

## Looking Back

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### 10 years ago this week

#### Feb. 28, 2002

Midwest Farm Equipment's \$1,000 donation kicked off Palisade's FC Krotter Park fund drive. Funds will be used for new fencing around the baseball, park and swimming pool areas, as well as new modern bathrooms, parking improvement and new layout for playground equipment.

Erma Kitt was honored on her 90th birthday and Elsie Becker who also had turned 90 were joined by friends at the Wauneta Senior Center Monday to celebrate the occasion.

Nine Wauneta-Palisade fifth and sixth graders were selected to participate in Sing Across Nebraska. They included Brennan Keiser, Kaylee Hackney, Stacey Wright, Blair Dixon, Kaleia Alberts, Adriane Coty, Christopher Crowell, Jennifer Holmes and Dena Engel.

Dennis and Donna Gockley went to Arizona Feb. 12 where Dennis participated in the "Spring Grand Trap Shoot" in Tucson. They were guests of Jerry and Trudy Skelton in Phoenix and also toured some scenic places.

John and Karen Metzger and Dale and Virginia Krausnick attended Monica's pre-national track meet at Nebraska Wesleyan where she qualified to attend in Tennessee later.

Ed and Anna Belle Vapenik and Kate Repass went to Casper, Wyo., where they attended the state wrestling meet where Zak Malcolm took second place.

No precip. High for the week: 74° on Feb. 23; low: 14° on Feb. 24.

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### 25 years ago this week

#### February 26, 1987

Christy Gauger reached his 90th birthday and still resides on the family farm which has been in the family for over 100 years. He recalled the depression years; his family of wife Mary, daughter Thelma and son Howard; raising giant pumpkins; baseball games; and going to town on Saturday night. He learned to run a steam engine at an early age, operating a threshing machine and corn sheller and for years was director of the Tri-State Antique Engines and Threshers Association.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fortkamp in honor of their 36th anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Swisher and Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fortkamp, Michael and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, all of McCook and Mrs. Fanny Maris.

Theresa Barger spent Saturday with Sarah Haarberg, Kim Brunkhorst and Candy Kennedy in McCook, having pizza and attending a movie for Sarah's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sandman were guests Feb. 15 of Faye and Frank Korell at Culbertson on their 40th wedding anniversary. The men were in the service together.

Carrie Weston of Heritage spent the weekend with her daughter, Joanne, and Dan Liebig, observing her 96th birthday. Others present were daughter Mary Jane Fitzgerald, granddaughter Jane and great grandson Philip, all of Wichita; Pat Reed of Denver; Jim Weston and sons, Jay John and Bill of Hastings and Ann Teeter and daughters of Wray, Colo.

Precip for February: .48 of an inch; .71 for 1987.

Grain Markets: wheat-2.30/bu.; corn-1.30/bu.; milo-2.10/cwt; soybeans-4.31/bu.

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### 50 years ago this week

#### Mar. 1, 1962

Mrs. May Stinnette spent several days last week in the home of her daughter, Wilma Allen and family, in Denver.

Mrs. Ben Gauger left Thursday for New Lennox, Ill., to spend two weeks visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Egle and family.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Don Denker and Mrs. Emerson Schwenk were hostesses to a surprise birthday party honoring their grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Schwenk. There were ten neighbors and friends present.

An evening of canasta was held at the Al Carrigan home where Frank Lee and Robert Hummel clobbered Carrigan and Fred Nordhausen - first time in two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Anderson, Cecil Steckman and Emerson Schwenk were callers in the Tom Buffington home at North Platte Monday evening.

Mrs. Dick Nordhausen entertained the Lazy Dozen Club Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent socially.

### 75 years ago this week

#### February 24, 1937

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Friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Henry Busking at their home Sunday evening, the occasion their 30th anniversary. The evening was spent playing cards and lunch was served which the guests had brought.

A number of couples surprised Mrs. Nelson Dixon last Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday. Each couple brought a covered dish for lunch. Afterwards everyone went to Imperial to the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Knotwell and family enjoyed an oyster supper at the Fye home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donze and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Boyce and Lela, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Nichols and Eddie spent Sunday at the Nichols home.

Local Markets: wheat-1.15; corn-1.15; cream-.32; eggs-.16; chix-.08-.11.

### 100 years ago this week

#### February 29, 1912

The groundhog must have seen his picture.

The neighbors to the number of 53 gathered at the home of Elmer Fye's Friday night to give the misses a surprise, it being her 35th birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in music and games.

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There was another surprise Monday evening, it being Mr. and Mrs. John Metcalf's 25th wedding anniversary. About sixty gathered at their home to remind them that their neighbors had not forgotten the happy event.

School closed in Dist. 4 last Thursday afternoon. Neva Downey, Beulah Brown, Mable Hartzler and Velma Nesmith visited that day.