

Arbor Day celebrated in Wauneta

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**Shane and Parker Anderson plant a tree at Wauneta's City Park in honor of Arbor Day.
(Courtesy Photo)**

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The Wauneta Breeze

This year Wauneta commemorated Arbor Day by planting a Northern Catalpa. These trees produce beautiful clusters of white, bell-shaped flowers in the spring to early summer.

Shane Anderson, Chairman of the Park and Tree Board, along with wife Lindsay, son Parker, Sarah Bardsley and daughter Kinzie helped plant the Catalpa in the Wauneta Park.

Shane Anderson helped organize the park cleanup on Monday, May 20. For upcoming years Anderson hopes to make Wauneta's Arbor Day celebration larger, including both the community

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and schools.

Arbor Day history

Arbor Day has been a celebrated holiday for over 140 years. This holiday started in Nebraska City, Neb. when J. Sterling Morton started encouraging people to plant and care for trees. The first Arbor Day was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

The holiday was spread throughout the nation by Birdsey Northrop of Connecticut when he gave his Arbor Day and Village Improvement message to Japan in 1883. He then went to Australia, Canada, and Europe and spread the idea. Arbor Day is now celebrated annually on the last Friday in April.