



# Coldwater City Council Passes Communication Policy

BY KATEE UNDERWOOD  
Staff Wrtier

Concerns over loose dogs, public access to city meetings, employee costs and efforts to clean up the community were among the topics discussed during the Coldwater city council meeting Monday night.

During public comment, Brian Miller told the council the community’s dog problem has become serious enough that he carries two

forms of defense – one lethal pistol and one nonlethal pistol – when he is out walking. Miller said he and his family have had to fight off dogs on multiple occasions. He recalled an incident on New York Street in which he used pepper spray on a loose dog he described as vicious.

Miller said he has attempted to address the issue through the county attorney several times but said the cases have gone nowhere. He also said he has contacted the

sheriff’s office, and was told it’s not their jurisdiction.

He’s also been to the city clerk’s office without getting the response he believes is needed. Miller suggested the city consider imposing larger fines for dogs running at large.

“I don’t know anybody scared of a chicken,” Miller said, comparing the issue to the city’s enforcement of its chicken regulations. “They can’t hurt someone, yet we’re being fined for chickens and

not dogs.”

Miller said he takes pictures every time he finds a dog out. He has pictures of the ones who are supposed to be enforcing the issue like the local judge and city attorney and their dogs are out. Miller asked multiple times for the council to enforce the rules.

“Just follow the rules, it’s not hard,” he said. “We don’t need to make more rules, they’re there. Let’s just follow them.

“Nobody wants to hurt a dog but

I’m going to defend my family.”

Council members said they would like to discuss the issue further and look into what options may be available.

The council also discussed its policy regarding photographing and recording meetings.

Councilman Gary Haulmark suggested adding language to a proposal looked at by the council addressing transparency and

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## Homecoming Court: SC Names Martin, Huck - Queen, King

South Central Homecoming Queen Remi Martin and King Easton Huck pose for photos with the entire court following the crowning ceremony held prior to the football game against Reno County. Pictured (L to R) are: Ellie Murphy, Eli Girk, Breckyn Snyder, Jack Willems, Martin, Huck, Piper Price and Coda Lindsay.

## SC Board Adopts New Policy for Communications

### STAFF REPORT

The USD 300 school board discussed a potential opportunity to fund improvements to its track and field facilities, approved a new social media and online communication policy and reviewed the district’s finances during its Sept. 9 meeting.

High school principal Tyler Bates told the board a community member has registered the district for T-Mobile’s Friday Night 5G Lights program, which is aimed at high schools in smaller communities. The program is an application process, with schools competing for funding – \$1 million grand prize for one school, \$250,000 awards for four division champions and additional \$5,000 prizes.

The overall 2026 prize pool is more than \$8.4 million. Bates said the district plans to put together its own application and gather photographs and video showing the current condition of the track and field facilities in hopes of strengthening its application. No matching funds are required for the T-Mobile awards.

The board approved a new social media and online communication policy governing interactions between district employees and students. Under the policy, employees are prohibited

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# Comanche County Commissioners Pass Budget for 2027

### STAFF REPORT

The Comanche County Commission approved \$95,860.52 in bills and \$50,227.41 in payroll for a total of \$146,087.93 during its meeting on Tuesday.

The commissioners received an update from Comanche County Hospital Administrator Lisa Brooks and Chief Financial Officer Lauren Swingle on the hospital’s current finances and construction of its physical therapy addition. Construction was originally estimated

to be completed in mid-February, but Brooks and Swingle said the project now appears likely to be completed about a month later.

The commission also heard from Billy Holler regarding a water gap along the property line between Holler and a neighboring landowner. Holler expressed concern that cattle could fall into the gap and said she had contacted the sheriff’s office before bringing the matter to the commission.

Commissioner Joe Moore said

that if the property owners cannot reach an agreement, the county could address the issue and split the cost between the two landowners. He noted that doing so could result in a higher cost for each landowner rather than if one party addressed the issue independently. The commissioners agreed to send a letter to the neighboring landowner first and attempt to get a response before considering further action.

Rusty Murphey also appeared before the commission to ask about

leasing county airport property for agricultural purposes. Murphey said he would like to put agricultural use on the property. The commissioners tabled the matter while they consult with the county attorney to determine whether the property would have to be opened for bids and to ensure the county follows the proper process.

The commission approved the 2027 county budget and the 2026

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# 25 Years Later Reminders of 9/11 Remain Close to Home

BY KATEE UNDERWOOD  
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Twenty-five years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the physical reminders of that day can be found hundreds of miles from where the attacks occurred, including within about an hour of Comanche County.

To the east, in Anthony, sits the Kansas 9/11 Memorial. To the west, in Dodge City, Liberty Garden serves as another memorial to those who died in the attacks. Both memorials contain tangible pieces of the places where the attacks occurred, connecting southwest Kansas to New York City, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania field where United Flight 93 crashed.

But for local emergency personnel, the legacy of Sept. 11 goes beyond memorials. The attacks changed how emergency respond-

ers think about preparing for events that once seemed unimaginable.

**Small-Town Memorial**

Anthony’s memorial is officially designated as the Kansas 9/11 Memorial. The memorial incorporates three steel beams recovered from the remains of the World Trade Center, a 250-pound block of limestone from the Pentagon and soil and ashes from the area of the Flight 93 crash site in Pennsylvania. The memorial grew out of Anthony residents’ desire to respond to the attacks despite being hundreds of miles from the three crash sites. The community developed a relationship with the family of Joseph P. Spor Jr., a New York City firefighter who died in the attacks, and with his fellow firefighters at FDNY Engine 88, Ladder 38 and Rescue 3. The

World Trade Center steel eventually made its way from New York to Anthony with the help of True Value, whose truck delivered three pieces of steel to the small Kansas community in October 2002. The memorial later incorporated the Pentagon limestone and material from the Flight 93 crash site, completing its representation of all three locations attacked that day. The Kansas Legislature eventually designated the Anthony structure as the official Kansas 9/11 Memorial.

**Dodge City’s Reminder**

About an hour west of Comanche County, Dodge City’s Liberty Garden in Wright Park offers another physical connection to Sept. 11. Dedicated Sept. 11, 2002, the memorial includes a 1,200-pound, 4-foot section of structural steel recovered from

Ground Zero, positioned between replicas of the World Trade Center towers. It also contains a piece of Indiana limestone from the Pentagon and a piece of Pennsylvania sandstone from near the Flight 93 crash site. The Pentagon piece is housed in a glass case shaped like the Pentagon, while reflective pools represent the North and South towers. Liberty Garden also remains a gathering place for the community’s annual Sept. 11 Day of Remembrance, when residents and local first responders gather to remember those who died. For residents of Comanche County, the two memorials provide an opportunity to encounter actual remnants of a day that shaped an entire generation. For the people whose job is to respond when something goes wrong, however, the impact of Sept. 11 is also part of their professional lives.

**‘September 11, 2001, Changed EMS Forever’**

Comanche County EMS Director Terri Brosius was at home by herself getting ready for work when she first heard about the attacks on the news. She eventually went to work at the Coldwater Laundry and told her father what had happened. She turned on the television in his office and watched the events unfold.

Twenty-five years later, Brosius said the significance of that day remains evident in emergency medical services.

“September 11, 2001, changed EMS forever,” Brosius said. “The attacks reinforced the need for EMS personnel to prepare not only for everyday emergencies, but also for large-scale disasters, mass-casualty incidents and acts of

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livestreaming council meetings through social media or a city website.

Devon Duffield said he supported the idea, noting that several community members have approached him about livestreaming and that some residents do not have time to attend council meet-

ings but still want to know what is being discussed.

