

# WAUNETA HAPPENINGS

## December 2025

Wauneta Happenings is produced by the Wauneta Chamber of Commerce. It began in August of 2021. The purpose is to keep the people informed about what is happening in the Wauneta area. If you have any suggestions, ideas, stories, or pictures, please get in touch with a Chamber member.

Read the newsletters at [Wauneta.com](http://Wauneta.com).

To donate, please send it to the Wauneta Chamber, P.O. Box 211, Wauneta, NE 69045. **Thank you to all who have graciously donated money, paper, and information for the Newsletter.**



The poster features a central circular area with a white background, surrounded by a red and white diagonal striped border. The top of the circle is arched and contains the text "Wauneta Chamber's Annual". The bottom of the circle is arched and contains the text "Santa Saturday". In the center of the circle is a green Christmas tree with yellow lights. Below the tree, the date "DECEMBER 6TH" is written in a serif font. Below the date, a list of events is provided, each with a time and location. The events are: 11:00am-2:00pm Mercy Meals House Christmas Bake Sale; 1:00pm-4:00pm Senior Center Quarter Store; 2:00pm-4:00pm Library Letters To Santa, Craft & Treats; 4:00pm Community Building Festival of Lights Silent Auction Begins; 4:00pm Chateau Theatre Free Movie- The Polar Express; 5:30pm-6:30pm Community Building Chamber Courtesy Soup Supper with Santa; and 6:30pm Parade of Lights. At the bottom of the list, it says "Contact Jessie Kerchal to Enter at 308-350-0705". The poster is decorated with various Christmas-themed illustrations: a red mug with white foam, a green stocking, a wrapped gift, a Santa hat, a green knitted scarf, a wrapped gift with a red bow, a Christmas ornament, and a pair of mittens. The entire poster is framed by a red and white striped border with a red star and swirl design on the left and right sides.

**Wauneta Chamber's Annual**

**DECEMBER 6TH**

**11:00am-2:00pm Mercy Meals House**  
Christmas Bake Sale

**1:00pm-4:00pm Senior Center**  
Quarter Store

**2:00pm-4:00pm Library**  
Letters To Santa, Craft & Treats

**4:00pm Community Building**  
Festival of Lights Silent Auction Begins

**4:00pm Chateau Theatre**  
Free Movie- The Polar Express

**5:30pm-6:30pm Community Building**  
Chamber Courtesy Soup Supper  
with Santa

**6:30pm Parade of Lights**  
Contact Jessie Kerchal to Enter at  
308-350-0705

**Santa Saturday**



# Tis the Season

## Angel Tree

### Sponsored by Global Methodist Church

The Angel Tree is your opportunity to make a child's Christmas brighter. Angels are placed on a tree at Sandhills Bank with the child's age, gender and gift idea. Gifts can be bought and returned to the bank to be delivered before Christmas.

## Sharing Tree

### Wauneta Senior Center

The Sharing Tree is a time to give back to our local Senior Center. The tree will have tags listing items that they can use throughout the year. You can pick a tag or two, buy items and deliver them to the Senior Center.

Both trees will be at the Wauneta Chamber Soup Supper Dec 6th for Santa Saturday. We hope to spread a little holiday cheer with donations to both young and old.

# To Give Back

# Festival of Lights

We invite individual, businesses or organizations to sponsor a Christmas tree or wreath to be in a silent auction at the Santa Saturday Soup Supper.

Each donation can be traditional Christmas decoration or a theme of your choice. Use your imagination!!

We have a few trees/wreaths that have been donated, first to join gets dibs on these trees or wreaths.

Funds from the silent auction and soup supper will go towards community betterment to further beautify our downtown!

**Contact Jessie Kerchal for entries at 308-350-0705**

# Silent Auction

# Wauneta Chamber's Annual

DECEMBER 6TH

Wauneta Chamber [Santa Saturday is set for DECEMBER 6th, 2025.](#)

We would like to invite you to be a part of our **PARADE OF LIGHTS, Saturday Dec 6th at 6:00.** The Chamber Holiday Committee is going to be putting on the event this year.

We hope to have many entries in the parade to help spread Holiday cheer and make the Holiday magic come alive.

All parade entries are to line up on Arapahoe Ave (in front of Chuck's Trailer Sales) **at 5:30 pm MT on Saturday.** Please feel free to contact Jessie at 308-394-5333 or [jkerchal@ruralrehabservices.com](mailto:jkerchal@ruralrehabservices.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Wauneta Chamber, Holiday Committee

**Please submit the entry form below prior to the parade on Saturday if possible.**

You can email them to Jessie or drop them off at HomeTown Agency/Rural Rehab Services.

**2025 Parade of Lights Entry Form**  
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Information to be read during the parade:

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Address if out of town:





## Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – December 2025

# EyeLookGood! LLC EyeWear



## Proudly Located in Wauneta

### EyeLookGood! LLC EyeWear

The Wauneta Chamber is proud to recognize EyeLookGood! LLC EyeWear as our Business of the Month. Owned and operated by Renny Allen, EyeLookGood has become a trusted local provider of high-quality eyewear, personalized optical services, and comprehensive eye exams—all conveniently located right here in Wauneta.

Renny states that her vision has been to ignite a passion for a more vibrant life throughout each patient's eye care journey. In addition, she credits optician friends, Cathy Doyle and Teresa Honeycutt, for helping her with their knowledge and expertise in the optical field.

