



USD 300 Enrollment Numbers Down From Last Year

STAFF REPORT

This year’s enrollment numbers are in and USD 300 has lost several students over last year’s number. The South Central school district had 280 students from Kindergarten through the 12th grade in 2025

when enrollment numbers were released. This year that number is down to 255. The numbers are based on attendance each year on a certain day in late September. The state of Kansas also uses those enrollment numbers to base state

funding regardless of how many students a district may have at any time the remainder of the year. Numbers are based on total head county – exact number of students present on the counting day and then also a full-time equivalent

number – which includes special weighting metrics for special education students – is also determined. In 2026, USD 300 had 29 students in the 10th and 12th grades. Those were the largest two

classes followed by 27 freshmen and seventh graders. Twenty fifth graders were in attendance on counting day. The remainder of the grades were: eighth and sixth (19); Kindergarten (15); second, third and fourth (14); and first (11).

South Central Cross Country Runners Take Part at League

STAFF REPORT

The South Central cross country runners competed at the Southern Plains League meet Thursday at Ness City. In the varsity boy’s race, Corbett Heaton placed 19th with a time of 19:18.97, Denin Johnson placed 20th with a time of 19:19.98, Dominic Macias placed 35th with a time of 21:13.56, Jacob Reed placed 49th with a time of 24:45.65. In the varsity girl’s race, Sophia Hernandez placed 25th with a time of 24:41.06 and Breckyn Snyder placed 26th with a time of 24:56.87. In the junior varsity boy’s race, Gavin Martin was ninth with a time of 33:59.74. “I thought the runners did amazing,” said head coach Tori Selzer. “(We had) very solid times with 4 PRs (personal bests). They worked their tails off in 24 mph wind and 50-degree (temperatures).” The Timberwolves will head to Tribune for the Class 1A Sub State cross country meet hosted by Greeley County High School. “I see the runners going into Regionals with confidence and ready to attack the course,” Selzer said. “I’m excited to see what they can do and how they compete.”

Regional Champions



PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press

Members of the 2026 South Central High School volleyball team celebrate a Regional championship at home Tuesday. The Lady Timberwolves will now host Sub-State on Saturday as well.

Lady Timberwolves Win Regional Title, Host Sub-State

STAFF REPORT

The South Central volleyball team won its Class 1A-I Regional tournament at home on Tuesday night. The Regional tournament win means that the Lady Timberwolves will host a Class 1A-I Sub-State tournament this Saturday.

At Tuesday’s Regional tournament, the Lady Timberwolves hosted a triangular against Kiowa County and Kinsley. They beat Kiowa County 25-14, 25-13 and beat Kinsley 25-13, 25-8. Kiowa County beat Kinsley 25-18, 27-25 to take second in the Regional tournament. The Class 1A-I Sub-State tournament Satur-

day will open at 2 p.m. with South Central (28-11) taking on LaCrosse (16-21). After that, St. John-Hudson (29-12) will face Meade (21-13). The winners will then play in the championship match to close the tournament, with the winner advancing the Class 1A-I State tournament in Salina.

South Central Football Team Topples St. John-Hudson in District Play



PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press

South Central senior Colt Yoder (7) tries to make a play on the football with a St. John-Hudson player hanging on his back during last week’s 54-8 Timberwolves district victory.

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central football team has pretty much wrapped up the District 7 title after beating St. John-Hudson 54-8 on the road last Friday. Head coach Brett Westrup said the game went pretty much as expected. The Tigers are 0-7 this season, but what Westrup liked was that the Timberwolves executed well and didn’t look past the Tigers. He attributed that to the Timberwolves having a good week of practice this past week. “It’s easy to get complacent, it’s easy to get just kind of going through the motions – not so much in the game but more so in practice, knowing that whoever you play on Friday, you’re just gonna blow out of the water, right?” Westrup said. “Like well, we can just screw around, we

don’t need to practice hard. “So we’ve kind of changed practice up a little bit, did a little bit more individual drills, did a lot more work on two-minute drills, because you know, the two-minute drill, if you don’t practice a two-minute drill and you have to have a two-minute offense, that can get really difficult in a game situation, because you’re already strapped for time.” Thus, the Timberwolves have run a two-minute drill in practice on Tuesdays. Westrup said he plans to do that again this week. Another aspect they have focused on is extra-point plays. Westrup said, in the bigger games, successful extra points can make a difference. “We’ve got to work on the little things, which are the two-minute drills, getting ready for the situations,” he said. “You’ve got to prepare for the situations that might happen even though they’re

not going to happen (in a particular game).” Against the Tigers, the Timberwolves got an interception return for 29 yards from Colt Yoder to start the scoring. Jack Willems followed with a defensive fumble recovery that he returned 10 yards for a touchdown. Easton Huck then ran for six yards for the first SCHS offensive touchdown of the game. The defense then came through again as Yoder had his second interception, which he returned five yards for a touchdown. By that point, Westrup put his younger players into the game. Tyree Ellis took over as quarterback and he completed an 8-yard pass to Ryder Woolfolk for a touchdown to round out the first quarter scoring. SCHS led 40-0 at that point. In the second quarter, Ellis found Woolfolk again, this time for a 5-yard touchdown pass, then Ellis ran for a 14-yard touch-

down to round out the Timberwolves’ scoring. St. John-Hudson scored a touchdown before the game ended at halftime on the mercy rule. Westrup said it was good to get some of the sophomores and freshmen into the game last Friday. “We played a couple of JV games this year, not a whole lot,” he said. “We’ve actually had more canceled than we’ve actually played but it’s nice – it’s different playing in a JV game than it is in a varsity game.” He noted that there are more people attending a varsity game, plus the younger players get to see an opposing varsity team. “It’s not just JV guys, so it’s a little bit more of a pressure situation,” Westrup said. “It was good to get those kids out there put them in kind of some situations that showed them a

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SUSAN EDMONSTON / The Star-Press

The musical group Joyful Noise performs during the annual Comanche County Conservation annual banquet during a trip to Coldwater in 2023. The group will return to the county on Sunday, Nov. 1 with a performance in Protection, at the Grace Bible Church.

Program Nov. 1

The music group, Joyful Noise, will be presenting the church service on Sunday, Nov. 1, in Protection, at the Grace Bible Church. They begin at 10:45 a.m. Anyone can come and all are welcome to attend.

David Selzer, of Protection, and Zack Ellis, of Wilmore, are members of this group. Other men in Joyful Noise are: Tom Carr, Monte Schellite, Ted Lukens, all of Medicine Lodge; Dan Gillig and Eddie Freeman, of Pratt; Richard Poland, of Isabel; Rob McDaniel, of Sharon. The director is Martha McDaniel, of Sharon and Elisa Stone, of Medicine Lodge, is the pianist is Elisa Stone.

Practices take place every Wednesday at the Methodist Church in Medicine Lodge.

Farmers are Busy

Wheat planting is continuing now that the ground is dry enough to drill. Lots of milo fields and some soybeans will soon be harvested as our area had a freeze last week. Hay and feed have been swathed and baled.

There are also cotton fields in Comanche County that will be harvested now through December.

Here is a comical article placed in the Protection Post newspaper on July 15, 1982. No credit was given to whomever submitted it.

Twelve Days of Harvest

On the first day of harvest my true love said to me, with our kids to help, he wouldn't need me.

On the second day of harvest the kids all laughed with glee, cause the chicken chore and milking chore would now be up to me.

On the third day of harvest my husband said to me, "Help tie the tarp down, run this half-load to town, pick up some salt blocks, and check the cattle cause we're too busy."

On the fourth day of harvest they gave a broken part to me and said, "Try an elevator at Delphos, every implement dealer, and keep driving till you find the right pulley."

On the fifth day of harvest my husband said to me, "We're moving to the other field, you bring the pickup, fill up the gas tanks and water jugs. Put in the tool box a can of bolts with nuts and locks, bring out dinner to the field, and this time don't forget the tea."

On the sixth day of harvest my daughter called me. "The elevator's filled up and I can't get unloaded. Take the old Chevy truck, make sure it's gassed up, check the oil and battery, and get over to the west field in a hurry."

On the seventh day of harvest my husband said to me, "We're going to bring some wheat in, will you clean the north bin?" Then they set up the auger and left me scooping breathlessly.

