

Hundreds of bicyclists cross the county



OVER 400 CYCLISTS pedaled across the full width of Comanche County Monday—plus additional miles in parts of Clark/Barber counties. Many stopped for a meal break as they passed through Coldwater, including this food trailer on East Main Street. Photo by Dennies D. Andersen.

By Dennies Andersen

The big “Biking Across Kansas” (BAK) throng going through Comanche County this Monday morning was a little less concentrated than in a number of previous years.

Starting on the Kansas/Colorado west of Johnson on Friday, June 5, the group of about 400 bikers started the 550-mile trek—mostly on US 160—with an overnight stop in Johnson.

Over the next nine days, they planned to average about 61 miles per day, though their schedule called for four days that they needed to cover more than 70 miles.

After their first two days of pedaling, they overnights in Montezuma, then Ashland.

Clark County residents provided them supper Sunday night and breakfast Monday morning before they headed for Medicine Lodge for their next overnight stop. Monday morning, BAK provided the



riders with snacks, fruit, and water at the south edge of Protection, near the Alliance Ag fuel pumps.

Lunch arrangements they thought had been made in Coldwater fizzled out and they were on their own for a noon meal.

With more than half a dozen places in Coldwater they could get something to eat, there wasn't ever a big crowd of bikers eating together at one place.

BYO at the north end of Coldwater had been tipped off about the bikers coming through and was told to prepare for 75 about 11 a.m. Monday.

Knowing that the predicted high temperatures in this area were in the 100s, some of the bikers got an early start leaving

Ashland and were in Coldwater as early as 8 a.m. So that was when BYO opened its doors Monday morning. The restaurant served watermelon, along with various burgers and sandwiches to a total of about 60 cyclists.

A block to the south Odell's served mostly breakfast burritos to about 50 of the bikers. The serving began there shortly after 7 a.m.

With only a few “stragglers” left to go through Coldwater, one of the BAK organizers said that most of the bikers in the group were in or near Medicine Lodge by 11:15 a.m. Monday morning. They literally beat the heat as thermometers in the area reached 103 degrees by late that afternoon.

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HIGH GASOLINE PRICES don't worry these bikers (below) as they take a break in Protection. Photo by Dave Webb.

Joe Ceballos back home in Comanche County

By Dennies Andersen

Joe Ceballos is back in Coldwater, and once again working at his old job for CMS Electric as a lineman. He returned home last Friday evening.

“It's nice to be back,” 54-year-old Ceballos said in an interview Tuesday of this week—seven months after he was charged with seven felony crimes stemming from voting and running for public office without being a citizen of the United States.

Born in Mexico, Ceballos has been in the U.S. since he was four years old, and has been in Comanche County as a legal resident since he was 14. He went to high school here and worked as a welder and ranch hand at that time.

Thinking his “legal resident” status allowed him to vote, he registered to vote while on a high school class trip to tour the courthouse. He has voted since that time and has been elected to serve on the Coldwater City Council and as Mayor of Coldwater.

He was charged Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025—the same day he was re-elected to a second term as Coldwater's mayor.

Before last Christmas his preliminary hearing was held in Comanche County District Court in Coldwater. His final hearing on those charges was April 20, also in Comanche County District Court.

At that time all but three of the charges were dropped and he pled guilty to three misdemeanor charges of disorderly election conduct. He was given a jail sentence which was sus-

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Coldwater City Council makes plans for 250th celebration on July 4

By Dennies Andersen

Meeting Monday evening in regular session, the Coldwater City Council talked about a number of things, including a big day of games and food for the public on the nation's 250th anniversary celebration July 4.

While the event is less than a month away, plans are still in the making for the big day.

Turtle races in the big city park by the swimming pool are set for 10:30 a.m., with several other activities to run until noon. At that time a hot dog eating contest will begin, and a grilled hot dog meal free to all will begin.

Ice cold watermelon will also be served.

At 1 p.m. the municipal swimming pool will open with an afternoon of free swimming for all ages.

An adults cornhole contest will also begin at that time, and the council agreed Monday night to allow the consumption of alcohol from 1 to 5 p.m.—but only in the portion of the park designated for the cornhole contest.

Council members also hope to come up with live music to entertain the crowd in the park that afternoon.

In other business, the council:

—Voted to pay bills in the amount of \$99,327.63.

—Noted that the KSN news crew will be set up in Coldwater's Heritage Park at 11 a.m. next Monday, June 15, to broadcast their news as part of the television station's Touring Kansas routine.

—Heard a report from Shelby Offutt about an ATV fundraiser he recently had, asking that he communicate with them about his plans ahead of time for such an event, and explained ATV owners need to get a city permit to drive an ATV on the city streets. He

said none of the drivers would have a problem with that. The event, he said, grew from 30 ATVs last year to 52 this year. Offutt said the funds raised go to help someone locally with serious medical problems. One councilman said he would favor the city selling each of the ATV owners involved a special one-day permit for the event, and then donating the money back to Offutt's fund.

—Met with Comanche County Economic Development Foundation Director Julie Lyon who shared with the council members the results of a recent countywide survey. Only 55 people responded to the survey, but town cleanups was the highest of the small scale projects mentioned with 46 people making that their choice. Next was improvements to building facades at 28, then Main Street beautification at 22. As for important issues facing the city or county in the future, 45 cited property taxes, followed by 39 who thought jobs and economic opportunities were important and 36 who were concerned about nonresident property owners.

—Also heard Mrs. Lyon report on some grant applications she was working on. The mayor and council members asked that they be kept better informed of some of those grant applications and opportunities.

—Next Mrs. Lyon explained that a five-county study was nearly complete of the available housing and would list the houses and lots available and what it would take to make each one livable or buildable.

—Later in the meeting, the council further discussed cleanup around town in several different manners which they have been pursuing.

—Approved a zoning variance and animal permit for Ju Suengmue to have chickens within the city limits, including

two roosters, pending the signatures of his neighbors within 150 feet of his property.

—Voted to approve a zoning variance and animal permit for Chris Mills to have chickens within the city limits, including two roosters.

—Voted to approve a zoning variance and permit for Becky Bruckner to have chickens within the city limits.

—Voted to approve the new water line tapping fee policy as proposed at the last meeting.

—Voted to approve the five-year vehicle replacement policy discussed at the last meeting.

—Voted to approve a new vehicle maintenance policy to include an annual inspection by a local mechanic, as well as quarterly service jobs by the city crew.

—Approved an offer of \$40,000 from Brown County



for the city police car, a 2023 Dodge Durango with police package and only 12,400 miles on it. While the city had asked \$45,000 for the vehicle, the offer from Brown County was the only one received.

—Approved renewal of the city employee Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance policy for another year. The total cost to the city went up \$1,294 per month for all the employees.

That makes the city's BC/BS premium now \$12,356.21 per month covering six employees.

