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Free Marketing Workshop Series Coming to Comanche Co. in November

PRESS RELEASE

Three free workshops will offer practical tools, fresh ideas, and creative ways to help local businesses and organizations grow. Business owners, entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders throughout Comanche County are invited to take advantage of a free Marketing Workshop Series coming to Cold-

water and Protection in November. The three-part series will be presented by Shannon Martin of Rural Link, in partnership with K-State Extension and Comanche County Economic Development. Each workshop will focus on a different aspect of marketing, offering practical information and ideas that participants can put to work in their own businesses,

organizations, and communities. Marketing can be a challenge in rural communities, where businesses often operate with limited budgets, small staffs, and little time to dedicate to advertising and promotion. However, effective marketing doesn't always require a large investment. Sometimes, the most successful ideas come from understanding your customers,

building relationships, and finding creative ways to tell your story. These workshops are designed with rural businesses and organizations in mind, focusing on realistic approaches that can work in smaller communities. The series will cover everything from basic marketing principles to improving social media and developing creative promotional ideas.

Participants will have an opportunity to explore ways to reach new customers, strengthen relationships with existing ones, and make their businesses or organizations more visible. The first workshop, The Basics of Marketing in Rural Communities held on Nov. 3 at the CMS

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Timberwolves Capture District Title With Win

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central football team took care of business to close out the regular season with a 62-6 win over Spearville Friday night. Now comes the playoffs, in which the Timberwolves will host a bi-district game against South Gray Thursday night. South Gray is 1-7 for the season with its only win coming against Sublette, 28-8, on Oct. 2. "It's playoffs," said head coach Brett Westrup. "And like I (said before), these boys have been there. They've done that. They understand that. "This isn't like this is our first rodeo or we're playing a bunch of young guys. This is a real seasoned veteran group and they understand what playing in November means."

Coda Lindsay has 135 yards rushing on six carries with two touchdowns, Easton Huck had 97 yards rushing on seven carries with two touchdowns and Parker Price had a 6-yard touchdown run. Huck completed eight of 10 passes for 86 yards and three touchdowns and Price had 79 yards receiving on six catches with three touchdowns. On defense, Wiley York, John Willems and Judd Petty each had five tackles, Willems and Colt Yoder each had a quarterback sack, Price had an interception returned for a touchdown and Dominic Macias had a defensive fumble recovery. Westrup said it was good to see the Timberwolves play well against the Lancers to close the regular

New Pastor in Protection



Pastor of the Grace Bible Church Jonathan Archer poses for a photo with his wife, Crystal, and their children Jeremiah and Pearl. Pastor Archer has been in Protection for the past couple of months and will soon be joined by his family.

Archer Now Preaching at Grace Bible Church in Protection

BY SUSAN EDMONSTON
Editor Emeritus

The city of Protection now has pastors in all its churches, the latest being Jonathan Archer at the Grace Bible Church. An opportunity to meet him will take place this Sunday, Nov. 1, when the men of Joyful Noise – two of the

eight singers are David Selzer, of Protection, and Zack Ellis, of Wilmore – will entertain during worship service that begins at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to hear them sing. It was one year ago when Archer was returning from Plainview, Texas, to his home in Minnesota. He drove by Protection and fell in love with the area. Later, upon seeing on the

internet that a pastor was needed, he applied. His family visited Protection in August, and the church welcomed him as their new pastor shortly thereafter. Archer and his wife, Crystal, have been married for 20 years. They have

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Heaton Qualifies for State Meet

STAFF REPORT South Central boy's cross country runner Corbett Heaton qualified for the Class 1A State cross country meet after his performance in the Regional meet Saturday at Prairie Ridge. Heaton, a junior, finished 12th overall with a time of 18:42.90. Runners who placed in the top 15, but were not part of State qualifying teams, advanced to the State meet. Also competing for the boys were Denin Johnson, who finished 25th with a time of 19:38.70; Dominic Macias, who finished 37th with a time of 20:45.80; and Gavin Martin, who finished 59th with a time of 34:23.10. For the girls, Breckyn Snyder finished 28th with a time of 25:28.20 and Sophia Hernandez finished 33rd with a time of 26:41.50. There were 60 runners in the boy's race and 44 runners in the girl's race. The Class 1A State cross country meet will take place this Saturday at Wamego Country Club. The boy's 1A race will start at 12:55 p.m.

Volleyball Season Ends at Sub-State

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central volleyball team's season came to an end in the Sub-State tournament at home, after the Lady Timberwolves lost to St. John-Hudson 25-22, 25-18. South Central beat La-Crosse in three, 23-25, 25-16, 25-17 in the first round while St. John-Hudson beat Meade 25-18, 25-9.

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PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press

Timberwolves Win: South Central Football Team Captures District Title

Members of the South Central football teams pose for photos holding their 2026 District championship plaque, as well as a ceremonial check for \$5,000 presented to the school from the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights competition following the 62-6 victory over Spearville at home last Friday.

It seemed to me no matter how busy he was preparing his new home so his wife and children could join him, doing his online studies, preparing for Wednesday night's time with K-6 children, he took time to meet with me on the feature story. I hope people in town will make a special

In late February of 2023, while

In May of 2004, he graduated from high school in Ortonville, Minn., population of 2,000. That fall he enrolled at University of Mary, in Bismarck, N.D., a private school with a total enrollment of 4,000 students. That

He and his family are looking forward to meeting the residents of Comanche County, especially those in Protection.