### An Unmatched Optical Experience

EyeLookGood offers one of the area's most impressive eyewear selections—over 500 frames—featuring high-quality Zeiss lenses, contact lenses, and stylish accessories. Services include: Personalized eyewear adjustments, nose pad and screw replacements, deep sonic cleaning, refitting existing lenses into new frames, hand-edging lenses for a precise fit, over-the-counter readers, eyewear cases, and care products.

What truly sets EyeLookGood apart is Renny's flexible scheduling, offering consultations outside traditional business hours to meet the needs of busy families and especially farmers whose schedules are anything but predictable.

### A New Partnership: Comprehensive Eye Exams in Wauneta

A major milestone for the community is the addition of Dr. Aaron Halling, who now provides comprehensive eye exams at EyeLookGood on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Halling, traveling from North Platte, brings the same standard of care Renny values—thorough 30-minute examinations, warm communication, and detailed explanations that help patients understand their vision needs. His partnership with EyeLookGood ensures seamless coordination between exam findings and optical solutions.

## Growing With the Community

Renny proudly shares that EyeLookGood's growth has been fueled by the support of Wauneta and surrounding rural communities—support she deeply treasures. As a member of the Wauneta Chamber, an ABO-certified optician, and an organizer of Wauneta Happenings, she remains committed to giving back however she can.

With the business continuing to flourish, EyeLookGood will soon welcome three new independent eyewear lines at special introductory pricing, and Renny plans to hire a new team member next year to help with enhancing the services.

## A Work of Heart

One of Renny's most memorable experiences captures the spirit of EyeLookGood. When a patient arrived with broken, irreplaceable glasses—critical for her vision—Renny spent 4.5 hours hand-edging and refitting the lenses into a new frame. The next day, the patient's joyful words, "I can see so much better!" reminded Renny why she loves this work. Her passion lies not only in helping people see, but in helping them feel like themselves again.

## Crafted With Care—Inside and Out

EyeLookGood's beautiful frame boards and workspaces hold sentimental value as well. Though the boards were purchased in 2018, they weren't installed until 2021—thanks to the handiwork of Renny's husband, Donny Allen, who built the displays, crafted the exterior building frames, assembled the outdoor sign, and helped bring her vision to life.

## Looking Ahead

EyeLookGood! LLC EyeWear remains committed to serving Wauneta and surrounding communities by offering local, high-quality eye care that keeps patients close to home. With Dr. Halling's monthly visits, new frame lines on the way, and continued community partnership, the future is bright.

The Wauneta Chamber congratulates EyeLookGood! LLC EyeWear on being our Business of the Month. Thank you, Renny, for helping our community see—and feel—its best.

**Address:** 308 N. Tecumseh, Suite 2, Wauneta, NE 69045

**Phone:** 308-883-1347

**Email:** [renny@eyelookgood.net](mailto:renny@eyelookgood.net)

**Website:** [eyelookgood.net](http://eyelookgood.net)

**Facebook:** EyeLookGood LLC

**Instagram:** @eye.look.good.eyewear





# WAUNETTA, NEBRASKA A BLAST FROM THE PAST

This was taken in the 1910s for an approximate date.

The awning on the building in the middle says "Cox Mercantile Co. General Merchandise."



B9449 Corner of Tecumseh Ave. and Wichita St., Wauneta, Nebr.

## HOMETOWN PROUD





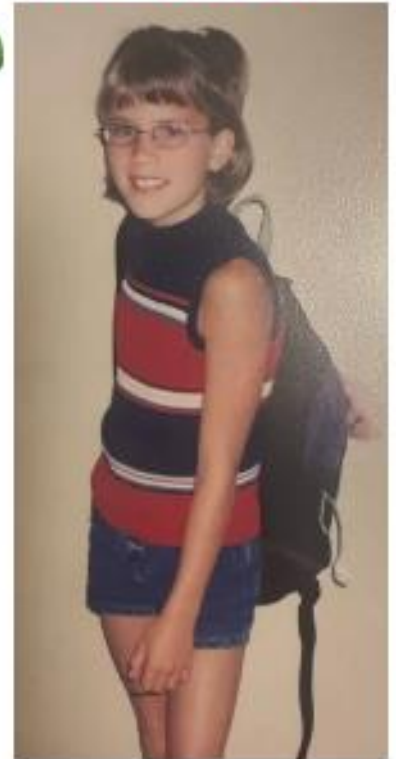
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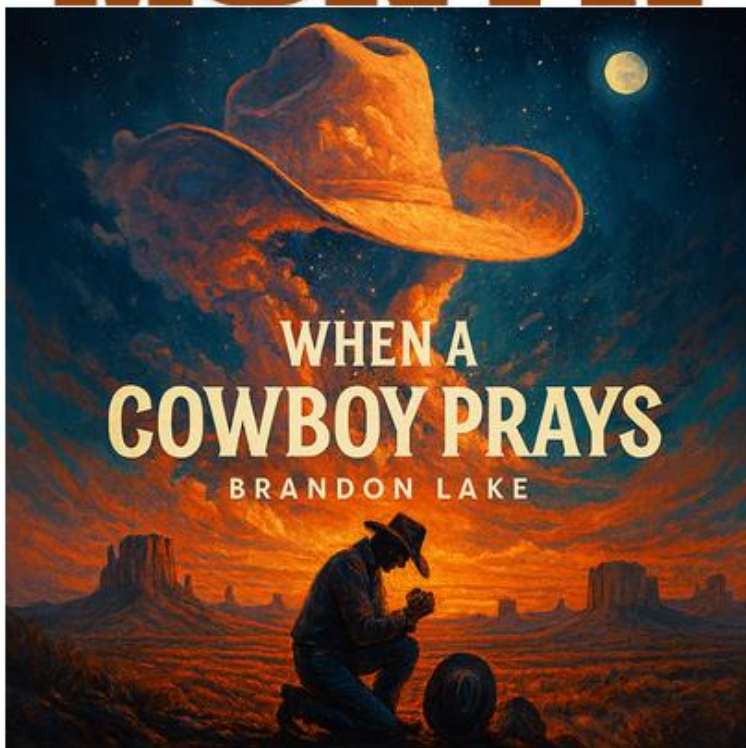
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MORRISON



