, the Cowgirls led 16-4.

The Cowgirl scoring machine continued into the second quarter as Cody-Kilgore piled on 17 more points to take a commanding 24-poing lead into halftime up 33-9.

A brief Cowgirl scoring lull in the third quarter resulted in the Wildcats developing some momentum, which resulted in Banner County outscoring Cody-Kilgore by four points, but by the end of the third, the Cowgirls maintained the overall lead 38-18.

In the fourth quarter, the Cowgirls removed any doubt about a Wildcat comeback by adding 16 points, to extend Cody-Kilgore's lead to 32 points over the Wildcats. In the end, the Cowgirls defeated Banner County 54-22.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft led all Cowgirls in scoring with 16 points. Ravenscroft added seven rebounds, three assists, two steals, and two blocks. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel totaled 14 points, with 8 steals, four rebounds, and three assists. CK senior Rachel Farley added 10 points, five rebounds, five assists, and seven steals. CK sophomore Aubryanna Schmit scored eight points and added 13 rebounds and one steal.

Up next, the Cowgirls will face the Valentine Badgers on Tuesday, January 13, in Valentine, Nebraska.

Valentine Badgers Cowboys 81-26

By CKBeat Staff

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On Tuesday, January 13, the Cowboys made the trip east to Valentine, Nebraska to take on the ninth-ranked (OWH) Badgers in the Heart City. The Badgers presented a tall order for the Cowboys and the Valentine squad was as advertised in their impressive 81-26 win over the Cowboys.

From the tipoff, the Badgers asserted their dominance amassing a 27-point lead in the first quarter in what would quickly become a blowout against the overmatched Cowboy Five. By the end of the first quarter, the Badger led 32-5.

In the second quarter, the Badgers kept the pressure on Cody-Kilgore by raining down 30 more points on the beleaguered Cowboys to lead 62-16. At haltime, the Badger lead swelled to 46 points, triggering the running clock rule for the second half of the game.

The scoring cooled considerably in the third quarter as the Badgers began substituting reserves, while the Cowboys struggled to develop any kind of momentum. With the game in hand, the Badgers ended the third period of play up 70-20.

A truncated fourth quarter ended with a whimper as the Badgers vanquished the Cowboys 81-26.

Individual Badger highlights include:

VHS junior Dominic Beebout led all Badgers in scoring with 21 points. D. Beebout also added seven assists, two rebounds, two steals, and one block. VHS senior Isaac Cronin totaled 15 points, with nine rebounds, three steals, and two assists. VHS junior Trystan Beebout added 13 points, with two assists, one steal, one rebound, and one block.

Individual Cowboy highlights include:

CK senior Kaden McNare led all Cowboys in scoring with 10 points. McNare also added four rebounds and one steal. CK senior Hesston Fay totaled eight points, four steals, and two rebounds. CK freshman Bentley Ford netted four points and one rebound. CK sophomore Teagan Fish tallied three points, three rebounds, and one steal.



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Up next, the Cowboys will travel west on U.S. 20 to Sheridan County to face the Gordon-Rushville Mustangs on Saturday, January 17, 2026 in Gordon, Nebraska.

Cowgirls fall to Valentine Badgers 57-31

By CKBeat Staff

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On Tuesday, January 13, the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls made the trip to the 'Big City' to tipoff against the Lady Badgers in Valentine, Nebraska. The Cowgirl Five played with heart but their effort fell short against the Lady Badgers as Valentine defeated Cody-Kilgore 57-31.

The Lady Badgers applied fierce defensive pressure throughout the game, but the Cowgirls turned in a gritty performance against a much larger roster.

During the first quarter, the Cowgirls kept pace with the Lady Badgers, and by the end of the period, trailed by one point 10-9. Any sense of a close game evaporated when the Lady Badgers shut out the Cowgirls in the second quarter, while adding 20 points to Valentine's overall score by taking a 21-point lead into halftime up 30-9.

