By Diane Stamm

The Wauneta Breeze

Though picking one hot spot in Wauneta may be tough this year, the popularity of the pool can't be denied.

Pool manager Janae Bischoff says the pool averages about 30 kids per day.

A shortage of staff has made it impossible for the pool to be open seven days a week. Last year six guards patrolled the waters. This year Hayden Pollmann, Jonee Maris, Emma Skelton, Marissa Castillo and Bischoff are keeping an eye out for local swimmers. Pollmann is in his second year at the pool while Maris and Skelton have been certified for three years. This year is Bischoff's fifth.

Village clerk Evelyn Skelton said pool staff appreciates people's patience as the schedule has been sorted out. The pool is normally open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. MT. Lap swim and water aerobics are Tuesdays-Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. MT.

Jessie Mizer has been in charge of this year's swimming lessons. Fifteen kids have participated in the first session of swim lesson which wrapped up Friday. The second session will begin July 9 and run to July 20. Private lessons can also be arranged.

Single season passes are available for $50. Family season passes are $100 for a family of four. Season rates for lap swim and water aerobics are $35. Adults and children can swim for a day for $3.

Skelton said she hopes the pool will continue to have special events coinciding with Harvest Fest.