The library will use its community room next Tuesday for Election Day, and later in the week for the annual event

Chicken Noodle
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While the three workshops are designed to complement one another, each session will also stand on its own. Participants can attend all three to develop a more complete marketing approach or choose individ-

Whether you're looking to attract more customers, improve your Facebook page, promote an upcoming event or simply find some fresh inspiration, these workshops offer an opportunity to learn something new and bring home ideas you can actually use.



MARKETING WORKSHOP SERIES

November 2026

FREE WORKSHOPS

NOVEMBER 3 • 6:30 p.m.

The Basics Of Marketing in Rural Communities


CMS Building
 603 North Central
 Coldwater, KS 67029



NOVEMBER 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Improving Your Social Media Presence


Protection Library
 401 North Broadway
 Protection, KS 67127



NOVEMBER 17 • 6:30 p.m.

Off the Wall Marketing Ideas


Veterans Building
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Past Paragraphs

Protection news from earlier times

Compiled by Dave Webb

125 YEARS AGO
Western Star
Nov. 1, 1901

Protection paragraphs

Election next.

Henry Beltzer, the jeweler, has been in town this week.

John Keys has moved the Warner shop, which he recently purchased, and placed it upon his own lot.

Link King shipped two carloads of cattle to Kansas City this week.

The Odd Fellows from this place—about 20 in number—who attended the meeting of the lodge at Coldwater on Tuesday evening, report a very interesting meeting and royal treatment at the hands of the Coldwater lodge. The boys looked rather sleepy when they got home Wednesday morning. —[Columnist] “OWEN.”

Protection prattle

Attend the revival meetings.

The protracted meetings at this place are being well attended. Rev. Fisher explains the scriptures in a very forcible and convincing manner and his earnest appeals are having the desired effect. Rev. Hays continues to make friends and to do much good by his excellent work as leader of the singing.

The Protection band is surely a credit to our little city. The boys are learning quite rapidly. They will probably be heard from on Election Day.

Way & Meisinger are building a dwelling house for Delos Dunton. When completed the house will be occupied by Mr. Saunders, Mr. Dunton’s cattle foreman. The building is located about three-fourths of a mile north of John Stokes’. —[Correspondent] “JUNIPER.”

Among the stockmen

A trainload of cattle was shipped from some of the northeast counties to Sitka last Sunday. J.P. Campbell will have charge of them during the winter.

Several hundred head of cattle have been shipped out of Clark County this week.

Al Hall put 200 head of cattle on grass this week in

the Smith & Mussett pasture [part of what later became the Box Ranch south of Protection].

100 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Oct. 28, 1926

Protection on the radio

Mrs. Grace Bender and her class of music and voice pupils will broadcast from the Lassen Hotel station on Saturday evening, November 6, at 7 o’clock.

Mrs. Bender will be accompanied to Wichita by the following members of her classes and students: Misses Gladys Ramey, Luella Marie Peacock, Mamie Hughs, Lottie Hughs and Mr. Harland Hughs.

The party will be motored to Wichita by Dr. Winston and Lula Mae Ramey and son Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Hughs and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Hughs.

Mrs. Bender and her pupils are to be congratulated upon this invitation to broadcast from the Lassen station KFH and it comes to Mrs. Bender as a courtesy from the J.O. Adams Music Company of Wichita. . . .

Welcome back, Ernie

Ernest Osmon, or just plain “Ernie” as most Protection folks know him, was transferred from Englewood to the Protection [Santa Fe depot] agency on the assignment of Mr. R.C. Moore to Anthony.

No one could have been selected for the Protection agency who would have been more acceptable to the Protection public than Mr. Osmon.

He began his railroad career in Protection, many years ago [in 1908] when George S. Thomas was agent.

Later he served for years as cashier and operator locally [after working at Englewood and Ashland], being promoted three or four years ago [in 1923] to the agency at Englewood, and now returned to Protection where he entered as an apprentice at railroad work.

Mr. Osmon was extremely popular and well-liked as cashier during his years of service locally and his return as agent has been hailed

with delight by his many, many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmon and their son George express their appreciation in being returned to Protection, to serve as agent, and also that they will be privileged to again make their home among the many [people] and highly-regarded friends and to renew the friendship they enjoyed in their former residence in Protection.

The POST feels that it is not beyond its province to express to Mr. Osmon the deep feeling of satisfaction that is general throughout the community that on Mr. Moore’s promotion to the Anthony agency, the company saw fit to appoint him to the Protection agency.



E.G. “Ernie” Osmon, 1949.

75 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 26, 1951

Panthers push on

Protection’s undefeated Panthers played a non-league tune-up last Friday night at Spearville and only by the grace of Coach Chet Hayden did Spearville get a reprieve from a debacle.

With the Panthers leading 47 to 0 midway in the third period, Hayden ran in an entire string of subs to enable Spearville to score four times in the third and fourth quarters.

The first team made its appearance again just before the end of the game to score one more touchdown to make the final score read 53 to 27. . . .

The blue-plate special is on tap tonight at Minneola. The defending champion Wildcats are riding serenely on a 14-game winning streak. The Panthers have now won five this season. Both teams can run and pass and both have shown a rock-ribbed defense.

Big-city scribes have given the nod for the Panthers to come out on top, but most “experts” close to home rate the game a toss-up. . . . A general exodus is planned to Minneola and the boys will have plenty of rooting support behind them.

