

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
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10 years ago this week

July 5, 2011

Ownership changed at the Good Times Bar as owners Richard and LaVina Bardsley stepped down after 10 years of ownership. Audra Romine became the new owner as of July 1 with Rich Romine taking over the managerial duties.

The Wauneta Community Foundation's ballfield project nears its \$10,000 goal as donations this week brings the total to \$9,197.05. Money raised will cover installing a new underground sprinkler system, sod and chain link fencing.

Rev. Michael Laing conducted his first service at the Wauneta Methodist Church Sunday, followed by a carry-in dinner at noon, attended by 80 people.

Jan DeWester helped Ruth Decker observe her 90th birthday on the 25th, having cake and tea in Ruth's home.

Carol Thompson and Esther Einspahr were met by Barb Hinrichs in Lexington Saturday where they visited Betty Jehorek at her new home in Lexington's assisted living facility.

Ed and Anna Belle Vapenik attended the baptismal service Sunday for great grandson Christian Smith at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Lexington. They and other family were breakfast guests of Terah and Anthony Smith, Dillon and Christian.

Lucille McBride spent Monday and Tuesday nights in Shelton with Lynn and Janie McBride and their house-guests, daughter Mikki and four children from Minneapolis, Minn.

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Precip for the week: .06 of an inch; total to date: 6.74 inches. High for the week: 100° on June 25; low: 59° on July 1.

25 years ago this week

July 3, 1986

Russ Pankonin, co-editor of the Wauneta Breeze, will serve a one year term as president of the Western District of the Nebraska Press Association.

Andy and Verna Sandman were honored on their 50th anniversary with a reception held at the Masonic Hall with 220 in attendance.

Benjamin, Michael and Maggie Schluckebier returned home to Lincoln after spending the week in the Ann Martin, Ed Arenz and Ed Novecek homes.

Eunice Ruettimann was guest of honor June 29 on her 92nd birthday at a dinner in the Glenn and Ora Ruettimann home. Dinner guests included Eunice's daughter Fern Schwenk, grandson Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Schwenk and family, all of Hastings and granddaughter Jo and Ed Arenz and Courtney of Wauneta. Several callers visited in the afternoon. Highlight of the day were the preschool children of the Hamlet Union Church who came to sing "Happy Birthday" to Grandma Ruettimann.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint McCallum, Kelly and Jo attended the high school rodeo finals at Valentine Thursday thru Sunday.

Jeff and Kay Maxfield, Eric and Todd of Taylorville, Ill., spent a few days with Raymond and Betty Maxfield, going on to spend a few days in the mountains.

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Pastor Eugene and Delaine Denner of Murdock were guests of Merrill and Jean Maris from Monday to Friday last week. Jean hosted a noon luncheon for former neighbors and friends of Delaine on Tuesday.

June precip: 4.74 inches; 1986 to date: 10.51 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-2.00/bu.; corn-2.30/bu.; 3.60/cwt.; soybeans-4.60/bu.

50 years ago this week

June 29, 1961

Vacation Issue - News in the 4-page issue was news intended for the week before.

Past Noble Grands and veteran members were honored at the regular meeting of the Rebekah Lodge Tuesday evening with 30 present, 16 of which were Past Noble Grands and one veteran member.

Mrs. Carl Widger, Ward and Mary Jo and Miss LaVerna Fanning returned home from Tucson, Ariz., Friday, Ward and Mary Jo will spend the summer with grandparents, the Carl Widgers.

Mrs. Merle O'Neil and girls were Wednesday evening supper guests of Mrs. Eddie Teply while the men went fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy and Lela and Joe and Kevin Large attended the rodeo in North Platte Sunday.

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Mrs. Lavern Denker entertained at a birthday surprise party for her husband Thursday evening. There were eight couples present.

75 years ago this week

June 24, 1936

The Methodist church is undergoing a thorough cleaning with Adolf Engel the man in charge.

Yes, we are in favor of a swimming pool in Wauneta. The youngsters have to go to Palisade. They say you can't tell by the crowd whether it's Wauneta or Palisade's pool.

Nathan Mohler who has been attending art school in Chicago for the past year, returned to Wauneta to spend the summer. He was accompanied home by his grandfather S.W. Mohler of Octavia who will visit his son, I.G. Mohler.

August Goltl, Dewey Terry, Harvey Crapson and Joe Norris went to Denver Sunday, returning on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mae Hanna returned Tuesday from Topeka, Kan. During her stay she enjoyed a trip by plane through the south.

100 years ago this week

July 6, 1911

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The city water rate has been cut from 20¢ a 1,000 gallons to 12 1/2¢.

There were between 95 and a 100 that picnicked at the John Earnhart grove on the 4th. No serious accident to mar the day. They disposed of more than 30 gallons of lemonade and 16 gallons of ice cream and eatables usually found on a prosperous year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lantz gave a dinner last Sunday in honor of Walter's sisters, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Kuhn who are home on a visit from California. All of Walter's brothers, sister and mother were present.

S.C. Wade and daughter are back from Colorado.