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Students Gather for See You at the Pole Prayer

By Faith BroKar

Students gathered around the flagpole at the Kinsley and Offerle schools last week to take part in See You at the Pole, an annual tradition that brings students together to pray for their schools, classmates, teachers and communities.

The local gathering began at the elementary school flagpole, where those in attendance

prayed together before making their way over to the high school to continue the observance.

This year's See You at the Pole theme was **"Come to Me,"** based on Matthew 11:28, in which Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to come to Him for rest. The theme accompanied the annual student-led day of prayer held Sept.

23 at schools across the country.

See You at the Pole has grown into an international student prayer movement, but its beginnings can be traced to a small group of teenagers in Texas in 1990.

The idea began during a youth retreat when a group of students felt led to pray for their friends and schools. The students traveled to several school campuses in the

2026 Kinsley High School Homecoming Candidates



Left to Right: Alondra Arneros-Lopez, Ross Burkhart, Evelyn Garcia, Brady Kraft, Coral Chamberlain, Joseph Marquez, MaKayla Thompson, Colby Craft

Edwards County Commissioners Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026

The Edwards County Board of Commissioners met with Bo Nelson, Billy

Brokar and Lyle Schuette present. Gina Schuette, County Clerk, was also in attendance.

Chairman Brokar called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Pat Friess, CPA, Kennedy McKee & Company, LLP, joined the meeting.

The Board reviewed the first draft of the 2027 budget which reflected budget amounts requested by the departments and with the assistance of Mr. Friess, the Board reviewed and discussed

each budget request and made adjustments as deemed necessary by the Board and in compliance with K.S.A 79-2988 passed by the legislature.

A discussion followed and the 2027 estimated expenditures reflect that the county will not need to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 83.725. Mr. Friess will make some adjustments to the preliminary 2027 budget and then email a

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Word of God

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

~ Matthew 6:33

Burleson, Texas, area and gathered to pray. The flagpole became a natural meeting place and soon provided the inspiration for what would become See You at the Pole.

The idea quickly spread. On Sept. 12, 1990, the first large-scale See You at the Pole was held, with more than 45,000 students gathering at approximately 1,200 school campuses in Texas and several other states. The following year, participation expanded across the country, and the tradition eventually reached students around the world.

See You at the Pole continues to be centered

around students. The annual event is intended to be student-initiated, student-organized and student-led, with young people voluntarily gathering before school to pray. The observance is generally held on the fourth Wednesday of September.

More than three decades after a handful of Texas students first gathered to pray for their schools, the same simple tradition continues in communities across the country — students meeting at their school flagpole and beginning their day together in prayer.

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