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Timberwolves Maul Meade in Season Opener 58-12

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central football team opened its season with a win over Meade at home Friday night, 58-12. Though the Timberwolves came away with the victory, head coach Brett Westrup said that the Tim-

berwolves have plenty of areas in which to improve. “We finally got some things figured out, made some adjustments, but, man, we watched film and there’s a lot of things to work on,” Westrup said. “Not major things, just little things, just little adjustments. “We were not very disciplined.

We had a lot of mental mistakes, but we’ve got to clean those things up.” Still, the head coach said, it was the first game of the year, so it’s not unusual to find areas to improve after that. The Timberwolves only stalled on their first drive and punted, but they never punted again after that.

But Westrup noted the boys started with a fumbled snap, had a play for no gain, then a penalty on that opening drive, making it a third-and-18 situation. He added the Timberwolves had three touchdowns called back on penalties, two of them 40-yard plays. But Westrup said the boys had a

good showing on defense, getting pressure on Meade quarterback Tate Jones and intercepting him twice. Dakota Thornesbery and Easton Huck had those interceptions. On offense, Westrup said, the Timberwolves did a good job with

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SC Volleyball Leaves Attica With Two Ws

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central volleyball team made it three wins in a row after sweeping a triangular last Thursday night. After losing its first four matches of the season, the Lady Timberwolves got a win over Satanta Sept. 1, then went to Attica to face the Lady Bulldogs and the Belle Plaine Lady Dragons. South Central won both matches, beating Attica 25-11, 25-11 and beating Belle Plaine 25-11, 25-7. Head coach Cindy Snyder said the Lady Timberwolves are young at some positions and it’s been a matter of learning to play with consistency. “We’re a little bit up and down like a roller coaster, and that’s been a little bit in those losses,” she said. Snyder noted that the Lady Timberwolves challenged Ingalls, taking that team to three, and did a better job against Meade, going to three after losing in two the first time. “I keep telling the girls, we’re right there,” she said. “Just keep working, keep plugging.” The head coach was happy to see the girls improve Thursday night, which allowed them to come away with a pair of wins. “Like I told them in the locker room, you know, tonight we were consistent the whole way through,” Snyder said. “You know, there

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Loving Life



SUSAN EDMONSTON / The Star-Press

Helen Dale, 96, is loving life in her 90s as one of the oldest residents in Protection, as well as Comanche County.

Protection Resident Shares Secrets to Long Life, Decades of Memories

BY SUSAN EDMONSTON
Editor Emeritus

She sits in her recliner in the living room, happily visiting with family on her cell phone. Near her at the foot of the recliner is a basket full of yarn and a partially-finished crocheted afghan in off-white. There is always a card table nearby with a jigsaw puzzle in progress. She is known by

her cinnamon rolls. Helen Dale, 96, is probably the oldest living resident in Protection and is one of several others in Comanche County who are her age or older. A resident at Pioneer Lodge, in Coldwater, has made it to 106. Dale credits her longevity to good sleep habits – early to bed, early to rise – having breakfast, dinner and supper meals at a regular time, daily

exercise and staying active. Her favorite TV programs are “Little House on the Prairie” and “The Waltons.” The Dale family has fun, laughs a lot, works hard and serves God. She has been a part of the 4-H program for about 80 years and serving as a club leader for 40. Three daughters – Cynthia, Penny, Jill – and

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Cross Country Opens 2026 With 2 Meets

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central cross country runners had two meets to open the season. The Timberwolves attended the Ellis meet last Thursday, in which Taryn Boydston won the girl’s race. She finished first with a time of 19:59.01. Chevelle Morton also ran and finished 13th with a time of 31:34.24. In the boy’s race, Cayson Boydston was third with a time of 19:21.92, Braidyn Cox was seventh with a time of 20:34.50, Henry Brull was 18th with a time of 22:22.02 and Wyatt Dixon was 22nd with a time of 23:21.75. Head coach Tori Selzer said the Ellis meet was a “tricky meet” because the team had a lot of new runners. But she said the runners did well. “We had one girl collapse with heat exhaustion and that took a big strain on the whole team, myself included as the coach,” Selzer said. “She was our main priority and the results took a back burner, as it should be. “We are a very close knit team and I couldn’t have been more proud of them for their care and concern for her over their own race and time.” She said that practice adjustments because of the hot temperatures have been fine, adding that the runners are flexible with the changes. “It’s been hard and takes a while to get in shape when

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U.S. Rep. Ron Estes Visits Coldwater, Comanche County Hospital

STAFF REPORT

U.S. Rep. Ron Estes (R-Kan.) paid a visit to Comanche County recently. “It was great to be in Coldwater and hear about how the Rural Health Transformation Program is making a positive impact on the community,” Estes said. “I appreciate Hospital Administrator Lisa Brooks and her team who are working to improve the lives of Comanche County residents through stronger health outcomes, including the Kansas Frontier Behavioral Health Integration Collaborative.” Estes said rural healthcare in places like Comanche County is “exactly why we included the Rural Health Transformation Program in the Working Families Tax Cuts last year.” “As a son of rural Kansas, and

with my mom still living on our century farm here in the state, I know just how critical it is that Kansans have access to quality health care close to home,” he said. “It was also impressive to see the work on the hospital’s new physical therapy facility. “I appreciate the work Comanche County Hospital is doing, and I’m grateful for City Council member Gary Haulmark, Lisa Brooks, and the dedicated physicians, nurses and staff advancing health care for Kansans in and around Coldwater.” While in Coldwater, Estes was also able to visit the restored Chief Theater – “a gem here in south central Kansas” – and talk with Emergency Manager Britt Lenertz and Stephanie Salisbury with Grit and Grace Counseling.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Comanche County Hospital Administrator Lisa Brooks, left, visit with U.S. Rep. Ron Estes (R-Kan.) in the hospital’s radiology room during his recent visit.

