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Protection Resident Shares His Love for Music

BY SUSAN EDMONSTON
Editor Emeritus

Protection has a celebrity among its residents, and many were not aware of him until Funfest 2026.

Kenneth “Ken” Rice was one of six entertainers who performed their music on Saturday evening, Aug. 28, and he was the oldest of them all.

Rice, 74, plays rhythm and blues, jazz and original music with a variety of saxophones: baritone, tenor, alto and soprano. His music is soothing – meaning it is relaxing, calming, reassuring, peaceful and tranquilizing.

Rice has a long list of his music on his YouTube channel – Ken Rice Simply Sax.

If you use the internet, type in Ken Rice Simply Sax. You will be amazed at the long list of his music on youtube.

Remember Kenny G, Boots Randolph, King Curtis – all professional saxophone players, and Rice can fit in with them all.

He was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

three times. The third time was when he was with the 70s band The Fabulous Flippers.

Because he volunteered to play his music at fundraisers in his community, he was awarded three President’s Call to Service Awards. Two letters of accommodations were signed by President Richard Nixon, while the other came from President Barack Obama.

Living in California

The Little Shop of Horns was his place of business in Temecula, Calif., which was 71 miles from San Diego. He owned and operated it for 24 years.

Rice was known for his horn repair work. He specialized in woodwind sales, lessons for adults and children and repairs.

During this time he began to collect sheet music, albums, saxophones, signatures from well-known musicians and books. He still has all of his collection.

Family

His parents were Kenneth “Harold” and Alethea Pearl

Rice, of Great Bend, later moving to El Dorado. They were married for 62 years. Harold played basketball for K-State and surveyed the Kansas interstates and worked for Halliburton for 44 years. Alethea met Harold in Hugoton on her way to Chicago to become an opera singer. She married Harold six days after they met and became a housewife for 62 years. Harold passed away in 2011 – Alethea in 2023.

In 1955-56, his parents submitted a photo of their son in a Gerber Baby Food contest and that photo won the beauty contest.

Ken was their oldest child. His sister, Teresa, lives in Mulvane; one brother, Kevin, resides in El Dorado. His youngest brother Keith died two years ago. All four took piano lessons. Ken had a year of private lessons from Jerry Peak, of Great Bend.

In 1963, his dad took 12-year-old Ken to hear Duke Ellington, an American jazz pianist, composer and leader of his jazz orchestra from 1924 to 1974. Ellington signed a \$1 bill for

the youngster, which he later framed and is included with his other collectibles.

Rice was sitting next to Johnny Hodges, who was an American alto saxophonist, best known for solo work with Duke Ellington’s big band. Hodges made such a great impression on Rice that he began to practice his sax six to eight hours a day and/or listen to Boots Randolph music.

Entertaining During War

Rice began to play the saxophone when he was 11 years old. His sister had the French horn, Kevin the drums and Keith the trumpet.

In 1965, Ken wanted to play sax with the Fabulous Flippers but that didn’t happen until 1970 in Lawrence. They had a hit record titled *the Harlem Shuffle*. It sold a million copies. Then the Rolling Stones covered that song and won a whole lot more.

It was also in 1970 that Rice composed his very first song. It was called *Someday Girl*. He recorded it in Minneapolis in the same studio



KENNETH ‘KEN’ RICE

as Prince. Yes that Prince. He sang all the harmony and played all horn parts. This song was meant for Debbie, the girl from Coldwater to whom he had proposed to marry.

He joined the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He never fired a shot because a sergeant major walked by

his tent one night and heard him quietly playing a saxophone. Then he introduced him to the general who came and asked if Rice could put a group together to entertain the troops, as well as improve good faith with the European nation.

Rice saluted and said,
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Cost Share Assistance Available for Livestock Water Efficiency Project

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Department of Agriculture’s Division of Conservation is pleased to announce the availability of funds in the form of cost share assistance and incentive payments to assist commercial feedlots and dairy operations with livestock water efficiency technology. The Kansas Livestock Water Efficiency Project is part of the state’s ongoing effort to encourage water conservation and to seek solutions for water challenges in the state.

This initiative is designed to enhance and/or upgrade current large-scale livestock watering systems in commercial feedlots and dairies by providing cost share assistance for practices such as upgrading to high efficiency livestock waterers, water controls, and water recycling systems.

KDA–DOC will accept applications from Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, to the close of business Friday, Nov. 6. Equipment purchases and subscriptions made before application approval by KDA–DOC are not eligible for this initiative. Eligible applicants must hold a current water right for stock water with the state of Kansas.

Funding is provided through appropriation from the State Water Plan Fund and the program is administered by KDA–DOC in consultation with the State Conservation Commission.

Applications for this irrigation technology cost share funding must be made through KDA–DOC. Find more information about the project including the application and more details about funding eligibility at www.agriculture.ks.gov/DOCLivestockWater or email Jake Dooling at Jacob.Dooling@ks.gov.



PAULA BRADLEY / The Star-Press

Pee Wee: Third-Fourth Grade Team Competes

Comanche County third-and-fourth grade team member Aycen Leeper tries to break a tackle and find running room in a recent pee wee game at home. The team will take part in the playoffs on Oct. 17 at Hodgeman County.

Timberwolves Ready for Big District Showdown After Bye Week

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Central football team was idle this past week but head coach Brett Westrup said it gave the Timberwolves a chance to work on individual drills and prepare for their next opponent, Central Plains, at home, on Friday night.

“We spent two days of watching Central Plains on film and then we just spent a lot of time working on areas that we need to get better to hopefully exploit their defense and be ready for different looks on their offense,” Westrup said.

The Timberwolves also had a bye week last year. Westrup noted

the bye week came at a crucial time each season because they had some key players who were dealing with minor injuries. That allowed them to get some rest and he hopes to have them back at full strength this week.

The Oilers lost in overtime, 34-28, to Kiowa County this past Friday in District 7 play. They were undefeated before the Kiowa County game, with a 28-18 win over Victoria to open the season, a close 24-22 win over Ell-Saline, a 42-20 win over Kinsley and a blowout win against Spearville, 52-6.

But though the Timberwolves have beaten Kiowa County and the Mavericks have handed the Oilers their first loss, Westrup said that

the Timberwolves are focused on the task at hand.

“We’re not looking at what the outcome of last week was with that game,” he said. “We’re just going to take care of ourselves because we know that our fate of a district championship is in our hands. And we know that the fate of, if we want to have all home playoff games, that’s in our hands.

“And we don’t want to look at what happened to Central Plains last week or what Kiowa County did last week. We just got to go out and play South Central football and just make sure we take care of business and let the rest take care of itself.”

Westrup said that Oilers head

coach J.D. Johnson does a good job with his program. Central Plains runs a 3-2 defense but will show multiple looks on offense.

“They’re going to get in an I formation and they’re going to spread it out,” Westrup said. “They’re going to run it in the I. They’re going to throw it in the I.

