

# News from the Past

**90 Years Ago**  
*September 26, 1935*  
Cawker played their first football game last Friday night at Mankato, the results being a victory for Mankato. Both teams played a good and clean game. In considering the experienced players both teams had about the same number but weight and the number of players out were handicapped very much.

Approximately 400 acres of tame pasture have been seeded the past two weeks. Even though the grass comes up and makes a good growth this fall, it should not be grazed until after May 1, 1936. Once the grass becomes established it will be able to withstand heavy grazing during favorable seasons.

The Methodist Ladies Aid gave their annual birthday dinner at the City Auditorium last Thursday evening. The tables were appropriately decorated for the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. A delicious dinner was served to parties who bought tickets. The ladies realized about \$45 after all expenses were paid.

**80 Years Ago**  
*September 27, 1945*  
Stores in Cawker City will be closing during the football game with Glen Elder here Friday. The business houses will close at

2:15 and re-open after the close of the game. Members of the squad have been practicing industriously for several weeks in preparation for this their initial game of the season.

With a shake of a serape and a snap of a sombrero, Laurel and Hardy are on the loose again in a fiesta of fun south of the border in their new hilarious comedy, "The Bullfighters" which shows at the Cawker Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Fourteen varieties of sorghums grown on the variety test at Hauptli Bothers field just north of the Frank Hauptli farm will be harvested Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

**70 Years Ago**  
*September 22, 1955*  
The new model 1956 Ford automobiles will be on display soon at the Wise Body Shop local sub-dealers.

In December, 1955 the first Direct Distance Dialing to be placed in Kansas will be installed at Lawrence, Kansas.

Kansas hunters this fall will have more hunting days, fewer restrictive regulations and increased bag limits for quail in the liberalized upland game bird seasons set last week by the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game commission.

The Cawker City Pirates open their 1955 Grid Season at Lebanon this Friday

evening at 7:30. Miss Mary Jo Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Riley, Cawker City has accepted a position as stewardess with Eastern Air Lines. She will receive five weeks of training at Miami Springs, Fla., after which she will be assigned to flight duty.

**60 Years Ago**  
*September 23, 1965*  
The archery enthusiasts who met at Vern's Garage last Thursday night set a date of Sept. 26 for forming the club, electing officers, etc.

Richard Bowman shows a huge sunflower he grew on Bowman farm northwest of Cawker. The plant was 11 feet high and the blossom was 12 inches across. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman.

The Cawker City Commercial Club met Monday evening at the North Side Cafe and enjoyed a fried chicken dinner. Following the dinner a lively business meeting was held with President Leo Budke in charge. Twenty-six members were present.

**50 Years Ago**  
*September 25, 1975*  
The Kansas State Fair is now history. Mitchell County was well represented with outstanding exhibits of many 4-H'ers.

A sign of the season is the new car showings that are

being held at Waconda Motors. The first showing of the season at the local dealership was the new 1976 model Cadillac.

Archery permits for the 1975 deer season have been mailed to 5,599 bow hunters by the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission.

The girls A and B teams won over Jewell in their opening match on Sept. 9 while the C team dropped their first match.

**40 Years Ago**  
*September 26, 1985*  
Mitchell County farmers participating in the 1985 farm programs soon will be authorized to graze their acreage conservation reserve land. The official grazing period opens Octo-

ber 16, according to Rick Pinkston, Mitchell County ASCS Executive Director.

Rick Pinkston, Mitchell County Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service cautions farmers not to jeopardize their eligibility for the farm-stored loan program by removing grain without obtaining permission.

The Annual American Legion and Auxillary Coffee Tour will be in Cawker October 2 at the Northside Cafe. State and district officers will be here to collect dues and discuss new programs and problems. All members are invited to attend.

**30 Years Ago**  
*September 28, 1995*

Waconda East High School Homecoming candidates are Crystal Walter escorted by Travis Eberle, Shasta Gaston escorted by Dan Rader, and Tonya Tietjens escorted by Greighton Remus. The 1995 Homecoming will be crowned Friday, September 29 at Glen Elder football field.

Randy Paxton instructor and leader of the Hunter Education Course, gives opening remarks at the Glen Elder Grade School Monday morning, Sept. 11.

Sept. 19, 1995, Waconda East hosted a P.T.L. Triangular with North Central and White Rock. Waconda East defeated North Central 15-7 and 15-7 and White Rock 15-3 and 15-2.



**ONE TO BEAT:** Knights running back Caleb Frasier blasts through the line for a gain Friday night against the Trojans. (Photo by Lakeside Journalism)

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the needs assessment revealed. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Aaron Gasper moved and Chandra Doane seconded to approve a State Bank of Downs Debit Card Addition for Bus Washing. Motion carried 7-0

6. Brandi Duskie moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to allow use of LES and LJSH Gym for City of Downs Parks & Rec Youth Volleyball (Grades 3-5) for the following:

a. Sundays between 4pm and 6pm from now until Oct 5th

b. Most Sundays, the LES gym will be used & the LJSH gym will be used sometimes

c. Chandra Doane and KC Remus will be heading this activity. This will not interfere with any school activities. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Ian Frasier moved and Chandra Doane seconded to allow use of LJSH Facility for Fall Craft Fair on November 28th (setup) and 29th as approved by administration. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Cecelia Reinert moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to allow Waconda Chiefs Youth Football use of LJSH facilities as approved by admin (Dates TBD). Motion carried 7-0.