## *Song of the* **MONTH**



*Ask Alexa or your phone to play this amazing song!*



# Christmas Trivia

1. Which Christmas Carol was actually written for Thanksgiving?
2. Where did the tradition of the Christmas Tree come from?
3. When was the first Christmas card sent?
4. What country banned Christmas in 1647?
5. When were Christmas tree lights first introduced?
6. When did Charles Dickens write a Christmas Carol?
7. Which country first used the Christmas stamp?
8. Which company was the first to use Santa in it's promotions?
9. Every year England displays a huge tree in Trafalgar square. It was a gift from which country?
10. In which country would you be visited by Kriss Kringle?



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The Eden Cemetery in rural Hitchcock county is once again participating in wreaths across America to be conducted in mid December. The public is encouraged to attend weather permitting and may participate by sponsoring one or more veterans wreaths. To sponsor a wreath a fifteen dollar contribution to the Eden Cemetery % of Andrea Biberstein treasurer 34977 road 723 Stratton Nebraska 69043

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Matthew Smith <b>308-353-0699</b>	

Dennis Egle  
President





## FOSTER PARENTS ARE NEEDED!

Just as children come from all walks of life, so do foster parents. You do not need to be wealthy, live in a big house, or be married. You simply need room in your heart and in your home to give children a safe space to heal and build hope.

### The Rewards and Benefits of Becoming a Foster Parent:

- Positively influence a young person's life
- Keep children safe within a family environment
- Free, professional one-on-one support provided by our caring staff
- Ongoing training in person, online, or via relevant articles
- Reimbursement provided

### REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

- Must be 21 years or older
- Must pass a background check and fingerprints
- Attend 10 weeks training and complete other core training
- Complete a home study

For more information please contact:

Kelly Dyer: [Kelly.Dyer@St-francis.org](mailto:Kelly.Dyer@St-francis.org) or 308-520-8199 or

Alexis Beeder: [Alexis.Beeder@St-francis.org](mailto:Alexis.Beeder@St-francis.org) or 308-258-3307

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Use Your  
FLEX SPENDING

BEFORE  
THE  
NEW YEAR!



Dr. Aaron Halling, O.D.  
Here on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025



As the year comes to a close, we acknowledge the increased demands on your time.

We are pleased to offer additional appointment slots with Dr. Halling to assist you.

This is a valuable opportunity to utilize your end-of-year spending funds.

Call or Text for an appointment at 308-883-1347



308 N. Tecumseh, Suite 2  
Wauneta, Nebraska







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AND THERAPY CENTER  
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# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**RENE MARIS**

Wauneta Care and Therapy Center is proud to recognize Rene Maris, our Environmental Services Director, as this month's Employee of the Month! Rene's exceptional work ethic and commitment to excellence keep our facility running smoothly and looking its best every single day. She leads by example—always the first to lend a hand, tackle a challenge, or stay late to ensure every detail is perfect.

Rene's leadership, organization, and attention to detail make a tremendous impact on both staff and residents. Her pride in her work creates a clean, safe, and welcoming environment that everyone appreciates. Beyond her duties, Rene's positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond set a standard of dedication that inspires her entire team.

Thank you, Rene, for your hard work, professionalism, and the care you bring to Wauneta Care and Therapy Center each day. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

— The Wauneta Care and Therapy Center Team

Starting this Fall a New and Improved Support Group for:



- Dementia Survivors & Caregivers
- Cancer Survivors & Caregivers
- Heart Disease & Caregivers
- Alzheimer's Survivors & Caregivers
- Diabetes Survivors & Caregivers
- Are You a Survivor & a Caregiver and Need Support

This is the place for you, your family, your friends, or you just want to...

**Join Us:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Every Month  
beginning Monday, September 15, 2025 at Noon til 1 pm  
Where: The Imperial Public Library, 740 Court St.

