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City Council Addresses Numerous Issues During Meeting

BY KATEE UNDERWOOD
Staff Writer

Coldwater officials voted to pursue a 30-year loan for sewer repairs, delayed a decision on opening city-owned lake property to public recreation and rejected a request for special utility vehicle access to the lake during Monday’s meeting.

The council also debated recording public meetings, discussed

maintenance costs for city ball-fields, considered improvements to holiday decorations and approved a lower-cost economic development membership.

Sewer Project Moves Forward

The council unanimously approved Resolution 2026-5, authorizing the city to pursue a State Revolving Fund loan for sewer rehabilitation work. The proposed project would address

approximately 2,857 linear feet of sewer lines and 15 manholes. Camera inspections identified six of the worst locations in the city for priority work. The lines, installed during the 1960s, are made of clay tile or cast iron. Clay tile can break, while cast iron gradually deteriorates and can become extremely thin. The project would replace damaged lines and manholes where necessary while rehabilitating structures that can

be saved. Officials estimated that rehabilitating rather than replacing manholes could save more than \$100,000, although they will not know which structures can be salvaged until work begins. The preliminary estimate was prepared in August and includes an additional 15 percent to 20 percent as a contingency for unexpected expenses. The final project cost could be lower if the work does not require the full contingency or

if more structures can be rehabilitated. The council considered two loan terms. The 20-year option carried an estimated interest rate of 2.84 percent, while the 30-year option carried a rate of 3.5 percent. Under the figures presented, the 30-year option would require estimated semiannual payments of \$15,975, or \$31,950 per year. The 20-year option would require

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USD 300 Superintendent Tenders His Resignation

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The USD 300 school board adopted an emergency management plan and discussed staffing, athletics, curriculum and student activities during its recent meeting.

All local emergency personnel met for approximately two and a half hours last Wednesday to collaborate on a new district crisis plan. The meeting included Comanche County Emergency Manager Britt Lenerzt and other district staff, along with higher-level personnel. The collaboration was described as “really productive.”

The board also adopted a plan with emergency management for future FEMA funding, if the issue arises.

Staffing, Personnel

The board received a resignation letter from Superintendent Mike Baldwin, effective at the end of his contract. Rather than immediately seeking assistance from Kansas

School Boards Association (KSB), the board decided to advertise the position independently, saving money. The opening will be posted on job sites and the school’s Facebook page.

The board approved the hiring of Jaylen Delaney as the new head middle school boys’ head basketball coach. Delaney previously served as the assistant coach. The district plans to discuss the possibility of adding another assistant coach with him.

The district also continues to address an open custodial position, for which no applications have been received. In the meantime, eight students expressed interest in helping clean the school. Students completed applications, résumés and interviews as part of the process, and all eight were hired to work one shift per week, with an hour before and an hour after school. High school principal Tyler Bates says he turned this into a learning opportunity and taught them how you

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Annual Tradition: Seniors Pass Torch to Next Generation

South Central High School seniors walk towards area Kindergarten students last week during halftime of the South Central Junior High football game in an annual tradition where the graduating class has a symbolic passing of the torch to the next generation of Timberwolves.

Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Approves Five Resolutions

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (KSHL) overwhelmingly approved five resolutions that set its priorities for the 2027 legislative session. Sixty-five delegates took part in the two-day session on the floor of the Kansas House of

Representatives, with every Planning and Service Area in the state represented.

On the first day, each resolution went through committee hearings that included testimony from professionals who work on these issues every day. Committees amended the

resolutions after testimony and debate, and the full body then debated each one before Thursday’s final vote.

“Delegates representing every part of Kansas overwhelmingly approved these resolutions,” said KSHL Speaker Leroy Burton.

“That tells legislators something. Seniors from rural towns and big cities alike agree on what they need to stay healthy, independent and involved in their communities.”

The five resolutions are:

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Class of 1985: Classmates Reunite in Protection

Members of the Protection High School class of 1985 met for a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Protection Library. Pictured (L to R) are Kevin Troyer, Becky Luerman, Scott DePriest, D.J. Riner, Tim Peterson, Mark Loucks, Bruce Ragoschke, Jeanette Houghton, Ryan Filson and Rosalyn Bryan.

PHS Class of 1985 Holds 40th Reunion

REUNION REPORT

The Protection High School class of 1985 held a belated 40-year class reunion at the Protection Library Community Room on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The class met up around noon for conversation and followed with a potluck meal. The class of 85 graduated with 13, all 13 are still accounted for, and 10 were able to attend the reunion.

Those in attendance were: Scott DePriest (and spouse Patricia), of Wichita; Tim Peterson (and spouse Shelly), of Protection; Rosalyn Bryan, of El Dorado; Ryan Filson of Evansville, Ind.; Becky Luerman (and

spouse Andy), of Ashland; Mark Loucks, of Otis; D.J. Riner (and spouse Lori), of Tulsa, Okla.; Bruce Ragoschke, of Watkins, Colo.; Jeanette Houghton, of Protection; and Kevin Troyer (and spouse Lynnae) of Lincoln, Neb.

The class was blessed to have teacher and coach Charles Furgason and class of 1984 member Mark Jellison stop by for a visit.

All enjoyed visiting, reminiscing, and a good time was had by all. On behalf of the class of 1985, we would like to thank all of the parents, teachers, town folk, and fellow classmates that helped us along the way.

New Program to Help Local Area With Dilapidated Homes

PRESS RELEASE

Comanche, Barber, Harper, Kingman and Kiowa counties will benefit from a regional effort to remove dilapidated homes and make room for new housing.

The Rebuild Our Block campaign aims to remove at least 50 dilapidated homes and help get construction underway on at least 30 new homes across the five counties. Supported in part by a 2026 Patterson Family Foundation grant, the effort directs private funding toward housing and infrastructure needs in rural Kansas, without requiring additional taxpayer dollars.

“We hear from employers who need workers, families looking for a place to live and communities with very few homes available,” said Julie Lyon, Kiowa County economic development director. “At the same time, some properties have become too deteriorated to be repaired. The Rebuild Our Block campaign gives us a way to address those properties and create opportunities for new homes.”

Lyon wrote the grant proposal to help grow the tax base and improve infrastructure across South Central Kansas. Kiowa County Economic Development will administer the funding with local and regional partners, drawing on its experience receiving and administering hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants over the past several years.

Rebuild Our Block connects residents, property owners, builders and investors with ways to participate. Removing a dilapidated structure can address safety con-

cerns and return a vacant lot to productive use – but demolition alone does not create housing. Investors also need a practical path to rebuild.

The campaign includes investor incentives to help with costs that can make a project difficult to move forward, including title work and surveying. Its Investor Infill Incentive helps support local infrastructure for new housing, such as water, sewer and utility connections. Investors can also get additional support identifying other grant opportunities and programs that may benefit their projects.

Lyon, who currently chairs the Kingman County Commission, said the project is about more than removing deteriorated houses. It’s about making properties productive again and creating opportunities for private investment.

“As a county commissioner, I care about the strength of our tax base and making sure taxpayers see lasting value from the resources invested in our communities,” Lyon said. “By eliminating blight, helping investors with project costs and supporting the infrastructure needed for infill housing, we can improve the housing stock, attract private investment and return properties to productive use. That is real economic development.”

Residents who know of a home that may need to be torn down can submit a nomination. Property owners, builders, investors and others interested in participating can learn more or print applications at rebuild-ourblock.com.

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estimated semiannual payments of \$15,975, or \$31,950 per year. The 20-year option would require estimated semiannual payments of \$19,420, or \$38,840 per year. Those figures are preliminary estimates based on the proposed financing, not confirmed final payments. Actual costs will depend on the final loan amount, project expenses and financing terms. The city is seeking 30 percent loan forgiveness. With the approximately \$841,000 estimate, the remaining balance would be approximately \$588,700. Both figures depending on what the end total ends up being. The longer repayment period would lower the city’s estimated payments and could give future councils more flexibility if other projects arise. The loan could be paid off early. Official said sewer rate increases may eventually be necessary to cover the payments, although the city may not need to raise rates immediately. Payments are expected to begin after project completion, tentatively around August 2027. The city has applied for additional grants and is awaiting responses. The council held a public meeting required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to discuss the proposed project and invite comments on alternatives. No comment was made by the one person who showed up.