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Past Paragraphs

Protection news from earlier times

Compiled by Dave Webb

125 YEARS AGO
Western Star
Sept. 13, 1901

Late train, no mail

Monday's westbound train was nearly five hours late and, as a result, our people received no eastern mail at all on Monday.

And, too, at a time when everybody was especially anxious to get the news from Buffalo [New York, where President William McKinley was shot September 6 as he toured the Buffalo Exposition. He died eight days later on Saturday, September 14, 1901].

Conductor Wright, of the Englewood branch of the Santa Fe, is enjoying a visit at the Buffalo Exposition. Conductors Weaver and Montsford are substituting for him.

Protection prattle

Feed nearly all cut. Not enough rain yet.

J.L. Hudson, the Santa Fe's obliging [depot] agent at this place, is laid up with a sprained back.

C.A.B. Cross, who succeeded S.S. Stone as [railroad] section foreman at this place, has purchased Robert Chrisman's property. He will move his family down from Viola soon.

W.L. Dale received a carload of wheat this week which will be sold to the farmers here.

The dance last Friday night was a decided success. The music was furnished by Ross Bachman and Sam Fleming. All present report a good time.

Mrs. Maud Meisinger's music class is usually well attended and everyone seems to take an interest. The progress of the class is rapid but thorough, which speaks well for the instructor.

Bob Chrisman has moved to Oklahoma.

A party of our people started this week for Oklahoma to spend the week hunting. The party is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Reed and a sister of Mrs. Reed, George Williams, Clifford Reed and Ed Fleming.

A match game of ball was played between the second nine of Coldwater and our second nine at his place on last Saturday. The first of

the game was much in favor of Coldwater, but our boys improved toward the last of the game, but not enough to win.

The score resulted 14 to 21 in favor of Coldwater. Battery for Coldwater, Pyle and Schwader; for Protection, Moore and Jarnagin. —[Correspondent] "JUNIPER."

This and that

The wheat which has been sown during the past week will soon be growing greener.

Miss Ida Tade, of Valley Township, returned to Olathe on Tuesday where she will take some special or post-graduate work in the Hospital for the Deaf and Dumb. She has made a good record as a student in that institution, and her friends in this county are glad to note her success and advancement.

Hugh Williams, of Irwin Township, returned this week from a two weeks' stay at his farm in Pratt County where he helped to thresh out the crop of wheat raised on his farm this year.

J.W. Way, of Protection, transacted business in Coldwater Tuesday.

John Q. Williams, of Irwin Township, was in [Coldwater] Wednesday. On Thursday of last week he received a kick in the face from one of his horses while he was in the stable feeding, but fortunately the injury was not a very severe one.

Daniel [1859–1905] and Effie [1859–1930] Tobias arrived Tuesday from near Bluff City, Sumner County, where they have been living for the past seven years.

Mr. Tobias owns a half-section of land along the Kiowa [Creek] in Irwin Township, and it is probable that he will buy another quarter-section or two and locate here. He believes that Comanche County is a good place to live.

The Tobiases' son Daniel Earl married Josie Todd in 1919 and lived on the family's land north of Protection. He died at age 30 in 1925. Josie remained on the farm and raised their three small children, Howard, Robert and Bertha. She eventually remarried and passed away at the age of 91 in 1993.

100 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Sept. 9, 1926

Country schools open

School District No. 48 started Monday morning with Miss Lela Risley as teacher.

For many years this rural school was known as Cimarron School. It was about nine and a half miles straight south of Protection.

Prairie Queen School opened Monday with Miss Mary Wilson as teacher.

Prairie Queen, the school in District 38, was four miles north of Protection, just under a mile east of Kiowa Creek. Mary Wilson was later Mrs. Dwight McGee.

Edgewood School opened Monday with Miss Irene Wilborn as teacher.

Edgewood, in District 16, was about four and a half miles north and a mile and a half west of Protection.

Irene Wilborn later married George Herron.

Rural districts, by the way, were numbered in the order they first organized. Thus their numbers were not based on a geographic system around the county.

To further confuse the issue, rural districts' buildings sometimes took on the name of a nearby family with a good share of the students. Over the years, those unofficial names then changed.

And, since all country school buildings in this county were wood frame, there were situations when district patrons used animal teams, or later tractors, to move the structures to more convenient locations within the district that better served families with children currently enrolled.

Protection School District

Monday the Protection Consolidated Schools opened with a very good enrollment.

The Protection school district was the first in the county to consolidate with several nearby rural districts in the early 1920s. From then on it was known as Protection Consolidated District 1.

Professor Jacob Hoch stated that he did not believe the enrollment would be as large, especially in the high school, as last year, but this was Monday evening before he had an opportunity to total the enrollment....

Promptly at seven, Monday morning, the busses started on their nine-months' trek on the routes, and all reported on time.

Some complaint has been registered that the roads on the bus routes were not in the best conditions, largely needing dragging.

However, undoubtedly the route patrons will see as to the conditions of the roads being made satisfactory and put in good shape for the busses to travel and transport the children.

It is doubtful if the attendance of Oklahoma pupils will be as large in the Protection schools this year as has been in the past....

Fiery Thursday

Thursday of last week was a rather unfortunate day in Protection for fires.

