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### **The Wauneta Breeze**

My family and I have been back in Chase County for almost three months now. After coming back and getting reacquainted with the Village of Wauneta I must say I couldn't be happier to be back.

I enjoyed my time in Kearney, Lincoln, Normal, Ill. and Denver—each town has its own special appeal. But, there is nothing like western Nebraska, at least in my opinion.

Although a native of Champion, I spent plenty of time in Wauneta as a child. I fondly remember my mornings at the nursing home helping Betty Brack with activities or coloring in my mother's office while she worked. (Now that I'm a mother I'm not sure how she managed that!) I have fond memories of talks with Margaret Shephard and Mickey Hanson. Afternoons were spent at the Wauneta swimming pool.

I'm thrilled that Brad and I have the opportunity to raise our children in a community as welcoming and supportive as Wauneta. Since our arrival, I've witnessed a close sense of community that far surpasses that which I've experienced in larger communities, a sense of community made possible by relationships forged over generations.

We have been taken aback by how welcome we've been made to feel, even with our kids making noise at the Senior Center luncheon or in church. And watching how the community has come together on the nursing home project has given me real insight into the kind of people who live here.

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Waunetans are go-getters who work together to accomplish goals for the common good. Those are exactly the kind of values I hope to instill in my children. Living here, they will have plenty of good examples to follow.