Lake Property Lease Extended

The council voted to lease city-owned land on the south side of the lake for another year while postponing a decision about its long-term use. Officials have discussed opening the property for

public recreation, potentially allowing hiking, horseback riding and other nonmotorized activities. However, council members disagreed about whether the public has expressed enough interest to justify making the property available and whether the city could afford or have the time to maintain it. Council member Devon Duffield favored gathering more community input, suggesting a public hearing to allow residents to help determine the property’s future. Other council members questioned who would survey the land, maintain trails and mow the area when the city already struggles to maintain existing recreational facilities, talking about the overgrown nature trail out there already. Liability, fire risk and possible restrictions on camping and motorized vehicles also were discussed. Most members favored foot traffic, with the possibility of allowing bicycles, while prohibiting vehicles and fires. Tenant Danny Huck attended the discussion and said he would be willing to accommodate public use as long as visitors followed rules (and rules were enforced), if they stayed away from his cattle and did not camp or build fires. He also supported their idea of prohibiting vehicles of any kind because of fire risk and noise. The council ultimately approved another year of leasing the property, giving officials more time to consider the issue. Council members Gary Haulmark and Makenzie Dunn opposed the motion, hoping for a shorter lease. No public-access plan or trail-maintenance budget was approved.

Council Rejects Lake Vehicle Request

The council quickly rejected a request from a year-

round lake resident who wanted permission to park a street legal side-by-side utility vehicle for work-related oil and gas inspections nearby, at their camp-site and receive a key to a restricted gate for more direct and quicker access in case of emergencies. The resident explained that the work involves inspecting more than 100 miles of power lines leading to oil rigs near the lake and that some locations are pretty much impossible to reach by pickup. She said using the vehicle from their site would save time and money and could provide quicker access during emergencies. She explained that they would abide by all lake rules and not drive it unless necessary and only straight out and back if they were called out. She wanted an exception to the lake’s vehicle restrictions for work-related travel only between their camper and the road. Council members raised concerns about noise, safety and setting a precedent for other residents who have requested similar access to the back gate. They also questioned whether the vehicle could be stored elsewhere and that they can just go get it in storage in a case of an emergency call before heading back out there. They also stated they think a pickup could reach the inspection locations just

fine. The council declined both the vehicle exception and the gate key request.

Council Debates Recording Public Meetings, Again

Council members debated whether to livestream meetings and preserve recordings for later viewing, but the proposal failed once again. Supporters argued that recordings would improve access for residents who cannot attend meetings in person and provide a record of council discussions for future use. Councilman Devon Duffield favored making recordings available to the public, saying many residents had expressed interest in watching meetings online. Gary also supported greater access, although he favored livestreaming without archiving the recordings. Opponents raised concerns about comments being clipped or taken out of context, the effect of recordings on discussion and possible repercussions outside council meetings from the public and current jobs. Council member Makenzie Dunn said she worried that the prospect of recordings or streaming could change how members speak and affect their interactions during meetings. Duffield and Haulmark both stated it would not change the way they voted or how they spoke about things.

Councilman Sam Oller said people he had talked were not interested in watching recordings, while other members reported hearing from residents who didn’t care either way. The motion to livestream meetings without archiving them received a second but failed.

Duffield and Haulmark supported it, while Sam and Leasa opposed it and Dunn taking longer to think about it ultimately voted against it. They all agreed they wouldn’t “waste any more time” discussing it. No recording policy was adopted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL PROPERTY THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE INTERESTED

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Protection, Kansas, shall offer the following property for sale to the highest bidder on Big Iron Auctions, <https://www.bigiron.com>, with the auction for the below described items of property to open on October 7, 2026, and to close on October 21, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 1. **Qualifications of electors.** Every(a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States who;
- (2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who
- (3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she such person seeks to vote

shall be deemed a qualified elector:

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her such person’s removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her such person’s former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she such person seeks to vote, if his such person’s new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.”

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

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Past Paragraphs

Protection news from earlier times

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125 YEARS AGO
Western Star
Oct. 18, 1901

Weather update

The greatest drenching this part of Kansas has received for four months came on Thursday evening of last week.

A large amount, probably 2 inches, of water fell—enough to fill all the cisterns, ponds and branches, and to thoroughly soak the ground. We can get along now for several weeks without another rain.

Quite a heavy frost occurred on last Sunday night. In some places kaffir corn and other vegetation was nipped pretty badly.

Protection paragraphs

Get ready for the revival meetings. Numerous drummers [salesmen] in town this week. Marion Bratcher is the proud possessor of a new saddle.

Quite a number of Odd Fellows from Coldwater were in attendance at the meeting of the lodge here last Saturday night. All report a good meeting.

It doesn't look just now as though there was any immediate danger of a coal famine in Protection. I.K. Rodgers has 6 carloads and Way & Meisinger 3 carloads of coal on hand.

Mrs. Meisinger's singing class had the last lesson of the first term Sunday evening. The best of order and a lively interest has prevailed during the entire term. Much good has been done in the way of creating an interest in good music.

Jack Robinson, a Marion County feeder, came in a few days ago to buy some good feeders. He had no trouble in finding them. On Tuesday he bought 60 head of fat steers and about 130 head of other cattle from A.T. Rodgers. The cattle were shipped Wednesday morning. Mr. Robinson was in this county three or four years ago and bought a number of cattle. He has a good opinion of Comanche County as a stock-raising country.

I.K. Rodgers went to Kansas City Wednesday with 2 carloads of cattle.

W.M. Taylor returned Wednesday evening from Kansas City where he had been with stock.

Delos Dunton came out last week from his home in Carpentersville, Illinois, to attend the Stokes & Dunton cattle sale and to look after some business matters.—[Correspondent] "OWEN."

Cattle market

The Stokes-Dunton cattle sale on Thursday of last week called together quite a number of the stockmen of the county.

Auctioneer Snare made good time, the entire sale occupying not to exceed 2½ hours. Most of the stock sold well. The total receipts from the sale were \$3,377.25 [just over \$133,000 in 2026 dollars].

Among the purchasers were: Delos Dunton, 7 of the thoroughbreds, including the top cows; John Stokes, 1 thoroughbred bull and 2 thoroughbred cows; William Barlow, 1 thoroughbred bull and 21 cows; Addison Cooper, 50 head of calves and a few yearlings and two-year-olds; William Taylor, 25 head (culls); a few head of butcher stuff by some Greensburg parties.

Stock movements

A.H. Baker, of Valley Township, sold 500 head of sheep last week to F.L. Schofield, a Wichita buyer. He received a little less than \$3 [about \$118 in today's dollars] per head. Mr. Baker accompanied the shipment to Wichita last Saturday.

A trainload of cattle was loaded Monday at Ashland. J.W. Robbins, of Eureka, had 4 carloads of calves which he bought at \$10 [equal to about \$395 now] per head. There were also several carloads of the Epperstein cattle and a few carloads belonging to Henry Mull.

A trainload of cattle went east Tuesday from Englewood.

Cattle shipments from Wilmore since last Friday: on Saturday, Frank Garst, 9 carloads to Kansas City; on Monday, J.E. Davis, 3 carloads to Kansas City; on Tuesday, Gannon Brothers, 15 carloads to Valeria, Iowa; also 17 carloads shipped by S.A. DeLair and T.J. Curran to Kansas City—a total of 56 carloads within four days.

The stockmen in the central part of Clark County have occasion to feel a little "blue" just at present. Their grass and feed crops were somewhat short at the best, and on Thursday evening of last week a heavy hailstorm destroyed practically all

the growing kaffir corn and greatly damaged the grass.

Why did they put it there?

This comes from Ashland where, as everybody knows, the depot is a mile or so from town: An irate but patient traveling man asked the good-natured young man who drives the 'bus why in the world the depot was built a mile from town.

