

Looking Back

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10 years ago this week

Jan. 15, 2004

The Wauneta Breeze took on a new look this week with a new flag atop the front page with pages inside renamed and renumbered and text type and headline types also changed. The Breeze will retain the name its had for its 117 year history. The most popular account of how the Breeze got its name is that Breeze founder John Hahn was nervous about getting the paper started and naming it and was visiting with some men in front of the shop when a cool breeze blew through, cooling him. At that moment he decided to call the newspaper The Wauneta Breeze. The windmill in the new flag emphasizes the breeze that blows to run the windmill as well as highlights the area's proud history and dedication to agriculture.

A look back at 2003 showed national and local economies floundering, short moisture and low grain prices. High cattle prices were among the bright spots and investment in Wauneta's future with BWTelcom's new building, HomeTown Agency's renovation of the old hardware and Wauneta Community Foundation's kick off to fund a new medical building on Wauneta's mainstreet.

Family of Richard and LaVina Bardsley hosted a dinner at the Bill Bardsley home to honor them on their 50th anniversary. Former motorcycle club members, friends and neighbors attended.

Lucille McBride attended the 50th anniversary dinner for Richard and LaVina Bardsley. She was the pianist at their wedding at Mt. Zion Church on Jan. 10, 1954.

A special dinner of pizza and ice cream was hosted by Janice and Don Hewitt and Kent Buffington at Heritage Saturday noon for their mother, Alvina Buffington, on her 92nd birthday that day. She had asked for pizza and also that Ed Buffington be included as he had observed

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his 96th birthday on Thursday. Joining them for lunch and visiting were Leona Paustian, Laura Buffington and Lucille McBride.

Precip to date: .25; high for the week: 56° on Jan. 11; low: -12 on Jan. 5.

25 years ago this week

January 12, 1989

Members of the Falls Club launched a fundraising effort to buy an additional pager for the Wauneta Ambulance and Rescue Squad. There are not enough pagers for each member, so pagers are passed along each day. Rescue Squad President Jim Lucas noted the past year the squad made 99 runs of which 76 were emergencies, 12 transfers, one dry run and had 10 standbys at football games.

Kris Polly, a junior majoring in psychology and political science at Wesleyan University, was one of 17 American students accepted to the prestigious Hansard Scholars Program through Burckbeck College in London. He will spend four months studying and working with a member of parliament.

Ramona Nordhausen hosted a Christmas coffee Dec. 22 in her home. Guests were Twilla Denker, Jackie Kennedy, Lois Greeley, Ora Nordhausen, Eleanor Petr, Betty Mintling and Lucille Klima.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henning and Cassandra of Lincoln spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kitt. They were all Christmas Eve guests of Kevin and Denise Janicek and Mandi and the Janiceks and Keenan Kitts joined them in the Ervin Kitt home Christmas Day.

Herman Nordhausen and Judy Evers went to Seward Sunday, attending the Nebraska basketball game in Lincoln Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Precip for the week: .12.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.89/bu.; corn-2.58/bu.; milo-3.88/cwt.; soybeans-7.40/bu.; oats-2.35/bu.

50 years ago this week

Jan. 16, 1964

Wauneta boasts three car dealerships. "Shorty" Hamilton established his business, Hamilton Garage (Chrysler, Plymouth, Valiant) in 1933; Harvey Harchelroad (Harchelroad Chevrolet) in 1935 and Wilbur Larson, Wauneta Motors (Ford) in 1953.

Lonnie Shackelford, one of nine competitors, was announced winner of the University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship.

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Pfc. and Mrs. Al Larson are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Larson. Following a 30-day furlough he will leave for Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ferguson were honored on their 50th anniversary at the Frank Carter home Dec. 15 with 120 guests calling to wish them happy anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mitchell, Jackie Ekarts, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Moody and Vonna and Mrs. Sylvia Moody were among some attending the Stock Show in Denver over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Kanost called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and family Monday evening.

75 years ago this week

January 18, 1939

Wauneta was selected as the town to hold the Nebraska 1939 state checker tournament. The tournament will open Monday, Feb. 6 and continue for four or five days. The association is anxious to create more interest in the game in the western section of the state and locating the tourney here they hope will do so. Last year's tournament was held at the YMCA in Lincoln.

Plans are underway for the 1939 President's Birthday Ball to be held at the American Legion Hall Friday, Feb. 10. Music will be furnished by Haurey Mack and his orchestra of Hastings. Waunetans will be interested to know that Russel Polly, local musician, is now a member of the Haurey Mack orchestra.

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Miss Millie Ingold accompanied Mrs. Albert Ingold of Imperial to Florida where they expect to spend the rest of the winter months.

Local Markets: wheat-.54; corn-.36-.38; barley-.30; rye-.30; cream-.20; eggs-.12; hens-.08; springs-.10.

100 years ago this week

January 15, 1914

The County Commissioners awarded the contract for the county printing to the Wauneta Breeze and also designated the same as the official paper for the county.

The ice in Wauneta is all put up. The ice was 10 inches thick and a very good quality.

The sheriff's salary has been placed at \$1,000 for 1914 and the janitor work given to young Morris at \$240.00 a year.

Sheriff Bonner was in town on Wednesday making arrangements to have ice shipped to Imperial. He has built a new house that holds 250 tons.