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Storm sirens sound in Wauneta Tuesday night

Following an afternoon of threatening storm clouds and warnings broadcast across the air waves Wauneta felt the brunt of a damaging storm front and series of thunderstorms that moved through the area Tuesday night into Wednesday morning.

Around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, tornado warnings sounded in Wauneta after Doppler radar detected rotation in the storm clouds sweeping overhead as they moved along a southeasterly trek as cooler weather moved in from Canada.

Hail stones pounded Wauneta at various times throughout the evening accompanied by high winds and rain.

Hail and storm damage of varying degrees reached nearly every pocket of western Nebraska the first few days of this week, with the western portions of Chase and Dundy counties especially hard hit on Monday. An area between Wauneta and Hamlet also suffered significant hail damage Monday evening.

Tuesday afternoon and evening another cold front moved through bringing severe damage to the Imperial and McCook areas as well as widespread damage of varying degrees to the rest of the region.

Heavy rains accompanied the series of storms with totals ranging from over an inch of rainfall on Tuesday in the Imperial, Enders and Grainton areas.

In the Wauneta area, .70 an inch reportedly fell Tuesday. Hayes Center and McCook saw rainfall totals approaching 3 inches on Monday.

Funnel clouds were spotted near Sutherland and Wallace Tuesday and hail as large as softballs fell across portions of Hayes, Perkins and Lincoln counties.

By Wednesday the forecast called for a daytime high in the 70s, significantly cooler than the triple-digit heat seen one week earlier.

Sumner steps down from Breeze position

Less than a year after sliding into the position of managing editor of The Wauneta Breeze, Josh Sumner has stepped down to return to his home state of Missouri.

Sumner joined the Breeze staff in June 2010 and worked to become a productive member of the community including a short stint as a member of the Wauneta Volunteer Fire Department.

Former managing editor Tina Kitt will return to that position in the interim as Breeze owners Russ and Lori Pankonin of Johnson Publications work to find a new managing editor.

Goodwill donation drive in Imperial Aug. 19-24

Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska is looking forward to their next donation drive in Imperial.

The donation trailer will be parked at the United Methodist Church parking lot at 420 Holland Street to receive donations from noon to dark on Thursday, Aug. 18, and from 8 a.m. to dark Friday, Aug. 19, thru Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Donations of clothing and household items that are in good condition and saleable (meaning what you would like to buy) can be placed inside the trailer.

Due to limited space, however, Goodwill cannot accept furniture or large appliances at their mobile locations.

Tax donation slips will be available at the trailer.

“Our last drive was a great success and the generosity of the citizens of Imperial and the surrounding area is very much appreciated,” said Tamara Slater, organizational development director.

Palisade Farmer’s

Market on tap Saturday

Head to the Smith Building in Palisade on Saturday, Aug. 13, for a farmer’s market featuring home-grown produce and craft show, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT/8 a.m. to noon MT.

Lunch will be served, with free-will offerings being accepted, with money to go to the Palisade Municipal Pool.