"I don't know for sure," replied the driver, "but I've lived here a long time and they always told me it was in order to have it close to the railroad."

When the compiler of this column purchased that depot in 1984 to make it into his current home near Protection, he looked into the history of the building.

It was three-quarters of a mile from the main intersection in Ashland, and was located there because in 1887 the railroad surveyors determined that was the best location to bridge Bear Creek, just east of where they placed the depot.

100 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 14, 1926

Sells to Peacocks

Monday morning J.E. Decker sold his confectionery to L.A. Peacock. The invoicing was done Monday and Mr. Peacock took charge of the confectionery.

John and Viola Decker have conducted this confectionery for the past several years and have been very successful in their operation of it. It has been a popular store with the younger element locally and has enjoyed a splendid patronage while under their management.

Mr. Peacock, the new owner, needs no words of the POST to introduce him to Protection or the trading public. He has spent his life locally, served during the World War with distinction, has been prominently identified with athletics and sports in the community, and been very active in lodge and social circles of the community for the past several years.

Lawrence "Jack" Peacock (1898–1962) moved to Protection in 1909 from Stafford with his father Alva and stepmother Vie, and twin siblings Ralph and Ruby. His father owned a furniture store and funeral home, which Jack later ran with his stepmother. In 1923 he married Gladys Wimmer (1903–1999), a local resident. She had taught in several country schools and then in Protection.

Both were active in the Protection Methodist Church. Jack had served overseas in World War I, and was later a rural mail carrier. He also refereed sports events in this area. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock are both very popular and their management of the confectionery is assured of success. They will continue to handle the same lines of confections [and] serve drinks and light lunches as did the confectionery under the former management.

Shoemaker Grocery

Last week the deal was consummated by which Jasper Shoemaker [1855–1946] and A.B. Shoemaker of the Shoemaker Mercantile Company purchased the former Field dry goods stock and ready-to-wear and shoes. Invoicing was accom-

plished during the middle of the week and the Messrs. Shoemaker took charge of the store the latter part of the week.

Their intentions are to combine the two stocks to occupy the location occupied by their recent purchases. To so reduce the stocks as to permit of their centralization, they will hold a sale and will make some very attractive prices on their merchandise to make room for their combined stocks.

Mr. Shoemaker states that an ample stock of general merchandise will be carried in their new location as in their former one to meet all the general demand of the community and that they will strive to serve better and more generously.

Their new facilities in a better location, better building and an added department to their store places them in a much better position than they were able to be in their former location.

In moving their stock and reducing the two stores to make a successful combination of them, Mr. Shoemaker stated that they would offer some surprisingly low prices on dry goods and furnishings.

Rev. Jasper Shoemaker and his son, A.B. Shoemaker, have been in business in a general mercantile way for several years in Protection and in making their recent purchases and enlarging their business, they have given ample proof of their faith in the future of Protection and their sincere desire to serve the community in the mercantile line.

Jasper Shoemaker and his wife Delilah (1866–1949) arrived in Protection in 1921. Along with their mercantile store, he preached at the Baptist churches in Protection and Ashland. Their son Alva soon followed and the family opened its first store on the east side of North Broadway. The Field store mentioned here was on the west side of Broadway.

Alva closed the store in the Depression. He reopened in 1936 on the east side of the street just north of the Farmers State Bank. In 1941 he moved back to the west side of Broadway when he purchased the Ashcraft Grocery on the northeast corner of West Walnut and Broadway.

That building has been torn down and replaced with the metal structure now housing the Silly Goose Daycare.

Another business change

Last week Paul Crum purchased and took charge of the Herndon Motor Company from the former owner, C.B. Herndon.

Mr. Crum is no novice in the garage business, as he was formerly owner of this garage and is a practical motor car mechanic with a great many years of practical experience.

Mr. Crum has changed the name of the firm to the East Side Garage by which title it was designated prior to its purchase some months ago by Mr. Herndon. . . .

New lines to Medicine

The construction gangs of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company completed their work on the toll line from Protection to Medicine Lodge this week.

They installed new poles, insulators and wires throughout, which will make this line the best in the Southwest.

Locals on Wichita radio

Arrangements are being made by Mrs. Grace Bender, local instructor in voice and piano, with radio station KFH, at Wichita, to broadcast a program by her pupils in the near future.

Due to interference from other stations which are near KFH wavelength at night, the program will try to be given in the afternoon so that Protection folks may tune in and listen.

Basil B. Truby will have his loudspeaker in operation to receive the program when it is radiocast. You are invited. . . .

More news about 'Mutt'

In the great football battle between Kansas University and Kansas Aggies at Manhattan, Saturday, "Mutt" Thornhill, Protection's local star at Lawrence, will start in the game at left half. This was his position while playing with the high school team here and he has retained it at college.

Mutt was to have played in the Wisconsin-KU game last Saturday, but due to an injury to his knee just before starting for Madison, he was forced to stay out of the game. However, he made the trip with his team.

In the freshman game, "Jeff" Thornhill and "Bill" Cochran, two other starts in athletics from Protection, will play with KU against [the] Kansas Aggie freshmen.

The big game will be broadcast play-by-play from KSAC station [at Kansas State Agricultural College, now KSU] and will be received in Protection by Basil B. Truby over his loudspeaker for the public at the location [?] where you heard the World Series. You are invited to come. The game will start at 2:30.

75 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 12, 1951

Culture in the county

The Comanche-Clark Municipal Concert Association has begun its third annual campaign for memberships in Ashland, Coldwater and Protection, according to an announcement today by George Berryman, president of the local music group.

Mr. Berryman also said that the season's first concert would be Monday night, October 15, at 8:15 p.m. in the Protection High School auditorium.

The season's opener will be joint recital by soprano Angelene Collins and tenor Brent Williams, with Allen Rogers at the piano.

Miss Collins is a native of Oklahoma City and graduate of the famed Julliard School in New York. . . .

Mr. Williams has been heard many times at the Municipal Opera in St. Louis and has a young and promising voice. Both artists are gifted with charming stage personalities. . . .

Job opening

The City of Protection has an opening for a young, draft-exempt man to serve as an apprentice lineman. Successful applicant has excellent possibilities for advancement in the future. Please apply at the city hall.—City of Protection.

55 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 15, 1971

Panthers rank third

Last Friday evening on the Ranger field, oblivious to numerous penalties, the Panthers dumped the Greensburg Rangers 34–6.

The Panthers scored 34 points on runs by Ross Girk, 14 yards and the extra point

good from a kick by Sid Herd; Kent Woolfolk, 12-yard run, extra point kick by Herd good; Craig Edmonston, 9-yard run, extra point kick by Herd good.

The defense had a field day with three interceptions by John Teter, Gary Jellison and Rick Miller and a recovered fumble by Doug Brooks.

The offense did well with Ross Girk, 126 yards on 17 carries; Rex Maris had 64 yards on 7 carries; Craig Edmonston, 68 yards on 8 carries; and Kent Woolfolk, 27 yards on 5 carries.

That week's Class I-A state rankings placed the Panthers at third, with a record of 5–0, behind first-place Little River and second-place Kiowa.

35 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 17, 1991

Family gatherings

Kevin Williams has been in Las Vegas, Nevada, with the U.S. Air Force, participating in war games bombing missions for the past two weeks. His wife, Joyce Williams, and children Erik and Kara from Clovis, New Mexico, visited her parents, Lynn and Vonnie Wymer, from Thursday evening until Tuesday morning.

Ramona Jarnagin of Hutchinson came to Protection Friday evening. She spent Friday night and Saturday with her parents, Ralph and Ruth Baker. She returned home Saturday evening. Kent Jarnagin joined the group for Saturday dinner at the Baker home.

Friday night and Saturday guests of Kenneth and Jeanne Webb were Elaine Gruver and daughters, Lisa, Jill and Jana of Independence. Sunday dinner guests of the Webbs were Mike and Leanne Tschanz, Katie and Kurt of Satanta; Sharron Seyfert of Benton, Arkansas; and Vickie and Caleb Williams and Jaelyn Willems, all of Protection.