On the eighth day of harvest my husband gave me a list. "Don't know if this belt will last, better get to town fast. I need another reel slat, filter and bearing. Bring it by the field, throw in an extra scoop, and don't forget the goop that makes the chain run free."

On the ninth day of harvest at 11:30, the clutch went out on the combine and he called on the CB, said, "Find heavy log chain, get the Ford tractor, and come pull me."

On the 10th day of harvest my true love snapped at me, as I handed tools up to him — very nervously.

On the 11th day of harvest the whole crew said to me, "Want to fill the gas tanks while we eat, take home this load of wheat, and bring back one wrench, lug and another water jug, and a spray bomb for sweat bees."

On the last day of harvest, my husband grinned at me. "If everything goes right, we should be done by midnight. Aren't you glad you didn't have to help, Hon-ney?"

Stockholders Meeting of Local Grocery Store

Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, the 17th annual stockholders' meeting of Protection Community Venture was held in the community room at Protection Township Library.

Board positions held by Doug Brooks, Hilary Murphy, and Connie Westrup were expiring. All three indicated they would serve on the board for another term, if elected. The floor was open for nominations for those positions, but none were made so those three will continue to stay on the board.

It was a very positive meeting. Since last October's annual meeting, the grocery store received new furniture (tables and chairs), new flooring in the south half, and cases for refrigerator and frozen food products. A grant will enable the north half of the store to receive new flooring.

Breakfast and lunch meals have become very popular. A person needs to arrive early as breakfast meals are usually gone by 8 a.m. Luncheon meals are ready by 11:30.

The seasonal fresh produce bundle for \$15 (plus tax) is popular, too. Dates for the next order are Nov. 2-10 (pay when you order) and the pick-up date is Friday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cindy Snyder, Comanche County extension agent for family and community wellness, was responsible for getting this program started to encourage more people to shop locally.

The board manager LeAnna Heath and other employees and staff have worked hard to make a lot of improvements and many new products have been added.

COLDWATER WEATHER
By Greg Vanderree

OCTOBER 14
High 90 / Low 57 / Precip - N/A
OCTOBER 15
High 89 / Low 58 / Precip - N/A
OCTOBER 16
High 89 / Low 57 / Precip - N/A
OCTOBER 17
High 56 / Low 32 / Precip - N/A
OCTOBER 18
High 63 / Low 30 / Precip - N/A
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Wednesday 10/14 6.35
Thursday 10/15 6.33
Friday 10/16 6.24
Saturday 10/17 CLOSED
Sunday 10/18 CLOSED
Monday 10/19 6.19
Tuesday 10/20 6.11

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PROTECTION

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON PUBLIC PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON DESIGNATED PUBLIC PROPERTY PROHIBITED: No person shall drive, ride, or otherwise operate a motorized or non-motorized vehicle upon any public property within the City of Protection, Kansas, that has been posted with signage giving notice that the operation of vehicles upon such property is prohibited.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS: The words and phrases listed below when used in this Article shall have the following meanings:

1. Motorized vehicle: any self-propelled or motor-assisted device used to transport or draw persons or property, including but not limited to: any automobile, truck, tractor, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, recreational offroad vehicle, work site utility vehicle, motorized bicycles, motorized scooters, motorized skateboards, electric-assisted bicycles, electric-assisted scooter, electric-assisted skateboards, or any other motorized conveyances.
2. Non-motorized vehicle: any human-powered device used to transport or draw persons or property, including but not limited to: any bicycles, tricycles, pedal carts, scooters, skateboards, or any other human-powered conveyances.

SECTION 3. SUFFICIENT SIGNAGE: Posted signage meeting the following requirements shall be deemed sufficient to give notice that vehicle operation upon the designated property is prohibited.

1. The signage is posted in a manner and location reasonably likely to come to the attention of any person entering upon the property.
2. The signage reads "operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited," or substantially similar language.
3. The letters of the signage are not less than 2 inches tall and can reasonably be read from a distance of at least 15 feet.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS: it shall not be a violation of this ordinance for any employee, officer, volunteer, or agent of the entity owning or having control of such posted public property, or any other person(s) approved by such entity, to operate a vehicle upon such posted public property when expressly authorized by the entity owning or having control of such public property.

SECTION 5. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES: the violation of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby declared unlawful. Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. Each violation of this ordinance by the operation of a non-motorized vehicle or a motorized vehicle weighing less than 100 lbs. shall be deemed an infraction punishable with a fine of \$30.
2. Each violation of this ordinance by the operation of a motorized vehicle weighing 100 lbs. or more shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable with penalties by a term of incarceration not to exceed Thirty (30) days and/or a fine in an amount not to exceed Five-hundred Dollars (\$500).

SECTION 6. Repeal of CONFLICTING Ordinances: All other ordinances or parts of ordinances enacted prior to this ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 14 day of October, 2026.

/s/ _____
Chris Brosius, Mayor
Attest: /s/ _____
Jennifer Monroe, City Clerk

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Past Paragraphs

125 YEARS AGO
Western Star
Oct. 25, 1901

Protection paragraphs

Farmers are still busy putting up feed.

George Meisinger has his dwelling nearly completed.

John Keys has bought the Warner blacksmith shop.

Several families passed through here recently on their way to the [Cherokee] Strip.

W.H. Richardson has been quite sick this week with what is pronounced by the physician to be quinsy.

The Rev. Wells, an evangelist from Vermilion, Illinois, arrived in Protection Tuesday and has been assisting some in the revival meetings. He came out to visit Rev. Hayes, who is an old-time friend.

The Rev. J.C. Fisher began a series of meetings here last Sunday and already considerable interest is being shown. Rev. Fisher's earnest and practical sermons are awakening a deep spiritual interest. Rev. G.L. Hayes is rendering valuable assistance as leader of the singing.

Last Saturday was baseball day in Protection. The Ashland team came over to cross bats with our boys. It seems that there was some misunderstanding among the home team as to the date of the game. As a consequence the Protection boys had to use a number of players who were very much out of practice. Ashland had 23 scores to Protection's 2 at the close of the ninth inning.

Umpire, J.A. Murray; battery for Ashland, Hoover and Brown; for Protection, Fulton and Jarnagin. By the time this game had ended several more of Protection's regular players had arrived and despite Protection's crushing defeat during the first game, the boys still had confidence in their ability to outplay Ashland.

Accordingly, another game, of five innings, for one hundred a side, was soon arranged and some of the best playing ever seen on the Protection diamond took place during those five innings. The game resulted in a score of 5 to 4 in favor of Protection, with half an inning coming to Protec-

tion. Umpire, A.H. Murray; battery for Ashland, Hoover and Brown; for Protection, Moore and Pressly.

The score by innings was: Ashland, 1-2-1-0-0, total, 4; Protection, 1-1-0-3-X, total, 5. —[Correspondent] "OWEN."

On the tracks

M.M. Cosby and family, of Protection, started Wednesday for their new home near Nortonville, Kansas. They chartered [an emigrant railroad] car and took along nearly all of their household goods, expecting to remain away from Comanche County for a year or so.

Armond Baker will winter Mr. Cosby's cattle—25 or 30 head. Mr. Cosby has several relatives living near Nortonville. He expects to turn his attention principally to farming. May success crown his efforts and may his steps be turned toward Comanche County again some day.

Twenty-two carloads of cattle were loaded at Protection for Kansas City on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, as follows: R.A. Dorsey, 2 carloads; W.H. Richardson, 2 carloads; William Taylor, 1 carload; B.R. Grimes, 7 carloads; W. King, 6 carloads; G.D. Dorsey, 3 carloads; J.M. Jones, 1 carload.

Money-raiser

The basket supper at Protection last Friday night was a very pleasant occasion, and netted the ladies who had it in charge about \$12 [about \$475 in today's dollars].

In the line of fire!

Last Sunday, John McSparrin and Charley Falkner, of Irwin Township [north of Protection], were out hunting. Each had a shotgun, loaded with comparatively small shot. They were passing one on each side of a plum thicket—probably 20 yards wide—in which it was known that some quails were hiding.

