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# Oller, Tetrick Top State High School Rodeo Field

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Myah Oller and Brynlee Tetrick finished first for the year in their respective events for the Kansas High School Rodeo Association 2024-25 season.

Tetrick was first in goat tying for the year and, at the state rodeo finals May 21-25 in Mulvane, took second in the first go, first in the second go and first in average.

Oller was first in barrel racing for the year and, at the state rodeo finals, took third in the first go, fourth in the second go and second in average.

They will both head to the National High School Rodeo Association, which takes place in July in Rock Springs, Wyo.

It's the third time Tetrick will head to the national finals, having competed in cutting the past two years. For Oller, it's the second year, having qualified in barrels last year. The top four in each event at the state rodeo finals advance to nationals.

The two girls said it was great to fin- then rode her backup horse Jojo on the what I do in July."

ish the year as the top scorer in their second day. events and to do well at the state finals.

"I mean. I worked hard at it and it paid off," Tetrick said.

"It was awesome," Oller said. "I always dreamed of it. I've been going for high school rodeo for three, four years. I've been wanting to come out on top for once. When I got it, it was pretty awesome."

Rodeo competitors have multiple rodeos in the fall, then are off for the winter and resume competition in the spring. Along with winning five rodeos, Oller also qualified for the Junior Patriot Rodeo finals in Las Vegas and in Fort Worth, Texas.

Tetrick started the year riding her father's horse, but after the horse got hurt at the end of the fall season, she switched to another horse for the spring.

Oller rode two different horses as well, riding both in Dodge City, where the Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association was held the same weekend as the high school rodeo. Oller rode her primary horse Diva on the first day, ing to work hard this summer and see

Tetrick said that two rodeos that stood out for her were in Emporia and Coffeyville. She won both days and the average at both rodeos, During the year, Tetrick won the average in four different rodeos.

Having been to nationals before, the two know what the experience is like and have enjoyed it.

"It was really loud," Oller said. "It was cool, though. It was a bunch of people. You have everyone from all around the world. It was tough competition."

"They're a lot of fun," Tetrick said. "It's a lot of pressure but it's fun. It's a good experience."

The two have competed in rodeo since their younger years and enjoy it. Tetrick she said she likes how her hard work pays off, while Oller likes the adrenaline rush and the chance to ride

The two look forward to the chance to return to nationals again.

"I'm excited," Tetrick said. "I'm go-



Myah Oller rounds the barrels during a run at the state high school rodeo finals last month in Mulvane. She finished first for the year in barrel racing for the Kansas High School Rodeo Association, as did Brynlee Tetrick in goat tying. Both will attend the national rodeo finals next month in Wyoming.

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Hansford also thanked the USD 331 Board Action district office staff for all the

nals last month in Mulvane.

have a lot of experience as an administrator. Board Vice President Kris-

ti Brown thanked Hansford, noting that when he was hired, there were five board members who were new to their positions. She said she that Hansford and the administrators under him have done a great job. Brown added that there

has been a lot more going on in the schools beyond sports, noting that staff have gone through a lot of training, set priority standards and have focused on instructional practices. She described these changes as "transformative" and credited Hansford for taking the lead.

Board President Tab Turner added that Hansford has set up the district well for future success and that new sustep into a good situation.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brynlee Tetrick poses with her belt buckle

she received after topping the field in goat

tying during the state high school rodeo fi-

During Monday's meetwork they have done and ing, the board approved en- He said that the district uses thanked the board members rollment fees for the 2025- general and supplemental opinion that if you want to for hiring him when he didn't 26 school year, to include a general fund money to cover know what's going on in change in athletic fees.

> While fees will still be \$25 for a high school sport and \$18 for a middle school sport, the district will no longer have the maximum per year cap of \$50 for high school and \$36 for middle

> Board member Angie Maloney asked about the reason for the change, noting that the board had asked about reducing fees a couple of years ago.

> Hansford said the main reason is rising costs and less funding for the district because of reduced enrollment. He noted that it is becoming more expensive to keep athletic programs going, with rising costs for equipment and more money to be paid for game officials.

Assistant Superintendent

making up all of the costs associated with athletics.

