

WAUNETA HAPPENINGS JUNE 2026

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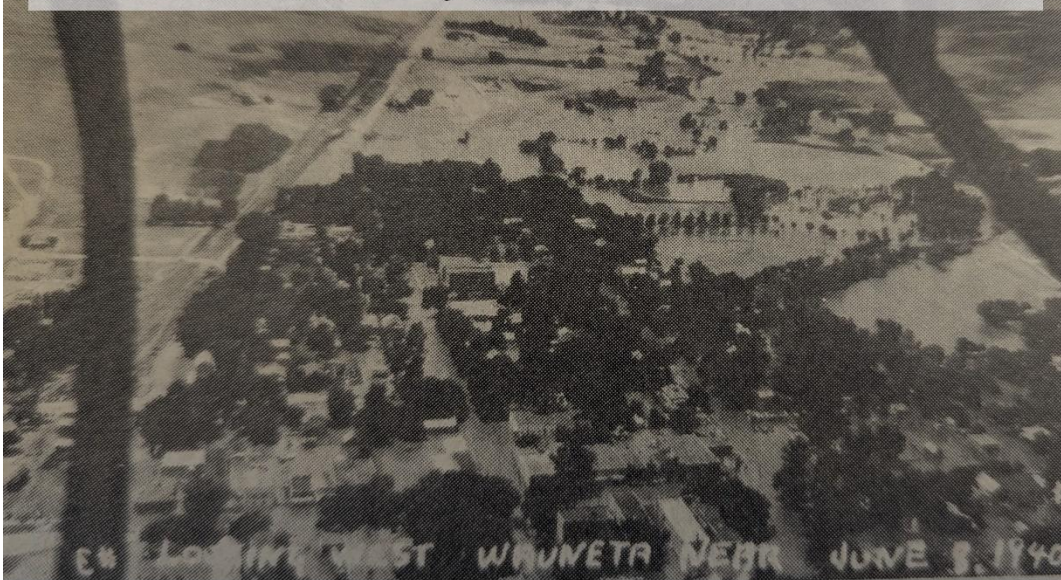
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A BLAST FROM THE PAST FOUR CRESTS HIT IN '40 FLOOD

86 YEARS AGO IN WAUNETA, NEBRASKA ON JUNE 6, 1940
(Photo courtesy of Gene Harchelroad)



HOMETOWN PROUD



Wauneta's business and residential districts were submerged in floodwater beginning Thursday evening, June 6th, 1940, at about 6:30 pm, following a cloudburst.

At about 7:00 pm, the Frenchman River left its banks, and the streets were flooded. At 8:00 pm, a warning was given to those families living on the East side of the river to leave their homes.

That same evening, both the North and East sides of the river bridges were covered with water, and guards were stationed to protect people crossing them.

Friday morning, the rain had subsided, and the water had started to go down. It was felt that the worst was over, but at 10:00 am, warnings were sent out that a wall of water from the Champion Dam was approaching the town.

At 10:45 am, the new crest hit Wauneta with a torrent and soon water was again running waist-deep on Main Street.

The light and power plant was flooded, cutting off

the electrical service and the water mains, which crossed the river, were broken, thus cutting off all water supply.

On Friday afternoon, warnings were again sent out that another crest was approaching. This crest did not have the volume of the morning crest, but it seemed to have much greater speed and did much damage in washing out foundations on homes in the eastern part of town.

The fourth crest of the flood hit on Saturday morning. It did not have the destructive force of the earlier crest.

During the flood, the river cut three new channels through the town. Mrs. Mary Athey had new channels cut through both the front and back yard of her home. The front yard of the R. E. Olmsted home was completely washed away. Businesses and houses had 18 inches deep on their floors in addition to full basements.

Dams destroyed by the flood included the Imperial

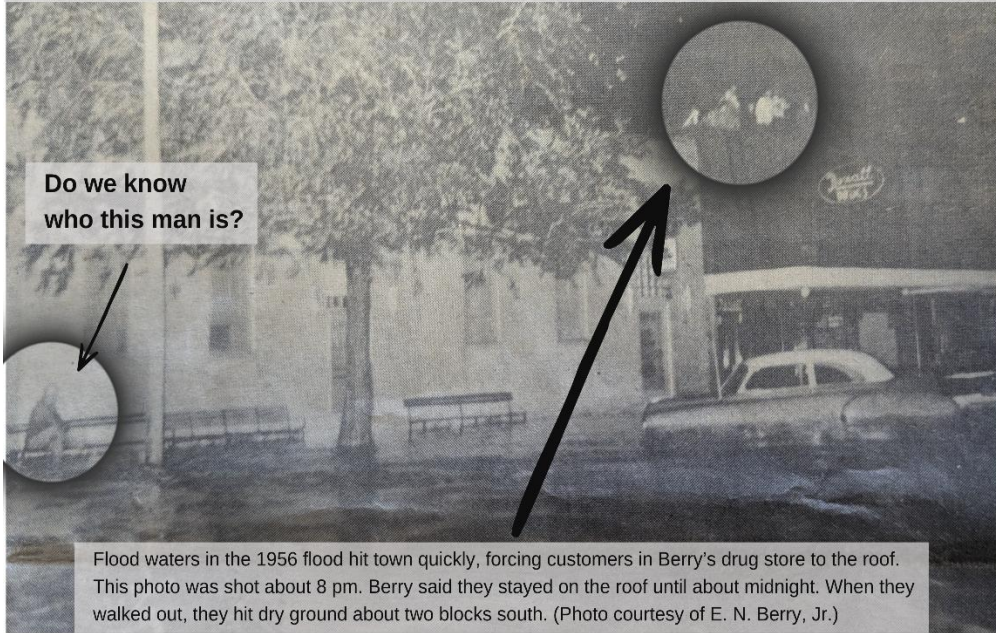
Co., Champion Power Co., Nolans, and Kilpatrick. Relief headquarters were set up in the depot, which was above the floodwaters. Wauneta Fireman handled most of the rescue work and the guarding of property. Homes in South Wauneta were thrown open to the refugees. C.E. Johnson's home was set up as a temporary hospital and at one time had 34 residents. Firemen from McCook, Palisade, and Imperial arrived with pumps on Sunday and started the long process of pumping out all the basements in town.