Suddenly the quails started to fly, when Charley, without carefully noticing his ground, pulled the trigger and discharged a load at the quails. It happened that Mr. McSparrin was directly in front of Falkner's gun and he received a good portion

of the load in the upper part of his body. Several shot struck in his face and a few in his left hand.

He came to [Coldwater] Monday and had the shot removed by Dr. Northrup and is now getting all right again. Fortunately none of the shot struck in his eyes.

100 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Oct. 21, 1926

Another hunting injury

Word received in Protection Wednesday, by relatives, stated that Otho Teter had shot his left foot and so badly mangled it that it was considered that amputation of half of the foot would be necessary

Otho and Ada had recently motored to Liberal and were visiting with Ira and Eva Riney, and Otho was engaging in prairie chicken shooting with Ira.

Details of the accident are lacking but the message from Liberal stated that Mr. Teter was receiving treatment in the Liberal hospital, but was suffering intensely. Specialists had been summoned from Wichita to consult with Liberal surgeons regarding the amputation of the injured foot....

PHS beat Buffalo

Last Friday afternoon, the PHS football team invaded the territory of the Buffalo, Oklahoma, warriors and scalped a victory and returned home with the long end of a 33 to 0 score....

[At one point], [Ray] Jarnagin could not get his toe to work and the ball went out of bounds. Buffalo then could not gain and had to punt. Captain [probably Lewis, or possibly Tommy] Hopkins furnished the biggest thrill of the game when he gobbled up the punt on the 20-yard line and with some good interference scampered down the left side of the field for one of the afternoon's touchdowns.

The writer has never seen a Protection team play as consistently and earnestly as they did against the Buffalo team.

The entire backfield, but especially halfbacks [Orla] Morton and [Joe] Lindsey, moved like bullets when the ball was snapped. They both made some beautiful plays. However, the linemen made it possible for such actions and gains and did some fine tackling.

PHS has a hard game Friday afternoon when Ashland will invade the local gridiron. Ashland has a clean record thus far and they will try to keep it that way....

Goodbye gathering

Thursday evening at the basement of the Methodist Church, the members of the church gave a farewell social in honor of Roy C. Moore and family who are leaving this week for Anthony.

Mr. Moore has accepted a position as [depot] agent there, and will make this place his future home. The evening was enjoyed by a short program and refreshments of pumpkin pie, whipped cream and cocoa were served.

Burned to the ground

Tuesday morning at about 6 o'clock, the farm home of T.H. Hughs in the Lexington neighborhood northwest of Protection burned to the ground.

The family had just risen

and Mrs. Hughs and her daughter were preparing breakfast when the valve on the gasoline pressure range began leaking. Mr. Hughs attempted to tighten the valve and it broke off, allowing the generated gas in the large tank on the outside of the house to escape in the room.

This gas ignited at once from the stove flame and the room burst into a torrent of flames. As the gas had spread all over the big ten-room house, it became a mass of flames and took fire all over.

The family barely had time to run from the burning house before an explosion wrecked a portion of it.

Nothing but a very few articles of clothing and the piano was saved by Mr. Hughs and his son, as the flames enveloped the building, and before help could arrive, the house had burned to the ground.

Nothing was left of it but the foundation. Luckily the wind was in such a direction that the other buildings... were saved.

Mr. Hughs has rented the home of R.C. Moore and the family will move to Protection for the winter and during the rebuilding period as Mr. Hughs is planning the erection of a modern but smaller home to replace the burned one.

75 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 19, 1951

Names in the news

Martin and Clark Webster left Saturday morning on a deer-hunting trip to Colorado.

Mr. A.L. Withrow entered the Santa Fe Hospital in Wichita Wednesday of last week for medical treatment.

Marjory Sue Morlan was an overnight guest Thursday of Marilyn Herbord.

I will be on my vacation from October 20 through October 28. Mrs. Maxine Barker will be in charge during my absence. —MRS. MARIAN WADE, Chief Operator of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Lila Sangster, student at Pratt Junior College, spent Sunday with her parents, Ralph and Lucy Sangster.

Guests of Doris Callaway Monday afternoon were Mrs. John Wait, Jr. [Shirley] and family of Kansas City, Mrs. Orvin [Dulcie] Teter and family, Bert Teter and family, Mrs. Merle [Ramon] Hopkins and daughters, Dolores Herd and family, and Doris Riner and family.

Fred Denney and Blanche Towner attended the open house honoring Charles Wallingford on his 80th birthday at his home in Ashland, Sunday afternoon.

Private Garth Peacock of Fort Riley spent from Thursday until Saturday visiting his parents, "Jack" and Gladys Peacock.

Chester I. Bare of Protection recently purchased a purebred Aberdeen-Angus bull from Virginia N. McCarl of Payson, Illinois.

Norma Jean Hendrix spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Joy and Jessie Hendrix.

Lane Myers and Harris Powell were in Wichita Sunday.

Paul Briggs flew to Emporia, Kansas City and Wichita last week on business, and on to Protection to spend the weekend with his wife Mattie and Janice.

Protection news from earlier times

Compiled by Dave Webb

Jimmy Edmonston was a Saturday night and Sunday guest of Jimmy Petty of Selman.

Julia Foster and Marcia Gohn were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Alva [Minnie] Alexander.

Dean and Lois Hopkins attended the Coldwater High School alumni banquet at Coldwater Saturday evening.

Clyde Ward of Hays College and Richard Ward of K-State, spent the weekend with their parents, Wilmer and Ethyl Ward.

Victor and Elsie Beyler and daughters Linda and Elaine went to Harper Friday. Returning with them for an extended visit were Emma Glasburn, mother of Mrs. Beyler, and her aunt, Elizabeth Fendley, both of Harper.

Socializing

Twin Hill HDU met October 10 with Pearl Fitzwater. Fourteen members enjoyed the lesson, "What's New in Textiles," given by Rema Filson and Alma Sanders. Pearl led recreation. Next meeting will be with Nettie Darrow. Lovely refreshments were served by Pearl and Jean Fitzwater.

Twin Hill HDU Food Sale at Bill's Grocery, Saturday, October 27, starting at 1 p.m. We will sell dressed chickens, baked goods, canned goods, etc.

Chapter DM, PEO, met Monday evening at the home of Olive Zane. The program included topical roll call by each of the 18 members present. A discussion of PEO welfare, trust fund, and standing rules was presented by Nell Riner. Co-hostess Ethyl Ward served delicious refreshments.

55 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 22, 1971

Bluejays defeathered

Friday evening on the home field the Panthers took command and defeated the Ashland Bluejays, 22–0.

The Panthers started their scoring when Ross Girk made a TD on a 4-yard run and Sid Herd kicked the extra point. To further their scoring efforts, Craig Edmonston carried the ball 9 yards for the second TD and again Sid Herd booted the extra point over. Craig gave the Panther squad their third TD on a 65-yard run and Rex Maris passed to John Teter for 2 extra points.

Doug Brooks and Rex Maris were responsible for 2 pass interceptions and John Teter recovered a Bluejay fumble. Craig Edmonston had 165 yards rushing and Ross Girk added another 81 yards rushing to his tally.

The Panthers travel to Coldwater tonight seeking their seventh win.

Kiowa Creek 4-H Club

The September meeting was held September 29 at the Charles Zielke home. Roll call was answered by 16 members who named their favorite teacher. Penny and Tracey led us in group singing. Under new business, we had election of officers.

The new officers are: president, Penny Dale; vice-president, Brett Zielke; secretary, Cynthia Dale; reporter, Leanne Webb; treasurer, Rusty Murphey; parliamentarian, Jim Overocker; song leaders, Rexanne Haltom and Tracey Zielke; recreation leaders, Sandy Murphey and Carol

Ward; 4-H Council representatives, Penny, Leanne, Brett and Jim.

Golden Age party

Loyal Community Club held its annual Golden Age party at the Mennonite Church, October 12. Reigning over the event was the club's own member, Ethyl Ward. Entertainment was furnished by PHS music students led by Ron Haynes and Willis Schmidt. Guests also enjoyed a sing-along of old familiar favorites....

Those honored were Minnie Alexander, Ida Bare, Josephine Blue, Mable Bird, Mabel Richardson, Mae Sherman, Sally Cox, Nellie Myers, Nellie Hosier, Rose Norton, Erma Smith, Etta Bedinger, Lucy Deck, Ursula Miller, Marie Butts, Edna Williams.

