

Wauneta Chamber hosts community events year round

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:35 - Last Updated Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:38



Wauneta Chamber members meet monthly to plan for upcoming events and current projects. Chamber members pictured include (from left) Carol Maddux, Rich Romine, Lela Hamilton, Richard ‘Pudge’ Hamilton, Kathy Kerchal, Brenda Anderson, Jack Maddux and Page Johnston.

By Sheri Hink

The Wauneta Breeze

The Wauneta Commercial Club, locally known as the Chamber of Commerce, actively supports the community in a variety of ways.

It's unclear exactly how long the group has been serving the community but the Wauneta Commercial Club has been in existence since before 1930. The group was incorporated in 1949. Sometime after the 1970s the group came to be called the Chamber instead of the Commercial Club.

Wauneta Chamber hosts community events year round

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:35 - Last Updated Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:38

Locals might be most familiar with their service through management of the Chateau Theatre and the much anticipated Harvest Festival, but the Chamber serves the community in many other ways as well.

Each March the Chamber hosts a Career Day at the Wauneta-Palisade Schools. Career Day gives local students an opportunity to learn about different career paths available to them.

In April the Chamber helps with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Each Chamber business donates two dozen filled plastic eggs for local children to “hunt.” This year the annual Easter Egg Hunt is being hosted by Heritage of Wauneta and will be held on April 7.

The Chamber also helps with clean up day each April where members work with village employees and school kids to pick up and help haul off trash, old tree branches and appliances. Last year the Chamber provided a grant to any business that needed freshening up with paint. The Chamber would help the business either purchase paint or supply help to paint their business utilizing the Work Camp.

In May Chamber members serve dinner at the Elementary Field Day as a fundraising activity. The money raised from this annual event is designated toward one of the Chambers projects.

June is a busy month for Chamber members as they put the final touches on plans for the Wauneta Harvest Festival. It’s also a month of fundraisers to raise money to help pay for the annual event.

The Wauneta Harvest Festival is organized by the Chamber. Harvest Fest will start on Friday, July 27 and end on Sunday, July 29. The three-day celebration brings much activity to the community with the parade, water fights, walk/run, horseshoe tourney, pedal tractor pull, and much, much more.

In August Chamber members help at the Chase County Fair by taking tickets at the weekend concerts.

Wauneta Chamber hosts community events year round

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:35 - Last Updated Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:38

Then, in November members help get the community in the holiday spirit by hosting a Christmas kick-off.

Members also decorate the gazebo area with festive lights.

In December the Chamber hosts the Santa Saturday where all can enjoy a free matinee movie followed by a visit from Santa and then drawings for many local prizes.

The Chamber and its members are also active in several ongoing projects to help the community. The Chamber runs the Chateau Theatre which shows Hollywood hits every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are also available to run cash bars at wedding receptions as a means to raise funds to support their many projects.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Chamber of Commerce you can contact any Chamber member or call Chamber President, Page Johnston at 308-394-5519.

Series on local service organizations and clubs

This story is part of an ongoing series highlighting service organizations and community clubs in the Wauneta area. The purpose of the series is to inform the public of what local organizations are doing for the community and how they can help.

At the end of the series, Breeze readers will be asked to vote for their favorite organization or club. The organization or club receiving the most votes will be given a \$50 donation to use towards the project of its choice.

Wauneta Chamber hosts community events year round

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:35 - Last Updated Thursday, 22 March 2012 17:38

Organizations and community clubs interested in being featured in the series should contact the Breeze at 308-394-5389 or waunetabreeze@bwtelcom.net.