“They’re going to run it in the spread and they’re going to throw it in the spread. So they give you a lot of multiple different looks. You just got to be ready for run and pass out of every formation.”

He said that the Timberwolves (4-0) want to get better with each week, but more importantly, they want to dominate in all facets of the game.

“We want to dominate the offensive line, defensive line,” Westrup said. “We want to dominate in the defensive secondary. We want our offensive skill guys to dominate them.”

But to do that, he said, that means getting better with each game, cleaning up mental mistakes and focusing on how to do that as a team and with individual skills.

“We just want to go out and focus on getting better each day individually or on individual stuff,” Westrup said. “And then that will all come together as a team.”

As for other District 7 teams, Spearville is 1-1, with the loss to Central Plains and a 52-6 win over St. John-Hudson.

SPORTS/NEWS

Lady Timberwolves Currently Third in Volleyball Region 3

STAFF REPORT

The South Central volleyball team is currently third in Class 1A Division 1 Region 3, going into the final week of the regular season.

The Lady Timberwolves are 19-10, the same record as St. John-Hudson. South Gray is currently in first in Region 3 with a 27-1 overall record, while Victoria is second with a 16-8 overall record.

South Central played at St. John-Hudson Saturday and beat the host Lady Tigers in two, 25-17, 25-20.

That gives the Lady Timberwolves the tiebreaker over the Lady Tigers in Regional seeding.

SCHS also faced Ingalls Saturday and lost a close match in two games, 25-21, 25-23.

On Tuesday, the Lady Timberwolves hosted Bucklin, Minneola and Pawnee Heights for senior night. SCHS beat Bucklin 25-15, 25-12, beat Minneola 25-15, 25-15 and beat Pawnee Heights 25-13, 25-11.

The Lady Timberwolves head to Kiowa County on Saturday, Oct. 10

for the Southern Plains League tournament. They will then head to Ashland Tuesday, Oct. 13 to face the host team and Moscow.

South Central is in a Regional that includes Central Plains, Elkhart, Kinsley, Kiowa County, La Crosse, Meade, Minneola, Pratt-Skyline, South Gray, Spearville, St. John-Hudson and Victoria.

The top four seeds in the Regional will host tournaments, with the top two teams in each tournament advancing to Sub-State play.

RICE

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“yes.”

His music probably saved his life and all those who joined his band. The band is still together; it’s called 7th Signal Brigade Communicators out of Germany.

Albums

The four albums with his music are *Past and Present*, *Night Flight*, *On the Verge* and *About Love*.

In 1982, Frank Sinatra wanted some new songs so Rice composed 10 songs for him. He doesn’t think Sinatra ever used them, so Rice recorded and released them himself on the *About Love* album in 2023.

In 1994, Rice tried out, twice, for American Idol, with an a cappella singing rendition of *Nature Boy*.

That same year, people began to pay more attention as Rice began to be the lead singer in his band, as well as using his saxophones. He sings from his heart.

Experiences

Rice has performed with so many great musicians and here is a partial list of the bands and individuals with whom he played his saxophone and sang with over the years:

The San Diego Symphony; Robert Gordy, of

Motown; The Stylistics; Little Richard; Billy Preston; Smoky Robinson; Harry Dean Stanton; Gloria Gaynor; Ella Fitzgerald; Johnny Depp; Slash; Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes live, in Berlin; Thelma Houston; Johnny Hodges; Cat Anderson; POCO; Frieda Payne (Band of Gold); Jay McShan; Marvin Gaye, Golden Hall San Diego – one year before his passing; The Chi-lites with Barry White, in Germany; and the Platters.

Rice has been around the world three or four times because his musical abilities. He chuckled where he said, “the jet landed in Iceland for several hours, so I guess I can say I have been on all seven continents.”

Teaching in Private School

Before moving to Protection, Rice was hired at a private school in Murieta, Calif., even though he didn’t have credentials to teach. His choir and band classes were with fourth graders to seniors. Debbie was there to be his secretary.

He involved his students in two musical productions. One of them was *Shrek*.

“The band didn’t have any saxophone players, and I wasn’t told that the students were autistic,” Rice said.

“One of them didn’t like to be touched all year, but on

the last day, he hugged me, his teacher.”

First impression of living in Protection

“This is a nice place to live,” Rice said of living in Protection. “I love the openness and the people.

“I miss eating at Don’s Place.”

Rice has a workshop in Protection if your instrument needs repairs. He can be contacted by calling (951) 694-5554.

One of his recent bookings was the annual meeting of the Woodward Arts & Theatre Council, Inc. held in August, in Woodward, Okla., about 60 miles south of Protection. He was featured as a saxophonist and a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist.

He will be in Hays, at the Horseshoe Lounge, from 8

to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

He is now often seen with The Cash Carrico Band from Woodward. On Oct. 30, they will be in Arnett, Okla., at the Pack Saddle Bar & Grill, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The five-piece band plays a unique blend of red dirt with a twist of rock and country soul. Third-generation singer, guitarist and songwriter Cash Carrico, along with longtime friends Dakota Davis, on lead guitar, Steven Cox, on bass guitar, Ryan Savely, on drums and Rice, on sax, brings a mix of original music combined with covers of new and old country classics.

Cox is the husband of Rylee Jellison-Cox, daughter of Mark and Shari Jellison, of Protection. Steven and Rylee and their children live also in Protection.

COLDWATER WEATHER

By Greg Vanderree

SEPTEMBER 30
High 72 / Low 66 / Precip - .62
OCTOBER 1
High 84 / Low 64 / Precip - .32
OCTOBER 2
High 73 / Low 54 / Precip - .10
OCTOBER 3
High 69 / Low 50 / Precip - None
OCTOBER 4
High 76 / Low 55 / Precip - None
OCTOBER 5
High 78 / Low 53 / Precip - None
OCTOBER 6
High 79 / Low 55 / Precip - None

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Coldwater - 620.582.2251
Protection - 620.622.4619

Tues 9/29 6.63
Wednesday 9/30 6.53
Thursday 10/1 6.57
Friday 10/2 6.55
Saturday 10/3 CLOSED
Sunday 10/4 CLOSED
Monday 10/5 6.62
Tuesday 10/6 6.76

DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST

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\$143.78, 6304 COUNTY ROAD 24, ORLAND, CA 95963
OTTO/GRETCHEN BRASCH
\$224.92, 10 ANN MARIE LN, WANTAGE, NJ 07461
CELTIC PARTNERS LLC
\$84.32, %BRUCE PROPERTY TAX SOLUTIONS PO BOX 8207, WICHITA FALLS, TX 76307
JOHN COLTER
\$612.92, 14009 14th AVE S, TACOMA, WA 98408
JOHN COLTER
\$141.22, 14009 14th AVE S, TACOMA, WA 98408
JOHN COLTER REVOCABLE TRUST
\$74.06, 14009 14th AVE S, TACOMA, WA 98408
JOHN COLTER REVOCABLE TRUST
\$72.18, 14009 14th AVE S, TACOMA, WA 98408
DDH LLC
\$88.54, %COMANCHE RESOURCES CO
5407 3 120th, TULSA, OK 74137
DDH LLC
\$60.31, %COMANCHE RESOURCES CO
5407 3 120th, TULSA, OK 74137
DDH LLC
\$84.54, %COMANCHE RESOURCES CO
5407 3 120th, TULSA, OK 74137
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\$67.70, 7906 S ADDISON WAY, AURORA, CO 80016
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\$70.34, %DAVID E JABARA, 9200 E 13th ST N, WICHITA, KS 67206
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\$472.56, PO BOX 36, COLDWATER, KS 67029
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\$65.42, PO BOX 382, COLDWATER, KS 67029
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\$191.06, PO BOX 523, BUCKLIN, KS 67834
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ASHLEE MALLEY
\$63.56, 10373 HOLDEN DR. PASS, CHRISTIAN, MS 39571
JOHN MOREL
\$67.70, 2792 S FILLMORE ST, DENVER, CO 80210

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\$61.01, 7380 S. ORIOLE BLVD, APT 307, DELRAY BEACH, FL 33446
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\$245.20, 9275 STONEMIST TRCE, ROSWELL, GA 30076
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\$147.04, %DOUGLAS MYERS, 4401 RABBIT BURHS AVE NW, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87120
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AMANDA PIKUS
\$315.16, 1212 PURTOV ST APT 12, KODIAK, AK 99615
BARBARA PILLER ESTATE
\$68.72, UNDELIVERABLE
LESTER I & MARION T ROSEN
\$68.72, 4340 DARLEY ST, BELLAIRE, TX 77401
SAAW OPERATING LLC
\$632.63, %BILL WOODWARD, PO BOX 481, PROTECTION, KS 67127
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SHAVANO ENERGY INC
\$85.24, 9497 S CHERRYVALE LN, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80126
SHRYACK LIVING TRUST
\$87.60, %VINCENTE SHRYACK, 3627 AMBER HILLS DR, DALLAS, TX 75287
ROBERT E THOMAS REVOCABLE TRUST
\$110.90, %BRUCE PROPERTY TAX SOLUTIONS LLC, PO BOX 8207, WICHITA, TX 76307
ROGER & MARILYN THOMAS FAMILY TRUST
\$106.96, %EVERGLOW ENERGY, 6908 NW 112TH ST, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73162
ELIZABETH TWADDLE
\$63.56, 10373 HOLDEN DR, PASS CHRISTIAN, MS 39571
ROBERTS & KATHRYN G WHEELER
\$61.93, 2433 E 24TH ST, TULSA, OK 74114
THOMAS A WINSLOW
\$83.38, 7326 S 69TH CT E, TULSA, OK 74133
Grand Total: \$10,318.39
Subscribed before me this 1st day of October 2026
Laura Sawyers, Comanche County Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE INTERESTED

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

1. Miller Welder -Model# DAV-300L
2. 1997 Fiat-Allis Wheel Loader
3. 2004 GEHL SXT - Skid Loader
4. 1994 Ingersoll-Rand- Model# PT-125R - Pneumatic Compactor
5. 1995 Ford L8000 - Dump Truck
6. 2013 John Deere 670G - Motor Grader
7. John Deere MX-10 - Brush Hog
8. 2001 Chevrolet Silverado 2500

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to K.S.A. 3104 that a canvass of votes cast will take place at the Comanche County Courthouse on August 13th, 2026, in the Commissioner room.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my seal this 28th day of September 2026.

/s/ Bri Uhl, Comanche County Election Officer

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AUDIT, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3009, notice is hereby given that the post-election audit will be held Monday November 10th, 2026, in the County Courthouse Commission Room located on the 1st floor at 201 S New York Ave, Coldwater, KS 67029.

The election audit shall be votes cast in the General Election to be held on November 3rd, 2026.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of September 2026.

/s/ Bri Uhl, Comanche County Election Officer

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Past Paragraphs

Protection news from earlier times

Compiled by Dave Webb

125 YEARS AGO
Western Star
Oct. 11, 1901

Protection paragraphs

Plenty of rain now. Wheat is looking better every day. There will surely be plenty of good wheat pasture.

H.B. and W.M. Bratcher have bought Nathan Lindley's calves.

Cattle shippers from Protection this week: Henry Jett, 3 carloads; N.J. Walden, 2 carloads; I.K. Rodgers, 1 carload.

Way & Meisinger recently received another carload of coal and a car of lumber.

G.W. Reed is repairing his house.

J.W. Way has taken the contract to build a new dwelling house for Delos Dunton at his horse and cattle ranch three miles northeast of Protection.

Harvey Zane, of Oska-loosa, Iowa, arrived here last week on a visit with his brother, Ben Zane, of Clark County. Mr. Zane is quite well pleased with south-western Kansas.

Carl Hargis, of Lancaster, Missouri, is visiting at J.W. Way's.

The new band instru-ments have arrived and the boys are making the welkin [old-fashioned term for "sky"] ring with their melodious strains of music. They begin their practice as though they mean business.

Mrs. Meisinger's music class has completed the first term of lessons and will begin another term in the near future.

There will be a basket social at the schoolhouse at Protection on Thursday evening, October 17. The ladies of the church have the matter in charge and an enjoyable time is assured. Of course you will be there. —[Correspondent] "OWEN."

Protection prattle

Look out for frost soon. Alternating clouds and sunshine.

M.M. Cosby is attending the meeting of the IOOF grand lodge in Topeka this week as the representative of the lodge at this place.

Ed Fleming was down from Coldwater Saturday negotiating for the purchase

of a well drill from G.W. Reed. They did not close the bargain.

Dave Taylor is entitled to the "cake" for guessing the weight of livestock. He guessed on the weight of a horse and a cow the other day and only missed the weight of each about 350 pounds. —[Correspondent] "JUNIPER."

This and that

T.L. Chase began teaching on Monday of last week in the Bratcher district in Val-ley Township and will finish the term which was begun in September by E.M. Harper. Mr. Chase is a teacher of 10 or 12 years' experience. He was principal of the Engle-wood schools for a couple of years.

A large crowd of inter-ested stockmen and others attended Stokes & Dunton's big stock sale near Protec-tion yesterday. O.P. Snare auctioneered the sale. We hope to give a full report of the sale next week.

Ike Mussett boarded Monday morning's train for the east, taking a carload of cattle as far as Kansas City. He will probably visit Chi-cago and other eastern cities before returning.

Bert Cogswell, of Irwin Township, is receiving a visit from his father, Colonel J.H. Cogswell, of Titusville, Pennsylvania.

100 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 7, 1926

Next Fall Festival set

Wednesday evening of this week, the annual meeting of the Fall Festival com-mittee was held and the routine business for the year transacted. . . . From all reports Wednesday night it seems that the festival has just about paid its way this year and made a substantial payment on its permanent building.