**What do I bring?** Yourself, a friend, a family member, or caretaker, a sack lunch & drink

**Cost:** FREE

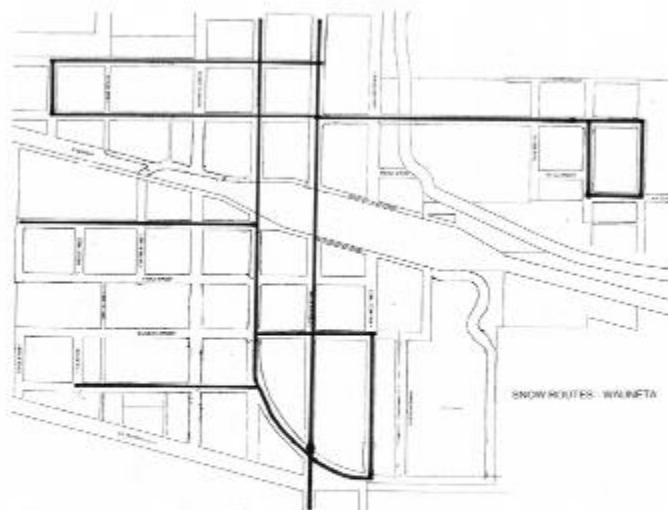
**Questions –** Please call: Deb Hrecka 308-414-1471 for any questions  
**Credentials:** Community Health Worker/Grief Recovery Specialist

**What do we do?** We have a program (15-20 minutes), A time to share, A time to listen, and A time to be there for each other. No matter the issue, we are there for each other. Everything is kept confidential and we are not here to judge anyone, but to be there when sometimes we just need someone to listen. Please consider joining us, because no matter the ailment we all need encouragement and hope. See you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Every Month!

Dates to Remember:

September 15<sup>th</sup>; October 20<sup>th</sup>; November 17<sup>th</sup>; December 15<sup>th</sup>;  
January 19<sup>th</sup>; February 16<sup>th</sup>; March 16<sup>th</sup>; April 20<sup>th</sup>; May 18<sup>th</sup>

## NOTICE OF VEHICLE PARKING ON SNOW ROUTES



**Vehicles on Snow Routes need to be removed from streets prior to storms.**

**No parking on Snow Routes until snow removal is complete, or vehicles will be subject to be towed at the owner's expense or plowed in by the Village.**

**Snow Routes include:** Tecumseh, Arapahoe, Wichita, Vinita, Kiowa, Legion and a section of Quachita east to South Arikaree, and South Arikaree from Quachita to Hwy 6.

The Village of Wauneta



### **Hamlet Union Church**

*would like to invite our community to join us for  
our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on  
December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm CT.*



#### ☐ 1. End-of-Year Policy Review: Make Sure You're Covered for 2025

As 2025 wraps up, now is the perfect time to look over your policies and make sure everything still fits your life, home, vehicles, and operation. A quick annual review helps avoid surprises at claim time and ensures your coverage keeps up with your year.

##### **Things worth double-checking:**

- Any **new vehicles, tractors, trailers, or equipment**
- Recent **home or outbuilding updates**
- Livestock, tack, or machinery used for your farm/ranch operation
- **Liability limits** — do they still match your risk level?
- Scheduled items: guns, jewelry, tools, saddles, electronics



#### ☐ 2. Winter Weather Prep & Claims Prevention

Winter in Nebraska can be unpredictable, but a little prevention goes a long way toward avoiding headaches and claims.

##### **Quick winter prep checklist:**

- Drip faucets during extreme cold
- Insulate exposed pipes (especially in barns, wells, and unheated rooms)
- Keep heat above 55° if you'll be away
- Clean gutters to prevent ice dams
- Check extension cords and space heaters for safety
- Maintain furnace/wood stove before deep winter hits



##### **When NOT to file a claim:**

Small cosmetic damage, minor dents, or losses below your deductible often cost more long-term in rate increases than repairing out of pocket. *When in doubt — ask us.*



130 N Tecumseh PO BOX 100 Wauneta, NE 69045  
New Phone Number : (308) 365-4641 New Fax Number : (308) 365 - 4420







# CANDY CANE DESSERT

## Ingredients:

- 1 package (14.3 ounces) Oreo cookies
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 package (8 ounces) Cream Cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons 2% milk
- 1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup crushed candy cans ( about 7 regular-sized)

- 2 packages (3.3 ounces each) instant white chocolate pudding mix
- 2-3/4 cup cold milk

## Directions:

Pulse cookies in food processor until fine crumbs form. Add melted butter; pulse just until combined. Press onto the bottom of a 13X9-in. dish. Refrigerate while preparing filling. Beat cream cheese, sugar, and milk until smooth. Fold in whipped topping and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup crushed candies. spread over crust. Whisk pudding mix and milk 2 minutes; spread over cream cheese layer. Spread the remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate, covered, 4 hours. Sprinkle with remaining candies just before serving.





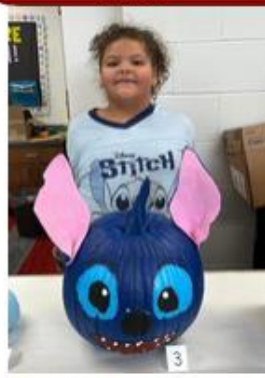
CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you so much to everyone who participated!!  
Here are the 2025 Storybook Pumpkin winners..  
Pumpkins were voted on by students & staff.

1st- Kyleigh with  
Tom & Jerry



2nd- Stella with  
Stitch



3rd- Addison with  
the Hungry Caterpillar



4th- Chase with the  
nightmare before Christmas



5th- Sawyer with  
a Smore



6th- Avery with  
Wizard of Oz



Layne Merrill teaches journalism at Wauneta-Palisade, and her students put together write-ups for the Student of the Month awards. They recognized kids in grades PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

WP PK-2 Student of the Month



Aaron Dyer-

This student is such a joy to have in the classroom. He always comes to school with a smile on his face. He is respectful to adults and his peers. Aaron gives the best hugs. He has improved so much. We are so proud of you, Aaron. Keep working hard.