Manslaughter charge

D.O. Horney of Greensburg has been charged with third-degree manslaughter following the death of Ezra Hews, 54-year-old mineral feed salesman, Monday night.

Hews’ death resulted from a wreck at the corner immediately north of the DeWayne and Dolores Herd residence, six miles east, one mile north of Protection.

It is alleged Horney, in a jealous rage because of attention shown to Miss Anna Nielson by Hews, broke out the headlights and window glass of Hews’ car while Hews and Miss Nielson were parked in the Nielson yard one-half mile west of the Herd residence.

Miss Nielson got out of the car and Hews attempted to escape from Horney. He drove his car along the dark lane from the Nielson home without headlights. Horney

pursued, and Hews’ haste and lack of vision resulted in his missing the curve near the Herd residence. His car hurtled into the ditch and piled against a hedge post.

Hews was able to walk to the Herd residence where Dolores was alone at the time. She called Dr. L.G. Glenn and Marshal W.J. Mitchell who went to the scene. Hews was taken to the Comanche County Hospital where he died later that night of a crushed chest and punctured lung.

Sheriff Gloyd Hadley signed the complaint charging Horney after an investigation. He will be tried in the December term of District Court. In the meantime he is free on a \$2,500 bond.

Hews had been selling mineral feeds in this vicinity for the past two months. His home is in Corwin, Kansas. He is survived by a wife and three children.

County Historical Society

The first annual meeting of the Comanche County Historical Society will be held November 5, 1951, in the American Legion Hall in Protection. Protection has had a historical society for several years, but in 1950 it was voted to make it countywide.

The program will begin with a covered dish dinner at noon, followed by music, a chalk talk, an address by Willis Shattuck of Ashland, roll call by families, election of officers, and other business necessary for the carrying out of plans.

Christmas singers

If you enjoy singing, meet with us at the Methodist Church each Wednesday evening at 8:30 for Christmas cantata practice. The churches of the community are cooperating in this effort. Come and use your talent in adding joy to the Christmas season.

In the service

Private Merle and Jo Ann Wait and Brenda and Private Melvin McLaughlin spent the weekend in Protection visiting relatives. Merle and Melvin are stationed at Fort Riley and Jo Ann and Brenda are living in Manhattan.

55 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 29, 1971

Another Panther tale

The Panthers of PHS hit the Coldwater Eagle field last Friday evening with winning on their minds, and accomplished this feat, 33–13.

Craig Edmonston was on the prowl and looking for holes that led to four TD’s for the Panthers. First TD came on a 71-yard run and the PAT kick failed.

Craig then ran a 40-yard TD and Rex Maris passed to John Teter for the PAT, making the score read 14–0. On a pass from Maris, Craig ran 38 yards for the TD and Sid Herd kicked for the extra point, making it 21–0 at the half.

The Panthers came back after the halftime period to score a TD on a 25-yard run on a pass play from Maris to Edmonston. The PAT kick failed.

Teter gave the fans a big thrill when he intercepted a Coldwater pass and ran 33 yards for a TD. The PAT also failed, but gave the Panthers a big 33 points. John intercepted two passes and

Doug Brooks intercepted one Eagle pass.

Coldwater scored in the fourth quarter on a pass play from McNeely to Spence, and McNeely got the PAT on a kick. They scored again on an 85-yard kickoff return by McNeeley. The PAT failed.

The Panthers meet the Cimarron Bluejays on the home field tonight at 7:45 p.m.

Fall travelers

Jeff and Gladys Thornhill returned Monday after visiting in Arvada, Colorado, from Friday until Monday with Bob and Bonnie Wasinger and children Jeffrey, Mansel, Tana and Tia.

Their trip was quite an eventful for them as they went out to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, their twin granddaughters’ second birthday, and to see their two grandsons play in Little League Football.

Atlee and Edith Edmonston returned home Monday from a trip through New England. They visited their daughter Carmen and Jim Watson and family in Elnora, New York. They took several scenic drives around Elnora since they arrived just in time to see trees in their beautiful fall colors.

Lane and Lila Myers returned last Thursday from a two-week trip to Louisville, Kentucky, where they visited with their daughter Joyce and Wesley Veatch and family. They came home via the Ozarks and Branson, Missouri, where they visited relatives and friends.

Larry Filson returned to Protection after showing Filson products at a fair in the South.

Christmas singers again

The Protection Community Chorus, under the direction of Ron Haynes, will begin rehearsals November 7, for their twentieth annual production of Handel’s *Messiah*. Rehearsals will be held at the United Methodist Church and will begin at 2 p.m. Sundays. The program, scheduled to be given December 12, will also include a modern cantata by John W. Peterson, *The Wonder of Christmas*.

35 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 31, 1991

Out and about

DeWayne and Dolores Herd were in Cimarron Friday night. They watched grandson Jerod Jacobs play football as Cimarron defeated Greensburg by 27–12. Jerod is now a senior at Cimarron High. He scored the first Bluejay touchdown on a 59-yard run.

A family gathering at the home of David and D.A. Leeper said “farewell” to Lowell and Lisa Brooks and their children. This week, the Brookses are moving to Booker, Texas.

Paul and Linda Kissel went to Hays Saturday for Parents Day at Fort Hays State University. While there they visited their daughters Amy and Dayla. Amy is a senior and Dayla a freshman at FHSU.

Jordon Jarnagin spent Saturday evening with her grandparents, Ralph and Ruth Baker.