The Cowgirls broke their scoring draught in the third quarter by notching eight points, but at that point, the damage had been done as the Lady Badgers continued to pad their lead. Going into the final period of play, the Lady Badgers led 40-17.

Despite relentless Lady Badger pressure, the Cowgirls managed to score 14 points on Valentine, which demonstrated Cody-Kilgore's resolve to continue fighthing, regardless of the outcome. In the end, the Lady Badgers defeated the Cowgirls 57-31.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK senior Rachel Farley and Sophomore Aubryanna Schmit led all Cowgirls in scoring with 8 points. Schmit added 15 rebounds, and three steals. Farley totaled nine rebounds, five blocks, and four steals. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel totaled seven points, with five rebounds, three steals, and two assists. CK sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft tallied six points, six rebounds, two steals, one assist, and one block.


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Up next, the Cowgirls will face the Gordon-Rushville Lady Mustangs on Saturday, January 17, in Gordon, Nebraska.

CKUS October School Board Minutes

Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
October 13th, 2025
Cody High School
1. 2. 3. 4. The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Tim Nollette at 6:30pm. Roll call vote, all present. Ryan Orrock, Tony Galvin, and Bentley Jenkins were also in attendance. There were six guests present. President Nollette verified the posting of the Open
Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.
It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Kevin Ravenscroft to approve the agenda
as presented, with the addition of a motion to add Jennie Nollette to Bank Accounts and remove
Bentley Jenkins. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
At this time, President Nollette recognized the visitors & asked for public comment. No comment was given.
It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Nick Simmons to approve the consent agenda as presented. General Fund Claims for $294,550.42 and the three Board Meeting Minutes for
September 8th
, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
New Business:
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. A discussion was held regarding the Depreciation plan. Topics included purchasing new ransportation vehicles, purchasing updated math curriculum, and repairs on the roof. No motions were made.
Board policies #6011, 6012, 6013, 6014, 6015, 6016, 6017, 6018, 6020, 6021 were reviewed.
It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Shara Ford to designate Landon Miller as
the NASB Delegate Assembly Representative. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
The board reviewed and discussed the results of the Fall Data Survey. It was moved by Bethany Swendener and seconded by Landon Miller to remove Bentley Jenkins from Security First Bank accounts: Safety Deposit Box #2 and Activity Fund Account #5849 and to add Jennie Nollette to Security First Bank accounts: Safety Deposit Box #2 and Activity Fund
Account #5849. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Nollette Abstained.
Principal Report:
Mr. Galvin gave his AD and Principal report. Football and volleyball season is starting
to wind down, and One Act is starting up. Mr. Galvin noted the number of behaviors that have been reported for the past month. Elementary is going to take a field trip on the 16th to the Pumpkin Patch. Cheer team and Student Council are going to put on a school activity on the 23rd to celebrate PK-12 being in the same building. Parent-teacher conferences had a good turnout. Kudos to Mrs. Mary Kay Ford and Mr.
McGinniss for displaying student projects for parents to see. A speaker will be coming to the school to discuss the effects of vaping. Mrs. Fay went to a conference, and they discussed changes to testing and teachers are going to make sure there is an emphasis on changes during instruction time to ensure the students are prepared.