Clara Beyler, Mabel Zimmerman, May Sanders, Nora Selzer, Alma Brew, Bessie Christopher, Flo Dale, Mahala Eubank, Amelia McGuire, Audrey Gould, Anna Craig, Winnie Dale, Ruby Winn, Bertha Ellison.

Olive Osmon, Stella Baker, Esther Webb, Pearl Fitzwater, Lucy Sangster, Clara Schweitzer and Ethyl Ward.

Other guests were Gladys Vogt, Martha Morton and Elsie Blue Day. A card and corsage was sent to Anna Carter.

Loyal Club members in attendance were Thelma Lininger, Jeanne Webb, Garland Peterson, Maxine Huck, Grace Morlan, Olive Parkin, Jessie Hendrix, Frances Eubank, Margaret Sangster, Violet McLaughlin, Penny Peterson, Mildred Moore and Miss Becky McLaughlin.

35 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 24, 1991

Late-season rattler

By Bob Greer

It's getting late in the year for rattlesnake stories around this area. But Walt Christopher "dispatched" one of the critters Monday evening.

Christopher was driving alone about 5:30 p.m. on the graveled road leading south from Webb's Grove. Some 2½ miles south of the junction with US 160, he came upon the prairie rattler stretched out on the road.

That site is near where an old Protection golf course was located many years ago. In the past, prairie dogs lived in that area, too. The "dogs" have since abandoned the site, but their old holes are apparently still used by rattlers.

Walt killed the [40-inch] snake with a spade.

15 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 20, 2011

First year grocery report

By Susan Edmonston
Twenty-six stockholders plus five board members of Protection Community Venture grocery store were present for its first annual stockholders meeting, last Thursday.

Board president Doug Brooks presented some figures on its first year of community ownership. Total income was \$832,551.30. Gross profit was \$229,109.79, minus expenses of \$220,367.83, which left a net operating income of \$8,741.96....

Assets total \$177,604.36. There is \$124,650.00 in common stock owned by more than 250 stockholders.

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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier days
Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 24, 1896 Star

Thursday was the first rainy day for a long time. It rained at intervals all day and enough rain had fallen to greatly benefit fall sown wheat. The weather is becoming considerably cooler, and it is probable the boys will need their overcoats when they start for Salt Fork immediately after the election. The crew will be made up this year on Nov. 4th, as soon as the county returns are in.

Assisting a Voter—Any voter who cannot read English or who is disabled, shall, upon request, be assisted by two election officers of opposite political parties, appointed for that purpose, who shall make the ballot person shall be entitled to assistance in marking his ballot.

Now is the time to look after the condition of your flues that have not been in use during the past few months. The winds and weather may have racked them since they were last in use. Many thousand dollars worth of property has been destroyed by defective flues.

The mail going east will be made up each morning except Sunday, when it will be made up at 6 a.m. The mail west will be made up at 4 p.m. each day. Money orders and postal note office closed at 5 p.m. sharp.

120 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 19, 1906 Star

Fair weather again. Another good rain fell on last Sunday, which put the ground in good condition again for wheat sowing. The ground is plenty moist now. Wheat threshing is delayed again on account of too much rain.

W.P. Feder, Democratic candidate for state printer, will be in Coldwater on Saturday of next week, October 27, and make an address on political subjects. The local committee is not yet informed as to where the meeting will be held, during the afternoon or in the evening at the courthouse.

Hon. W.S. Kretsinger is announced to make a political address from a Republican standpoint in this city on Tuesday, October 30, at the courthouse. Further announcement next week.

The Coldwater city officials began this week on a move which is surely in the right direction—one toward better sidewalk conditions in the city. The old sidewalk in front of the city building has been torn up and will be replaced with a good cement sidewalk. Other improvements about town will probably be made.

It is stated that a city ordinance will be passed at the next meeting of the council requiring that cement sidewalks be put down along one or two of the principal streets. Every person interested in the betterment of our city—and that ought to include every citizen—will approve of such a move.

In four years \$400 million has been spent in the United States on automobiles, and the horseless era is as far removed as ever. How practical a machine the automobile has become may be judged from the trip recently completed by two men, who covered the distance from San Francisco to New York in 15¾ days, and the best record before that was 66 days.

110 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 20, 1916 Star

The foliage on most trees is beginning to take on varied and beautiful colors.

Last week two or three killing frosts and freezes visited nearly all parts of the country, doing considerable damage to all late seed stuff.

In this county the frost caught quite an acreage of late-sown kaffir which was heading nicely. It will make good fodder, but the food properties of the feed will be much less than it would have been had the seed had time to have ripened better.

The general election this year will occur on November 7, one week from next Tuesday. Preparations for the holding of the election are now being made by the county clerk.

One of his first duties is the arrangements for the printing of the ballots. Then after the ballots are printed and the necessary election supplies have been received from Topeka, each township will be supplied, just before the election, with its quota of ballots and blanks.

Every voter should read carefully the announcements made in this paper this week by the various candidates. Then proceed to decide the question in your own mind (if you have not already done so) as to which of the candidates are most worthy of your support at the general election on one week from next Tuesday. Only ten more days of campaigning for the candidates.

County Superintendent Miss Mary Willard announces that, as a result of the recent visit to this county of Rural School Inspector, J.A. Shoemaker, the New Home School, 6 miles north of this city, has been ranked as a Standard School, the first one to be so recognized in this county.

We congratulate New Home on this distinction. Miss Lulu Dunbar and Miss Ethel Smith are the teachers in that district. A few other schools in the county are making an effort to come up to the required standard, and two or three lack but little of meeting all the requirements. Among this number are Districts No. 16 and 35.

100 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 22, 1926 Star

The entertainment to be given next Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium by the Hoskins-Gray Concert Co., consists of piano solos, banjo solos, humorous and dramatic readings and impersonations, banjo duets, pianologues and costume sketches.

The program will be rich in talent and originality. You will not only enjoy a splendid program but also help the Girl Reserves and Girls' Athletic Club in their good work.

Again, there seems to be some agitation in favor of a curfew ordinance in Coldwater.

Last Friday the CHS football team journeyed to Greensburg, and gave the veteran and husky GHS football squad, the surprise of its life by playing them to a scoreless tie.

Dope gave the Greensburg team an advantage of at least 20 points, they having defeated Protection decisively, and held the strong Garden City team to a tie. Greensburg outweighed the CHS team about 15 pounds to the man. The Greensburg boys also had a decided advantage over the CHS boys in that they were nearly all experienced men, while the CHS team had only four experienced members in its lineup.

Without a doubt GHS was the strongest team on the CHS schedule, and since

they were held to a tie, it seems that the local boys will go from here.

Friday of this week the local team will play the fast Haviland team on the home field. This will undoubtedly be a hard game, since both teams have been playing about the same brand of ball.

The first six-weeks tests were given on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The grade cards were given out last Wednesday.

90 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 25, 1936 Star

The Coldwater Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Spurgeon Wantland and Assistants Paul Huddle and Larry Joris, are taking on new life. The boys are busy working with a full program for this fall.

A Court of Honor will be held on Tuesday, November 5, and a number of scouts will be up for advancement.

On November 21, the production, "Sky High," which is sponsored by the Boy Scouts, will be given in Coldwater. On December 6, a district Boy Scout circus will be held, with a parade, bands, and thrills for all. Keep these dates in mind.

On Monday of this week, Judge Karl Miller [of Dodge City] was in Coldwater and held a short session of court. The most important matter taken up was the case of the State against James Hugh Dobkins, charged with robbing the Farmers State Bank at Protection on August 21 of this year.

Dobkins was arrested in Oklahoma City about a week ago and was brought to Coldwater for trial. At the hearing, he entered a plea of guilty, and was given a sentence of from 10 to 50 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary at Lansing.

On Wednesday he was taken to Ashland where he plead guilty before Judge Miller to the theft of the Chevrolet car in which the trio made their get-a-way. The two sentences will probably run concurrently. He was brought back to Coldwater on Wednesday evening by the sheriff of Clark county and on Thursday he was taken by the sheriffs of Comanche and Clark counties to Lansing to begin serving his sentence. It was stated he will be eligible for parole at the end of seven years.

