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The 2012 W-P champion six-man football team were grand marshals of the Harvest Fest parade. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Another successful Wauneta Harvest Festival kept people around town busy last weekend. The Festival kicked off on Thursday, July 25 and concluded on Sunday, July 28.

The weather at this year's Harvest Festival was just about the exact opposite of the weather seen at last year's celebration. This year the busiest day of the event saw cloudy skies and temperatures in the 60s, compared to the 100-plus degree weather last year.

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The crowd didn't let the cool weather slow down the fun, though ice pops, cold water and ice cream may not have been the "hot" commodities they generally are.

There were good-sized crowds at all the planned events, with only one event—free swimming at the pool on Saturday—needing to be cancelled due to the weather.

Mercy Meals hosted approximately 200 people at their Indian Taco fundrasier luncheon on Saturday. Saturday evening events were well attended as well.

Chateau Theatre manager, Richard "Pudge" Hamilton estimates that between 125 and 150 people attended the free showing of "The Lone Ranger" Saturday evening.

Wauneta Chamber representatives said approximately 150 attended the dance at the American Legion Saturday night.

Brenda Anderson, Harvest Fest committee chairperson for the Wauneta Chamber, said all events saw good participation and that the celebration drew a good number of people compared to previous years.

"It was a different type of crowd this year," said Anderson. "I saw people here that I haven't ever seen at Harvest Festival."

Photo highlights and results from most of the Harvest Festival activities can be found on pages 6 and 7 in the print or e-edition. Results from the digital photo contest can be found on page 2 of the print or e-edition.