

## Looking Back

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### 10 years ago this week

#### Dec. 11, 2003

BWTELcom's new office building in Wauneta will be open to customers on Monday, Dec. 15. Mindi Dixon will staff the office. The telephone company's central switch office is also located in the new building.

Chase County Planning and Zoning Administrator DeAnn Doetker was named the NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) Contact Person of the Year at an Oct. 15 membership meeting in Lincoln.

Daryl Miller and Judy Alderson of Talkeetna and Anchorage, Ala., are visiting Ann Miller and Tom and Sharon Miller with families enjoying a fish fry of fresh Alaskan salmon and halibut at Tom and Sharon's Monday night.

Esther Einspahr and Rick and Cindy Einspahr and Kayla attended the Doane College's music department's Christmas festival where Rogan Einspahr and Trish Fanning participated.

Doris Craig and Elsie Becker flew to Labanon, Ore., where they visited Evelyn and Randy Madison and their families.

Four area youth, Chance Thayer, Jacob Rundback, Kory Kuenning and Brandon Kuenning, represented Nebraska at the 2003 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18. They placed 13th out of 34 teams. Their coach was Justin Ellicott.

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Five Bronco gridders were earned D1-10 All-District honors. Heading the list was Tanner Bardsley who was chosen the district's Special Teams Most Valuable Player for his outstanding performance as a punter where he averaged 37.7 yards per punt. Andrew Sandman and Brandon Hansen were named to the All-District Team and Ryan Stepler and Hondo Fanning were Honorable Mention.

No precip. High was 58° on Dec. 7; low: 14° on Dec. 4

### 25 years ago this week

#### December 8, 1988

Crews will finish burying a new fiber optic cable this week, weather permitting, connecting the Wauneta and Benkelman telephone companies to a new fiber optic system installed by US West this summer. Presently Wauneta's system can handle only 60 outgoing long distance circuits at any one time. With the new fiber optic, that capacity will increase to 675 circuits.

Mrs. Joan Green has been signed as a columnist for "Craft Magazine."

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Wheeler took the train Friday from McCook to Chicago where they visited Anita Wheeler and friend, Todd Colwell. They attended the presentation of "Candlelight Carols" at Moody Church where Anita is a member of the choir.

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Mrs. Dan Liebig returned from three weeks spent with her daughters, Roseanne and Bill Benzel, Lacey and Alison at Council Bluffs, Iowa, going on to Williamsburg, Va., to visit Mary Kay and Forrest Lauher and Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pursley spent the weekend in Grand Island. Sunday they attended the baptism of Levi Upton at Peace Lutheran Church. His sponsors were Sally and Mitch Mullanix of Everett, Wash., Susan Oberle and Judy Morgan.

Kris Polly is among the student trainers set to participate in Nebraska Wesleyan University's annual Rat Olympics Dec. 10. Students train genetically identical six-month-old female rats over the course of the semester for the competition which features a five-yard dash, four-foot tightrope walk, weightlifting, five-yard hurdles, long jump and five-foot rope climb.

No precip for the week: for 1988: 17.43 inches.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.69/bu.; corn-2.37/bu.; milo-3.52/cwt; soybeans-7.04/bu.; oats-2.15/bu.

## 50 years ago this week

### Dec. 12, 1963

C.J. Sutherland, Wauneta School Superintendent, was elected Nebraska State Education Association president at the organization's annual two-day Delegate Assembly in Lincoln.

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Clifford Shackelford was appointed to a five-year term on the Utilities by the Village Board.

Ted Anderson, Francis Drake, Elmer Bischoff and George Louch from the Wauneta Co-op Oil Co were in Kansas City Dec. 4-6 attending CCA's 35th annual meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kanost attended an OES Christmas coffee at the home of Mary Lou Ross at Culbertson.

A surprise birthday dinner was given for Mrs. Tona Jackson at her home Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hallett of Elsie, Mr. and Mrs. John Hallett and family of Imperial, Mabel Maddux, Clara Hamilton and Doug and George Hallett.

Mrs. Gertrude McCallum accompanied her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Sherbahn of O'Neill, to Mesa, Ariz., where they will spend the winter months.

## 75 years ago this week

### December 14, 1938

Richard Bradley, Lloyd Redden and Rex Lewis of the local boy scout troop were among those in the Frenchman River district given their 2nd class badges in a Court of Honor ceremony at Trenton with approximately 275 parents and other visitors attending. Other boys from Wauneta

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attending included George Cochran, Vernon Norman, Dean Zarecor and Marvin Stevens.

Two members of the 1938 Wauneta football team received state-wide recognition. Drexel Oyer, Bronk tackle, was placed on Gregg McBride's all-state honor roll in the Omaha World-Herald. Marvin Athey, halfback, was recognized in the Lincoln Journal and Star. The honor roll is a list of approximately 100 football players who showed outstanding ability during the season out of 4,000 to 5,000 boys who play each season in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Voorhees and daughters spent the weekend in Hastings.

Josh Johnston returned from a three-day business trip to Omaha Friday.

The Pribbeno male quartette had charge of the song service Sunday night at Prairie Ross.

## 100 years ago this week

### December 11, 1913

The Wauneta Telephone Co. will install a telephone at the depot.

Al Manning has traded his farm to D. Resler for his building and meat shop and takes possession on Monday.

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Mr. Bryant will move onto A. H. Manning's farm.

Winnie Gibson returned from her trip to St. Joe Tuesday.