In the late afternoon the fire siren called the company to the home of G.W. Reed on the east side of Protection. In some manner Mr. Reed's barn had caught fire and by the time the fire company arrived, the blaze had gained such headway that (as Mr. Reed's property

was outside of the fire limits and beyond the reach of the water plugs) the chemical apparatus was of no avail. The barn, adjacent sheds and garage were a total loss....

Mr. Reed's loss was total as his insurance had expired a few days prior to the fire. The loss will reach about \$2,000 [nearly \$38,000 in today's dollars]....

Thursday evening during the progress of the rain-storm, lightning hit a shed in the rear of the George Downing home in Protection, setting the building and stored hay on fire and stunning a milk cow which was tied in the shed.

The fire quickly gained headway but the fire company made a record run and speedily played a stream of water on the blaze, extinguishing it, so that the damage was negligible.

Busy builder

J.O. Freshour and his force of carpenters are busy with the erection of a modern bungalow home for E.F. Moore. Mr. Moore is building his new home on the lots formerly occupied by the Moore parental home.

It will be a five-room modern bungalow with the latest heating system and plumbing conveniences. One especially attractive feature will be a porte-cochere on the west. In the construction, Mr. Moore is using much of the lumber in the former Moore home.

Also, Mr. Freshour has the contract for a new five-room bungalow, which T.L. Hughes will erect on the lots north of the Santa Fe [railroad] and east of the city park.

Mr. Hughes is planning a five-room modern bungalow, well appointed, convenient and comfortable. It is built according to the plans as furnished by Mr. Freshour, and the work is well underway.

With these contracts on hand, and the completion and work on the Bon-Ton Bakery building on Broadway at hand, Mr. Freshour and his force of carpenters are very busily employed.

The stuccoed bakery building on the west side of North Broadway still stands, but is empty. It eventually was the Home Cafe, then later a center for youths and senior citizens.

75 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Sept. 7, 1951

Broadway is looking good

Intensive remodeling of three business firms is rapidly nearing completion along Protection's Broadway.

The Houston-Doughty Lumber Company office expansion and modernization project is the largest of the group. An extension of the office building on the north gives the company added display space, a bolt room and more office space. The ceiling has been lowered, interior walls and floors re-decorated, exterior modernized and the complete yards have been painted.

Jack Lindsey is completely remodeling his building formerly occupied by the Lehman Hardware. He has braced the floors, cleared the floor to the walls, constructed an office in the rear of the display room, built a new ceiling and will redo the walls.

Herman Herbord's ser-

vice station is also undergoing an overhauling.

Flower beds at the front of the station have been replaced by concrete display spaces. The Spanish-type architecture of the station has been altered to include two large picture windows across the front. Access to the ladies' restroom has also been made more convenient.

These community improvements, plus the recent remodeling of the [Farmers State] Bank, Claude Rowland's office building and the Crest Theatre all help make Protection a fine place to live.

The Rowland Insurance Agency was in the south half of today's vacant lot between the Bumper to Bumper auto parts store and the Protection Community Venture grocery store. That building was destroyed by fire in March 1988.

Photographic memories

Ownership of the Carpenter Studio by Mrs. Leroy (Erma) Smith ceased after 31 years, this week, when she sold her equipment to Maynard Brown, Ashland photographer.

Mrs. Smith, with her sister Eula Carpenter, established the studio in 1920. She became sole owner in 1924 and has managed the studio at her home and at the present location since that time.

Mr. Brown is an accomplished photographer and will be welcomed to business circles of the city. He will maintain the studio here and in Ashland.

Claude Rowland, owner of the building housing the studio, plans to redecorate before Mr. Brown moves in for business. An announcement will be made at a later date as to when the studio will reopen, and the policy regarding appointments for sittings.

The Carpenter studio building was on the west side of North Broadway, somewhere near today's community event sign and the PHS Panther sculpture by Hays artist Pete Felten.

55 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Sept. 10, 1971

Whoops!

The typesetting machine at the POST gave up the ghost early Wednesday afternoon —perhaps for good! If we can't get it running again this weekend, we'll have to make other typesetting arrangements until October 1, when we hope to buy a Linotype from the Daily Globe at Dodge City. So, if your items aren't in the POST this week, please forgive us—we were unable to work the extra production into our schedule this week.

Out and about

Merrill and Deann Deck and Mike visited in the Roy Walker home Sunday with R.J. and Maggie Walker and family of Greeley, Colorado.

Dwight and Mary McGee spent Thursday evening visiting with Bernice Hackney.

Dr. L.G. and Juanita Glenn spent Labor Day weekend in Kansas City visiting their son Dr. Jim Glenn, Mrs. Jacquie Glenn and Gina.

Vaughn and Dorothy Huck and Mary were Woodward and Fargo, Oklahoma, visitors Sunday.

JoAnne Bare, Edith Hazen and Mary Overocker were in Alva Monday.

Robert and Calla Sanders spent Monday and Tuesday in Rocky Ford, Colorado.

35 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
Sept. 12, 1991

Poland is new manager

By Bob Greer

"I'm looking forward to meeting all our patrons. And I sure hope we get some good rains in our area soon!"

That's how Kendall Poland summed up his views here last week as he wound up his first few days as new general manager of Protection Co-op.

Poland officially started his job here on September 1. He replaced Wade Harmon, who retired August 31 after being employed almost 42 years by Protection Co-op.

The new manager is a central Kansas native and has spent his life in several small communities such as Protection. He came here from a 6½-year stint with Right Co-op at Ness City. He was branch manager at Ness City for the past two years.

Poland and his wife Rhonda have three young sons.... All three of the Poland children are in school here. Duane is age 11 and is in the sixth grade. Fourth grader Bradley is age 9. Todd is age 7 and is a second grader.