Superintendent Report:
General and Lunch Fund updates were given. The playground is almost complete, just needing to install the geodome and obstacle course. There has been a hot water issue, and six sinks need to be replaced as the hot and cold water are crossing into each other. All elementary door handles are being replaced as there was an issue with one, and the installers were not satisfied with the original product. GRIT had its annual fundraiser with a great turnout. Parent-teacher conferences were held, always looking for ways to make them better, but a good turnout was had. Also looking at ways to make professional development more meaningful for staff. Jennie Nollette is being hired as the Business Manager,
effective October 20th
. Chad Tetherow is completing the appraisal of the Kilgore site. There are multiple upcoming speakers: RST, Cody Fire, Law Enforcement, and Cherry Todd Electric will come.
6. 7. It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Nick Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
The date for the next regular Board meeting will be November 10th, 2025, at 6:30 pm in Cody.
Claims submitted and approved:
Amazon, Supplies $4,110.03; Bob's Signs, Banner Removal $185.00; Bomgaars Supply, Repairs & Construction Class $819.14; Bordertown Discount Fuel, Fuel $4,080.53; Cardmember Services, Supplies
$1,370.91; Caseys General Store, Gas $185.34; Century Business Products, Copies $1,402.28; Circle C Market, Supplies May-Sept $415.81; D & K Pest Services, Pest Control $115.00; Dakota Sports, EL Bottles, School Shirts $2,071.58; Department of Motor Vehicles, DL Record Request $555.00; Diversified Drug Testing, Drug Test $295.00; ESU #17, Tech & SPED Services $20,311.00; Egan Supply, Breakers $81.72; Great Plains, Phone & Internet $1,815.35; Hometown Lumber, Supplies for Repairs $456.71;
Innovative, Trash Bags $47.82; Inspire Rehab, OT/PT Services $2,217.16; Instructure, Parchment Renewal $840.00; J Nollette Photography, Staff ID Cards $140.00; J W Pepper & Son, Music Sheets $125.99; Janell Naslund, Reim Ride Prize $108.89; KBR, Electricity $3,172.99; Kristin Fay, Half Ded Met $525.00; Merchant Bonding Company, Board Treasurer Bond $125.00; NASB, Area Membership Mtg Fee $267.00; NCS Pearson, SPED WIAT 4 Supplies $14.25; NSASSP Region V, Principal Dues $60.00; One Source, Background Check $29.00; Rapid Fire Protection, Inspections $746.00; Reese Propane & Appliances, Supt Stove Repair $688.99; Rock County High School, Intro to Life Event $260.00; Scotty's Ranchland Foods, SPED Supplies $36.18; Tony Galvin, Reim Fuel to Takini $55.40; Valentine Midland News, Minutes & Notices $301.06; Village of Kilgore, EL Water $20.00; Wageworks, FSA Admin Fee $75.00; Ward Plumbing & Heating, Water Flow & Toilet Repairs $1,263.99; Payroll & Benefits: $245,160.30
Respectfully Submitted, _____
_____,
Secretary
School District #30 Board of Education
Agendas are kept continuous and are available at the office of the Superintendent.
360 West 4th Street, Cody, NE 69211



CKUS November School Board Minutes

Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools
1. 2. 3. 4. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting November 10, 2025
Cody High School
The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Tim Nollette at 6:35pm. Roll call vote, all present. Ryan Orrock, Tony Galvin, and Jennie Nollette were also in attendance. There were five guests present. President Nollette verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.
It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Kevin Ravenscroft to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. At this time, President Nollette recognized the visitors & asked for public comment. No comment was given.
It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Landon Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. General Fund Claims for $337,041.60 and the Board Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
New Business:
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. A discussion was held regarding the Depreciation plan. Topics included purchasing a 2016 Chevrolet 14-Passenger Mini Bus for $53,500. It was moved by Nick Simmons and seconded by Landon Miller to use depreciation funds to purchase the 2016 Chevrolet 14-passenger Mini Bus
for $53,500. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Board policies #6025, 6026, 6027, 6028, 6029, 6030, 6031, 6032, 6033, 6034 were reviewed. It was moved by Kevin Ravenscroft and seconded by Bethany Swendener to amend Board Policy 6013 and 6035. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0 The board discussed the appraisal of the Kilgore Building and site and what the next steps will be. More information will be collected. Kilgore building will be on December agenda.
It was moved by Kevin Ravenscroft and seconded by Landon Miller to follow Auditor
recommendation to open a new checking account at Security First Bank for the Bond Fund, the signors will be Tim Nollette, Bethany Swendener and Shara Ford. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
Principal Report:
Mr. Galvin gave his AD and Principal report. Met with Volleyball coaches to evaluate how the year went. Looking to offer more opportunities for grades 3-5 to participate in Volleyball. Trinity is willing to teach techniques during recess to that group of girls, hoping to get small fry volleyball team going. Having Coaches identify another coach to have as their mentor to collaborate. Looking into sending coaches to coaches clinic in Lincoln. Football still needs to do end of year meeting. Stressed importance of using the weight room in the summer. Basketball: Mary Kay will be going on leave, working on getting Reed an assistant coach. Kevin Ravenscroft will fill in. Tony will coach JH. Parent BB meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm. Behavior: less referrals this month, more ISS mainly because kids not showing up to detention. Moved ISS to old weight room and has helped. NE Public Broadcast was here to feature Circle C. Attendance really good. All school assembly, Elem Field trip to pumpkin patch and Halloween parties.