Dobkins claims Oklahoma City as his home, that he and the other two men who held up the bank divided the loot in Kansas City, and that his share was about \$900 [not too far from \$22,000 in today's dollars].

William Thomas, who was arrested on the same charge several weeks ago, and was held in Oklahoma City, escaped jail there shortly afterward. Joe Martin is the third party connected with the robbery. The last two names are now being sought.

Mrs. Leilah Bliss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Griffith of this county, will broadcast a program over KGNO, Dodge City, on next Monday evening at 8:15, it is announced. She has charge of the Kiddies Hour each day at KGNO.

80 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 25, 1946 Star

Friday is Homecoming Day in Coldwater, and the occasion will be observed by a Homecoming football game with the Ashland high school at the athletic field

beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be at least three bands present—Coldwater, Ashland and Ford—and the half will be 15 minutes longer than usual to permit a showy program.

The 1946 Football Queen will be crowned at this time, the bands will parade, and the top attraction will be an exhibition by the National Collegiate Baton Twirling Champion, Bill Sears of Kansas University. Mr. Sears is a sensation wherever he appears. The brilliancy of his twirling of electrically lighted batons, and his flag swinging and gun spinning will long be remembered. He is a show in himself and Coldwater is fortunate in having him here on this occasion.

Following the game will be a meeting of the alumni for election of officers and visiting, and a dance for the alumni and their escorts will follow in the school gymnasium. The largest Homecoming crowd in the history of CHS is expected to attend the game and evening's entertainment. Plan to be present, and come early.

In a hard-fought game last Friday night at Protection, CHS lost to the Protection gridsters 6–0. With Coldwater leading in first downs and yards gained in scrimmage, the local 11 found that three or four fumbles and losing possession of the ball were costly and lost the game. The CHS lads hope to even the score Thanksgiving Day.

At a recent special sale conducted by the Gamble Store in this city, L.G. Witzel, the proprietor, reports that Joseph Davis, a returned Wilmore veteran, came to the store at midnight and waited until opening time in order to get first chance on a new washing machine for his wife. Lloyd Coles of Coldwater came to the store at 3 a.m. and he, too, was able to purchase a washing machine. R.D. Barnhart won the free box of shells and Mrs. Edwin Smith received the free mixing bowls.

70 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 26, 1956 Star

The CHS Eagles virtually eliminated Fowler as a contender for the 1956 Iroquois grid crown last Friday night at the local field, 26–0. The Eagles came onto the field determined to make amends for the 0–0 stalemate they had at Ford the previous week.

What is likely the deciding game of the Iroquois League, will be played this Friday evening at the Homecoming in Coldwater when the Coldwater Eagles meet the Ashland Bluejays. The first event of the evening will be the crowning of the Football Queen at 7:15, preceding the game.

The Coldwater and Ashland bands will parade at the half. After the game, the alumni dance, music by Keith Welch, and his orchestra of Cunningham, will be held in the memorial building.

The alumni banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7 o'clock in the school gym with a special program. The speaker of the evening is Tom Avery of the Kansas State College faculty. Among the graduates who will be present for the banquet is Dr. Willis J. Ray, a member of the Class of 1916, now of Denver, Colo.

Last Saturday morning when Clyde Marley went out into his yard he found a strange looking bird on the ground with a broken wing. Apparently it had struck a power line in its flight.

The bird had long legs and a long pointed bill, also a long neck, and had feathers

which were of a brown and black mixture.

The fowl was brought to the STAR office where, after consulting a section of bird pictures in an unabridged dictionary, it was thought possibly to be a bittern, which belongs to the heron family. Mr. Marley took the bird to Dr. Allen, Coldwater veterinarian, who already has quite a menagerie and loves to help animal and bird life.

60 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 20, 1966 Star

What is probably the most elaborately planned, and possibly will be the largest homecoming of CHS Alumni will begin this next Friday. The two-day event has been promoted by Alumni President, Garth McMillen.

The 1966 Football Homecoming Queen will be crowned prior to the game which starts at 7:30. All former homecoming queens are asked to be present for special recognition. The game will be against Fowler. The big parade will be at 7 o'clock in the high school cafetorium. Beginning promptly at 2 p.m. the next day, Saturday, headed by the fine Eagle marching band that will also perform at half time at the game.

The Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce are offering cash prizes in two categories for children: Kids Decorated Bicycles and Kids Costume and Pet Parade. The Alumni banquet will be held Saturday evening and will be in the Veterans Memorial Building starting at 9 p.m. with music by Melt Garrett and his Aristocrats. Admission will be \$2.00 per person.

The Highway Garage at Main and Central will hold open house all day Saturday, October 22. The featured display will be Allis Chalmers machinery.

The garage and implement dealership is owned by Junior Williams. He purchased the former Champlin Oil buildings and has moved his business into them. He will have refreshments and free registration for prizes.

50 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 21, 1976 Star

Coldwater's Scout Troop 236 took part in Kanza Council's annual aluminum can drive by delivering their collected cans to the center in Hutchinson last Saturday.

Each year the Reclaiming Center there makes a donation to Kanza Council's Scholarship Fund to pay for camping by boys who can't afford the fee for summer camp.

Eight thousand pounds of cans were weighed in for the Scholarship Fund this year.

At the monthly meeting of the Coldwater Business and Professional Women's Club at the Comanche Restaurant, Mrs. Ward (Leona) Butcher was chosen as their "Woman of the Year."

She has been a BPW member 36 years, six years at Manhattan, Kans., six at Corvallis, Ore., and 24 at Coldwater. Mrs. Butcher was the club's president in 1957–58. Leona has also been quite active in church and community affairs.

Coldwater took it on the chin again this week as a good Southwestern Heights team put 26 points on the boards before the end of the first half and pretty much deflated the Eagles' chances for a victory. Both teams traded touchdowns in the second half for a final score of 33 to 8. This week Coldwater

takes on Protection. No need to mention what that means.

Throw out all the records in the Unified District 300 Bowl. So everyone grab your coats, jump in your car and drive 13 miles to the west and watch Coldwater win its second ballgame of the season. Quarterback club members: Your jackets are in and you may pick them up from Darryl Serpan.

Mrs. Floyd (Evelyn) Reed has agreed to be the mini-bus coordinator for Coldwater. Anyone interested in using the mini-bus should call the library or at her home. The mini-bus is scheduled to go to Greensburg October 28th and Dodge City, October 29th. If you would like to ride to one of these places on those days, let Mrs. Reed know.

40 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 23, 1986 Star

On a beautiful fall evening in front of a large homecoming crowd, the Coldwater Eagles completely manhandled a young Cunningham Wildcat team by the score of 62 to 24. With this win, Coldwater upped its season's record to 6–0, extended its winning streak to 18 straight ball games, and upped its record to 2–0 in district play.

The Eagles have not lost a regular season football game since 1983, have not lost a district football game since 1983, and since the final football game of 1983 have gone 29-1, running off 24 regular season wins in a row.

This week Coldwater will play a non-district game with league opponent Spearville at Spearville. Spearville is 4–2 on the season and has had an up and down season.

The Coldwater Junior Varsity ended its season with another perfect season, finishing 3–0 following its 22 to 9 victory Monday evening at Protection.

This is the third year in a row that the Junior Varsity has finished the season undefeated and has won 11 straight ball games. . . . Coldwater did not have any penalty yardage in the game.

Halloween is a week away and final plans are being made for the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce Haunted House. Held in the Coldwater Veterans' Building again this year, the Haunted House will be open 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Proceeds will go toward Chamber civic projects.

Entering the "computer age" has been a matter of necessity, rather than one of desire, but Comanche County took the step this week. On Monday, commissioners gave tentative approval to purchase a \$67,260 [over \$205,000 now] computer package which will service the County Treasurer's and County Clerk's offices, as well as the County Appraiser's office.

The necessity which brought about the action is the state-mandated reappraisal process. That is already underway here, but so far only the manual portions of the project have been started. Before it is completed in 1988, land descriptions and appraisals will all be computerized. The computer equipment and programs have all been selected by the state.

Of the \$67,260 cost of the equipment, \$35,306 is to be reimbursed by the state, according to IBM computer saleswoman, Marilyn Reynolds. That, she said, will leave the county with \$31,954 to pay itself.