Sunday afternoon Irene Maris had visits in her home from both of her sons, Ron Maris of Coldwater, and Don and Karen Maris from Ashland.

Truman and Lahla Selzer

had as overnight guests Thursday of last week Jim and Mary Ann Miller from Filer, Idaho. Mary Ann is Truman’s sister. The Millers were en route home after a lengthy trip into Canada, Michigan, Indiana, and other states.

During the Millers’ visit here, the Selzer families around Protection had three gatherings at Don’s Place. Friday noon, Grace Hinstead of Grand Junction, Colorado, was also able to be present.

Ruth Atkan and her daughters Rachel and Julia, all from Elbing, Kansas, were present Friday. The Atkans and Grace are members of Glenn and Nellie Selzer’s family. More of that branch of the Selzer family came to Protection Saturday. They included Grace’s husband Norman Hinstead and Richard Piland, both of Grand Junction, and Ivan and Twila White of Elbing. Also here on Saturday were Frederic and Rose Marie Selzer from Kansas City.

Not unusual nowadays

By Bob Greer

Ashland had an unusual visitor recently. On Tuesday, October 15, an armadillo was found in the yard of Ben Ellis. It was captured by Ashland city personnel.

The shy critter was taken to the Ashland grade school [and later released].

More armadillos are being reported in the area recently. They are apparently moving north from Texas and Oklahoma, where they are common.

Several of the unusual creatures have been seen in Comanche County in the past several years: one south of Protection and another at Lake Coldwater.

Rainy and chilly

By Bob Greer

No, the long drought isn’t over.

But some rain finally fell in Protection and around the area Sunday night. It broke a string of 32 days without measurable precipitation.

The Sunday-night shower—accompanied by plenty of lightning and thunder—was the major topic of conversation Monday morning.

And then, Monday night, the temperature dipped to a chilly 22 degrees. It was the nippiest morning of fall so far.

Richard Wright measured .64 of an inch on his 7 a.m. reading of his rain gauge Monday. It was the first shower here since a small shower on September 24 left just .14 of an inch. . . .

15 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 27, 2011

Congratulations, Jan!

At the recent Kansas State University Research and Extension Annual Conference in Manhattan, Jan St. Clair of Protection was honored for 20 years of service to K-State Extension.

Jan worked one year in Stanton County and the rest of her service has been in Comanche County.

‘Hoops for Hope’

Are you ready for some basketball? WEPAC’s “Hoops for Hope” game is this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Ashland High School gym.

If you’re unable to attend, it will be broadcast on FOX Midwest, cable channel 24, DirecTV channel 671. . . .

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of Tablescapes. More than 20 decorated tables plus decorated trees can be viewed from 3 -6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, and from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 8.

For more information on library activities, check this website: protectionlibrary.com

Harvesting crops and planting wheat were postponed again late Saturday night as the predicted rain arrived. My daughter Amy and her husband Shane stopped to visit me Sunday afternoon and the rain started up again. It was a nice slow rainfall during Monday. My rain gauge showed just over an inch when I checked it Tuesday morning.



GOT NEWS?

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WILMORE NEWS

By Christina Griffin

I found a long nail today on the Wilmore roads in memory of Junior Fry.

A couple of weeks ago we had visitors from Pratt, Debbie Boley, her husband and brother and his wife. We showed them our house, the Sears house 1913 and gave them rides on the carousel. Debbie was pretty sure we were related, more like kissing cousins, so she pursued it. Effie Maltby Booth, Debbie's grandma, was married to Robert Booth, my grandma's brother, so we are in fact kissing cousins. Thanks for all the info Debby, that was a fun fact.

We had a visitor from Uruguay, South America this week. She was the daughter of a foreign exchange student that lived with Ernie and his family his senior year of high school, so Ernie has known him for a long time. He and his wife have passed so I think she was looking for connections to her parents because she misses them. Her name is Laura Montaldo and she has recently moved from Uruguay to France. She took a job as an economist at a university. She speaks English, Spanish, and French and does a good job in all. She was in Maryland working for 45 days, went to New York for a meeting, decided to come see us in Kansas and return to France by way of Washington, DC. We had a great time and agreed that Kansas looks a lot like Uruguay. Come again.

Update on the vultures: they aren't all gone yet, a few remain.

Today, Oct. 24 is the first day we received mail from California, that is a full month after our arrival, that is the epitome of snail mail. I will have a talk with them when I return, that is ridiculous.

My take on the movie Verity, from last week was that the popcorn and drink was excellent. It was a little convoluted and worked hard to be a thriller.

We had Ed Grover and granddaughters Cirilla and Ezra at the carousel Friday. We all had a good time. I'm going over next week to see mom Bella's day care in Protection. She is the girls mother.

Paxton Unruh brought his class to the carousel Friday afternoon, we had 12 or 13 very busy people, but they were well mannered and we had lollipops and cookies. Come again.

Then on Saturday we had a group from the Pratt Senior Center, about 15. They rode the carousel and we did a house tour and then they went off to Daves for pizza. Good plan, come again.

Happy Birthday to me on Monday and Johnita Nystrom of Greensburg on Tuesday. She had a very nice Come and Go on Saturday at the Mennonite church in Greensburg.

Ernie and I and the Timmers attended the Friendship dinner at the Bethel Mennonite Church on Saturday night, good food, good company and great singing. Thanks for having us, see you next week.