Board member Errica Parsons said she understood the situation but noted that athletes are paying additional costs along with the fee to play a sport. She said the board wanted to be aware of that and to avoid dissuading some students from not

Also at Monday's meeting, the board approved discontinuing the livestream of board meetings on YouTube. Brown said she requested the item be placed on the agenda because she thought it was important for people to they wanted to know what was happening.

She said she believed that livestreams served a purpose archive.

perintendent Kip Wilson will Andy Albright explained during COVID and it can that the fees collected from be a nice feature to have if athletes or at the gate are not board members needed to get together for a short special meting.

> "But I'm of a very strong the district here at a board meeting and you want to attend, you need to come to the meeting," Brown said.

> She added she had heard about legislation discussed that could "muddy the waters" regarding what happens if governmental entities continue to livestream meetings.

Hansford explained that playing sports because of the the question was, if a school district live-streamed its monthly meetings, if it had to do the same with building committee meetings. He said that, based on people he talked to, more entities that are live-streaming meetings have indicated they plan to stop.

However, Hansford said, attend meetings in person if the district would continue to videotape the meetings and archive it, so people could still have access to an

> the road use agreement NextEra has with the county and Arensdorf was included in

The need for the road after heavy rainfall in the area, which has impacted the con-

Arensdorf said it was good to get those reports from Cantu because it helps to know that NextEra will make sure the sites are maintained. He said it was good to get the information and feedback so he can keep the county informed.

County Clerk Carol Noblit noted that Kingman County was included in a disaster declaration pertaining to recent heavy rainfall and flooding, so the county should be eligible for money to help with other affected

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Tuesday, June 17: Chicken chef salad, salad crackers, pears and milk.

Wednesday, June 18: Sloppy joe, potato wedge, mixed vegetables, apricots and milk.

Thursday, June 19: Closed for Juneteenth

Friday, June 20: Egg salad sandwich, carrots, mixed fruit, spice cake and milk.

Menus are subject to change based on availability.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN YAHNKE, DECEASED

Case No. KM-2025-PR-23

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on May 30, 2025, a petition was filed in this court by Brent S. Ruebke, as an heir of Mary Ann Yahnke, deceased, praying for the determination of descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. of said day, in said Court, 130 N. Spruce Street, 3rd Floor, Kingman, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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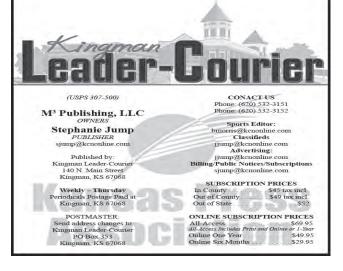
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department if employees received a 2.5 percent raise. She mentioned that Thimesch had requested budget projections if employees got that amount in a raise.

Stegman also presented figures for what expenditures would look like if employees got a 3 percent raise, or the amount to account for an inflation rate of 2.9 percent. One item discussed was

the county sheriff department's request to hire two new deputies. Sheriff Brent Wood and Undersheriff Travis Sowers had visited with the county several weeks ago to add the deputies so one would be available around the clock.

Currently, the sheriff's department does not have a future agenda.

deputy on shift during night hours and has a deputy assigned to be on call. County commissioner Pat

Elpers inquired about the amount Stegman budgeted for overtime, which came to \$250,000. He noted that amount could cover the cost for new deputies.

Thimesch noted that the sheriff's department now has all positions filled and he wanted to look at the situation after a year to see if having a full staff would help. He added he would still like to see how things would work with deputies on 12hour shifts.

Stegman noted there are still some outside entities who need to submit their budget request from the county and has emailed them to remind them to be put on a

She said she is still waiting for final figures from Kingman EMS, noting that the EMS director hasn't yet submitted her budget to the city commission.

Stegman added that a PI-LOT payment should soon be coming for the Flat Ridge IV and V wind farm projects.

Other discussion surrounded Hometown Grants and if the county intended to help cities with matching funds for grant applica-

In other business, Public Works Director Charlie Arensdorf shared communication from Christopher Cantu of NextEra Energy about the need for roads to be maintained at the King-

man wind farm site. The communications were sent to the company that is maintaining the roads under

those communications.

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