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The Wauneta Breeze

Wauneta and the surrounding area had a lot to celebrate during 2012. First, the Village of Wauneta successfully purchased the local nursing home in July.

Second, area citizens benefited from skilled, and perhaps overworked, volunteer firemen who kept them safe from the many fires that sprung up due to the hot, dry conditions.

Third, the Wauneta-Palisade Bronco football team qualified for and won state in football. An impressive feat as this was their first year as a six-man team.

Fourth, changes in Wauneta's business community were big stories during 2012. Rogan and Ashley Einspahr purchased one of Wauneta's landmark businesses, the Wauneta Roller Mills, from the founding Maxfield family. A new nonprofit organization, Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska, opened its doors in Wauneta.

Fifth, 2012 saw changes and continuation in local leadership within the Village Board, School Board and County Commissioners.

The Community rallied behind the effort to save Wauneta's nursing home. Sunrise Heights of Wauneta opened under Village of Wauneta ownership on July 1.

The hot, dry conditions in 2012 kept Wauneta Volunteer Fire Department members more than busy. Here they battle a canyon fire in May 2012.

The Wauneta-Palisade Broncos celebrate their victory when they took the Six-Man State Football title in November.

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