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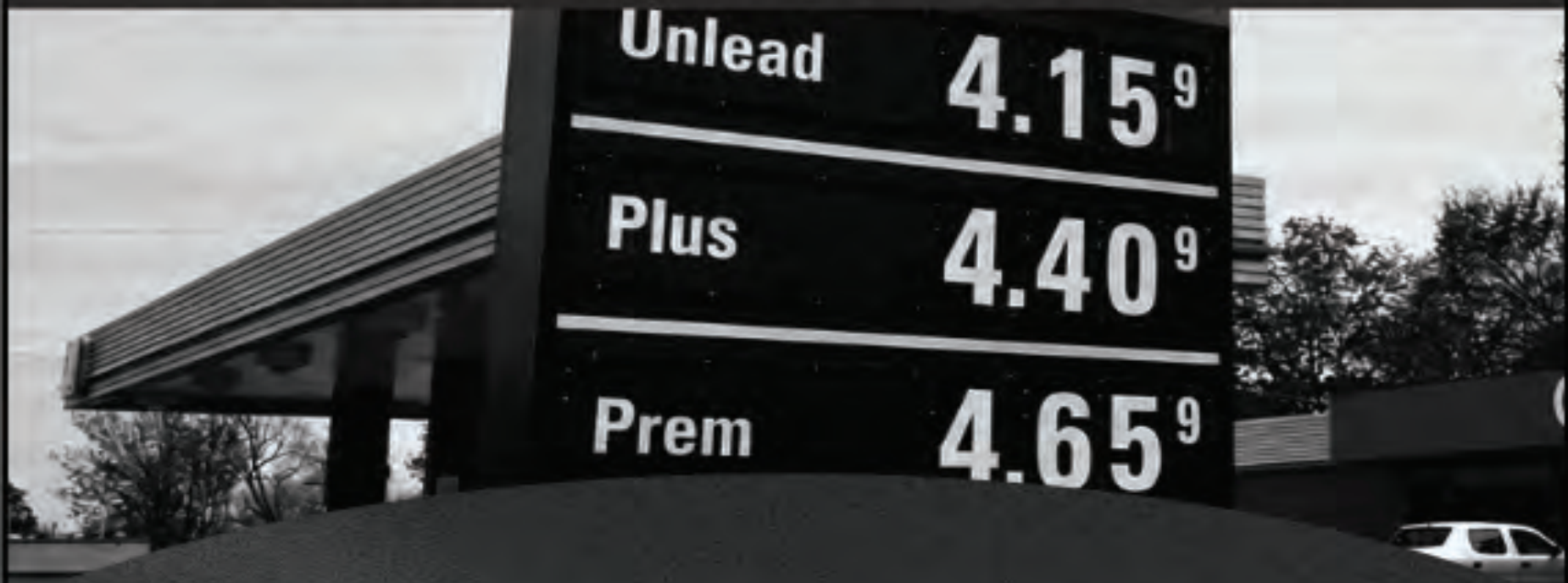
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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier days

Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 31, 1896 Star

Considerable ice and frost Friday morning. The fall rains have set in. Wednesday was a regular rainy day, and something over an inch of water must have fallen on a level.

Did you know last night was Hallow’een?

The trains are still running behind time.

Postmaster Rich announces he will make up the eastern mail at nine o’clock each night hereafter, instead of in the morning.

Election next Tuesday. Every man in the county should go to the polls and vote for the men he thinks will give the best government from president down to road overseer. The agony will be over in another week, and all the election bets will be settled. Oh! How it will hurt when you find out you have bet on the wrong man.

Milt Price opened a butcher shop in the Norris building this week. It never rains but when it pours. We have been without a butcher shop all summer and now we have two.

The STAR is among the few papers in the western part of the state that has done all the election printing at home this year without calling on Newspaper Unions or eastern job offices for assistance. We bought the material required, set up the type, and did all the printing in the office.

The tickets were first printed on the hand press, then trimmed and folded and the certification of the county clerk printed on the job press on the back of the ticket. The number of tickets printed for this county is 1,450, and our entire force has been quite busy getting them out. The job was finished according to law, five days before election.

120 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 26, 1906 Star

The leaves are turning brown. Winterish weather the first of the week. Considerable ice was noticeable on Tuesday morning. It was the worst freeze so far this season. More rain fell on Sunday and Monday. Since Monday, however, the sky has been clear and typical October weather has prevailed.

The election draweth near.

The editor of the STAR believes that the proposed Barnes High School Law upon which the voters will be called upon to pass judgment is worthy of the support of every voter in Comanche County. If you do not as yet fully understand the provisions of the proposed law hunt it up and read it carefully before election day November 6.

110 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 27, 1916 Star

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.

A meeting of all persons interested in the new Community Building now being completed in this city, especially those who have subscribed, or who expect to subscribe, to the Community Building stock will be held in the courtroom at 10 a.m. on next Tuesday, October 31.

It is desired that an organization be perfected, also that other business matters

connected with the building be attended to. Show your interest in this commendable enterprise by being present at this meeting.

Very few, if any, of the people of Coldwater were aware that for three days last week there was no water in the standpipe.

F.D. DeVore of Hinton, Okla., and two helpers were painting the inside of the big tank, which had been completely emptied, and while they were doing so a large hose was raised part way up the tower, thus maintaining a sufficient pressure for the town’s water supply. The painting of both the tower and tank inside and out will probably be completed this week.

