

WAUNETA HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 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.

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WAUNETA COMMUNITY FUND

CELEBRATE WAUNETA

In service of those who serve!

NOVEMBER 11, 2025
Community Building
5 - 7 PM MT

- Featuring 13 local organizations
- Food & beverages available
- Student choir performance
- Donations welcome
- Tribute to Veterans

*Join us to celebrate (and give!)
to the place we love and live.*

*Together we'll honor our veterans and the
organizations that serve our community.*

Donations made to any qualified organization during Celebrate Wauneta will be matched by the Wauneta Community Fund—doubling your impact!



Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – November 2025

HomeTown Agency, LLC



HomeTown Agency, LLC

This November, the Wauneta Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize **HomeTown Agency, LLC** as our **Business of the Month!**

Located at **130 N Tecumseh** in **Wauneta**, HomeTown Agency has been serving southwest Nebraska since **1996**. The agency was founded by **Rick Einspahr and Terry Engell**, who combined their years of insurance experience—Rick starting in 1981 selling life insurance and Terry beginning her career in 1983—to build an agency focused on customer service and community relationships. What began with two locations in Wauneta and Cambridge has now grown to **six offices across southwest Nebraska**, employing

19 dedicated team members, including **four agents here in Wauneta**.

Today, **Rick Einspahr** and his co-owners continue to lead HomeTown Agency's six locations, with **Laurie Maris** managing the Wauneta office.

HomeTown Agency provides a wide range of insurance products including **Personal, Business, Farm, Crop, LRP, PRF, Long Term Care, Life, and Health Insurance**, among many others. As an **independent agency**, HTA isn't tied to one company, giving customers the flexibility to find coverage that best fits their individual needs.

Their mission statement says it best:

"HomeTown Agency fosters a positive and caring environment. We have a passion for adding value to each insured's individual needs, while providing leadership in the communities served."

After nearly **30 years** in business, the HomeTown Agency team takes great pride in their longevity and reputation for trusted service in an ever-changing industry. "The people of our community are responsible for making us what we are today," they shared. "We are humbled by their loyalty."

HomeTown Agency's commitment to Wauneta goes well beyond their office doors. Their team members are active in numerous local organizations, including the **City Council, School Board, Nursing Home Board, Grocery Store Committee, Wauneta Foundation, and Hospital Board**—just to name a few. They're also known for their generosity in supporting local causes, such as **providing all the bottled water for the school concession stand** and hosting the **bratwurst and hotdog feed during Harvest Fest**, with 100% of donations going back to community projects.

As longtime Chamber members, HomeTown Agency appreciates the relationships formed through the organization. "The Wauneta Chamber has been very supportive of HTA. Through the Chamber we've formed many relationships that have benefited our business," they said. They also encourage others to get involved: "Being part of an organization with a common goal of making Wauneta a great place to live will only benefit your business. Many Chamber members are young families—the life blood of our town and its future."

HomeTown Agency currently serves more than **2,600 customers** across **Nebraska and seven other states**, but their heart remains right here in Wauneta. "We hope to continue being one of Wauneta's stable Main Street businesses,"

they said. "The relationships we make with our customers and the opportunity to help people recover from a loss are what make our work so rewarding."

Congratulations to **HomeTown Agency, LLC**, the Wauneta Chamber's **November Business of the Month!**

GUESS WHO??



last month was:

Terry Lytle



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"Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Lela Hamilton's 95th birthday. She was especially thrilled to enjoy lunch at the very same farm where she was born 95 years ago. Your love and support made it a truly special day."

~ Lela Hamilton

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 3rd 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 3rd Monday of Every Month!

Dates to Remember:

September 15th; October 20th; November 17th; December 15th;

January 19th; February 16th; March 16th; April 20th; May 18th

WHO'S THE TURKEY?

THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

Everybody circles one answer per question. When you're done, tally up the answers. Lowest score is the "turkey" and has to do the dishes! Answers on sheet 3.



1) WHAT IS A LARGE GROUP OF TURKEYS KNOWN AS?

A FLOCK

A FLIGHT

A MOB

A TROT

2) WHAT IS THE CRANBERRY'S COMMON NICKNAME?

SCARLET WOMAN

BOUNCEBERRY

TARTBERRY

LOVER'S LIPS

3) HOW MUCH DID THE WORLD'S HEAVIEST-RECORDED TURKEY WEIGH?