—Discussed public works employee overtime hours and the fact that employee on-call duty every weekend is rotated between employees.

—Approved the summer's street sealing plans. Roughly 34 blocks of paving would cost \$113,000. A portion of the blacktop road around Lake Coldwater is also to be resealed and \$25,000 has been budgeted for that. They also looked at a seven-year rotation for resealed all the paved streets in the city.

—Heard Public Works Director Charlie Austin report that his crew will lay a new water main on South Leavenworth replacing a steel line in

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VAUGHN WILLEMS, cutting wheat south of Protection, dumps a load Tuesday afternoon, a load Tuesday afternoon, at the outdoor “leg” of the Alliance Ag & Grain Protection elevator. Employees Javier Garcia, Colten Clark and Jeffrey Cope stand out of the wind-blown grain dust before sweeping the leftovers into the pit. Photo by Dave Webb.

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the alley.

—Heard Austin report that the lake lift station line is now repaired and back in service.

—Heard a report from Austin that he needs to begin getting asphalt for the summer's street work and prefers to get it shipped in from Dodge City.

—Heard the public works director report the city street sweeper has been repaired and has already picked up chat from last year's resealing and

begun sweeping curbs and gutters.

—Heard Austin report that the municipal swimming pool is up and running, and that the city crew had to repair leak under concrete and replaced the pool chlorinator.

—Heard a report from Austin that Tanner Maas, former Coldwater chief of police, will mow the lake dam twice this summer at \$175 per mowing.

—Met for 10 minutes in

executive session to discuss personnel matters, after which no action was taken.

—Talked about a property in the southeast part of town that the city had cleaned up, and the property owner had given the property to the city, but the transaction and deed had not been filed with the register of deeds office.

—Adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m., having started at 6:30 p.m.

Karen Brumbaugh, 74



Karen Jean Brumbaugh, 73, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at Comanche County Hospital in Coldwater. Born July 20, 1952, at Ashland, she was the daughter of Charles Warren Burt, Jr. and Catharine Mary (White) Burt.

Karen was a lifetime resident of Comanche County. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1970 and attended Dodge City Community College. On August 5, 1972, she married David Lee Brumbaugh. To this union, three children were born: Kelly, Mindy, and Jesse.

Karen worked as a dispatcher for Comanche County early in her life. She was a florist, working at Town & County Floral and later owning and operating Karen's Korner in Coldwater. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Coldwater, since April 7, 1963. She was a gifted musician, playing the pipe organ at the church for many years.

Karen's greatest joy was spending time with her family,

especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed flowers, gardening, rock/fossil hunting, birdwatching, and researching family history.

Karen is survived by one daughter: Mindy Brumbaugh of Scott City, KS; one son: Jesse Brumbaugh (Emily) of Coldwater; two brothers: Chuck Burt of Topeka, KS and Andy Burt of Davenport, IA; one sister: Suzanne Timmer (Kenny) of Wilmore; twelve grandchildren: Christopher Campbell, David Charles Brumbaugh, Jacob Smith, Jayden Smith, Damion Brumbaugh, Keegan Brumbaugh, D.J. DeBusk, Kalee Brumbaugh, Jordyn Brumbaugh, Elliot Brumbaugh, Oakley Brumbaugh, and Wyatt Brumbaugh; six great-grandchildren; two aunts: Harriet (Burt) Moreland and Harriet White; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son: Kelly William Brumbaugh; one brother: Mike Burt and his wife Glennnda; and her husband: Dave Brumbaugh.

Visitation with family present is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Celebration of Life Service is at 10 a.m., Monday, June 15, 2026, at the funeral home in Coldwater. Inurnment will follow the service at Crown Hill Cemetery, Coldwater.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Karen Brumbaugh Memorial Fund in care of Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, PO Box 417, Coldwater, KS 67029.

Christopher Graham, 55

Christopher "Chris" Lee Graham, 55, a longtime resident of Comanche County, died May 4, 2026.

He was born Dec. 19, 1970, to Ruth Ann (Wright) Denney and Kenneth Lee Graham in Salem, OR.

After graduating from Cimarron High School in 1989, Chris joined the U.S. Army National Guard, where he was a communication specialist and mechanic. He served two tours overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. After his tours he became a truck driver, traveling from coast to coast seeing the beauty of this country as well as his Kansas City Chiefs.



FREE movies at the Chief Theatre, Coldwater, every Monday morning during the month of June.

Frederic Selzer, 90

Frederic Selzer, 90, passed away on June 7, 2026, at Pegasus Landing of Overland Park, KS.

He grew up in Protection on a wheat farm, the son of Glenn and Nellie (Hartzler) Selzer. Glenn was not only a farmer, but a very good mechanic. With this environment, Fredric enjoyed fixing vehicles and equipment with a strong work ethic. He also had a love of adventure which showed up with having motorcycles, boats and small airplanes.

He met the love of his life, Rose Marie (Jantz), while working in Kansas City. They married in 1958 and moved to Protection to take up farming. While on the farm, four children were born to this family: Clayton, Clyde, Wayne and Kyrita. They later moved to Kansas City, KS in 1966 due to his asthma from wheat dust. His jobs included farming, welding and machine shop work.

Fredric had received Christ in his youth and was a member of Argentine Mennonite Church. He was involved with Pilots For Christ and a Christian motorcycle club. He was devoted to his family and serving others.

He had three children: Michael (Vanessa) Graham of Wichita, Jaiden (Alix) Graham of Coldwater, and Shayna Kay Graham who is now deceased.

His survivors include: wife Andrea (Belanger), three sons Michael, Jaiden, and Adrian; daughter Davina; father Kenneth (Linda) Graham of Derby; mother Ruth Denney of Coldwater; brother Mitchell (Cassandra) Denney, and sister Niccole (Jessie) Pretty, both of Coldwater; stepbrother Curtis (Emily) Forgie of Rosehill; and stepsister Vicky Evans of Derby; three grandchildren; multiple nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.



Fredric is survived by his sister Ruth Akpan, son Clayton (Janet West), son Clyde, son Wayne and daughter Kyrita (Phil) Cook; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Rose Marie, parents, sisters Goldie Piland, Grace Hestand and Twyla White.

A visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2026, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Preceding Chris in death were his daughter Shayna; both sets of grandparents; stepfather Larry Denney; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He will be laid to rest at 11 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2026. Graveside services will be held at Eastside Cemetery, 500 S. Cleveland Street in Hutchinson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to PO Box 184, Coldwater, KS 67029 in care of Niccole Pretty. The family has also set up a fund in Coldwater at the Peoples Bank, Branch of Stockgrowers State Bank, for memorials to be dropped off.

