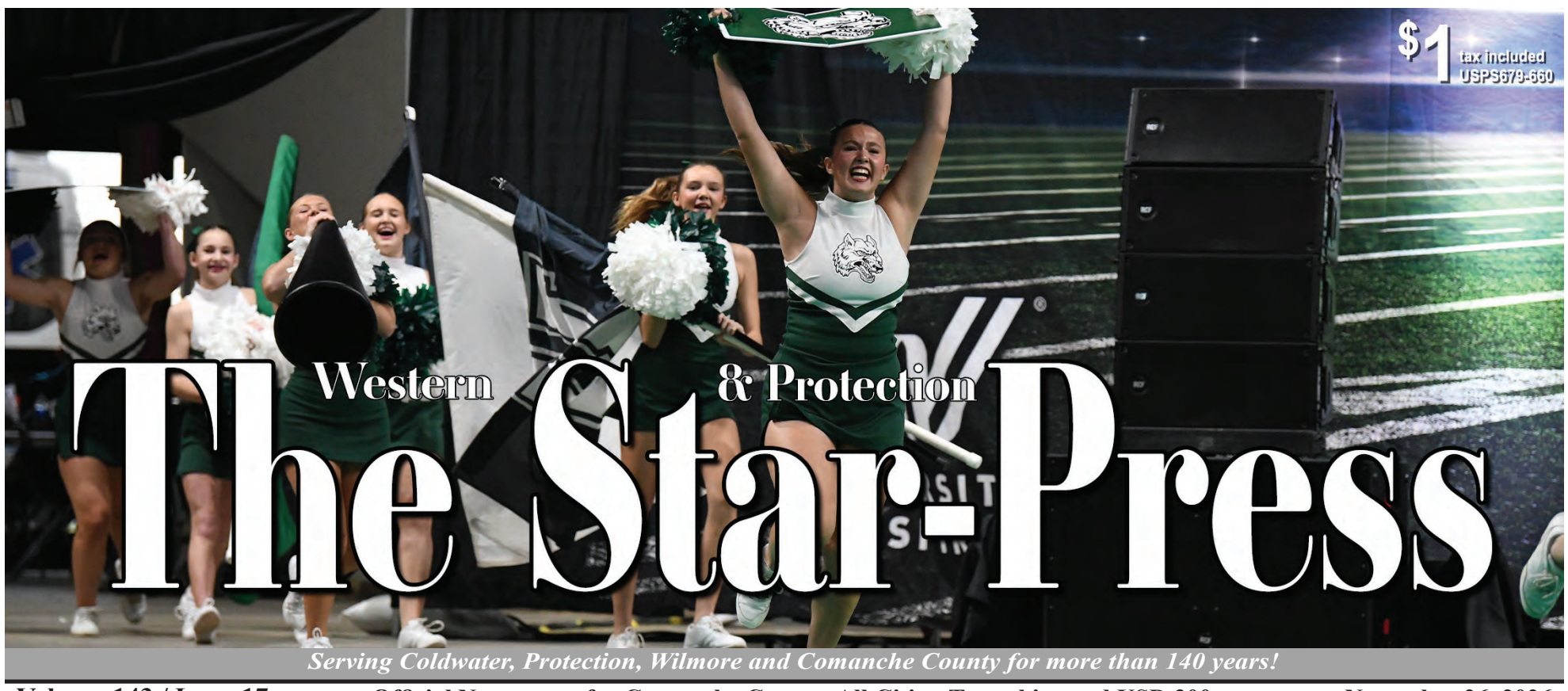


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LIEAP Applications Process Opens November 30

STAFF REPORT

Residents who need help with paying with home energy costs during the winter months are encouraged to check into the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) to see if they qualify.

LIEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

The 2027 application period begins Nov. 30. 2026, at 8 a.m. and ends March 31, 2027, at 5 p.m. Applications will not be accepted and payments will not be issued until the season officially opens.

To qualify for LIEAP, applicants must be an adult who is personally responsible for paying the heating costs at the current residents, whether payable to the landlord, utility company or fuel supplier.

The combined monthly gross income of all persons living at the address may not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level. For a single person, monthly gross income may not exceed $1,995, and for a family of four, monthly gross income may not exceed $4,125.

People may create a Self-Service Portal account at dcfapp.kees.ks.gov or use their existing login to apply. You may also request a paper application at your local Kansas Department for Children and Families Service Center or request one by calling toll free at 1-888-369-4777.

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Grant to Help FFA Students Document Projects

PRESS RELEASE

MANHATTAN — The Kansas FFA Foundation has received a $250,000 grant from the Patterson Family Foundation to provide statewide access to the Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET), an online platform that helps agricultural education students document their hands-on and work-based learning experiences, develop financial management skills, and prepare for future careers.

The investment will support 242 agricultural education programs serving more than 14,000 Kansas FFA members, helping ensure students and teachers have access to the same essential educational resources regardless of their school's size, location, or financial resources.

"This is a tremendous investment in the future of agricultural education in Kansas," said Yancy Wright, chairman of the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. "Every young person deserves the opportunity to discover their potential, develop meaningful skills, and prepare for a successful future. This grant helps remove barriers that can stand in the way of those opportunities, particularly in our rural communities. We are incredibly grateful to the Patterson Family Foundation for making this statewide initiative possible."

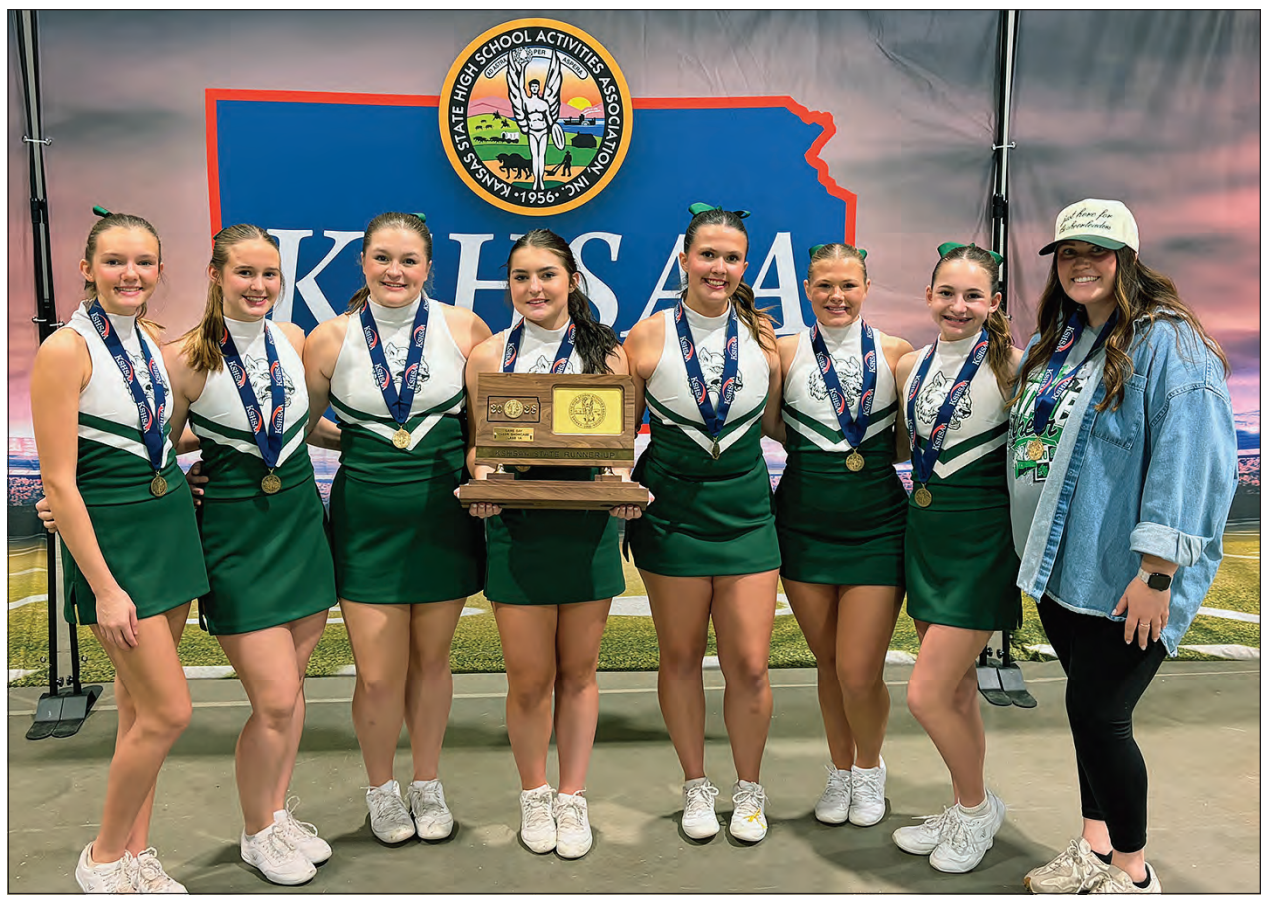
The Agricultural Experience Tracker supports one of the three foundational components of agricultural education: supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs. Through these work-based learning experiences, students apply classroom knowledge to real-world agricultural projects, including entrepreneurship, employment, research, and other hands-on activities.