All of the visitors helped celebrate Jeanne Webb's birthday. Some, including Edna Williams of Protection, also helped supervise the moving of a Santa Fe Railway caboose next to Dave Webb's depot home.

15 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 13, 2011

Perfect season for teams? By Bob Greer

Today (Thursday, October 13, 2011) is an important day in the 13-year history of South Central Middle School in Protection.

Two SCMS teams are winding up their schedule in fall sports: girls volleyball and boys 8-man football.

Both varsity teams have perfect season records of six wins and no losses. Both play Fowler Middle School today/tonight.

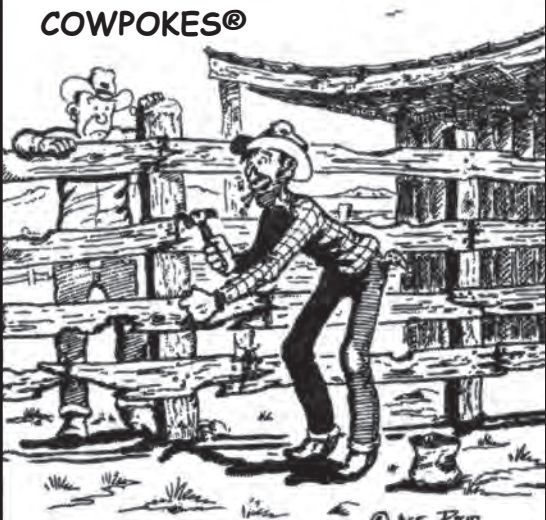
Patsy Jellison is head volleyball coach for the third consecutive year, with Erica Smith as her assistant. There are 29 girls on their roster. Their season record stands at 6–0.

Brett Westrup is winding up his third year as head coach of the Timberwolf gridders. His assistant coach is again Colton Clark.

The South Central boys have a season record of 6–0. There are 23 on their roster.

Large crowds are expected for both key games.

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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier days
Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 17, 1896 Star

The weather report of Chancellor F.H. Snow of the Kansas University at Lawrence, says that only four Septembers in 29 years have been cooler than the past month. The rainfall was 3.48 inches, which is 17 inches below the September average. The first hoar frost of the season occurred on the 29th, ten days earlier than usual.

Look out for “campaign” lies. It is only two weeks more till the election. The Republicans, Democrats, and Populists are all sure of victory in this campaign. There is evidently going to be some disappointment, after the result is announced.

Vote. Every man lawfully entitled to vote should go to the polls on election day. If you don’t vote you have no right to kick about the way public affairs are managed.

Duck hunters report very little game on the creeks.

120 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 12, 1906 Star

Weather decidedly cooler this week. Cool enough for fires on Tuesday. One or two light frosts are reported this week.

Large quantities of broomcorn have been marketed here this week. The price paid varies from \$40 to \$60 [over \$2,200 in 2026 dollars] per ton. B.C. Shimer harvested this week, about 50 bushels of peanuts. He finds the crop a successful and profitable one.

J.F. Blunk moved this week from Otis, Kans., to this city and has opened up a barber shop in the room between the Coldwater National Bank and Dr. [John Stanley] Halliday’s office.

Miss Eleanor J. Erskine arrived in Coldwater a week or so ago from Monmouth, Ill., and was so well pleased with our little city that she decided to locate here. She at once bought two lots from Eyman Phebus, located northeast of the Presbyterian church, and has in course of construction a neat 4-room house which she will occupy. Miss Erskine says that she finds Comanche County people and climate exactly to her liking.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an Apron Sale and serve a New England dinner on Saturday, October 20. Don’t forget the date, and be sure and patronize the ladies.

Meistersingers Male Quartette, second number in the Lecture course, Friday evening, October 19. Tickets for reserved seats on sale at 2 p.m., tomorrow, Saturday, at J.J. Overstreet & Co.’s drugstore.

The editor had the pleasure of spending a few hours in Protection on last Saturday. A good-sized crowd was present to see the sights of the Merchants’ Carnival and all seemed well pleased, especially with the ballgame and the balloon ascension. The merry-go-round did not do a rushing business during the day. The enterprise of the Protection businessmen as shown on this occasion is to be commended. That is the spirit which wins out for any town or community.

110 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 13, 1916 Star

Trees are rapidly shedding their foliage. About time to get your heating stove in readiness for service again.

One farmer calls our attention to the fact that

between his place and town, there is a culvert at which the weeds have been allowed to grow to such an extent that it is almost impossible for a traveler to tell that there is a culvert there.

The result is that one is very apt to miss the culvert and overturn his car or vehicle, especially if the least attempt is made at that particular place to turn out of the road for a passing car or rig. The culvert is a rather short one, anyway. Why not the road officers see that the weeds are cut at culverts so that travelers may see the ends, and thus possibly avoid a serious accident sometime!

The Presbyterian Ladies’ Aid will hold an old-fashioned box social in the church basement on Friday evening, the 27th. Make your boxes and bring them along and enjoy a Halloween frolic for young and old.

On last Friday, the CHS football team added another no-score game by beating Bucklin High School 12 to 0. Let everybody come out to the big football game between CHS and PHS on Friday, the 13th. It is hoped that the new heating system being installed in the school building, will soon be ready for use.

100 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 15, 1926 Star

Only a little over two weeks more in which to decide how you will mark your ballot.

The recent showers have had the effect of bringing up the late-sown wheat in fine shape. It looks now as though the new wheat crop will have an unusually good start. The stand is good and it should get a good growth before freezing weather sets in.

The rodeo, which was held at the fairgrounds near this city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, was attended by rather small crowds on the first two days, but, a good-sized crowd present on Saturday. The usual rodeo program of riding, bull-dogging and roping was put on each day. Some very creditable performances were shown.

It looked as though Coldwater would receive the “walloping” of her life, when the Pratt Huskies raced out on the field to battle against Coach Travis’ Red men, but the air-tight defense which was displayed throughout the game by the Coldwater eleven held until near the close of the last quarter.

Both football teams played a splendid defense, though they were greatly handicapped by the strong wind. The game ended with the score 13 to 9 in favor of the Pratt Reserves.

Next week we meet Greensburg on her own battlefield. We are going to meet them with colors flying, for we are confident of a victory. Every battle we have had has been hotly contested. The fact that Protection won only by 1 touchdown, and Pratt won only by 4 points shows how exciting and closely contested the battles have been.

Our next home football game will be played on McCay Field with the fast Haviland football team. This team has most of their players from last year, which insures a real team on their part. Haviland beat our boys by one touchdown, in a water [rainy ?] game last year so naturally revenge is

sought by our team. It will be a battle royal and promises to be a real game for both players and fans. So do not forget the date, Friday, October 22, on McCay Field.

90 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 16, 1936 Star

A goodly number of carloads of people went to Dodge City Monday evening to hear and see President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who talked from the rear platform of an observation car on his way from Denver to Wichita.

There was a crowd estimated at from 20,000 to 25,000 to greet him at Dodge City. Many report that they were caught in the jam of the crowd and were unable to hear the President, who spoke for about 15 minutes. In the rush, the crowd broke the loud speaker connections of the train’s loud speaker system.

Tuesday morning quite a number of residents of Comanche County went to Wichita to see Mr. Roosevelt. At each stop the President was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of admirers. The Wichita crowd was estimated by some to number 150,000.

John Farris, who has been in the mercantile business in Beaver, Okla., during the past nine years, is this week opening a general merchandise store in Coldwater in the former Gamble store location on the north side of Main Street. The store will feature mens’ furnishings and ladies’ ready-to-wear.

Breaking through a two game defeat, the Coldwater eleven won over Bucklin in their first Iroquois League game, 19 to 6. Each time Coldwater scored the advantage came from a Bucklin fumble near their own goal line. Bucklin scored their only touchdown in the last quarter on a 30-yard pass after they had succeeded in blocking a punt.