New manager Kendall was... raised in the small community of Isabel, north of Medicine Lodge. He graduated from high school in Medicine Lodge and attended York (Nebraska) University. That's where he met his wife Rhonda. She is from Pueblo, Colorado....

15 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
Sept. 8, 2011

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Bobbing Along Broadway

By Bob Greer
What an exciting way to start the school sports programs in USD 300 this fall.

First of all, South Central High School edged Spearville High in football to start the new season. At Coldwater last Friday night the Timberwolves beat the visiting Royal Lancers, 28–20.

Mac Herd of Coldwater is a walking encyclopedia on sports, especially athletics in Coldwater and Protection.

This is South Central High's 13th year. Mac told me that Spearville is the only football opponent that has played South Central each year. During that time, the Timberwolves have won their share of games against the larger enrollment in Spearville. SCHS leads the series by 7–6 now, and has won 4 of the last 5 games.

And continuing on the high school sports scene—South Central's varsity volleyball girls won the championship at the Satanta Invitational Tournament for a second year in a row.

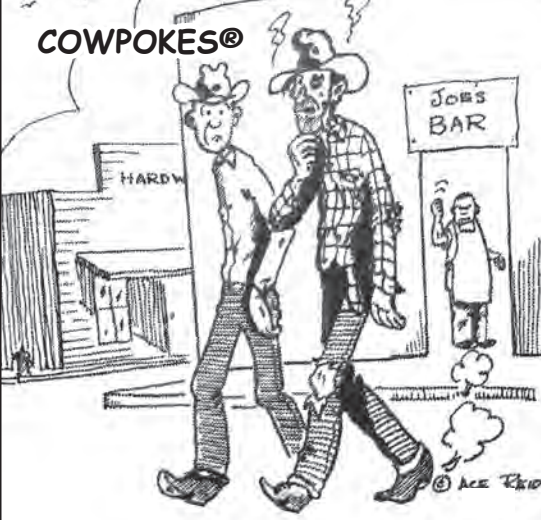
In fact, at this writing, SCHS has a perfect 7–0 volleyball record. I hope by pointing that out I'm not putting a jinx on them.

In tennis this year, South Central has just one returning player, junior Alyssa Ediger. Last fall she played in the state tournament. And in her season-opening meet at the Cimarron Invitational she placed second. She lost her opener, then won 24 games in a row.

The SC Middle School's football team won their opener over Ashland, 22–0. The volleyballers won, too.

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time is so limited,” Selzer said. “But they understand that. Everyone from each school is also dealing with the same heat conditions so we know we aren’t the only ones having to make adjustments. That helps lessen the frustration.”

The runners then attended a meet in Meade Saturday. Selzer said that the athletes competed well and she was pleased with how the runners improved their performances.

In the boy’s race, Denin Johnson was 10th with a time of 19:50.75, Dominic Macias was 16th with a time of 20:26.03, Parker Woodrum was 54th with a time of 26:59.44, Jacob Reed was 58th with a time of 29:26.44 and Gavin Martin was 65th with a time of 37:45.91.

For the girls, Sophia Hernandez was 23rd with a time of 26:41.83.

The Timberwolves will next attend the Pratt Skyline meet this Saturday. Selzer

said it’s not the easiest course but not a tough one either.

“I can see them gaining confidence at this meet mentally as well as gaining a better understanding of pacing and running their own race,” she said.

Meanwhile, Selzer said, the runners intend to focus on hydration, effort and “believing the body achieves what the mind believes” during practice this week.

“Running is a such a mental sport – if you tell yourself you can, you will. If you tell yourself you can’t, you won’t,” Seizer said. “We are working on improving our mental toughness and fundamentals of running during the hard workouts this week, comparing ourselves to the person we were yesterday and being 1 percent better today instead of comparing to others.

“Running is a very humbling sport, it never feels easy. Sometimes you feel like you can go forever, other times you can barely go a mile.”

Lady Timberwolves Brave Temps, Competition in Cimarron

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

South Central girl’s tennis team had a good showing at the Cimarron tournament Tuesday, playing well despite the brutally hot temperatures.

“These girls stepped onto the courts in the sweltering heat and competed with heart, grit and determination from the very first ball to the very last,” said head coach Stephanie Salisbury. “I could not be more proud of this team.”

Mia Napierala took first at No. 2 singles in her first singles action of her high school tennis career. She beat Cimarron 6-4, beat Garden City 6-3 and beat Ashland by medical default, leading 3-0 when the match stopped.

“Mia brought the heat with heavy serves, smart shot selection, excellent court awareness, and tremendous composure,” Salisbury said. “She played smart tennis and trusted her game.”

Fabiola Rivera took sec-

ond at No. 1 singles, playing a tough match against Garden City and losing, but Salisbury praised Rivera for doing exactly what she was taught in practice to “reset, refocus and fight back.”

Rivera then beat Cimarron 6-4 and then won a tough match against Meade 6-4 to secure the second-place finish.

Hannahlee Hurd and Alieny Zarate played No. 2 doubles and saw their first varsity action.

“They battled their

opponents, fought through long points, went to deuce multiple times, and won games in every match they played,” Salisbury said. “That kind of fight is exactly what we want to see from our players. They may be new to varsity competition, but they showed today that they belong on that court.”

Nevaeh Pankrat and Max Miller had to pull out due to injury but Salisbury said she was proud of the girls for stepping onto the court and giving it their all.

