

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
Thursday, 26 May 2011 15:01 -

10 years ago this week

May 31, 2001

The fourth veterans' monument at Wauneta's Riverside Cemetery was dedicated during Memorial Day services.

Six members of the Class of 1931 celebrated their 70th reunion during alumni festivities. They were Della Decker Merrill, Eunice Fanning Polly Bodeman, Walter McBride, Russell Polly, Onna Stock Sandman and Lawrence Rueter.

Raymond and Lois Bley were guests of Christopher Bley for noon lunch in McCook on the 25th for their 40th anniversary. They were joined by Arlan, Lynetta, James and Jeralyn.

Julie and Dan Ashline, Ethan and Eliese of Lawrenceville, Ga., spent Friday to Thursday with Leland and Sharon Maris. Ann Vrana, Alex and Evann were Sunday afternoon visitors. Julie and Ann attended their 20th class reunion at Stratton.

Joanne Liebig spent the weekend in Hastings where she met her brother, Frank Weston, and wife; sister Mary Jo Fitzgerald, her husband and daughter, Joe and Pat; and nieces and nephews. They toured Pioneer Village and the Arch at Kearney and family plots at the cemetery.

Roxie Wheeler and friend Matt of Lincoln were weekend guests of Rod and Joy Wheeler and Marty. Sunday dinner guests included A.J. and Ann Knickerbocker, Wesley and Marjorie Wheeler and Renee McCoy.

Moisture to date: 6.01 inches; high for the week: 78° on May 26 and 27; low: 35° on May 24.

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25 years ago this week

May 29, 1986

The Wauneta Alumni Association hosted 218 people at this year's banquet.

After 20 years as Wauneta Public Schools superintendent, Bill Matthews will be leaving for Arizona where he will continue administrative duties in Litchfield Park where he will served as K-8 superintendent. His tenure at Wauneta marks the longest of any superintendent in the school's history.

Alma McBride of McCook called on Joe and Linda Rietsch and their houseguests, daughter Marilyn Luce and her daughter, Karen, of Lakewood, Calif., Saturday.

Mrs. Gaylin Hartzler took Philip to Culbertson Thursday evening to his grandmother, Mrs. Carl Reiger. They then joined the Reiger family cutting wheat in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maris attended a retirement party Saturday evening for Glen Jurgens, a teacher at the Ag College in Curtis. Glen and Harold were Army buddies.

Wauneta athletes placed in three events at the state track meet in Omaha over the weekend. Todd Barnard took second place in the Class D pole vault clearing 12'6". Theresa DeWester finished fifth in the log jump with 16'1.75" and sixth in the high jump, clearing 5'2".

Dee and Doris Craig of Wiggins, Colo., were honored at a reception at the home of her parents, Otto and Elsie Becker, on their 25th anniversary.

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Precip for the week: .36 of an inch; for May: 2.80 inches; for 1986: 5.10 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-2.64/bu.; corn-2.46/bu.; milo-3.80/cwt; soybeans-4.70/bu.

50 years ago this week

May 25, 1961

The grand opening of Jussel's Champlin Service was held this week at the all-new service station located in downtown Wauneta. Loren Egle will be assisting at the station.

Wauneta's new swimming pool was filled for the first time Wednesday but wouldn't hold water as several cracks were found in the floor of the pool.

Mrs. Emma Walbridge celebrated her 100th birthday. An open house was held at the
Warrrie Walbridge
farm home in Hayes County. She is survived by five children: Earl of Lexington, Warrrie, Mrs. Guy Sailors and Mrs. Earl Smith, all of Palisade and Mrs. Fred Nordhausen of Wauneta, 15 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren. One grandson and one great grandson share her birth day of May 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Stretch and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Christner drove to Sidney Sunday and were dinner guests of Mrs. Fauneil Davis. In the afternoon they attended the open house at the Sioux Ordinance Deport in observance of Armed Forces Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton and Doug were Sunday dinner guests in the Cecil Maddux home.

Precip for the week: 1.45 inches; high: 71° on May 17; low: 40° on May 18.

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75 years ago this week

May 20, 1936

The Wauneta Public Library celebrated its 13th anniversary with cake and coffee served at the library Saturday.

Baccalaureate service was held Sunday evening, the annual class night Wednesday evening and graduation Thursday evening for 27 seniors. Murlin Decker won a gold medal for winning first place in scholarship with a grade average of 92.54 for four years. Maxine Hartzler won the Regents scholarship with a 91.25 average; Raymond Maxfield the Nebraska State Teachers College scholarship with 91.25 and Leland Kitt the McCook Junior College scholarship with 87.45.

Mrs. Eleanor Frasier attended a birthday dinner Sunday for Mrs. Pete O'Brien at the Hoffmeister ranch near Champion.

Miss Edna Metcalf and Glen Christensen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Frasier.

100 years ago this week

May 25, 1911

The city dads should extend the water main a block west of Dimick's if possible and give the people in the hill section a chance to get the city water. They deserve it.

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Dora Steinbeck called on Minnie Bischoff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dimick took dinner at Hartzers Sunday.

J. A. Dick has put in an irrigation plant to irrigate his 'tattr.