Improvement has been shown in the Coldwater line-up. The home boys meet Ford October 16 and the game will be a “tough” one. Ford is powerful and has so far piled up the highest offensive score in the League in its game with Protection in which the score was 34 to 0. Last year Ford lost most of its linemen, but they are going to be hard to work to beat.

80 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 18, 1946 Star

Coldwater has had two ties the past two games—at Bucklin 6 to 6 on October 4 and 0 to 0 last Friday against the heavy Ford team. The CHS football team has not lost its last 14 games, but has not won the last two games.

Starting the season with eight out of eleven players who had never played before on the first team, they are rapidly gaining experience. But, Coldwater is solidly behind its boys nevertheless, and when the Red and White goes to Protection Friday of this week, they will have plenty of fans accompanying them.

Last Friday Protection surprised even themselves by holding the fast Fowler team to a nothing-to-nothing tie. The game at Protection, Friday promises to be a thriller, from every angle. Don’t fail to see it.

Friday of next week will be the ninth annual Homecoming of Coldwater High School Alumni Association, and a number of out-of-town

graduates have indicated they will be here to swell the crowd when Ashland plays CHS October 25.

Following the game there will be an election of officers and a brief program, and dance for the alumni, the seniors and their escorts will be held in the gymnasium.

The County Council of Clubs and Farm Bureau Units Achievement Day will be held Friday, October 25th at the Methodist church in Coldwater. Luncheon will be served at noon.

After a business session and short program following the meal at the church the group will meet at the Chief Theater to see travel and educational pictures.

70 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 19, 1956 Star

World Community Day will be observed on Friday, November 2, at the Prairie Vale Friends church, it is announced. This is the day you are asked to bring warm new and used clothing for men and boys, especially.

As no one present had the number drawn at the Business Men’s Association drawing last Saturday evening, so the cash prize this Saturday evening at 7 o’clock is for \$42 [about \$517 now].

The monthly meeting of the Coldwater Business Men’s Association will be held Monday evening, October 22, at Scholle’s Cafe at 7 o’clock.

The Homecoming game with Ashland on Friday, October 26, will start at 7 p.m. with the crowning of the Football Queen, so plan to be there early this year. Following the game there will be the alumni dance in the Veterans Building with music by Don Hoagland’s orchestra of Cunningham.

The banquet Saturday evening, which starts at 7 p.m. will again be served by the Antioch church ladies. Special recognition will be given this year to the classes ending in “6.” The special program will be in charge of Martin Swisher. The class of 1916 plans a reunion this year.

Installation of dial telephones in Coldwater started on Wednesday, October 17, and with normal progress the changeover will be completed the last of next February for full use the first part of March, according to Carl A. Erickson, local manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. It will be necessary to have dual installation, and after the cutover, the present magneto instrument will be removed.

The dial instrument can be placed in any location in the home with no installation or more charges. The company has built a new building on North Central Avenue to house the intricate automatic dialing mechanisms and when the dial phone system is completely installed, there will be no local telephone operators, only a serviceman.

60 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 16, 1966 Star

A Victor Stark for Representative caravan will meet on Main Street in Coldwater, Saturday, October 15, at 7:30 a.m. It will leave at 8:30 a.m. for Wilmore, Haviland, Greensburg, Mullinville, Minneola, Fowler, and arrive in Meade at 12:30. Everyone bring your lunch and we’ll have a picnic in Meade City Park!

We will leave Meade at 2 o’clock for Plains, Ashland, and Protection, arriving back

in Coldwater approximately at 5 o’clock.

The Coldwater High School Alumni Association, the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce and the Coldwater Jaycees are combining their efforts to have an outstanding Homecoming Weekend October 21 and 22. The 1966 CHS Football Homecoming Queen will be crowned prior to the Coldwater-Fowler football game Friday evening, October 21, at 7:30.

All former CHS Football Queens are invited to be present for special recognition. At 2 p.m. there will be a parade down Main Street headed by the CHS band, which will give a short concert. It is hoped there will be floats by merchants, organizations, school classes, and others, along with antique cars and a pet and bicycle parade for which prizes will be given by the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees.

On Saturday, October 22, the Coldwater merchants are having a Farm and Home Appreciation Day. Two blocks of Main Street will be filled with a display of new farm machinery and merchandise, new 1967 automobiles, and perhaps a fine collection of guns.

50 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 14, 1976 Star

On Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Ruth Baker and Milo Edmonston of Protection drove Comanche County’s specially-equipped mini-bus from Hutchinson to its new home in Comanche County.

It has a wheelchair lift and can carry aged people with walkers up to the floor level of the bus. The County Council on Aging, in cooperation with the Comanche County Ministerial Alliance, has been working on the project for some time.

Rev. Bill McFall of Coldwater states that drivers and co-coordinator are needed. Also, people who will be needing and using the bus are encouraged to call the Comanche County Hospital so schedules can be planned. At present, the bus will be available in Coldwater and Wilmore on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In Protection, days planned are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Another perfect evening for football saw the Coldwater Eagles do the perfect thing and win their first game of the season. After spotting Minneola seven points just before the first half, the Eagles came back and scored 14 points in the third quarter, for a 14–7 victory over Minneola.

Coldwater has another tough challenge this Friday night as they play Southwestern Heights here.

Motorists of Kansas were reminded today that it’s time to get their cars ready for the winter months ahead. And because of today’s concern about fuel conservation, a pre-winter engine tuneup is doubly important this year, according to Dr. Jerry L. Merrell, Director of Safety for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

“It makes more sense now than ever before, since a properly tuned engine runs more efficiently and gives better gas mileage,” so you can squeeze extra miles, Dr. Merrell said.

“After your car is ready for winter, the rest is up to you,” concluded Dr. Merrell. “Safe winter driving still requires you to be more alert

and reduce speeds at night and in fog, rain or snow, and especially when the pavement is ice or snow covered.

If you don’t know the price of success, the Internal Revenue Service will gladly furnish you with an income tax table.

A cynic is one who wants to know why Noah didn’t swat those two flies when he had the chance.

40 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 16, 1986 Star

Coldwater may now be one step closer to seeing houses built at Comanche Estates.

Tuesday night the Coldwater City Council voted to seek bids on laying sewer and water lines in a portion of the undeveloped housing addition at Lake Coldwater.

Plans were presented to the city by architect Harry Hunsley of the Russell firm Hunsley & Associates. The council told Hunsley they wanted to keep the option open for the city to handle the installation of the waterline portion of the project. . . if bids appear too high.

If the council acts on the bids at that time, he said, the winning contractor could get underway. Hunsley offered to contact a bonding firm on behalf of the city, so the paperwork to issue bonds for the project could begin.

“It just depends on how big a hurry you’re in,” Hunsley told the council.

“I think we should get the show on the road,” said Mayor Cleo Bliss. “We’ve been waiting too long on it now.”

Agreeing, the council instructed Hunsley to proceed with the final bid specs and to contact a bonding firm.

They also voted to authorize the mayor to speed the process by handling whatever paperwork might arise on the matter before the next council meeting.

On a night not fit for man nor beast, the Coldwater Eagles traveled to Macksville to take on the 4–0 Macksville Mustangs in front of a homecoming crowd in drizzle and rain, and came away with a rather easy 30 to 6 win.

This win upped the Eagles’ record to 5–0 on the season and 1–0 in district play. This win also extended the Eagles winning streak to 17 straight games which is one of the longest in the state.

This is Homecoming Week for the Eagles. This year’s opponent will be the Cunningham Wildcats. Coming into the game with Coldwater, Cunningham has a 1–4 record and has been shut out in its last three ball games.

This will be Cunningham’s first district game, so it will be a new season of sorts. Also the Pee Wee footballers will play at halftime so everyone come out to enjoy the ball game.

While he didn’t get the trophy for his efforts, Marvin Lewis took top honors at a cornhusking competition in Heartwell, Nebraska. Entered as an out-of-stater at the Fifth Annual Nebraska State Hand Cornhusking Contest, the Coldwater resident was ineligible for the trophy he earned. Lewis husked 174 pounds of corn during the timed event, and was docked three pounds for trash in the corn. That gave him the top poundage at 171 in the Old Timers’ Class.