NEWS

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WILMORE NEWS

By Christina Griffin

The blaze maple trees are starting to do their thing, they live next door at the Ferrins, there are five of them. They are starting to drop the bright red leaves, and they will be spectacular.

We welcome visitors from Protection to church, Gayla, Elle, Thomas and R.J. Redger. They have been over several times and we enjoy having them.

Frank Lane from Pennsylvania is in town, he used to live in the old parsonage near the church, painted red with a shite star on front. He trapped coyotes for local farmers, skinned them and sold the pelts. He lived here with his wife Debby, and we all enjoyed their company. She played cards with us, I sure miss cards. Frank came to church last week and heard that we had gotten WIFI at the church, but the TV wasn't compatible, so he went and bought a new one and gifted it to the church from him and his wife, Debby. Thank you so much for your generosity. It turned out that part-time minister, Joe Koechner, gave the church \$300 to buy a new TV, it's a happy place.

Our heater wouldn't work when we tried to turn it on this week. We called Kat Construction but Kelsy was on vacation, so he sent two guys out and they tried their best, but no cigar. They left two space heaters and a promise that Kelsey would be back on Saturday, so we

spent three days with minimal heat. The electric blanket became our best friend, as it got down to 32 degrees one night. Kelsey got it fixed on Saturday. Thanks.

While Barbara Delaney was on a trip recently, her boys and grandson, Jaylen, put down new floors in her living room and painted. It looks great, she's had the same carpeting for years, so this is a nice change.

The new house going up behind Neal Timmer's place made an appearance this week. It is being done by Morton Builders and they got the whole structure framed, now they have to fine tune it.

The vultures in Wilmore are a curious phenomena and residents always link our arrivals and departures to them. They arrive about the end of March when the weather becomes more tolerable and they leave about the first of October when the cold creeps in. I don't know where they go but I prefer them gone, as to circling overhead all day. It was 32 degrees this week, they are all gone.

Going to the Bucklin Rest Home is kind of like going to a neighborhood event. It's a great environment and we get to see all the people we know pretty quickly. They have very friendly workers also.

Thanks for having me, see you next week. Come ride the carousel.

PUBLIC NOTICE COMANCHE CO. EXTENSION COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING COMANCHE COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with K.S.A. 2-611, as amended, State of Kansas, that on November 2, 2026, at the Coldwater United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m., Comanche County Extension Council Shall meet for the purpose of:

(1) electing from among their members a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary, a treasurer and five additional members;

(2) organizing the Program Development Committees for Agricultural Pursuits, Family & Community Wellness Work, 4-H Club and Youth Work, and Community Vitality Initiatives;

(3) consideration of the County Extension Education Program.

All County Extension Council Representatives of Agricultural Pursuits, Family & Community Wellness Work, 4-H Club and Youth Work and Community Vitality Initiative are encouraged to attend.

Leasa Huck,
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII, Article 1, of the Code of the city of protection, Kansas, declaring certain matters as HEALTH, ENVIROMENTAL, and motor vehicle nuisances within the city of Protection, kansas, which are injurious to the health, safety, welfare or aesthetic characteristics of the neighborhoods and to provide for the administration and enforcement thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER VIII, ARTICLE 1, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION: That Chapter VIII, Article 1, of the Code of the City of Protection, Kansas, adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 501 of the City of Protection, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8-101. FINDINGS: The Governing Body has found that there exists within the City unsightly and hazardous conditions due to: dilapidation, deterioration or disrepair of walls, siding, fences or structure exteriors; accumulations increasing the hazards of accidents or other calamities; structural defects; uncleanliness; unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, vehicles or parts thereof. Such conditions are inimical to the general welfare of the community in that they have a blighting influence on the adjoining properties, the neighborhood and the city, or are injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. The governing body desires to promote the public health, safety and welfare by the repair, removal, abatement, and regulation of such conditions in the manner hereafter provided.

8-102. DEFINITIONS. The words and phrases listed below when used in this Article shall have the following meanings:

A. Abandoned Motor Vehicle - any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or parked in violation of the code; or incapable of moving under its own power; or in a junked or wrecked condition.

B. Motor vehicle - without limitation, any automobile, truck, tractor, motorcycle, or other motorized conveyance, which, as originally built contained an engine, regardless of whether it contains an engine at any other time.

C. Inoperable - a condition of being wholly or partially dismantled, discarded, abandoned or unable to perform the function or purpose for which it was originally constructed.

D. Mobile Structure - A transportable, factory-built structure, designed to be a useful for things whatsoever.

E. Abandoned Mobile Structure - Mobile structures left in a dilapidated, deteriorated, or disrepair, scrapped, ruined, dismantled or unusable for its intended purpose. Any mobile structure may be ruled abandoned if open to outside elements from broken doors, windows, not skirted, or not connected to city utilities.

F. Accessory Structure - a secondary structure detached from the principal structure but on the same premises, including, but not limited to, garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings.

G. Commercial or Industrial - used or intended to be used primarily for other than residential purposes.

H. Dilapidation, Deterioration or Disrepair - shall mean any condition characterized by, but not limited to: holes, breaks, rot, decay, crumbling, cracking, peeling or flaking paint, rusting, or other evidence of physical damage, neglect, lack of maintenance, excessive use or weathering.

I. Enclosed yard – shall mean a yard, as defined herein, which is completely surrounded by physical barrier, such as a fence, wall, hedge, or shelter belt.

J. Exterior - those parts of a structure which are exposed to the weather or subject to contact with the elements; including, but not limited to: sidings, facings, veneers, masonry, roofs, foundations, porches, screens, shutters, windows, doors or signs.

K. Garbage - without limitation any accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable waste matter that results from the handling, preparation, cooking, serving, delivering, storage, or use of foodstuffs.

L. Open yard – shall mean a yard, as defined herein, which is not completely surrounded by physical barrier.

M. Person - any individual, individuals, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, other business organization, committee, board, trustee, receiver, agent or other representative who has charge, care, control or responsibility for maintenance of any premises, regardless of status as owner, renter, tenant or lessee, whether or not in possession.

N. Premises - any lot, plot or parcel of land including the structures thereon. Premises shall also mean any lot, plot or parcel of land without any structures thereon.

O. Refuse - garbage and trash.

P. Residential - used or intended to be used primarily for human habitation.

Q. Structure - anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or is attached to something having a location on the ground including any appurtenances belonging thereto.

R. Trash - combustible waste consisting of, but not limited to: papers, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood, excelsior, furniture, bedding, rags, leaves, yard trimmings, or tree branches and non-combustible waste consisting of, but not limited to: metal, tin, cans, glass, crockery, plastics, mineral matter, ashes, clinkers, or street rubbish and sweepings.

S. Weathered - deterioration caused by exposure to the elements.

T. Yard - the area of the premises not occupied by any structure.

8-103. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION: For the purpose of this article, the following rules of construction shall apply:

A. Any part thereof - Whenever the words premises,

structure, building or yard are used they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words “or any part thereof.”

B. Gender - Words of gender shall be construed to mean neuter, feminine or masculine, as may be applicable.

C. Number - Words of number shall be construed to mean singular or plural, as may be applicable.

D. Tense - Words of tense shall be construed to mean present or future, as may be applicable.

E. Shall - The word shall is mandatory and not permissive.

8-104. HEALTH AND ENVIROMENTAL NUISANCES UNLAWFUL; DEFINED: It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to maintain or permit any health or environmental nuisance on any premises within the City which are injurious to the health, safety or general welfare of the residents of the community or conditions which are detrimental to adjoining property, the neighborhood or the city, as defined, without limitation, as follows:

A. filth, excrement, cans, paper, garbage, trash, junk, refuse, wire, tires, auto parts, concrete, scrap metal, plastic products, or any other offensive or disagreeable thing or substance thrown, left, deposited, or accumulated upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, any other public property, any enclosed or open yard, or any other commercial, industrial or residential premises, whether vacant or occupied;

B. Lumber, masonry products, rocks, dirt, supplies, parts, machinery or equipment thrown, left, deposited, or accumulated upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, or any other public property, or in a disorderly or otherwise unsafe manner upon any enclosed or open yard, or any other commercial, industrial or residential premises, whether vacant or occupied;

C. all dead animals not removed within twenty-four (24) hours after death;

D. any place or structure or object or substance which emits or causes any offensive, disagreeable or nauseous odors;

E. all stagnant ponds or pools of water;

F. All grass or weeds or other unsightly vegetation not usually cultivated or grown for domestic use or to be marketed or for ornamental purposes, or that has grown to seed, or that obscures debris or locations of filth.