The proposal initially failed, with Haulmark and Duffield voting in favor and Leasa Huck and Sam Oller and Makenzie Dunn voting against it.

While Dunn voted no, she said she would support livestreaming meetings if the broadcasts were live only, but expressed concern about recordings being archived

and potentially manipulated using artificial intelligence.

The council discussed the options and agreed to revisit the issue and vote again at its October meeting.

Public Works Supervisor Charlie Austin also brought forward the idea of holding an annual, or possibly more frequent, tree-limb pickup day. Council members expressed support for exploring

the idea.

The council discussed several ways to reduce city expenses, including employee uniforms and health insurance. The city currently uses Cintas for employee uniforms at a cost of approximately \$900 per employee annually for cleaning and repairs such as patching. Council members discussed purchasing uniforms on their own and having them washed by the

city or families instead.

The proposal met some resistance because of the grease and other substances employees can encounter while working, with concerns raised about employees' families being unwilling to wash heavily soiled uniforms. The uniform discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Read the full story at thestarpress.news.*

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from privately or directly communicating with students through social media platforms unless specifically permitted by the policy. The prohibition applies both during and outside of the school day.

Employees also may not require students to use social media for assignments or extracurricular activities or use social media for private messages, comment-based conversations or other individualized two-way communication. The policy allows communication through district email accounts, learning management systems and the Band app, although comments must be disabled on the Band app.

Employees are strongly discouraged from creating personal social media accounts to connect with current or future students. Violations of the policy could result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination, depending on the circumstances.

Superintendent Mike

Baldwin and principals Matt Jellison and Tyler Bates each reported that the school year has been going well.

Jellison reported positive changes following some staff position changes and said the district has been pleased with the results so far. He also reported that a freezer issue at the the elementary-middle school has been resolved, repairs to the football field water reel have been completed and the roof project completed over the summer has not resulted in any leaks.

Baldwin said administrators and staff have been working well together and the district has completed its required classroom walkthroughs, which are part of the district's accreditation process. The walkthroughs, conducted electronically through the district's eWalk system, allow administrators to observe instruction and evaluate areas of strength and weakness.

The board approved the district's administrative goals for the school year.

Bates also reported on a school safety workshop a few of them attended in

Hutchinson last week. Bates said the training included representatives from the FBI, KBI and other organizations. They both mentioned that it was very informative and they have came up with more tools to use to help students when they go to a dark place.

They learned a lot about school shooting prevention and different things to watch for and how to prevent anything from happening. Baldwin said it was the best workshop he's gone to in a long long long time.

The superintendent said the district plans to bring the trainer to the school Nov. 2 for additional safety training. All district staff will be included in the training in the morning with other activities and training for the whole school that afternoon.

The board also heard an update from Gail Boisseau regarding the Southeast Kansas Cooperative for Special Education board meeting. Boisseau described the meeting as brief and productive.

### Finances, Local Budget

The board reviewed

monthly expenditures totaling \$482,544.26, including \$262,230.22 in payroll and \$220,314.04 for supplies, utilities and other expenses.

The district's ending balance was reported at \$1,524,921.18 as of Sept. 1, compared with \$1,120,746.45 on Sept. 1, 2025.

The board also approved a resolution authorizing a 32.4 percent local option budget for the 2026-27 school year.

The board approved a resolution to increase the Comanche County Recreation Commission mill levy from 1 mill to 2 mills. Publication of the resolution must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, after which a 30-day period will allow the public an opportunity to protest the proposed increase.

The board then recessed into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and adjourned the meeting while in executive session.

The next regular USD 300 Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 7.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS, AT WHICH THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Protection, Kansas, did on the 12th day of June, 2026, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, is unsafe and dangerous.

WHEREAS, on August 19th, 2026, the governing body of the City of Protection, Kansas, passed and adopted Resolution No. 26-3, "A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, at Which the Owner, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties In Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structure Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as an Unsafe or Dangerous Structure."

WHEREAS, said Resolution No. 26-3, was published in the Western Star & Protection Press on August 27, 2026, and a copy of the Resolution was sent by certified mail to the owner at the last known place of residence and marked "deliver to addressee only," however, said Resolution 26-3 was not published the second consecutive week on September 3rd, 2026, as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 11th day of November, 2026, before the governing body of the City of Protection at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Protection Township Library, 404 N Broadway Ave, Protection, KS 67127, at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders or record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at:

208 W. Main Street Protection, KS 67127

Legal Description: Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), in Block Two-Hundred and Ten (210), Hickok's Addition to the City of Protection, Comanche County, Kansas.

May appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned as an unsafe or dangerous structure and ordered repaired or demolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks with at least 30 days elapsing between the date of the last publication and the date set for the hearing and shall, within three days after the first publication, mail a copy of this Resolution, by certified mail, to each owner, agent, lienholder, and occupant at the last known place of residence and shall be marked "deliver to addressee only."

Passed and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 9th day of September, 2026.

Chris Brosius, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Monroe:

City Clerk

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLDWATER, KANSAS, AT WHICH THE OWNER(S), HIS OF HER AGENT, LIENHOLDER OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURES SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Coldwater, Kansas did on the 14th day of September, 2026 file with the governing body of said City, a statement in writing that the structures, hereinafter described, are unsafe and dangerous: Structures on Lot 7 and Lot 8 in Block 56

In the Original Town of Coldwater, Comanche County, Kansas.

Street address: 210 S. Boston Ave.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLDWATER, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 9th day of November, 2026, before the governing body of the City at 6:30 o'clock p.m. at 239 E. Main St, in the northeast room, at which time the owner(s), his/her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, having objection to the ordered repair or demolition of the structures located on:

Lot 7 and Lot 8 in Block 56 in the Original Town of Coldwater, Comanche County, Kansas

Street Address: 210 S. Boston Ave.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by Law.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2026.

Paul Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristal Sherman,

City Clerk

on July 30th, 2026, as required, and an alternate potential address for the owner has been located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 11th day of November, 2026, before the governing body of the City of Protection at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Protection Township Library, 404 N Broadway Ave, Protection, KS 67127, at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders or record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at:

107 W. Main Street, Protection, KS 67127

Legal Description: Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), in Block One-hundred and Ninety-one (191), of the Original Town of the City of Protection, Comanche County, Kansas.

May appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned as an unsafe or dangerous structure and ordered repaired or demolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks with at least 30 days elapsing between the date of the last publication and the date set for the hearing and shall, within three days after the first publication, mail a copy of this Resolution, by certified mail, to each owner, agent, lienholder, and occupant at the last known place of residence and shall be marked "deliver to addressee only."

Passed and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 9th day of September, 2026.

Chris Brosius, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Monroe:

City Clerk

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# Past Paragraphs

*Protection news from earlier times*

*Compiled by Dave Webb*

**125 YEARS AGO**  
**Western Star**  
**Sept. 20, 1901**

## Protection paragraphs

Another big dance is announced for the 27th. George Meisinger has started the foundation for a new dwelling. Who said our city is not growing? A meeting of the citizens of Protection was held last week for the purpose of organizing a brass band. There seemed to be a decided sentiment in favor of the band. George Meisinger was chosen president; D.W. Hind, secretary; J.A. Wuchter, treasurer; J.W. Way, W.W. Baxter and Dave Taylor, trustees. We wish the [15] boys success. Very few of the boys can yet make a noise on a horn, but we look forward to the time when our city can boast of a first-class band.

Three [railroad] carloads of cattle were shipped from this point to Kansas City this week. Way & Meisinger received a carload of brick, also another carload of lumber this week.