Due to Lewis’ ineligibility, the Nebraskan placing second with 168 pounds took home the class trophy. Lewis plans to compete in the Kansas State Cornhusking Contest Saturday in Oakley.

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would go through that entire process as an adult in the real world going after a job. Bates said the students have worked hard and impressed him, with staff members providing additional support. The students were treated to ice cream in appreciation of their efforts. The arrangement will continue until the district finds a permanent employee.

Academic, Student Activities

The district is preparing to seek a new middle school math curriculum. The current curriculum is approximately seven or eight years old.

Students in both schools will also have an opportunity to experience new music through a “Lied Across Kansas” presentation scheduled for Oct. 19. The program brings musicians from the University of Kansas to work with students and in-

troduce them to instruments and musical experiences they might not otherwise encounter. A jazz musician and jazz pianist are expected to participate this year.

Scholars Bowl will begin this month, with 20 students trying out for the team. Alondra Rivera will coach the team, with practices beginning this Monday morning.

In athletics, middle school basketball practice is scheduled to begin Oct. 26. Tennis regionals are scheduled for this weekend in Conway Springs, while the high school league volleyball tournament will take place Saturday in Greensburg. The team enters the tournament as the No. 3 seed. Senior Night is also approaching, and school officials reported that eligibility lists remain relatively small. The cross-country team has missed its last two meets because of rain. Meanwhile, the football team is ranked No. 2 in the state.

Bates also discussed the

Friday Night Lights 5K fundraiser sponsored by T-Mobile that they recently received that will help provide a sound system for the high school football field.

Middle School Track Project Remains Priority

The proposed track project remains a major focus as the district continues to explore funding options.

The fundraising effort has reached approximately \$45,000, but the Patterson Foundation will not provide funding for a track.

A new bid for a six-lane track came in at \$218,000. The district has general funds available, though officials still must determine how much could be committed to the project. The fiscal year begins July 1, 2027, which may affect the timing of available funds. Board members discussed approaching the track company to explore a payment plan, potentially allowing the district to make an initial payment and spread the

remaining cost over time. If additional funding cannot be secured, the board will need to decide whether to contribute more school funds or abandon the project.

Baldwin emphasized that the board needs to “put some skin in the game.” Several options remain under consideration, and board members plan to check on additional possibilities before making a final decision.

Distracted Driving Awareness

The district received a “Don’t Drive Distracted” rug from the Lender family, who also included a letter explaining the significance of the gift.

The family lost their daughter a year ago, and a sunflower on the rug represents her favorite flower.

The presentation brought attention to distracted driving and its consequences. Kansas ranks second-worst in the nation for distracted driving, with a reported rate of 14 percent.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ashland residents, ratepayers and taxpayers, the city of Ashland is holding a public meeting on Oct. 26, from noon to 1 p.m., at the Ashland City Library to discuss “The Ashland Paved Runway Project.”

It is impossible to explain, present, or provide adequate seating in this venue during the designated time frame.

Phase One of this project was applied for by the Ashland Hospital District, in May 2024. Only three hospital board members were in attendance at this meeting: Jesse Luckie, Kim Hazen, and Steve Elmore.

The City of Ashland has two council members appointed to the airport committee: Dennis Snodgrass and Ryan Renshaw. Neither Dennis nor Ryan are on the “Airport Committee” referenced on the community flyer advertising Lunch and Learn on October 26. Why is this the case?

As referenced on the flyer, members of this informal citizen advisory airport committee were chosen by Sandy Wright and Jesse Luckie. There are no recorded minutes nor postings of these private meetings.

Phase One has spent \$266,000 of federal and local taxpayer dollars. How is this possible without you knowing?

The City Council just recently voted to move forward with Phase Two. Who is running this show? Why wasn’t this presented prior to the implementation of Phase One?

Why has a private advisory committee been allowed to manipulate the management of City affairs? Would the City’s time be better spent on repair and maintenance of our current infrastructure that is so vital to the foundation of this community?

Yours sincerely, Jim Fellers, Ashland

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Timberwolves Topple Central Plains in Key District Win

STAFF REPORT

The South Central football team grabbed a key District 7 victory Friday after beating Central Plains 68-22 at home. The win puts the Timber-

wolves at 2-0 in the district with two games remaining. Central Plains previously lost to Kiowa County 34-28 in overtime and South Central has a 44-12 win over Kiowa County.

The Central Plains Oilers took an 8-0 lead in the first quarter after a 3-yard touchdown run by Keeton Robison. It wasn't until the second quarter that the Timberwolves answered,

after Easton Huck had a 1-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion failed, though, and left the score at 8-6 with Central Plains leading. The Oilers then took a

16-6 lead after a 27-yard touchdown pass from Brodie Crites to Broc Kilma. But then the Timberwolves responded with two scores: a 6-yard touchdown run by Huck and a 41-yard touchdown pass from Huck to Parker Price. The Timberwolves got the two-point conversion after each touchdown and took a 22-16 lead at halftime.

The Timberwolves took over in the third, scoring 30 points to put the game out of reach for the Oilers. Wiley York returned the opening kickoff 68 yards for a touchdown, Huck had a pair of 3-yard touchdown runs and Coda Lindsay had a big play after running 58 yards for a touchdown.

Robison scored on a 44-yard touchdown run late in the third to make it 52-22, but the Timberwolves sealed the deal in the fourth quarter. Tuck completed a 10-yard TD pass to Jett Petty and York returned an interception for a score.

Huck finished with 136 yards passing, completing 10 of 14 attempts. He also rushed for 144 yards on 21 carries.

Lindsay added 81 yards rushing on nine carries, Price caught four passes for 73 yards and Petty caught two passes for 35 yards. Colt Yoder added three catches for 18 yards.

On defense, Westynn Stapleton led the team with eight tackles, Price had seven and Lindsay, Huck, York and Jack Willems each had six. York had two interceptions.

The Timberwolves (4-1) will need at least one more district win to clinch the district title. They will get their first chance to do so as they will head to St. John-Hudson this Friday.

The Tigers are 0-6 for the season and are coming off a 71-0 loss to Kiowa County. Their closest game was their season opener against Ness City, which St. John-Hudson lost 38-36.



PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press
South Central's junior Jett Petty (11) closes in on the Central Plains quarterback during last week's pivotal district battle. The Timberwolves cruised to a 68-22 victory in front of the hometown fans.

Tennis Season Comes to an End at Regional Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The South Central girl's tennis team concluded its season at the Class 1-3A Regional tournament last Friday at Conway Springs.

Fabiola Rivero just missed out on qualifying for State in the singles tournament. She beat Kingman's Courtney Schoenhofer 6-2, 6-2, then lost to Kensie Popp of Haven 6-2, 6-2. Popp went on to take second in singles. Rivero then played Rosalee Lange of Conway Springs and lost 6-7, 6-1, 6-3. Lange would take sixth.

Also in singles, Mia Napierala played and lost to Chaparral's Catherine Welch 6-1, 6-1. Welch went on to take fifth in singles.

In doubles, Max Miller and Nevaeh Pankrat lost to Kingman's Abigail Wilson and Callie Wheat 8-4, while Bonnie Herd and Elsie Herd lost to Wichtia Classical's Mia Brown and Amara Garfield 6-0, 6-0. The Classical duo took third at Regionals.

The Lady Timberwolves will graduate seniors Napierala, Miller and Pankrat, but Rivero, a junior, and freshmen Bonnie and Elise Herd will return next season.



BOB MORRIS / The Star-Press
South Central junior Fabiola Rivero returns a shot during the Class 1A-3A Regional tournament held at Conway Springs last Friday. Rivero just missed qualifying for the State tournament.



PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press
Members of the South Central varsity volleyball team pose for photos with their second-place medals from last Saturday's Southern Plains League Tournament in Greensburg.

South Central Second at League; Will Host 1A-I Regional Tournament

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The South Central volleyball team will host a Class 1A-I Regional tournament

after the Lady Timberwolves clinched the second seed in its Regional field.