Rep. Hoffman Speaks Out on Assertion of Improper Fund Shift

BY TIM CARPENTER
Kansas Reflector

Republicans on a legislative budget committee renewed discontent Friday with Gov. Laura Kelly’s administration, which reallocated millions of dollars that could have benefitted

Kansans with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Instead, GOP lawmakers said, approximately \$24 million that should have been targeted at 5,300 people on the state’s I/DD waiting list was transferred internally by the Kansas

Department for Aging and Disability Services. The cash was used to expand aid to Kansans with severe brain injuries, the frail elderly and people requiring technology assistance to grapple with a disability. A majority of the reallocation, approximately \$19

million, was dedicated to needs of frail elderly Kansans.

“That’s the frustration,” said Rep. Kristey Williams, an Augusta Republican. “We have to trust our agencies to use the money

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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier days
Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 12, 1896 Star

The mercury stood at 102 in the shade at 1 o'clock last Monday.

The weather turned very much cooler after Wednesday night's rain. Fires and overcoats were comfortable Thursday morning.

The weather was still cooler yesterday. It would appear that the backbone of summer is broken.

There is no room in this country for any other flag than Old Glory; it is good enough for us, and should be good enough for those who seek our shores.

The public schools of this city opened Monday with an enrollment of 115. The indications are it will be the largest school for two years. The pupils are distributed in the different departments, viz: high school, 85; intermediate, 27; primary, 53. There promises to be quite a number of pupils from outside of the district.

The Kansas State Fair will be held at Wichita, September 21 to 28. The past few years the State Fair has not been much of an attraction.

County Supt. Hadley brought to market Wednesday, a fine lot of cabbage, that he raised on his farm north of town.

John Q. Leonard, we understand, has purchased the Z.M. Baker property in this city. Mrs. Leonard and the children moved into the property from Rumsey Township last week, to enjoy our school privileges.

120 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 7, 1906 Star

A heavy rain fell over this part of the state on last Sunday evening.

On Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock while the rain-storm was in progress and while Mrs. Henry Knecht was answering a telephone call a heavy electrical current struck near Ed Deewall's a few miles north.

The electricity melted the telephone wire in one or two places, following the wire over the line. It happened that Mrs. Knecht had just taken down the receiver as the electric current struck, and a rather severe shock in the right hand and arm was the result. Her wrist was pretty badly burned and the fingers and arm rendered numb and useless for several hours. Her injured arm has now nearly recovered.

The Presbyterians are making some improvements about their church. Some new steps have been put in and a part of the sides of the interior are being plastered and will be nicely tinted.

The welcomed sound of the old school bell is heard again. The teachers and the pupils gave the school grounds a general cleaning up. There are still pupils who have not yet enrolled but who should do so.

Some of the high school pupils are finding some difficulty in getting started in algebra and Latin. Perseverance will conquer.

The enrollment on Wednesday evening was as follows: primary room, Miss Lena Hadley teacher, 30; intermediate room, Miss Catherine Roderick teacher, 38; grammar grade, Miss Flossie Rosell teacher, 28; high school, W.L. Dunbar principal, 11 — total 107.

110 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 8, 1916 Star

More rain this week. Keep the dates in mind — September 27, 28, and 29.

The Comanche County Fair will have the right-of-way on those days.

On Monday of this week, the Coldwater public schools entered upon what promises to be another very successful term of school.

With a number of additional facilities in the way of more room for the various classes and grades, a large, new assembly hall, an improved and up-to-date heating apparatus, and with a corps of earnest teachers (16 in number), there is every reason to believe that the school year which began in this district on Monday will be one of the best in the history of the school.

The total enrollment in the high school so far is 101, which is over 30 in excess of the first week enrollment last year. It is expected that the high school enrollment will reach at least 120. The senior class starts out with a membership of 14, the juniors with 31 and the freshmen 35.

Glee clubs have been organized and football practice has been started. Of course, every pupil in school will be glad to see the Community Building completed and ready for athletic activities and for other uses.

We all expect a very pleasant and profitable year's work, but it is well for us to remember that the teachers alone cannot make good schools. We as students have a part to perform.

100 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 10, 1926 Star

Considerable road work has been done in various parts of Comanche County of late. And still there is need for more road improvement.

A heavy rain on Thursday afternoon and on Thursday night, and a good shower last Saturday evening interfered somewhat with the programs and attendance at the Comanche County Fair, which was held in this city last week.

However, the rain was welcomed by everybody as it laid the dust and greatly cooled the air, thus making weather conditions much more pleasant during the last two days than during the first two days of the fair.

One of the most pleasing attractions at the fair was the exhibition of fireworks on the last two evenings. Without question, it was the best display of fireworks ever seen in this city.

Happy school days are here again.

Again this year, many of the patrons of the Coldwater schools are compelled to wait for a week or more for some of the needed school books for their children.

It does seem that some kind of arrangement could be made by which these annoying delays would not occur. Many of the pupils are handicapped in the matter of getting a good start, because the required books cannot be had promptly.

A troupe of six musicians, comedians and humorists will give a concert next Wednesday evening at the Pike Theatre beginning at 7:30. Popular prices.

90 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 11, 1936 Star

The high school enrollment this year is the largest in the history of the school. There is a crowded condition in most of the classes.

The freshmen class has the largest enrollment with 57 members; the sophomores

have 48; the juniors are only two behind with 55 enrolled; while the seniors have 47.

The enrollment in the grades is: grade 8, 31; grade 7, 32; grade 6, 33; grade 5, 27; grade 4, 27; grade 3, 26; grade 2, 34; and grade 1, 28.

This updates a non-relief statewide project, which last year employed 422 teachers and enrolled 14,647 students.