The Breadwinner runs this weekend

By Dennies Andersen

This coming Saturday and Sunday evenings, June 13-14. Peoples Bank, Branch of Stockgrowers State Bank, will sponsor *The Breadwinner* at Chief Theatre in Coldwater.

Rated PG, the movie runs an hour and 40 minutes, beginning at 8 p.m. both evenings. The box office and concession stand open 45 minutes before the movie begins.

The Breadwinner is a family comedy that follows the misadventures of Nate Wilcox, whose wife Katie lands a once-in-a-lifetime \$100,000 deal on Shark Tank that takes her on a month-long business trip. So Nate—the lifelong breadwinner—has to fend for his family as a first-time stay-at-home dad.

Since Katie has to fly to South Korea to supervise manufacturing of her gadget, Nate takes a sabbatical to run the

house while she's away. There is not one chore that doesn't defeat him—from breakfast to laundry to school drop-off and pickup, he's a mess.

The Breadwinner feels like the kind of family movie that has been missing for a while—light, funny, warm, and easy to enjoy with everyone in the room.

The Breadwinner stars comedian Nate Bargatze as Nate Wilcox and Mandy Moore as his wife, Katie. The film brings together a charming cast, playful humor, and a story that celebrates the beautiful mess of family life.

What makes this movie special is how simple and sincere it feels. It does not try too hard to be edgy or over-complicated.

Instead, it focuses on the kind of everyday family chaos that makes people laugh, relate, and maybe even think of their own home.

One reviewer said, "I was laughing throughout a lot of this movie. I typically don't even watch PG movies, but I find Bargatze to have a likable personality. It was definitely over the top but the jokes were there in handfults."

The Breadwinner is a refreshing modern comedy. It is funny, heartfelt, and an enjoyable feel-good film the whole family can watch together.

Twyla (Selzer) White, 86

Twyla Fae (Selzer) White, 86, passed away on June 4, 2026, in Hesston, KS, at Showalter Villa. She was born during a heavy snowstorm on Feb. 18, 1940, arriving beside a wood-burning stove to parents, Glenn and Nellie (Hartzler) Selzer in their farm home near Protection.

Twyla developed a lifelong love of the outdoors, playing sports, doing chores, driving trucks to the grain elevator, and tending a beautiful garden. Each year after wheat harvest, the family traveled to Colorado Springs to visit her maternal grandparents. There, she heard about Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, where she later spent several summers working in the kitchen and leading hikes with campers.

While attending Hesston College, Twyla met Ivan L. White. Sharing similar values, talents, and goals, they built a life together rooted in service to others.

Twyla completed her nurse's training at Kansas City General Hospital, and they were married on Sept. 8, 1962. Twyla worked as a surgical nurse for Bethel Deaconess Hospital and Newton Medical Center.

She and Ivan volunteered with Mennonite Disaster Service in multiple locations in Louisiana and Colorado, as well as with organizations in Guatemala, Venezuela, Mexico, and Spain. She was a member of Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston.

Twyla is survived by her brother Fredric Selzer, sister Ruth Akpan, daughter Gwen (Jenny Deaton) White of



Greenwood, IN, and Bruce (Melody Hardin) White of Palisade, CO; six grandchildren: Mikaela Selamawit (Yonathan Wezeli) Kauffman, Alex (Catherine Ball) Kauffman, Gabriel Kauffman, Isabel Betelehem Kauffman, Sarah (Drew Schumann) White, Zebulon White; and eight great-grandchildren: Carmaine, Carmiyrah, Acari, Oonii, Oliver, Grace, Boaz, and Autumn.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ivan, parents, and sisters Goldie Piland and Grace Hestand.

A celebration of life will be held at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, over Labor Day weekend on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 4:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be mailed to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, 709 County Rd 62, Divide, CO 80814 or on their website at www.rmmc.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Ott Funeral Home, Hesston.

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Compiled by Dave Webb

125 YEARS AGO

Western Star
June 14, 1901

Protection prattle

Protection has nearly blown away this week.

Did anybody see a surrey going south Sunday?

Mrs. G.W. Reed is still on the sick list.

Lawrence Bratcher circulated among his friends Sunday.

A number of our young folks went south to Sunday school last Sunday.

Protection and Ashland will play a match game of ball Saturday, June 15.

Prayer meeting was very interesting last Sunday, though the attendance was small.

J.L. Vance, Frank Moore, Tom Hopkins, Clarence Darnell and Marion Bratcher started to the harvest fields this week. —[Correspondent] "JUNIPER."

In district court

Judge E.H. Madison and Court Stenographer Louis Boehler arrived in [Coldwater] Monday evening from Dodge City and at 10 a.m. on Tuesday the adjourned term of district court for this county was convened.

The first case on the docket was that of the State vs. Walter and Kenneth Fulton, who were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon (a Winchester repeating shotgun) upon the person of John Overocker in Valley Township on the 4th day of last December.

Considerable difficulty was found in securing a jury to try the case. It was nearly 3 p.m. on Wednesday when the jury was completed and the examination of witnesses was begun.

... The case was ably handled on both sides. It was noon yesterday when the case went to the jury, and at 2:30 p.m. a verdict of "not guilty" was returned.

But two ballots were required—the first, standing 10 for acquittal and 2 for conviction, and the second, unanimous for acquittal.

The next case to occupy the attention of the court was the Carroll-Lightner cattle case, which is now on trial. This case will probably occupy the remainder of this week. ...

This and that

A lady's cloak was lost a couple of weeks ago in Protection or on the road south of Protection. Finder will confer a favor by leaving same at A.C. Alexander's or notifying him.

J.D. Hopkins, of Valley Township, was summoned to Derby by telegram on Wednesday to attend the bedside of his mother who was reported quite sick.

Miss Ina Tade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tade, of Valley Township, graduated on last Tuesday at the Institution

for the Deaf & Dumb, located at Olathe. She will visit friends in Topeka until about July 4 when she will return home.

J.C. Lewis, foreman of the Moffett Ranch in Avilla Township, went to Camchester, Harper County, Monday, to superintend the shipping of about 450 head of fat steers to Kansas City. Mr. Lewis owns an interest in the cattle.

O.P. Snare, the Santa Fe agent at Wilmore, went to Topeka Monday to be treated at the Santa Fe hospital for an attack of general breaking down of the system. His health has apparently been failing for several weeks, although his condition has not been considered at all serious. All hope for his speedy recovery.

100 YEARS AGO

Protection Post
June 10, 1926

Hailed out

Last Wednesday week, a bad rain and hailstorm visited this section of the country.

Several farmers lost heavily by the hail and many losses in wheat and crop acreage were reported.

R.R. Sibbitt lost a fine field of wheat and E.S. Dale and Neal Simonds both suffered a total loss in their wheat acreage from the hail.

The worst of the hailstorm seemed to center in the town, and roofs and gardens suffered. In some instances roofs were complete riddled and necessitated their replacement by new ones entirely.