Total damage done in the business district was in excess of \$200,000.00

Farmers on both the North and South divides kept a stream of foodstuffs and water flowing into town. It was through their kind help that there was no suffering from the destruction of the grocery stocks in town.

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70 YEARS AGO IN WAUNETA, NEBRASKA, ON JUNE 16, 1956.



Do we know who this man is?

Flood waters in the 1956 flood hit town quickly, forcing customers in Berry's drug store to the roof. This photo was shot about 8 pm. Berry said they stayed on the roof until about midnight. When they walked out, they hit dry ground about two blocks south. (Photo courtesy of E. N. Berry, Jr.)

They said ominous clouds blackened the sky that day, maybe an omen of what was to follow.

The day - June 16, 1956 - Would become etched indelibly into the memories of those who endured the fury of the skies.

After 30 years, vivid memories of fear, loss, pain, and suffering still abound for those who persevered through the flood of 1956.

Thinking the construction of Enders Dam had alleviated the threat of another flood, most were unprepared. Sixteen years ago, on June 6th, 1940, floodwaters from the Frenchman inundated the northern half of the community for nearly three days, leaving behind destruction and ruin.

Some remembered that experience well and met the challenge of the 1956 flood.

Enders Dam held back the Frenchman as expected, but the disaster stemmed from a deluge in the area below it.

A substantial area along the valley drains into the river below the dam. Rains estimated at more than six inches poured from the skies, sending water cascading down surrounding canyons

and draws into the river.

The river picked up velocity, whisking up trees along its path. Berry said he remembers it raining very hard in Wauneta late that afternoon. Water was already beginning to fill the streets.

The depth of the water varied, depending on the location in the community. The deepest area was near the bank corner and near the Roller Mills. Lloyd Sinner recalled riding on the back of the fire truck, water was still waist-deep.

When the heavy rains began, water released from Enders Dam was halted. According to the Breeze, a supervisor with the Bureau of Reclamation estimated another 2.5 feet of water would have swept over the town had the gates not been shut down.

Trees hung up on the bridges, especially the east bridge on Wichita Street. This backed the river up, forcing it out of the banks west of the football field. Those who experienced the flood said most of the water flooding the town came down Wichita Street past the school, Methodist Church, and bank. As the waters rose, the current swiftened, Berry said. He remembers several rescuers in a boat were turned

back by the waters after their boat motor died at the bank intersection. The two men grabbed some bushes near the medical Clinic to keep from getting swept into the river.

Berry had customers in the store, and they were later forced to the roof as the floor waters rose.

He recalled it sounded like a waterfall when the water began rushing into the Chateau Theater.

By about 9 pm, Berry said the rain had quit, but it was 11:30 pm before they were able to come down from the roof of the building.

In addition to losing the water supply, the town was without electricity. At that time, the town generated its own electricity with large diesel motors at the power plant.

When the water got too high, Fox said they had to kill the engines to prevent any further damage. He said water got up to 3.5 feet deep at the power plant, which sat on the river's east edge.

Telephone operators stood by the switchboards throughout the flood. Even though there was no electricity, the system still operated.

According to Bob Bradley, whose family owned the company, hand cranks on the phones and switchboard enabled parties to ring. Batteries in the phones and equipment provided the necessary current for the phones to operate. The phone company was instrumental in assisting with rescue operations throughout the night.

As soon as the floodwaters began to recede, pumping and clean-up began. Leland DeHart, who was the fire chief at the time, said many volunteers with pumps came to help with the pumping. He said they pumped out basements for nearly a week following the flood.

Clean-up and rejuvenation took longer. According to the Breeze, business operations settled back down to normal in about a month.

Meetings were held, and preparations were started to complete some type of flood project so the city would never be flooded again. Realization of the dream took nearly 30 years before the project was completed.

For those who lived through it, the memories still abound. It's doubtful that those who didn't experience the flood will ever know the emotional suffering and hardship the people of Wauneta endured. It is hoped that another generation of Wauneta residents will never have to relive their parents' and grandparents' experiences of the floods of 1940 and 1956.

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Trees dislodged upstream by the floodwaters snagged up on the east river bridge, worsening the flood conditions in the community. City fathers considered dismantling the bridge to clear the trees, but decided against it. When the flood waters receded, a large group of citizens gathered at the bridge to take a look. (Photo courtesy of E.N. Berry, Jr.)



When water couldn't go under the bridge because of all the trees, it went around, cutting away soil at the bridge's east abutment. Bridge planks were placed over the cut to allow residents on the east side to cross over to the west side of town. (Photo courtesy of E.N. Berry, Jr.)

Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – June 2026

Southwestern Veterinary Services



Proudly Located in Wauneta

The Wauneta Chamber is proud to recognize Southwestern Veterinary Services as our June Business of the Month!

For the past 26 years, Southwestern Veterinary Services has been a trusted name in veterinary medicine, providing quality care to animals across Wauneta and the surrounding area. Owned and operated by Steve and Caitlin Pollmann, this family-owned practice has built its reputation on compassionate care, client education, and dedication to the agricultural and animal-loving community they serve.

