

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2014
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Commissioner Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 24, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Chris Zimmerman, and Machel Smith

Leonard Vanatta - Road Supervisor
Gene Langerot - Lot Supervisor

Leonard presented a KDOT reimbursement offer to the County, for their bridge project on Hwy 166. They are offering to pay \$3,300 for the cost of rock that the county has used to repair county roads. They are not offering to pay for labor or use of equipment. Leonard recommends not signing the agreement until he sends another letter. There will be more rock costs before the project is finished. The Board took it under advisement.

Horses of Hope is wanting to do a 5K run on old Route 66 and Rainbow Bridge on June 7, 2014. The Board gave their approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with Gene and Leonard for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 9:27 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:37 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve Payroll for the month of February, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Leonard Vanatta – Road Supervisor

Fire District #1 is asking for the County's assistance in building the road into the future location of their new fire station between 92nd St and 92nd Ter on Pelican Ln in Hallowell. Leonard stated that there is an abandoned street that might be used. The Board agreed to provide whatever assistance is needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda for Jean Pritchett from 10:15 AM to 10:07 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 10:07 AM.

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Jean Pritchett - Chamber of Commerce, Tourism

She appeared before the Board and presented the 2014 Budget Comparison and 2013 Expenditure Reports from Cherokee County Tourism. She also presented the 2014 Transient Tax Agreement between Cherokee County and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Also presented were Tourism Grant Applications for the Cal Ripkin State Baseball Tournament and the Galena Days Celebration. Both applications are for \$300.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to sign the Transient Tax Agreement with Columbus Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the grant applications for the Cal Ripkin Baseball Tournament and the Galena Day's Celebration in the amount of \$300 each. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Accounts Payables for the month of February, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to declare April, 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cherokee County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Commissioner Hilderbrand would like to extend an invitation to area schools to have each school district send an elementary student(s) to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to open the County Commissioner's Meeting each Monday beginning March 31, 2014 and continuing throughout the month of April, 2014. The County Clerk will contact each of the five school districts and ask them to participate.

Commissioner Collins requests that ads be included in all three newspapers to promote April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to appoint Rebecca Powers as the Neosho Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The Motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Kevin Cure - County Counselor

He appeared before the Board on legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

He presented the contract appointing Janet Miller as Executive Director for the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept the Contractual Agreement for Executive Director Services with Janet Miller for the period of February 24, 2014 until February 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Kevin presented Resolution 07-2014 for the Board to consider.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve Resolution 07-2014, appointing the Cherokee County News Advocate as the Official County Newspaper as presented by Mr. Cure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

He reported that the next county tax sale is on track for a sale in July or August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to adjourn for lunch, to reconvene at 1:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 12:01 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:12 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda from 1:15 PM to 1:12 PM for Janet Miller and Trish Carroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 1:12 PM.

Janet Miller, Trish Carroll - Update on Certified Work Ready Communities

They appeared before the Board to give an update on the Certified Work Ready Communities Program. They are working with area schools and businesses. They would like to see the county come on board as a supporting employer. KMT, Crossland Construction and others have committed.

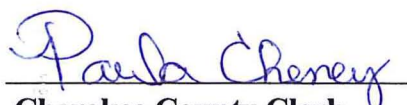
The Board would like for them to come back next Monday during the department head meeting at 10:00 AM.

Janet provided an update on the newly formed Economic Development Corporation.


They are in the process of transitioning from the Advisory Committee to the new Corporation. By-Laws have been adopted, and Officers of the Board of Directors have been elected from the members.


Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for March 3, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 1:35 PM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, March 10, 2014


 Cherokee County Clerk
 Deputy Clerk


 Commissioner


 Commissioner


 Commissioner

**(Published in the official county newspaper on the 26th day of
February, 2014)**

RESOLUTION NO. 7- 2014

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE OFFICIAL COUNTY
NEWSPAPER.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, upon due consideration of the matter finds that enacting the legislation would provide an official newspaper for publications of Cherokee County, Kansas.

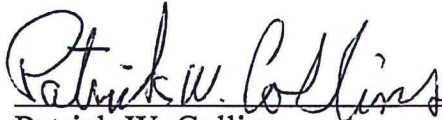
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, meeting in regular session, this 24th day of February, 2014, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Appointment of Official County Newspaper. Pursuant to K.S.A. 64-101 the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, is required to appoint a duly qualifying newspaper as the official newspaper for publications of Cherokee County, Kansas. This Board hereby appoints the Cherokee County News-Advocate, the office of which is located in Baxter Springs, Kansas, as the official county newspaper pursuant to K.S.A. 64-101.


Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution, or the application thereof to any circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official county newspaper.