100 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 29, 1926 Star

Keep in mind these cautions when you go into the booth to vote on next Tuesday. Make no mark on your ballot except a cross mark in the square to the right of the candidates for whom you wish to vote, with this single exception—if you wish to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for that purpose, and then put a cross mark in the square to the right of the name which you have written; do not vote for more than one person for the same office, unless the printed instructions say to “vote for two.” That instruction occurs only in the cases of justices of the peace and constable.

The recent purchase by Frank Betzer of the Community Building in this city, and his plans to use the number in the building in the construction of a number of residence property, marks the passing of this familiar structure, with which our people have been so familiar since it was built.

The Community Building was built about 10 years ago, the cost at that time having been met principally by a few individuals. The title to the property finally passed to J.J. Curran, and, after his death two years ago, his daughter, Mrs. F.L. Holcomb, became the owner. During the past few years, the building has been used principally for basketball games and roller skating, and an occasional dance or some other form of entertainment. The auditorium in the new high school building is now used for basketball purposes and various entertainments, thus, to a large extent, superseding the Community Building.

Last Friday afternoon on our own gridiron, the Coldwater high school football team played the Haviland team. Haviland won with a score of 19–0. Our team will tangle with the strong Medicine Lodge team on Friday, October 29, on the Medicine Lodge field. Some real opposition is assured as Medicine Lodge has 18 of their last year’s team back this year, so a real fight is in the offing for our boys.

This Friday the contents of the box that was in the cornerstone of the old building will be put on display in one of the show windows of the Allderdice Store. A great number of folks have asked to see these contents, and this means it is taken for a public showing. It is planned later to place these contents in the new building, where they will remain permanently.

90 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 30, 1936 Star

Old Man Winter has really moved in on us, but here is hoping he is not here permanently so soon.

This week, politics takes the front seat in Comanche County. There have been several meetings with outside speakers.

The STAR brings to its readers this week, many messages of a political nature. We urge you to read all of them, then go to the polls next Tuesday and vote for the candidates whom you believe to be most desirable and capable. That is not only your privilege, but your duty.

The general election this year will be held in the usual polling places with the polls opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. All voters are urged to vote early as indications point to a record-breaking vote this year. The Betzer garage will be the voting place in Coldwater.

The headlines say that prohibition isn’t a major issue in the campaign, but the *Fort Scott Tribune Monitor* points out that a lot of political speeches are pretty dry.

The Red Cross highway first aid class held its first meeting October 28 at the office of Dr. D.V. Dougherty. The object of this class is to instruct the members of Red Cross first aid stations on the highways.

The class is open to anyone interested in first aid. It is a fifteen-hour course in practical training. Those persons interested in taking such training should get in touch with Gardner Lyon or Dr. D.V. Dougherty at once.

Ray Sooter is adding three rooms to his home on North Central Avenue. A bathroom, kitchen and bedroom are being built.

Newspaper editors probably make fewer mistakes than most people, but they can’t cover them up. A businessman can adjust his privately, a housewife ruins a batch of bread and throws it out the window, and a doctor buries his mistakes, but when an editor makes one, there it is spread out for all the world to see till the end of time.—Peggy of the Flint Hills.

80 YEARS AGO

From Nov. 1, 1946 Star

The general election this year will be held next Tuesday, November 5. Everyone who has been a resident of Kansas six months, who has been a resident of a community 30 days and who is 21 years of age or over is eligible to vote at a polling place. Absentee ballots for out-of-town voters are available at the courthouse.

There are many returned veterans and others who are voting for the first time. If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, do not destroy the ballot, but return it to the judges who will give you another ballot. Do not use your fountain pen and make no erasures. And please do not sign your name.

The general election in Coldwater Township will be held on Tuesday, November 5 in the Darroch Motor Co. show room. The polls will open at 8 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday evening of this week, Coldwater played a non-league football game on the local field, defeating Medicine Lodge by the score of 13 to 7. The teams

were evenly matched and Coldwater played more in its normal form to push over two touchdowns, converting one point. So in 17 games, CHS has won 13, lost two and tied twice.

On page 4 of the STAR this week, is a display notice of a countywide prohibition rally, which will be held in the Coldwater Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. next Sunday, November 3. The public is urged to attend.

70 YEARS AGO

From Nov. 2, 1956 Star

On Monday evening, a half-inch of rain fell in Coldwater and varied in other parts of the county from .30 to .62 inch.

Luther Lemon reports that the dust at the county line when the wind changed direction was the worst he had seen here but practically no damage from the wind has been reported.

The ground was wet down a few inches only and much more moisture is needed. Douglas Dal, who lives southeast of town, reports that a small tornado funnel zipped up a tree strip on his farm. No other damage was reported.

The annual meeting of the Comanche County Historical Society will be on Monday, November 5, this year. The occasion will begin with a covered dish dinner at 12:30 in the Coldwater Memorial Building.

Prizes will be given to both the man and the woman coming the longest distance for this event. There will be a reserved table for the couples who have been married 50 years or longer. Special music and a good program is being planned for the afternoon.

Keep in mind the World Community Day special program this afternoon at the Prairie Vale Friends Church, starting at 2:30. The Rev. Bob Beck is the speaker.

Coldwater lost to Medicine Lodge Wednesday, 39 to 6.

Interest in helping select the Mystery Farms pictured in the WESTERN STAR continues, and even a lovely little girl in Wichita writes to tell us that she believes that the last Mystery Farm is that of the Clyde Thompson’s. She, too, is correct. Thank you all for your help.