Frank Ensign has ordered a new well drill. G.W. Reed drilled a new well recently for Link King, of Clark County.

Quite a number of the Odd Fellows of Protection visited the Coldwater lodge on Tuesday evening. All report a very pleasant trip. They say that they were treated right royally by the Coldwater lodge.

The citizens of Protection and vicinity are not slow to make known their disapproval of the cowardly deed of [Leon] Czolgosz, [the anarchist who shot President William McKinley Sept. 6. McKinley died Sept. 14]. We hear but little, if any, red flag talk in this community, and we are glad of it. — [Correspondent] "OWEN."

## Protection prattle

Cool winds this week. A number of movers have passed through our city this week, all en route for the [Cherokee] Strip. Ed Fleming has quit the [railroad] section and taken a job of well drilling for J.R. Williams, of Coldwater. Mrs. [Maud] Meisinger's music class has now taken

nine lessons, and all the members express themselves as well pleased and even surprised at the progress they are making. Mrs. M.M. [Florence] Cosby treated her Sunday school class to a nice party on Tuesday night. All present report a delightful time and speak well of Mrs. Cosby as an entertainer. Chester and William Hungerford arrived the latter part of last week from their home near Timber Lake, Oklahoma, on a few days' visit with relatives and friends. They bought a hundred head or more of calves from W.H. Richardson. They think that Oklahoma is about the finest country on earth—and that Comanche County comes second. — [Correspondent] "JUNIPER."

## Cattle transactions

Two cattle sales were made this week in Comanche County which will in the aggregate amount to over \$41,000 [over \$1.6 million in today's dollars]. John L. Carey, representing some large feeders of Omaha, Nebraska, arrived last Friday and was not long in making a deal with Smith & Mussett, proprietors of the big Box Ranch, and with Isaac Mussett, another of our leading stockmen. Mr. Carey purchased from Smith & Mussett 800 head of four-year-old steers and from Isaac Mussett 400 head of three-year-olds. These are two very fine bunches of steers. They will be shipped soon to Omaha and fed out on corn. For the 800 head Mr. Carey paid \$3.12½ per hundred (no cut-back) [\$123 now], and for the 400 head, \$3.25 per hundred [\$128 today]. The cattle are to be delivered at Wilmore next Wednesday for shipment. Mr. Carey also purchased about 800 head of cattle in Kingman County.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
**Protection Post**  
**Sept. 16, 1926**

**Key pioneer's history**  
Early-day settlers in and near Protection will remember John [1840–1928] and Emily [1847–1926] Keys, who lived in that city for a number of

years prior to 1910, when they moved to California, locating in Anaheim. Word was received here recently that Mrs. Keys died on the 19th of last June. Mr. Keys, who is now past 86 years of age, is in the Masonic Home in Decoto, Calif. For several years he owned and operated a store in Protection, and was active in the early development of that city. — [Reprinted from the] Coldwater Western Star. Mr. and Mrs. Keys ran a [hardware] store for many years on the corner south of the Lindsey Hardware & Implement Company's store. Mr. Keys was also an early-day blacksmith in Protection, having a shop and a store about where the Pastime Theatre building is now located [former Bill's Grocery/Protection Co-op Locker location], but this burned down prior to Mr. Keys building his store on the corner. Mr. and Mrs. Keys also operated the first butcher shop and bakery in Protection. Mr. and Mrs. Keys left Protection some 16 years ago and located at Anaheim, Calif., and have since resided there. Mr. Keys was a unique character and had a great deal to do with the growth of Protection and the public life and activities of the town during his residence locally. He was rather an eccentric character and will be readily recalled by the pioneers of Protection. Their friends will regret to learn of Mrs. Keys' death and of Uncle John's failing health. The Keys were part of some of Protection's earliest years. John was born in Ireland and apparently met Emily in Ohio, where she was born and they were married in 1868. They were living here by 1891. He was one of the town's earliest blacksmiths and had previously worked as a carpenter. In the 1890s he bought an abandoned building in the ghost town of Comanche City (10 miles south). He moved it to Protection and it first stood near the site of today's library and was used as a mill operated by J.L. Moore. Keys later moved the structure two blocks south to what is today the corner west of the Methodist church. He operated his hardware store there. After he and his wife moved to California, the building was torn down in 1917.

**Mutt makes KU squad**  
Last week's *Kansas City Star* carried the name of "Mutt" Thornhill as a regular in KU's football squad. He was listed as fullback and given in the roster of the squad. Mutt is a Protection boy, a former star of PHS and was widely known throughout this section when in high school for his athletic ability. He won many honors as a high school athlete and set several state records in shot and discus. Mutt was known as a great punter. He has a heady [?] as well as heavy toe and could put the pigskin down the field for long gains any time. He was a shifty, open field player and a wonderful yardage man as well as a heady and crafty football warrior. The present is his second year at KU and his playing on the regulars is an honor highly commendable to him and appreciated by his friends locally, who are watching his career at KU closely and with kindest and best wishes. He is a son of Alex and Essie Thornhill and a grandson of Zephaniah and Minner Bratcher of Protection.

**In business**  
C.H. Glover, from Wichita, has rented the Mark building west of the Eubank elevator and has established a vulcanizing and tire repair shop. Mr. Glover is a vulcanizer

and tire man of many years experience and guarantees his work in the line to be the latest and best that can be obtained. He is also a battery repairman and, just as soon as he can install the equipment, will add a battery department to his shop, though [he is] not at the present time prepared to do battery work. Tuesday the deal was consummated by which H.O. Holderby purchased the interest of his son, H.G. Holderby, in the firm of Holderby & Son and he will again assume the full ownership and management of the store and stock of [furniture]. . . . W.B. Atkeson has moved his office from the former location at the Taylor Blacksmith Shop to the Brewer & Brewer Garage. Mr. Atkeson discontinued his former office to seek a more central location and to have a better service when he would be absent from the office as at the garage someone is always present to answer phone calls and attend to orders. Mr. Atkeson stated to the POST that it was his earnest wish to extend to the public every courtesy and every service possible in his line and he had made the change to be in a better position to do so. After this, when wanting Mr. Atkeson or when wishing to place an order for gasoline, or coal oil or lubricants and greases, call phone no. 35 and give your order and it will be readily answered and delivered by Mr. Atkeson.

**Train hits stolen Ford**  
A used Ford sedan belonging to the Bachman Ford Agency and that had been stolen from the street south of the garage a week ago, Saturday night, was identified as one that was wrecked by being hit by the eastbound freight [train] at Ashland, the following morning. While the identification was not made until early this week as the sheriff at Ashland had to write to Topeka for the tag owner and placed the car in this manner, the thieves had undoubtedly driven the car to Ashland and deserted it and left it standing on the railroad track where it was run into by the freight train. The car was so badly wrecked as to be a total loss.

**Convenience of cars**  
Many from Protection attended the circus at Alva last Friday and numbers of others went to Woodward on Saturday. The motor car has made possible the drawing of large crowds from long distances and the public take advantage thereof. The POST believes it not an exaggeration to state that over 250 people from the town and vicinity attended the circus at either Alva or Woodward.