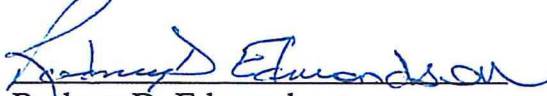
Adopted this 24th day of February, 2014, by the BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.


Patrick W. Collins
County Commissioner


Richard J. Hilderbrand
County Commissioner


Charlie Napier
County Commissioner

ATTEST:


Rodney D. Edmondson
County Clerk of Cherokee County,
Kansas
Resolution No. 7 - 2014

Prepared by:
Kevin Cure, Attorney

Cherokee County Commissioners

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Child Abuse Prevention Month, 2014

A Proclamation

Whereas, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and


Whereas, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas' families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

Whereas, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

Whereas, by providing safe, stable and nurturing relationships for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas' children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation;

Therefore, We, The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cherokee County.


County Commissioner


County Commissioner


County Commissioner

PAT COLLINS
First District

CHARLES NAPIER
Second District

RICHARD HILDERBRAND
Third District

TRANSIENT TAX AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into this 24th day of February 2014 between Cherokee County, KS here in after called "County" and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit corporation here in after called the "Chamber" acting herein the Executive, its duly authorized representative.

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Cherokee enacted the Transient Guest Tax Resolution August 31, 1982, levying a tax upon hotel and motel transient guests within the County, said tax being currently effective.

WHEREAS, the county of Cherokee desires that the proceeds derived from the said hotel and motel Transient Guest Tax be used for the promotion, solicitation, encouragement and development of tourism and convention for Cherokee County, as provided for by KSA 12-1693 and KSA 1978 Supp. 12-1694 to 12-1698.

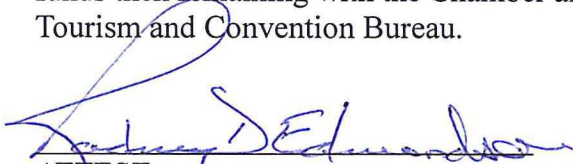
NOW THEREFORE, be it understood and agreed by and between the County and the Chamber that for and in consideration of payment of a sum of money raised by the two (2) percent Transient Guest Tax that said Chamber will provide those services necessary to carry out one year commencing the 1st day of January, 2014 and ending the 1st day of January 2015.

NOW BE IT FURTHER AGREED as follows:


1. The Chamber will operate and manage a Convention & Tourism Bureau to render services hereinafter contemplated and to discharge its duties in accordance with terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. The Chamber is hired and engaged as an independent contractor, and is not an officer, agent or employee of the county.
3. Advisory Committee. The Convention & Tourism Committee, as appointed by the County/Chamber as required by KSA 12-16, 101 shall perform, among others, the following functions: (a) promote tourism and conventions in Columbus; (b) recommend programs and expenditures for the promotion of tourism and conventions in Columbus; (c) to work as a liaison between motels and conventions.
4. The Chamber shall submit prior to July 1, to the Cherokee County Commissioners a proposed annual operation budget for the Convention and Tourism Bureau for the next fiscal year and by February 15, a written report of the previous year's activities and expenditures to be made by the Tourism & Convention Bureau, none of which shall be made until the annual budget has been approved by the County governing body. Such budget shall also include the program of work, projects and activities.

5. Payments. The County will transfer quarterly to the Chamber all funds as provided by the Transient Guest Tax Resolution.
6. The County Clerk or his designated representative may, upon reasonable notice, inspect all books and records of the Tourism and Convention Bureau.
7. It is expressly agreed by the parties that all Transient Tax Guest funds of the County shall be used solely for the propose of promoting travel, tourism and conventions within the area as provided by the Transient Guest Tax.
8. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party written notice sixty (60) days in advance of the proposed termination date.

Upon termination, unless it is subsequently reserved, the Chamber shall deliver to the County all Transient Guest Tax funds and any equipment purchased by use of said guest tax funds then remaining with the Chamber after payment of all budgeted expenses of the Tourism and Convention Bureau.