Using AET, students can document their projects, track income and expenses, set goals, and develop a comprehensive record of their accomplishments. The platform also supports applications for FFA degrees, SAE awards (proficiency awards), and other recognition programs while helping students build skills in financial literacy, responsibility, and career planning.

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State Runner-Up



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The South Central cheerleaders pose for a photo their Class 1A State runner-up trophy for the second year in a row. Team members pictured are (L to R) Brystol Westrup, Saige Petty, Elizabeth McMoran, Micah Duke, Graycn Monroe, Breckyn Snyder, Brynlee Murphy and head cheer coach Breena Jellison.

Timberwolves Cheer Squad Takes Home Second-Place Finish

BY STEPHANIE JUMP
Staff Writer

For most of the sports seasons, cheerleaders are on the sidelines, but this past weekend, the South Central High School cheer squad was the main attraction as the team traveled to Topeka to compete in the KSHSAA Spirit Game Day Showcase.

The team first appeared at the State competition in 2017 and won the title against three teams in the final round. This year, the squad competed against 16 other 1A schools and came home with the State runner-up trophy.

Head cheer coach Brenna Jellison said her squad consisted of seven girls with four members of the team being seniors. Members of this year's squad include seniors Elizabeth McMoran, Breckyn Snyder, Gracyn Monroe, and Micah Duke, sophomore Saige Petty and freshmen Brystol Westrup and Brynlee Murphy.

Jellison said the most memorable moment of the competition was coming off the mat after their final performance and the girls being so excited and proud of what they had done.

Having a team of mostly seniors was not super common, according to Jellison and all four upperclassmen had cheered all through middle and high school except one that moved to SCHS during her first year of eligibility.

"When I took over as coach, I had a few that were on the fence about going out again. A new coach is scary," the coach said. "Thankfully for me they all took the leap and we've had quite a ride since."

Jellison said each girl brings such a unique and necessary quality to the team and that the group as a whole was the big reason why she came back every year.

"I couldn't imagine not finishing their high school career out alongside them," said Jellison. "Breckyn is dedicated. She fights tooth and nail to make every performance perfect not just for her, but for the whole team. Gracyn is reliable. She takes initiative and is someone I can depend on to get things done right. I totally see coaching in her future. Elizabeth is our comedian, but also our rock. When it's time to get to business she doesn't play around. She keeps things light while also not being afraid to put someone in line, including herself. Micah is a constant force. Her skills are so strong, but she'll never let you know that. She is incredibly humble. I can always count on her whether it be giving her all at practice or on the performance floor. South Central cheer has been heavily marked by these seniors. Their leadership and talent will be greatly missed."

Jellison said that one of the most memorable moments of the weekend was when the girls came off the mat after their final performance.

"Breckyn said to the whole team 'I am so proud of us' which is one of those comments that make a coach's heart soar," said Jellison. "It wasn't their most perfect run and they knew they had mistakes, but the energy was there and we could all feel it. Going into the awards ceremony I was very confident we'd place at least top four.

"As we stood and continued to not hear our school called you could feel the joy spreading over the whole team. Second may not be the top spot, but it was enough for us."

Jellison said she could not be prouder of the team and that she tries not to go into State with too many expectations. She said her first goal was to make it the finals (top six teams) and to her knowledge, South Central has always made it to the final round of competitions. She said she was just happy to make finals and that prepping for state competition is hard for many reason.

"Judging is subjective, meaning one year the judges may love your routines and the next they may completely pick them apart," she said. "All of our material is 100 percent original. When you go to state competition you will see multiple squads using routines they found online or had custom choreographed by professionals for their team. Not one other team in 1A or 3A (we compete at the same time) had our same band chant, cheer, or fight song because those elements came completely from our own creation. That's something I pride myself on. South Central is good on our own merit.

"There is nothing wrong with using routines found online or private choreographers, it's just not the style that we as a team are comfortable with. This team executed my visions perfectly and it paid off. Good choreography only works when you have a good team to bring it to life, and that's exactly what they did and do with everything I give to them."

Jellison said she will be stepping down after leading the squad for the past three

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KanDrive Updates Available

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Department of Transportation is reminding motorists about the latest travel tools available through KanDrive, a one-stop resource for real-time road and weather conditions that are available 24/7.

Since 2009, KanDrive.gov has provided motorists with real-time travel information such as road conditions, closures, construction updates, traffic camera feeds and detour information, with users able to sign up for route specific information.

Many motorists may not be aware of the KanDrive website/mobile app features that they can access with an updated phone or a newer vehicle. Others may not have explored KanDrive in a while.

Either way, now is a great time for Kansans to check out the website or install the mobile app and practice with tools designed to improve travel safety, especially before winter weather begins.

The newest KanDrive features were developed as part of the U.S. 83 Advanced Technology Project, which extends from the southern Finney County line to the northern Thomas County line. While some KanDrive enhancements are corridor-specific to U.S. 83, most are available for use statewide.

Available features include:

- Plow Locations Tool allowing users to see snowplow locations on all state highways
- Roadway camera views
- Ability to report incidents in Apple CarPlay and Android Auto
- Hands-free voice incident reporting through Apple CarPlay
- High wind/weather and slow-moving hands-free vehicle alerts

KanDrive has logged over 4 million web sessions and 2 million app sessions on iOS and Android since the U.S. 83 enhancements were released two years ago.

For more information about the KanDrive features available and the U.S. 83 Advanced Technology Project, visit ksdot.gov/us-83-kandrive.

KanDrive is a service of Kansas Department of Transportation and is available online to residents and drivers.

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OBITUARY

DUANE LEROY HUCK

Duane LeRoy Huck, 68, passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, on his family ranch south of Coldwater. Born Feb. 25, 1958, at Coldwater, he was the son of Norman Lee and Melva Grace (Toothaker) Huck.



A lifetime farmer and rancher in Comanche County, Duane grew up attending the Antioch Community Church in Buttermilk. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1976 and attended Dodge City Community College.

Duane was a lifetime follower and disciple of Jesus Christ. Saved at a young age, he lived his life for the Lord with a heart to love others and share the gospel and the love of Jesus with everyone who would listen. He had a heart for missions and traveled with "Feed The Children" to Haiti on mission trips.

He met the love of his life, Beth Jarrell, in the mission field in 1985 and they were married on April 5, 1986, in Harrington, Del. Soon after, they met and adopted their daughter, Lona, from Haiti in 1987. They returned home to Duane's childhood residence in Comanche County. They had four more children: Chelsea, Jamin, Tanner, and Kaden; and built a life on the farm and ranch.

Duane was a member and deacon at the First Christian Church in Coldwater; he was a proud supporter of the local 4-H Club, previously serving on the Fair Board; he served as a Comanche County Commissioner for eight years; he and Beth were foster care parents for 28 years, caring for nearly 200 children; he also volunteered as a basketball coach for 16 years for the South-Central Home School Wildcats.

He is survived by his wife: Beth Huck of Coldwater; one daughter: Chelsea Blundell (Jeff) of Coldwater; three sons: Jamin Huck of Coldwater, Tanner Huck (Courtney) of Coldwater, and Kaden Huck of Kansas City, Mo.; one son-in-law: Zack Ellis of Wilmore; seven grandchildren: Sabra Ellis, Tyree Ellis, Chaniell Blundell, Jarison Blundell, Charlise Blundell, Everly Huck, and Emma Huck; one brother: Danny L. Huck (Raylene Howard) of Protection; two sisters: Mary Hollinger (Jim) of Lyons, and Mona Feige of Phoenix; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter: Lona Ellis; a grandson: Tegan Ellis; a brother-in-law: Rick Feige; and a sister-in-law: Bobbi Huck.

Duane's favorite role was a husband and father for 40 years, and grandpa for 17 years, loving and supporting his kids and grandkids in all their activities; and he was a big fan of sporting events. "Go Wildcats, Go Timberwolves, Go Chiefs, Go Jayhawks, Go Knights (Spurgeon College Kansas City), Go Barclay Bears."

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

A cisitation with family present will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, Nov. 27 at First Christian Church in Coldwater.

Funeral Service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at First Christian Church in Coldwater with Pastor Jonathan Gibson presiding.

Burial will follow the funeral service at Crown Hill Cemetery in Coldwater.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to South Central T-Wolf Booster Club or Coldwater First Christian Church in care of Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, P.O. Box 417, Coldwater, KS 67029.

A Mom's Musing

By Stephanie Jump

Hello Comanche county! I decided to use some space this week and pop in to say hello and congrats to your girls on their State runner-up achievement. I got to watch first hand how well these girls performed last week in Topeka and my little bird's eye view had my eye on the momma's (and other family members) in the crowd.

In fact, our daughter went right before South Central and I was indeed the frantic parent squeezing through your line because I didn't have a clue what I was supposed to do or where I was supposed to go. I just knew I wasn't going to miss her performance. So I apologize for anyone I may have accidently pushed out of my way.

If you were like me, you may or may not have had some tears in your eyes while you watched your daughters on that mat. I know I had a few threatening to fall.

So congrats, your girls did an amazing job. I know you are as proud of yours as I was of my own.

COLDWATER WEATHER

By Greg Vanderree

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education teachers, the statewide initiative represents an opportunity to strengthen the student experience while providing a consistent, comprehensive record keeping resource.