38 POUNDS

57 POUNDS

86 POUNDS

103 POUNDS



REVIVAL SERVICES

at the

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

34850 Road 724, Wauneta, NE

November 2nd - 9th, 2025

7:30 p.m. CT

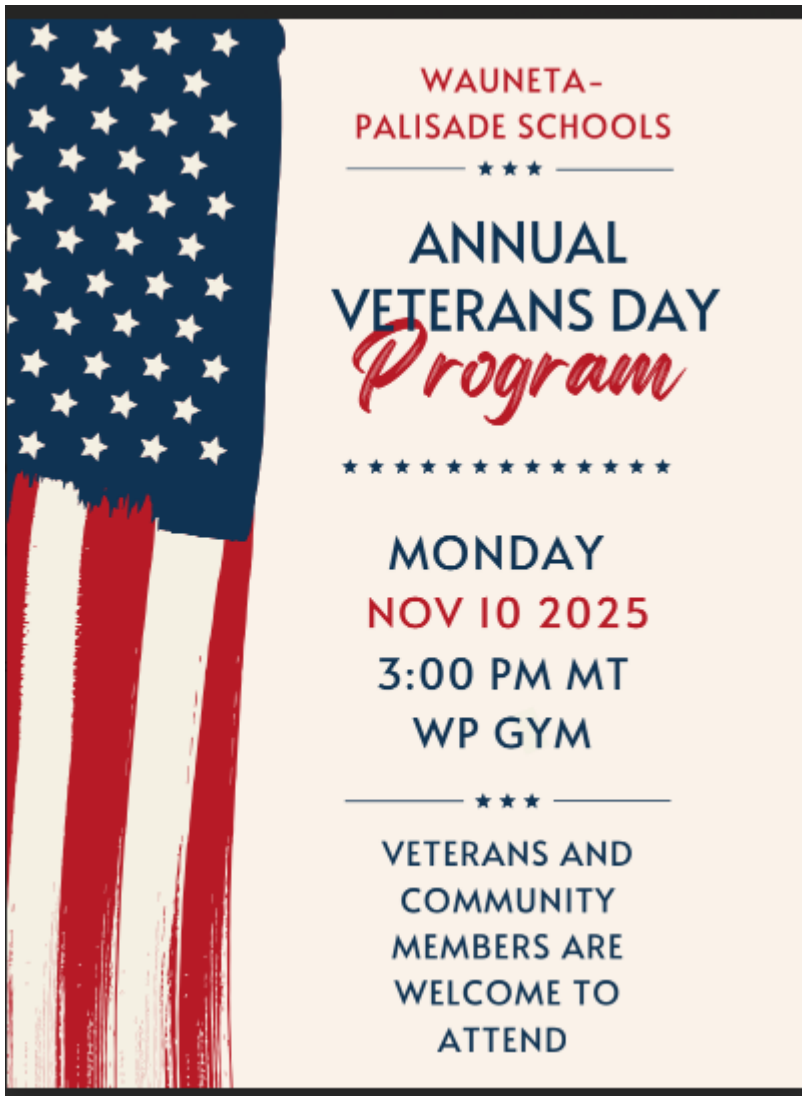
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. CT

Evangelist: Rev. Ken Thompson

Everyone Is Welcome

For more information, contact Rev. Lloyd Bley @ (308) 394-5675.

Directions: *From Wauneta* - At Wauneta Crossroads (Ave. 346) go south 6½ miles to Road 724. Turn left and go 3 miles. *From Stratton* - Go north on Veteran's Memorial Highway 14 miles to Road 724. Turn left and go 3 miles.



Wauneta Homecoming Royalty 2025



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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President



THANKFUL

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the exceptional group of patients who had the privilege of being among the first to experience eye care with our new optometrist, Dr. Aaron Halling, at EyeLookGood! EyeWear. It's truly exciting to have another outstanding service in our town. Dr. Halling expressed his enthusiasm about his day and the wonderful patients he met, and he eagerly anticipates our next group of patients on **Tuesday, November 4th**. Dr. Halling will be coming to our facility once every month, specifically on the first Tuesday. Come be a part of our growing family and enjoy exceptional eye care!



308 N. Tecumseh, Suite 2
Wauneta, Nebraska



Dr. Aaron Halling, O.D.