**Dangers of cars**  
Mrs. Willis [Nettie] Alexander was painfully cut and bruised when the Ford sedan in which she was returning from the day spent at the Clark County Fair ran into the ditch near the Densmore home east of Sitka. The car turned over in the ditch and Mrs. Alexander was cut by the broken window glass. The car was driven by her son, Joe, and in coming over the crown of the hill, a larger car flashed its bright lights into his face, blinding him, and not seeing

the ditch at the roadside, he ran into it. Last Friday evening while they were returning to their home five miles north of Protection from school in town, Frances Gray and her brother Ralph narrowly escaped death when their car overturned on the state highway north of the farm residence of R.R. Sibbitt. Miss Frances was driving and while she was not traveling at excessive speed, the car ran into the sand that was dumped upon the clay highway and turned completely over. Witnesses to the accident state that the Ford turned over at least twice. Miss Gray was thrown out through the top of the car, striking the hard road and was knocked unconscious [for almost 24 hours]. She was bruised and cut by flying glass and several stitches were required to close up the cuts. Mr. Sibbitt, who was working nearby, and a passing motorist, hurried to the scene of the accident and rendered aid and Miss Gray was rushed to town and placed under the care of a physician. . . . She suffered a fractured kneecap in addition to other injuries and fear is entertained by her attending physician that she may be permanently disabled thereby. Ralph escaped more luckily as he suffered but minor bruises and injuries. The car was a complete wreck. Top, windshield, radiator, fenders and one wheel were crushed by the force of the impact when the car "turned turtle." . . .

**75 YEARS AGO**  
**Protection Post**  
**Sept. 14, 1951**

**School is up and running**  
Protection Consolidated Schools got away to a Labor Day start with six more pupils enrolled than were on the rolls at the close of last year. The grade school enrollment this year is 207 as compared with 213 last year. This drop is largely due to having graduated 30 from the eighth grade last year and this year's beginning class numbering only 19. The high school this year numbers 104 as compared with 92 last year. Here again the difference is largely due to the difference between last year's graduating class, number 16 as compared with this year's freshman addition, which numbers 31. . . . First grade, 19, Mrs. Gladys Thornhill. Second grade, 33, Miss Edith Carter. Third grade, 26, Miss Artie LaMunyon. Fourth grade, 23, Miss Zelma Carey. Fifth grade, 32, Miss Clara Thielen. Sixth grade, 25, Miss Bernice Anderson. Seventh grade, 18, Miss Marjorie Todd. Eighth grade, 31, Mr. Clarence Condra, [also] principal. Freshmen class, 32. Sophomore class, 16. Junior class, 24. Senior class, 32.

**Banker is sidelined**  
Glenn Maris suffered a severe heart attack at his home Sunday night and is a patient in the Greensburg hospital. The 47-year-old [Farmers

State] banker is not allowed visitors at the present time, other than the family, so the community will have to cheer him up with cards and letters until he gets better. Having to miss the 1971 Panther football season will probably be Glenn's greatest disappointment.

**Panthers over Wildcats**  
Protection downed the Minneola Wildcats in their first game on the home field Friday night, 22–14. The Panthers started with a good lead, but let up only to have the Wildcats score 14 points in the second half. Gary Johnson scored both touchdowns for the Wildcats and passed for extra points. Ross Girk made a six-yard run for the first Protection score in the first quarter. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful. The third quarter brought a three-yard run by Rex Maris and the extra point attempt was made on a pass from Rex to Gary Jellison. Kent Woolfolk [scored on] a one-yard run and the extra point [was made] on a pass from Rex to Ricky Miller. . . . The Panthers meet the Southwestern Heights Mustangs on their field tonight.

**35 YEARS AGO**  
**Protection Press**  
**Sept. 19, 1991**

**Librarian retires**  
Librarian Dorothy Huck will be honored Tuesday afternoon, September 24, during a reception at the Protection Township Library. The event will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Huck is leaving Protection and will reside at Dodge City. Refreshments will be served. The general public is encouraged to drop by the library during the two-hour reception. Arlene Butts will be the new local librarian effective on September 30.

**Big county band**  
Comanche County's two high school bands will again put on combined performances here Friday evening during the traditional Protection–Coldwater football game. Ron Haynes directs the Protection High School band. The Coldwater band is directed by Gina Hoffman. About 80 musicians will be in the combined group performing Friday. The group will combine before the opening kickoff to play the National Anthem. At halftime, they will give a special show. PHS director Haynes said the halftime show will have a patriotic theme. The two bands have combined for such a presentation each of the past several years — always during their traditional high school football battle.

**15 YEARS AGO**  
**Protection Press**  
**Sept. 15, 2011**  
**Begin their 51st year**  
The Mothers Advancement Club held a get-together Sept. 8. The club was formed in the spring of 1961 and is still going strong with 15 members. Thirteen attended their recent meeting at the library: Ruth Bratcher, Mable DePriest, Charlotte Filson, Melvina Harvey, Karen Jarnagin, Ruth Ann Jellison, Judy Moore, Mary Ellen Riner, Peg Rich, Pat Sanders, Marge Sangster, Marie Ward and Marlene Woolfolk. . . .

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Approval of Claims: Motion to approve claims for July 9, 2026 through August 12, 2026 in the amount of \$ 73,253.17

Moved by: Thronsbury Seconded by: Zimmerman Carried: 4-0

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 9:08 pm Moved by: Thronsbury Seconded by: Zimmerman Carried: 4-0

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Susie's Scribbles

By Susan Edmonston

Join a 4-H Club

Since I wrote a feature story last week about Helen Dale's involvement in 4-H as well as being among the oldest residents in Comanche County, I am pleased to give Helen recognition for her 40 years as a 4-H club leader.

I hope parents will encourage their sons and daughters (ages 7-18) to enroll in a 4-H Club. Comanche County still has two clubs: Kiowa Creek and Loyal Hustlers.

Interested in joining? The 4-H calendar year begins Oct. 1. Visit with Hayden Martin, Cindy Snyder, or Levi Miller, employees in the Extension Office at the Comanche County Courthouse in Coldwater.

Meetings are held monthly, and there is a long list of things you and your child(ren) may be interested in.

4-H is not just for farm kids. Your child can learn about teamwork, responsibility, community service, and other life skills such as canning, carpentry, cooking, crafting, gardening, photography, public speaking, and so many other choices.

United States' largest youth development organization is 4-H. It helps nearly six million young people learn leadership, STEM, agriculture, and life skills through hands-on learning.

Have you ever wondered what the four H's stand for? They are: HEAD (clearer thinking), HEART (greater loyalty), HANDS (larger service), and HEALTH (better living).

I don't think very many girls know how to sew anymore unless they have mothers

who were in home economics classes in high school.

Protection had some good Home-Ec teachers during my high school days. Lena (Rosendale) Young taught my freshman and sophomore years, and Peggy Rich was the instructor in my junior and senior years. Both women had married Protection High School graduates.

Thanks to Helen Dale, Sara Rich, Jan St.Clair, and others in this community who were in 4-H and devoted their time and skills to teach youngsters how to use a sewing machine. Others in Comanche County volunteered to be club leaders, too. Their names are on page 192-193 in Comanche County History Book, Volume I, copywritten in 1980.

Hutchinson State Fair – Sept. 11-20

The Hutchinson State Fair began in 1913. It occurs annually.

This year the 10-day fair opened Friday, Sept. 11. Helen Dale's granddaughter, Anna Dale of Protection, actually constructed her own prom dress this year – it was beautiful – and Anna's sewing qualified her to take it to the fair.

Travels to Spain

Kurt and Andi Dale have a business called Dale Family Farms east of Protection. All three of their daughters Allison, Natalie, and Anna have been involved, too.

The Dales hosted an exchange student from Spain, Aida Fernandez, during Anna's senior year. Aida and Anna graduated in

May 2026 from South Central High School in Coldwater.

This summer Anna traveled alone to spend two weeks in Spain with Aida and her family. This was her first trip overseas.