Gardens and fruit trees were beaten into the ground and the trees were stripped of their fruit.

This storm was the worst one of its kind that has visited this section since the hailstorm that devastated a section of country southwest and south of Protection some three or four years ago.

During the storm last week, C.J. Simkins had three head of cattle killed by lightning, Ed Whittington lost four head in the same manner, and in the Lindsay neighborhood southeast of Protection, nine head were lost by lightning, and northeast of Protection, Jesse Williams lost a fine cow and calf by lightning.

In business

Last week the deal was completed between F.B. Field and Clifford Sibbitt, by which the latter assumed charge of the meat market in the Field Store.

Mr. Sibbitt established and operated the market until some months ago, when he leased it to Mr. Field, who has since operated the market in connection with his store. But [under] the new contract, Mr. Sibbitt has again assumed charge of the market and will operate it in the

store of Mr. Field.

Mr. Sibbitt is now in charge of the market and states to the POST that he will carry a full and complete line of meats and market accessories.

Mr. McLaughlin felt that his farm business and his other interests demanded so much personal attention, that he did not have the time to give to the produce business that it demanded.

Mr. Stewart is well known in Protection and is now in charge of the cream and produce station and will give it his personal attention and continue to handle the same lines of produce and fruits and vegetables and continue the same policy that Mr. McLaughlin did in his business.

L.Z. Pierson of Pollock, Missouri, arrived last week and is employed on the front chair of the S.E. Miller Barber Shop in Protection. Mr. Pierson comes as a barber of several years' experience and with the recommendation that speaks well for his ability as a first-class barber.

Will study in Europe

Dr. W.G. Ramey left Monday for New York City, from which place he will sail on Saturday for Rotterdam. He will go directly to Vienna, Austria, to enter upon his medical studies there [for a year].

75 YEARS AGO

Protection Post
June 8, 1951

Movies, rain, Bible school

Due to the increased cost of motion pictures, transportation of film, etc., starting June 10, the following admission prices will be in effect: Adults, 50¢, including tax; children, 20¢ including tax. —Midway Theatre, Protection.

Those amounts are very close to what moviegoers pay to see films at the county's Chief Theatre. Fifty cents in 1951 would be equivalent to \$6.37 today. Twenty cents at that time would be about the same as \$2.55 now.

Ernie Osmon's rain gauge [at the Santa Fe depot] registered another .90 of an inch of rain this week. A little hail accompanied the Wednesday night shower.

[Two front-page photographs by the Carpenter Studios show those involved in two recent Bible schools. A photo taken at the Mennonite church south of town included just over 70 children and adults alongside the country church. A photo taken on the east steps of the Methodist church pictured 150 children and adults who took part in the Baptist-Methodist Bible school. An enlargement of the latter photograph is on display at the Protection Methodist Church.]

Two arrivals a day apart

Merle and Jo Ann Wait announce the birth of a 7-pound, 13-ounce daughter, Brenda Ann, May 30, at the Hardtner hospital.

Hern and Maureen Herd announce the birth of a 6½-pound son, John Ward, May 31, at the Ashland hospital.

55 YEARS AGO

Protection Post
June 11, 1971

Valley Manor closer

The contract is being drawn up to purchase land on the south edge of Protection* from the Sanders brothers [Robert and Ralph], the City of Protection is drawing up an ordinance annexing approximately 7½ acres of land to the City, stock certificates are being prepared for shareholders, and the probable date for construction to start on Protection Manors is July 1.

*Somewhere between "Protection Manors" being built and its name changed to "Protection Valley Manor," the above-mentioned land transaction didn't take place. "Bob" and Ralph Sanders never owned any property on the east side of South Broadway where PVM was eventually constructed. Their acreage was all on the west side of Protection's main street.

Retirement Homes, Inc., promoters and operators of the home, say that even with 30 days of bad weather, the building should be ready for occupancy by mid-December.

To get all of the necessary permits and authorizations together require longer than anticipated and the initial target

date for construction to begin, May 15, was not met. However, it seems that everything is now in order and if construction does not begin on July 1, it will immediately follow the July 4 holiday.

Herman Herbord

Herman August Herbord, youngest in a family of eight, was born in Pana, Illinois, June 3, 1901, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Herbord, who were born in Hessen Landt, Germany. Mr. Herbord departed this life suddenly, May 29, 1971, at Cass Lake, Minnesota, at the age of 69 years, 10 months and 29 days.

He was married to Lola Ziegler on May 14, 1924, at Duncan, Oklahoma. To this union one daughter, Marilyn, was born February 16, 1935, at Ashland.

Herman lived in Oklahoma a short while, moving to Jacksboro, Texas, where he worked for Watchhorn Oil Company. They came to Protection in 1929 to work on an oil well between Protection and Ashland. A short time after coming here work was very hard to get anywhere and the White Eagle Oil Company (later Mobilgas) was building a service station here. [Herman] applied for the [manager's] job in the spring of 1930 [and] opened that station, which wasn't easy for him for he had never been a businessman, but with a will and determination and hard work, he stayed with it until 1963 when he had a heart attack.

Herman enjoyed his work and his association with people and always worked hard, even as a young man in the coal mines of Illinois. ...

Herman and his family's legacy in Protection was the service station on the northwest corner of South Broadway and East Pine. After the Herbords closed it, the Old English-style structure took on a second life as an eatery—the Hob Nob Inn. It opened in June 1967 under the management of J.D. and Audrey Rowland. In the spring of 1970 Royce and Betty Smith bought it. Later Tom and Cheryl (Herd) Jacobs renamed it Cottonwood Cottage and operated it for a time. The building was eventually torn down by the United Methodist Church to make room for a larger church parking lot. Unfortunately no historic photos of it in operation as a service station have surfaced.

35 YEARS AGO

Protection Press
June 13, 1991

Harvest 1991

By Bob Greer

Wheat harvest for the 1991 crop in the Protection area got underway this week. But it was "slow going" for several days.

As of 4 p.m. Monday, Protection Co-op had taken in about 60,000 bushels of the grain at its two elevators. Those are at Protection and Coldwater.

Many stands of wheat were still green starting into the current week. And recent rains had made some fields too wet to cut.

Commented Co-op manager Wade Harmon Monday afternoon:

"We need some 110-degree sun and a 20-mile wind for a couple of days. That would really help the harvest along."

Quite a bit of cutting was done Sunday afternoon in the area. Cutting also resumed Monday afternoon. But dark storm clouds moved across the region about 5 p.m. Monday and light showers fell in places. That brought many of the combines to a halt.

In a few sites in Comanche County, close to one inch of rain fell Monday. Those were north and northeast of Coldwater. That further delayed harvesting in those regions.

No shortages of machines or labor have been reported in the Protection area. Some crews, in fact, sat around much of the weekend, waiting for the fields to dry out a bit more.

