

Looking Back

Written by Wauneta Breeze
Thursday, 27 March 2014 00:00 -

10 years ago this week

March 25, 2004

A reception/open house was held Friday honoring Ted Travis and Dallis Breese on their retirement from the Wauneta Coop Oil.

Members of the Falls Club enjoyed a prime rib dinner Thursday evening at the Wauneta Senior Center. Entertainment for the evening was Brian McElvain, a magician from Kearney.

Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scout Troop 506 and several adults attended a Tri-City Storm hockey game in Kearney over the weekend.

Beverly Dinnel and Jane Greene attended a scrapbook retreat at Miranatha Bible Camp Friday through Sunday with friends from Cheyenne, Wyo.

David and Kathy Smukler of Castle Rock, Colo., spent Friday to Monday with Ed and Jo Arenz.

Former Wauneta Methodist Church and Mt. Zion pastor, Rev. T.J., and Virginia Frasier of Seward were Saturday overnight guests of Ila and Orville Widger, visited with several in Wauneta, attended the Methodist Church service and dinner following on Sunday.

Several attended a cello recital Tuesday evening performed by Travis Bruns of Hartford, Conn., at the Palisade Methodist Church. Bruns is the grandson of Maxine Scott.

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Judy and Karl Polly spent March 11-15 in Arlington, Va., visiting Kris and Laura Polly, Caroline and William.

No precip for the week: high for the week: 87° on March 19; low: 23° on March 21.

25 years ago this week

March 23, 1989

Dr. Doug Fairbairn announced Tuesday that the Wauneta Family Practice medical clinic will close March 30 due to the additional patient load and lack of coverage when Dr. Bryce Shopp closed his Imperial practice.

Cash prices for wheat broke the \$4 level this week.

Jo Arenz, new president of the Wauneta Chamber, took over duties earlier this year from immediate past president Dale Bischoff.

Five were confirmed by Pastor Jim Lucas at the Palm Sunday service at Redeemer Lutheran Church including Stacy Andrew, Sarah Haarberg, Jason Weeder, Levi Fanning and Kim Brunkhorst.

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Confirmation service was conducted Palm Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. LaVern Brack. Confirmed were Patricia Bartels, Jonathan Nordhausen and Cory Nordhausen.

Barlow, McClatchey & Thompson VFW and Auxiliary hosted a dinner Saturday evening honoring the Voice of Democracy winners. VOD winners were Audrey Kravig and Melissa Blomstedt.

Ken and Willa Houser of Lamar and Dick Barnard of Wauneta attended the monthly dinner of the Nebraska Club in Green Valley, Ariz. The club is made up of Nebraska retirees in the area.

Rod Ough arrived from St. Paul, Minn., to spend several days with his parents, Doris and Lloyd Ough.

Precip for the week: .17 of an inch; for 1989: 1.17 inches.

50 years ago this week

Mar. 26, 1964

A spring rain began Wednesday evening and as Thursday progressed winds increased and the rain turned to snow, turning into a full scale blizzard. Extensive losses of livestock were reported.

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Della Fanning was honored as the "Athletic Mother of the Year" Thursday evening at the Quarterback Banquet. She was presented a corsage and received a standing and heartfelt ovation. Her children also presented her with a bouquet. She has had children attending school for 50 years - beginning with son Virgil in 1918, ending with grandson Jay in 1968. E.N Berry also received a plaque for his continued interest in the athletic programs and Vaughn McBride was elected the most outstanding Senior Athlete and received a traveling trophy-plaque.

Wauneta High School freshman Nik Sandman won top honors and a medal in General Science at the Inter-High School contests Saturday in Kearney. Billy Stock placed 12th in American History and was in the upper 10 percent of students taking the test.

Marge and Ike Engell were honored on their 25th anniversary at an open house held at the Masonic Temple in Wauneta following a dinner served to 39 by the Kensington ladies.

Frank Ochs observed his 90th birthday Monday. On Sunday a quiet family dinner marked the occasion with several friends calling on Monday to wish him well.

Mrs. Mae Grimm and Mrs. Edith Krausnick co-hosted a birthday dinner Sunday at the Grimm home in honor of Mrs. Lowell Grimm on her birthday. Besides the guest of honor and her family, other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Brandt and family of Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Person will leave this weekend for Los Angeles to spend a week or so.

75 years ago this week

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March 29, 1939

A heavy wet snow fell Monday bringing over one inch of welcome moisture. The return of Old Man winter was too much for the American Legion ballroom as the roof collapsed with the weight of the heavy snow.

Waunetans mourn the death of Dr. H. H. Grosbach. He served the community for over 50 years. In June, 1935 the Wauneta community joined in a celebration marking his 50 years of service.

Mrs. Carl Ketler was surprised on her birthday anniversary when friends dropped in to spend the evening. Refreshments followed an evening of Chinese checkers.

Reinhold Bartels was reminded of his birthday when 30 friends came to help him celebrate. Games and group singing were enjoyed followed by a midnight lunch.

Local Markets: wheat-.52; corn-.35-.37; cream-.20; eggs-.13; h. hens-.13; hides-.04.

100 years ago this week

March 26, 1914

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Wauneta will observe March 29 as everybody go to church Sunday. Everyone is urged to attend some church and then keep it up.

Grace Kanost closed her school in Dist. 4 Saturday, March 14 with a nice program and big dinner. Each pupil received a nice treat of candy, nuts and an orange.

Mrs. Olive Selby closed her school in the Hartzler dist. also on March 14.

A number will put in city water this spring. The proper thing to do.

Mrs. J. W. Hann went to McCook Wednesday to attend the district conference.

Fishing season opens 12:01 (midnight) March 31. Some people have already opened it.