In August, Anna left home to become a freshman at Kansas State University in Manhattan. Her older sister Natalie attended a beauty school in Manhattan and became a nail technician and works in a salon. Their oldest sister, Allison, also attended K-State and graduated with a bachelor of science degree. She now lives in Beloit with husband Ryan and daughter Eloise.

Round One Closes

John and Kristine Monroe and their sons Deuce and Mikey will be leaving Protection this week to return to Texas. While here in Protection for two years, John and Kristine remodeled the former Don's Place restaurant into a sports/grill/bar. John also converted the upstairs of the building into a boxing arena and held martial arts classes for youngsters four years and older.

The Monroes had been living in Grace Bible Church's parsonage that had been vacant. That church now has a young family to begin ministry here and I'll be writing a feature story on them after their arrival. Some information about them has already been posted on Facebook.

Lightning Causes Fire

The weathermen were saying no rain was predicted for 10 days so Protection, and its neighbors Ashland and Coldwater were pleasantly surprised earlier this month when thunder was heard.

I happened to be in the house on the phone when Kelly Hazen, my neighbor, tried to call me. As I walked into the kitchen, I saw a line of fire between my house and hers. A lightning bolt had ignited the

dry wheat stubble. When I called 911, the dispatcher said the fire had already been called in. Fire trucks from Ashland were on their way.

I think the first person to show up at the scene was Scott Westrup who lives east of Kelly Hazen. The fire did not take long to be extinguished, thanks to the quick response of Scott and the firemen. Our farm received only a few raindrops, not enough to run the car's windshield wipers. Other areas in Clark and Comanche counties did receive rain that day as well as some days following.

Correction in Dale Story

Bill and Helen Dale had three daughters: Cynthia, Penny, Jill, and three sons: Danny, Kurt, Andrew. Five of the six were 4-H members.

Fuel Prices Up Again

I left Protection on Thursday for Hays and the fuel price for unleaded was \$3.99 here, the same as most towns from here to Hays. On the interstate to Salina, it varied from \$3.99 to \$3.74.

Grandson Dylan is a senior this year at Hays High and he was in a soccer tournament Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in Salina. I accompanied his parents, Shane and Amy, to Salina on Thursday and Saturday. My sister Nancy from McPherson joined us Saturday for the championship game. Hays High ended up as runner-up.

Monday, in Protection, the fuel price was \$4.22 at Alliance Ag. (National price is \$4.32.)

When I visited with Danny Huck who had just returned from California, he said gas prices there were \$6 a gallon primarily due to the ongoing conflict with Iran. Diesel fuel in California on Sept. 15 was \$8.15 per gallon (a new record high).

COUNTY

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audit.

Sonja Channel with the Kansas Department of Corrections provided information regarding revisions for the 2026 audit, juvenile and adult program audit, and the department's 2027 budget and commissioners approved.

Commissioners also received an update from the Road and Bridge Department.

The commission approved a resolution establishing a countywide burn ban, which is currently in effect.

Opinions come in all different colors, shapes and sizes.

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## The Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## Article I

### Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

### Section 2

The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

### Section 3

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation or otherwise, during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments.

When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

### Section 4

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.

### Section 5

Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

### Section 6

The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States. They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been encreased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.

### Section 7

All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each

House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitation prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

### Section 8

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

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To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

### Section 9

The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the

States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.

The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken.

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay duties in another.

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

### Section 10

No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing it's inspection Laws: and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Controul of the Congress.

No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

## Article II

### Section 1

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives

shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be encreased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:— I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

### Section 2

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

### Section 3

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other

public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

### Section 4

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

## Article III

### Section 1

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

### Section 2

The Judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority;---to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls;---to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction;---to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party;---to Controversies between two or more States;---between a State and Citizens of another State;---between Citizens of different States,---between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.

In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be a Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make.

The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may by Law have directed.

### Section 3

Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.

## Article IV

### Section 1

Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

### Section 2

The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.

A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime.

No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.

# U.S. CONSTITUTION

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## Section 3

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

## Section 4

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

## Article V

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

## Article VI

All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

## Article VII

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

## First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

## Second Amendment

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

## Third Amendment

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

## Fourth Amendment

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses,

papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

## Fifth Amendment

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

## Sixth Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

## Seventh Amendment

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

## Eighth Amendment

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

## Ninth Amendment

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

## Tenth Amendment

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

## Eleventh Amendment

The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

## Twelfth Amendment

The Electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;—The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted;—The person having the greatest number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the states, and

a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. [And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.—]The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

## Thirteenth Amendment Section 1

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

## Section 2

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Fourteenth Amendment Section 1

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

## Section 2

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

## Section 3

No Person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

## Section 4

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

## Section 5

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate

legislation, the provisions of this article.

## Fifteenth Amendment Section 1

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—

## Section 2

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Sixteenth Amendment

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

## Seventeenth Amendment

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

## Eighteenth Amendment Section 1

After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

## Section 2

The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Section 3

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

## Nineteenth Amendment Section 1

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

## Section 2

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Twentieth Amendment Section 1

The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

## Section 2

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

## Section 3

If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed

for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

## Section 4

The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

## Section 5

Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

## Section 6

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

## Twenty-First Amendment Section 1

The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

## Section 2

The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

## Section 3

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

## Twenty-Second Amendment Section 1

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

## Section 2

This Article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

## Twenty-Third Amendment Section 1

The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

## Section 2

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Twenty-Fourth Amendment Section 1

The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

## Section 2

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Twenty-Fifth Amendment Section 1

In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

## Section 2

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

## Section 3

Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

## Section 4

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

## Twenty-Sixth Amendment Section 1

The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

## Section 2

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## Twenty-Seventh Amendment

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have inter-

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## Reno County Knocks Off Top-Ranked South Central to Spoil Homecoming

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The South Central football team couldn't get its defense off the field against Reno County last Friday and it proved costly.

The Timberwolves ran 33 plays for 319 yards of total offense, while the Sabres ran 72 plays on offense for 313 yards. Of that, SCHS had 209 passing yards and 110 rushing yards while Reno County had 100 passing yards and 213 rushing yards.

The end result was the Timberwolves losing 30-28. It was a game in which the Timberwolves had no third-down conversions and two fourth-down conversions out of three attempts, while the Sabres converted eight of 13 third downs and two of five fourth downs.

"If the defense could have just given us two more possessions and gotten off the field, we would have had two more possessions, and we could have scored two more times," said head coach Brett Westrup. "I mean, they literally could not stop us offensively. We stopped ourselves. We've got to figure out a way to get off the field on defense."

Westrup said the Timberwolves scored quickly on offense, whereas the Sabres would get about four yards

per play and chewed up the clock.

He added that two SCHS turnovers didn't help matters. Quarterback Easton Huck completed seven of 10 passes for 110 yards with a touchdown, but he had two interceptions.

As for the Sabres, Westrup said their offensive line was good, with tackles who blocked well and did a lot to allow Reno County's running backs to gain yards and keep drives going. While a roster for Reno County wasn't available, the lead running back had 150 yards on 40 carries with four touchdowns.

Despite the loss, Westrup said this was the type of team the Timberwolves needed to face to figure out where they need to improve.

"This kind of game was good for us because it's going to show us how we stack up against other good teams," he said. "It's going to show those weaknesses. It's going to show our weak areas that we're, you know, if we want to make a deep playoff run, we have to get these areas fixed. And we found some areas where we're just going to have to get better if we want to make a deep run."

Westrup said the main thing is the Timberwolves need to get better defensively and do more to force

teams into three and outs. He noted that the Sabres never punted, though the Timberwolves did force them to turn the ball over on downs.