"Our agricultural education teachers are passionate about helping students connect classroom learning to real-world experiences," said Mary Beth Fulk, president of the Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators. "AET is a powerful tool for helping students see the value of their experiences, whether they're raising livestock, working for a local business, conducting research, or developing their own agricultural enterprise. Providing access to every program across Kansas means more students will have the opportunity to document their growth and develop skills that will serve them throughout their lives."

Beyond platform access, the initiative will strengthen the adoption and implementation of AET, building a stronger evidence base for the impact of a total school-based agricultural education program.

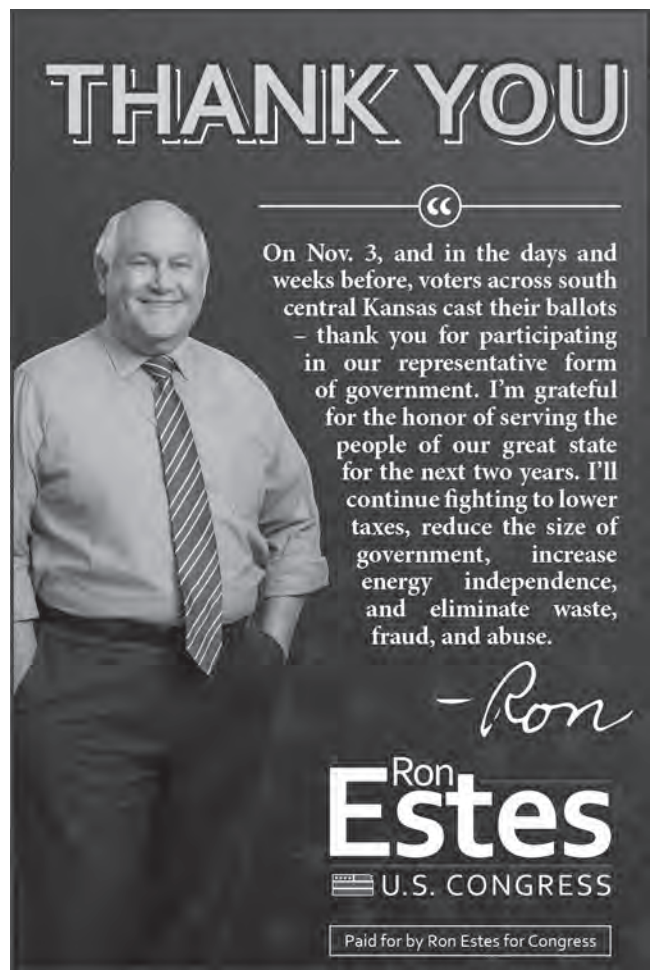
Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation, said the grant reflects the organization's commitment to identifying opportunities where strategic investments can have a lasting impact on agricultural education.

"One of the most rewarding parts of our work is connecting the needs of agricultural education with individuals and organizations who believe in the potential of our young people," Gaines said. "This grant is about so much more than providing access to a technology platform. It's about giving students the tools to recognize the value of their experiences, take ownership of their learning, and build a foundation for their futures. When we can make an investment that reaches every agricultural education program in Kansas, we know we're creating opportunities that will extend far beyond the classroom."

The investment comes at an important time for Kansas agricultural education, as programs continue to grow and Kansas FFA prepares to celebrate its centennial during the 2028-29 school year.

"As we approach 100 years of Kansas FFA, we're focused not only on celebrating the accomplishments of the past but also on making investments that will shape the next century," Wright added. "This is the kind of forward-looking support that will make a meaningful difference in agricultural education classrooms and in the lives of students for years to come."

This project is supported in part by a 2026 grant from The Patterson Family Foundation.



Lawmakers Hear About Efforts to Secure Utilites

BY MORGAN CHILSON
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — In the midst of computer, aviation and banking outages across the country, a Kansas legislative committee learned Monday how utilities secure systems.

Utility organizations and others briefed the Joint Committee on Kansas Security about what it takes to keep systems secure in a time of constantly changing challenges in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

Brad Mears, executive director of the Kansas Municipal Utilities in McPherson, said his organization considers "security resilience" to be about not just operational issues but about public safety.

Kansas Municipal Utilities is a state association for cities that own and operate electric, natural gas, water and wastewater operations. Mears pointed to recent Microsoft outages as an example of how organizations can be affected.

"Cybersecurity is not a hypothetical thing, and it's not limited to large systems either that might be open to an attack," he said. "Many Kansas cities run small utilities. They have limited staff, and a single incident could be dramatically detrimental to the entire community that they serve."

Arkansas City's water utility in September 2024 experienced a ransomware attack, which is when an outside entity takes control of internal computer operations and asks for ransom to return that control, said Randy Frazer, city manager.

Although water services weren't affected, the city was affected financially and had no immediate access to control its system "in any way," he said.

"A ransom note appeared on multiple of our monitors," Frazer said. "Our SCADA, our supervisory control and data acquisition system, basically a dashboard that we use to control our plants and monitor everything, it initially turned black."

Frazer said even dealing with an attack that didn't cause any customer impact is expensive. The forensic and legal consults were $60,000 and infrastructure costs to replace services were $105,000, and then there were overtime costs and other staffing costs, he said.

Matt Metzinger, Arkansas City information technology director, said the city initially took the plant off the internet, closing all active connections. As he is the only person on the IT team, he said the city consulted legal counsel and cybersecurity experts, as well as vendors.

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Back in the Older Days

Coldwater news from earlier days

Compiled by Teresa Jones

130 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 28, 1896 Star

We have had a variety of weather this week. Monday and Tuesday were warm and cloudy. Wednesday the clouds opened and gave us about an inch of rain on a level. Thursday it got cold enough to freeze everything up and the weather was still colder yesterday.

The cold-snap was declared off Monday, and the weather has been cloudy and damp ever since.

Prepare for winter. The weather prophets declare this will be a genuine winter and many cold snaps and storms will be due next month. Bank up your houses and have shelter and feed ready for your stock.

Christmas is the next holiday.

The train came in on time Tuesday and Wednesday. And again Thursday.

The new county officers are getting their bonds ready, preparatory to taking office in January.

W.P. Holbert, of the vicinity of Protection, brought THE STAR a nice gobbler for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving turkeys were plentiful in the market. When picked, they brought 7c per lb. at the stores [worth about $2.80 per pound in today's dollars].

District court convenes next Tuesday, Dec. 1st with Judge Price on the bench. The trial of F.H. Eiklor and Sydney Eiklor for the killing of Wash Phillips about a year ago, will come up for trial at this term.

A number of the school boys, between the age of 10 and 15 years, have a habit of staying out evenings until quite late. If the parents of these children would keep them at home and occupy the time their sons are on the street, teaching them right from wrong, probably there would be more businessmen, instead of so many gamblers and good-for-nothing loafers.

120 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 23, 1906 Star

The annual Thanksgiving oyster supper will be given at the New Eden schoolhouse on Thursday evening, Nov. 29. Oysters, both fresh and cove, will be served also cake and coffee. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The people of Coldwater will unite on Thursday of next week in appropriate Thanksgiving services. A sermon will be preached by Rev. W.T. Ward. Appropriate music will be furnished. The services will begin at 11 o'clock a.m. and will be held in the Presbyterian church. Let there be a good turnout and a general and appropriate observance of the day.

Schools have been poorly attended this week.

Rabbit and quail hunting has furnished sport for a good many people this week. There are surely no objections to any one slaying the jackrabbits.

Five days' worth of mail came in from the east this morning. It kept the post office force busy for over an hour distributing it.

As probably all of you know, the name Quaker on a package of rolled oats means exactly what sterling does on a piece of silver. Both stand for purity. In another part of this paper you will find an advertisement of Quaker Oats, now put up for the first time in large family packages at the same price as inferior oats. In addition you get in each package free a beautiful piece of imported china.

110 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 24, 1916 Star

It seems that the recent cold snap served as a pretty good fly swatter.

The Coldwater Booster Club basketball team will play the Newton Athletic Club's five in the community building on Thanksgiving night.

The Coldwater football team went to St. John last Friday and met their second defeat of the season. St. John has one of the strongest teams in southwestern Kansas, one that has beaten about everything in sight.

The Thanksgiving football game will be played on the McCay field between the Haviland and Coldwater elevens. Haviland beat Greensburg; Greensburg walloped Protection; Protection and Coldwater have each won one game from the other, so this is predicted to be a very close game.

We understand that plans are about completed for the construction of a new building on another business corner in Coldwater. The steady and substantial growth of our city is an assured fact.

Some delay is being experienced in the construction of the new Odd Fellows and Marshall Barlow buildings on account of the difficulty in getting [railroad] cars in which to ship bricks.

A pie social will be held at the New Home schoolhouse on next Tuesday evening, November 28. An interesting program will be given by the school. Everybody is invited. Come, and help make the occasion a success.

100 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 26, 1926 Star

Some snow fell over Comanche County on last Saturday night but it melted during Sunday.

Silas Ray of Wilmore began work Monday of last week for the Comanche Implement Co. of this city. He expects to move his family to this city about Dec. 1. Silas is an experienced implement salesman, having worked for some time for the Wilmore Hardware Co., handling the International Harvester Co.'s lines.

Mrs. Ray is well known in Coldwater. Before her marriage she was Miss Elzine Booth. Mr. Ray will be general field man and helper for the company here. Mr. and Mrs. Ray will be welcomed to our city.