The dates for the festival in 1927 were set by the meeting for the first day to be the last Wednesday in September and the festival to last the three days of that week. These dates will keep the regular dates for the fes-tival as has been the custom for the past several years.

Officers for the ensu-

ing year were elected as follows: president, Scott McCormick; secretary, A.F. Baker; and treasurer, Harry Large. . . .

New homes

Nat Barnes closed the contract for a dandy new bungalow on his farm east of Protection this week. The Home Lumber & Supply Company will furnish the material for Nat and Cora Barnes' new house and Mr. L.A. Means has the contract for the carpenter work.

Mr. Barnes will embody in his new home the latest and modern conveniences and when completed he will have a comfortable and commodious home. He has commenced the preliminary work and is hauling the material to the farm now for the house.

Ira Chambers, who purchased the former H.L. Osborne home last week, began Monday the exca-vating for a basement and will push the remodeling of the house into a modern, six-room stucco bungalow. It will be mission in design and a very attractive home as completed under the plans that Ira and Minnie Chambers have chosen.

New cafe owner

Tuesday of this week, N.G. LaFever of Coldwater pur-chased the Cozy Lunch from M.S. Nickels and is now operating it.

Mr. LaFever plans many improvements that he will make in the restaurant with-in a short time, looking for the improvement in both the service and fixtures of the lunch room.

Mr. LaFever stated to the POST that he will give every effort possible to serve the public and to extend cour-teous treatment to all and will appreciate a share of the patronage.

Prices will be main-tained at popular levels and services at the highest point possible.

New grocery owner

Last week the deal was consummated whereby A.B. Shoemaker purchased the grocery and meat market of Sibbitt & Son.

The stock was invoiced during the latter part of the week and Mr. Shoemaker is now operating and in charge of the grocery and market.

He will operate both stores and in every way try and give the public full and complete service and just and honest treatment in buying merchandise.

Mr. Shoemaker will carry the same brands and extend the full service of his busi-ness as he has in the past in his new acquisition.

New creamery owner

Last week W.L. Dodson sold his cream and produce station to Colin Dodson who will conduct it at the same stand and under the same liberal policy for service and prices that has characterized the policy of W.L. Dodson.

The station will continue to occupy the same location, and Mr. Colin Dodson will give the public the same and if possible better and more prompt service than has been in the past.

In again resuming his connection with the produce business in Protection, Mr. Colin Dodson states that he will be happy to welcome his old customers as well as all northwest ones, and Mr. W.L. Dodson in retiring from the business, is ap-preciative of the patronage

given him and the loyalty he has enjoyed from a very liberal clientele and goodly patronage.

Mutt Thornhill makes news

In the football game last week at Lawrence, between Washburn College of Topeka and the Jayhawkers, or the Kansas University football team, Melvin "Mutt" Thorn-hill of Protection played the left half position for the Jayhawkers.

The following item re-garding Thornhill's work in the game is clipped from the *University Daily Kansan* of Sunday, October 3:

"One bit of work which probably escaped the eyes of most fans was early in the first quarter when 'Mutt' Thornhill forced [Harold] Broughton out of bounds for a three-yard loss.

"Thornhill is a man who will be heard of as soon as he becomes more experi-enced, and his work yester-day was good. At the begin-ning of the third quarter, he kicked 48 yards, which is a mighty hefty boot. Wiscon-sin will have an eye open for him next Saturday."

75 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 5, 1951

Panther football

Ronnie Sibbitt and "Skip" Woolfolk shared scoring honors at Ford Friday after-noon as Protection scored an easy Iroquois League victory, 41 to 0.

Most of the game was played with first-string play-ers as Chet Hayden strove to get his squad ready for the tough league slate.

PHS/college musicians

Six graduate members of the Panther band are now playing in college bands.

Pat Myers [Sanders], Lola Breit, Cathryn Rowland [Hoover] and Gary Hopkins are now playing in both the marching and concert bands at Fort Hays State College.

Dennis Atkeson is playing in the Ohio State Band which is one of the three finest college bands in the nation.

Ernest Lee Rhodes is playing baritone in the Wichita University band.

Leah Vaughan [Ross] and Marilyn Herbord [Bateman] are going to Wichita Satur-day to play in the Wichita Youth Symphony. GERALDINE THOMAS [Carr] hasn't received an answer from tryouts but has an excel-lent chance of making the symphony.

Gone fishin'

Ernie and Ollie Osmon and Ona McCormick went fish-ing last week. Mrs. Osmon feels quite proud having caught two big ones. One weighed 7¾ pounds and the other 8¾.

Roy Toothaker

Roy Toothaker, son of Thomas Blakeway Tooth-aker and Mary Ellen Moore Toothaker, was born Sep-tember 7, 1882, in Nebraska and departed from this life at his home in Wilmore, September 26, 1951, at the age of 69 years and 19 days. . . . On August 9, 1910, Roy was united in marriage with Mary Belle Huff of Cullison, Kansas. To this union 13 children were born.

Newsmakers

Duane Tobias spent Sunday with his uncle, Howard Tobias.

Earl and Lila Webster

and Diane of Iuka spent the weekend at the homes of Martin Webster and Albert Hazen.

Sondra and Joyce Bird were Saturday guests of their grandparents, Clarence and Bertie Nichols.

Roger Lehman of Reno, Nevada, is visiting his parents, Walter and Netta Lehman.

Crist Beyler and Harry Stoll have been putting out wheat in western Kansas.

Lloyd and Bernice Hack-ney and daughters, Charles and Anna Petty and sons, and David Leeper and Mac were Sunday dinner guests of Paul and Frances Edmon-ston and family.

Blanche Cohlmlia returned home Monday after a week of visiting in Wichita and Arkansas City.

Karen Jo Hopkins was a Sunday dinner guest of Patty Prilliman.

Ethel Windus and Bessie Christopher were Dodge City visitors Friday.

PEO gathers

Chapter DM, PEO, enjoyed a covered dish dinner on the patio at the Herbord home, Monday evening. Nola Harvey, president, presided at the meeting afterward. Gladys Peacock, yearbook chairman, had charge of the program.

Other members present were Lola Herbord, Mar-garet Waldorf, Ethyl Ward, Gary McGee, Theo Shraun-er, Pauline Graham, Marga-ret Huck, Olive Zane, Vesta Sibbitt, Mary Overocker, Ruby Cushman, Juanita Glenn, Allene Jones, and Irene Moore.

Maude Carpenter of Wichita, a charter member of Chapter DM, and Lucy Deck, an inactive member, were guests at the dinner.

55 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
October 8, 1971

Out and about

Junior and Frances Eubank were in Wichita Saturday and Sunday attending the Art Fair at the Twin Lakes shopping center.

Miss Dorothy Hemel visited in Ness City this weekend with her parents.

Verlyn Willems returned home on Monday evening, but is now helping in the corn harvest with sever-al former Bethel College friends.

Dawn and Darin Fitz-water were Friday and Saturday night guests of the Garland Fitzwaters.

