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Shultz Joins USD 502 Teaching Staff



USD 502 is welcoming Kourtnee Shultz to the district, bringing with her several years of classroom experience and a passion for encouraging students to believe in themselves and reach their full potential.

Shultz grew up in Douglass, a small community outside of Wichita. She attended Cowley Community College on a cheerleading scholarship, where she earned a business degree. She later worked as a paraprofessional before entering the Transition to Teaching program and earning her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wichita State University.

Before joining USD 502, Shultz spent five years teaching in Stafford, in-

cluding three years as a first-grade teacher and two years teaching kindergarten.

For Shultz, one of the most rewarding parts of teaching is watching students accomplish things they once believed were impossible.

"I absolutely love watching students leave my class and accomplish the impossible because they truly believe in themselves," she said.

That encouragement plays a major role in Shultz's teaching philosophy. She describes herself as a positive teacher who also holds her students to high standards. She has been told that students see her as their own personal cheerleader — someone who

pushes them even when things get difficult and fights for them to achieve their goals.

"I love working with kids because every day is a new day, and they truly know who is always in their corner," Shultz said.

While academic success is important, Shultz hopes the lessons learned in her classroom extend far beyond academics. Her goal is for students to leave her classroom as respectful and kind individuals who are also confident enough to use their voices and make the world a better place.

As she begins her time with USD 502, Shultz said she is looking forward to strong school leadership that supports teachers as they chal-

lenge students to reach their greatest potential.

Outside the classroom, Shultz has been married to her husband for four years, and they have two young sons, Oaklee, 3, and Stetson, 1. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her boys, particularly taking walks and playing outside.

The family also has two dogs — Copper, an Australian Shepherd mix, and Luna, a pit bull.

Above all, Shultz wants parents to know that she approaches teaching their children with the same care and expectations she would want for her own.

"I want your kids treated the same way

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Barnett Awarded Favorite Teacher



Lewis Chevrolet GMC is proud to announce our first Favorite Teacher winner — Angie Barnett!

Angie is a first-grade teacher at Spearville Elementary, and in recognition of the difference she makes in the lives of her students, she will receive \$500 to spend on her classroom! Congratulations, Angie!

City of Kinsley Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026

A. Call to Order
Mayor Venters called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call
Present: Venters, Schmidt, Carlson, Bagby, Cramer

Absent: None
Staff: City Manager

C. General Public Comment
Helga Gumpenberger

commented that some of the yards around town look better and people have been mowing.

D. Consent Calendar
D1. Approval of minutes for regular meeting June 6, 2026

D2. Approval of Payroll #14

D3. Approval of Pay Ordinance #13

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

Editor's Note

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If you need to bring something to the office but I am not there, you may leave it in the dropbox outside the office door. The location of the office is at 221 E 6th St, Kinsley. Thank you!

Word of God

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

~ Proverbs 22:6

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