



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

GARDEN CITY

Incorporated Weld County Towns - 1935

Following the repeal of U. S. Prohibition (1919-1933), L.P. Norton of Evans tried to open a liquor store in Greeley, a community that had not allowed alcohol sales or consumption since 1870. Norton's liquor store was shut down by angry Greeley citizens. So, he gathered enough signatures to create a town on Greeley's southern border where selling liquor would be legal. The first request was denied in court, but a second attempt in 1936 successfully incorporated Garden City.

Garden City and neighboring Rosedale (1939) were nicknamed Boozeville by Greeley residents, becoming a place where locals could legally buy and drink alcoholic beverages. The two towns consolidated in 1988 into Garden City.

The above information is gleaned from the upcoming book, Weld County Towns: The First 150 Years, researched by the City of Greeley Museums staff, Nancy Lourine Lynch head writer.