Southwestern Veterinary Services began in 2000, when Dr. Steve Pollmann, just a few months out of veterinary school, saw an opportunity to fill an important need in Wauneta. At the time, the community did not have a veterinary clinic, so Steve opened his practice in the partially finished garage of his home with the goal of being his own boss while also serving a community

close to home. In 2013, Dr. Caitlin Pollmann joined the practice as an associate, helping Southwestern Veterinary Services continue to grow and expand its services.

Today, Southwestern Veterinary Services offers veterinary services and products for most species, with a specialty focus on cattle and horses. Their services include herd health programs, individual animal medicine, pregnancy diagnosis, food animal surgery, equine medicine and surgery, lameness evaluations, chiropractic care, acupuncture, and limited small animal services.

What makes Southwestern Veterinary Services unique is its small, family-owned approach to veterinary medicine. Their mission is simple: to provide quality veterinary services at a reasonable price while serving the community with care and integrity. The team also values educating clients so they can take an active role in management decisions regarding their animals and operations.

With a team of just four employees, Southwestern Veterinary Services takes pride in being a close-knit team that feels like family, always willing to pitch in and support one another when needed. That strong teamwork and dedication have helped the clinic continue to grow year after year—one of the milestones they are most proud of.

Community support has played a big role in Southwestern Veterinary Services' success, and in return, they give back in many ways. The practice supports the Wauneta-Palisade FFA, local 4-H members, and community celebrations including Wauneta Harvest Fest, as well as the Hitchcock, Dundy, and Chase County Fairs through volunteering and donations. Dr. Caitlin Pollmann also serves on the Chase County Fair Board and the Wauneta-Palisade School Foundation Board, further demonstrating the practice's commitment to community involvement. The Pollmanns say one of the best parts of owning their business is being their own boss, but they also treasure the meaningful moments that come with veterinary medicine—whether that means saving a beloved pet, contributing to the profitability of a family ranch, or helping bring new life into the world.

Southwestern Veterinary Services believes supporting the Chamber is an important part of keeping Wauneta strong and thriving, and the Chamber is proud to spotlight a business that has given so much back to the community.

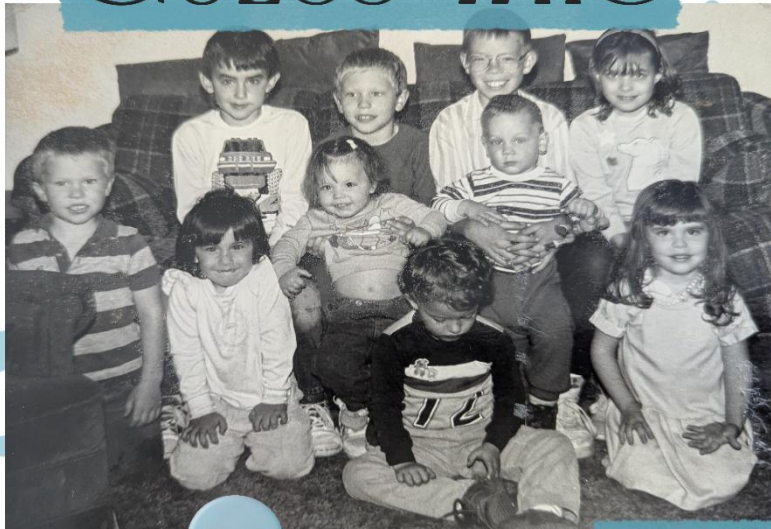
Congratulations to Southwestern Veterinary Services on being named the Wauneta Chamber's June Business of the Month!

 34698 Hwy 6, Wauneta, NE 69045

BUSINESS
OF THE MONTH

Congratulations!

GUESS WHO



LAST MONTH WAS:

Members of Wauneta High School's class of 1961 who returned for this year's alumni banquet are, from left, Betty McCallum, Kent Buffington and Colleen McBride Garton.



FATHER'S DAY



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Due to upcoming changes in the south half of the Wauneta Senior Center, the Polling Site for Wauneta voting precinct, has moved to the Wauneta Community Building.



November 3, 2026 (General Election)

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308-882-7500

SUMMER

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Butterfinger Dessert



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups Milk
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 2 (3.5-ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding
- ½ cup butter
- 1 ½ cups crushed graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup crushed saltine crackers
- 1 (8-ounce) container whipped topping
- 4 (2-ounce Butterfinger bars, crushed)



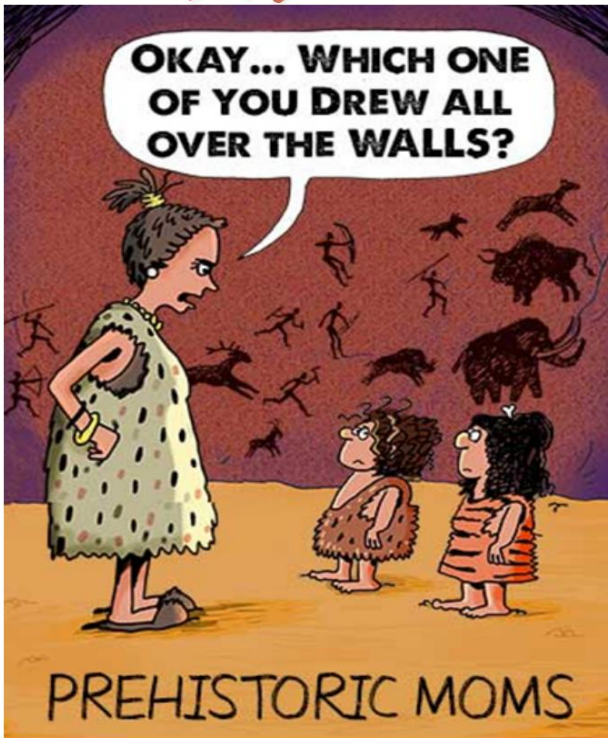
Directions:

Combine milk, ice cream, and dry pudding mix in large bowl and beat until well mixed. Place in refrigerator. Melt butter in saucepan; pour over cracker crumbs in a large bowl. Stir well. Pour into a 13-by-9-inch pan, patting into an even layer on bottom and reserving ⅓ of the mixture for topping. Pour ice cream mixture over crust. Freeze 1 hour. Spread whipped topping over filling. Mix crushed Butterfingers with reserved crumb mixture. Sprinkle over top and return to freezer to set. Garnish with chocolate sauce if desired.

Double the recipe if you want it thicker in your pan.

RECIPES BY RHONDA

JOKE OF THE MONTH



WAUNETA HAPPENINGS

DEADLINE

All submissions are due by the **25th of each month**

Submissions received after the 25th will be included in the following month's edition.

Please note an important update for the Wauneta Happenings submission schedule.

For example, items submitted after May 25 will be published in the July Happenings rather than the June edition.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and help in keeping the Wauneta Happenings running smoothly!

Please send your submissions to: waunetahappenings@yahoo.com or Text 308-88-1347

Dr. Avery Mason, DPM, AACFAS
Podiatrist and Foot and Ankle Surgeon

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- Total Ankle Joint Replacement
- Ankle Instability
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- Custom Molded Orthotics
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Education
Medical School | College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA
Residency | Podiatric foot and ankle surgery, Ascension St. John Hospital, Detroit, MI
Fellowship | Nebraska Foot and Ankle Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Surgery

Certifications
Board Qualified | American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

About Dr. Mason
 Dr. Mason, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, earned his medical degree with Pi Delta honors from Des Moines University. He completed his residency at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, a Level 1 trauma center, where he gained extensive experience in rearfoot reconstruction. Following his residency, he pursued a fellowship in Nebraska with a specialized focus on reconstructive procedures and total ankle replacements. Outside of practicing medicine, he enjoys cheering on the Detroit Lions, spending quality time with his wife and three kids who keep him busy. He is excited to join the team at Great Plains Foot and Ankle Specialists and serve the community of North Platte and western Nebraska.

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Fun Alligator Facts... Alligators' eyes are on the top of their heads, making it easy for them to lie almost entirely submerged in water and still see their prey. Their eyes reflect light to improve night vision. If you catch an alligator's eyes with a flashlight, they will glow red. You can tell how big an alligator is by the distance between their eyes. The bigger the distance, the larger the alligator.

They may seem tough on the outside, but alligator mothers are very caring. They build their nests among vegetation and rotting compost so that the natural heat can incubate the eggs while they stand guard. When the eggs are ready to hatch, the baby alligators use an "egg tooth" on the top of their snouts to break the shell.

The largest alligator ever measured was 15 feet, 9 inches long and weighed 1,011.5 pounds. Alligators have about 75 teeth in their mouths at one time, but as the teeth wear down or break off, they are replaced. As a result, many can have about 3,000 teeth throughout their lives. According to some sources, alligators can bite with a force of nearly 3,000 pounds per inch, making their bite among the most powerful in the world.

Alligators can run up to 35 miles per hour, faster than most humans. They can also swim very fast by using their powerful tails to propel themselves forward. Their sex is determined not by DNA but, rather, by climate. If the temperature in the baby alligator nest is warm, male alligators are born; if the temperature is cool, the babies are females.

Next month, Fun Facts about Anteaters!





Summer Food Trivia

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

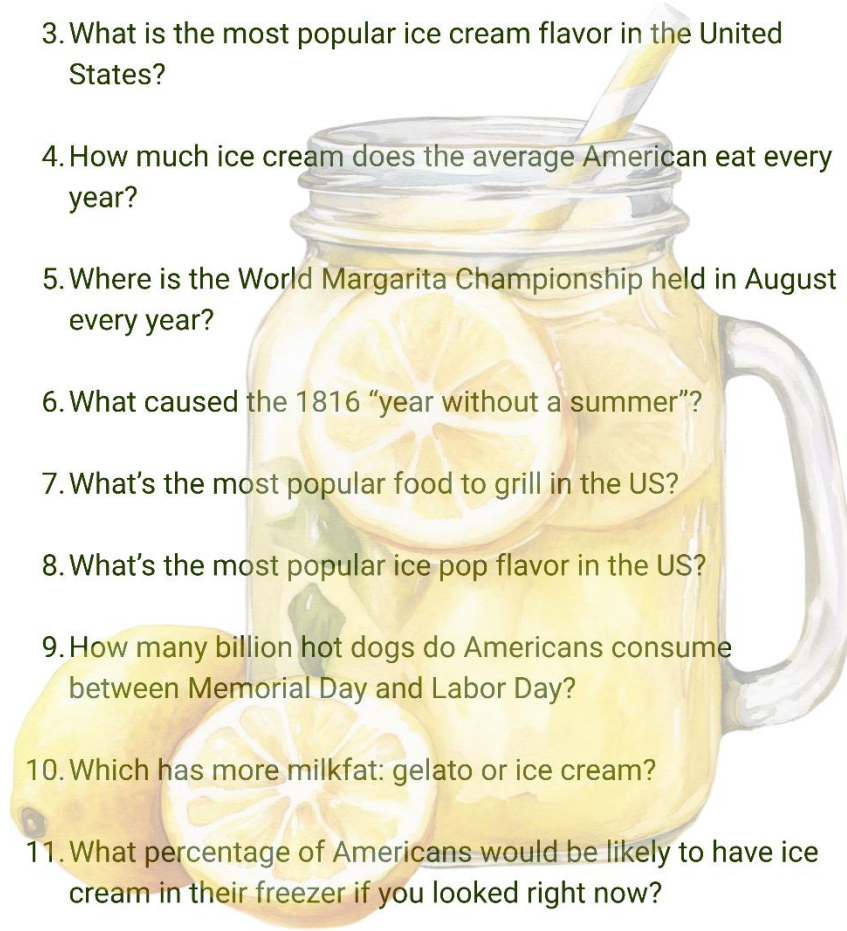
Hamlet Union Church
411 Breeze St., Hamlet
Sunday 10:45 am CT