We have a few appointment openings on Tuesday, November 4th.
Let me know if you want to grab one! 308-883-1347

By expanding our town's services, we enhance our community's strength and resilience!



Did you know Harchelroad Motors Inc. Collision
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Wauneta Care
AND THERAPY CENTER
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AMERIE VILLALOBOS

Amerie has been named Employee of the Month at Wauneta Care and Therapy Center for her outstanding dedication and compassion. She is a true advocate for our residents, always going above and beyond to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met with care and respect. Amerie's positive attitude, strong work ethic, and genuine kindness make her a shining example of what it means to provide exceptional care. Her commitment to improving the lives of those she serves inspires everyone around her. Congratulations, Amerie, on this well-deserved recognition!

— The Wauneta Care and Therapy Center Team

CHASE COUNTY GOP

REPUBLICAN PARTY

*We meet every other month,
alternating between Wauneta and Imperial*

Legislative updates Guest speakers

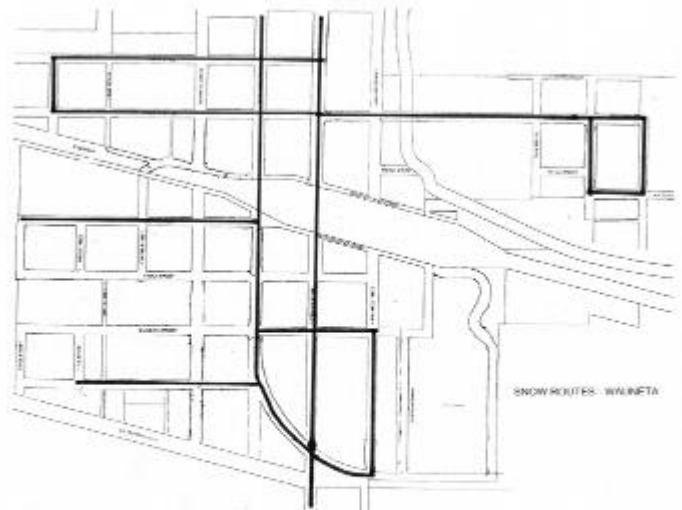
Please join us at our next meeting:

Monday, November 17, 2025 6MT

Visit "What's Up in Wauneta" on FB
for location!

Come learn how you can make a difference!

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

Wauneta- Palisade School Library

2025 Storybook Pumpkins





Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients:

2-8oz cans of chicken
1-8oz cream cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ranch dressing
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Franks Red Hot Wing Sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded cheese

Instructions:

Mix together the first four ingredients in a casserole dish. Top with cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Enoy with taco chips, crackers, or vegetables



**I have Watkins spices and
other products for sale.**

**Call Dena at 308-883-5452
If you need anything**

Improvements Made by The City Board & Employees



Thank you to all the
volunteers who made this
happen.

Payton Dorn, Randee Littrel,
Marci Fanning, Todd Bunker,
Shane Lawless, Tanner
Bardsley, Jeremy Walgren.



*In all things,
give Thanks*

FIREMAN'S PANCAKE FEED

NOVEMBER 9TH AT 11:30 AM

WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER



JOIN US

for the 8th Annual Fireman's Pancake Feed!
Above all, our goal is to ensure that everyone is invited to the Feed and that you join us for a fun meal of good food and fellowship, but free will donations are appreciated! If you can't make it but would still like to give, donations can be mailed to

Wauneta Volunteer Fire Dept.
PO Box 192
Wauneta, NE 69045



To Enjoy!

