

## Looking Back

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### 10 years ago this week

#### July 24, 2003

Diane Ready was announced the winner of the Welcome to Wauneta sign design contest. Her entry read

“Welcome to Wauneta, Half Way Between Here and There.”

Loretta and Randall Raile, owners of BWTelcom, made a generous donation of \$1,000 to go to the betterment of the Wauneta Ball Park.

Eunice Bodeman recalled happy memories of rural life, growing up on a farm and living married life on a farm as she observed her 90th birthday. An open house was held following a prime rib dinner for family and friends.

Joy Wheeler and her father, A. J. Knickerbocker, flew to Albany, N.Y., then on to Schaghticoke, N.Y., where they attended a Knickerbocker reunion and visited the Knickerbocker mansion that is being repaired, gradually to its original condition when it was established in Colonial days.

Bill and Kay Ough of Chino Valley, Ariz., visited Doris Ough over the weekend.

Guests in the home of Jack and Carol Maddux the past week have been Mary, Eva, Jacob and Jackson Smith of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Sandra Conklin, Rebecca and Luke of North

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Branford, Conn.

Lois and Clyde Hoff and Beryl Knotwell had steak suppers at Enders Friday evening to observe the Saturday birthdays of Clyde and Beryl.

Pat Gardner of Salem, Ore., and Sheila Knudson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, are houseguests of Margaret Greeley.

No precip for the week: for 2003: 18.67 inches.

High for the week: 108° on July 17; low: 60° on July 20.

### **25 years ago this week**

### **July 21, 1988**

Storms dumped more than five to six inches of rain along with hail over the area causing flooding, washed out roads and ruined crops. Tornadoes were also sighted.

Pearl Stretch reached the 90-year mark this week. Not one to play with dolls, she spent time helping with field work and working with horses. She recalled cooking for threshers, no modern conveniences, driving the Model T Ford and many other good old days memories. Her family hosted an open house on Sunday.

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The 50th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Showell of Hamlet was celebrated with an open house at the Hamlet Union Church Sunday afternoon. Their three children and all nine grandchildren were all able to attend.

Jennifer Haarberg, Melisa Grams and Renelle Christner attended a music camp at Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colo., July 10-16.

Ron and Ann Prior and Mark of Boston, Mass., visited Monday to Wednesday with the Homer Hoffs and Gordon Priors.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Wine attended a picnic at the Imperial park Sunday evening for Al Claassen who will be going to Pennsylvania to enter Mennonite Volunteer Service. He was director of the C.R.O.P. Walk for many years.

Julie Sutherland, daughter of Jim and Veleeta Sutherland of Battlelake, Minn., and granddaughter of C.J. and Vi Sutherland of Las Vegas, Nev., and Herman and Alvina Nordhausen, graduated with high honors from the United States Coast Guard Academy, receiving a hand shake and commission orders from President Ronald Reagan.

Precip for the week: 1.67 inches; for 1988: 11.85 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.35/bu.; corn-2.70/bu.; milo-4.10/cwt; soybeans-7.60/bu.; oats-2.80/bu.

## 50 years ago this week

**July 25, 1963**

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Wauneta's first amateur rodeo, sponsored by the Jaycees, was attended by over 2,000 fans. The rodeo drew 124 contestants sharing \$1,110.00 in jackpot prize money. The rodeo was held at the Wayne Smith arena.

Miss Anne McCallum was selected as Harvest Queen during intermission ceremonies at the dance Friday evening. First runner-up was Miss Ann Arenz and second runner-up was Miss Sheila Greeley.

Josh Johnston made a hole-in-one on the local course and two days later sank a hole-in-one again on the same hole. Witnesses were: Presley Kennedy, Henry Denker, Wilbert Denker and Roy Greeley.

Janet Krausnick will enplane Friday from Denver to Hartford, Conn., where she will meet her cousin, Sharon Krausnick, and they will spend two weeks touring Boston, New York and Washington D.C., also Chicago en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright, Phyllis and David of Ogden, Utah, came Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Wright and other relatives at Palisade and Imperial.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed Suelflow, Elyse, Denise and Steve have been guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haarberg, the past two weeks.

**75 weeks ago this week**

**July 27, 1938**

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Fire destroyed two buildings Monday - the Pennington Garage Monday afternoon and the Jo Dudek Machine Shop at midnight.

Junior Knotwell was the winner of the soap box derby Monday afternoon, staged and sponsored by the kids themselves with Duane Burham as chief instigator and minute man. The race took place on the east and west hill across the track with ten entries. Knotwell beat out Billy Von Stade and Clyde Hoff won second place over Von Stade.

Jay A. Person, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Fourth District, spoke Thursday evening before a home crowd of almost 700.

Miss Maxine and Gladys Grosbach of Enders were visitors at the R. E. Cocklin home last week.

Mrs. Jack Gregory attended the county chorus practice at the home of Mrs. Eunice Trowbridge Friday afternoon. The chorus plans to sing on the Amateur hour at the County Fair.

### 100 years ago this week

### July 24, 1913

The Wauneta central phone office will move about the first of the month. The central man of Hayes Center will have charge.

The city reservoir was cleaned out Tuesday — not much found in it, a few birds and some loose

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cement. Not a bad idea to clean it out once in a while.

John Whitehead and family arrived from New Mexico Saturday to visit with relatives John Metcalfs and Elmer Fyes.

Guss Eggers and family returned home Tuesday from their visit to the eastern and northern part of the state.

Mrs. J. F. Jones and children arrived home from their extended visit to Iowa Saturday.

Six loaves of bread at the Bakery for 25¢.