Its purpose is to give college training and credits to high school graduates and others who for any reason are unable to attend college.

The courses are supervised by Kansas University, which conducts the final examinations and issues accredited grades.

We are glad to report that all the students who have taken tests here in the past two years, have passed the examinations and received a grade.

Classes are starting next week in Rhetoric, English Literature I and II, and in other subjects as desired. A small tuition is charged those working for credits. Non-credit students may take the work free of charge.

Mrs. Karff, who is approved by the State Board of Education, KU and Hays Teachers College, will again have charge of the classes. If interested see her or Helen Thompson, County Superintendent of Schools, Sponsor.

On Friday, September 18, Will G. West, Republican candidate for governor, will be in Coldwater at 3 p.m., and will make an address from his car, which is fitted with loudspeaker equipment. Hugo T. Wedell, Republican candidate for reelection as Justice of the Supreme Court in Kansas will speak in Coldwater about noon next Monday, September 14, it is announced.

During the past two years, following an election in which the voters, by a large majority, voted to issue bonds for the building of a lake and recreational park somewhere in the county, the matter had been virtually dropped.

However, the county commissioners and others have recently taken a new interest in the proposition, and it is thought that a definite site will be decided upon soon.

A WPA (Works Progress Administration) engineer was sent to this county and he, in cooperation with County Engineer Edward Schrock, has made a number of core drill tests on the Thornton land, near the Morton place, southwest of Coldwater.

On Tuesday, the core drilling equipment was moved to the McIntyre farm 10½ miles southeast of Coldwater. It is said that the clay bed beneath the surface at the latter location is quite favorable.

This proposed lake site of 100 acres, with its strong flow of spring water, will form a lake covering 58 acres of land, according to previous estimates of engineers.

There is no question but that the majority of the people greatly desire a county lake, and all hope that some kind of logical plans will be worked out which will enable a lake project to be completed regardless of where the lake may be located.

It is said that the government will furnish 85% of the cost of the lake, exclusive of the land, which must be the property of the county. A great deal of interest is being

manifested in the proposed project.

80 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 13, 1946 Star

Today is Friday the thirteenth.

The Oiler All-Stars will play the Coldwater baseball team here Sunday. Last game of the season.

At the Dodge City fair last Friday, Phantom Lady, a 16-month-old registered Palomino filly belonging to Homer Hartwell and bred by Lovedren Hall of Coldwater placed first in the yearling class at the Palomino Horse Show.

At the Wellington show on August 20, the filly placed fifth in a mixed class of yearlings, four studs placing ahead of her.

At the Hardtner fair, Lady placed first in a large class. She has plenty of class and we shall hear more of Lady in the future. Phantom Lady was also Reserve Champion of the show, which included four groups — colts, yearlings, two to three years and over, and mares.

The yearling filly is out of the Gregg Palomino stallion, Pine Knot and one of Lovedren's best mares.

The first calf-roping tournament to be held in Kansas will be held at the rodeo grounds near Coldwater on Sunday, September 22, sponsored by the VFW's and the Coldwater Roping Club. Following a free barbecue at noon, there will be a horse and colt show, cutting horse contest and horse race. Liberal prizes are being awarded.

Prohibiting other than single parking in the business section of Main Street:

Owing to the inconvenience arising from the increased practice of double- or triple-parking in the above-named section of the city, and in violation of Ordinance No. 221, it becomes necessary that immediate police action be taken to correct this difficulty.

As you have the privilege of parking at space provided nearest convenient to this section, we ask your cooperation in complying with this order and avoid future apprehension. ORDER OF COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL, E.L. Orr, Mayor.

70 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 14, 1956 Star

During the past week all of Kansas and Oklahoma has baked in an almost unprecedented heat wave with temperatures here on Tuesday reaching 105 and other days of more than 100.

No rain is in sight and the feed crop prospects seem to have gone glimmering. It is one of the most serious situations our farmers have ever faced.

The annual Girl Scout Fund Drive will be Thursday, September 27. The Civic Improvement Club and VFW Auxiliary members, sponsors of the Brownies and Girl Scout troops, will solicit the city. Please keep this date in mind.

There will be a meeting of the Comanche Rifle Club on Tuesday evening, September 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the basement of Willard's Ben Franklin Store. Plans will be made for an outdoor shoot for scores and allocation of 30 caliber ammunition.

A Farmers Home Administration office has recently been opened in Coldwater in the Culp building, the first door east of the Pike Hotel.

Sam Koury has been chosen as Comanche County

Supervisor, with Mrs. Elmer Morgan as county office clerk. Comanche and Clark county FHA loans have previously been serviced at Pratt.

Week before last, Riley Ford walked off with the highest cash prize, \$43 [or about \$530 in today's dollars], yet offered by the Coldwater Trades Day Assn. You must be present to win. Merchandise prizes will also be given, it is announced.

60 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 8, 1966 Star

U.S. Senator James B. Pearson will be on Main Street Thursday afternoon, September 8, from 1:45 to 2:45. Everyone is invited to meet the senator at that time.

One of the best-read books in town is due for reprinting soon and residents are urged to make any necessary changes in the text, according to Dick G. Boerger, manager for Southwestern Bell. "The book referred to, of course, is the telephone directory," Boerger said.

The importance of immunizations against measles is especially significant now that a new school year is about to begin. Measles is a most serious and contagious disease of all children.

Since we now have a measles vaccine at our disposal it is possible to make large gains toward the complete eradication of the disease.

The new measles vaccine requires only a single dose, which makes it convenient for carrying out large scale immunization programs. The vaccine contains a live virus which affords permanent protection in the same manner as one would obtain after having had the disease.