ATTEST:
County Clerk


COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
Cherokee County


ATTEST:
Director/Columbus Chamber of Commerce


PRESIDENT
Columbus Chamber of Commerce

Tourism Guest Tax Budget

2013

2014

Columbus

Receipts

Beginning Balance	1750.20	3840.06
Estimate from transit tax	2700.00	2700.00
Trolley	300.00	300.00
Postcards	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	4770.20	6860.06

Disbursements

Administrative Fee	100.00	100.00
Advertising/Signage	1500.00	2400.00
Area meetings/Conference	150.00	150.00
Bus Tours (snacks, coffee,ets.)		100.00
Host Events (Claythorne shoots)	300.00	500.00
Miscellaneous for tourists	50.00	150.00
Postage	300.00	300.00
Trade Shows	1100.00	1200.00
Trolley	1250.00	900.00
Reprint, Columbus brochure		<u>1000.00</u>
Total	4750.00	6800.00

Rooms/Columbus area

Country Loft	4
Budget Inn	22
Maple UnCommon	7
Claythorne Lodge	6
Lodge at Bohare	8
Smittle House	<u>3</u>
	50

Tourism Expenditure Report

RECEIPTS

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2013	1750.35	
Advertising reimbursement	176.80	
Transit Tax		
2/27/13 (4 th qt 12)	931.46	
5/22/13 (1 st qt 13)	484.82	
8/29/13 (2 nd qt '13)	622.36	
11/07/13 (3 rd qt "13)	744.77	2783.41
Interest	0.99	
City Donation	2500.00	
Trolley		
fees	171.00	
Postcards		
Total	5632.20	

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Fee	100.00	
Advertising		
AAA, OK, NE & KS	1046.00	
SEK Living	50.00	
Wichita Travel Guide	595.00	
Kansas Fishing Guide 2013	230.00	
2014 KS Travel Guide	560.00	
Kansas Electric magazine	176.80	
Galena Sentinel Times	180.00	
LASR 2013	240.00	3077.80
Area Meetings & Conference		
US Open Shoot 2014	500.00	
Postage	138.18	
Trolley		
Battery		
Propane	<u>26.24</u>	
Total	3842.22	

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2013	3540.33	
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Cherokee County Tourism Grant

Beginning Balance Jan 1,2013 10252.22

RECEIPTS

Transit Tax

2/27/13 (4th qt of 2012) 620.97

5/7/13 (1st qt of '13) 323.23

8/29/13 (2nd qt of '13) 414.91

11/07/13 (3rd qt of '13) 496.50

Interest 3.11

Total 1858.72

DISBURSEMENTS

SEKTR County membership 500.00

Snowball Classic BB Tourney 300.00

Baxter Historical Museum 300.00

American Gelbvich Jr. Assco. 300.00

Galena Fire Department 300.00

Maple UnCommon Htl/Gallery 300.00

BS Car Show 300.00

Total 2300.00

Bank Balance Dec.31,2013 9810.21

CHEROKEE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

DATE REQUESTED – January 15, 2014

NAME OF EVENT/PROJECT – 12U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament (60 ft.)

DATE OF EVENT – Wednesday, July 9th – Sunday, July 13th 2014

NAME OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION – Columbus Cal Ripken Baseball Assoc.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE EVENT/PROJECT – Columbus Cal Ripken Baseball won the bid to host the 12U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament. The four day tournament will showcase eight of the top 12 year old Cal Ripken baseball teams in the state of Kansas.

PERSON MAKING GRANT/REQUEST – David Eddington & Tournament Planning Committee

HOME ADDRESS – David Eddington
1946 Brassart Lane
Columbus, KS 66725

WORK PHONE - 1-620-429-3084 **HOME PHONE** - 1-620-429-2818
CELL PHONE - 1-620-762-2820

GRANT AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED - \$300.00

IS THIS EVENT IN ANY WAY A FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION? YES NO

- Cal Ripken Baseball must raise \$2,000.00 before it receives any profit from the baseball tournament.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF EXPECTED ATTENDEES – 120 players and coaches, & Parents and fans

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ROOM NIGHTS GENERATED - 4 Nights

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES THAT ARE DAY-TRIPPERS – See Attendees

WHERE WILL THEY STAY WHILE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY? – Players, parents, and fans will find lodging (hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts) within 45 minutes of the Columbus Community Ball Fields.

HOW WILL THE GRAN MONEY BE USED (BE SPECIFIC) – My plans are to provide WELCOME BAGS (string backpacks) for players and coaches. The backpack would have the Cal Ripken emblem on it. It would also say “12 U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament – Columbus, KS.. The bags would have tourism information such as Big

Brutus and Schermerhorn Park. It would include local business information including restaurants, gas stations, lodging etc. I would also like to see area businesses welcome the kids by putting business coupons, pencils, and such in the bags. With the remainder of the grant money, I would buy chewing gum, and sunflower seeds to put in the Welcome Bags.

WHERE WILL VISITORS COME FROM? - Visitors will come from all over the state of Kansas.

IS THIS A ONE-TIME EVENT/PROJECT? AN ON-GOING PROJECT? EXPLAIN -

This is a one-time event. However, we have a great baseball complex and I see other baseball and softball groups hosting district and state baseball tournaments in the future.