The wheat that had come into the co-op's elevators was in "surprisingly-good" condition, Harmon reported. Harmon said he had heard of some fields netting up to 29 bushels per acre. "We will beat that in some areas," he predicted. "But probably not overall."

Test weights have been running 58 to 61 pounds. "We'd rather have it all 60 or above," he added.

A few small amounts of hail damage had been reported through Monday—but not much.

Harmon estimated that only about 2 percent of the crop in this area had been cut through Monday evening. "I still feel we may wind up with a pretty fair harvest. About everyone has been surprised so far," he said. The current harvest is the 42nd for Harmon at Protection Co-op.

"North of town, the wheat is usually three or four days behind the other areas around here.

"If we get sunshine and some drying wind, we could be largely finished with our harvest by this time next week. But we need Mother Nature to cooperate."

15 YEARS AGO

Protection Press
June 9, 2011

Harvest 2011

By Bob Greer

Drought-plagued Protection and its general area is now busy harvesting its 2011 wheat crop.

Predictions were generally bad for this area. Through the month of May, Protection had received 3.92 inches of moisture during the first five months of the year.

Coldwater had 3.82 inches for the same period. Bucklin reported 4.48 inches through May.

But harvesting got underway here on Thursday of last week, June 2. Chet Bratcher harvested 141 bushels from south of town.

Pre-harvest predictions indicated that Protection would have a lean harvest. But general conditions in this immediate area have been somewhat better than anticipated.

Through Monday of this week, 92,000 bushels of wheat had been received at the Farmers Co-op here. Two other area segments (parts of the cooperative's headquarters at Haviland) have been taking in grain as well. Sitka elevator had received 12,700 bushels through Monday. Ashland's elevator had taken in 2,700 bushels.

Yields in the Protection area have varied from 15 to 25 to 27 bushels per acre.

Moisture content has been very low: most between 8 to 12 percent.

Test weights have been running from 59 to 63 pounds per bushel. That is a good figure and better than expected.

Protein content of the area wheat so far has been 12 to 14 percent. That would be classified as "not bad," considering the general moisture conditions leading up to this year's harvest.

As of Tuesday, the price for wheat at the Protection elevator was \$8.07.

Many factors have influenced the wheat. What rains that did come fell in varied areas.

Said one local employee at Protection: "It's been going pretty smoothly so far!"

Protection's elevator has been empty of wheat for some time. Harvest crews who have been working in Texas and Oklahoma report conditions in those areas "are not good."

"Test weights around this area have been pretty good so far," a local grower commented. "Especially since we've had minimal moisture."

Not as many elevator employees have been hired this year for the expected harvest.

Brian Harris is manager of the elevators at Protection, Sitka and Ashland.

The capacity at Protection is 838,000 bushels. Last summer's crop was so good that wheat was piled on the ground when bins were filled.

Bonnie Lindsay is spending her 23rd year behind the secretary's desk at the co-op.

Other Protection employees include fulltime workers as well as some students. The list of workers here includes Gene Hackney, Jeanette Jellison, David Monroe, Chris McQueen, Joey McCleary and Austin Mounts.

Chris Jellison is in charge at the Sitka elevator, and Lauren Jarnagin helps there.

Chris Brosius is in charge of the Ashland elevator. He's the lone employee there.

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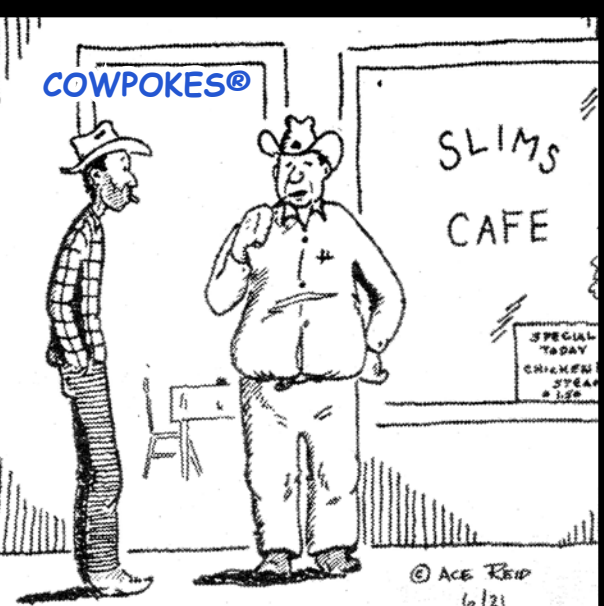
John and Helen Lehman, cooperative weather observers at Coldwater, were presented with a 40-year length of service award on Thursday, May 26, by Larry Ruthi, Meteorologist in Charge for the National Weather Service in Dodge City.

In attendance for the presentation were Rick Sloan, Hydrologist, and Jesse Lee, Observing Program Leader, both from the NWS.

The Lehmans have recorded temperature, precipitation and snowfall data since 1971. John is the primary observer with Helen as his backup.

The Coldwater station has been in existence since 1888. Vernon Pepperd was the observer from 1943 until 1971 when the Lehmans took it over. ...

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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier times
Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO From June 13, 1896 Star

And the dry weather still continues.

The weather during the week has been of the variegated sort. Warm and cool, clear and cloudy, but no rain. Monday was a very warm day, but Tuesday was cooler. Thursday was still cooler and overcoats were not uncomfortable, and heavier clothing a necessity.

Only three weeks till the Fourth-of-July. Coldwater will celebrate this year in grand style. All the preliminary arrangements have been made to insure it a success.

The glorious Fourth-of-July will come on Saturday this year, and those who imbibe too much tanglefoot can rest their heads on Sunday.

The Republican county central committee is hereby called to meet in the city of Coldwater, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 27th, 1896. Business of importance to the party will come before the committee at this meeting.

The county candidates are devilish-shy this year. This time last year this paper sported several announcements.

We are now in the midst of June, the month of matrimony and roses. June is the loveliest month of the twelve. It is the month when the birds sing the sweetest, and the air is laden with the perfume of sweet flowers. Let us all enjoy this lovely month with heart and soul.

120 YEARS AGO From June 8, 1906 Star

Some good showers of rain this week.

It is announced that Ashland will celebrate the Fourth.

Protection has begun plans to celebrate the Glorious Fourth. At a recent meeting of the citizens of Protection the following committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating July 4th; B.U. Townner, M.L. Baxter and Urven Keltner. We expect to have a great time—a good grove, good water and everything necessary for a successful celebration. Full particulars later.

A meeting of the committee having in charge the program for the Sunday school convention for the Coldwater district was held on last Saturday. The time for holding the convention was fixed at Sunday afternoon and evening, June 17, in the M.E. church in this city. All interested in Sunday school work are urged to be present and assist in making the meeting profitable to all.

