

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
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10 years ago this week

Aug. 7, 2003

Four area youth were among nine people who travelled with the group Operation Mobilization, a mission organization based in Georgia, to Uruguay. The four, Ane and Tami Sandman, Sarah Harrison and Ashley McKillip, have been on four or five mission trips over the past summers. They spent time working with children, handing out gospel tracts, performing mimes and dramas and singing.

Around 300 descendants of Dietrich and Dorthea (Wicke) Nordhausen gathered in Wauneta for the ninth tri-annual Nordhausen "Treffen" (reunion). The first reunion was held in 1979.

Adult Bible Class met at the Methodist Church on the 29th for the study of Acts, led by Pastor Laing. Ted and Sharon Travis treated the group to homemade ice cream as they were celebrating their 41st anniversary.

Teresa Pursley, Abbie, Ellis and Levi Upton, Becky and Steve Erickson, Ruthanne and Carl, all of Omaha, and Mike Pursley of Wisconsin were among those who spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Dean and Charlene Pursley, camping at Enders Lake at the Ike's Building at Enders Lake to celebrate the Pursleys' 50th anniversary.

Robbie Hlavka and Kelsie of Laramie, Wyo., spent the weekend with Mary Emma and Marvin Maris. They attended the steam engine show at Bird City, Kan., on Saturday and lunch in the park Sunday with Erica and Aaron Greene.

Otis Knotwell and Lavern Denker attended the antique machinery show at Bird City, Kan., Saturday.

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Precip for the week: .11 of an inch; for 2003: 18.84 inches.

High for the week: 96° on July 31; low: 57° on July 27.

25 years ago this week

August 4, 1988

Harvest Festival a success! Russ Polly and Wiley Green served as Grand Marshals in recognition for their service to the community over the years. A new event added was mud volleyball. The parade drew 44 entries.

Work began on the new fiber optics system for the Wauneta and Benkelman Telephone Companies. The new system will improve the quality and clarity of long distance calls, enabling the new service to carry up to 675 long distance circuits at one time compared to 60 at this time.

Nancy Noble became Wauneta's newest business owner when she opened doors to her shop, The Country Clipper and Country Charm.

John Oliver of Scottsbluff was an overnight guest of his mother, Grace Oliver, en route to and from the Babe Ruth baseball playoffs in Omaha.

Jody Howard, Tara French, Barb Williams, Meikyn McClatchey, Dennis Ferguson, Brett Monnahan, Jeff Krumm, Sean McClatchey, and Colyn Suda left Sunday morning for Lincoln with sponsors, Dennis and Shirley Ferguson and Derek, to attend the Nebraska Council of Youth for three days.

Edie Sandman entertained her bowling team at a coffee Thursday afternoon for an

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organizational meeting. Present were captain Verna Sandman, Jackie Kennedy, Gladys Schneider and Ruth Justice.

No precip for the week: for 1988: 12.35 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.22/bu.; corn- 2.62/bu.; milo-4.20/cwt.; soybeans-7.50/bu.; oats-2.80/bu.

50 years ago this week

Aug. 8, 1963

Pet parade here Saturday.

Charles Ingold, Karrol Kitt, John Kitt, Jerolyn Kitt, Susan Ham and Joyce Daniel were among 1,000 rural youth taking part in the 35th annual summer session of the American Institute of Cooperation held at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Polly observed their 25th anniversary Saturday evening when relatives and friends came to spend the evening.

Mrs. Fae Harvey returned Saturday from a four-week European tour which took her through 11 countries.

Mrs. Ella Terry celebrated her 91st birthday last Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Moody who hosted a birthday dinner, cake and ice cream in her honor. Guests included Mrs Woodrow Moody and Vonna, Mrs. Metta Smith and Mrs. Eva Maddux.

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75 years ago this week

August 10, 1938

The street east of the bridge has been receiving some needed improvements. It has been smoothed and graveled.

The second soap box derby was held Monday morning at 10 a.m. on the Gerih hill. Entry fee was 2¢ with eight entries made. First place was won by a streamline soap box auto in partnership by Rodger Lewis and Duane Burham, second by Donald Jeffries and third by Billie Benges' "Little Snuffy." Cash prizes donated by merchants were \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.

Obed Walker has purchased the grocery store in Hamlet, formerly owned by Clyde Gardner. The Walkers have moved to Hamlet to make their residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Theobald entertained four couples Sunday at a pot-luck dinner in their home with the couples celebrating their anniversary dates within two weeks of each other. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stahley of Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Carpenter, observing their third anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Carpenter, second and the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Egle. The Theobalds were celebrating their first.

Misses Nora and Rosa Handel returned home Saturday morning from their Christian Fellowship tour to Alaska.

Local Markets: wheat-.46; corn-.48; barley-.20; hens-.11; eggs-.14; cream-.19.

100 years ago this week

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August 7, 1913

The central telephone office is now in good working order in their own building. The plug board was moved last Thursday night and in connecting up they rang several of the stockholders.

R. E. Cocklin is finishing off the upper part of his house.

W. C. Higley and wife left in their auto Saturday for Mitchell to visit his sister for a week.

Frank Wiley and wife returned from their wanderings on Monday.