South Central is set to host Kinsley and Kiowa County in a triangular Tues-

day, Oct. 20. The top two teams in the triangular will advance to Sub-State play, with seedings and sites to be determined Wednesday, Oct. 21 after all Regional play is completed.

The tournament will start at 5 p.m. with the order of matches being South Central against Kiowa County, Kinsley against Kiowa County and South Central against Kinsley.

"The hard work the team has put in throughout the season has paid off and we are excited to host Regionals on our home court," said head coach Cindy Snyder. "We have continued to improve and grow as a team, but we know we will need to play well and stay

focused.

"Every match is important and we must approach each one with the same intensity, effort and determination as the last."

The Lady Timberwolves are coming off a second-place finish at the Southern Plains League tournament at Kiowa County Saturday. South Central opened with a win over Ashland, 25-21, 22-25, 25-22, then beat Hodgeman County 25-12, 25-22.

South Central then beat Ingalls 25-22, 19-25, 25-20, and beat Spearville 25-20, 25-18. The Lady Timberwolves lost to South Gray, 25-13, 25-20. South Gray is 32-1 for the season and was seeded first in South

Central's Regional.

Snyder said the girls had solid play throughout the tournament, showing consistency, teamwork and determination in every match.

She said she is happy to see the progress that the girls have made from where they started the season to where they are at now.

"The team has progressed nicely throughout the season and made great improvements in several areas of their game," Snyder said. "Their hard work, continued development, and growing confidence have been evident each time they step on the court."

The head coach added that the seniors, Ellie Mur-

phy and Piper Price, have been great leaders for the Lady Timberwolves.

"Ellie has stepped up in her role as an outside hitter, while Piper does a fantastic job as our setter, directing the offense and keeping the team running smoothly," Snyder said. "Both players work hard every day, lead by example, and bring tremendous energy to the court."

"Their leadership and dedication have played an important role in the team's growth and success throughout the season."

The Lady Timberwolves (23-11) were scheduled to play at Ashland against the host team and Moscow Tuesday to conclude the regular season.



PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press
South Central sophomore Emery Woolfolk (9) passes a ball during last Saturday's league tournament at Kiowa County High School in Greensburg.

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Blood Drive in Protection

This Friday, Oct. 16, is a Red Cross blood drive at Grace Bible Church from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Several usually come to the blood drive as a “walk-in” and are welcome as there is usually an empty table awaiting.

A light meal is provided for blood donors before they leave the building.

I used to dread my finger being pricked and told their staff there needs to be two instruments: one used for the little old ladies and one for the calloused hand of the working man. And now the Red Cross organization no longer has to prick the finger; they have a device that slips on and gives the information they need without using a needle.

Service for Joann Malone

I was saddened to hear of the death of Joann Malone on Sept. 26. She was 68. A celebration of Joann’s life will be this Saturday, October 17, at 1 p.m. at Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home in Coldwater, followed by a graveside service at Crown Hill Cemetery. For 28 years she was office manager at the Comanche County Health Department in Coldwater.

Butterflies

I had a pleasant surprise Tuesday morning as I glanced outside the kitchen window – Monarch butterflies were in the yard. I counted 9 of them on the east side of the house and 15 on the west side. Temperatures outside were already 75 degrees.

About a month ago, I was visiting with former Western Star editor Dennies Andersen outside of Dave’s Pizza Oven in Coldwater. We noticed a lone Monarch butterfly in the grass by our feet and assumed that particular one wouldn’t make it.

In my lifetime on the farm I don’t believe I ever saw this many at one time here.

This summer I have also seen a tarantula several times moving north across our farm. This is an annual occurrence.

More about Ken, Debbie

Ken Rice and his wife, the former Debbie Edwards Lindsay, moved to Protection three years ago. They reside south of the elevator in the home of the former Ida Bare. Jim Lindsay purchased the house and property in 1983.

Debbie is not new to Comanche County. She grew up in Coldwater and graduated from high school in 1971. Her mother was Jane Edwards Deewall and John Deewall was her stepdad. John’s daughter, Elizabeth Deewall, married Dr. Troy Smith.

Debbie’s sisters are Diana Riner of Coldwater (who married Kyle Riner, son of Richard “Dick” and Mary Ellen Riner of Protection) and Judy Lewallen (who first married Mac Herd of Coldwater and later

Dennis Lewallen). Their brother is Mike Edwards and his wife Nita of Garden City.

Mac Herd’s parents were Senator Harold Herd and his wife Midge Rich Herd of Coldwater.

One story that Debbie mentioned was her recent MRI procedure. The medical staff asked what music would she like to hear as the MRI was in progress. She replied, “Ken Rice Simply Sax.” And they had it!



KEN AND DEBBIE RICE

Love Story

Ken graduated from Great Bend High School in 1970. At that time he was playing his sax in The Soul Arrangement band. They performed at the Hutchinson State Fair and received an award.

Soon after, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Army. He couldn’t be home for Christmas so his family left the Christmas tree up and celebrated Christmas in July.

Even though Ken and Debbie knew each other, they had only dated once. He proposed to Debbie, not knowing she was only 16. She said, “Yes,” and Ken wanted her to meet his parents. They were engaged when he left to return to the army and Debbie wrote him a letter every day.

People then told her Ken would find someone else so Debbie wrote him a “Dear John” letter.

That ended their relationship until 52 years later when Ken was asked to play at her family reunion in 2021 and he saw her there.

On his travel back to California, Ken kept calling Debbie multiple times and so they began to communicate more with each other every day. Now they are husband and wife.

Ken’s next birthday is January 25, 2027; he’ll be 75. Debbie’s birthday is July 3; she will be 74.

Ken has a daughter, Tammy, and a son, Matt, who reside in Minnesota; Debbie has a daughter, Merrideth, in Lawrence. Because of their six step-children, Ken and Debbie now have 20 grandchildren, most of them in California, and eight great-grandchildren.

South Central XC Runs at Cheney

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The South Central cross country runners – who have been idle for a week after the Pratt meet was canceled because of rain – were back in action last Thursday at the Cheney Invitational at Cheney Lake State Park.

In the boy’s varsity race, Denin Johnson took 24th with a time of 19:22.67, Dominic Macias was 30th with a time of 19:59.55 and Jacob Reed was 51st with a time of 22:47.35.

In the girl’s varsity race, Breckyn Snyder was 27th with a time of 25:20.17 and Sophia Hernandez was 34th with a time of 26:44.54.

In the boy’s junior varsity race, Gavin Martin was 15th with a time of 35:19.29.

“The runners all did amazing,” said head coach Tori Selzer. “This is a very flat course and, instead of running on a golf course,

they run through trees. This is more of a ‘trail run’ at Cheney.

“Thinking ahead and taking positions and making moves to set yourself up for success at this meet is important. Lots of curves, blind corners, trees and narrow trails. But it’s usually a very welcome distraction and change of pace as well as a confidence boost with their improved times having a more level terrain.”

The Timberwolves will head to Ness City for the league meet this Thursday. Selzer said that, just because it’s league doesn’t mean that the competition will get harder, noting that everyone will face the same course and condition. So she wants the runners to show up, run their own race and compete at the level she knows they can.

“I want them to finish that race proud of the effort they put into it even if their placing and times don’t reflect that,” she said. “We are here to challenge ourselves and put all we can into everything we do.”



BRECKYN SNYDER



SOPHIA HERNANDEZ



JACOB REED



DENIN JOHNSON

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Resolution 4400, Senior Transportation

Urges the Legislature to continue supporting and to increase funding for collaborative, community-based transportation for seniors, including micro-transit in rural, remote and metropolitan areas. It supports local control of these systems and asks the Kansas Department of Transportation to study transportation needs and work with local governments, Area Agencies on Aging, the KSHL and other organizations on projects that meet them.

Resolution 4401, In-Home Care

Urges the Legislature to increase funding for the Senior Care Act and the Home and Community-Based Services Frail/Elderly Waiver so Kansans can continue to receive vital in-home support.