Before we can have absolutely phonetic spelling all over the United States, we shall all have to pronounce alike.

Rice Price brought some fine ripe cherries to town on Tuesday. The crop this year is abundant and of good quality.

110 YEARS AGO From June 9, 1916 Star

Another good rain fell over this part of the state on last Sunday night. The rain fell slowly and continued until 10 o'clock Monday morning. The ground was thoroughly soaked and much good resulted to all growing crops. It looks as though there is little or no danger of the growing wheat suffering from dry weather this year. The late rains have put gardens and all kinds of crops to splendid growing condition.

Protection is preparing to celebrate the Glorious Fourth this year in a manner which will far surpass anything ever before attempted in that wide-awake and thriving little city. It looks as though Protection ought to get the biggest crowd in this part of the state on the Fourth. Read carefully the bills and the display advertisements in reference to the celebration.

Next Sunday, June 11, has been designated as "Anti-cigarette" day in the Sunday schools, and it is to be hoped that all officers and teachers will give special instruction in this subject.

There has been an unusual amount of moving about town this week. C.E. Settle, having recently purchased from John R. Scholle, the residence property in the extreme southwestern part of this city and which Sheriff Sanders had

been occupying for several months, has moved thereto. Mr. Sanders has moved to the C.M. Cole residence property in the eastern part of town and which was recently vacated by Chas. West. Miss Ida Stitler has moved into the property recently vacated by Mr. Settle. Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Handy will soon move in from their farm to their city residence, recently vacated by Miss Stitler

100 YEARS AGO From June 11, 1926 Star

Weather conditions have been very favorable this week, not only for the ripening of wheat, but for the rapid growth of all kinds of vegetation.

There is now over 15 hours of daylight in each 24-hour period.

The annual Epworth League Institute for this district is in progress in Hutchinson this week. The Coldwater League is represented at the institute by nearly a dozen young people, among the number being Denver Flowers, Thrible Flowers, Ruth Shelley, Alice Boshell, Geneva White, Edith McCauley, Regina Carleton, Hazel and Thelma Wood, Beulah Ellis and Mrs. Alice White. A few Wilmore Leaguers are in attendance also.

Work was started the middle of the week on a storm sewer on the east side of the Albert Pike Highway, from the Peoples State Bank corner to the Standard Oil Service Station. The large galvanized iron culverts, which are being used, will be covered with dirt and the street graded to a level. This is a much needed improvement.

The premium list, for the Fair this fall, is so arranged that the boys and girls of the rural and graded schools will have a Farm Products Division of their own. The same is true concerning high school students and folks of high school age. The entire premium list includes a good variety of crops and crop products. It will soon be time to gather the five inch sheafs of wheat, barley and oats which are to be exhibited. The prizes in the rural and grade division for the above products are: 75c for first and 25c for second. The prizes in the high school and of high school age division are: \$1.00 for first and 50c for second. Watch for the premium list and let's every one plan to exhibit some farm products and make this year the year for the largest and best display of farm products.

90 YEARS AGO From June 12, 1936 Star

The lights are now installed at the pumpkin ball field in Coldwater, and the first practice of the season began Thursday evening. All interested in the game are asked to turn out. The Mullinville city team will play here Monday night, June 15. Come out and see this game.

Mrs. A.E. Greenler was winner of the first prize given last Saturday by the Modern Beauty Salon; Mrs. Maud Stahl won second, Billie Jean Roberts 3rd, Marjorie Boshell 4th and Mrs. Chas. Edwards of Greensburg 5th.

Coldwater's free municipal swimming pool was opened to the public on Wednesday of this week, with Herbert Seyfrit again employed as caretaker and life guard. The city has had sidewalks laid round the pool, the bath house has been repainted and a new spring board has been installed. It is planned to build two tennis courts in the park near the swimming pool.

Children's Day exercises of the Methodist Sunday School will be presented Sunday evening, June 14 at 8 o'clock. "Silver Bells and Cockleburrs," which is a dramatization for Children's Day will be presented by boys and girls from the Beginners, Primary and Junior departments.

The Gilchris recently purchased the house on east Main St. just east of the Stewart Bros. garage, and are converting it into a neat modern house.

A large crowd of people attended the dedication of the McCulla lake and the basket dinner on last Sunday. The lake is destined to be one of the most popular pleasure spots in the county.

80 YEARS AGO From June 14, 1946 Star

Scoring 2,236 points, the Coldwater F.F.A. judging team won first place by a good margin in the crops division of the State Judging Contest held at Manhattan, Kans., April 29 and 30. All three members of the team were quite consistent and only four points separated the high and low members of the team. Charles Zielke was fourth high individual in the Crops contest with 747 points, Billy Hilt was fifth with 747 points, and Doyle Hoffman was sixth with 743 points.

The first baseball league game of the summer was played at the Coldwater ball park at the rodeo grounds west of this city last Sunday, with the local team winning 6 to 4. Coldwater is scheduled to play at Protection next Sunday afternoon, providing harvest doesn't force a postponement. There will be a home game with Sun City on June 23. The league games are sponsored by the American Legion, but the players are selected whether they are former GI's or not. The community should see some very good games this summer.

The local post of the American Legion has won high recognition for success in its membership drive, doubling its membership. Among the awards received is an autographed photo of General Dwight Eisenhower, Lynn Stambaugh, and Harry Colmery.

Women may now serve on juries in 29 states, the number being recently increased by new Arizona legislation. Sixteen of the states make jury service compulsory for women, the other 13 states give the right of refusal to the women.

70 YEARS AGO From June 8, 1956 Star

All girls interested in softball are asked to meet at the Northside ball park, Tuesday on June 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Jack Ferguson is now employed as a clerk at the Burton Drug Co., in this city. She had been in the employ of the Epperson Drug Co., in Wichita the past 13 years before moving to Coldwater recently.

Mrs. K.G. Ehrlich, Coldwater, was presented a 50-year membership pin in a special ceremony at the regular meeting of the Coldwater Chapter No. 224, Order of the Eastern Star, on Monday, May 21. The pin was presented by Samuel G. Wiles, Macksville, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Darroch Jr., moved their trailer house to Coldwater Tuesday and have parked it at the home of Mrs. Earl Martin. The Darrochs have been at Sublette for some time.

The all-time classified ad: "Cat wanted for light mouse work." *Kingman Leader-Courier.*

Sam Levinson said it: "When I was a kid I was glad to get a small allowance. Nowadays the kids demand a guaranteed wage."

60 YEARS AGO From June 9, 1966 Star

Rev. Vernon Horney congratulates Scout Muncy McCoy upon receiving his God and Country Award. The award was presented to him at a special ceremony during the morning worship service, Sunday, June 5, 1966, in the Methodist church at Coldwater. It takes a year of religious training by the Scout, assisted by his minister, to receive this award. Daily Bible reading, special verses and scripture to memorize, work in the youth groups and faithful-church attendance are some of the requirements necessary to attain the award.

