

## **Wauneta Senior Center report**

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**By Joey Large**

### **Senior Center Board President**

It has been a number of months since we have provided a report on the activities and events at the Wauneta Senior Center. A lot has changed that has provided challenges, but the doors are still open and we welcome everyone to join us for a hot noon meal.

The Center is currently relying heavily on our volunteers and part-time kitchen staff. In early June Kerry Hamilton took a position with the Wauneta-Palisade schools in Palisade so the Center has been without a full-time director since June 10. In August our cook, Mary Gage, scheduled long needed hip surgery for Sept. 10. A part-time kitchen staff was put together to work during her recovery period. However her husband became ill right before her surgery and both of them spent time together in Kearney recovering from surgery and sickness. Upon coming home Mary decided that 12 years of working for the Center was enough and submitted her intentions to retire.

With this event, the Center has shifted its priorities to advertising for a full-time cook and so far we have not received any interest in the position. The position is for six hours per day and requires an individual to prepare a meal for 20-35 individuals per day. The Center also has the need to hire someone to do the cleaning and also it is the desire of the Board to still fill the Director's position which would be to oversee the activities of the Center and be responsible for the daily and monthly office work.

We graciously appreciate the Leland DeHart and Mary Ellen Fanning families for donating their memorial funds to the Center. It is gifts like this that help the Center remain financially viable.

We still need help with the pancake feed and Sunday dinner activities, as well as help with home meal deliveries and kitchen work. If you would like to help, please stop in. The center is also taking donations of paper supply products and other non-perishable items. The gals in the kitchen have a list of products that are needed so please visit with them.

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Please come and join us. A favorite phrase that is used by one of our individuals says it best, "The food is great, but the company is better."