Resolution 4402, Med-

icaid

Urges the Legislature to support Medicaid expansion in Kansas and to strengthen KanCare by increasing provider reimbursement rates.

Resolution 4403, Personal Needs Allowance and Medicaid Application Help

Urges the Legislature to raise the personal needs allowance for residents of Medicaid-approved nursing facilities to \$72.74, matching the national average, with an annual review for a cost-of-living adjustment. The allowance is the monthly amount residents keep for personal expenses. The resolution also calls for more help for seniors applying for Medicaid, including funding and designating the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging to provide that assistance.

Resolution 4404, Voting Rights

Opposes any effort by the Legislature or county election officials that would

restrict or prevent Kansas seniors from voting. It urges the Legislature to support the voting rights of seniors and all other voters by ensuring access to the polls, early voting and mail-in ballots.

What Happens Next

Copies of the resolutions will go to all Planning and Service Areas, legislators, senior centers, and other senior organizations across Kansas. After the November 3 election, the KSHL will contact newly elected legislators, share the resolutions and schedule meetings with new committee chairs and committees. In early January, delegates will return to Topeka to visit every legislative office to deliver and discuss the resolutions. Testimony will begin once the new Legislature is sworn in.

“Passing these resolutions is the starting line,” Burton said. “Our delegates will be in every legislative office in January, making sure these issues are heard.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature pose for photos at the State Capitol in Topeka during their recent session.

SOUTH CENTRAL CHEER, MINI CHEER

Photos by Paula Bradley



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OBITUARY

JOANN MALONE

Joann Malone went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sept. 26, 2026. She was born on Oct. 3, 1957, at Ashland Hospital, in Ashland, to Lloyd and Roberta (Bliss) Malone.



Joann completed her education in Coldwater and shortly thereafter married Gary “Max” Williams. Together, they were blessed with two children – son, Justin Max and daughter, Jamie Jo. They later divorced in 2007.

Joann worked for 15 years at Wolcott & Lincoln Elevator and Feed Mill in Wilmore, where she handled both office duties and outside work. It became like a second home to her, as many area customers became lifelong friends.

She later poured her heart into her role as office manager at the Comanche County Health Department, where she worked for 28 years. She enjoyed working alongside many wonderful healthcare professionals and serving the residents of Comanche County, from newborns to those more than 100 years old.

Throughout her career, Joann enjoyed building relationships, learning new skills, and wearing many hats. Shortly after retiring, she moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in October 2024. Her heart longed to be in rural Kansas once again, so she made the journey north to Hill Top House, in Bucklin, mid-August 2026. There she made new friends and had a number of lifelong friends and family come visit her.

Of all the roles Joann held, her favorite was being a mom. That joy only grew when she became Grama Jo and, later, Great Grama Jo.

Joann is survived by her children Justin (Crystal) Williams and Jamie (Chris) Gifford; and her beloved grandchildren: Colton (Mariah) Linden, Tim (Lexi) Williams, Christa Williams, Jonah Ndungu, Joshua Ndungu, Kaedence McKee, Madeline Gifford, Braedon Gifford and Evan Gifford; and four wonderful great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Malone, and her fiancé, Mike Allen.

A celebration of Joann’s life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, in Coldwater, followed by a graveside service at Crown Hill Cemetery.

WILMORE NEWS

By Christina Griffin

Ended up last week with three inches of rain, it sure greened everything up. We had to mow but first we had to get new mower blades. The Pit Stop in Wilmore took care of putting the blades on and changed the oil. They can take care of things like that for us and we appreciate it. Thanks Pitstop.

Marty Dillinger is home after having one kidney removed. He feels good, no pain, he's lost weight and his color is good. He had a doctor appointment last Friday, so he'll see how that goes. He was away from home from March to October with three weeks home during all that time. 2026 will be a year better forgotten by Marty. Good Luck.

Gene Glenn dragged the roads after the rains, it makes the roads more drivable. Thanks Gene.

We had Red hats on Thursday at Dave's Pizza. There were 6 of us, the theme was fall and the hostesses were Janis Allen and Pat Lording. We had good pizza, with cherry pizza for dessert and good conversations.

I'm back at my job at Angels Attic, and enjoying every minute of it. The store always looks so nice and is always well stocked. Stop by Thursday, Friday or Saturday in the morning.

Wilmore is really with it now, we have WiFi at the church. I hope that solves all the problems.

We went to the movie last week and this week, The Heart of the Beast. It is a great movie, Brad Pitt is the veteran with his veteran dog trying to enjoy life in the Alaskan wilderness. It's beautiful scenery, great acting and great rapport with dog and owner, a must see. Thanks for bringing that movie to the Chief and thanks for the date night special, 2 tickets, 1 large popcorn, and 2 drinks for only \$20.

Virginis Helm really surprised me last week with a whole group of life sized Wizard of Oz characters. She is very crafty and had some time this summer and made these characters out of wood, fabric, and chicken wire. I made a few tweaks and we moved them into the gazebo to protect them from the weather. Come to Wilmore to see them and take a ride on the carousel. Greg Wolfe, his family and friends came from Sawyer for a ride last week. They enjoyed it, come again.

We went to the golf course Friday, and Ernie played a round of golf and I drove and analyzed, it was a beautiful day.

Thanks for having me, see you next week.

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Ashland Celebrates NBWW

PRESS RELEASE

National Business Women’s Week is Oct. 18-24 and is observed during the third full week of October.

Next week honors women who work in business, highlighting their contributions to the economic and social fabric. These talented, driven women are our employers, our employees, our government and community leaders and family members who represent the highest ideals of the community.

Ashland Mayor Holly Fast recently signed a proclamation making Oct. 18-24, 2026 as National Business Women’s Week in Ashland.

The first National Business Women’s Week was launched in 1928 by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs. Within a decade it became a nationwide celebration. The week recognizes the growing presence and impact of women in business, from entrepreneurship to corporate leadership. The observance encourages recognition of these achievements and inspires future generations of women leaders. It applauds the contributions of women not only in the workplace but also their contributions to the financial stability of their families, often becoming their family’s breadwinner.

Since its founding in 1947, Ashland Business and Professional Women’s Club has promoted working women in the community by providing informative and educational programs and supporting women through educational scholarships and community recognition.

This year Ashland BPW plans to have a display of activities within the community at the Ashland Library. Stop by and see their contributions to the community.

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WHEREAS, working women should be applauded for their contributions to the workplace and the financial stability of their families in some cases becoming their family's breadwinner; and

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WHEREAS, since 1928, National Business Women's Week® has honored the contributions of working women and employers who support working women and their families.

WHEREAS, since 1947, Ashland Business and Professional Women's Club has promoted working women in the community by providing informative and educational programs and supporting women through educational scholarships and community recognition.

Therefore, I, Holly Fast, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kansas, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 18 through October 24, 2026

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK®

I urge all citizens, businesses and community organizations in Ashland Kansas to join this salute to working women. Encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic and cultural purposes.

Signed this 15th day of October 2026

Attest:

Naomi Osborn, City Clerk

Holly Fast, Mayor

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CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE GENERAL ELECTION, STATE OF KANSAS, COMANCHE COUNTY, KANSAS, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, THE UNDERSIGNED COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COUNTY, HAVE RECEIVED A CERTIFIED LISTING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE VARIOUS NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE BY EACH OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF THIS STATE, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW, I HEREBY PUBLISH SO MUCH THEREOF AS IS APPLICABLE TO THIS COUNTY, AND I HAVE ADDED THERETO, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATIONS:

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PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026 AT WHICH TIME THE CANDIDATES FROM THE ABOVE LIST MAY BE VOTED ON AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED ABOVE. THE POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026. ADVANCED VOTING WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2026, AT THE COMANCHE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE 201 S NEW YORK, COLDWATER, KS 67029. ADVANCED VOTING WILL END ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, AT 12:00 NOON.

DONE AT MY OFFICE IN THE CITY OF COLDWATER, COUNTY OF COMANCHE AND STATE OF KANSAS THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

BRI UHL
SEAL
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