Pool Manager Donald G. Booth, announces in this week's WESTERN STAR, that Thursday nights have been set aside from 7 to 8:30 as Adult Night. All persons 18 years and over will be given the run of the pool. This will afford an unique opportunity to enjoy swimming in a relaxed atmosphere, so come on out and have a good time.

At the Lions State Convention held in Dodge City June 3-5 Past District Governor Ward H. Butcher, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Lions State Council

chairman, Gerald Caywood, of Wichita "In honor and with deep appreciation of the distinguished and unselfish service given to Lionism, 1965-1966." He is president of the Kansas Lions Society for Sight Conservation, Inc.

50 YEARS AGO From June 10, 1976 Star

Monday is Flag Day, June 14.

America's one hundredth birthday celebration in 1876, produced one of her most famous patriotic symbols. The painting, now known as "The Spirit of '76," seemed an unlikely candidate for the honor. Archibald M. Willard, a self-taught Ohio artist, had made a pencil sketch that depicted a Fourth of July parade in an American village. It was intended to be a light-hearted, humorous parody of small-town patriotic exuberance. Cleveland art dealer, J.F. Ryder saw it and persuaded Mr. Willard to turn it into a serious painting. Ryder added that it would be ideal for display at the upcoming Philadelphia Exposition. Willard completed that project and named it "Yankee Doodle," and it was displayed in Ryder's store window and public response was overwhelming. "Yankee Doodle" became the immediate favorite of visitors to the Exposition. An adoring public dubbed it "The Spirit of '76." Railroad owner John Devereux, grandfather of the 13 year old who had served as model for the drummer boy, bought the painting in 1880. He gave it to his native town of Marblehead, Mass., where it can be seen today.

Happiness is not a station at which you arrive but a manner of traveling in life.

The greatest investment of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

EDITORIAL: And We Take Over Another One



STEPHANIE, JASON AND MAELYN JUMP, their youngest daughter, in a photo taken over a year ago. She will be a sophomore at Cunningham High School this fall. Image shared by Jason.

By Stephanie Jump
M3 Publishing Co-owner

This column was published in The Gyp Hill Premier, one of the newspapers owned by Jason and Stephanie Jump. They will take over the Star-Press in July.

It has been a whirlwind around here the past couple of weeks. Jason and I were in a bad car accident. We had State track (four papers, eight schools, so many pictures). We finally kicked off our official Cunningham takeover this week, a week before taking over a seventh title, and we are still trying to get each of our other papers out on time every week.

To those who help us by sending us photos, news tips, press releases and more, thank you for your help in keeping local news alive.

I had someone once tell us, "Thank you for saving our paper." Well, the fact is we can't save them alone. We can keep it going but only if we have support from the communities of the papers we serve.

I replied, "We kept it going, it is up to you and your community to save it."

That is how pretty much any small business is these days. People are excited to see them open, they share all about it on Facebook, but they often forget the most important part—the actual support. It is easy to get excited about something new, but it is harder to "put your money where your mouth is."

As a small business owner, it is satisfying to see people share your Facebook post or even your thoughts about "the new business" in town, but if you

40 YEARS AGO From June 12, 1986 Star

Talked about around Coldwater for last several months, almost like it was a myth at times, the Coldwater Assembly Plant for Vacuum Carburetor Corp. is nearing its opening day here. Right now the company's main priority is cleaning up and remodeling the old B.J. Herd building just north of the courthouse. Bill Moreton, vice-president of the San Antonio-based firm, is in charge of the Coldwater plant. He has local ties, with his mother, Juanita Moreton, living in Coldwater for a number of years. His father was from Wilmore. Moreton himself was born and raised in Southern Texas, but adds that "I've got relatives all over this country." Moreton has been affiliated with Vacuum Carburetor since 1981. He and his son-in-law, Charlie Martin, are the only two Vacuum employees which Moreton intends to "import" from Texas. The rest he hopes to hire locally. Plans are to hire up to 45 people within the next 18-24 months, he said. At that time, the entire U.S. production of Vacuum Carburetors will be based in Coldwater with an anticipated output of 4,500 per month. The immediate production goal is 2,500 per month by September of this year. Moreton said that he will be hiring men or women for the assembly work.

On June 1, Coldwater went to Dodge City for regionals. The meet was rained out and everyone qualified for substate at Hoxie. On June 7, more than 600 participants were entered with 21 of them from Coldwater. The top three finishers in each event advance to state at Junction City on June 13 and 14.

don't actually give them your financial support, it doesn't really help much in the end.

The good news is that even the smallest amount of support can make a huge difference for a small business.

I know if even 15 more people bought papers each week from the newsstands or even one more advertiser chose to spend money on a local business and not Facebook, what a difference it could make for us. I know others in the business community can say the same.

What if you stayed in town and bought just \$10 more a week locally, what would that look like for the businesses that do everything they can to support their hometown?

The fact is, the reason we keep picking up local papers is number one: Jason is very passionate about keeping local news alive to let the public know what is happening in their community, but number two: the truth is that unfortunately not one of our papers can support itself anymore.

We also have been hit with rising costs of taxes, insurance, print costs (don't get me started there), postage that goes up it seems every other month, and more. We have had to keep adding on to keep each and every one of these papers viable to keep them in the community.

So when we say we need your help, we are not joking. We are not getting rich, trust me. I make less now than when I was teaching. But what we are doing is something we feel is important enough to work seven days a week to keep it going. We just need your help to make it possible.

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Event dates and times subject to change on short notice.

Cake Club, Noon to All Gone, Friday, June 12. PBS "See Taste Do" host Phil Richardson visits Cake Club and Ashland on Friday, June 12, as he uncovers the hidden gems of Kansas, showcasing its best sights, flavors, and experiences.

Summer Reading "Unearth a Story"! All events are free and open to the public.

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Learn & Play, 10 a.m., Saturday, June 13

Mad Science, Monday, June 15, 10 a.m.

Jefferson Knapp, author of *Kingdom at the End of the Drive* fame, Monday, June 22, 10 a.m.

Adult Art with Mary Harden, Monday, June 22, 6 p.m.

Dan Dan the Magic Man, Monday, June 29, 10 a.m.

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Harvest 2026

Wheat cutting that was interrupted by several thunderstorms the first week of June was back in full swing this week—until a shower Tuesday evening hit parts of the county.

Yields are reflecting the dry winter and spring that hovered over the region. Brian Harris, manager of Alliance Ag & Grain elevators in Protection, Sitka and Ashland, said Tuesday afternoon that farmers had reported bushels/acre yields in the mid 20s.

He said the three elevators had so far taken in a total of 260,000 bushels. Of that, 245,000 bushels had been received at Protection, with the other 15,000 bushels divided between Sitka and Ashland.