3-5 Student of the Month



Broden Applegarth-

Broden is focused, stays on task, and participates in class. He is fun and enjoyable to be around. Broden is an amazingly honest example of kindness. Broden has shown multiple times his genuine concern for his classmates. He will volunteer and assist where needed so that everyone feels included and part of the team. Keep demonstrating true kindness, Broden. You are being a great classmate and role model.

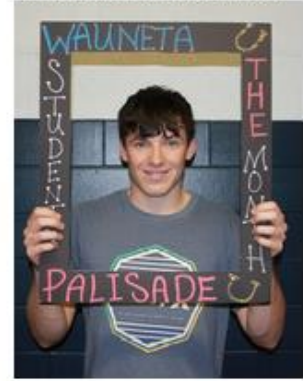
6-8 Student of the Month



Marlee Kramer -

Marlee is a joy to teach and such a delight to have in class, and she shows up promptly and ready to learn every day. She works hard, leads by example, is kind to her classmates, and works well with everyone. Marlee has grown so much in her presentation skills and creativity in class. Keep it up, Marlee.

9-12 Student of the Month



Wyatt Hilbert -

is always kind and respectful. I also enjoy his sense of humor as well. He works hard in his classes and puts in the time to be a successful student.



*Thank You*

The family of Bob Jones would like to thank family & friends who were able to come to Bob's celebration of life. Also, thank you to everyone who brought food, sent cards, memorials, and phone calls.

Thanks to the guys who set up and cleaned up the hall, the Methodist ladies for the wonderful lunch, and Liewer Funeral Home for their help.

Also, thanks to the Wauneta EMT who came to assist Bob and our friend, who was there to help. Thanks also to family & friends who were at the hospital.

*Dena, Susan, Mike & Ryane families*

## Storage For Rent

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Chuck Vette

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## The Benefits of Acupuncture

### An Ancient Practice for Modern Health

Acupuncture, a key component of traditional Asian medicine, has been practiced for thousands of years and has gained increased popularity worldwide. This ancient healing technique involves inserting fine needles into specific points on the body to stimulate Qi or energy flow and promote healing. Most people find acupuncture to be painless including children and teenagers. Today, modern research continues to support its diverse health benefits. A recent study of 89,000 patients found that 85-93% of patients reported their acupuncturist was successful in addressing the main health concern.

### Relief from Chronic Pain

One of the most well-known benefits of acupuncture is its ability to reduce chronic pain conditions, including headaches, migraines, back pain, and osteoarthritis. By targeting specific points, acupuncture helps release endorphins and improve blood circulation, alleviating discomfort naturally. It can also boost immunity and help seasonal allergies, sleep quality, cancer treatment side effects and more.

### Stress Reduction and Mental Health

In our fast-paced world, stress and anxiety are common concerns. Acupuncture has proven to promote relaxation, reduce stress hormones, and enhance mood. Many patients report feeling calmer and more balanced after treatment sessions.

### NAGI -It means Calm in Japanese.

Nicole Havel is practicing Japanese style acupuncture and Reiki healing at NAGI located at Myrtle Health in Imperial, NE. She has been trained by internationally recognized experts in the field of Acupuncture including Master Kiiko Matsumoto who is considered a "living Master of Acupuncture". Sessions typically last one hour. Please call to schedule today: 308-280-4220. Located at 623 Broadway, Imperial, NE.

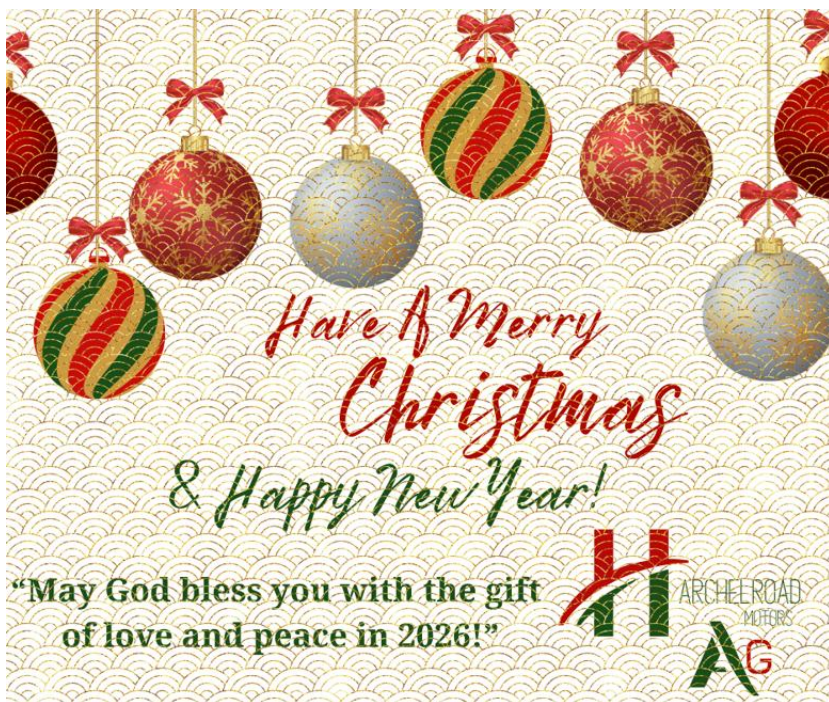
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- Short Wait Times
- Delivery Available

Call Garrett Hanna @ (308) 394-5622







## Parts Special Offer!

9% off Tillage Parts if Charged on Account

14% off Tillage Parts if paid with Cash

December 15, 2025 - January 31, 2026

Available Tillage Lines:



Free Delivery on Qualifying Orders!