The old community building in this city is no more. The work of tearing it down is about completed, and carpenters are getting ready to build with the lumber some new houses, to be used as residences, as explained in a recent issue of the STAR. Frank Betzer was the purchaser of the building and the lots on which it stood.

The City of Coldwater has had 43 Thanksgivings during the forty-two and a half years of its history. There is no record of any public services having been held on Thanksgiving 1884, the first year of the town's history, since there was then no church building or other building, in which services could be held.

It was not until a year or so later that church buildings were erected. However, a big Thanksgiving ball was held in Vickers' Hall in 1884. The ball was located on the corner where the Golden Rule filling station now stands.

School was dismissed Wednesday afternoon in observance of the Thanksgiving season. School will be resumed Monday morning. Several of the teachers visited out of town during the short vacation, along with a few of the students, but the majority stayed over for the football game between Protection and Coldwater that was played on our own field.

90 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 27, 1936 Star

Don't forget the Coldwater-Protection football game at Coldwater on Thanksgiving Day.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar and silver tea on Saturday, Dec. 5, in the church dining room.

From last week's *Protection Post*, the Dodson Electric Shop moved to Coldwater the first part of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Dodson moved their household goods to their new home Wednesday. Although his shop will be in Coldwater, Mr. Dodson will continue to be the Delco agent for this vicinity and service Delco plants.

More than 700 Kansas music supervisors and students will attend the fourth annual Music Supervisors' Clinic and Conference at Emporia State Teachers College, Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Those from Comanche County who have been selected as members of the chorus are: Jane Stewart, Margaret Rich, Helen Louise Scholle and Dorsie Barnes of Coldwater.

The annual meeting of the Coldwater Co-operative Oil Company will be held in the courtroom at the courthouse in Coldwater on Thursday, Dec. 3, beginning at 2 p.m. All stockholders are requested to be present.

The 1937 auto and truck tags will be on sale at my office beginning Dec. 1. Bring your 1936 receipt. — *Comanche County Treasurer.*

80 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 29, 1946 Star

According to W.D. Jochems, state USO chairman, Comanche County is one of the counties which has met its quota 100%. In fact, this county has subscribed $660.80 [worth over $11,400 now], with a quota of $517, or 36% above its quota.

In a letter from Mr. Jochems to County USO Chairman, Mr. Earl Martin, he recognized Comanche County's remittance of $143.80 from your USO County Treasurer, Walter W. Ferrin, which made a total remitted of $660.80 on your USO quota of $517.00.

The annual Comanche County football classic will be played between the ancient enemies of Coldwater and Protection on the local field Thanksgiving Day beginning at 2:30 p.m. Good crisp football weather is in prospect and large crowd of fans is assured. Coldwater, after a good start, slumped before giving themselves a shot in the arm and winning its last three games.

If Coldwater beats Protection and Fowler wins over Minneola Thursday, CHS and Fowler will tie for second place in the league. If Fowler loses to Minneola, which it likely won't, Coldwater will place second and Fowler third.

Coldwater has a team of good weight and a greatly strengthened line and will give a good account of themselves Thursday. Protection has a speedy hard-fighting team which always plays inspired football on Thanksgiving.

Protection held the strong Fowler team to a 0–0 tie and Coldwater defeated Fowler 7–0 by a narrow squeeze. So the game here Turkey Day is a toss-up. There isn't a man in Protection who would not rather see Protection win than be President, and the Utopian dream of Coldwater fans is to see Protection on the little end of the score.

However, the fine brand of clean sportsmanship between the two towns during the past decade is a pleasure to see. Any way you take the winner or loser, it is going to be a bang-up game. And — may the best team win.

Accidents will happen, but the party who ran off Highway 160 and into my fence, breaking off a post and found it necessary to pull up two more and cut six wires to get back onto the highway, leaving it so my stock could get on the highway, could have cause possible loss and endangered traffic.

He or she should at least have reported the fence damage so I could have taken care of it without having to find it out myself. It so happened I had my stock shut off from this pasture at the time or it could have been a serious affair.

I have had several such accidents occur along this highway in the past two years. Hoping if it should occur again, I will be notified and thanking you. —*Jacob Reiss Jr.*

70 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 30, 1956 Star

After a windy day Wednesday, the wind went down, as did the temperature. By Thursday morning the government thermometer had reached a new low for the season — 11 degrees above zero, Vernon Pepperd, the weatherman reports.

The cash prize offered this Saturday to the lucky person whose name is drawn and who is present, is for $32.00 [worth almost $400 now].

This and other merchandise prizes are offered by your hometown merchants who belong to the Coldwater Business Men's Association. They deserve your patronage and are here to serve you not only now but every day of the coming year. It pays to trade in Coldwater.

Christmas bazaar and food sale Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the basement of the Wilmore Methodist Christian church, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Turkey dinner served by the ladies beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

The Coldwater Eagles closed out their 1956 grid season in glorious fashion as they overwhelmed the Panthers of Protection 40–13 on the local field Thanksgiving afternoon. The win enabled Coldwater's Eagles to win the Iroquois League crown for the second successive year with a league record of five wins against one tie.

Ashland's Bluejays were a half game behind the Eagles with five wins and one loss. Coldwater and Fowler were co-champions of the Iroquois league two years ago.

The CHS record for 1956 was seven wins, a scoreless tie with Ford in the Iroquois league and a non-league loss to the powerful Medicine Lodge squad.

Members of the Coldwater PTA will meet in the high school here at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, to hear an address by Lynn W. Whiteside, management development director of Boeing Airplane Company's Wichita Division. Whiteside, who has been engaged in personnel training for more than 20 years, will discuss ways in which the smaller communities can better educate youth to meet demands of modern industry.

60 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 24, 1966 Star

Coldwater merchants and civic organizations are getting ready for Christmas.

There will be special events coming up from week to week, so watch THE WESTERN STAR for special events. The merchants have new extra special Christmas gifts for anyone on your list. Shop Coldwater and save.

Mayor Donald Booth will officially open the regular Christmas season this Saturday, November 26, at 4 p.m. with a few words of welcome from the city.

Following the welcome, the Girl Scouts will have a tree lighting ceremony under the direction of Mrs. James Herrington, around the big Christmas tree on Main Street.

The Coldwater Chamber of Commerce will have a $25.00 [about $260 now] cash drawing Saturday following the welcome and lighting ceremony. You may register at any or all participating places of business every week.

You are not required to purchase anything to register, but you must be in one of the participating places at the time of drawing to be eligible to win.

Along with the events this Saturday, the Coldwater merchants will have the unveiling of their store windows, showing all kinds of gifts for Christmas giving.

Starting Dec. 3, each Saturday afternoon, there will be a free movie for the children of the community. The shows are sponsored by the Wilmore State Bank, Coldwater National Bank, Peoples State Bank, Coldwater Sales Co., and the VFW Auxiliary. Watch each week for some special event.

Mrs. Fred Booth of Wilmore won $100.00 [just over $1,040 in today's dollars] in groceries at White's IGA, Coldwater. A representative of Pepsi Cola handed the $100.00 check to Mrs. Booth on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Booth was the winner of the largest amount in the Pepsi Sweepstakes contest in the entire state and she felt quite surprised and gratified to be the winner. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, owners of the Coldwater grocery store.

Early last Monday morning, Mayor Donald Booth and Albert Cox, Coldwater city's street and park maintenance man, went to the Jack Alexander farm northwest of Coldwater and cut a large and beautiful pine tree which Jack furnished for the annual Main Street Christmas tree in this city.

On Monday evening of this week, the members and friends of the Coldwater Friends church enjoyed a fine family fellowship and dinner. One of the highlights of the evening was the showering of the minister, Rev. J.D. Stanley, and his wife with pound gifts of food, etc. This is an annual custom of the Friends church here.

Ben Kile was in charge of the informal program and Carl Burkhall led the singing for the evening. An enjoyable time was had by all, especially the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley.

50 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 25, 1976 Star

All community members are invited to join a health occupations class on Dec. 6, 8, and 13 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the classroom at Wilmore Grade School. Guest lecturer will be John Heckmann, an authorized Heart Association Cardiopulmonary instructor.

He will be teaching mouth-to-mouth breathing and external heart massage, the two components of CPR. Many times these simple procedures help save the lives of persons who have stopped breathing. For more information or transportation call Mary McCaslin.

Coldwater seniors, Kathy Adams and Melanie Miller, were among the more than 400 high school seniors who participated in Senior Weekend at Fort Hays Kansas State College recently. The purpose of the weekend was to give interested seniors a chance to view Fort Hays State and ask any questions they might have.

Kansas Mothers Association is conducting its annual search for Kansas Mother of the Year. Nomination blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Raymond Bert, Search Committee chairman in Sedgwick County.

Guides for selection of state mothers are set by the American Mothers Committee, Inc. which annually names the American Mother of the Year during the national conclave of American mothers in New York City in May. Mrs. J. James Herd of Coldwater is the 1976 Kansas Mother.

40 YEARS AGO
From Nov. 27, 1986 Star

It's Christmastime in Coldwater, beginning this Sunday! That's when participating businesses will kick-off the Yule Season with the Annual Christmas Showing. Featuring their Christmas gift ideas and wares, most of the businesses hope to have their Christmas decorations out for all to see them, as well.

Coffee, spiced tea, cookies and the like will be set out at many of the stores. It will also be the first day that people can sign up for the annual Christmas Drawings sponsored by the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce.

A new twist this year to the holiday activities sponsored by the businesses will be a Christmas Treasure Hunt. In this week's STAR, folks will find their Treasure Hunt Lucky Number. Each of the participating businesses will have a gift awaiting the person who has the number to match the one drawn by that business. Participating businesses are listed on the back of the insert in this week's STAR. Each one of them has a gift for someone to come in and claim.

Back after a year's "leave of absence" is the Coldwater Home Decorating Contest. As in the past, prizes will be provided by the Coldwater National Bank and The Peoples State Bank. Santa is again slated to be around this year, this time appearing at W.W. Clothing Store each weekend through Christmas. Children's movie matinees are slated for Saturday, Dec. 13. Drawings for merchandise and Coldwater Bucks will be held those Saturdays and on Saturday, Dec. 20 as well. That last Saturday before Christmas, Santa will be passing out goodies on Main Street as in the past. For customer convenience, a number of Coldwater businesses will have special Christmas-shopping hours on Saturdays from now until Christmas, as well.

KID SCOOP

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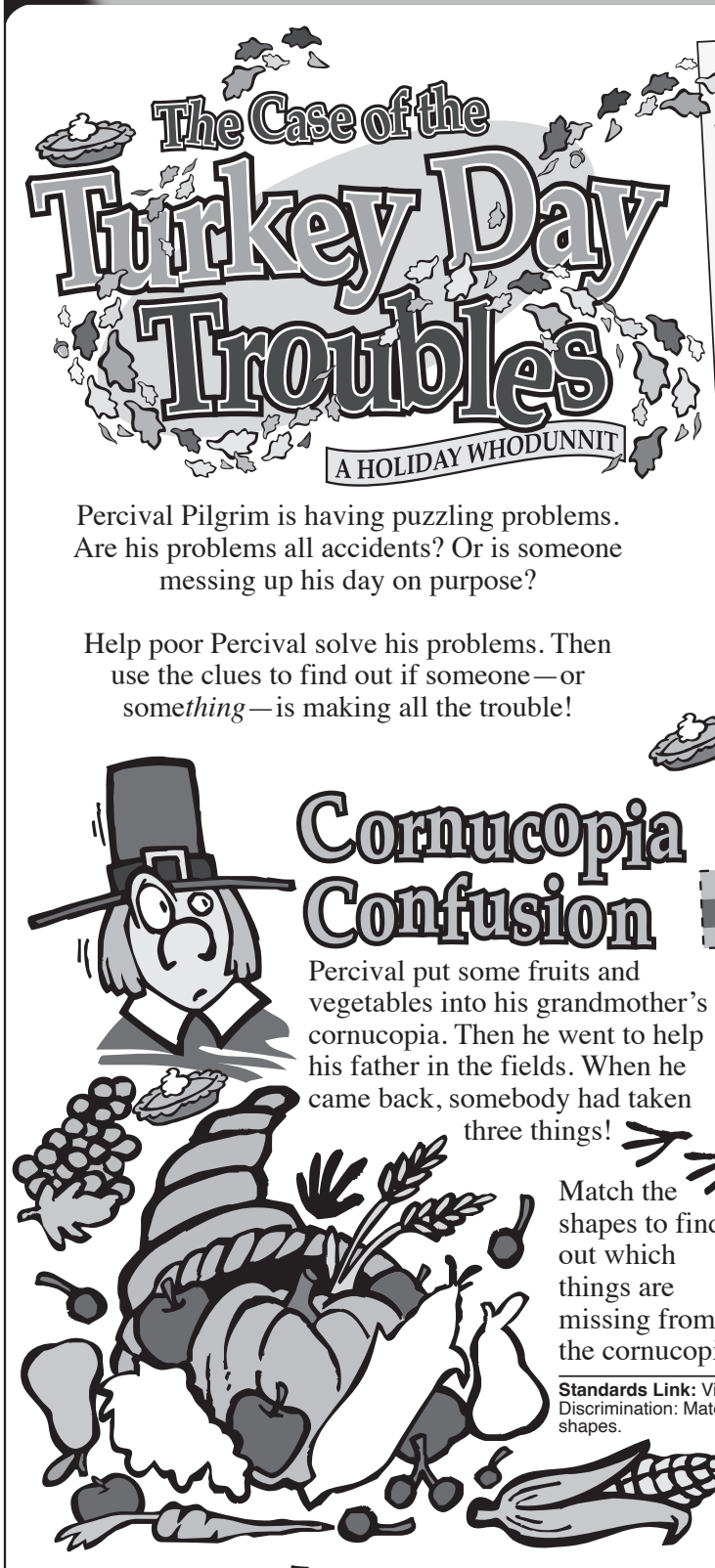
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The Case of the Turkey Day Troubles

A HOLIDAY WHODUNNIT

Percival Pilgrim is having puzzling problems. Are his problems all accidents? Or is someone messing up his day on purpose?

Help poor Percival solve his problems. Then use the clues to find out if someone—or some*thing*—is making all the trouble!



Cornucopia Confusion

Percival put some fruits and vegetables into his grandmother's cornucopia. Then he went to help his father in the fields. When he came back, somebody had taken three things!

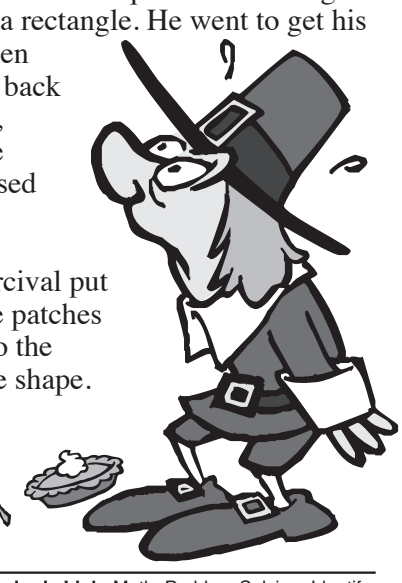
Match the shapes to find out which things are missing from the cornucopia.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Matching shapes.

Puzzling Patchwork

Percival's mother asked him to arrange pieces of fabric for a patchwork quilt. He used eight pieces to make a rectangle. He went to get his mother, and when he came back with her, someone had messed it all up!

Help Percival put all of the patches back into the rectangle shape.



Standards Link: Math: Problem Solving: Identify attributes of geometric objects; match shapes.

Broken Necklace



Percival's sister, Priscilla, helped him make a beautiful bead necklace for his mother. ***Oh no!*** Somebody broke it! Help Percival put the bead necklace back together. Be sure to follow his pattern.

Standards Link: Math: Mathematical Reasoning: Analyze and solve problems by observing patterns.

Pie Hide-and-Seek

Now the 10 delicious pumpkin pies Percival's mother made are gone! Help him find them on this page.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

Extra! Extra!

Giving Thanks

Not all news is bad news. Make a list of the people in the newspaper and the reasons they can be thankful.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

Who is making problems for Percival?

Percival found some clues each time he had a problem. Now he knows that either his sister Priscilla, Ted Turkey or Randy Raccoon caused all the problems. Look at the picture of each suspect. Which clue do you think each one left behind?



Circle the troublemaker—the one who left a clue **every time** there was a problem.

Standards Link: Problem Solving: Analyze problems by identifying relationships.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally. Then look for them in this week's *Kid Scoop* stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Play Thanksgiving Mystery Question!

Secretly find a picture in the newspaper. Then, give the paper to a friend. Give your friend clues about the picture you selected. Can they figure out which is the mystery picture?

Standards Link: Oral Language: Use clear and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas.

With which hand should you stir your soup?

ANSWER: Don't use your hands—use a spoon!

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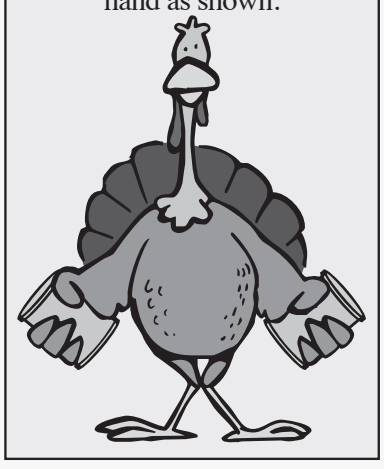
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What does your family usually eat and/or do for Thanksgiving?

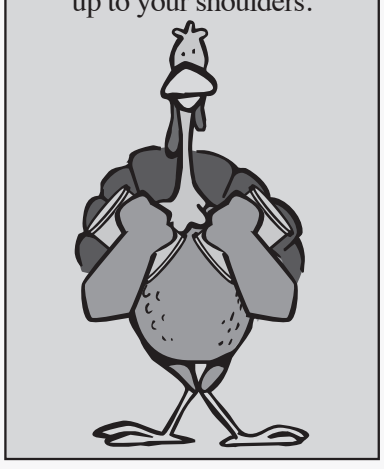
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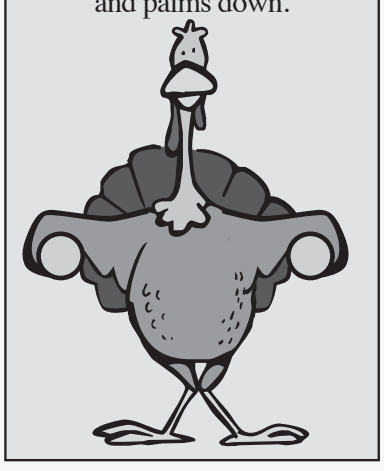
Stand with your feet apart. Hold a can of food in each hand as shown.



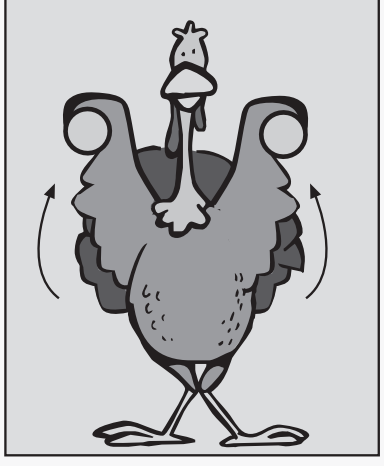
Bend your arms at the elbow, lifting the two cans 10 times up to your shoulders.



Hold a can of food in each hand with arms outstretched and palms down.



Slowly lift each arm straight up 10 times.



Standards Link: Physical Education: Use control in weight-bearing activities.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word THANK in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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WILMORE NEWS

By Christina Griffin

It has been cold and blustery weather in Wilmore, with a trace of rain.

This has been the week for short trips in every direction, starting with thrift store shopping in Pratt, doctor's visit in Hutch, Monday was Garden City for a car part, Tuesday was Harper for an RV repair, and Wednesday was Zenda for an anniversary dinner. We had to go back to Harper on Friday to retrieve the RV and it was very windy, not good in an RV. Gas prices have gone down, and we didn't have to buy our dinner in Zenda, because my daughter has figured out how to do that long distance and surprise us. Thanks Heidi.

Thursday was my last day at Angel's Attic, because next week is Thanksgiving and the following week we return to California. Who would have thought my dream job was volunteering in a thrift store in a small town in Kansas for 2 and a half hours a week. Make sure to patronize them in my absence.

An update on leaf removal: I have the gator loaded and I have about two more trips to the tree dump in me for today. There is no end to this job and the beautiful leaves of the blaze maples next door are gone.

We had a problem with our dog Beau this week. He always goes upstairs to sleep on our floor at night, he can get up the stairs but going down is a problem. He was at the top, whining but he finally took the plunge and went down. Today however, he wouldn't go down, whined and stayed upstairs. I tried putting rugs on the steps, enticing him down with treats, but finally we said let's go for a walk, and I got in front of him and Ernie behind him and we all made it. This may be it on going upstairs for him. Do we let him make that decision?

The Yosts had company from South Dakota, last week. Their nephew Jarrod was here to visit, but now has gone back north.

Betty and I went to the Fall Bazaar on Saturday. There were a lot of people buying, browsing and selling. It has changed a lot from the old days and really reflects where people are now. It was fun but I only bought one small thing.

We had some carousel riders from Coldwater, Carmen Thompson brought her family including Violet and Berkley and her husband. They entertained us for about an hour.

We had a good turnout in church today, but missed a few old faithfuls. Joe, the minister, brought a few blankets for those in the pews, indicating the weather is getting colder.

Ralph Rind had his birthday in the hospital in Wichita. His nephew Roy from Minot, ND is there with him and his cat Button is at home waiting for him. Good luck Ralph.

Thanks for having me, see you next week.

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Susie's Scribbles

By Susan Edmonston

This year went too fast! Thanksgiving takes place this Thursday and many get-togethers continue through the weekend.

The weather was decent on Tuesday (not windy) and I've been noticing a lot of houses and yards have already been decorated for the holiday season.

Here are some upcoming activities in December:

Free Movie/Concessions

Kids' Bible Club in Protection and KICS (Kids in Christ Service) in Coldwater are inviting YOU (the whole family) to a free movie night. Bring your friends!

Plan now to attend the Chief Theatre in Coldwater on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

The free movie is "The Star." Concessions are also free, thanks to generous community families.

Lemon Park

One of my favorite memories from the past was driving through Lemon Park in Pratt with my husband and our daughters (Sheri, Emily, Amy, Connie) every year to see all the Christmas decorations. In later years, the grandchildren were with us.

It just opened last Saturday and will continue to be open from 5:30 to 11 p.m. until Jan. 3. There is no charge to enjoy the park but there is a free-will donation box at the exit.

The one-mile drive through the park features more than 100 displays. Many families will take the one-mile walking path to get a closer look. We haven't taken the hayride through the park but it's available.

When you now leave Lemon Park, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" has displays at nearby Sixth Street Park so that is a must-see, too.

Crystal Beach Park

Woodward is an hour south of the Edmonston home. Our granddaughter Gretchen will be 30 on December 15. For her birthday probably 23 years ago, my husband and I took her and her siblings there to celebrate at Crystal Beach Park. It was a nice evening. We did more walking than driving through the park, and all of us went on the train ride and saw Santa.

Crystal Christmas is an annual holiday light display at Crystal Beach Park in Woodward, Oklahoma, running Nov. 28 to Dec. 31 nightly from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Crystal Beach Park is located at 305 Temple Houston Drive. Admission is free (donations accepted). Free Santa visits and free horse-drawn carriage rides on Saturdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

There are also $1 Kiwanis train rides, a gift shop, and a concession stand with items $5 or less.

Highlights include more than two million lights and displays, walking tunnels, bridges, FM 97.1 music channel, and Bentec Crystal Square featuring a 20-foot animated tree, singing trees, and snowflakes.

Candy Cane Lane

This free drive-through animated Christmas light display is featured at Gamble Farms, one mile north of the stoplight in Greensburg. Not sure of the time this year but it opens typically the week before Christmas from 6 to 9 p.m.

Myron and I drove around the Gamble yard back in the 1970s and early 1980s so our young children could see the colorful displays. And the Gambles were still providing this wonderful display in 2025.

Trump Pardons Two Turkeys

BY ASHLEY MURRAY

States Newsroom

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump pardoned two turkeys named Freedom and Feathers Tuesday, a Thanksgiving White House tradition that dates back to the George H.W. Bush administration.

Trump used the brief event on the White House South Lawn to tout renovations, including a new granite helipad and progress on the ballroom, where he said next year's turkeys will receive accommodations.

The two turkeys this year from West Virginia, presented by the trade group the National Turkey Federation, stayed in a suite at the nearby luxury Willard InterContinental Hotel.

"Unfortunately for 200 years, the White House lacked appropriate accommodations to host such distinguished guests. They've done this for a long time. We've saved a lot of turkeys, but I'm pleased to announce that next year we'll be able to have a special location right over there," Trump said, signaling to the construction site for a 90,000-square-foot ballroom where the East Wing stood.

The modern White House turkey pardon began in 1989, according to the White House Historical Association.

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PROTECTION CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October Meeting

Governing council members and staff were present as noted with the City of Protection

October 14, 2026 regular meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Moved by: Thronesbery Seconded by: Woolfolk Carried: 5-0

Approval of Minutes from last regular council meeting held September 9, 2026.

Moved by: Thronesbery Seconded by: Sawyers Carried: 5-0

Visitors and Public Comment:

Britt Lenertz Emergency Management to discuss a resolution adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region E Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approval to Adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region E Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Moved by: Woolfolk Seconded by: Thronesbery Carried: 5-0

Mark and Eli Jellison were in to discuss property that they just purchased and what they could do and not do.

Public Works:

Tree dump passed inspection.

Javon Baker from KRWA will be here tomorrow to help Danny and Chris on the Chlorinator problems.

Approval for the maintenance work on the street sweeper in the estimated amount of $ 7,206.80 plus another $774.80 for second trip to fix the street sweeper. Tabled

Approval for the purchases of two (2) 210 Regal Gas Chlorinators injectors for the wells in the amount of $4, 446.44 from Municipal Supply.

Moved by: Zimmerman Seconded by: Thronesbery Carried: 5-0

Police: Devon

Approval to purchase two trail cameras at the estimated cost of $100.00

Moved by: Hazen Seconded by: Sawyers Carried: 5-0

Municipal Court: Shirley

Last court was held on September 23rd for both ordinance and tickets. Next court on October 28th will be for ordinance issues only. Because of Thanksgiving, November court will be held December 2nd.

City Treasurer Report: Shirley

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• Treasurer Report

Approval of September 30, 2026 Journal Entry, Petty Cash, Treasurer Report, and Bank Statements.

Moved by: Woolfolk Seconded by: Hazen Carried: 5-0

Broadway Water Line Grant: Shirley

• Grant was submitted to Kansas Water Office the morning of Tuesday, September 15.

• Motion was made at September meeting to approve matching funds ($250K as a bond plus $5K cash). A resolution was mentioned. Need to discuss, please

City Clerk Report: Jennifer

• Working on 3rd Quarter reports.

Water:

Approval to adjust water at 204 N. Madison Avenue.

Moved by: Zimmerman Seconded by: Woolfolk Carried: 5-0

Ordinances:

Approval of an Ordinance NO. 2026-4 for regulating the operation of vehicles upon public property.

Moved by: Woolfolk Seconded by: Sawyer Carried: 5-0

Approval of an Ordinance NO. 2026-5 for regulating the operation of junk yards, salvage yards, scrap metal dealers, and junk dealers within the City of Protection Kansas.

Moved by: Sawyers Seconded by: Zimmerman Carried: 5-0

Approval of an Ordinance NO. 2026-6 for amending Chater VIII, Article 1, of the code of the City of Protection, Kansas.

Moved by: Woolfolk Seconded by: Hazen Carried: 5-0

Other Business:

• Quote from Iron Born Forge LLC on demolition of 5 houses.

• Rebuild our community

• Tantry and Courtney Peterson possible new business

• Fencing between lots if they can be 10ft High. (Keston Gean)

• Rusty contract as requested last month. (See Handouts)

Approval to donate $500 to Santa Claus Day.

Moved by: Thronesbery Seconded by: Woolfolk Carried: 5-0

Veterans Day: in past have not taken this day off, but traded for day off on Friday after Thanksgiving. Do again this year??

• November 11th is Council meeting AND hearing at 7:00 for houses.

Moved by: Zimmerman Seconded by: Sawyers Carried: 5-0

INFORMATION:

• Please sign Thank You cards for Hometown Grants and EBH. Thanks!!

• Vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

• Sign letter to United Wireless for fiber optic installation in Protection.

Approval of Claims: Motion to approve claims for September 10, 2026 through October 14, 2026 in the amount of $127,137.14

Moved by: Woolfolk Seconded by: Zimmerman Carried: 5-0

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 9:58 pm

Moved by: Zimmerman Seconded by: Sawyers Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Western Star and Protection Press on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026) 2t

RESOLUTION NO.2026-10

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

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Protection, Kansas, did on the 11th day of November, 2026, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, is unsafe and dangerous.

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

That a hearing will be held on the 13th day of January, 2027, before the governing body of the City of Protection at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Protection Township Library, 404 N Broadway Ave, Protection, KS 67127, at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders or record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at:

408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Protection, KS 67127

Legal Description: Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), in Block One-hundred Twenty-seven (127), of the Original Town of the City of Protection, Comanche County, Kansas.

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

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

Passed and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 11th day of November, 2026.

_____
Chris Brosius,
Mayor
ATTEST:

_____
Jennifer Monroe, CIty Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Western Star and Protection Press on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026) 2t

RESOLUTION NO.2026-11

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

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210 S. Lincoln Avenue, Protection, KS 67127

Legal Description: Lot Thirteen (13) and the South Twenty-five (25) feet of Lot Fourteen (14), in Block One-hundred Ninety-two (192), of Gibson's Addition to the City of Protection, Comanche County, Kansas.

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

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

Passed and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Protection, Kansas, this 11th day of November, 2026.

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

NEWS

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (620) 532-3151 or email jasonjump@thestarpress.news

Past Paragraphs

Protection news from earlier times

Compiled by Dave Webb

125 YEARS AGO
Western Star
Nov. 29, 1901

Protection prattle
Way & Meisinger received another carload of lumber last week—a sure sign of prosperity in our little city.

A spelling school has been announced for Friday night of this week at the Myers schoolhouse, three miles south of Protection.

Last Saturday night a very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Andrew and Mary Alice Alexander by a number of Alva's young friends, the occasion being his 18th birthday. About 40 guests were present. Games were played until about 9 o'clock when a bountiful supper was served.…

The ladies of the Methodist Church are preparing to serve dinner at Aunt Jane Fish's on Thanksgiving Day. The proceeds will go toward helping to defray the expenses of the church. Dinner, 10 cents [or about $4 in today's dollars]. It deserves to be well patronized.—[Columnist] "JUNIPER."

Among the cattlemen
A special stock train went east Monday morning, taking on four carloads at Englewood, five at Coldwater and one at Wilmore.

Ben Towner is kept busy dehorning cattle in the vicinity of Protection. He dehorned about 70 head for Delos Dunton the first of the week.

Geese are gone
Dave Bridgewater says that the large number of wild geese which usually may be found in Valley Township this time of year is not to be seen this fall. The absence of grain is probably the cause.

100 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Nov. 25, 1926

Hero comes home
John W. Ashcraft, Jr., returned to his home Sunday about the noon hour after an absence of over two years.

Mr. Ashcraft is an aviator of national repute, being a pilot in the nationally known Gates Flying Circus. For the past two years he has been flying with the circus in the eastern and southern states. Mr. Ashcraft is the pilot for the plane on which the acrobats for the circus do their "stuff."

Many years ago, as a lad almost, John Ashcraft left Protection with a determination to someday be an air pilot and he has more than realized that ambition, not only having become an expert pilot, but by his skill and daring, having many times received national honors and national mention and he is known from coast to coast of the United States as "Big Jack," the daring and skillful pilot of the famed circus with which he is identified.

He has made appearances with his circus in all the larger cities and taken part in most of the large air events for the past three or four years and has attained much prominence in air circles.

On his return home, which was a month earlier than he had planned, he traveled by train from New York City to Wichita, but at Wichita, another air pilot, a friend of his, Mr. McConahey, of Wichita, courteously tendered him the use of his plane and flew with him to Protection.

They flew over the town, swooping low over the Ashcraft home and waving a welcome and Mr. McConahey has been visiting for the past few days at the home of Mr. Ashcraft, and with him and they are having a great time swapping air experiences and renewing their friendship.

Mr. Ashcraft is taking his vacation from his duties as pilot with the Gates circus and will be at home for about a fortnight when he will return to his work in the East.

In flying from Wichita to Protection, the Messrs. Ashcraft and McConahey made the trip in about an hour and a half with a heavily loaded plane and two passengers.

All his friends are very happy to renew their acquaintances with Mr. Ashcraft and needless to say that his parents and his immediate family are overjoyed at his visit home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Doc Ramey is back
Last week, the deal was consummated by which Dr. W.G. Ramey purchased the office furniture and fixtures from Dr. Fred Burnett and will in the future be found at his former office to look after his practice in the ear, eye, nose and throat, confining his work to these in which he has specialized for the past year both in this country and in Europe.

Dr. Ramey, in repurchasing his former location and practice from Dr. Burnett who has been in charge of the office for the past year, will have for the future his former phone number 95 for his office and 94 for his residence number.

It is needless to state that all his friends are rejoiced to see him again resume his profession locally.

During the time that Dr. Burnett has been in Protection, both professionally and in the business circles and social circles of Protection, he has made many friends and he and Mrs. Burnett have found a large circle of personal friends who will regret to see them leave Protection.

Dr. Burnett, in the short time that he practiced in Protection, firmly established himself as a skilled and competent general practitioner of medicine and his department will be regretfully seen.

Dr. and Mrs. Burnett have no definite plans for the future nor are they at present sure of their future location, but be that where it may they will carry with them the best wishes of numbers of Protection friends whom they have made during their stay in Protection.

Boosters organize
Last Friday night the businessmen of Protection met in assembly at the city hall.

One of the largest representations of the business interests of Protection gathered and held a very interesting and profitable meeting.

W.E. Snyder was elected permanent president and W.C. Pile was chosen as secretary and A.F. Baker treasurer and the name of the organization was fixed temporarily as the Protection Business Men's Club.

Among the first things that the meeting discussed was the matter of road building, and a committee of G.D. Eubank, J.D. Groves and Thomas L. Chase, Jr., was appointed by the chair to solicit funds and to look after the matter of roads that were under discussion.

And the statement and explanation might be made here that at the meeting that night and by the work on the street the next day, the committee raised several hundred dollars that will be expended in putting the roads in this part of the country in much better shape than they are at present. Much credit must be given the committee that Mr. Snyder chose for its prompt and efficient work and the splendid manner and ready response that was given not alone by the committee but by the businessmen and business interests of Protection and the community.

General discussion looking to the formation of a permanent organization was had and a committee on bylaws and constitution was appointed and the date of the next meeting to be held to hear the report of the road committee was set for Friday of this week.

The bylaws committee was composed of G.C. Ellison, L.A. Peacock and Ray Bachman.

Taking the meeting in all, it was one of the best, most harmonious and most productive of something that looks like a permanent result of any that the writer can call to mind of the many held in Protection and those town builders who recognize the worth and the necessity of such an organization and of such work as the club can and will do are very hopeful of results that will be fruitful from the meeting held last Friday night and the one called for the coming Friday night.

Mutt makes news
The following write-up of "Mutt" Melvin Thornhill appeared in the *Kansas City Star,* Friday, November 13. The *Star* on that date gave every man on both squads a write-up, the day before the Kansas-Missouri [football] game.

From radio reports received here while the game was in progress, it was learned that Mutt got in for about ten minutes during the second quarter and lived up to the name of "dark horse" that the *Star* gives him, by completing several passes for good gains.

The final score was 15 to 0 in favor of Missouri and was a hard-fought game all the way through.

"Melvin 'Mutt' Thornhill [from] Protection, Kansas: The 'dark horse' of the squad, injuries have held him out since the first game of the season, but he got in against Oklahoma for one play and shot a forward pass to Starr that netted forty yards and let to the winning place kick; captain of the 1924 Protection High football and track teams; a great punter, ball carrier and forward passer; also starts in track and will be the first star weight man at Kansas [University] for several years; won second in the shot and discus at the national interscholastic meet at Chicago in 1924 and fourth in the broad jump; age 19, weight 185, height 5 feet, 11½ inches."—*Kansas City Star.*

75 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Nov. 23, 1951

In a Capsule…
By Orin Strobel

This is one of those weeks when an early edition doesn't allow us much of an opportunity to get all the news we know about in the paper. However, Thanksgiving and its great football game [Protection High School vs. Coldwater High] only comes once a year, so we hope you'll forgive us. And a Happy Thanksgiving to all you subscribers.

Bucklin didn't recover from Dick Riner's 58-yard touchdown gallop on the first play from scrimmage last Friday night, and the Panthers poured it on, 45 to 14.…

Tom Lindsay was driving into town from the stockyards last Saturday and turned across the railroad tracks at the [west] edge of town. The "Doodlebug" was occupying the space at the time and Tom's pickup truck was shorn clean on the front end. There were no serious repercussions, as Tom didn't even swallow his "chaw" of tobacco.

The town had the fire bug Tuesday afternoon. The truck was called first to the pasture west of Melvin Maris for a grass fire. The truck made a repeat run to the area when a spark, probably from the first fire, ignited and destroyed a shed immediately west of the E.N. Lamkin home.

A grass fire between the Bill Young and Ralph Zane homes brought the truck out for the third time in the afternoon and was quickly extinguished before any damage was done.

The best prices in town!
1942 Ford Sedan. Radio and heater. Lots of use yet! $245 [over $3,100 in today's dollars].

1951 Plymouth Tudor. Big heater, 2,000 miles. A honey! $1,695 [about $22,000 now].

1951 Plymouth Sedan. Dark blue, big heater. $2,110 [$27,400]. Brand new and ready!

1937 Chevy Club Coupe. Heater, radio, sunshade, four new tires, Prestone. Ready to go. $127.50 [$1,650].—LINDSEY MOTOR COMPANY. Phone 20, Protection.

New guy in town
Sanford and Berta. Miller announce the birth of a son, Stephen Dean, at the Greensburg hospital, November 15. Dr. L.G. Glenn was the attending physician.

55 YEARS AGO
Protection Post
Nov. 26, 1971

Not champs this year
Little River scored an easy victory over the Protection Panthers at Lyons Friday night, 23–6, to enter the state football playoff finals against Jackson Heights this coming Saturday afternoon on the Sterling College gridiron.

Friday night the Redskins deserved their number-one rating as they methodically whipped the nervous Panthers. And nerves would have to be the major factor in the outcome of the game, as the poised Redskins, now owning a 25-game winning streak, made the Panthers beat themselves.…

The victory string of the Panthers ends at 10 and attention the next nine months turns to other sports, but the 1971 Panthers have set a goal for future teams to shoot at, and most of the fine young men composing this year's squad will be ready to go again next September—possibly to greater glory. It is certain that the pride and enthusiasm generated by this year's squad will be hard to duplicate.

Panthers closing out their high school football are seniors Doug Brooks, Craig Edmonston, Danny Eubank, John Bare, Randy Rich and John Teter.

Engaged
Philip and Mollie Hemel of Ness City announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy to Mr. Larry Filson, son of Mrs. Rema Filson and the late Ben Filson of Protection.

Miss Hemel is the business education instructor at Protection High School. Mr. Filson is a partner in Filson Manufacturing in Protection.

S. Enos Miller
Funeral services were held in the Protection Mennonite Church Thursday at 10:30 a.m. on November 18, 1971, for Mr. S. Enos Miller.

Sylvanus Enos Miller, son of Joseph C. Miller and Barbara E. Yoder Miller, was born in LaGrange County, Indiana, February 7, 1874, and departed this life November 15, 1971, at the age of 97 years at the Comanche County Hospital after an eight-week illness.

With his parents he moved to McPherson County in 1882.… He attended the public schools of the community and in 1903 received his Bachelor of Arts degree from McPherson College. He taught in public schools, both grade and high school, for some years and from 1920 to 1931 he taught at Hesston College, where he also served as registrar.…

In 1907 he married Ursula Miller, daughter of N.S. and Sophronia Hummel Miller at Jet, Oklahoma. They sojourned life together for 64 years. Many of these years were spent on their farm south of Protection, until moving to Protection in 1946.…

His widow survives; also one daughter, Lahla (Mrs. Truman Selzer) [of Protection]; one son, Sanford E. Miller of Topeka; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

35 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
Nov. 28, 1991

Proclamation
Whereas, Harry "Jick" Davis has served the citizens of the City of Protection for many years as its main Tree and Brush Site Engineer, Plumber, Bank Director, Mason, Eastern Star member, Nursing Home advisor, Centennial Court Council, and Public Helping Hand to whomever needed it, even when they didn't ask…I, Sally Selzer, Mayor of the City of Protection, hereby proclaim December 1, 1991, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:01 a.m. is HARRY "JICK" DAVIS MINUTE and I declare that said minute should be a celebration of his contribution to the City of Protection, the fact that he is an all-around good fellow to know.…

'Music Man' a success
Large crowds attended both performances of the annual Protection High School musical Friday and Saturday night. The play was "Music Man."

Friday's crowd almost filled the auditorium. Saturday's crowd was not quite as large, but did give plenty of applause. The new Protection Booster Club had receptions after each night's performances.

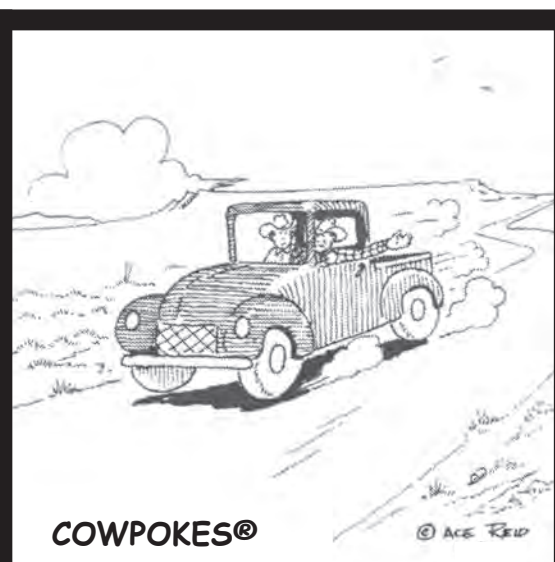
On Friday night the annual soup supper attracted a big gathering at Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. It must have been one of the larger crowds of recent years, for the serving line ran out of soup.

15 YEARS AGO
Protection Press
November 24, 2011

Bobbing Along Broadway
By Bob Greer

Winter is here. Thank heavens that school football games are over. I tolerate basketball much better. It's warmer inside, lights are brighter—and concession stands are closer!

YOUR HOMETOWN BANKS ARE READY TO SERVE YOU!



"Yep. Money talks, but all mine says is goodbye!"

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NEWS

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SCES Music Program *Photos by Paula Bradley*









CHEER

• *From Page 1*

years. Jellison is expecting her first baby which is due in February, and she didn't feel like she could give the cheer program the effort it deserves while being a first-time mom. Jellison broke the news to the team after they had competed in the finals.

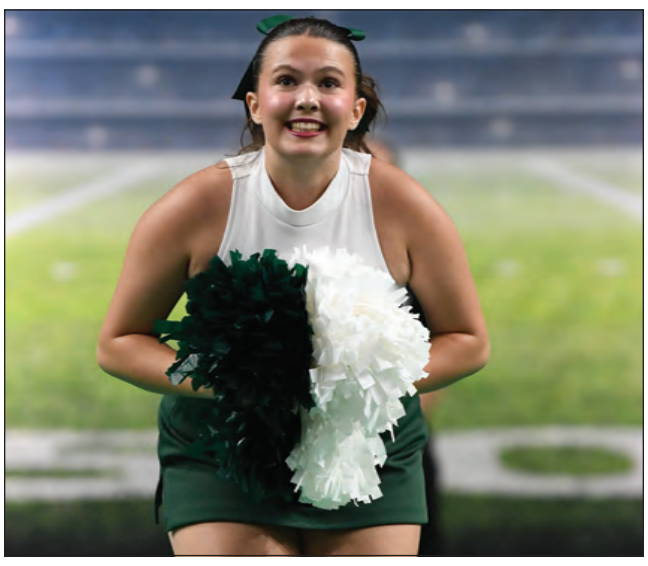
"There were tears, but also so much support from them," she said. "We are all extremely bonded, and I'm lucky my baby girl will get to look up to them as her cheer sisters.

"I have so many thank yous to many members of the South Central community not only for their support this year, but my last three years as coach. The program had some big shoes to fill when I took over, and I have felt nothing but utter support from the community, administration and the girls I've coached."

Jellison said the sport of cheer is often overlooked by so many people even now with the growth of cheer.

"To see our community come together for these girls time and time again has meant the world to me," she said. "I will miss coaching, but am also excited for the future of the South Central cheer program as they move forward. I will always be cheering them on.

"Go Timberwolves!"





















CLASSIFIEDS

Call Stephanie at 620.532.3151 to place a classified ad, remove an ad or make changes to your ad.

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 eithic and dependable attendance. Apply in person at US-160, in Protection. For more information, call (620) 622-4456.

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. 51tfnc

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

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@pioneerlodgeks.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.

South Central Middle School is looking for paraprofessionals to work with middle school students. If you are interested please call Matt Jellison at South Central Middle School, at (620) 622-4545 or email at jellisonmatt@usd300ks.com.