Mrs. Gladys Peacock and Mrs. Dorothy Huck attended the district WSCS meeting at Minneola.

Hud and Marge Sangster and family were Saturday night visitors of Larry and Melvina Harvey and boys.

Kent Sanders, junior at KSTC in Emporia, spent the weekend with his parents, Robert and Calla Sanders. Hal and Cathy Sanders of Wichita were Saturday over-night and Sunday guests.

Candy Miller had the misfortune of breaking her little finger in gym class on Thursday. Her cast is covered with signatures of her friends.

Short sports report

The Protection Panthers romped the Meade Buffa-loes last Friday night on the home field for a 6-0 win. The Panthers' defense held the Buffaloes to only 13 yards rushing. Protection's only score came on a 9-yard run by Rex Maris. The extra

point failed. The Panthers will meet the Greensburg Rangers on their field tonight.

35 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 10, 1991

Scary accident

Amy Edmonston, 15, was involved in a one-vehicle accident in Protection on Saturday evening, Septem-ber 14. She is the daughter of Myron and Susan Edmon-ston.

In a freak accident, a pickup truck loaded with nine teenagers backed over Amy's body on a paved street. The tires went over her body at least twice — across the shoulder/chest area and across the pelvic area.

She was taken by ambu-lance to the emergency room at Ashland Hospital. Then she was taken to Humana Hospital at Dodge City.

Amy's injuries were a broken collarbone, scraped arms, and a few other abra-sions.

Also recovering

Lynn Wymer brought wife Vonnie home last Monday from Wesley Hospital in Wichita. She had undergone back surgery there.

Ruth Bratcher visited her sister Alice Deck at her place of business Thursday while in Medicine Lodge. Her husband Duane had just returned home from St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, recovering from a bout with acute pneumonia.

15 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
October 6, 2011

Bobbing Along Broadway
By Bob Greer

October is finally here. That means school is well un-derway and football season (even at the college level) is about halfway over.

It also means that those muggy 100-degree days are finished. But the regional drought is continuing.

My wife Wilma and I are still enjoying various kinds of wildlife. There are still plenty of squirrels zipping here and there around town.

Our city water tower con-tinues to be a resting place each night for about 50 to 70 of those ugly buzzards. I'll bet they will be heading south to warmer climes soon.

Recently we saw some-thing just north of town that you don't want to fool around with.

It was a road-killed porcupine, with sharp quills aplenty sticking out. Don't touch those critters and don't run your car tires over them, either.

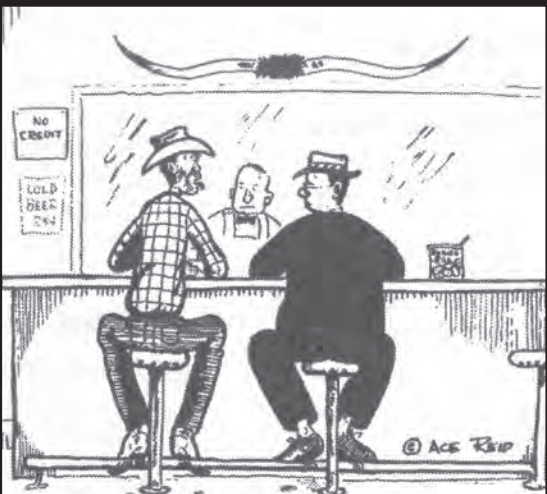
About a week ago we saw a group of 10 turkeys stilling along just north of town. They were near Kiowa Creek, which has been bone-dry for quite a while now.

Flower beds in town are winding down this time of year, but I can direct you to a large batch of bloomers. As you drive west and north of town and make several turns, you'll be surprised to find a humongous patch of wild sunflowers.

If you're bored and have nothing else to do, try guess-ing how many sunflower plants are there. There must be 60 gillion, give or take one or two.

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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier days
Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO From Oct. 10, 1896 Star

The frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder in the shock.

The merchants of Coldwater are receiving tremendous stocks of goods for the fall and winter trade.

The Democrats and Populists of Coldwater Township are requested to meet in this city at 2 o'clock Tuesday, October 13, 1896, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for township officers to be voted for Nov. 3.

County warrants are bringing a better price than they did at the last meeting. They ought to bring about 85 cents on the dollar.

There is no country on earth where the people generally are in a better financial condition than in Comanche County. There is not a pauper in the county.

On the first round, W.T. Holland returned home last week from Hamilton County, and undertook to ride a bronco. The result was that he has been confined to his bed ever since. The next time he starts out to make his campaign, he will try a go-cart.

The general merchandise firm of H.E. Durkee, and the firm name now reads, Crummer & Durkee dealers in general merchandise at the old stand.

The senior member of the firm has been in the mercantile business in the county for twelve years past, though at Coldwater than two years.

The junior partner is also an old resident of the county, but lived on a farm and been engaged in stock raising until recently, though the mercantile business is not new to him as he has been engaged in it before.

Crummer & Durkee are both clever and genial merchants, and are entitled to a fair share of the business in their line.

120 YEARS AGO From Oct. 5, 1906 Star

Another shower of rain last night.

Work has begun this week on the foundation of the new Methodist parsonage in this city. A 25-foot lot just north of the church and facing west was bought from Frank Kimple and the parsonage will be erected thereon.

We wish to thank the people of Coldwater for their friendship and generosity in giving of their finances to help along the Salvation Army relief work. We would like to remain longer, but are called to other fields of labor. May God bless you all. — Capt. H.B. Northrup and Lieut. H.C. Walters.

The Merchants' Carnival is in progress at Protection.

Alex Moore and family moved this week to the Howell property. Grandpa Holland will soon move in from the country and occupy the property vacated by Mr. Moore and which was recently purchased by John Holland.

"Shortage of subsidiary coinage," in other words, a lack of small change, has been giving the treasury officials some trouble.

One of them suggests that the reason is that the people are prosperous and when they are prosperous, they carry loose change in their pockets. "They like to hear it jingle."

Yet when people are prosperous they spend their coins freely. Perhaps the total spending increases faster

than the number of coins to spend.

110 YEARS AGO From Oct. 6, 1916 Star

Beautiful autumnal weather. An occasional touch of frost may now be expected.

A splendid start made and all were well pleased with Comanche County's first Annual Fair.

The attendance on Thursday was about 1,200, which was considered good, but on Friday, the attendance, not far from 2,000, surprised everybody. People came from all parts of the county, and quite a number were present from adjoining counties.

Probably four-fifths of the people came in automobiles, and it was an inspiring scene as the 350 or more cars, each filled with a half dozen or more happy, expectant people, were lined up on either side of the race track for quite a distance, thus affording to all a splendid opportunity to see the races.

There is one thing sure—the presence in the country of so many automobiles helps to swell the attendance at all public gatherings.

The football season opened in Coldwater on the last day of the Comanche County Fair, Friday, when the local eleven defeated the Medicine Lodge boys in an interesting, but one-sided, game the score being 32 to 0.