Superintendent Report:
General and Lunch Fund updates were given. Financial audit update was given by Devin Pfaff. Inspection on November 4 recommended officially disconnecting the boiler. Survey results from the Strategic Plan
were presented, recommend scheduling additional strategic planning sessions between the board and staff. Having two administrators in the building has improved accessibility and communication. New plan for staff Professional Development will begin on Friday, that will focus more on individual staff goals. Looking into options for quiet testing spaces during the Spring ACT. Board evaluation for the superintendent will be sent next week. Geodome installed and wood chips placed. Teeter-totter and obstacle course installations postponed until spring. Alicap is obtaining quotes for necessary repairs. NDE compliance visit, Required updates: 1. Post Annual Written Report to the community and on the website. 2. Amend policy on 6th-grade athletic participation. 3. Purchase at least 75 new library books
annually. 4. Develop a formal Library Curriculum. 5. Adjust middle school sports schedules to the following limits: Volleyball: 14 matches & Basketball: 12 matches.
6. 7. 8. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & Seconded by Landon Miller at 8:47pm to enter into executive session. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
It was moved by Nick Simmons & seconded by Shara Ford to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm.
Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
The date for the next regular Board meeting will be December 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm in Cody.

Claims submitted and approved:
ACT FINANCE, PreACT Online Scoring $192.50; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, supplies $1,776.66; Amplify,
Training $750.00; APPTEGY INC, Thrillshare $5,402.25; BOMGAARS SUPPLY, supplies $423.97; Bordertown
Discount Fuel, Fuel $3,171.92; CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies $951.54; CASEY PETERSON, LTD 24-25
Audit $23,679.82; CASEYS GENERAL STORE, Fuel $736.64; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, Copies
$2,665.33; CIRCLE-C MARKET, suuplies $441.92; CNA Surety, Notary Surety Bond $40.00; Compass General Contracting, Q1 Seminars $6,800.00; D & K Pest Services LLC, Monthly Service $115.00; DENISE FARLEY, Mileage Reim $308.00; DIETZE MUSIC, Instrument Repair $749.00; EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #17, Tech
& SPED Services $16,119.00; EGAN SUPPLY CO, Toilet Paper $565.90; GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS,
Telephone & Ethernet $1,855.88; HEINERT CUSTOM AG, Vehicle Maintenance $4,569.38; HOMETOWN LUMBER, Hoops $65.98; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC, Supplies $678.47; InSPIRe Rehab, LLC, OT/PT Services $2,895.74; INTELLIPRO SECURITY, Surveillance System Hardware $2,673.75; JANELL NASLUND, DeltaMath Reim. $170.00; JODI MOSHER, Half Ded Met, $525.00; JOSTENS INC, Diplomas/Covers $389.90; KBR RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, Electric Usage $3,942.77; KSB SCHOOL LAW, Legal Services $548.00; LAQUINTA INN & SUITES KEARNEY, Hotel - Fay, Kristen $149.00; MODERN
FARM EQUIPMENT, Belt Blower $37.24; MONROE HVAC INC, Evaporator Coil $302.00; NWEA, MAP Growth
K-12 $375.00; SAND SHOOTERS, Cups and Shirts, $405.00; SCOTTY'S RANCHLAND FOODS, Elem Ice Cream
& Chips $71.52; STATE OF NE-ADMIN SERVICES-CENTRAL, DAS – Ethernet $2,281.77; Tetherow Appraisal
Service, LLC, Real Property Appraisal, $1,850.00; VILLAGE OF CODY, Water, Sewer, Trash, $812.27; WageWorks, FSA Monthly Fee, $75.00; WARDS PLUMBING & HEATING, Septic Pumping, $335.00;
WESTOVER ELECTRIC, Terminal Box $706.63; Payroll & Benefits, $246,436.85
Respectfully Submitted, _____
_____, Secretary
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Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools
Board Minutes
November 10, 2025
School District #30 Board of Education



