

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
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10 years ago this week

Jan. 10, 2002

2001 brought a lot of changes including: opening of Tommy's Sports Club by Tommy and Katie Weigel, purchased from Marlin and Norma Fortkamp. Rich Romine took over management of the Good Times Bar from Rich and Lavina Bardsley. Minda and Bob Goings moved Advanced Auto to the main street and expanded the business. Gloria Beekhuizen and Bob and Marilyn Top opened Topnotch Bargains. Susie's Creative Stitches offered customized embroidery work. Palisade Coop Oil remodeled their business to include groceries and snack food items. The SWNCBC house project was completed. Improvements were made to the gazebo on main street and the ball field and park. New homes or homes moved and remodeled included those of Lisa Haskins, Rory and Lisa Kerchal and Charlie and Deb Andrew.

Christmas Day guests of Leta Brunkhorst were Barbara, Kenny, Maressa and Jodi Smith, Elmer and Edna Keiser and Dean and Charlene Pursley.

Meeting at the Country Kitchen in Ogallala for their annual Brown family New Year's Day get-together were Delpha Nordhausen, Margaret Greeley, Mick and Gwen Brunkhorst, Andy and Jan Brown and girls of Chappell, Jean Brown, Alan and Mabel Brown and Brant Brown, all of Ogallala.

Jan and Tony Cribelli were part of a tour going to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl parade, game and other sights.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Megan Barnes took Eric Lewis to his home in Colorado Springs Dec. 30. Eric has spent two weeks with his grandparents while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lewis, were in China, adopting a little girl to be part of their family.

No moisture for the week; high was 54° on Jan. 3; low: 0° on Jan. 3.

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25 years ago this week

January 8, 1987

Attorneys Terry Savage and Joel Burke of Imperial opened a office in Wauneta in the newly remodeled building at 54 West Wichita.

Former exchange student Rob Buitenkamp of Delfzijh, Holland, returned for a two-week stay with his former host family, the Kent Haarbergs. He had spent the 1982-83 school year here and this was his first return to the U.S.

Lee Anne Green was installed as Honored Queen the International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel #43 of Wauneta.

Opal Kerchal was honored on her 91st birthday Jan. 1 when her children, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Polly, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kerchal, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kerchal and Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kerchal and Ramona Nordhausen brought a carry-in dinner to help her celebrate.

Saturday afternoon Arlene Large hosted a get-acquainted coffee for Sandra Large.

The Keith Buffington family were guests of Dirk Buffington in Chadron Wednesday to Saturday. They all spent two days skiing in South Dakota.

Precip: .02 of an inch.

Grain Markets: wheat-2.12/bu.; corn-1.30/bu.; milo-2.14/cwt; soybeans-4.28/bu.

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50 years ago this week

Jan. 11, 1962

Brice Rueter has been awarded a Regents scholarship from the University of Nebraska. Alternates are Kathy Haarberg, Loren Nordhausen and Kenneth Krausnick.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stute entertained Sunday at their annual pheasant dinner at the Harold Moon farm where they recently moved. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson and family, all of Benkelman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bernard and family of Parks. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kappleman and family of Max were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson were honored on their 25th anniversary by their daughters, Karen of Lincoln and Gloria of Denver, at an open house Jan. 7 held at the Palisade Methodist Church.

Callers in the Minnie Haarberg home Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bischoff of Imperial and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Denker.

Mrs. Doris Wilson was hostess to the Sob Sisters Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bill Louch and Glenda and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cowles and Peggy were coffee guests of Mrs. Wayne Salyer Saturday afternoon.

75 years ago this week

January 6, 1937

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A sheep herder's wagon belonging to the Milt Morelands was destroyed by fire Tuesday forenoon. The sheep are being pastured in the canyons five miles east of town on the Grimm farm and the fire started while the herder was out tending the sheep.

Several young people were entertained at a New Year's Eve party at the Roy Grimm home east of town. A variety of games were played. Mrs. Grimm, assisted by her sister Miss Anna Sanstead, served lunch at the midnight hour.

Miss Phyllis Green entertained the Misses Martha Rose Resler, Phyllis Ann Peterson, Marjorie Gregory, Evelyn Olmsted and Beatrice Lewis at her home Wednesday afternoon. Monopoly was the diversion of the afternoon. At the close Mrs. Wiley Green served a very nice lunch.

100 years ago this week

January 11, 1912

Only 29 below zero Saturday morning. It was so cold Saturday that the icemen had to quit work.

The ice that was being put up is 18 inches thick.

Ray McCallum is now cashier at a bank in Eustis, having quit the railroad work.

Grover Deininger and Frank Ryan returned to Grand Island Saturday to take up their school work.