G. All furniture, appliances, fixtures, or other personal property not intended for exterior use thrown, left, deposited or accumulated upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, any other public property, any enclosed or open yard, or any other commercial, industrial or residential premises, whether vacant or occupied;

H. All furniture, appliances, fixtures, or other personal property intended for exterior use thrown, left, deposited or accumulated upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, or any other public property, or in a disorderly or otherwise unsafe manner upon any enclosed or open yard, or any other commercial, industrial or residential premises, whether vacant or occupied;

I. All articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained or permitted by any person to the injury, annoyance or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;

J. All accumulation of limbs and brush that may contribute and enhance a fire hazard;

K. exteriors of any structure, accessory structure, fences, walls, or retaining walls that are deteriorated, dilapidated, unsightly, or in disrepair;

L. any fence, structure, vehicle, trailer, equipment, or other object or substance placed or left upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or any other public property so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the City.

8-105. MOTOR VEHICLE NUISSANCES; FINDINGS; DEFINITIONS; UNLAWFUL; DEFINED; EXCEPTIONS:

A. FINDINGS: The governing body finds that junked, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative or abandoned vehicles affect the health, safety and general welfare of citizens of the city because they:

1. Serves as a breeding ground for flies, mosquitoes, rats and other insects and rodents;

2. Are a danger to persons, particularly children, because of broken glass, sharp metal protrusions, insecure mounting on blocks, jacks or other supports;

3. Are a ready source of fire and explosion;

4. Encourage pilfering and theft;

5. Constitute a blighting influence upon the area in which they are located;

6. Constitute a fire hazard because they frequently block access for fire equipment to adjacent buildings and structures.

B. MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCES UNLAWFUL; DEFINED; EXCEPTIONS: It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to maintain or permit any motor vehicle nuisance or motor vehicle parts nuisance within the City.

1. A motor vehicle nuisance is any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or incapable of moving under its own power; or in a junked, wrecked or inoperable condition. Any one of the following conditions shall raise the presumption that a motor vehicle is junked, wrecked, inoperable or not currently registered:

i. absence of a current registration plate upon the motor vehicle;

ii. placement of the motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts thereof upon jacks, blocks, or other supports;

iii. absence of one or more motor vehicle parts of the motor vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the motor vehicle upon street or highway.

2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

i. any motor vehicle which is enclosed in a garage or other fully enclosed building;

ii. any motor vehicle located upon a commercial or industrial zoned premises, pursuant to an ongoing business enterprise, that does not present a hazard or danger to persons or the public and that is safely

stored and secured in a manner sufficient to not be visible or accessible from any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, any other public property, or any private property; or

iii. to the parking or storage of a motor vehicle inoperable for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less.

8-106. ENFORCING OFFICER: For the purposes of and to effect this Article, the term “Enforcing Officer” means the City of Protection Code Enforcement Officer, designated by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, and/or their designee.

8-107. COMPLAINTS; INQUIRY AND INSPECTION: The Enforcing officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints in writing by one or more persons stating that a nuisance exists and describing the same and where located; upon receiving information that a nuisance may exist from any governmental entity, official, officer, or employee; or when it appears to the Enforcing Officer that conditions constituting a nuisance exist. The Enforcing Officer shall, upon making inspection and inquiry, make immediate written report of such officer’s findings.

8-108. RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Enforcing Officer has the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists. However, unless life or property is in imminent danger, the Enforcing Officer shall, before entering the interior of a residence or structure, obtain consent to such entry from the owner or occupant of such residence, or an order authorizing such entry from a court of competent jurisdiction. In the event the enforcing offer is denied entry to any premises, property or structure, such officer may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order authorizing such entry and directing any person or persons who own, lease, occupy, or otherwise control such residence to grant such entry pursuant to the order.

8-109. NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND SERVICE THEREOF:

A. Any person or entity the Enforcing Officer finds to be in violation of this Article shall be served written notice of such violation. The City Clerk shall cause notice to be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service or, in the event the property or premises is unoccupied and the owner thereof does not reside within the corporate limits of the City of Protection, by mailing such notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner’s last known address. Notice by mail shall be deemed complete upon mailing. Notice may also be served by leaving a copy of the notice at the usual place of residence of the owner or agent with a person of suitable age and discretion regularly residing therein, or by leaving the notice in a conspicuous location at the residence.

B. Should the person or entity upon which service by certified mail, return receipt requested is attempted refuse to take delivery or the certified mail is unclaimed, and return is made to the city indicating such refusal or unclaimed status, the City Clerk shall send to such person or entity, by first class mail, the notice previously sent and receipt by such person or entity shall be deemed to have occurred upon such mailing. The City Clerk shall make and maintain records detailing the method and time of sending and receipt of such notice.

C. In the event the whereabouts and last known address of such person are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the Enforcing Officer and filed with the City Clerk, and service of the notice shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and by posting a copy of the notice on the premises where the nuisance exists. Notice under this subsection shall be considered complete upon second publication.

8-110. NOTICE CONTENTS: The notice shall describe in writing the conditions constituting the nuisance and violating this Article. The notice shall also inform the person or entity receiving such notice that:

A. Such person or entity shall have such time, to be specified in the notice and not to exceed thirty calendar (30) days from the date of service of the notice, to remove and abate the nuisance from the property or premises;

B. Such person or entity may, within the time specified in the notice and not to exceed the time specified therein within which nuisance removal and abatement is required, request a hearing before the governing body as provided by Section 8-113;

C. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person’s right to contest the findings of the Enforcing Officer before the governing body; and,

D. Failure to remove and abate the nuisance, or to request a hearing as provided herein, within the time allowed may result in prosecution, as provided by Section 8-111, and/or removal and abatement of the nuisance by the city, as provided by Section 8-112, and assessment of the costs, as provided by Section 8-114.

8-111. FAILURE TO COMPLY; PENALTY: Should the person or entity receiving the notice provided for by Sections 8-109 and 8-110 fails to comply with such notice or to request a hearing as provided by Section 10, or should such person or entity fail to comply with the resolution of the governing body if a nuisance is determined to exist after a hearing pursuant Section 10, the Enforcing Officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person or entity alleging a violation of this Article. Upon conviction of a violation of this Article, such person or entity shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500 or be incarcerated not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and incarcerated. Each day during or upon which a violation continues after the expiration of the time provided for in the notice as provided for in Section 8-110 shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF JUNK YARDS, SALVAGE YARDS, SCRAP METAL DEALERS, AND JUNK DEALERS WITHIN THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PROTECTION, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS: The unregulated operation of junk and/or salvage yards and scrap metal dealers within the City creates a “Blighting Influence” on the community and conditions which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the municipality or which have an adverse impact on properties in the area.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS: The words and phrases listed below when used in this Article shall have the following meanings:

A. Premises - any lot, plot or parcel of land including the structures thereon. Premises shall also mean any lot, plot or parcel of land without any structures thereon.

B. Open air premises- shall mean any lot, plot or parcel of land or the portion of any lot, plot or parcel of land not within a fully enclosed building that is constructed or erected requiring location on the ground or is attached to something having a location on the ground.

C. Commercial purpose - means any activity done with the intent to advance economic interests, generate profit, receive financial benefit, or conduct trade.

D. Junk and/or salvage yard – shall mean any open air premises where upon used, defective, broken, inoperable, or discarded motor vehicles, machinery, equipment, supplies, appliances, furniture, fixtures or parts thereof, or any other used, defective, broken, inoperable, or discarded articles are collected, stored, dismantled, processed, or purchased for recycling, resale, reclamation, or any other commercial purpose.

E. Scrap metal dealer - any person, business, or entity that buys, sells, collects, dismantles, processes, or stores used, defective, broken, inoperable, or discarded metal, metal parts, or other metal articles for recycling, resale, reclamation, or any other commercial purpose.

