**10 years ago this week**

**Oct. 3, 2002**

Local firemen were recognized during an appreciation supper at the Enders Lake Golf Course in September. Recognized for their years of service on the department were Dale Bischoff, 40 years; Kent Steckman, 20 years and Donn Allen, 20 years. Fireman of the Year was split by two deserving firemen, Bob Goings and Donn Allen.

Ed and Jo Arenz went to Fremont Saturday to visit a missionary friend, Peggy Drake of Burkins Fasso, Africa, who was to speak at the Alliance Church in Fremont.

Karl and Judy Polly and Kip and Kay Polly and girls went to McCook Saturday to see the B-24 Liberator “Diamond Lil” and the B-29 Super Fortress “Fifi” which were on tour sponsored by the Confederate Air Force.

Gerald Bridgman, Ethel Bridgman and Lucille McBride accompanied Ruby Anderson to the Barbershop program Saturday evening in McCook.

Loyann and Gaylin Hartzer spent the weekend with Lorrie and Mike Hofstetter and family in Daykin, attending the October Fest at Fairbury on Saturday where Brooke and Brianne played piano solos.

Robert and Ruth Hohl spent the weekend in Loveland, Colo., with Ron and Joni Hill and Alex.

Precip for the week: .05 of an inch; for 2002: 7.59 inches. High for the week: 84° on Sept. 24; low: 35° on Sept. 27.

**25 years ago this week**

**October 1, 1987**

City crew members, with the assistance of the county, seal coated 14 blocks of the city's streets.

Family of Bill and Hilda Roschewski were Sunday dinner guests to celebrate their 55th anniversary. Guests were Wally and Elaine Jones and Lillian Kress and son John of Skiatook, Okla.; Wayne and Elaine Roschewski and Melanie, Sherry Nichols and Theron of Lincoln, Ted and Carolyn Anderson and Frank, Dan and Sharla Roschewski, Darrin, Angie and Amanda, Brenda Anderson, Shane and Shelby. Art and Nina Fortkamp, Amil and Opal Fortkamp and Violet Long joined them in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Long and girls attended homecoming in Atwood Friday night to watch Annette's brother, Corey, play football.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Kitt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank West and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Arwyn West were Sunday dinner guests of Garth and Kim West and Montana, honoring Lois West's Sunday birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vearl McBride and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hoff ate at the Steak Out Monday evening, then played cards in the Hoff home to celebrate the ladies' birthdays which were both on the 25th.

John and Frances Lewis went to Crete Saturday to attend the football game.

Precip for the week: .04 of an inch; for 1987: 15.92 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-2.23/bu; corn-1.52/bu.; milo-2.25/cwt; soybeans-4.59/bu.

**50 years ago this week**

**Oct. 4, 1962**

Captain and Mrs. Dewayne Decker and family of Tucson, Ariz., are spending their leave with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Strayer and Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Decker.

Coffee guests of the Bill Buffingtons Friday night following the ball game at Benkelman were Bob, Lola, Vearl, Lucille McBride, and Wayne, Marie and Stan Smith.

Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bischoff and girls were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ruby of Klackamas, Ore., Mrs. Glen Smith of Arch Cape, Ore., Mrs. Marvin Bischoff and family and Everett Keiser.

Miss Janet Krausnick entertained at luncheon and cocoa at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Krausnick, to a group after the football game at Benkelman and the next day, Saturday. They all went to play in the Wauneta band at Boulder, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Christner entertained at a barbecue supper Thursday evening after which six couples played canasta.

Among those attending Band Day in Boulder Saturday were band leader Duane Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Skelton, Mr. Henne, Rev. Art Ernst, the bus drivers, Mr. Gloy and Harlan Stock and many others.

**75 years ago this week**

**October 6, 1937**

Did you see the 10 ft. stalk of cane in front of the C. E. Johnston hardware? It is from a field grown by Frank Hromas on the north divide.

Mrs. A. Person celebrated her 79th birthday a couple of weeks ago by walking to her favorite fishing spot two miles from town and spending the day at this favorite sport. Much of her time is spent this way and she always comes home with a good sized string of fish.

Mrs. George Swink entertained forty guests last Sunday honoring her sister, Mrs. Carrie Heitz, of Chicago who is a house guest in the Swink home.

Mrs. Frank Lee, Fern and Leona and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McBride and Madelyn were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stinnette Sunday.

Don Olmsted, E. W. Cox and T.J. Smith returned home Wednesday from Minnesota where they enjoyed some excellent fishing.

Local Markets: cream-.33; eggs-.16; hens-.14 and .15; wheat-.91; corn-.75; barley-.50.

**100 years ago this week October 3, 1912**

A little snow Sunday morning - melted as fast as it fell.

Earl Wiley finished his sorghum factory and made a few gallons of sorghum before the hard freeze caught most of the cane standing.

Watkins medicine man was on the Ridge this week.

Persons of 6-37 threshed their millet and got 620 bu., an average of 12 bu. to the acre.

Otto Luhrs and wife were down from 7-37 on Tuesday. Mr. Luhrs informed us that he had 6,240 bu. of wheat, an average of 12 bushels to the acre.

Richard Moody and wife left for St. Joe Saturday on a visit.

Holland Wade left Monday for Wray, Colo., to visit his folks for a few weeks.