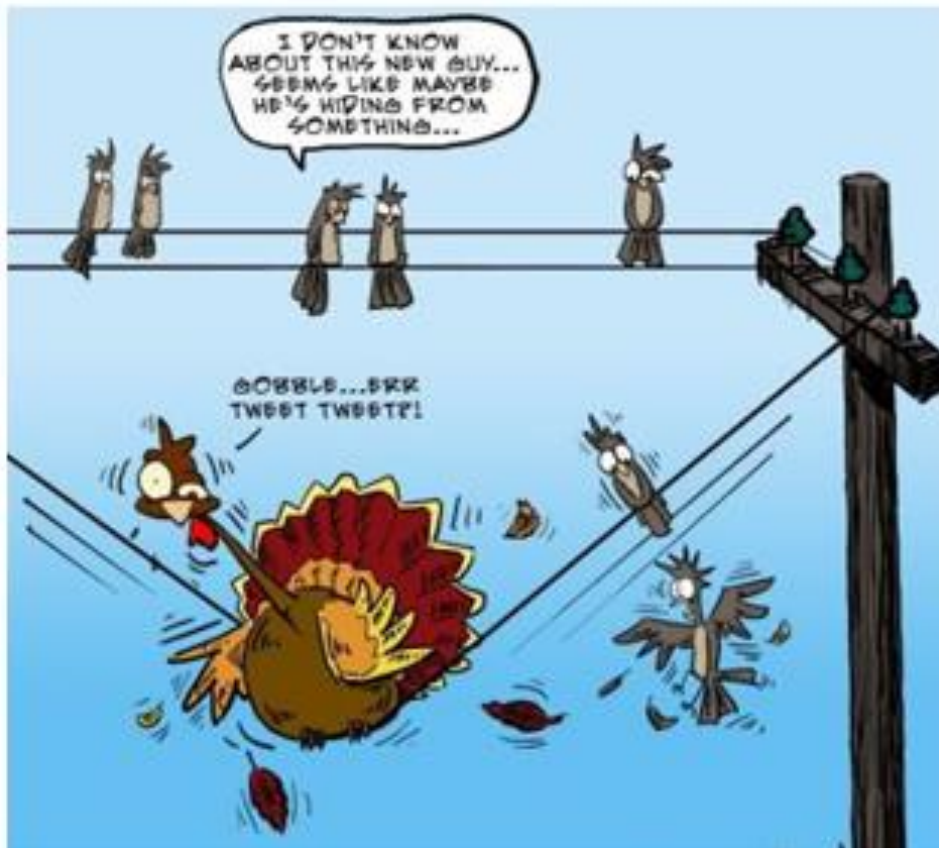


Fun Dog Fact... Dogs Dream Just Like Humans!

Researchers Found That Dogs Have Sleep Patterns Similar to Humans and That Smaller Dogs Dream More Than Larger Breeds!

Thank you

Jim & Connie Maxfield want to thank the community for all of their support during Connie's illness. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and calls during Connie's month-long stay (two weeks at Chase County Hospital and two weeks in Great Plains Hospital). A special thanks to Dave and Tina Hamilton for all your help during this time. It is wonderful to live in such a caring community





Your Support Strengthens Our Organization

Organization: **Wauneta-Palisade FFA**

Sale Start Date: **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

Sale End Date: **Friday, November 7, 2025**

Contact: **Any WP FFA Member or
Allison Sandman, Advisor 308-883-3979**



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AMERICA	COLONISTS	DESSERT	DINNER	FOOTBALL
GRATEFUL	GRAVY	HARVEST	HOLIDAY	LEFTOVERS
MAYFLOWER	NATIVE	PARADE	PILGRIM	PUMPKIN PIE
THANKFUL	THANKSGIVING	TRADITION		

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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



*Eat, Drink
and
Give Thanks*



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

November Insurance Tips

-  **Prep for Winter:** Review your home policy before freezing temps hit. Check deductibles and coverage.
-  **Winter Driving:** Make sure your auto coverage fits your needs. Add roadside or towing if needed.
-  **Holiday Safety:** Unplug decorations and check fire coverage limits.
-  **Year-End Review:** Update coverage for any new vehicles, equipment, or property.
-  **Frozen Pipes:** Insulate and heat pipes to avoid costly water damage.
-  **Hosting Guests:** Make sure your liability coverage is solid for holiday gatherings.
-  **Stored Equipment:** Adjust seasonal coverage on boats, RVs, ATVs, or farm equipment.
-  **Bundle & Save:** Bundling home, auto, and farm can lower premiums.

 **Tip:** A quick coverage check now can save headaches later.

Unrepaired Hail Damage? Let's Talk Auto Coverage.

If you've received payment for a hail claim but chose not to repair the vehicle, you might want to consider dropping your comprehensive and collision coverage. Once damage is unrepaired, those coverages may not provide additional benefit—and reducing to liability only could lower your cost. We're happy to review your options and make sure you're covered appropriately.