"We've got to get teams in third and long and force them to punt the ball," Westrup said. "And then, offensively, we've just got to take care of the ball."

The head coach noted that this game was the first time the Timberwolves have had to deal with adversity and the players didn't quit.

"We've just got to fix the little things — and they're not major things," Westrup said. "They're just little things, but, you know, I think they did a good job of fighting through the adversity, never giving up. When you're down, you just keep rolling with it, scrapping and fighting."

Parker Price led the team in receiving with 167 yards on seven receptions and two touchdowns. J Petty had a 38-yard touchdown reception. Westynn Stapleton was perfect on three passing attempts with two touchdown passes.

Huck led the Timberwolves in rushing with 59 yards on 11 carries and Coda Lindsay added 51 yards on five carries.

On defense, Colt Yoder led SCHS with 14 tackles, Price had 12, Jack Willems



**PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press**  
*South Central quarterback Easton Huck (10) looks to handoff to running back Coda Lindsay (12) during the first half of the Homecoming matchup against Reno County last Friday.*

had 10 and Stapleton had nine.

The Timberwolves will travel to Sublette this Friday. The Larks didn't get to play their season opener because of hot temperatures, then had to forfeit their game this past week against Dighton because the Larks didn't have enough players available.

Thus, Westrup said, he doesn't know what the Larks will bring to the table this season.

"We're literally going to go into this game blind," he said. "We haven't played Sublette in three years."

But Westrup said he expects the Larks to have athletic players, as they have had in the past, and if the past is any indication, the Larks will bring a lot of defensive pressure.

"They're going to try to use their speed on offense and get kids to the perimeter," Westrup said. "I haven't seen that on film, but

that's what they've always done in the past. So I'm guessing that's what they're going to do again this year, even though they haven't played yet."

The head coach said the focus in practice will be on doing a better job of blocking and reading through progressions on offense. On defense, Westrup said, the emphasis will be on stopping the run, coming up to fill gaps and force teams to throw the ball more often.

## Cross County Runners Place at Skyline

### STAFF REPORT

The South Central cross country runners competed at the Pratt-Skyline meet on Saturday.

Corbett Heaton earned a medal in the varsity boy's 5K race. He took eighth with a time of 19:09.12. Also for the boys, Denin Johnson was 16th with a time of 19:48.04, Dominic Macias was 26th with

a time of 20:37.69, Parker Woodrum was 63rd with a time of 27:59.40 and Gavin Martin was 65th with a time of 37:00.59.

For the girls, Breckyn Snyder placed 12th with a time of 26:10.10 and Sophia Hernandez was 20th with a time of 28:17.32.

The Timberwolves will attend the St. John meet on Thursday.



**SOUTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
*South Central cross country runners pose for a photo with their medals following the Pratt-Skyline meet on Saturday morning. Pictured (L to R) are Corbett Heaton, Breckyn Snyder, Sophia Hernandez and Denin Johnson.*



**CORBETT HEATON**



**DENIN JOHNSON**



**BRECKYN SNYDER**



**SOPHIE HERNADEZ**



**SOUTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
*South Central varsity volleyball players, coach and manager pose for photos following the tournament championship victory at Hugoton last Saturday. The Lady Timberwolves have now won 10 matches in a row.*

## South Central Takes Hugoton Tournament Title

### STAFF REPORT

The South Central volleyball team won the Hugoton tournament last Saturday.

The Lady Timberwolves won a close match against Cimarraon 25-22, 26-24, then beat tournament host Hugoton in three, 24-26, 25-21, 25-17. They then got the win over Fellowship Baptist, of Liberal, in two 25-22, 25-20.

SCHS then got a win over Satanta 25-14, 25-12, then beat Sublette 25-7, 25-14 to

close out the day.

After losing their first four matches of the season, the Lady Timberwolves are now on a 10-match winning streak. The South Central varsity (10-4) is off this week, but the junior varsity is set to attend a tournament at Pratt-Skyline on Saturday.

Next week, the Lady Timberwolves will host a triangular with Hodgeman County and Kiowa County, then prepare for the Lyons tournament on Sept. 26.

## Girl's Tennis Competes at Pratt Tournament

### STAFF REPORT

The South Central girl's tennis team attended the Pratt tournament on Saturday.

Fabiola Rivero played No. 1 singles. She beat Chaparral's Tamanna Rozi 8-4 and lost to Larned's Lauren Slider 8-1.

Mia Napierala played No. 2 singles. She lost to Conway Springs' Rosalee Lange 8-6 and beat Lyons' Keira Webb 8-5.

Marissa "Max" Miller and Nevaeh Pankrat played No. 1 doubles. They lost to

Conway Springs' Micah Wolke and Delaney Jones 8-0 and lost to Chaparral's Fiona Carothers and Kylee Cooperrider 8-1.

Bonnie Herd and Elsie Herd played No. 2 doubles. They lost to Larned's Jozlyn Mead and Danielle Hemken 8-1 and lost to Lyons' Payton Nachtigal and Ava Almanza 8-1.

The Lady Timberwolves will attend a junior varsity tournament in Pratt Thursday. The varsity's next tournament is Tuesday, Sept. 22 at Meade.

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# Back in the Older Days

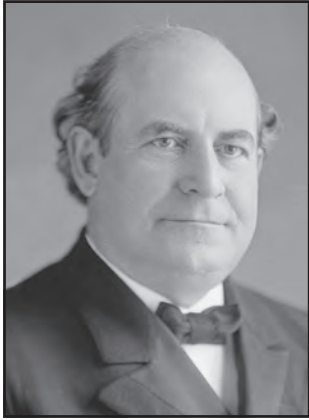
*Coldwater news from earlier days*  
*Compiled by Teresa Jones*

**130 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 19, 1896 Star**

Quite a good shower of rain fell Sunday evening. The fall weather set in with a jerk. If winter comes on as suddenly, it will catch many of us without fuel. The country schools have nearly all opened for the fall term over the county. The months with the letter “r” have arrived. Fresh oysters are now in season, but none in this market, yet. It will be in the line of “wet groceries—a joint.” There will be a match game of baseball at Wellsford today between McKinley team vs. Bryan team.\* It will be a great game and ought to settle the political question. \*The presidential campaign of 1896 was between Republican William McKinley and Democrat William Jennings Bryan. McKinley won and served until he was assassinated in 1901. Bryan, a three-time unsuccessful presidential candidate, later toured as a Chautauqua speaker. When he appeared in Protection in 1920 he was honored at a banquet.



(Above) President William McKinley. (Below) William Jennings Bryan.



**120 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 14, 1906 Star**

The hot season is apparently over. Cooler weather this week. The crop of late peaches in Comanche County is ready. This year is unusually abundant and the fruit is of good quality. How time does fly during school days! The pupils seem to be making a good start in their studies. Quite a general interest is already manifested. Very few tardy marks so far. Let us all strive to make a good record in the matter of punctuality. Quite a general interest is already manifested.

We would be glad to have more of the country boys come in. They make good students, and besides, we need them in forming a ball team. Get ready for the big Wilmore picnic next week. The Reading Circle books are now on hand. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22. All teachers who can possibly do so should come. I have the courses of study and report cards on hand, also. Mrs. Anna H. Gray, county superintendent.