The farm located five miles north and one mile east of Coldwater, is known to most Comanche County people as the Rev. J.B. Handy farm of 160 acres, which after his death was deeded to the Methodist church and was eventually bought by Walter Thompson, father of Clyde Thompson.

Clyde and his wife, the former Miss Wilma Betzer, have been living on the farm 10 or 11 years. They have three children, Randall, Richard and Rosemary. Clyde and his twin brother Clair and their father farm 1,800 acres of land and raise mostly wheat and cattle, also feeder lambs when feed and pasture are available.

60 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 27, 1966 Star

The Coldwater Eagles won their Homecoming game Friday night with Fowler, 44 to 20. At the half the Coldwater High School band, under the direction of Mr. Hodges, presented a fine musical program, also doing some fancy marching. Cinda Cummings is the majorette and twirlers are Mary Jane Metzger, Linda Oller, Saryl Purcell, and Rita Basnett.

The weather was perfect for football, but before very long the wind turned to the north and a good stiff cold breeze started blowing, which made it pretty miserable for the players and for the spectators. At one time the officials called time out until the dust cleared a little and the ball game could go on.

The Junior Eagles will close out their football season this Friday playing Protection. The game will be here starting at 6. The Coldwater sixth grade football team will play the Protection sixth grade football team here Thursday, today. Game time is 4.

In the Homecoming parade last Saturday, winning floats were sophomore class, first; Coldwater BPW, second; and Jaycee Jaynes, third.

50 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 28, 1976 Star

Polls will open in the usual places at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m. Coldwater Township: Veterans building; Avilla Township: Antioch church; Powell Township: Wilmore library; Protection Township: Legion Hall.

Everyone’s urged to KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES and then vote. Read the ads in this week’s WESTERN STAR. Attend the American Legion’s and Farm Bureau’s meet the candidates meetings and decide on firsthand information. Offer rides to your neighbors. Let’s produce one of the best voting turnouts in the state or nation percentagewise.

It’s time again for all the ghosts and goblins to make their visit, so come all thee who dare to the Spook House across from the courthouse south. Spooks will start arriving Friday, October 29th, at 8:00 and will be put to rest at 11:00. They will haunt the house Saturday night, October 30, with the visit from Wolf Man, October 29–30 from 8:00 to 11:00.

Coldwater telephone customers will receive their new directories next week, according to James B. Hungerford, local manager for Southwestern Bell.

The new book’s cover features a watercolor by Mrs. Betty Pino, Edwardsville artist. It depicts milk cans outside a weather-beaten barn, awaiting pick-up by the carrier for the milk route. In Kansas’ early years, these milk routes were traveled daily, rain or shine, from the farm to the marketplace.

To Mrs. Pino, the milk cans represent “chore time familiar to Kansas farm and dairy people.” Mrs. Pino, a self-taught artist, has been creating artwork for seven years. She gives private lessons and has exhibited her works widely in the Kansas City area. She is a past secretary of the Wyandotte Art Association and a member of the Kansas Watercolor Society.

Hungerford pointed out the Call Guide Pages at the front of the directory contain useful information on emergency long distance calls. He also urged customers to check their old directories before discarding them to make sure no important papers are inside.

A Hunters’ Safety Class is being offered in Comanche County on Saturday, October 30, from 9 to noon at the Coldwater Grade School auditorium with the Field Day to be held at the Clyde Blackard farm on Saturday, November 6, at 1 p.m.

40 YEARS AGO

From Oct. 30, 1986 Star

With the Coldwater Eagles football team on a winning streak, and this Friday’s game set for out-of-town, Coldwater City Marshal Herald Southards and Mayor Cleo Bliss have asked that any “Tricking” from this year’s Halloweeners be confined to Saturday night in Coldwater.

“With Halloween falling on Friday and the game being out of town,” Bliss said, nobody knows just wha to expect. Bliss said some anticipated that the Trick-or-Treating could run Thursday through Sunday, so he and the marshal felt some decision should be made.

He asked that the “Tricksters” remember the Halloween guidelines set out in the past by the city marshal and the city council. 1: Confine Halloween pranks to one night (Saturday this year).

2: Destruction of public or private property will be considered breaking the law. 3: No fires should be started. 4: Vandals (or the parents of minors involved in vandalism) will be prosecuted. 5: Don’t block any streets or alleys, creating traffic hazards.

Once again, the residents at Prairie Plaza will be looking forward to seeing all the little Trick or Treaters this year. Parents are asked to bring by their children Friday night between 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Treats for the young ones will be waiting at the Prairie Plaza Community Center.

The Comanche County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 9, 1986, at 2 p.m. at the museum in Coldwater. Those who have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary will again be honored.

An interesting program about Indians will be given by the Rev. Faye Thurman and she will have artifacts to show. A short business meeting and election of officers will be held. Refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy seeing the displays and learn more about the county as the society celebrates being founded 45 years ago in Protection.

Lifeline, a medical emergency response system, was launched Oct. 22 in the Protection, Coldwater and Wilmore areas by Comanche County Hospital. Lena Haun, Coldwater, is the first subscriber to the system.

The new program will provide security and medical assistance to the elderly and handicapped, allowing them to stay longer in their own homes rather than move to rest homes.

Lifeline buttons, which subscribers wear at all times and can push if needed, and a battery-operated sending unit located near the phone, will alert the hospital. The hospital immediately calls prearranged responders of the subscriber’s choice, and help is on the way.

