

## **Veterans Day celebrated in Palisade, Wauneta**

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**Richard Allan Baxter, left, shakes hands with Nathan Blackman prior to the Veterans Day program at the Palisade Attendance Center. The program was led by Carol Thompson, president of the Palisade VFW Auxiliary. The Wauneta-Palisade fourth grade class assisted with the program. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)**

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### **The Wauneta Breeze**

Veterans Day was busy around Wauneta and Palisade. Early Monday afternoon the Palisade VFW Ladies Auxiliary presented a Veterans Day program at the Wauneta-Palisade Palisade Attendance Center for students in grades pre-kindergarten through fourth grade.

Prior to the program, students walked through a receiving line of area veterans. Each student shook the hands of the veterans and thanked them for their service.

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Through the presentation Carol Thompson, president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7028 in Palisade explained the purpose of Veterans Day – “To honor and thank all the men and women who served in our armed forces in all wars, conflicts and in peace time, to keep our country safe.”

During the program Jennifer DeWester’s fourth grade class assisted Thompson with setting up a POW/MIA Remembrance Table.

Thompson explained the POW/MIA Remembrance Table is used to commemorate the fallen comrades and those still missing in action. She indicated it is used by all branches of the military.

The students carried the table used for the presentation and all items that were placed on the table during the program.

After the program was completed, all veterans present stood and introduced themselves and told the crowd where and when they served.

Mary Jo Howard and DeAnn Davis, members of the VFW Auxiliary, also helped with the event.

### **Wauneta celebration**

Veterans in Wauneta were invited to join the American Legion Post 304 for coffee and cookies Monday afternoon.

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More than 20 veterans took part in the event, which lasted most of Monday afternoon.

The event, which is offered most years on Veterans Day, was organized by Dale Bischoff, American Legion Post 304 Adjuvant, and John Monasmith, American Legion Post 304 Commander.

Bischoff said the event would not be possible without the help of Angie West at Wauneta Crossroads.



**The American Legion Post #304 in Wauneta hosted coffee and cookies for veterans at Wauneta Crossroads on Veterans Day Monday. Here, clockwise from far left, Kenny Smith, Jackie Kennedy, Bob Jones, Rod Petsch, Ruth Petsch, Sharon Haarberg and Barb Smith enjoy the Legion-sponsored event. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)**