9. Ashley Clausen moved and Aaron Gasper

seconded to approve Lakeside FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis October 29-Nov 2nd and approve out of state travel, use of one van, and fuel. Motion carried 7-0.

10. Ian Frasier moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to approve Lakeside Livestream High School Activity Account be separate from other activity accounts. Motion carried 7-0.

11. Cecelia Reinert moved and Chandra Doane seconded to approve and give purchase authority for Broadcasting and Livestream Equipment, Software and Setup not to exceed the available CTE grant money. Motion carried 7-0.

12. Aaron Gasper moved and Ian Frasier seconded to approve staff and student device purchases through REAP (not to exceed \$15,000). Motion carried 7-0.

13. Chandra Doane moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to approve the following Donations/Grants:

a. \$250 from SMC Concrete & Construction for School Supplies

b. \$40 from By A Thread in Phillipsburg for School Supplies  
Motion carried 7-0.

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14. Ashley Clausen moved and Chandra Doane seconded to approve the following resignations:

a. Jessica Reinert: JH Track Coach

b. Barb Palen: LES 4th Grade Teacher (Retiring on June 1, 2026)

c. Chrissy Grief: LES Title Teacher (Retiring on June 1, 2026)

Motion carried 7-0.

15. Ashley Clausen moved and Steve Ahlvers seconded to approve the following nominations:

a. Travis Eberle: Head JH Boys Basketball Coach

b. Julie Alford: All School Play Co-director

c. Curtis Cary: Full Time Bus Driver

d. Ashley Stephens: Full Time PreK 4 Aide

e. Marla Kooops: Part-time Concession Stand Operator

f. Cindy Clausen: District Substitute

Motion carried 7-0.

16. Miscellaneous

Aaron Gasper moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to approve for non-students to ride a school bus as needed as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

17. Brandi Duskie moved and Chandra Doane seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.



**ON THE ATTACK:** Ryker Remus gets serious in the homecoming activity dodgeball game. (Photo by Lakeside Journalism)

## Shrine Bowl makes \$140,000 Donation to Shriners Children's

The Shrine Bowl of Kansas, Inc. Board of Directors is proud to announce a 2025 donation of \$140,000 to benefit Shriners Children's. The net proceeds generated by the success of the organization's 2025 events, the 52nd Kansas Shrine Bowl presented by Mammoth and the 2nd KWCA Kansas Shrine Duals, are made possible by the generosity and efforts of many. The Shrine Bowl of Kansas, Inc. Board of Directors would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to all of the staff, participants, families, supporters, ambassadors, corporate partners, advertisers, volunteers, local hosts, and nobles across Kansas who have contributed in any fashion towards this remarkable contribution that will greatly impact the lives of the many Kansas children and families who receive care at Shriners Children's.

The overall impact of these events extends far beyond the major financial contribution to Shriners Children's. More than 500 high school student-athletes and musicians from across the state of Kansas were provided with an opportunity to learn first-hand the impact their participation has on the lives of these children served by Shriners Children's through interactive activities and learning experiences with Shriners Children's Patient Ambassadors during camp. These experiences will lead to many of these students and their families becoming extensions of these Ambassadors in their own

communities to help spread awareness and understanding for the outstanding philanthropic work being done by Shriners and the Shrine Bowl of Kansas, Inc.

To learn more about upcoming Shrine Bowl of Kansas, Inc. events, please visit [www.KansasShrineBowl.com](http://www.KansasShrineBowl.com). The 3rd KWCA Kansas Shrine Duals will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Newman University in Wichita, Kansas and the 53rd Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Welch Stadium on the campus of Emporia State University in Emporia,

## USD 272 Board holds special budget hearing

The USD 272 Board of Education held a special budget hearing Monday, Sept. 8 at 5:45 p.m. in the district office.

Board Members Present: Brandi Duskie, Chandra Doane, Steve Ahlvers, Ian Frasier entered at 5:47 p.m., Aaron Gasper entered at 5:52 p.m. Cecelia Reinert entered at 5:48 p.m.

Principal: Jeremy Long present. Others present: Chelsa Anderson, Treasurer and Vienna Janis, Clerk.

Brandi Duskie at 5:45 p.m. informed guests that they would be waiting to start the budget hearing because a quorum had not been met.

Brandi Duskie called the budget hearing to order

Kansas. The 53rd Kansas Shrine Bowl also includes the Masonic All-State Marching Band Camp and the All-Star Cheer Camp, along with many other game week events such as the parade, golf tournament, and more. Camp registration information and additional event information can be found at [www.KansasShrineBowl.com](http://www.KansasShrineBowl.com).

The Shrine Bowl of Kansas Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that produces annual events and related activities, with all net proceeds benefiting Shriners Children's.

at 5:47 p.m. and informed all in attendance that the meeting would be recorded.

Brandi Duskie opened the meeting up for comment and discussion.

Jesse Janssen superintendent gave an update on 2025-2026 budget and reminded the board of Needs Assessment and State Assessment results being in the board packet, and reviews were done earlier.

There was no one present from the public and no comments were made.

Brandi Duskie moved and Chandra Doane seconded to adjourn the budget hearing. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting ended at 5:53 p.m.



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