

## Wauneta Chamber of Commerce elects new officers, announces drive for new members

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The Wauneta Chamber of Commerce, also known as the Commercial Club, elected new leadership and announced a goal to gain new members at their Jan. 21 meeting.

The newly elected leadership of the organization is a mixture of long-standing community leaders and one new to the community.

Page Johnston with Johnston Real Estate stepped down from his eight-year stint as president of the organization.

Sheri Hink-Wagner with the Wauneta Breeze was elected to the post.

Johnston will continue as vice president in 2013 to offer continuity to the organization.

Kathy Kerchal with the U.S. Postal Service will continue to serve as treasurer, the role she has held for nine years.

Jo Arenz with Rooney's Place will continue to serve as secretary. Arenz has served in the position for eight years.

Brenda Anderson, past president and long-time Chamber member agreed to continue as the Harvest Festival committee chair for 2013.

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### **Search for new members**

Wauneta Chamber members discussed the need to seek out new members in the upcoming year during their January meeting.

Chamber members are interested in new ideas and insights on how the Chamber can serve Wauneta's business community and the community itself.

"We want to encourage others in the community to get involved in the Chamber so their ideas can be heard and together we can make things happen for our community," said Hink-Wagner.

Chamber members are anxious to see what ideas new members might bring to the organization.

### **How the Chamber serves Wauneta**

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.

The group has four standing committees: Harvest Festival, theatre, beautification and foundation. But, Chamber members don't limit their service to the community in these four

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Wauneta's Chamber also hosts a variety of projects and activities throughout the year including a career day at the schools, co-sponsorship of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, contributing to the annual clean up day and service at the Chase County Fair.

The group also honors customer service professionals each October, and Santa Saturday just to list a few.

In previous years the Chamber has sponsored a "Shop at Home" initiative.

Have ideas for other things the group can do for Wauneta? Consider joining the team. Those interested in joining the Chamber can contact Sheri Hink-Wagner at 308-394-5389.