St Paul Lutheran Church
33851 Road 726, Wauneta
Sunday 10:00 am MT

Redeemer Lutheran Church
233 S. Arapahoe Ave. Wauneta
Sunday 8:30 am MT

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

1. How old was Frank Epperson when he invented popsicles?
2. True or false: It's possible to fry eggs on the sidewalk.
3. What is the most popular ice cream flavor in the United States?
4. How much ice cream does the average American eat every year?
5. Where is the World Margarita Championship held in August every year?
6. What caused the 1816 "year without a summer"?
7. What's the most popular food to grill in the US?
8. What's the most popular ice pop flavor in the US?
9. How many billion hot dogs do Americans consume between Memorial Day and Labor Day?
10. Which has more milkfat: gelato or ice cream?
11. What percentage of Americans would be likely to have ice cream in their freezer if you looked right now?
12. What is the chilled summer soup made from tomatoes and other pureed vegetables called?
13. What is the name of the traditional Peruvian summer seafood dish made with raw seafood that has been "cooked" with citrus juice?



Rainy Day In June





CONGRATS!



Noah Sandman & McKenna Doetker



On May 19th, the students from Wauenta/ Palisade School rolled up their sleeves for a fun community clean-up day! Together, they showed their love for the neighborhood by helping to make it a cleaner and brighter place.

KEEP IT CLEAN



were the GT Memorial Scholarship winners.

Red, White, & Blue

The Imperial VFW Auxiliary #4688 is sponsoring its annual Red, White & Blue golf tournament on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Imperial Country Club. Three-person scramble, \$225 per team, lunch included. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. To sign up, please call the Imperial Country Club at 308-882-4697 or Sue Moore at 308-350-2860. All proceeds go to the Auxiliary scholarship fund and the Veterans' Relief Fund.



Methodist church will be serving lunch at Harchelroad's awning for the city garage sales on June 6th. Come and join us for sloppy joes and pie. Starting at 10:30. Everyone is welcome!



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

YVONNE BYERS



Congratulations to Yvonne for being named Employee of the Month for May at Wauneta Care and Therapy Center! Yvonne is a quiet force on our team, consistently showing dedication and hard work in her role as a housekeeper and dietary aide. Her attention to detail and dependable nature help create a clean, comfortable, and welcoming environment for our residents and staff every day. We are grateful for all that she does and proud to recognize her for this well-deserved honor!

Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska Needs Help!

Some of our Board of Directors have retired, and we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in serving in that capacity.

Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska is a non-profit organization that invites volunteers to package nourishing food that is then delivered by Orphan Grain Train to children in need throughout the world.

For more information about Mercy Meals please visit our website:

<https://www.mercymealsofsouthwestnebraska.org>

To learn more about a Director's duties, please contact one of our Board members:

Pastor Keith Wellman

Annette Long

Mary Haarberg

Janet Keiser

Jan Coone

Laurie Kerchal

Wauneta, NE. 2026 Alumni Banquet

Thank you to Ayla 'Rector' Smith for giving the Welcome and Blessing the meal, to Pits and Spits for catering and Miss Ballon and her music students for performing. It was a great evening with 60 people in attendance.

-Laura West, Class of 2011



1946

Bonnie 'Crosson' Majors



1956

(L to R) Vaunda 'Fortkamp' Hyde, Richard Christensen, Shirley 'Knepper' Pamp



1966

(Back Row, L to R) Linda 'Stock' Rose, Jack Fanning, Kent Prior, (Center Row, L to R) Pam 'Brown' Rice, Gwen 'Stute' Brunkhorst (Front Row, L to R) Dave Teply, Neil Christensen, Richard Hamilton, Jo 'Ruetteman' Arenz, Ed Arenz





1976

(Back Row, L to R) Barb 'Bush' Cooksley, Kip Engel, Terry Lytle
 (Center Row, L to R) Deb 'Anderson' Andrew, Nancy 'Vapenik' Malcolm, Lisa 'Denker' Krajewski, Mark Fanning
 (Back Row, L to R) Sharla 'Nordhausen' Klima, Rich Keiser, Buck Walcott, Kevin Kerchal



1986

(Back Row, L to R) Kris Polly, Scott Grams, Todd Barnard, Don Morgan (Front Row, L to R) Deb 'McGregor' Schardt, Michelle 'DeWester' Harchelroad, Marci 'McBride' Cummins, Kevin Lambert, Mark Garton



1996

(Back Row, L to R) Courtney 'Arenz' Criffield, Randy Miner
 (Front Row, L to R) Lori 'Podoll' Matthews, Diane 'Lucas' Nolan



**NO ATTENDEES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEARS:
 2006, 2016, & 2026**

WAUNETA PALISADE STATE TRACK REPORT

The W-P track team has finished the year with a great showing at the state track meet!