A record crowd witnessed the game which was clean and snappy. The Medicine Lodge boys play clean football, and were game losers.

Silverthorn, Johnson, Masten and Pounds starred for CHS. The officials of the game were Woodward, referee; Foulton, umpire; Alderdice, head linesman. The lineup of CHS this season is good and is deserving of good backing.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will hold an old-fashioned box social in the church basement on Thursday evening of next week, October 12. Make your boxes and bring them along and enjoy an evening, "such as we used to have." It will be a social time for young and old. Special entertainments for the young people. Everybody is invited.

100 YEARS AGO From Oct. 8, 1926 Star

In spite of the splendid teamwork and good plays made by our boys, Coldwater lost last Friday to Protection by a score of 6-0 on the Protection field.

Both teams were in good shape, and the outcome of the game was undecided till the last whistle blew. The new football field will not be ready for playing this year, so our games are being played on the McCay field again.

It is said that at the Coldwater-Protection football game, which was played in Protection on last Friday, there were more Coldwater people present than Protection people. Even if our team did not win the game, it cannot be said that our people are not loyal to their football team.

The football boys started to sell season tickets for the football games Tuesday. The price is \$1.50 [just over \$28 in today's dollars] for 5 games, including the Thanksgiving game with Protection High School.

All who expect to try out for basketball must take physical training.

90 YEARS AGO From Oct. 9, 1936 Star

The Republicans of Comanche and Clark counties will hold a banquet and rally at 7 p.m. on Thursday of next week in the Methodist church basement in Protection. The banquet is sponsored by the Young Republicans club of this county.

Don't forget the Sock Supper at the Presbyterian church basement at 7:30 Saturday evening. Girls, bring a sock full of good things to eat and boys, bring your pocketbooks. Sponsored by the Girls Sunday School Class.

Comanche County farmers are wearing the smile that won't come off. And why not? Following the late September rains, a little over an inch and a half of moisture has fallen in most of the county since October 1.

It rained all night Wednesday, netting one inch by morning. During the day Thursday a drizzle of rain fell and the weather became warmer, all of which makes the wheat grow rapidly.

There is already good wheat pasture with a good prospect for a good growth and pasture all winter. Some farmers have not finished, but most of the wheat raisers have completed their drilling.

A last-minute ruling of the Attorney General of Kansas has made necessary another election in this county on the proposition regarding a county lake.

With the approval of the McIntyre lake site by the WPA and state officials, it was found that the lake would entail more expense than was considered at the election two years ago.

The larger amount needed to complete the lake is set out in full in a notice of special election, which is published in this week's WESTERN STAR, and includes the total cost. However, the cost to Comanche County taxpayers will be but 18% of the total.

Read the notice carefully. Further announcements will be made before the election which will be held at the time of the general election on November 2.

For the second time this year, the Coldwater football team was defeated by Greensburg. Coldwater tried to run for the extra score after a touchdown, but were held back. They were again nearing the goal line, when the whistle blew and the game ended with a score of Greensburg 27, Coldwater 6.

This week, Friday, October 9, Coldwater will play their first league game with Bucklin, there. Bucklin has lost both games played, and promises Coldwater an even match. If Coldwater shows the desired improvement, they should be able to be victorious in their first league game.

80 YEARS AGO From Oct. 11, 1946 Star

At the Southwest 4-H Livestock Show held in Wichita the first of this week, the Comanche County group of five young yearlings placed first in the state in competition with about 25 other groups.

Invitations are being mailed out soon to the graduates of Coldwater High School who live out of the county and whose addresses are known, inviting them to the annual Homecoming of Coldwater High School graduates at the homecoming

game between Coldwater and Ashland on Friday evening, October 25.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association Monday evening during a rain of several days' duration, only a small number of graduates could be present, as it was decided to elect officers homecoming night.

There will be a dance in the school auditorium following the football game, Alumni Association Chairman, David Cary announces.

Gasoline rationing is over, tires are available and the trains are not crowded, so all who can, plan to be in Coldwater on the 25th for a good time together, now that the war is over.

Comanche County and most of southwestern Kansas have been favored since last Friday with heavy rains which continued for 48 to 70 hours straight with no let-up.

The moisture came in a manner which permitted the wheat fields to soak it up, so not much ran off.

The total rainfall from Saturday to Tuesday morning at Coldwater, according to the official gauge, was 2.31 inches. This was followed Thursday morning by a drizzle of an hour or two, with threatening clouds and a low barometer during the afternoon.

It has been cloudy most of the time in this county during the past ten days and a number of our citizens, used to the sunny skies of Kansas, say they are about to go "nuts." It's a good thing they don't live in Missouri where it is sometimes cloudy for three weeks straight.

70 YEARS AGO From Oct. 12, 1956 Star

Ashland and Coldwater remain the only unbeaten league teams. They are the favorites now to win the league. Ashland has an open date this week but Coldwater must play a dangerous Ford ball club at Ford.

Ford has both Ashland and Coldwater left on its schedule and if they could defeat both of them they could share the league crown by also defeating Fowler. The Fowler-Greensburg game is the only other league contest, as Minneola and Protection play non-league opponents.

On Friday afternoon, October 5, at 3:00 o'clock, our junior high met Medicine Lodge here on the home field. Medicine Lodge received the kick-off and shortly afterward drove over for the first touchdown.

Coldwater was no match for the hard-hitting Medicine Lodge line and remained scoreless throughout the game. Medicine Lodge drove across the goal line three more times before the fourth quarter, making the final score 27-0.

During the fourth quarter Medicine Lodge played its second and third teams against the already tired Coldwater team. All junior high classes were dismissed at 3:00 o'clock to watch the game.

On October 5, at Meade, the Coldwater Eagles played the Meade Buffaloes for the first time since 1957 seniors have been in school. This was the third win for the Eagles this year.

The boys seemed to be ready to play football and they were confident they could beat the Buffaloes. By the looks of the score, Coldwater 38 and Meade 13, the boys seemed to decide nobody could beat them.

There was a wonderful crowd of townspeople at Meade. It seems that at every game there are more and more townspeople. The football boys notice it, too. It really helps the morale of the boys, so let's all keep going to the games and especially to Ford this coming Friday afternoon.

On Friday, October 19, Fowler will meet Coldwater for the fifth game of the football season. The Coldwater marching band, under the direction of Charles Hayes, will perform.

60 YEARS AGO From Oct. 6, 1966 Star

A tri-county picnic [at Medicine Lodge] is planned for persons who would like to meet and talk to Congressman Joe Skubitz. This will be an excellent opportunity for persons from Comanche County to become better acquainted and make new friendships in Barber and Harper counties.

This weekend is the final weekend of the Rich Rose Days Fall Festival. This beautiful blaze of color is more spectacular than ever this year. Also, many new roses have been planted and bushes have fully recovered from killing frosts early last spring.

The Coldwater Eagles showed much improvement over previous games when they played the Meade Buffaloes last Friday night. The Meade team won 20 to 6, but the Eagles put up a good, clean fight.