**110 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 15, 1916 Star**

Coldwater is soon to have another butcher shop. Tom

Botts, who has had several years’ experience as a meat cutter, will open a shop in the former Central Hotel building. He expects to be ready for business tomorrow. Almost two weeks of school are passed, with 111 enrolled in high school, 10 having enrolled since school started. The total enrollment to date in the various grades of the Coldwater schools is about 400. The football boys are hard at work practicing for the game with Medicine Lodge, which will be played on the 29th of September. Don’t wait to be invited, or urged to do so, before you visit the public schools. Robert Korff has been kept out of school this week by sickness.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 17, 1926 Star**

The officers and directors of the Comanche County Fair Association desire to express in this way their thanks to the businessmen of Coldwater who so liberally and so willingly contributed to and made possible the fine barbecue at the recent county fair. Such cooperation is appreciated. “School has started.” Yes, it has started in earnest. Our pleasant vacation of the summer is past and must be forgotten—at least for the present. A gruesome period for nine long months is ahead of us—not so unless we make it thus. These nine months can be made extremely interesting and pleasant, and now is the time to determine to do our very best to make it profitable, not only to ourselves, but to others. At the start of the new school year is the time to make our school resolutions. Have you made yours? Let’s start the school year right.—E. Mc.

It will not be long until football will be “all the go” again. The 1926 football season looks very promising for Coldwater this year. Much pep is being generated throughout the school. Although not many of the members of last year’s squad are back, there are many promising new boys out for practice. The coach and team are working hard, and it is certain Coldwater will have a successful season.

**90 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 18, 1936 Star**

A meeting of the Young Republicans Club of Comanche County will be held in the court room at 8 p.m. Friday, September 18. Election of officers will be held. TOM HOLCOMB, Chairman. At a meeting of the American Legion Tuesday evening, plans were adopted for the giving of a Citizenship award to the senior boy in the Coldwater high school, who most nearly approaches an ideal American citizen. A bronze award and \$5 [about \$120 in today’s dollars] in cash will be given during Commencement week, it is announced. Further details will be published next week. The Coldwater school board completed arrangements this week for lighting the high school football field for night games during the coming season. Twenty-four reflectors, mounted on poles and each equipped with 1,500 watt lamps, will be used. The installation work will be

begun at once. The sale of season tickets, at \$2 [\$48 today] for adults and a lower price for children, to pay the \$1,000 [just over \$24,000 now] required to pay for these lights, which is not a cost for the school board. According to the present schedule, five home games will be played, four at night and one on Thanksgiving. Another game may be included in the schedule. Single admissions to the games will be 50 cents [\$12 today]. First game will be played here Friday, September 25, with Meade.

**80 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 20, 1946 Star**

At the Hutchinson State Fair, which is being held this week, the Comanche County Show Herd, composed of ten Herefords of various ages, placed second as a group. This is a good indication of the increasing quality of registered Herefords which are being bred and raised by Comanche County cattlemen. The ten Herefords were shown by Adams & Stewart, Gene Gates, Parcel Herefords and Ralph Deewall, all of Coldwater, and placed next to the top, with keen competition. The Coldwater FFA boys, with LeRoy Melia as instructor, placed first in the Western Division with their educational booth but this year did not get the Grand Championship, which went to Reno county. Coldwater will play the Kiowa football team on the CHS athletic field, Friday evening of this week, under the lights in the first home game of the season. While Coldwater lost nine or more first string men last year, she has some good replacements, though a number on the team are green players. Come out and help the home town win. The pickup of garbage and trash was started this week by Clell Dodson. His tentative schedule that he thinks will work best is to collect garbage from the residential district Tuesday and Friday each week and in the business district the other three days of the week, if necessary. Garbage should be placed where it is easy for Mr. Dodson to get to, in garbage cans with lids on them. He will also pick up cans and small trash. Mr. Dodson will collect directly from the people he serves and this will not be added to your city bills as previously planned. If you care for this service, call Mr. Dodson.

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**70 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 21, 1956 Star**

Friday night, September 21, at Kiowa, the doors open on the Coldwater high school football season. At school the talk of the students is mostly football and our first ballgame, which is with the Kiowa Chieftains. The cheerleaders are practicing their yells and wracking their brains for skits for Friday afternoon’s pep assembly. The football boys turn white when the game is mentioned and say it feels like a million butterflies are flying around in their stomachs. But we all know that the boys will come through all right and start the season with a win. They will be playing their best, so why don’t we all go to the game and cheer them on! They will play a lot better if they

know there are people who want them to win. So let’s all go to the ball game. Ford and Minneola will open the Iroquois League schedule for 1956 with an afternoon game at Ford on that same date, Friday, September 21. This is the only league game on the schedule. Ford and Coldwater must be rated the top teams of the league. Coldwater won the league last year with a perfect 7-0 record. They lost only four players from that championship club. Ford had a record of 5-2 and lost only two starters from that team. Ashland appears as the only team that might dethrone either Ford or Coldwater and get the title. All other teams are not considered title threats at this stage. The league has dropped to seven members this year as Bucklin is now playing a six-man football schedule. At the drawing of the Coldwater merchants last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. R.N. Diemer, who lives on the old Klingensmith place southwest of Coldwater, drew the \$21 cash prize [worth almost \$260 now] and merchandise prizes were also given. The drawing this Saturday at 5:30 will again be for \$21, plus merchandise prizes. If you have not already registered your name, please do so.

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**60 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 15, 1966 Star**

The Coldwater Eagles football squad will venture to Kiowa on Friday of this week for the season’s opening game. The Eagles squad, under the coaching of Dwight Fruechting, has shown an unusually fine spirit of determination. Assistant coach is Bill Stephens. The team has a good attitude and has worked hard in preliminary practices and workouts. A scrimmage session Tuesday of this week showed lots of room for improvement. However, the team looks better as a unit for this stage of the season than at any time within the past several years. Everyone is working harder to make up for lack of experience and short depth in reserves. A willingness to “go all the way” will make the difference this year. The Eagle line is about average in weight, a little lighter than last year. Backfield speed is good and fans will see a lot of good open field running, pass plays as well as better than ever blocking and teamwork. This will truly be an interesting season to watch. The piggyback game begins at 6 and the A-team game is at 7:30. See you there. Doyle Morton of Pratt and Farm Bureau auditor for this area, was ready with his camera when the fire occurred close to the Co-op service station. The fire was started when the city tar pot boiled over and flames completely engulfed the pot. Damage was limited to the pot, some rose bushes planted nearby, and the bed of the city truck, which was scorched and was not visible due to the terrific amount of smoke. Soon the butane tank blew up and the fire department was called and put out the fire.

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**50 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept 16, 1976 Star**

With wheat planting upon us, the rains the past week

have come at a most opportune time. On Wednesday of last week .75 inch was measured by Weatherman John Lehman. On Monday of this week another .48 inch fell softly and again on Tuesday morning we received a blessing of 1.69 inch. While there is still some volunteer wheat to be killed, seed bed preparation is pretty well completed and it is just a matter of time until the 1977 crop will be planted under the most ideal conditions in years. Tuesday’s showers were widely varied from one-half inch to around three inches south of town. Again we appreciate this special blessing with thanksgiving to Him who will withhold no good gift if we just ask in faith. The annual Powder Puff football game between teams from Coldwater High School will be held Tuesday, September 21st. Game time is 7:00 p.m. on the local football field. Admission: Adults, \$1.00 [about \$5.90 today], students, 50 cents [now \$2.95]. This has proved to be a highlight of the year with funds used to sponsor local projects. Your support is appreciated.

When asked what he considered the most essential qualification for a politician, Winston Churchill said: “It’s the ability to foretell what will happen tomorrow, next month, and next year,” and “to explain afterward why it did not happen.”



