

Looking Back

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10 years ago this week

Dec. 25, 2003

The building between Veil's Unlimited and the Country Clipper on Wauneta's main street came down brick by brick recently. The modern bricks on the facade obscured the age of the building which was constructed in 1892 of bricks kilned in Wauneta of native clay. The building was known as the Krausnick Grocery Store and was home to several grocery businesses and others including a general store, a creamery station and later part of a large department store.

A new sign from Hot Brush Lettering in Bird City, Kan., was placed on the wall of BWTelcom's new building this week.

Marvin and Mary Emma Maris will observe their 50th anniversary on Dec. 27. Sunday a carry-in dinner was held at the Eden Church hosted by Robert and Mary Harmon of Imperial, Nadine Bley, Janet Egle, Vern Maris and Dorie Regier. Others present were John Pursley, Evelyn Rowley, Leland and Sharon Maris, Roger and Beth Maris, Erica and Aaron Greene and Lanette Regier.

Kurt and Minnie Denker of Harlingen, Texas, are spending Christmas week at Leona Paustian's.

To celebrate Darlene Haarberg's birthday Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Krausnick, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krausnick and Mr. and Mrs. Clint McCallum brought a carry-in supper and spent the evening playing cards.

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Jon and Diane Maris of Paige, Ariz., came Saturday to spent the holidays with Harold and Bev Maris and family in Benkelman.

Wauneta-Palisade FFA students were winners at districts including Jacob Rundback, Jess Vapenik and Chase Nichols who placed fourth out of 70 teams in Livestock Selection; Jessica Maddux, Laura Barger, Stacey Wright and Brennan Keiser who won first place in the junior high Quiz Bowl and Bryn Vapenik, Tasha Hamilton, Jesse Skelton and James Strand who placed fourth in the junior high Quiz Bowl.

No precip. High for the week: 66° on Dec. 20; low: 15° on Dec. 18.

25 years ago this week

December 22, 1988

Wauneta eighth grade students in Gary Goodchuck's social studies class have become stockbrokers — both pretend and for real — during their study of industrialized America. Students were each given a hypothetical \$1,000 to “buy” into three corporations on the New York Stock Exchange. Students then charted their purchases for daily gains and losses. Students pooled \$30 to actually purchase one share of AT&T stock, going through a McCook broker who spoke to the class. They plan to keep the stock for the next four years, splitting any profits when they graduate.

Esther Einspahr and Judy Evers hosted a Christmas coffee in the Einspahr home Saturday for friends and relatives.

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Bonnie Bley, Sharon Maris, Delorse Baney, Elaine Bley and Orpha Maris attended the After 5 Club Tuesday evening in McCook where Iola Egle was guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Haarberg and family hosted the Haarberg Christmas dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Haarberg and Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. Frank West, Casey and Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Haarberg and Rad, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Haarberg, Rod, Ryan, Renea and Eric Troudt.

Precip for the week: .06 of an inch; for 1988: 17.53.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.76/bu.; corn-2.50/bu.; milo-3.65/cwt.; soybeans-7.15/bu.; oats-2.20/bu.

50 years ago this week

Dec. 26, 1963

Santa visited Wauneta Saturday, handing out treats, assisted by the volunteer firemen. Merchants noted by Santa's appearance that there apparently were "hard times" at the North Pole and assured Santa he will find shiny new clothing on his next visit.

Santa Claus Day was held in Palisade Saturday with Santa giving out 270 treats to area youngsters.

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Second graders of five area schools, Wauneta, Hamlet, Blanche, Eden and Sunny Side, will be treated to an after Christmas party, courtesy of the Wauneta Chamber for garnering the most votes in their Christmas contest. For every 10¢ purchase people could vote for the K-8 grade of their choice.

Servicemen home for the holidays included Pvt. Jack Hunt stationed at 29 Palms, Calif., and Gary Doetker from Fort Rucker, Ala. John Green and Harlan Haarberg have two weeks leave from Naval Officers Training School in Newport, R.I.

Mrs. Bruce McCallum was hostess at a tea for faculty members Sunday afternoon following the Christmas concert with 10 attending.

75 years ago this week

December 28, 1938

A tie resulted for first and second place in the Wauneta Commercial Club's Christmas lighting contest. The A. R. d'Allemand and Bud Johnston homes were selected by judges as the best decorated homes with the Ward Higley home, third. Honorable mention went to Amil Hoff, Fred Grimm and Verne Fisher.

Visitors at the J. B. Engell home Christmas were Walter Rice and family, Mrs. Stella Gregory and Marge. A scrumptious dinner was served. The house was prettily decorated with holly sent from Oregon by Kenneth Albrecht.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Graves of Palisade and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ough were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dimick.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wallace and Barbara of Alva, Okla., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Wallace's mother, Mrs. Larry Collins.

100 years ago this week

December 25, 1913

G. G. Athey has been appointed secretary and general manager of the telephone system and takes charge Jan. 1. Jay Person will go to Chicago to attend school.

The train is quite late these days owing to the parcel post mail. The railroads have to run special trains to handle it all.

McCartneys will move onto the farm known as the Manning farm.