A concerted effort on the part of parents is needed to achieve complete protection for all children between the ages of 12 months and 12 years. County Health Officer, Dr. L.G. Glenn, asks that parents take advantage of the available vaccine in order to protect the children of Comanche County.

50 YEARS AGO

From Sept 9, 1976 Star

Everyone was smiling and giving thanks Wednesday of this week, when beautiful soft rains began falling early in the morning.

While it was pretty general, amounts were lighter in the south part of the county. Measurements unofficially ranged from just over an inch to around .65 inch in town.

While more moisture is needed, this will permit last minute farming operations, seedbed preparation and wheat seeding, and fertilizing will begin in earnest now.

Someone asked the Indians at the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty if they would do a rain dance. He answered, "No, the rains come from the Man Upstairs." "So let's give GOD the glory for indeed, HE is the Giver of every good and perfect gift."

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, incumbent Charlie Angell, state senator from this district, visited with voters in Coldwater and this area. He is seeking reelection in the upcoming general election in November. He lives in Plains, is an active Baptist layman, member of the Agricultural Hall of Fame Board Manager and served in Scouting for 24 years.

He is presently serving on eight committees plus three special committees on

Education, School Finance and Land Use.

This Friday will be Coldwater's first home football game of the season with the Ashland Bluejays. Coach Bob Mullen says that most coaches, sports reporters for the *Hutchinson News* and the *Wichita Eagle* favor Ashland to take the League championship and possibly go to state.

However, the CHS Eagles team spirit is good and they are not going into the game with a defeated attitude and that Ashland will know they have been in a ball game.

Coach Mullen states that Coldwater's team is fairly light but has good potential. The Coldwater Quarterback Club is now organized and will meet each Tuesday. Everyone is looking forward to a good year with fine cooperation between players.

40 YEARS AGO

From Sept. 11, 1986 Star

Defending Division I State 8-man football champion Coldwater High School kicks off its new gridiron season this Friday night. The Eagles travel to Minneola for a non-league, non-district contest.

Minneola had a 7-2 record last fall, losing only to Coldwater and Jetmore. The Wildcats, like Coldwater, return a number of seasoned veterans. Coldwater High has won 22 of its last 23 games over a two-year span. The Eagles were 12-0 last fall and 10-1 in 1984 (when they lost only to state-champ Ingalls). Next Friday the Eagles play at Jetmore. Their first home game is on Sept. 26 against archrival Protection.

Coldwater has a dentist, as of last Thursday. Dr. Randy German, a Buffalo, Okla., dentist, has leased an office and opened his practice in Dr. Goering's building one day (Thursday) a week. He will maintain his practice in Buffalo the rest of the week.

Dr. German has a family practice, and promotes preventive dentistry.

He said, "We're here to serve the very young to the very old. We like to start our patients as little children. I particularly enjoy kids." He has been practicing for six years, four of them in the Army before moving back to open an office a year ago last May in his hometown.

A new face and another new service can now be found at the Comanche County Hospital.

Mark Huslig of Dodge City is now working at the hospital Tuesday and Friday afternoons as a physical therapist.

He has been a physical therapist at Orthopedic and Sports Medicine in Dodge City for a year. A graduate of Wichita State University, he received his bachelor of science in physical therapy.

Starting his part-time work here at the hospital a week ago wasn't Huslig's first time in Coldwater. The 1981 Spearville High School graduate has been here before competing against CHS athletes in sports.

Huslig will not be working solo his two afternoons a week in Comanche County.

ElVera Unruh has recently completed a course in Greensburg and received certification as a physical therapist aide. The rest of the week, she will continue to wear the multiple hats of receptionist, purchasing agent, and coordinator of the lifeline program to be set up at the hospital.

NEWS/SPORTS

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (620) 532-3151 or email jasonjump@thestarpress.news

Mother’s Advancement Club Celebrates 65th Anniversary With Trip to Ashland

ORGANIZATION REPORT

Mother’s Advancement Club of Protection traveled to Ashland for lunch at Cups and Mugs Restaurant on Thursday, Sept. 3. Five members gathered to celebrate the anniversary of our 65th year! Only three of the original group are still members. Ruth Bratcher, as one of those, was hostess for the meeting. Other charter members are Melvina Harvey and Marlene Woolfolk.

A garland of colorful leaves and sunflowers centered the table. Sunflower napkins and treats of cookies, decorated with MAC and leaves or pumpkins on each, were at each place setting. After enjoying the meal, the group congregated at Ruth’s country home for relaxing and visiting. Ruth Ann gave the treasurer’s report and dues were collected. We examined our little

year folders that Jan Maki faithfully makes for us each year. The roll call was to be a gab session of the “woes and wonders” of growing old! There were many of those, with the woes probably winning out! But there are also many blessings of being retired, enjoying the freedom of sleeping in, eating whenever the need is felt, the blessing of good health, family, and particularly grand kids, and now

on to the greats! It was good to be together again, after the long hot summer, all exclaiming in leaving: “Pray for rain and cooler temperatures!” Those who were able to be present were: Melvina Harvey, Ruth Ann Jellison, Pat Toneges, Karen Jarnagin, and Ruth Bratcher. Missed were Charlotte Filson, Marlene Woolfolk, and Jan Maki.

– Ruth Bratcher

FOOTBALL

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pass protection and giving time for Huck to find the open receiver. He added that Huck did a good job of extending plays and scrambling to keep the play alive. Huck completed 12-of-17 passes for 179 yards with two touchdowns. “We did a pretty good job of sustaining drives,” Westrup said. “We didn’t turn the ball over. We only punted the one time.” And despite some mistakes, he said, the boys did a good job of not letting mistakes get to them, but correcting things and moving on. On offense, Huck led the team in rushing with 93 yards on 13 carries and four touchdowns and Coda Lindsay added 88 yards rushing on four carries with two touchdowns. Lindsay also caught a 17-yard touchdown pass.