British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**From Sept. 18, 1986 Star**

Bright and early on Saturday September 13, the Coldwater High School Marching Band loaded the buses and headed for Hutchinson. The band participated in the downtown marching for the state fair. This was a special year for the state fair as

it celebrated Kansas’ 125th birthday. The band was critiqued on its marching and received some positive comments. The rest of the day was spent at the fair site enjoying the rides, games, food, and the warm sunshine. A tired group boarded the bus at 3:30 and headed for home. Some of the members were let out at Pratt as they stayed to enjoy the action of the Garden City Bronc Busters’ game played in Pratt Saturday night. Coldwater, Protection and Comanche County law enforcers got into the act Tuesday morning as five Oklahoma youth were chased through Comanche County in a stolen vehicle. The scene started here at 6:15 a.m. when a car pulled away from Coldwater’s Convenience Plus without paying for a tankful of gas. Law enforcers were given a vehicle description, but no tag number. Protection City Marshal Dave Brumbaugh spotted the car between Coldwater and Protection, getting the tag number and running a check on it. The report on the car came back “stolen” from Shawnee, Oklahoma. The youths ran the car through the ditch north of Protection and into a fence. There they abandoned the car and walked a short distance west across Bluff Creek and evidently broke into the storage shed at the Protection cemetery, where law enforcers found the cemetery pickup to be missing. In Clark County, someone spotted the pickup and reported it to law enforcers there who apprehended the youths. The Shawnee runaways are also suspected of having broken into a Medicine Lodge store earlier Tuesday morning, stealing cigarettes and beer there. On a beautiful, warm, and windy, late summer evening, a large contingent of Coldwater fans made the trip to Minneola Friday to watch the Coldwater Eagles start their defense of their Division I, 8-man football state championship with a 28-2 victory over the Wildcats. Coldwater starts its 72nd season of high school football as it has the past two seasons with quite a bit of respect from the news media.

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# NEWS

## 9/11

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terrorism.

“It reminded us that we must be prepared not only for the everyday emergencies we answer, but also for the unimaginable,” Brosius said. Training for mass-casualty incidents, acts of terrorism and large-scale disasters has become an even greater part of EMS work since the attacks.

Preparing for the Unimaginable

Comanche County Sheriff Jacob Bruckner said an incident on the

scale of the Sept. 11 attacks would require an immediate response to any continuing threats while emergency personnel simultaneously worked to treat victims and secure the scene. A response of that magnitude would quickly require assistance beyond the county’s local resources. “We obviously aren’t equipped to handle an incident of that scale on our own,” Bruckner said. Local, state and federal resources would need to be deployed to assist with an incident of that size, he said. The response reflects one of the realities of

emergency preparedness in a rural county: Local responders are often the first on scene, but a catastrophic event can quickly exceed what any single agency can handle.

**Trooper’s View**

Kansas Highway Patrol Master Trooper Ed Grover offered another perspective – that of an officer who was already working in law enforcement before the attacks.

At the time, Grover was a trooper. He was not on duty the morning of Sept. 11. He was on his way to an appointment when

his wife, Leah, called to tell him about the first plane crash.

“I thought, how horrible,” Grover said.

When she called again about the second crash, he said he immediately understood that the country was facing something much more serious.

“It was a terrorist attack,” he said.

It was a while later before Grover was able to watch the events unfolding on television. When he came on duty, his assignment took him to the Garden City

airport, where an aircraft had been diverted from Denver. Grover said the aircraft remained at the airport until the nation’s airspace was reopened.

He believes the assignment was largely precautionary because law enforcement did not yet know the extent of the attack.

For Grover, the fundamental responsibilities did not change dramatically after Sept. 11, but the attacks reinforced the importance of officer safety and paying attention to potential criminal indicators.



COMANCHE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

## Comanche FB: Families Recognized

The Comanche County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting Tuesday. Leo Oller was awarded with a Century Farm Award, while Dennis McKinney’s family received the 2026 Farm Family of the Year Award. TOP: Leo Oller, middle, is pictured with members of his family. BOTTOM: Dennis McKinney, holding the KFB sign, is pictured with (L to R) Comanche County KFB board members Mark Lohrding, Vice President Taylon Harris, Tonia Traas, President Matt Turley, McKinney, Treasurer TJ Harvey, County Woman’s Chair Victoria Selzer and Lance Rodgers.

**COLDWATER WEATHER**  
*By Greg Vanderree*

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
High 101 / Low 74 / Precip - None

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
High 97 / Low 66 / Precip - .32

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
High 97 / Low 64 / Precip - None

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
High 94 / Low 69 / Precip - None

**SEPTEMBER 13**  
High 96 / Low 67 / Precip - .66

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
High 93 / Low 70 / Precip - None

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE COMANCHE COUNTY RECREATION SYSTEM MILL LEVY**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Recreation Commission operates with a levy authority of one mill(s); and

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Recreation Commission of said recreation system has determined that the tax currently being levied is insufficient to operate the recreation system; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Recreation Commission pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1927, has requested the school district to authorize an increase in the current levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300, COMANCHE COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. That the maximum annual mill levy for the Comanche County Recreation system be increased to two mills in the year 2027 and thereafter.

[NOTE: By statute, the increase cannot exceed one (1) mill in any single year, and cannot exceed four (4) mills total, except up to one additional mill may be levied for creating and establishing an employee benefits contribution fund.] [However, K.S.A. 79-5040 suspended all statutory fund mill levy rate limitations, including the one (1) mill levy limitation and the four (4) mill maximum rate limitation.]

Section 2. That this resolution be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the taxing district pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1927(c).

Section 3. That the tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made unless a petition requesting an election upon the proposition to increase the tax levy, signed by at least 5 percent of the qualified voters of the taxing district, is filed with the county election officer within 30 days following the date of last publication of the resolution. In the event a valid petition is filed, no such increased levy shall be made without such proposition having been submitted to and having been approved by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting at an election called and held thereon.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 300, Comanche County, Kansas, this 9th day of September, 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ *Joely Leeper*  
Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ *Victoria Selzer*  
Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ *Tonia Traas*  
Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mark Lohrding*  
Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ *Taylon Harris*  
Board Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ *Sinda Bennett*  
Clerk, Board of Education

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Lane Myers in Protection is now hiring machine operators and laborers. Competitive starting pay with opportunity for pay increases after probationary period. 5 hours overtime every week with paid holidays. Benefits include medical and dental insurance, PTO, retirement plan and life insurance. Call Doug at 620-622-4310 if interested.

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. 51fnc

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.

ON-FARM TIRE REPAIR – Call Kropf Oil Company in Coldwater. 620-582-2391. 1tfnc

Now that summer is over, Pioneer Lodge is looking for some C.N.A.’s. Consider joining our team as a FT, PT or Relief employee. Wages vary for each category, and FT employees are eligible for a \$2500 bonus. Stop by for an application or Call Chuck at 620-582-2123 for more information.

South Central High School Custodian (4 ten-hour days per week) – Please contact the district office if you are interested in a bus driver or substitute teacher position. Applications are available at <https://usd300ks.com/en-us/employment-1887b0dc> – Positions Open Until Filled

Send resume and credentials to: Mike Baldwin, Comanche County USD 300, PO Box 721 Coldwater, Kansas 67029

Part-Time Help Wanted: Comanche County Communications has a part-time position available. Applicants must be able to pass a rigorous background check, have no felonies, possess a valid driver’s license, and have reliable transportation. Starting pay is \$14 per hour. There are no set hours for this position, and it requires night, weekend and holiday shift work. Applications received 6 months prior to this notice must be resubmitted. Applications are available at Comanche County Sheriff’s Office or call (620) 582-2511 to request a mailed application.