This Friday, October 7, at 7:45 the Eagles will meet the Ashland Bluejays at Coldwater. There will be a piggyback game for the Junior Highs beginning at 6 p.m.

The Meade Junior High football team outscored the Coldwater Junior Eagles with a final score of 13-0, Friday evening. The Coldwater team will play Ashland here this Friday. Game time, 6:00 p.m.

Residents in Coldwater will be offered an opportunity to Zip Code their mailing lists during October, Postmaster McIntyre announced today. The project will be a feature of "Zip Code Week" to be celebrated locally October 10 to 15. Throughout the nation 95,000,000 of the cards will be delivered throughout the nation.

50 YEARS AGO From Oct. 7, 1976 Star

Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Coldwater Junior High School are presenting their fall concert next Tuesday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the grade school auditorium. There is no admission charge for this evening of entertainment. Director of the group is Mrs. Cindy Anthony and accompanist is Miss Rhonda Gates.

The Peoples State Bank has joined some 250 other banks in Kansas and adjoining states in sponsorship of the Abundant Life Fellowship program for the prevention of drug abuse by young people.

Booklets on drug abuse prevention will be distributed free to bank customers and other interested persons. The booklet titled "Youth: Drugs and Human Dignity," is a short, straightforward treatise aimed at the teenager who may be considering experimentation with drugs.

"The success of this program depends largely on the support of concerned citizens such as Mr. Allen, vice president of The Peoples State Bank," said Dr. Howard B.

Ritchie, lecturer-director for Abundant Life Fellowship.

"The main purpose of the book is to get young people to stop and think before taking action which may scar their entire future lives," Dr. Ritchie added.

Widespread distribution of the booklet is a key part of the all-volunteer Abundant Life Fellowship program of drug abuse prevention. Distribution is sponsored by businesses such as The Peoples State Bank as well as by individuals, civic and church groups.

Also, Fellowship members lecture on drug abuse prevention and counsel with parents about the most effective ways to help young people resist the temptation to experiment with drugs.

This bicentennial year marks the 20th anniversary of the Great Plains Conservation Program, one of man's attempts to meet the needs of land and people.

"A special conservation program for the Great Plains was needed for several reasons," points out Norman D. Doehring, Assistant State Conservationist, SCS, Salina. "Rainfall is relatively sparse. Summer temperatures are high. When precipitation is light in the winter, wind erosion takes place on relatively bare land. In the summer, drought causes severe stress to growing crops. Sound conservation practices on cropland held the line against the wind during last winter's drought. Well managed grasslands also were adequately protected."

"By contracting to carry out a program of conservation over a period of several years with specific things done each year, the landowner is assured of cost sharing and technical help throughout the period of the contract," Doehring advises.

40 YEARS AGO From Oct. 9, 1986 Star

With the courthouse closing next Monday for Columbus Day, Comanche Countians have only the rest of this week and next Tuesday to make sure they are registered to vote in the Nov. 4 election.

Anyone who has turned 18 or changed his name since the August primary, must register. The same is necessary for those who have moved from one voting district to another and those who just haven't gotten around to vote in the past two general elections.

People wishing to do so can register at the County Clerk's office in Coldwater or at the Protection Township Library.

Noting that mental illness exacts a tremendous price from its victims and American society, Congress has proclaimed Oct. 5-11 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

The Iroquois Center for Human Development, Inc., of Greensburg along with other members of the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers, is joining with the American Psychiatric Association and other national mental health organizations in observing the week.

"Mental Illness Awareness Week" is set aside to help people learn more about disorders that afflict one out of every five Americans," Sheldon Carpenter of the Iroquois Center explained.

"Each year, the total costs of mental illness exceed those for cancer and heart disease."

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NEWS

Lady Timberwolves Netters Take Part in League Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The South Central girl's tennis team attended the Southern Plains League tournament Monday at Kiowa County High School.

Fabiola Rivero played No. 1 singles. She beat St. John-Hudson's Caisalyn Kohl 6-0, lost to Ashland's Hayden Garden 6-3 and beat Kiowa County's Addison Higbie 6-0.

Mia Napierala played No. 2 singles. She beat St. John-Hudson's Charlotte

Kellog 8-0, lost to Ellinwood's Lauren Rogan 8-4 and beat Ashland's Ellie Landis 8-3.

Max Miller and Nevaeh Pankrat played No. 1 doubles. They lost to St. John-Hudson's Lilly McAlister and Avery Young 6-2, lost to Ellinwood's Vivian Klepper 6-1, lost to Ashland's Josie Boggs and Makenna Boggs 6-0 and lost to Kiowa County's Kimberly Redecop and Melanie Sneed 6-1.

Bonnie Herd and Elsie Herd

played No. 2 doubles. They lost to St. John-Hudson's Zoey Carter and Briana Lopez 6-3, lost to Ellinwood's Emalie Joiner and Eden Ringwald 6-0, lost to Ashland's Audry Ivey and Elliana Ceniceros 6-2 and beat Kiowa County's Evelynn Stokes and Gracie Howard 6-1.

The Lady Timberwolves will head to Conway Springs this Friday and Saturday for the Class 3-1A Regional tennis tournament.

God bless all for the bake sale and the many kindnesses I've been shown. Thank you for the many blessings,
Dixie Bailey

Dale's Pizza Oven will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 10 for a private event.



CLASSIFIEDS

Call Stephanie at 620.532.3151 to place an ad.

Help Wanted

City of Coldwater
Employment Opportunity – Full-Time City Clerk

The City Clerk is a key administrative position responsible for the daily business and financial operations of the City. Primary duties include maintaining official City records; utility billing and collections; payroll; accounts payable and receivable; preparation of financial reports; preparation and maintenance of City Council records and minutes; assisting with budget administration; and providing administrative support to the Mayor and City Council.

Qualifications:

The position requires a high degree of professionalism, confidentiality, accuracy, and responsibility. The successful applicant should possess strong organizational and communication skills, attention to detail, computer proficiency, and the ability to work effectively with the public, City officials, employees, and outside agencies.

Experience in municipal government, accounting, bookkeeping, office administration, or a related field is preferred. Relevant education, qualifications, and experience will be considered.

Compensation & Benefits:

- Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- KPERS retirement.
- 100% City-paid employee health and dental insurance.
- 12 days of sick leave per year – unused leave may be banked up to 60 days.
- Vacation leave ranging from 12 to 21 days per year, based on years of service – unused leave may be banked up to 15 to 25 days, based on years of service.
- 12 paid holidays.
- Annual longevity pay program.
- Employee-driven compensatory time program.
- City-paid job-related training and professional development opportunities.

Application Deadline:

Open until the position is filled.