Parker Price led the team in receiving with 67 yards on six receptions and a touchdown. Jett Petty added two catches for 46 yards. On defense, Jack Willems led the Timberwolves with eight tackles and a sack, Colt Yoder and Lindsay each had seven tackles and Wiley York and Price each had five. Westrup said that the Buffaloes did a good job of bringing defensive pressure on pass plays and he thought the Timberwolves did well in handling that. He added that Jones did a good job of extending plays. “He would scramble around – on the two touchdowns they had, he’d scramble around and keep the play alive,” Westrup said. “And our defensive back would come up to stop the run and he’d just dump it open over us.” The Timberwolves (1-0) will host Reno County this Friday. The Sabres are a ho-

meschool team based out of Hutchinson. They lost their opener to Axtell 74-44. “You don’t see many teams lose and score (44) points,” Westrup said. “They can score a lot of points and we’re going to have to be very disciplined on defense. We’re going to have to do our job, do our assignment. “They like to throw the ball and we’re just going to have to keep the wide receivers in front of us. You know, stay on our man, get in our zones, don’t be distracted with other things that are going behind or around us.” On defense, Westrup said, the Sabres bring a lot of pressure, but he believes the Timberwolves can throw the ball against them. “We’re going to have to get on our blocks and stay on there, but we’re just going to have to play very disciplined on defense,” he said.



BOB MORRIS / The Star-Press

South Central head volleyball coach Cindy Snyder talks with her players during a break in the action last week at an Attica triangular. SCHS picked up wins over Attica and Belle Plaine.

VOLLEYBALL

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wasn’t much up and down. We just kind of played solid, and so that’s a big key to us. “And, you know, we talk about playing with energy a lot throughout the season and practice, and that’s going to carry over, so we’ve been working a lot on that.” One of the things that Snyder said she has talked to the girls about is hitting. The Lady Timberwolves graduated some good hitters, so it’s been a matter of the girls now at the hitter positions learning how to attack the ball. As for the back row, though, Snyder said that remains a strong area, even as they have one player out with an injury and another currently out but is set to return soon. “We’re pretty solid back there,” Snyder said. “We have probably the best back row we’ve had for a few years where we have every

position’s always got a good passer back there.” One player who is key to the team this year is senior setter Piper Price. Snyder said she has been a great leader for the team and can get to the ball about anywhere on the court. “She’s quick – she’s got good hands,” Snyder said. “She reads what the other team is, you know, where the holes are at, and she can send that ball over pretty well.” Senior Ellie Murphy has moved to outside hitter and Snyder said she has earned that spot, along with showing good leadership. “She’s swinging well and so we’re just building from there,” the head coach said. Senior Remi Martin is a defensive specialist who missed last season with a hip injury. Snyder said she just came back to practice but she had to keep her out for a little bit. However, the head coach said she hopes Martin won’t miss too much time.

“But she’s another good player too that just adds to that back row for us,” Snyder said. She said that she talks a lot about bringing energy to every drill, but it’s not always consistent. “We’re at the same level talking all the time,” Snyder said. “Sometimes it’s me doing all the talking, and so I’m after them about, you know, you guys have to bring that energy, you know, and we talk about that. “That’s something they can control – the energy, the work ethic, but, you know, just getting out there and just doing that. So we’re trying to fix that in practice so that in game time we’re just used to playing that way.” The Lady Timberwolves then swept a triangular at Ashland Tuesday, beating the host team 25-20-, 25-14, and Spearville 25-15, 25-15. South Central (5-4) will next prepare for the Hugot-on tournament on Saturday.

HOFFMAN

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as it was appropriated, and it was not.” Rep. Kyle Hoffman (R-Coldwater) said the Legislature included in bill form an expectation that KDADS would shrink the I/DD waiting list to 4,800 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and to 4,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026. The waiting list has grown to 5,357, officials said. The state provides financial support to 9,800 people with

developmental and intellectual disabilities. Hoffman said KDADS Secretary Laura Howard shouldn’t have interpreted past conversations with House and Senate committees about reappropriating the \$24 million as formal permission to do so. He said KDADS’ decisions conflicted with language in House Bill 2513, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor. “It kind of feels like that you’re saying, ‘Well,

the law says I have to do this, but we don’t have the money so we’re not going to do that,’” Hoffman said. “There’s a big difference in having a discussion in a budget committee that this is what we’d like this money to go towards, than ... what the actual bill said. To me, you’re misappropriating what (House Bill) 2513 says.” EDITOR’S NOTE: Read the full story on the fund assertion online at kansasreflector.com.

COLDWATER WEATHER
By Greg Vanderree

SEPTEMBER 2
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Comanche County Road and Bridge is looking for heavy equipment operators and laborers. Pay starts at \$14, with the possibility of higher pay with experience. If you have questions, please call AJ at (620) 582-5222.
Applications are available at the Road and Bridge Office, 401 S. Philadelphia, Coldwater, or at the County Clerk’s office in Courthouse at 201 S. New York Ave., Coldwater. 51tfnc

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AND SOUTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL are now seeking applications for an assistant softball coach. Please contact Tyler Bates, South Central High School at (620) 582-2181.

SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL is seeking a boy’s middle school basketball coach for the 2026-27 season. Please contact Matt Jellison at (620) 622-4545.

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