

## Looking Back

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### 10 years ago this week

#### Feb. 19, 2004

Al Wilkins was elected Village Board chairman, replacing Tony Cribelli. Ann Grasser was appointed as vice chair.

Family and friends gathered at Heritage of Wauneta Sunday to help J. R. Crabb celebrate his 100th birthday. He moved from Imperial to Wauneta and once owned Crabb Jewelers in Imperial. A lover of music, and able to play anything, he once conducted a song for John Phillip Sousa who had come to Lincoln to perform and had fallen sick.

Ed Buffington was crowned king and Lorean Anderson, queen, at the Valentine festivities at Heritage of Wauneta. The Chase County Stompers provided entertainment.

Gary and Jan DeWester spent Thursday and Friday at the Claremont Inn at Stratton, Colo., for a get-away as a gift from their family for their 40th anniversary.

Ken and Cleophia Denker ate out in McCook Sunday to observe their 51st anniversary.

Bill Bischoff, Mike Gage, Michael Gentry, Bob Hamilton, Robert Hohl, Bob Jones, Jeff Maris and Chuck Vette were among those attending the mid-winter fire school in Holdrege Feb. 1.

Eight Broncos from the GPAC champion teams received all-conference honors. Staci Alberts

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and Melissa Long were first team honorees; Ashley Kitt, second team and Stephanie Padilla and Kiane Alberts, honorable mention. Boys team honors went to Joe Humphrey and Matt Klima, first team and Andrew Isom, honorable mention.

No precip for the week: high was 41° on Feb. 10; low: -2° on Feb. 11.

Grain Markets: Frenchman Valley Coop-: wheat-3.49; corn-2.65; milo-2.52; sunflowers-10.90.  
Palisade Elevator: wheat-3.51; corn-2.67; milo-4.54; soybeans-8.00.

## 25 years ago this week

### February 16, 1989

Howard Lawson and Lillie Ruby were crowned king and queen at the Heritage of Wauneta's 1989 Heart Fund Jamboree. They were special guests at the Heart Fund dinner held at the Legion Hall Sunday.

Ed and Pauline Buffington celebrated their 60th anniversary this week, having been married on Feb. 12, 1929. They farmed southwest of Wauneta and moved to Wauneta in 1974 upon retirement.

Family of Hilda Nordhausen took her to dinner at The Club for her 85th birthday Sunday. Present were Charlene and Dean Pursley, Elvera and Jim Mullanix, Donna and Dennis Gockley and daughters, Joel Gockley, Julie Wier, the Mike and Chris Pursley families and Henry and

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Leta Brunkhorst. Friends and family called on her later at her home, enjoying birthday cake and ice cream.

Mrs. Bob Hohl attended classes on Library Management in McCook the last two Mondays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dicke returned home Sunday after a two-weeks visit with Connie and Les Linscott at Gainsville, Fla., enjoying a visit to Cape Canaveral, dining at Cedar Key on the Gulf coast and at Cocoa Beach and other sites. They also visited Bob and Lucille Newman at Leesburg.

Jim McKinney, Dale Wicke, Bob Nordhausen, Gene Bartels, Stuart Bartels and Hank Wicke attended a woodworkers show in Denver over the weekend.

Precip for the week: .05 of an inch; for 1989: .79 of an inch.

Grain Markets: wheat-3.82/bu.; corn-2.44/bu.; milo-3.65/cwt; soybeans-6.79/bu.; oats-1.90/bu.

## 50 years ago this week

### Feb. 20, 1964

The Farmers Cooperative Exchange in Wauneta held their annual meeting Feb. 13 at the

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Wauneta High School auditorium with an estimated 130 guests. Following the ham dinner the business meeting was conducted with two being elected to the board: Marvin Large replaced Elmer Bischoff who declined nomination and Junior Kitt was re-elected.

Thirty-two youngsters, all second graders, were entertained at a belated Christmas party by the Wauneta Commercial Club as winners of their Christmas contest. They were taken to dinner at Rudy's Drive-Inn where 47 hamburgers, cheeseburgers and barbecue sandwiches; 32 orders of French fries; 22 bottles of pop; 27 malted milks (all flavors), 26 candy bars and four rolls were enjoyed. Then, on to the Chateau Theatre where they were treated at the refreshment counter to boxes of popcorn, bottles of pop and assorted candy bars (200 total) and to a movie. Each child attending received a silver dollar from the Commercial Club and Dr. and Mrs. Rider presented each with a free movie pass.

A Court of Honor was held at the Scout House last Wednesday evening, attended by parents and relatives. Tenderfoot badges were awarded to Ricky Heldenbrand, Karl Hoff, Rex Walgren, Lynn Salyer, Doug Brown and Steven Burham.

Mrs. Bob Kitt and Mrs. Edwin Kanost entertained the mothers of the fifth grade children at a Valentine coffee Friday afternoon at the Kanost home. Teachers Mrs. Wine and Mrs. Woolery were also guests.

Three juniors of WHS were named to the FVA all-tournament team following the finals at Benkelman Monday evening. They were Tom Heldenbrand, Larry Fanning and Danny Jeffries. Wauneta led all teams with three; Stratton, Benkelman and Imperial placed two and Trenton, Palisade, Culbertson, Grant and Madrid each placed one.

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### February 22, 1939

Wauneta Co-Operative Equity Exchange and Wauneta Co-Operative Oil Co. hosted Co-Op Day with a free lunch at the Co-Operative Oil and a free moving picture show at the theatre. Over 800 were served for lunch. At a 10 o'clock stockholder meeting held at the theatre the name for the Wauneta Co-Operative Exchange was changed to Farmer's Co-Operative Exchange and other business conducted.

Wauneta and Hamlet Boy Scouts were among the 21 scouts of the Frenchman Valley District to receive special awards at the Court of Honor held at the Wauneta high school auditorium. Second class badges were awarded to Donald Anderson, George Cochran, Delbert Crowell, Lowell Grimm, Lawrence Philpott, Marvin Stevens and Dean Zaracor, all of Wauneta and Gene Troxell of Hamlet. First class badges were presented to Robert Bush, Martin Rousey, Vernon Shoemaker and Lyle Smith, all of Hamlet.

Two cases of scarlet fever were reported by Wauneta physicians.

Will Cobb of Stratton, the new Rawleigh Co. man, was calling in the vicinity.

On Sunday a large number of friends and relatives gathered at the Elmer Harrison home with well filled baskets and surprised Mrs. Harrison on her birthday.

Local Markets: cream-.20; eggs-.11; hens-.08; springs-.07; wheat-.54.

### 100 years ago this week

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### February 19, 1914

Mail weighing is the order of the day now with Uncle Sam.

A telephone was put in at the depot Friday. You can now ask all the questions necessary and some that are not necessary.

Gruer & Sons has been fixing up the Fall Bank building inside and out this week.

Mr. Haarberg and family visited at John Bischoff's Sunday.

Mrs. Adamson was among the comfort tiers at Mrs. Ritten's one day last week.

Mrs. Berge Brannon has the first young chicks this year.