Molly Yearous cleared 10' to finish 3rd in the Pole Vault and top her own school record!

Annaly Ramirez topped her own school record in the 3200 with a time of 12:24.57, finishing 10th! She also PR'd in the 1600 with a 5:33.66 and a 9th place finish!

Andrea Almanza medaled in the 1600 and 800 with 8th place finishes in each and PR times of 5:28.02 and 2:26.44!

The girls 4x800 of Annaly Ramirez, Addy Einspahr, Kamryn Fanning, and Andrea Almanza ran a time of 10:25.21 and finished 4th!

Lilly Dinnel had a great showing, clearing 4-11 in high jump to finish 11th!

The girls 4x400 of Addy Einspahr, Natalie Walker, Kamryn Fanning, and Molly Yearous ran a PR 4:16.70 To finish 10th!

The boys 4x400 of David Bryner, Kameran McCrumb, Wyatt Hilbert, and Kreyton Wiese ran a PR of 3:35.34 and finished 10th!

Way to go Broncos, we are proud of you!



Wauneta-Palisade FFA

SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

**we are growing sweet corn again!!
we are selling palisade peaches!!**

JUNE

Peach Sales--All Month (sales due 6/26)
(\$50/case=16 pounds)

JUNE 13

Pioneer Days Parade 9 am CT
Lineup

JUNE 13

Peach Sales at Palisade Farmers
Market

JULY 13-24

Duck Sales--2 weeks

JULY 25

Wauneta Harvest Fest Parade 9 am
MT Lineup

JULY 25

Duck Race Begins after Parade

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Written by: Allison Sandman, Chapter Advisor

2026 Wauneta-Palisade FFA Banquet

Wauneta-Palisade FFA members hosted their annual banquet with a silent auction, People in Ag and Agriscience Fair display, dinner, and community service auction on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The chapter hosted 185 members and guests enjoying a smoked brisket meal from Pits & Spits. The evening began with opening ceremonies and the celebration of members receiving ribbons, pins, and awards throughout the year. Junior High members receiving their Discovery Degrees were Emmitt Bardsley, Andrea Barerra, Gunner Cox, Kenton Doetker, Riley Einspahr, Barrett, Frecks, Charlie Hilbert, Marlee Kramer, Gavin McKinney, Zya Richardson, Attley Wiese, Bennet Wiese, and Autum Williams. Members receiving their Greenhand Degrees were Liam Dinnel, Kamryn Fanning, Wyatt Hilbert, Kameron Jutten, Annaly Ramirez, and Cadence Sandoval. Members receiving their Chapter Degrees were Ansley Bartels, Annaly Ramirez, Kameron Jutten, Wyatt Hilbert, Liam Dinnel, Kamryn Fanning, Cadence Sandoval, Emma Acton, Addalyn Einspahr. The chapter recognized the top fruit seller for 2025 was Noah Sandman. Scholarship pins were awarded to Lilly Dinnel, Addalyn Einspahr, Kamryn Fanning, Kaia Applegarth, Amelia Monnahan, and Natalie Walker. Leadership pins were awarded to Noah Sandman, Addalyn Einspahr, Cadence Sandoval, and Micah Bley. Service pin was awarded to Micah Bley. The Star Discovery Degree recipient was Marlee Kramer, The Star Greenhand Degree recipient was Micah Bley. The Star Chapter Degree recipient was Wyatt Hilbert. Lilly Dinnel, Kameron McCrumb, Konner McCrumb, and Noah Sandman received their Nebraska State FFA Degree at State Convention.

The chapter competed in LDEs (Leadership Development Events) and CDEs (Career Development Events) throughout the year. CDE #1 consisted of Natural Resources, Agriscience, Farm & Business Management, and JH and Senior Livestock Judging. Lilly Dinnel earned a red ribbon, and Liam Dinnel earned a white ribbon in Natural Resources while Kaia Applegarth earned a red red ribbon and Micah Bley a white ribbon in Agriscience. The JH Livestock Judging team placed 4th (red) and Bennet Wiese, Owen Sandoval, and Alicyn Cox earned blue ribbons, Barrett Frecks earned a red ribbon, Creighton Frecks and Emery Sutherland earned white ribbons. Mckinley Stoller placed 5th (purple) in Junior Livestock Judging.

LDE #1 Amya Keenan competed in Junior Public Speaking at Districts and earned a blue ribbon. LDE #2 Mckinley Stoller competed in Creed speaking, earning a purple. JH Ag Literacy Speaking Sofia Maruqezhoyos earned a red ribbon, and Alicyn Cox and Emery Sutherland earned blue ribbons in JH Ag Discovery Speaking. Two Vet Science teams competed at CDE #2. Team 1 (Casey Walker, Mckinley Stoller, Natalie Walker, Lilly Dinnel) placed 4th, earning a red ribbon. Casey Walker, Mckinley Stoller earned purple ribbons. Natalie Walker, Addalyn Einspahr, Kamryn Fanning, Lilly Dinnel earned blue ribbons, and Toria Bley earned a red ribbon. CDE #3 Welding Team #1 earned a white ribbon, and Liam Dinnel (OA) earned a white ribbon. Two Floriculture teams competed at CDE #4 with Lilly Dinnel, Addalyn Einspahr, and Ansley Bartels earning white ribbons. The Ag Sales Team (Noah Sandman, Kameron Jutten, Micah Bley, Amya Keenan) placed second, qualifying for state, Micah Bley earned a blue ribbon and Kamerson Jutten a white ribbon.