F. Junk dealer - any person, business, or entity that buys, sells, collects, dismantles, processes, or stores defective, broken, inoperable, or discarded motor vehicles, machinery, equipment, supplies, appliances, furniture, fixtures or parts thereof, or any other defective,

broken, inoperable, or discarded articles for recycling, resale, reclamation, or any other commercial purpose.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION: It is unlawful for any person(s) to cause, permit, create, operate, or maintain a junk and/or salvage yard or to operate as or conduct business as a scrap metal dealer or junk dealer within the City of Protection, Kansas.

SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS: The prohibition set forth in Section 3 shall not apply to the following:

A. State licensed, bonded, and insured business enterprises in compliance with existing zoning regulations and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

B. Business enterprises engaged in the selling of gently used and functional articles of personal property in compliance with existing zoning regulations and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, such as: thrift stores, consignment stores, implement dealerships, and used car dealerships.

C. The occasional selling of used items of personal property not originally procured for resale, such as: garage/yard sales, estate sales, or private automobile sales.

SECTION 5. PENALTY: Upon conviction of a violation of this Ordinance, such person or entity shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500 or be incarcerated not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and incarcerated. Each day during or upon which a violation continues shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

Section 6. Savings Clause. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall remain valid and forcible existence.

Section 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Ordinance No. 2025-2 is hereby repealed, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances enacted prior to this ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication once in the official City newspaper.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 14day of October, 2026.

/s/ _____
Chris Brosius, Mayor
Attest
/s/ _____
Jennifer Monroe, City Clerk

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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8-112. ABATEMENT BY CITY; PROCEDURE: In the event a person or entity to whom notice has been served pursuant to Sections 8-109 and 8-110 fails to remove or abate the conditions constituting the nuisance, or to request a hearing before the governing body within the period specified in Section 8-110, the Enforcing Officer may seek to abate the alleged nuisance and such election may be in addition to, or an alternative to, prosecution and shall not preclude prosecution. In the event the Enforcing Officer makes such election to remove and abate, such officer shall proceed in the manner prescribed by this Section, as follows:

A. The Enforcing Officer shall present a resolution to the governing body for its consideration and authorizing such officer to abate or cause to have abated the conditions causing the nuisance at the end of ten (10) days following passage of the resolution by the governing body.

B. The resolution shall further provide that, in accordance with Section 8-114, the costs incurred by the city to remove and abate the nuisance shall be assessed and required to be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of the costs, and should the costs remain unpaid after thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, the City Clerk may sell any salvage from the removal and abatement process and apply the proceeds of such sale to pay said cost, and should the proceeds of any such sale be insufficient to cover the costs, or if there exists no salvage, the City Clerk shall, at the time required by law for the certification of other city taxes, certify the unpaid portion of said costs to the County Clerk for extension of the same on the county tax rolls against the property upon which the nuisance was located.

C. In the event the governing body adopts and passes the resolution, the Enforcing Officer shall cause a copy of said resolution to be served upon the person or entity violating this Article and the owner of said lot or parcel. Service shall be effected by the means prescribed in Section 8-109.

8-113. HEARING: If a hearing is requested in writing and received by the governing body within the time period prescribed by Section 8-110, the governing body shall conduct a hearing as soon as may be practicable and the person or entity receiving notice shall be advised by the City Clerk of the time and place of the hearing at least five (5) days in advance thereof. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the Enforcing Officer before the governing body.

A. On the date fixed for hearing or any adjournment or continuation thereof, the governing body shall hear all evidence submitted by the owner, the owner's agent, lien holders of record, occupants or other parties in interest in the property upon which the nuisance is situated, and all evidence submitted by the city. Upon hearing such evidence, the governing body shall make findings by resolution. The hearing provided for in this Section need not be conducted according to formal rules of evidence.

B. If, after notice and hearing as provided in this Article, and upon hearing the evidence provided for in subsection A of this section, the governing body determines that a nuisance exists, it shall set forth in writing in the form of a resolution its findings of facts supporting such determination. The resolution shall also fix a reasonable period of time, to be determined by the governing body, within which the removal and abatement shall be commenced, and a statement that if the person or entity, or owner, fails to commence said removal and abatement within the time period established by the resolution, or fails to diligently prosecute and pursue the same until the work is completed, the governing body shall cause the nuisance to be removed and abated, and the Enforcing Officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person or entity alleging a violation of this Article. The resolution provided for in this section shall be published once in the official city newspaper and the City Clerk shall mail a copy of the resolution to the person or entity, and owner, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-109.

8-114. ASSESSMENT, FUNDING, AND PAYMENT OF COSTS:

A. If the City abates or removes the nuisance, all costs incurred by the City pursuant to or incidental to this Article shall be reported in detail and in writing by said officer to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall keep an account of such costs, as well as any and all costs of notices, service and/or mailing of notices, and publication of notices, required by this Article. The City Clerk shall immediately cause the reporting and accountings required by this section to be entered in the appropriate city record and shall report the same to the governing body.

B. The City Clerk shall, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Enforcing Officer's report of costs, give notice by restricted mail to the person or entity violating this Article and the owner of said lot or parcel of the costs required to be reported by subsection A of this section, and such notice shall include a statement requiring payment of the costs to the City within thirty (30) days following receipt of the notice. Should the person or entity violating this Article or the owner of said lot or parcel refuse to take delivery of the notice or it is unclaimed, and return is made to the city indicating such refusal or unclaimed status, the City Clerk shall send to the person or entity violating this Article and/or the owner of said lot or parcel, by first class mail, the notice previously sent and receipt by the person or entity violating this Article and/or the owner of said lot or parcel shall be deemed to have occurred upon such mailing. The City Clerk shall make and maintain records detailing the method and time of sending and receipt of such notice.

C. Should the costs remain unpaid after thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice by the person or entity violating this Article and the owner of said lot or parcel, the City Clerk may sell any salvage from the removal and abatement process and apply the proceeds of such sale to pay said costs. Any proceeds received which exceed said costs shall be remitted to the owner within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the sale.

D. Should the proceeds of any sale held pursuant to Section 8-114(C) be insufficient to cover the costs enumerated in this Article, or if there exists no salvage, the City Clerk shall, at the time required by law for the certification of other city taxes, certify the unpaid portion of said costs to the County Clerk for extension of the same on the county tax rolls against the property upon which the nuisance was located.

E. In addition to levying a special assessment against the property upon which the nuisance was located as provided for in Section 8-114(D), the city may also elect to collect the unpaid portion of the costs provided for herein in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,115 and amendments thereto, and may pursue such remedy without limiting its ability to levy the special assessment, but only until such time as the full costs and any applicable interest has been paid in full.

F. If there is no salvageable material, or if the moneys received from the sale of salvage are insufficient to pay the costs incurred by the city pursuant to this Article and/or the costs associated with notices required by this Article, such costs or any portion thereof in excess of that received from the sale of salvage may be financed, until such time as the costs are paid, out of the general fund.

8-115. DISPOSITION OF MONEYS RECEIVED: When and if paid, all moneys received from special assessments levied under the provisions of this Article, or from an action under K.S.A. 12-1,115 and amendments thereto, shall be placed in the general fund of the city.

8-116. IMMEDIATE HAZARD: When in the governing body's opinion any nuisance exists which constitutes an immediate hazard requiring immediate action to protect the public or adjacent property, the governing body may direct the Enforcing Officer to take immediate action, without delay, to protect the safety of persons and properties including, but not limited to, the erection of barricades, or causing the property upon which the nuisance is located to be vacated or otherwise made safe. Such action by the governing body and Enforcing Officer may be taken without prior notice or hearing of the owners, agents, lienholders, occupants, or other parties in interest. The costs of any action under this section shall be reported and documented, notice of costs shall be afforded, and the costs shall be assessed, in the same manner as provided in Section 8-114.

8-117. NOTICE TO OWNER: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or of law, any and all notices required by this Article shall also be served upon the owner of any premises or property upon which there exists a nuisance.

8-118. SEVERABILITY: In the event any section or part of this Article is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or provisions and such remaining sections or provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 14 day of October, 2026.

/s/ _____
Chris Brosius, Mayor
Attest:/s/ _____

Jennifer Monroe, City Clerk

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