10 years ago this week

May 24, 2001

Concrete work at the pool was completed over the weekend. Brian Yost, a 1989 WHS graduate, and owner of BK Yost, a construction company in Omaha and longtime friend Steve Kerchal of Culbertson, a 1982 WHS graduate, and owner of Osmose Inc., a utilities contracting company, “gave back” to the community, volunteering themselves and seven members of their work crew. Prep work was done by Barry Hackney and Kelly Doetker, utilities superintendent. Cost to the village was an estimated $6,000 for the cement. Donation of time and labor by the workers was estimated at $14,000.

Twila Carter, then 14 years old, recalled hearing of the bombing of Pearl Harbor where two of her brothers, Irvin (Jack) and Cleo (Dutch) were stationed at the time. Five other brothers, Merle, Dale, Carroll, Donald and Dean, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Clifford Ferguson of Palisade, also went on to serve in WWII. During the proceedings of the 78th United States Congress on April 12, 1943, special recognition was given to the Ferguson family by District I Nebraska U.S. Representative Carl T. Curtis. Their names will also be placed on the new WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.

Gloria Beekhuizen, formerly of Littleton, Colo., opened Wauneta’s newest business, Topnotch Bargain Center, an antiques, collectibles shop.

Tabby Christner, Abby Barger, Stacey Yost and Leah Rundback were inducted into the Frenchman Valley Chapter of National Honor Society and join members Krystle Christner, Terrin Barnard, Sarah Harrison, Chris Manker, Brian Britten, Julie Long, Eric Padilla, Jessica Long and Clinton Barger.

GPAC Conference Academic Recognition awards were presented to gold medalists (ACT scores 27 or higher) Clinton Barger, 32; Brian Britten, 29; Eric Padilla, 28; Chris Manker, 28 and silver medalist Joy Wolcott, 26.

Two Bronco boys medaled at the State Track Meet. Kallan Kitt took fifth in the high jump at 6’3” and Jeff Steckman third in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 40.55.

Industrial Tech Fair winners were: Chris Manker, outstanding project with his roll top desk and outstanding project for his computer desk; Cody Noble second place outstanding project with his foosball table, Shelby Anderson second place outstanding construction for the bar and cupboard he designed and built for his family’s kitchen and Stacey Yost, the People’s Choice Award for her baby cradle.

25 years ago this week

May 22, 1986

Nineteen graduates took part in baccalaureate and commencement exercises Sunday afternoon. Debra McGregor was valedictorian and Donald Morgan, salutatorian. Captain John Green of the U.S. Navy also announced Donald’s acceptance to the U.S. Naval Academy.

J. Wiley Green was honored with the 50-Year Banker Award at the Nebraska Bankers Association convention.

Graduation exercises were held Sunday, May 18 for 11 seniors at the Palisade School Gym. Tammy Fritsch was named valedictorian and Jeanette Gove was salutatorian. Others receiving awards and scholarships included Robbie Kravig, Kim Krumm, Veronica Brown and Tom Moss Jr.

Over 200 people attended the annual Arts Fair. The outstanding project went to Scott Grams for his round oak table; second place to Todd Cox on his china cabinet; first place for outstanding construction to Rick Taylor for his gun cabinet; second place to Deb McGregor for her grandmother clock and ingenious trophy to Shelly DeWester for her full-length oval mirror.

Wauneta qualified 10 athletes for the state track meet including Mark Decker in the 100- and 200-meter dash; Kelly Rowley, long jump and triple jump; Derek Andrews, high jump and Todd Bernard and Doug Terry, pole vault. Girls include Shelly DeWester in the 100 meters and 100 meter hurdles; Jennifer Haarberg, 300 meter low hurdles, Teresa DeWester, long jump and high jump and the 1600 meter relay team (Haarberg, T. DeWester, Linn Hendrix, Kala Barnard).

Jill Leonard was one of 18 applicants across the nation to be accepted into the Parliamentary Internship Program. She will spend 10 weeks in London as a full-time research assistant to a member of Parliament. She is a 1984 graduate of WHS and attends Creighton University in Omaha.

Precip for the week: 1.95 inches; for May: 2.44 inches; for 1986: 4.74 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-2.79/bu.; corn-2.50/bu.; milo-3.80/cwt.; soybeans-4.74/bu.

50 years ago this week

May 18, 1961

New swimming pool to open June 15. Rodger Gage will be the pool manager and Roger Deininger, life guard. Two pro-jects remain to be completed by pool opening: posts and cable set and graveling of the parking lot and a spectator walk around the pool. One of the major additions to the park system is the new and permanent ball diamond with backstop erected.

A dinner was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church May 14 for Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Haarberg in honor of their 25th anniversary. There were 85 relatives attending.

Mrs. Frank Rider entertained at a neighborhood coffee in her home Thursday afternoon for Mrs.

Dwight Egle who is moving to Illinois and Mrs. Bill Hardwick who is moving to Benkelman.

75 years ago this week

May 13, 1936

Ray, Francis, Ella and Ettamay Stinnette were dinner guests at the J.P. Stinnette home.

Mrs. Wm. Denker attended the wedding last Thursday of her granddaughter, Alvina Denker.

100 years ago this week

May 18, 1911

Krotter & Co. are tearing down their coal sheds and will rebuild them on a larger scale.

Mrs. Grace Daniels, a former school teacher here, is here on a short visit with Mrs. Geo. McGooden.