Rusty Frazier, Alliance Ag & Grain's Coldwater and Wilmore manager, said Tuesday morning that 100,000 bushels had arrived in Coldwater, with 15,000 bushels coming in to Wilmore.

Test weights per bushel have been running about 60 pounds, and the quality of the wheat has been mostly good despite the lower than average yields.

Helped by sunshine and warm wind Wednesday morning, both managers predicted harvest would soon resume.

As always, Mother Nature plays a large role in the process.

Coldwater Weather

as recorded by Greg Vanderree

Date	High	Low	Precip.
6-3	94	62	0.02
6-4	84	63	0.96
6-5	87	63	0.00
6-6	88	62	0.00
6-7	79	63	0.21
6-8	83	68	0.00
6-9	97	68	0.00

Wheat prices

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NEWS

KSN-TV to broadcast from Coldwater

KSNW, Channel 3, Wichita, will begin its five-day 1,000-mile 2026 Summer Road Trip. Monday, June 15. The KSN news team will stop in 21 towns across Kansas, airing a news segment from each town live. Their second broadcast will originate from Coldwater. They will start in Anthony, staying from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Next they will be in Coldwater between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Heritage Park on East Main Street. There they will broadcast KSN News at Noon.



The team will then move to Fowler that afternoon, and wind up their live newscasts at Garden City that evening. Other stops during the rest of the week will feature Deerfield, Dodge City, Jetmore, Ellis, Hays, Phillipsburg, Hill City, Osborne, Wilson, Lyons, Great Bend, St. John, Hutchinson, Moundridge, Marquette, Herington, and finally El Dorado Friday evening. KSN welcomes local folks to come meet the reporters and watch the live broadcasts.

Secret Life of Pets is free film

The Secret Life of Pets will be playing free at the Chief Theatre Monday morning, June 15. It will be sponsored by Jonathan and Mikaela Webster with concessions sponsored by Johnita Stalcup. It will begin at 10 a.m. and is open to everyone. *The Secret Life of Pets* is a kindhearted, sweet story about the unique relationship not only between pets and their owners but between pets and major cities. The animated comedy was first released in 2016, and is rated PG for a sprinkling of toilet humor (although fewer poop jokes than one might expect), the movie runs an hour and 23 minutes. It is a produc-

tion of Illumination Entertainment—the studio behind *Despicable Me*, *Minions*, and *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*.

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Joe Ceballos returns to Coldwater, from page 1

At both of his court appearances in Coldwater, the courtroom was packed with people supporting Ceballos and hoping the judge would be lenient. On May 13 his attorney in Wichita was told that Ceballos had to report to federal court in Wichita in two days. He did so, and at that time he was officially detained. He was jailed in Chase County for 22 days as a result. He is currently out of jail on a lower-than-usual \$3,000 bond, and doesn't know how long it will be before he is called back again into federal court. Does Ceballos think the letters of support sent from his

many friends and supporters in Comanche County helped? "Absolutely, even my judge made a comment about that at the bond hearing." An estimated 200 to 250 people lined Main Street in Coldwater was packed as Ceballos returned to Comanche County Thursday, June 4. Medicine Lodge also had a number of people along the highway and he stopped and visited with them on his way home. "The love and support of the people is just unreal," he said. Does the former mayor want to get his citizenship completed so he can not only stay in the U.S., but vote as well? "Absolutely," Ceballos said, "but we're just taking one step

at a time. "We're getting there, but that's what I want to do, He added. Since Ceballos' ordeal is not yet over, letters of support can still be sent to his immigration attorney Sarah Balderas at Balderas Legal Group LLC, 1902 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67203-5732.



Susie's Scribbles

By Susan Edmonston

Townpeople may be wondering why my car continues to be in front of the *Protection Press* office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. My retirement was June 1, but celebrated on May 28. Let me explain. I am volunteering through the month of June to submit my "Scribbles" column (if I have any comments) and also to write some feature stories that didn't get done before I retired. During June I'm also coming into the office to proofread Dave Webb's "Past Paragraphs" and the page layouts of the *Star-Press* before he emails the pages on Wednesday to Great Bend to be printed. I'm also removing my things from the office: an exercise bike that didn't get much use, a small refrigerator, a microwave, family photos, and miscellaneous paperwork that I need to discard. Last Tuesday afternoon, I didn't come to the *Press* until 4:30 to begin "cleaning house." I'm just coming and going as I please, and I'm happy to do so.

lucky to provide this form of recreation for children and adults. Last week our "new" newspaper reported Protection's precipitation in May. J.L. Spurgeon (Protection High School graduate in 1983) submits a moisture report each day for *Cocorahs.org* from his home 12.5 miles south of Mullinville. He shared his 2026 rain reports with me: January .65, February .33, March .02, April .14 and May 1.44 inches. In the *Press* newspaper, readers may have seen for years the little book ad, "Read

to a child." A former Protection teacher placed it in our local paper because she thought reading is very important and is a nice ritual for a parent to share with his/her young child. This teacher didn't mind if I changed the text and I had fun thinking of what "slogans" to use in her ad each week. During my retirement event, I noticed my son-in-law Clint Darnell writing on a piece of paper. I asked him if he was creating a poem and he said, "Yep!" By the end of the afternoon, Clint presented the handwritten copy to me. He has such an unique talent that I am sharing it below.

LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, COMANCHE COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2026-PR-000005

In the Matter of the Estate of:) ELLA MARIE ALEXANDER CHURCH, deceased.)

(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed on June 1, 2026, in said Court by Ricky D. Smith, petitioner. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 30th of June, 2026 1:30 o'clock p.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Coldwater, Comanche County Courthouse, Probate Division, 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.

RICKY D. SMITH

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COMANCHE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RADLEY O'NEILL CHRISTIAN, DECEASED Case No. CM 2026 PR 000006 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified Shelby Christian filed a Petition in this Court June 8, 2026 to determine descent of real estate owned by Radley O'Neill Christian, deceased, located in Section 8, Township 32 South, Range 18 West of the 6th P.M.; Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 19 West of the 6th P.M.; and Sections 3 and 35 in Township 34 South, Range 19 West of the 6th P.M. all in Comanche County, Kansas, and other property owned by Radley O'Neill Christian, deceased, subject to the Kansas laws of intestate succession.

Persons wishing to challenge the Petition must file written defense on or before July 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court of Comanche County, Kansas, Courthouse, 201 South New York Avenue, Coldwater, Kansas 67029 at which time and place the Petition will be heard. If you fail to do so, judgment will be entered in due course on the Petition.

Shelby Christian Petitioner

Charles H. Herd SC#12809 Attorney for Petitioner PO Box 428 Coldwater, Kansas 67029 Phone 620-582-2020

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