Call for Details 308-394-5555 or 308-882-2963

4% off Aftermarket Tillage if Charged on Account

9% off Aftermarket Tillage if paid with Cash



Credit cards are not accepted with these offers.

# Merry Christmas



## Fun Horse Fact... How Many Ear Muscles Do Horses Have?

Sixteen, which lets them rotate their ears 180 degrees.

## Do Horses Have a Sense of Humor?

Yes! They play, tease, and even prank one another.



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# Christmas Word Search



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christmas tree	jolly	tinsel
decorations	mistletoe	turkey
eggnog	poinsettia	wassail
elves	reindeer	wrapping paper
garland	santa claus	wreath
gift giving	scrooge	yuletide

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## Church Worship Service Schedule

Global Methodist Church  
162 W Wichita, Wauneta  
Sunday 11:00 am MT

God's Missionary Church  
114 S. Otoe Str, Wauneta  
Sunday 10:30 am & 6:00 pm MT

St. John Catholic Church  
499 S Arikaree Ave, Wauneta  
Sunday 10:00 am Mass MT

Hamlet Union Church  
411 Breeze St., Hamlet  
Sunday 10:45 am CT

St Paul Lutheran Church  
33851 Road 726, Wauneta  
Sunday 8:30 am MT

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
233 S. Arapahoe Ave. Wauneta  
Sunday 10:00 am MT

SW Nebraska Holiness Church  
34850 Rd 724, Wauneta  
Sunday 10:30 am & 6:00 pm



## **Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Regular Meeting at 5:10 MT, on November 10, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of the meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

### **Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting**

At the beginning of the meeting, President Sandman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act is permanently posted in the meeting room on a laminated poster, accessible to members of the public.

### **Mission Statement**

Inspiring our Youth, Expecting Results Everyday

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:10 MT.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Meeting Posting Verification. Maris and Sandman verified meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meeting Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call. Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Allison Sandman, and Marty Wheeler. Absent Member: Aaron McKinney.

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

III.1. Add Approval of QCPUF Interest Payment to Action Items. To add approval of QCPUF bank payment to action items passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Superintendent Evaluation. The superintendent evaluation will begin in December, with final analysis in January for board review.



V.2. Gym Sound System. Frecks has been in touch with KCAV (Justin Frank) about updating our gym sound system. For the best results, a complete review of our current system and gym is warranted.

## VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of October Regular Meeting Minutes. To approve and sign the minutes from the 10/13/2025 regular meeting passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.2. Approval of QCPUF Bank Interest Payment. To approve the QCPUF interest payment of \$11,186.25 to BOK Financial passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.3. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports .To accept the district's budget reports as presented and approve the district's expenditures of Payroll \$316,826.59; GF accounts payable \$79,154.36; QCPUF Accounts payable of \$11,186.25 for a total of \$407,167.20 passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.4. Acceptance of 2024-2025 Audit .To accept the 2024-2025 audit from Forward CPA as presented passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.5. Designation of Official Publication. To designate the McCook Daily Gazette as the districts' official publication passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.6. Approval of Library Software. To approve the one-year subscription and support to Follett for library software for \$2744.00 to be Rule 10 compliant passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.7. Approval of Wrestling Mat. To approve a wrestling mat purchase of \$8425 + freight passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

Discussion: Geier shared that we haven't upgraded wrestling mats for 20+ years, this new mat will be displayed/used during 2026 state wrestling.

## VII. Policy Review

VII.1. Adoption of Policy 6285--Student Participation in Athletic Contests Between Schools. To waive the first reading and the oral reading of policy 6285 and adopt the policy for student participation in

athletic contests between schools passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

## VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared info on RPAC meeting, we will host the first round of RPAC BB, RPAC one-act performance on Thursday at The Tassel in Holdrege, ESU superintendent meeting last week with NDE and certification, retirement changes for certificated teachers.



VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared AQUEST results will be published in January. MAPS testing begins tomorrow and then state testing will be in the spring. Elementary costume parade went well, Veterans Day program today. Fall sports concluded well with football state playoffs and volleyball district runner-up.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report. ESU 15 meeting was today at MCC, the board discussed ESU superintendent engagement, EHA rates, ALICAP audit, fiscal audit, administrator evaluation and upcoming NASB convention.

VIII.4. NASB Report. State Convention 11/19-11/21/2025 in Omaha.

X. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT.

XI. Adjourn. Sandman adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marj Rundback,  
Recording Secretary

Dated this November 10, 2025  
Chase County School District #536  
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary Board President





## Village of Wauneta, Nebraska

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wauneta, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:30 p.m. on **November 11, 2025**, at the Wauneta Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Johnston publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review.

