

Former Wauneta woman publishes cookbook, dedicates it to her mother

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Joan Green enjoys cooking whether it's trying new recipes or making one of her mother's recipes. This photo appears on the back cover of her cookbook and features a cross stitch apron that Green designed while living in Wauneta. (Courtesy Photo)

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A woman with strong Wauneta ties, Joan Green, recently published a cookbook titled, "I Eat at Mom's."

Green has always enjoyed eating, cooking, trying new recipes and entertaining. Like many cooks, she says she's frequently asked to share her recipes. So, she began thinking about publishing a cookbook and dedicating it to her mother.

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As the forward in the book says, Green's mother was her inspiration for cooking and entertaining. The book features over 50 of Green's mother's recipes.

Green has fond memories of the great food she ate while living in Wauneta. She said her mother-in-law, Breta Green was a great cook and so were her friends.

"I'm sure Wauneta residents will recognize variations of some local favorites in the book," says Green.

Green says there are several special features in her cookbook including colored photos of needlework designs, a set of colored bookmarks and sample menus.

She prides herself on entertaining for all types of events so she wanted to include some sample menus with tips for preparing everything. "I think that section will be nice for others who struggle putting together party menus," Green explained.

The cookbook is available for purchase for \$17.95 plus \$4.95 shipping and handling by mail to Joan Green Designs, 3897 Indian Ridge Woods, Oxford, Ohio 45056-9481 or online at www.joangreendesigns.com.

Green and her husband, John Green, moved to Wauneta in 1976 when her husband's father, Wiley, was ready to retire. John stepped in as president of the bank, which was started by his grandfather, John W. Green. The couple left Wauneta in 1987.

Green remembers her time spent in Wauneta fondly. Her children, Matt and Lee Anne were in third grade and kindergarten when they moved from Lincoln to Wauneta so much of their lives revolved around school activities and, later, sporting events.

One of Green's memories centers around the soup and pie suppers the local ladies put on between boys and girls basketball games. She said the suppers were a, "real public service for

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folks from out of town who wanted a bite to eat.”

While in Wauneta, Green opened a needle craft business with Karen Nordhausen called, “The Stitching Post.” The full-service needlework shop offered classes in many techniques. The retail location closed after approximately three years and the partners focused instead on wholesale design and publishing under the name of KJ Designs.

Green enjoys keeping up on Wauneta’s news. She said, “It’s obvious that the town has changed in many ways since we lived there, and yet I can tell from reading the paper that the residents are still the hardworking and fun loving people I remember from my years there.”