

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
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10 years ago this week

Feb. 5, 2004

B-K Mini Storage, LLC is nearing completion in east Wauneta. There are nine walk-in units along with 14 drive in units.

Wauneta-Palisade Bronco girls and boys basketball teams repeated as double champions at the Golden Plains Activities Conference tournament, defeating Wheatland teams.

Wauneta Women of Today garnered a slew of awards at the winter convention held in Grand Island Jan. 23-24. Sunni Nordhausen was one of two statewide chosen for the Outstanding Young Woman award.

Marlin and Norma Fortkamp observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 31. Norma was a patient at Bryan LGH East but several travelled to Lincoln including Marlin, Steve Fortkamp and Ashley, Vaunda and Don Hyde, Dawn Hyde, Doug and Faith Hyde, Nita and Jerry Frost, Stephanie Herr, Mary and Roger Estes and Gary and Gloria Fortkamp.

Allan and Judi Nordhausen travelled to Liberty Hills, Texas, Jan. 21 where they were guests of Loren and Sue Nordhausen and attended the wedding of Justin Nordhausen and Amy Roccaforte in Austin, Texas. They returned home on the 27th.

Kent and Sharon Buffington travelled to Oklahoma City, Okla., on Jan. 21, then to Decatur, Ark., where they visited Margie and Bud Lovitt, then spent a few days at Bronson, Mo., a Christmas gift from their four daughters and families.

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Leola Moody observed her 86th birthday Thursday, Jan. 29 with several having lunch with her at Heritage. Those were her cousins Trudy Nelson of McCook, Nonie Hamel and Margaret Trautman of Imperial and also Jean Adams and Vonna Moody.

Precip for the week: .08 of an inch. High for the week: 48° on Jan. 27; low: 0° on Jan. 27.

Grain Market at Frenchman Valley Coop in Wauneta: wheat-3.51; corn-2.52; milo-2.41; sunflowers-10.10. At Palisade: wheat-3.50; corn-2.51; milo-4.34; soybeans-7.52.

25 years ago this week

February 2, 1989

Rex Walgren and Jim McKinney represented Chase County and Southwest Nebraska at the Lincoln Boat, Sport and Travel Show in Lincoln over the weekend, promoting tourist opportunities in this part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jeffries attended the DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics Winner's Circle Conference in Denver where Bill was recognized in the Top 10 percent of DeKalb-Pfizer seed dealers.

Maxine (Pierson) Steggs of Slayton, Minn, visited Mabel Scriven last week. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hoff joined them Wednesday evening for dinner. The Hoff's and Mrs. Steggs were school

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classmates. Grace Oliver and Edna Christensen were coffee guests Thursday of Mrs. Scriven and her houseguest.

June Cox hosted a coffee for Ida Bartels on her birthday Jan. 24. Virginia Gauger and Erma Kitt were guests.

Several ladies gathered Tuesday evening at the home of Anna Mae Wach to honor Ruby Terry on her birthday. Games, gifts and refreshments were enjoyed.

Steven and Scott Todd led the Sunset Trails Scout District in popcorn sales with Steven selling 101 buckets, Scott 71 buckets.

Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Wilson and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Gary DeWester and Chad spent Sunday afternoon with the ladies' parents, the Stamms, had supper and birthday cake for Louise's birthday on the 29th and Everett's on the 30th. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Osborn.

Precip for the week: .50 of an inch; for 1989: .62 of an inch.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.86/bu.; corn-2.44/bu.; milo-3.70/cwt; soybeans-6.97/bu.; oats-2.05/bu.

50 years ago this week

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Feb. 6, 1964

Town Board members hurried to move along the curb and gutter projects in Wauneta after property owners along Wauneta's main street by petition withdrew their objections to the formation of a curb and gutter district filed earlier with the village clerk.

A community planning and development commission to improve the economy, commercial or agricultural, was formed Tuesday evening at the Wauneta Commercial Club. Named were Wiley Green, chairman, Cliff Shackelford, Dwight Hoff, Duane Burham and E. N. Berry. Bernie Steinert, Club secretary, ex-officio member.

Dundy County chapter of the National Farmers Organization (NFO) was chartered Tuesday evening with 19 NFO members present. John Kitt was elected president.

Six Wauneta High school students maintained an all-A record including Laurel Bush, Marilyn Rietsch, Susan Skelton, Billie Stock, Joyce Daniel and Neil Christensen. Thirty-four students were named to the A-B list.

The "Neighborly Neighbors" of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Jussel for a cooperative farewell supper. The Jones are moving to the house formerly owned by Mrs. Louisa Schwenk.

Eleven members of Mrs. Grace Oliver's sewing club surprised her Saturday evening on the occasion of her birthday. Mrs. Velma Wade and Mrs. Jesse Webber were also guests.

Mrs. Otto Bartels, Mrs. Otto Becker, and Miss Helen Damrow all share the same birthday. Mrs. Bartels hosted a birthday supper for Mr. and Mrs. Becker and Miss Damrow and guest, Jack Legg Friday evening. After supper the honored guests were surprised when friends and relatives arrived to help them celebrate.

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February 8, 1939

Elmer Gantry, Chase County, Neb., blind wonder horse, recently signed to a film contract, arrived in Hollywood the first of the week. The horse's owner, Miss Eleanor Gatzendaner of Champion, trained him as a trick horse before the horse became blind, retraining him after his loss of sight. The picture, "Gantry the Great," is based on the horse's life.

The Stock families held their monthly dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sandman.

Dr. Geo. Hoffmeister and a nurse were in Enders Saturday afternoon vaccinating for small pox. Sixty children and adults were vaccinated.

Rev. and Mrs. Marshall and son and Elmer Harrison and family made ice cream and took it along and spent the evening at the Chas. Tatum home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wicke drove to Ludell, Kan., Thursday evening to be present at the dance given in honor of Henry's brother and wife, newlyweds.

Local Markets: wheat-.54; corn-.36-.38; barley-.30; rye-.30; cream-.20.

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100 years ago this week

February 5, 1914

Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow.

A large crowd at the opening night at the Majestic. Open Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.; three shows Saturday. All shows different. Anyone over school age 10¢; under that age occupying seats 5¢.

Joe Dudeck, H.H. Grosbach and John W. Green each became owner of a block of Capital Stock of the Wauneta Falls Bank.

Fred Schutte was breaking a pair of wild mules Monday. John and Fred Bischoff were helping him.