CKUS December School Board Minutes

Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools
1. 2. 3. 4. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
December 8, 2025
Cody High School The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Tim Nollette at 6:30 pm. Roll call vote, Bethany absent. Ryan Orrock, and Jennie Nollette were also in attendance. There were eight guests present. President Nollette verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place. It was moved by Nick Simmons & seconded by Shara Ford to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. At this time, President Nollette recognized the visitors & asked for public comment. No comment was given. It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Kevin Ravenscroft to approve the consent agenda as presented. General Fund Claims for $289,870.67 and the Board Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.
New Business:
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Kristin Fay presented on NSCAS & ACT scores, she gave an overview of where the schools stands currently as well as compared to past years. A discussion was held regarding the Depreciation plan. Topics included purchasing MS Math curriculum for $5,840.87. It was moved by Landon Miller and seconded by Shara Ford. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Board policies #5001, 5002, 5002.1, 5002.2, 5003, 5004, 5005, 5006, 5007, 5008, 5009, 6036, 6037, 6039, 6040, 6041, 6042, 6044, 6045 were reviewed. The board discussed the next steps for Kilgore Building. It was decided to take sealed bids and sell Tract 1 and Tract 2. More details and a timeline at the next meeting. It was moved by Nick Simmons and seconded by Landon Miller. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. First reading of the 26-27 Academic Calendar was reviewed. Discussion on the Surplus bus, it is an older bus that isn't used much. It was decided to keep. It was moved by Landon Miller and seconded by Nick Simmons to approve the 26-27 Negotiated agreement, to increase base salary to $39,800 and class coverage to $25 per class/hour. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.
Principal Report:
Mr. Galvin gave his AD and Principal report. Coach for JV Boys backed out, Galvin will coach. One Act finished in 6th place. MAC conference reached out to Panhandle about merging conferences, nothing set yet. Implemented a tiered system for behaviors, which has been helping. Sickness hurt attendance thismonth.
Superintendent Report:
Mr. Orrock gave his Superintendents report. Strategic plan update, feeling welcome and cared for, peer respect and behavior, engagement & real-world learning, and professional development were discussed.
Facilities update: Nelsen furniture will work on the floor during break, waiting on Alicap estimates for spring/summer work, playground finished at the end of the school year, renting a skid steer, going with a different company for gym floor, replacing lighting in hallways, water issue resolved, and work done on the floor scrubber. Staff Christmas event will be held during January in-service. 8. It was moved by Nick Simmons & Seconded by Shara Ford at 8:08pm to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote.Motion carried 5-0. 9. It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Nick Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. 10. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be January 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Cody.
Claims submitted and approved:
ACT FINANCE, ACT Writing Test, $795.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, supplies, $1,785.64; BAILEY BURRESS, Half Deductible Met, $525.00; BOMGAARS SUPPLY, supplies, $228.05; Bordertown Discount Fuel, Fuel, $2,999.27; CARDMEMBER SERVICES, shed, supplies, $1,594.75; CASEYS GENERAL STORE, Fuel, $989.05; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, Copies, $1,741.01; CIRCLE-C MARKET, liveschool, para gifts, $114.65; COACH MASTERS INC, Coach Bus Repairs, $1,519.07; CODY HUB, Meals, $137.41; D & K Pest Services LLC, Monthly Service, $75.00; EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #17, Tech & SPED Services, $16,711.00; EGAN SUPPLY CO, Red Buffing Pad, Tech Travel, $1,085.72; ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL, Proofpoint Renewal, $99.63; FERRIS HVAC & PLUMBING LLC, Boys Bathroom Faucet, Winterize Kilgore, $861.09; GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, Phone & Internet, $1,712.71; HEART CITY LOCK & KEY, Master Keys, $50.00; HEINERT CUSTOM AG, Bus & Vehicle Repairs, $4,387.11; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC, Custodial Supplies, $1,570.42; InSPIRe Rehab, LLC, OT & PT SPED Services, $1,557.94; IXL LEARNING, MS Renewal, $331.25; J W PEPPER & SON INC, Music, $196.50; KBR RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, Electricity, $4,106.09; KSB SCHOOL LAW, Legal Services, $769.00; MARY KAY FORD, Full Deductible Met, $1,050.00; MENARDS - NORTH PLATTE, Shop Supplies, $336.17; MENARDS YANKTON, Supplies, $422.87; MIDLAND PRINTING, Notary Stamp, $43.53; Midwest Bus Parts Inc., Bus Lights, Window Latch, $1,177.63; NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL, Annual Registration Fee, $135.00; TEACHER INNOVATIONS INC, Planbook Renewal, $432.00; TONY GALVIN,Gas Reimbursement, $45.20; TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, Custodial Supplies, $36.59; US POSTAL SERVICE, Bulk Mailing, $300.00; VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS, Minutes & Notices, $68.05; WageWorks, FSA Monthly Fee, $75.00; WARD PLUMBING & HEATING, Septic Pumping - FB Field, $670.00; Payroll & Benefits, $239,136.27
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CKUS January School Board Minutes

Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting January 12, 2026
Cody High School The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Tim Nollette at 6:30 pm. Roll call vote, all present. Ryan Orrock, Tony Galvin and Jennie Nollette were also in attendance. There were eight guests present. President Nollette verified the posting of the Open Meetings Act, the meeting time & place.
Election of officers: Board President: Landon Miller nominated Tim Nollette, Nick Seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Nollette Abstained. Board Vice-President: Nick Simmons nominated Landon Miller, Kevin Ravenscroft seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Miller Abstained. Board Secretary: Nick Simmons nominated Bethany Swendener, Landon Miller seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Swendener Abstained. Board Treasurer Landon Miller nominated Shara Ford, Nick Simmons seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0. Ford Abstained.
Appointment of committees: the only change made was to remove Landon Miller from the Policy Committee and add Nick Simmons. No changes to additional appointments. Board members signed conflict of interest forms.
It was moved by Nick Simmons to keep the Board Meetings on the second Monday of each month for 2026. Shara Ford seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0 Bethany Swendener made a motion to approve the agenda with the 2 changes: add a motion to pay Amanda for caulking and bids for Roofing. Landon Miller seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. At this time, President Nollette recognized the visitors & asked for public comment. Concerned patrons gave comments on the Kilgore Building and expressed concern for the Kilgore community.
It was moved by Landon Miller & seconded by Nick Simmons to approve the consent agenda as presented. General Fund Claims for $292,104.68 and the Board Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.
New Business:
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Bethany Swendener made a motion to adopt the new academic calendar for 26-27 as presented. Kevin Ravenscroft seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Depreciation plan items were discussed, nothing to approve at this time. Board policies #1001, 1002, 1003, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 were reviewed. No changes were made. Nick Simmons made a motion to accept purchase agreements and bid forms, for the sale of Kilgore Building, with the following change: update the date for bids to be due on March 5th Seconded by Landon Miller. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.Safe to return plan was read. Bethany Swendener made a motion to approve plan, and Kevin Ravenscroft seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. 6. Ayers and Ayers paid the school to do some of the unfinished work on the new building. Landon Miller made a motion to pay Amanada Qualley $178.02 of that money for the work she did on caulking. Nick Simmons seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Orrock presented the Roofing Bids. He will get references from the options to vote on one at the next meeting.
Principal Report:
Mr. Galvin gave his AD and Principal report. Attendance is doing good, 5th and 10th were at 93% due to sickness but everyone else was 95% and above. Map testing will take place tomorrow. 2 students had OSS for different reasons. Behaviors were at 1.3 each day. Mr Galvin praised the MS and HS teachers for their work on tackling minor behaviors. Wednesday he will attend the NSCCA meeting to vote on issues. Pulling 8th graders to play high school sports is one of the items. Didn't pass last time. FFA went to the Denver Stock show to replace going to National Convention. Holiday Tourney went well. Switching from Arbitor to Bound. Bound will give us more flexibility and options. Shoutout to Jodi A, Kynzee and Dawson for their work on the Hudl Advertising.