To Apply or For More Information:

City of Coldwater
239 East Main Street
(620) 582-2940
mayorpaulalvarez@gmail.com

The City of Coldwater is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Bar-Six Manufacturing, Inc. is hiring a

welder. No experience is required. Must be 18 years old or older, have reliable transportation and the ability to lift 50-plus pounds. Need the ability to work in a shop environment (heat, noise, dust) and a willingness to learn welding and fabrication skills. Need the ability to use basic hand tools. Need a good work ethic and dependable attendance. Apply in person at US-160, in Protection. For more information, call (620) 622-4456.

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

Comanche County Road and Bridge is looking for heavy equipment operators and laborers. Pay starts at \$14, with the possibility of higher pay with experience. If you have questions, please call AJ at (620) 582-5222.

Applications are available at the Road and Bridge Office, 401 S. Philadelphia, Coldwater, or at the County Clerk's office in Courthouse at 201 S. New York Ave., Coldwater.

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

Pioneer Lodge has the following openings: RN or LPN charge nurse full time or part time, C.N.A. Full time or part time, Laundry Aide part time - Stop by for an application or email diana@pioneerlodgks.org for more information.

Benefits include sign bonuses for nurses and C.N.A., insurance, vacation.

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

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

Garage Sale

Yard Sale
8 a.m. to ? Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10, 304 E Olive St. Protection.

WILMORE NEWS

By Ernst Griffin

Well we made it back to Wilmore for the 44th time. We've been going back and forth from California for 22 years, twice a year makes 44 trips. Multiply that by 1 tire a year, that's 22 tires just in blowouts. Gas: 30-gallon tank, fill up 5 or 6 times, 150 to 180 gallons, start NOW in California at \$5.65 a gallon (at Costco) and get down to a low of \$3.94 in Oklahoma and up to \$4.20 in Kansas. Tune ups: 2 times a year from \$200 to \$3,000. We've always driven 1,337 miles one way because we have the big dogs and they can't fly. We take a few variations on the route due to the weather, and by now we never use it to go anywhere else. We can't go to sleep in it!

Wilmore is looking good, needs a little trimming up in parts of town. The sweet potato vine in front of the old bank/museum killed everything else in the pot and took over, it looks great.

They had some rock brought in to the main road, Railroad Ave. and it has leveled out the road pretty well. That would be a civic improvement. The City Council also bought a new air conditioner for the community center/library. It started to get hot in there and floor tiles started to ooze, so the air conditioner solved all that.

Betty Yost had surgery on her shoulder the end of August and is doing well, and going to physical therapy. Way to go Betty.

The carousel is open and ready to go. We got here Friday, opened the carousel on Saturday. Swept and blew out some of the summer dust. A family from Hudson, Kansas stopped by in the afternoon for a ride, I said we haven't got it all cleaned up yet, they didn't care, rode every horse and helped with the dusting. It's always dirtiest after summer. Ernie put on new feathers, we hung up our new sign and it looks good as new. Come for a ride.

RAIN! We had a small storm Friday, thunder and 1 1/2 inches of rain, a tornado touched down outside of town. Rain possible Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1 inch so far. We actually have some new grass coming up in our yard.

We had a great day at church on Sunday, a good turnout, good music and a great brunch afterwards. Barbara Delaney wasn't there because she is on a trip with her son, daughter and niece to Memphis and Nashville. Have a good trip Barbara and all. Bob stayed home to look after the dogs and the home place.

Thanks for having me, see you next week.



NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

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

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

NATIONAL OFFICE

UNITED STATES SENATE

DAVID C GRAHAM (LIB)
7220 W. 83RD ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204
ADAM HAMILTON (DEM)
PO BOX 6, STILWELL, KS 66085

ROGER MARSHALL (REP)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE – 4TH DISTRICT

RON ESTES (REP)
PO BOX 782952, WICHITA, KS 67278
KATY TYNDELL (DEM)
PO BOX 781004, WICHITA, KS 67207
DREW CRANMER (LIB)
3626 N. RIDGE PORT ST, WICHITA, KS 67205

STATE OFFICES

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

CINDY HOLSCHER/ KC OHAEBOSIM (DEM)
PO BOX 2903, OLATHE, KS 66063
TY MASTERSON/ JEFFREY KLEMP (REP)
PO BOX 424, ANDOVER, KS 67002

SECRETARY OF STATE

JENNIFER DAY (DEM)
PO BOX 104, MISSION, KS 66202
SCOTT E. MORGAN (UNITED STATES)
1618 INVERNESS DR., LAWRENCE, KS 66047
PAT PROCTOR (REP)
PO BOX 3421, FT LEAVENWORTH, KS 66027

ATTORNEY GENERAL

KRIS KOBACH (REP)
PO BOX 155, LECOMPTON, KS 66050
CHRIS MANN (DEM)
PO BOX 4005, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204

STATE TREASURER

STEVEN JOHNSON (REP)
10197 S. HOPKINS ROAD, ASSARIA, KS 67416
JUAN C. LUENGO (DEM)
14904 S. SUMMIT ST, OLATHE, KS 66062
ERIC LUND (LIB)
3003 LAKEVIEW CIR S, PAOLA, KS 66071

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

DANIEL HAWKINS (REP)
9406 W. HARVEST LN, WICHITA, KS 67212
RIC KOEHN (LIB)
PO BOX 468, CIMARRON, KS 67835
DINAH SYKES (DEM)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 116TH DISTRICT

NATHAN BALES (DEM)
112 N NINNESCAH ST. APT 303, PRATT, KS 67124
KYLE D. HOFFMAN (REP)
1318 AVENUE T, COLDWATER, KS 67029

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16 DIVISON 1

SIDNEY R. THOMAS (REP)
PO BOX 135, MONTEZUMA, KS 67867

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 7TH DISTRICT

ALANA MCWILLIAMS (REP)
ABILENE, KS 67410
ANN ZIMMERMAN (DEM)
3904 N. OHIO, SALINA, KS 67401

COUNTY OFFICES

COMANCHE COUNTY COMMISSIONER- DISTRICT 1

ZACKERY ELLIS (REP)
2287 AVENUE C, WILMORE, KS 67155
COMANCHE COUNTY CLERK FOR VACANCY
ABRIANA (BRI) UHL
110 N TOPEKA, COLDWATER, KS 67029

AVILLA TOWNSHIP CLERK

NO CANDIDATE

COLDWATER TOWNSHIP CLERK

ROY HOFFMAN (REP)

POWELL TOWNSHIP CLERK

CLARK YOST (REP)

PROTECTION TOWNSHIP CLERK

BECKY HOLLER (REP)

POLLING LOCATIONS, TIMES

Protection, 404 N Broadway Ave, Protection, KS 67127
Coldwater, 239 W Main, Coldwater, KS 67029
PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026 AT WHICH TIME THE CANDIDATES FROM THE ABOVE LIST MAY BE VOTED ON AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED ABOVE. THE POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026. ADVANCED VOTING WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2026, AT THE COMANCHE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE 201 S NEW YORK, COLDWATER, KS 67029. ADVANCED VOTING WILL END ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, AT 12:00 NOON.

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

BRI UHL
SEAL
COMANCHE COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER