

News from the Past

80 Years Ago

February 21, 1935

The high school operetta will be given Feb. 27, in the City Auditorium. The operetta, which is under production now is “Sailor Maids.”

The Booster Club met at the City Hall Feb. 19. There was a nice attendance. Owing to other social activities some were not permitted to attend. There will be another meeting next week Feb. 28.

Friday was the day for the Library social and though it was stormy twenty-five members and six visitors accepted Mrs. Pauline Champlin’s invitation to meet at her home. Mrs. Blunt, while not a member of the club, was always willing to help with the programs when asked.

70 Years Ago

March 1, 1945

Red Cross workers in Carr Creek township have collected a total of \$266 in the Red Cross war fund drive. The quota set for Carr Creek was \$234.06. The committee in charge of collection was Mrs. John Thull, Mrs. Ellis Clausen, and Miss Mary Collins.

The Cawker City Telephone Company has added two phone booths in the office. These are two separate rooms at the north side of the main reception room. Water has been installed in the building and toilet rooms equipped. Louis Ritz did the carpenter work.

The Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Tula Emigh Monday evening with nine members present. A business session and sewing rug rags were the work of the evening.

60 Years Ago

March 3, 1955

According to Bill Considine, Secretary of Beloit Chamber of Commerce, conditions look very favorable for changing the east-bound Downs to Atchison Missouri Pacific passenger schedule to give patrons better service.

The Cawker City Pirates will meet the Glen Elder Bearcats in the semi-finals of the tournament at Mankato this evening. The game will be played at 8:30.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad will arrange a special train from Downs to Kansas City to an American League game involving the K.C. Athletics sometime next summer.

50 Years Ago

March 4, 1965

World Day of Prayer in Cawker City for Baptist and Methodist congregations will be held at the Methodist Fellowship Hall, Friday afternoon, March 5, at 2 o’clock. Both Baptists and Methodists will join the program. Everybody is invited.

The Ledger is again publishing auto license books for Mitchell and Jewell counties this year. Work of selling the advertising was done by Mrs. Thelma Stewart, Beloit.

Representatives of various groups and organizations in Cawker City met at the Big B Cafe Thursday to hear discussion on the road situation south of Cawker.

40 Years Ago

February 27, 1975

The Kansas American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the North Central Regional Planning Commission will cosponsor

an informative American Bicentennial Workshop at the Elks Club, Beloit.

Regina Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yarnell, Salina, was baptized Feb. 23, 1975, during the services at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Ritter officiating. Harold VanWey is the baby’s godfather.

Jack Gasper, Tipton, was the successful bidder on the 160 acres of grassland for \$40,000 owned by St. Boniface Catholic Church, Tipton, which was sold Feb. 22. This pasture is 6 miles west and 1 mile south of Tipton.

30 Years Ago
February 28, 1985
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is proud to announce the selection of Sharon Berry as chairman for this year’s bike-a-thon in Cawker City, April 27, with a rain date of May 4.

A 4-H Tractor Safety Program is planned for all 14- and 15-year-old youth this spring according to Kenneth Fromm, Mitchell County Agricultural Agent.

20 Years Ago
March 2, 1995
An open house will be held for Lewis Smith March 4 for all his friends and relatives from 2-4 p.m. at the Farmway Co-op meeting Room, 204 E. Court, Beloit.

John Lomax of Osborne was named Kansas Driver of the Month for July by the Kansas Motor Carriers Association.

There will be a World Day of Prayer Meeting March 3 at the Methodist Church. All three churches in Cawker City will be taking part in this. Everyone is encouraged to come.

Obituaries

Virginia Sue “Ginny” Mullins



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Virginia Sue “Ginny” “Gramma” Mullins, 89, of Federal Heights CO, passed away February 5th, 2025, at home.

Virginia was born on the family farm in Tipton, KS to Joseph and Monica (Gasper) Hollerich on November 21, 1935. She was the 4th of 10 children, 6 girls and 4 boys. Growing up on the farm consisted of milking cows, driving a tractor and working in the fields. She attended Tipton Catholic School, and Marymount College in Kansas. On September 11, 1957 she married William Lyle Mullins and raised a family of 7 children. After 39 years of marriage Lyle passed in October 1996. She worked as a utility clerk for the City of Federal Heights for 42

years until she retired in July of 2014, at the age of 79. She also worked for Aramark for 32 years selling food and alcohol at McNichols Arena, Mile High Stadium, The Pepsi Center and the new Mile High Stadium. She was never happier than when she was surrounded by family and friends. Even if it was to stop by for a few minutes just to say “Hi”. She enjoyed family campouts as well as traveling the world with her husband Lyle, kids, grandkids and friends she made along the way. In her free time she enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles and attending Summer and Fall outdoor festivals.

