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The Wauneta Chamber and The Wauneta Breeze are teaming up for a yearlong celebration of Wauneta's quasiquicentennial — or more simply put, Wauneta's 125th birthday.

Wauneta's recorded history dates back to the 1870s when George and Sarah Rowley established a home near the waterfalls on the Frenchman and a cattle camp settlement called Wauneta when a post office was first established here in 1877. The post office was discontinued in 1881 but re-established in 1886, the same year that Chase County was officially organized by proclamation of Gov. Dawes.

During 1886 and 1887 several of Wauneta's cornerstone businesses were established including the Polly grist mill near the Wauneta Falls and The Wauneta Breeze Newspaper, one of the longest continuously running businesses in Chase County.

This year's Harvest Fest theme highlights that milestone — "Celebrating our Heritage: 125 Years" — as well as lifting up Wauneta's treasured Heritage of Wauneta residents, staff and facility.

The Breeze is working to compile a 125th Quasiquicentennial Edition to compliment the 75th Anniversary Edition published in 1961 and the Centennial Edition published in 1987.

Breeze readers are encouraged to pass along historic photos and information to be included in this special issue. If you have items of interest for Wauneta's 125th overview, please contact the

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