The Lifeline button also has a built-in timer, set for 15 to 24 hours, for those unable to respond. If the timer alarms at the hospital, and there is no response from the subscriber, emergency help is also summoned. The system has a range of 200 feet, allowing subscribers to move freely around the house and outside in the yard.

Subscribers may lease the equipment from Comanche County Hospital for \$20 per month plus \$25 installation fee. For more information, call ElVera Unruh, Lifeline Program Coordinator.

SPORTS

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PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press

South Central's volleyball season came to an end last week in the Sub-State round of the Class 1A playoffs.

SUB-STATE

• From Page 1

Lady Timberwolves head volleyball coach Cindy Snyder said that the difference in the championship match was hitting, in that the Lady Tigers were more consistent with hitting.

"We sent a lot of free balls over toward the middle of that set and then they were hitting the ball right back at us, and if we're not hitting at this level, it's hard to win games," Snyder said.

She agreed with the assessment that the Lady Timberwolves were on defense more than on offense against the Lady Tigers.

"(We were) sending a lot of free balls or tipped balls over at them, which that just set them up to come in and swing at us," Snyder said. "That put them on the offensive side and we struggled a little bit against that."

The Lady Timberwolves have faced some strong teams this season, to include South Gray in league play and several teams at the Lyons tournament such as Southeast of Saline, Little River and Sterling.

"We saw some bigger hitters like that, which sometimes that's hard to simulate in practice when we don't

have girls that consistently can hit like that," Snyder said. "But, you know, we're young in a lot of places, so we've done pretty well for how young we're playing on our team."

The Lady Timberwolves had a slow start against LaCrosse, which Snyder chalked up to nerves.

"Once I kind of got them settled down, then they stepped up and started playing and competing and realizing they have to swing to play at this level," she said.

South Central trailed 8-1 in the first game against LaCrosse, but slowly worked its way back into the game, cutting the lead to 13-9. The game remained a four-to-six-point deficit from then on, but when the score was 23-19, the Lady Timberwolves scored twice to cut the lead to 23-21.

The Lady Leopards managed to score point 24, but SCHS came back to cut it to 24-23. However, Piper Price looked to make a play on a ball and it sailed just out of bounds.

But the Lady Timberwolves got back on track in the second game. Trailing LaCrosse 7-6, SCHS got a seven-point serving streak from sophomore Emerie

Woolfolk to gives SCHS a 13-7 lead.

The Lady Timberwolves never lost that lead, taking advantage of LaCrosse errors and coming up with key plays. They finished it off when leading 23-16 after a block, then a kill, from South Central freshman Lyla Girk.

In the third game, it was tied 11-11 before SCHS started to pull away. The Lady Timberwolves got an ace from senior Ellie Murphy and a kill from sophomore Kate Herd, then LaCrosse had a hitting error in the net to make it 14-11.

The Lady Leopards came back to tie the game 16-16, then SCHS took over. After a block by Girk, Woolfolk served five straight points to make it a 22-16 game. Though SCHS had a hitting error, the Lady Timberwolves got back control of the serve after a kill from Murphy, then the senior added two more kills to close out the match.

Against the Lady Tigers, South Central held the early lead, 12-8, in the first game. The Lady Timberwolves took advantage of Lady Tiger errors and got some key plays to build the lead.

But St. John-Hudson came back within two, 14-

12, then went on a six-point scoring streak to take the lead, 18-14.

South Central came back, though, going up 20-19, before the Lady Tigers scored to tie the game 20-20. SCHS had another chance to pull away, taking a 22-21 lead, but St. John-Hudson got the final four points to win.

The Lady Timberwolves again held the early lead, 11-8, in the second game. But St. John-Hudson came back to cut the lead to 14-13, then scored three straight points for a 16-14 lead.

This time, the Lady Tigers didn't let the Lady Timberwolves back in the game. With the score 18-16, the Lady Tigers racked up four straight points, with senior Gentri Bright getting multiple kills in that run.

SCHS trailed 23-17, then got a back-row kill from junior libero Bretlynn Westrup to stay in the game. But after a tipped ball from Bright, St. John-Hudson was able to finish the match after a kill by freshman Carlee Riegel.

South Central finished with a 30-12 overall record and had just two seniors on this year's squad: Ellie Murphy and Piper Price. Snyder said the two seniors will be

missed.

"Both of them are just outstanding young ladies," she said. "Having them out here as their leadership, they both stepped up into big roles this year and just took on the team being the senior leaders.

"You know, they led these young girls. They were always encouraging to them, which helped those young girls just continue to improve. But we're going to miss those two girls."

Snyder added that the younger players showed a lot of improvement during the course of the season.

She said their play has been "night and day" from where they started the season to where they were at by season's end.

"Hats off to them for putting in the work every single day when I came out here," Snyder said. "We would

sit there and break down hitting, break down passing, and they just absorbed all of that and just continued to just improve each day out, each night out, which gets us where we're at today."

She expects the players who return next season will continue to improve.

"I think where we ended and then bringing that into the summer when we go play summer league and go to team camp into next season, they're going to just keep improving, and that's going to be great," Snyder said.

"Most of the time, those freshmen, it seems like they come in their sophomore year, and that light bulb just gets really bright, and it's just kind of like everything falls into place, and they get it all put together. So I think our future is pretty bright with South Central."

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