Virginia is survived by her children Teresa, Jenise, Bill (Chris), Steve, Tom (Kerry), Mike (Jackie) daughter-in-law Vicki (Dennis). Grandchildren Melissa (Jason), Christopher (Crystal), Kevin (Kayla), Nicholas, Nicole (Shelby), Desirae (Toni), Brinna (Jeremiah), Brendin (Kelsey), Christine, Jordan (Natasha) and Savannah. Great grandchildren Jay (Mikayla), Liam, Jax and Dominic. Great-great Grandchildren Rylan, Aspen and Finley. Sisters Marcena and Beatrice and brothers Harold (Norlene), Kenneth and Joseph. As well as many nieces and nephews.

Virginia is preceded in

death by her husband Lyle, parents Joseph and Monica, son Dennis, grandson Andrew, brother Charles, sisters Carol, Catherine and Lou Ann.

Funeral service was held at St. Mark Catholic Church, 3141 W 96th Ave Westminster, CO 80031 on Friday, February 21st at 1030 am. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet, 12801 W. 44th Avenue Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033. Visitation was at St Mark Catholic Church, on Thursday, February 20th from 4 to 6 pm followed by a Rosary. Her funeral mass was live streamed. A luncheon was held at the Westminster Rec Center from 2-4:30 pm, 10456 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, CO 80020

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Our family would like to extend gratitude to Denver Hospice for all the support they provided to us in mom’s final week. If you want, flowers may be sent to St Mark Catholic Church.

Our family wants to thank everyone for the kind words, visits and support you have provided during this time. Virginia had a very large ‘extended’ family and no one was ever a stranger. She loved with all her heart and will be truly missed.

Q & A from the Canopy

By Landen Cleveland

Game Warden Mitchell & Osborne counties

KDWP LE Division

Trapping

This week I wanted to talk about the sport of trapping. If someone comes to me and tells me they want to get into trapping, the first thing I am going to tell them is to read our regulations and find a veteran trapper that you can ride along with to learn the tricks of the trade. Before you start trapping you need to obtain your furharvester education certificate and then buy your furharvester’s license. Once those are in your possession you can start trapping on your own. There are so many things to cover when it comes to trapping there is just no way I can cover them all in a paragraph. So, what I am going to do is hit the high points of what trapping laws we see violated the most. By far the most common violation is not checking traps daily. When you run a trap

line, it is your responsibility to check your traps daily so any animal you have caught in your traps won’t suffer. The second most common violation in trapping is someone not tagging their traps. This is usually because someone is setting traps where they aren’t supposed to be (trespassing) or they were too lazy to put a tag on their trap. All in all, trapping is a very cool sport, and it appears to be slowly dying off. We, as outdoorsmen, need to do something about it. Why, you ask? For starters, most the things we catch in traps like to eat eggs they find in nests. Things like Turkey and pheasant eggs. If you have questions or want to learn more about trapping. Please visit the Furbearers section of our hunting regulations or email me at: landen.cleveland@ks.gov

Legal Notice

City of Cawker City

**FINAL
PERFORMANCE
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE CDBG**

Water Tower Project

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The city of Cawker City will hold a final performance public hearing on March 12, 2025 at 7:30 pm, at the Cawker City City Hall at 804 Locust St., Cawker City, Kansas, for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant No. 22-PF-015 which was proposed to construct a 75,000-gallon steel pedesphere water tower and demolish the existing tower; water system improvements consisting of, but not limited to: excavation, earthwork compaction, concrete work, tower construction, connecting to existing piping, installing two

(2) 6” gate valves, 100 linear feet of 6’ PVC piping, demolition, and purchase & installation of one fire hydrant. Additional activity including geotechnical investigation, mobilization, sign construction, highway crossing, legal fees, environmental assessment, construction staking, erosion control, grass seeding, creative design and painting, other professional services if required; cultural study, asbestos inspection and removal, lead inspection and removal, and engineering; design, and inspection. The proposed project also included grant administration. All quantities listed are approximations.

The project as completed included, construction of a 130’-tall 75,000-gallon, single pedestal-style, welded steel water storage tower; the removal of a 75,000-gallon, multileg, welded steel water tower and associated infrastructure; and the installation of

100 linear feet of underground piping, two 6” valves, and related appurtenances. Additional project items included traffic control, mobilization, demobilization, engineering design and construction inspection, and grant and loan administration.

The total project cost was \$1,114,206.25 with \$454,250.00 in CDBG funds utilized. This grant was funded, all or in part, from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. All aspects of the grant will be discussed and oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the city of Cawker City CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to the Cawker City Clerk by March 8, 2025.

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