

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
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10 years ago this week

Sept. 11, 2003

The rural fire board hosted a supper and awards night at Enders Lake Golf Course for the Wauneta Volunteer Firemen and spouses. The Fireman of the Year award was presented to Bob Hamilton and Lloyd Sinner, the second time two have shared the honor.

The work of Wauneta native artist Neil Christensen of Lincoln will be featured at a Lincoln gallery Sept. 12 - Oct. 31. Christensen, a 1966 Wauneta graduate, while in art school, was commissioned to paint the three-paneled mural on the wall of the high school gym in Wauneta depicting Wauneta's main street, the old Wauneta falls and a farm home.

Rich and Janet Keiser and boys, Kiane Alberts, Elmer and Edna Keiser and Leta Brunkhorst had supper at Tommy's Saturday, honoring the birthdays of Elmer and Leta.

Beryl Knotwell, Ila Widger and Colleen Goings attended a trunk show quilt demonstration by Pat Knoechel at the Lutheran Church in McCook Friday. She also gave a review of the books written by her sister, Eleanor Burns.

Jim and Naomi Brown came Friday to spend until Monday with Reinhold and Edith Gloy. On Saturday, the 6th, the Gloys observed their 65th anniversary. Dinner guests of the Gloys and Browns were Troy and Evelyn Skelton, Colby and Emma and Pastor Greg and Janet Stuckwisch.

Joe and Kathy Barger and family spent the Labor Day weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo., visiting Abby Barger and attending several activities at the Air Force Academy.

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No precip. High for the week: 92° on Sept. 5; low: 54° on Sept. 3.

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September 8, 1988

Reinhold and Edith Gloy were honored on their 50th anniversary at an open house Saturday afternoon at the Wauneta Legion Hall with 150 present at the cake reception. A buffet supper followed. Ruth Werner of Grant, who served as a bridesmaid at their wedding, was among those present.

The Gary DeWester family, Laddie Wilsons and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stamm went to Manhattan, Kan., Saturday to see the K. State-O.R.U. volleyball game where Teresa DeWester is on the starting team of O.R.U. of Tulsa.

Wilva and Gene Harchelroad attended the Nebraska-Texas Aggies football game in New Jersey the weekend of the 27th.

Rick and Jolene Heldenbrand and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Redford and family returned to their homes in Regina Saskatchewan, Canada, leaving Sunday to resume their seminary studies.

A Mintling reunion was held in Kelly Park in McCook Sunday. Attending from Wauneta were Riley and Betty Mintling and R.J. and Jana Mintling, Ryan and Ros.

No Precip for the week; for 1988: 14.91 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.55/bu.; corn-2.68/bu.; milo-4.10/cwt; soybeans-8.10/bu.; oats: 2.45/bu.

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Sept. 12, 1963

Capt. and Mrs. Dwayne Decker and family of Tucson, Ariz., were honored guests at a cooperative dinner at the Palisade Park Sunday with relatives and friends attending. The Deckers have been stationed in Tucson for over seven years where he is currently an Aircraft Commander of the B-47 Jet Bomber.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Alberts entertained Sunday honoring her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wittwer, on their 44th wedding anniversary.

Family held a no hostess dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Andy Muths on their 32nd anniversary.

Mrs. Wayne Anderson entertained members of her sewing club Friday evening. Mrs. Sylvia Ziegler showed slides taken during her years stay in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greeley and sons of Lincoln were weekend guests in the Floyd Greeley home.

Karrol Kitt, Connie Dicke and Jerolyn Kitt were among purple ribbon winners in the song contest at the Nebraska State Fair.

75 years ago this week

Sept. 14, 1938

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At last the street west from the highway in front of the school is under going a complete tearing up which was so desperately needed. The work is being done with the county machinery supervised by Leonard Hansen. The street will just be a dirt surface but at least can be maintained.

T. R. von Fange of Deshler, Neb., is the new instructor at the St. Paul's Lutheran School on the South Divide.

Rev. M. W. Rose was returned to Wauneta for the third year as pastor of the Methodist Church.

Dr. R. R. Fitzgerald opened his new office for general practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams were honored on their first anniversary Sunday. Guests were Mrs. R.E. Olmsted and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Olmsted, Glen and Ross Druliner and Mildred Anderson of Benkelman and L. B. Glaze of McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hancock left Sunday for Los Angeles where they will attend the American Legion National Convention. Mr. Hancock was elected delegate at large at the state convention.

Local Markets: cream-.19; eggs-.15; hens-.12; springs-.10; wheat-.50; corn-.45.

100 years ago this week

September 11, 1913

At one o'clock Wednesday morning Wauneta suffered its most disastrous fire in its history when

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Cox Mercantile Co. was ablaze; next door Johnston hardware and furniture also caught fire. There was concern for the printing office next with everything moveable being moved out except for the new electric press. The bank building across the street was injured when the plate glass windows in both stories were cracked by the intense heat.

The new water wheel was put in at the mill this week.

A pledge to do a lot of volunteer work and some cash was raised to fix the road south of town. Commissioner Athey has agreed to have the county put as much work in on the road as the citizens would do.

Ruby Fye, Ralph Metcalf and Myrtle Hanna are attending school in Wauneta, They ride to and from same.

Empire School has seven enrolled, Miss Lamb, teacher.

Blue Ridge School has 22 enrolled, Miss Hall, teacher.