Superintendent Report:
Mr. Orrock gave his Superintendents report. Strategic plan update, Choice and Student Voice, students would like more say. Student Council had some good ideas for fundraisers. Communication Clarity, still areas of improvement. Family and Community Involvement, we need to identify additional ways for the community to see and engage with the positive work happening in the school. Facilities update was given. Personnel update: Kaley Johnson has been hired as an Elementary SPED Para. Annie Nielsen will transition to Gen Ed Para. Board Retreat Date February 9th at 5:30pm. 8. It was moved by Nick Simmons & Seconded by Landon Miller at 8:10pm to enter into executive session for Admin Negotiations. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. 9. It was moved by Bethany Swendener & seconded by Shara Ford to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm pm. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. 10. The date for the next regular Board meeting will be February 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Cody. The School Board Retreat will be held at 5:30pm prior to the meeting.
Claims submitted and approved: 3S FABRICATION & REPAIR LLC, Gas for Shop, $749.00; 4N6 FANATICS, Speech Membership, $200.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies, $5,020.98; BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Supplies, $281.88; Bordertown Discount Fuel, Fuel, $3,403.42; CARDMEMBER SERVICES, liveschool &supplies, $661.96; Carrie Ford, Tuition Reim, $3,189.00; CASEYS GENERAL STORE, Fuel, $155.44; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, Copies, $1,378.03; CIRCLE-C MARKET, Liveschool, FACS, Ride, supplies, $327.29; CODY HUB, Liveschool Meals, $25.74; D & K Pest Services LLC, Monthly Fee, $75.00; DIETZE MUSIC,Instrument Repair and Parts, $150.00; DIVERSIFIED DRUG TESTING, LLC, Drug Testing, $129.00; ESU #10, LETRS Training, $80.00; ESU #17,SPED Services, $17,213.07; EGAN SUPPLY CO, Floor Cleaner, $552.32; ESU CC, Laserfiche, $607.00; GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, Internet, $1,780.88; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, Rooms for FFA, $440.00; HOMETOWN LUMBER, Shop Class Supplies, $89.97; Huskerland Hardware, Misc Supplies, $233.95; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC, Trash Bags, Cleaning Supplies, Office Supplies, $851.54; InSPIRe Rehab, LLC, OT & PT Services, $1,861.54; Jaymar, Tax Documents $43.49; KBR RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, Electricity, $8,332.98; KSB SCHOOL LAW, Legal Service, $300.00; NCS PEARSON, INC, SPED License Renewal, $600.00; ONE SOURCE, Background Check, $92.00; OVERDRIVE INC, Digital Library Fee, $375.00; RIDER CLASSROOM SPANISH, LLC, Spanish Class, $4,600.00; Rita Schnieder, Med Training, Benadryl, $62.65; SCOTTY'S RANCHLAND FOODS, Pie Crusts – FACS, $14.37; SECURITY FIRST BANK, SDB Rental, $20.00; TONY GALVIN, Gas Reimbursement, $29.01; VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS, Minutes, $54.73; VILLAGE OF CODY, Water, Sewer, Trash, $704.19; WageWorks, FSA Monthly Fee, $75.00; WESTOVER ELECTRIC, Outside security Lights, $1,318.52; WILLIAM G. ARNOLD, Tuition Reim, $1,678.75; Total Claims: $57,757.70; Payroll & Benefits:$234,346.98, Grand Total: $292,104.68.
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