Present: C. Walgren, K. Kerchal, R. Einspahr, P. Johnston. Absent: B. Kramer.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Stacy Priebe (Edward Jones), and Rob Rusk (Chase County Deputy).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on Nov 6, 2025. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all the Trustees. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Stacy Priebe, Edward Jones, reviewed the investment performance of the Chateau Theater/Edward Jones Investment Account and investment options.

The Board reviewed the Engineering Evaluation updated by Greg Woldford, W Designs, regarding NDWEE and the wastewater facility compliance. The Board approved Option #2, Construct a new Total Retention Lagoon System, with a project estimate cost of \$868,375.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Report for October 2025 with Deputy Rusk.

Board approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on October 14, 2025.

Board approved Treasurer's Report (Oct) and approved bills (Nov) as presented.

Kerchal and Johnston reviewed the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report and Financial Reports for Sept 2025 with the rest of the Village Board.

Board approved the proposal for renewal of Group Health Insurance for the Nursing Home. (Renewal Option 2: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Blue Freedom). The Board reviewed a draft of a policy to set the portion of health insurance premiums to be paid by the employee vs. the employer (nursing home). No action taken. The Board would like more information.

Discussion held on letters received by the Board from Nursing Home employees; no action was taken.

Board approved the quotes from Hondo Fanning Construction for street repair projects; 1) Asphalt repair – Park Street \$4,700.00 and 2) Legion St. \$9,256.00.

Board approved the Village sharing the cost of candy for Santa Saturday with the Chamber and Frenchman Valley Development Corp.

Clerk's report given by Skelton.

Superintendent's report given by Lawless.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman, Evelyn Skelton, Clerk

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### NOTE:

A complete text of the minutes, Resolutions and Ordinances are on file in the office of the Village Clerk, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Complete minutes are also available on the Village website, [www.wauneta.com](http://www.wauneta.com)



# WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER

## DECEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

- 12/3/2025 COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM
- 12/8/2025 BOARD MEETING @ 1:30 PM
- 12/10/2025 BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- 12/16/2025 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
- 12/17/2025 COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM
- 12/25/2025 MERRY CHRISTMAS CLOSED

EXERCISE EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY @ 10:30 AM







REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE RESERVATION NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM THE DAY OF THE MEAL REQUEST 308-394-6333

MEAL COST \$8.50 PER MEAL FOR 60 AND OLDER

MEAL COST \$9.50 PER MEAL UNDER 60

## DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER 308-394-6333	1 GOULASH GREEN BEANS GARLIC BREAD SALADS/DESSERT	2 BREAKFAST CASSEROLE BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	3 SMOTHERED STEAK MASHED POTATOES CORN SALADS/DESSERT	4 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SAND SALADS/DESSERT	5 <b>CLOSED</b>	6 COFFEE, TEA, WATER & JUICE MILK, CRACKERS & BREAD AVAILABLE
7 CALL BY 9:30 AM FOR RESERVATION \$8.50 FOR 60 AND OLDER \$9.50 UNDER 60	8 BISCUITS & GRAVY HASH BROWNS BEETS SALADS DESSERT	9 CHICKEN POT PIE SALADS DESSERT	10 BEEF & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	11 SPLIT PEA SOUP WITH HAM CORNBREAD SALADS DESSERT	12 <b>CLOSED</b>	13 MENU SUBJECT CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY
14 HOURS OF SERVICE 8 AM TO 2 PM	15 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU CASSEROLE CORN SALADS/DESSERT	16 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	17 PORK CUTLET ROASTED POTATOES CARROTS SALADS/DESSERT	18 CHILI CORNBREAD SALADS DESSERT	19 <b>CLOSED</b>	20 EXERCISE AT 10:30 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY
21 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 12/3 & 12/17 10 AM	22 SPAGHETTI GREEN BEANS GARLIC BREAD SALADS/DESSERT	23 CHICKEN ENCHILADAS REFRIED BEANS CORN SALADS/DESSERT	24 SPIRAL HAM SWEET POTATOES PEAS SALADS/DESSERT	25 <b>CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26 <b>CLOSED</b>	27
28	29 MEATLOAF MAC & CHEESE GREEN BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	30 CHICKEN & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES CARROTS SALADS/DESSERT	31 HAM & BEANS FRIED POTATOES CORNBREAD SALADS/DESSERT			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
D E C E M B E R	1 2 hour late start-PD Time 6:30pm:One Act Public Performance 6:30mt/7:30ct	2 9:00am:One Act Performance for students 9mt/10ct	3 District Play Production 	4 3:00pm:HS BB vs Wallace in Wauneta	5 Next Chapter meetings HS BWR @ Hi Line Elwood 12mt/1ct HS GWR @ Southwest Bartley 10mt/11ct 6:00pm:HS BB @ Creek Valley VARSITY ONLY 5mt/6ct	6 HS G WR @ Perkins Co (Grant) 9:30mt/10:30ct HS BWR @ Muller 9:30mt/10:30ct 
	7 2:00pm:JH Girls BB vs Perkins CO 	8 LDE #1 HS BB Cattle Trail	9 State Play Production in Norfolk	10 Next Chapter meetings 6:00pm:PK-12 Christmas Concert 6mt/7ct	11 HS BWR @ Southern Valley 8:30mt/9:30ct HS BB Cattle Trail Tourney	12 HS GWR @ Sandhills Valley (Stapleton) 9mt/10ct HS BB Cattle Trail Tourney
	14 5:00pm:Regular School Board Meeting 5mt/6ct	15 HS GWR @ Maxwell 2mt/3ct 1:00pm:JH BB vs Med Valley 3:00pm:HS BB vs DCS	16 Next Chapter meetings 2:00pm:Kind. Ginger Bread Houses	17 W-P Wrestling Quad 5mt/6ct HS WR Senior Night HS GWR @ McCook 2mt/3ct 2:00pm:JH BB @ DCS	18 2 hour Early Release End of 1st Semester 3:00pm:HS BB vs South Platte 	19 HS BWR @ Elgin Public/Pope John 8:30mt/9:30ct HS GWR @ Cambridge 9mt/10ct 4:00pm:Bronco BB Holiday Hang out 4mt/5ct
	21 Christmas Break 	22 Christmas Break	23 NSAA Moratorium Christmas Break	24 NSAA Moratorium Christmas Break	25 NSAA Moratorium Christmas Break	26 NSAA Moratorium
	28 NSAA Moratorium	29 Christmas Break 4:00pm:HS BB @Wilcox-Hildreth Holiday Tourney	30 Christmas Break 4:00pm:HS BB @Wilcox-Hildreth Holiday Tourney	31 Christmas Break 		