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED PRIOR FUNDING FROM THIS GRANT? EXPLAIN - No

HOW WILL THIS EVENT/PROJECT INCREASE TOURISM REVENUE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY?

The 12 U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament will increase tourism in the area by bringing visitors to the community. When not playing, these visitors will be able to visit Big Brutus, area museums, and area parks for entertainment. I also see the tournament benefitting the community economically. Lodging, restaurants, the grocery store, convenience stores, and clothing sales should see revenue from the tournament.

IF EVENT/PROJECT WILL NOT DIRECTLY AFFECT TOURISM, HOW WILL IT IMPROVE OR ENHANCE CHEROKEE COUNTY TO INDIRECTLY AFFECT TOURISM?

I believe the 12U Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament will directly affect tourism in Cherokee County. I also believe the tournament could indirectly affect tourism by bringing people into Cherokee County who might not visit otherwise.

Columbus Chamber of Commerce

320 E. Maple * Columbus, KS 66725 * 620-429-1492

APPLICATION

CHEROKEE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM 2014

PLEASE USE ONLY THIS FORM

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS
ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE TYPED.

DATE OF REQUEST MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT

Date of Request FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Name of Event/Project GALENA DAYS -ANNUAL CITY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Date(s) of Event/Project JUNE 5, 6 7

Name of Sponsoring Organization GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Briefly describe event/project THREE NIGHTS OF FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT,
CARNIVAL, BINGO, FOOD STANDS AND PRIZES GIVEN AWAY

Person making Grant/Request BILL HALL, FIRE CHIEF

Address 1524 HILLVIEW LANE --GALENA, KS.

Work Phone CELL 417-439-9609 Home Phone 620-783-5404

Grant amount being requested (\$300 maximum) \$300.00

Is this event in any way a fundraiser for your organization? xx yes _____ no

Estimated number of expected attendees FOUR TO SIX THOUSAND

Estimated number of room nights generated:TWO TO SIX

Estimated number of attendees that are day-trippers UNKNOWN

Where will they stay while in Cherokee County? UNKNOWN

How will grant money be used (be specific) ASSIST IN FUNDING THE TOTAL EXPENSES
OF THE CELEBRATION. OUR COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$30,000

Attach projected budget for entire event/project to this application.

Where will visitors come from? FOUR STATE AND OTHER AREAS

Is this a one-time event? An on-going project? Explain ANNUAL EVENT

Have you received prior funding from this grant? Explain THE LAST several YEARS.

How will this event/project increase tourism revenue in Cherokee County? WE TRUST THE VISITORS WILL PURCHASE GASOLINE, FOOD AND STAY IN LOCAL MOTELS.

If event/project will not directly affect tourism, how will it improve or enhance Cherokee County to indirectly affect tourism? _____

Additional support from this grant application may be attached if desired.

IMPORTANT: Upon completion of event/project, all grant recipients must supply the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee with actual budget for event/project and follow-up summary. Recipients who do not comply with this policy may be ineligible for future grants.

Committee Use Only: Date received _____ Action _____

Note: These funds are to assist qualified organizations with the promotion of tourism activities striving to directly increase hotel/motel occupancy and create positive image building publicity for Cherokee county.



Galena Volunteer Fire Department

A VOLUNTEER
ORGANIZATION

INCORPORATED
301 WEST 7th STREET
GALENA, KANSAS 66739

Member of the
Kansas State Firemen's Association
National Firemen's Protective Association

Fire Chief Bill Hall
Asst. Chief Steve Hall

Telephone
Business (620) 783-5134
Fire only (620) 783-1311

GALENA DAYS 2014 projected budget.

\$20,000---PRIZES INCLUDING \$10,000 TOP PRIZE, USED CAR
AND NIGHTLY PRIZES.

3,000---NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT.

1,700---TICKETS AND POSTERS EXPENSES.

500---ADVERTISEMENT EXPENSES.

1,200---REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT.

1,500---GALENA DAYS QUEENS EXPENSES.

400---ELECTRICITY.

1,400---FOOD ITEMS.

300---SALES TAXES

\$30,000

as always, thanks jeanie

KRIS W. KOBACH
Secretary of State



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120 S.W. 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1594
(785) 296-4564

STATE OF KANSAS

January 30, 2014

Cherokee County Clerk
110 W. Maple
Columbus, KS 66725

RE: 2012 Financial Report

To Whom It May Concern:

We recently received the 2012 Financial Report for Cherokee County, Kansas. I file registrations for charitable organizations, so I thought it had been placed in my mail-tub by mistake. I checked with our elections division, and they didn't think it was something they were waiting for, either. I am returning it to you, thinking it must have been sent to us in error.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (785) 291-3691.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenna Rooney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Brenna Rooney

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