Twenty-two high school and eight junior high school Wauneta-Palisade FFA members traveled to state convention where four senior members received their Nebraska State FFA Degree: Lilly Dinnel, Kameron McCrumb, Konner McCrumb and Noah Sandman. Two Agriscience Fair Food

Products & Processing Division 3 projects competed, Mckinley Stoller earned third place and a gold medal, and Natalie Walker earned a bronze medal. Two of the Ag Sales team members earned ribbons, Kameron Jutten (purple) and Noah Sandman (white). The Agriscience team competed well and received ribbons: Kaia Applegarth and Amelia Monnahan (reds), and Micah Bley (white). Five junior high members competed in People in Ag poster event at State, each earning a medal: Marlee Kramer (gold), Creighton Frecks (gold), Riley Einspahr (silver), Barrett Frecks (bronze), and Gunner Cox (bronze).

Rounding out the evening with election and installation of the 2025-2026 FFA Officers, retiring of the seniors Blue Jackets and Community Service Auction. The program listed all of the community members that have helped the chapter in any way throughout the year. The new officer team is Tori Bley (President), Addalyn Einspahr (Vice President), Emma Acton (Secretary), Micah Bley (Treasurer), Cadence Sandoval (Reporter), Kameron Jutten (Parliamentarian), Liam Dinnel (Sentinel), Amya Keenan and Mckinley Stoller (Junior Advisors). The Silent and Community Service Auction raised over \$9800.

The chapter leadership team is preparing for a Leadership Retreat on June 1st. The chapter is extremely grateful for the communities we serve and are excited to share that summer projects are the FFA Greenhouse, FFA Sweet Corn, Peach Sales, FFA Duck Races, and participation at Palisade Pioneer Days and Wauneta Harvest Festival. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer.

Summer Reading 2026 at Wauneta Public Library



Wednesdays from June 3rd through July 8th



Toddlers (w/ an adult): 10:00-11:00

Incoming K-2nd: 1:00-2:00

Incoming 3rd-6th: 2:30-3:30

Volunteers
Needed!

*complete the Google Form or
email wvlibrary@bwtelcom.net
to register



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Registration Form link below and in comments!
Volunteers needed, reach out if you can help us out.
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FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE



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- A voice in the future of the store
- Community ownership in the project

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Additional investment shares that help provide startup capital for the store.

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- Do not include additional voting rights
- May be eligible for financial return
- May be purchased without owning common stock

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This is a great option for:

- Supporters outside Nebraska
- Anyone who simply wants to help support the future of Wauneta

Please note: donations are not tax deductible.

Please join us for our community-wide meeting on June 24th at 6:00 PM MST at the Wauneta Community Building to learn more!

STAY CONNECTED

We are currently launching our official website and community newsletter. The newsletter will help keep everyone informed throughout the process.

Scan the QR Code to:

- Visit the website
- Join the newsletter
- Follow project updates
- Learn more about how to invest or donate

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO CONNECT?

Reach out to any board member:

- Jessie Kerchal
- London Maris
- Jeremy Herbert
- Jack McGraw
- Luke Curl

✉ waunetagrocerystore@gmail.com



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WAUNETA CITY OF	
Ambulance.....	308-394-5670
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Fire Station.....	308-394-5408
Police To Summons Police Call.....	308-394-5262
Superintendent Of Utilities.....	308-394-5201
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Wauneta/Palisade School.....	308-394-5700
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Wauneta Senior Center.....	308-394-6333
Wauneta Sub Station.....	308-883-5201
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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 5:04 PM MT on May 18, 2026, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 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 are 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 5:04 pm MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and Jutten verified meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

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

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda. None

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Summer Projects

Geier shared potential projects that need to be completed this summer are cement around the football field near the bleachers, north side of school, pouring of cement in pivot pipe around the new addition, painting of ag shop and bus barn, playground equipment install, snow cleats install on new building, north overhead door in ag shop, long term goal updated HVAC in the gym, crows nest update from hail storm, HUDL streaming, summer maintenance will be normal schedule, follow up on the new gym bleachers, long term goal of wrestling facility.

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval of NebraskaLand Lease Payment

To approve NebraskaLand Bank lease purchase payment of \$455,865.50 (\$430,000.00 principal, \$25,865.50 interest) passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

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

VI.2. Approval of QCPUF Payment

To approve BOK Financial QCPUF payment of \$106,186.25 (\$95,000.00 principal, \$10,966.25 interest, \$220.00 wire fee) passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

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

VI.3. Approval and Signing of April Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the 4/13/2026 regular meeting minutes passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Allison Sandman.

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

VI.4. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports

To accept the district budget reports as presented and approve the district's expenditures of Payroll \$302,824.06, GF Accounts Payable \$89,726.07, BF Accounts Payable \$455,865.50, and QCPUF Accounts Payable \$106,186.25 for a total of \$954,601.88 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

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

VI.5. Approval of Teaching Contracts

To approve 2026-2027 teaching contracts with Kent Adelung and Drew Carlton passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Marty Wheeler.

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

VI.6. Approval of Superintendent Contract

To approve 2026-2027 superintendent contract with Randy Geier including a salary of \$164,310 (no increase from 2025-2026) passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.

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

VI.7. Amend 2026-2027 School Calendar

To amend the calendar to align RPAC vocal music to January 18, 2027 from February 8, 2027 passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Hondo Fanning.