WAUNETA/PALISADE SCHOOLS		December 2025			ALL MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.	
1. <u>Monday</u> <u>Late Start</u> Stromboli Wrap Broccoli Chips Fruit	2. <u>Tuesday</u> <u>French Toast Sticks</u> Soup/ Chef Salad Bar Red/Green Peppers Carrots/Cucumber Ham/Chicken/Egg Banana	3. <u>Wednesday</u> <u>Burritos</u>  Cora Dogs Sweet Potato Fries Romaine Salad Fruit	4. <u>Thursday</u> <u>Bagel Sandwich</u> Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Fruit	5. <u>Friday</u> <u>Donuts</u> Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Romaine Salad Biscuit Oranges		
8. <u>Pancakes</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Ranch Pasta Lettuce/Onion/Pickles Fruit	9. <u>Sausage &amp; Cheese Biscuit</u> Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Pineapple Mrs. Yoder	10. <u>Yogurt Parfait</u> Holiday Meal	11. <u>PB &amp; J</u> Chicken Strips Fries Romaine Salad Fruit	12. <u>Cereal or Toast</u> Hamburgers Baked Beans Romaine Salad Mandarin Oranges		
15. <u>Waffles</u> Cooks Choice 	16. <u>Hash Brown Sandwich</u> Hoagies Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Pickle Spears Fruit Dessert Casey	17. <u>Cooks Choice</u> Popcorn Chicken Mac & Cheese Broccoli Salad Fruit	18. <u>Granola Bar &amp; Yogurt</u> Hot Ham & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Romaine Salad Fruit	19. <u>Muffin</u> Pizza Romaine Salad Fruit  2-Hour Early Out		
22.	23.	24.	25. 	26.		
29.	30.	31.	COLD BREAKFAST: CEREAL & TOAST  ALL BREAKFAST COME WITH FRUIT OR 100% FRUIT JUICE  BREAKFAST & LUNCHES COME WITH CHOICE OF MILK		THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	



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## December 2025

## Wauneta Crossroads

advertising our daily lunch specials

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Italian Meatball Sub</b>	2 <b>Chicken Tacos w/ Spanish Rice</b>	3 <b>Sweet &amp; Sour Pork over Fried Rice</b>	4 <b>Toasted Rueben on Marble Rye</b>	5 <b>BBQ Grill Pizza</b>	6 <b>Super Nachos</b>
7 <b>French Dip Sub w/ AuJus</b>	8 <b>HomeMade Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich</b>	9 <b>Pork Tacos w/Mango Salsa</b>	10 <b>Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti</b>	11 <b>"Wauneta" Steak &amp; Cheese Sub</b>	12 <b>Chicken Bacon Pizza</b>	13 <b>Sloppy Joes Sandwich</b>
14 <b>Chicken Cordon Bleu Sub</b>	15 <b>Tuscan Pizza Calzone</b>	16 <b>Taco Soup or Taco Bravo</b>	17 <b>Meatloaf Cheesy Potatoes &amp; Veg</b>	18 <b>HandBreaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich</b>	19 <b>Zesty Italian Pizza</b>	20 <b>BBQ Beef Sandwich</b>
21 <b>Hamburger w/Chili &amp; Cheese</b>	22 <b>Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye</b>	23 <b>Black Bean &amp; Chicken Taco Wrap</b>	24 <b>Hearty Potato Bacon Soup or Chicken Salad Sub</b>	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 <b>Philly CheeseSteak Pizza</b>	27 <b>French Bread Pizza</b>
28 <b>Smothered Beef Burritos</b>	29 <b>Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl</b>	30 <b>Green Chile &amp; Chicken Wrap</b>	31 <b>Chili Soup or Ham Salad Sub</b>	<b>To reserve a Lunch Special, call 308-394-5444</b>		



Answers:

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|-----------------|------------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Jingle Bells | 3. 1843    | 5. 1882 | 7. Canada    | 9. Norway   |
| 2. Germany      | 4. England | 6. 1843 | 8. Coca Cola | 10. Germany |