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

VII. Policy Review. None

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared that last day of school is Thursday 5/21, spring testing goal was met and incentive day was 5/18 with about 9 students working today to catch up in classes, RPAC exec meeting next Tuesday, Alumni Banquet is this weekend, Athletic Banquet is tomorrow.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared that field day and JH track meet went well, spring concert was well attended, awards night, graduation, preschool and kindergarten roundup were well attended, preschool will continue on the same schedule. Elementary field trips are underway. PTO mother/son dodge ball tourney was a success. Athletic banquet is tomorrow, Community Clean up is tomorrow, Kindergarten Mother's Tea is Wednesday, State Track send off Thursday at 8 am.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report. The facility audit was reviewed.

VIII.4. NASB Report. Upcoming candidate workshops in June and July

IX. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM MT/6:00 PM CT

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm MT passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Board Recording Secretary

Dated this May 18, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

happy
Father's
Day



POOL

FREE POOL ADMISSION
1-5 PM June 6th

Join us for another Free Movie Saturday
at the Chateau Theater!

This month, Wauneta Crossroads is
sponsoring a full afternoon of summer
fun for the community. The Wauneta
Pool will be open from 1:00-5:00 PM
with free admission sponsored by
Crossroads, followed by a showing of IF
at the Chateau Theater beginning at 5:30
PM.

Popcorn and water will be available at
the theater, and guests are welcome to
bring their own candy.

A huge thank-you to Wauneta Crossroads
for sponsoring both the pool and movie
and helping create a fun day for local
families!

JUNE 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! PUBLIC WELCOME

6/3/2026 BBQ CHICKEN
 6/3/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT 10 AM
 6/8/2026 BOARD MEETING AT 1:30 PM PUBLIC

WELCOME

6/16/2026 BEEF ENCHILADA
 6/17/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT 10 AM
 6/23/2026 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
 6/28/2026 SUNDAY DINNER 11 AM - 1 PM
 MENU: BEEF TIPS OVER MASHED POTATOES,
 GREEN BEANS, ROLL, SALADS, DRINKS,
 & STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

(OVER 10 YRS \$12.00 ~ UNDER 10 YRS \$7.00)

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 MEAL FOR UNDER 60



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER 308-394-6333	1 SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT SAUCE CARROTS GARLIC BREAD SALADS/DESSERT	2 BREAKFAST CASSEROLE BEETS SALADS DESSERT	3 BBQ CHICKEN CHEESY POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	4 SUPREME PIZZA SALADS DESSERT	5 CLOSED	6 COFFEE, TEA, WATER & JUICE MILK, CRACKERS & BREAD AVAILABLE
7 CALL BY 9:30 AM FOR RESERVATION	8 MEATLOAF MAC & CHEESE PEAS SALADS DESSERT	9 CHICKEN TENDERS MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	10 SMOTHERED PORK CUTLET ROASTED POTATOES BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	11 TUNA SALAD SAND TATER TOTS BAKED BEANS SALADS DESSERT	12 CLOSED	13 MENU SUBJECT CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY
14 SUGGESTED \$8.50 FOR 60 AND OLDER	15 TERIYAKI CHICKEN RICE BROCCOLI SALADS DESSERT	16 BEEF ENCHILADAS REFRIED BEANS SALADS DESSERT	17 HAM & BEANS FRIED POTATOES CORNBREAD SALADS DESSERT	18 CHILI DOGS FRENCH FRIES SALADS DESSERT	19 CLOSED	20 EXERCISE AT 10:30 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY
21 COST PER MEAL UNDER 60 \$9.50	22 SALMON PATTY MAC & CHEESE PEAS SALADS DESSERT	23 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES CARROTS SALADS DESSERT	24 GOULASH GREEN BEANS GARLIC BREAD SALADS DESSERT	25 CHICKEN SALAD SAND TATER TOTS SALADS DESSERT	26 CLOSED	27 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 6/3 & 6/17 @ 10 am
28 SUNDAY DINNER MENU: BEEF TIPS, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, SALADS, DRINKS, AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE	29 BISCUIT & SAUSAGE GRAVY HASH BROWNS BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	30 CHEF'S SALAD SALAD BAR DESSERT				

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June 2026

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advertising our daily lunch specials

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pizza Burger	2 Chicken Tacos w/ Spanish Rice	3 Turkey Clubhouse Salad or Chicken Salad Sub	4 Tuscan Pizza Calzone	5 Mexican Chicken Pizza	6 Super Nachos
7 Hot Turkey Bacon Sub	8 HomeMade Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich	9 Black Bean & Chicken Taco Wrap	10 BLT Salad or Tuna Salad Sub	11 "Wauneta" Steak & Cheese Sub	12 Chicken Bacon Pizza	13 Sloppy Joes Sandwich
14 Ham & Cheese Baked Potato	15 Toasted Rueben on Marble Rye	16 Taco Salad or Taco Bravo	17 Honey Mustard Chicken Salad or Egg Salad Sub	18 HandBreaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich	19 Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza	20 BBQ Chicken Sub
21 Hot Beef Sandwich w/Potatoes	22 Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti	23 Smothered Beef Burritos	24 Almond Berry Chicken Salad or Ham Salad Sub	25 Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl	26 Philly CheeseSteak Pizza	27 Italian Meatball Sub
28 Chicken Cordon Bleu Sub	29 Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye	30 Green Chile & Chicken Wrap	To reserve a Lunch Special, call 308-394-5444			



hello June



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Summer Food Trivia

1. 11 years old
2. True
3. Vanilla
4. 20 pounds (4 gallons)
5. Tucson
6. A volcanic eruption
7. Hamburgers
8. Cherry
9. 7 billion
10. Ice cream
11. 90%
12. Gazpacho
13. Ceviche