Local Returns Home to Offer First in Nebraska Type of PT



The son of Karl and Judy Polly of Wauneta Nebraska, Jon has returned home after being gone for twenty-two years in Los Angeles, California where he owned and operated a Home Health Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy business. Jon graduated Wauneta-Palisade High School in 1991. Jon attended Hastings College and graduated in 1996 with distinction in his major of Pre-Physical Therapy.

In 1998, Jon attended Fontys Hogeschoolen Eindhoven in the Netherlands to earn a degree in Physical Therapy. At the time, this program was rated the number one physiotherapy school in Holland. Fontys Hogeschoolen Eindhoven was one of four schools outside of the continental United States that did not require accreditation to take the physical therapy board exam, it was considered part of the US education system. Jon graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy. Jon was given an opportunity to spend a year in Los Angeles completing his clinical affiliations and received a PT license in 2002 in California.

Since returning to the Wauneta Nebraska area, Jon has obtained his PT license for Nebraska, and has been accredited to accept patients that have

Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and several other Insurances, as well as self-pay payments. Jon is the first independent physical therapist, not affiliated with a hospital or clinic in the state of Nebraska.

With the experience of operating a Physical Therapy business in a home health care setting in the number 1 state in the nation for Home Health Care and the second largest city in nation, Los Angeles, California, Jon brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to his home town, and surrounding area.

Prior to June of 2023, Jon would not have been able to do the individualized services provided through Blue Sky Therapy Inc. due to Nebraska being under the health codes of ICD 9 codes. With the change of ICD 10 codes, and the health care system changing to a different methodology with putting patients first, and being patient directed in health care choices, opened the door for Blue Sky Therapy Inc. to provide services in the comfort and privacy of the patient's home, guided by the goals set by the patient. This has enabled Jon, through Blue Sky Therapy Inc. to utilize CPT codes to bill with, instead of a set time frame for one ailment as is the customary routine for PT. Jon is able to treat multiple ailments with each visit, focusing on a, "full body approach." Visits are typically an hour to an hour and half depending on the need and endurance/abilities, respiration rate and pain levels of the patient.

Due to the vast experience Jon brings to the communities, PT is not done in the traditional setting of the clinic/Hospital, but rather in the comfort and privacy of the patient's home, utilizing what the patient has at the home. Such as, manual resistance utilizing a broom or shovel handles, grill guards on pickups, walking around kitchen islands, spinning lead ropes for a horse/utilizing cattle prods to write names in various plains of motion and training with devices on getting in/out of the home, and so much more.

Creating the Home Exercise Program in the patient's home and utilizing the home/furnishings inside the home itself and in some cases the work shop on the property, makes it more likely that the patient will do the exercises required on a daily basis verses going to a clinic/Hospital. Each patient has unique needs, unique settings, and everything is tailored and custom for each patient. There is no rubber stamping, or walking around in circles, long car rides back and forth from the clinic/Hospital or going to ride a stationary bike while your therapist works with other patients before working with you again or having you handed off to an assistant who is also working with multiple people beside you.

When a patient receives services through Blue Sky Therapy Inc., each patient gets the undivided attention of Jon for the duration of each and every therapy session. Therapy ends when goals are obtained, this is not dictated by a specific time frame, but rather based on assessments and measurements of obtaining those goals, whether it is three months, six months, or a year.

Some testimonials of patients that have agreed to be quoted:

Virgil: "Who is Jon Polly PT? To me he is a prince of a guy. He greets you with respect and compassion. He is a man of God and truly cares for us all. He goes the extra mile to help and encourage you to live a better life. His willingness to push you into recovery is so spot on. I heard about Jon through family and friends and when the time came when I needed him he was there. He comes into your house like a gentle giant. Has the tools needed to get you on the road to recovery. I can testify that had it not been for Jon, I would have been hard pressed to get the physical therapy that I needed. Love the way he uses partner resistance exercises to get you mobil and strengthen while giving you guidance so not to hurt your self."

Alta: "I am grateful for the wonderful PT received with a plan that was created just for me. I probably wouldn't be able to still be in my home if it weren't for the PT I have had through Blue Sky Therapy Inc. with Jon."

Norma: "If you want help with aches and pain without travel, go through Blue Sky Therapy Inc. like I did."

Lela: "He does a great job, and has been getting me back in shape!"

Patient: "Very professional, easy to work with, gave me lots of ideas of exercises to use, and flexible scheduling was amazing."

Judy R: “Jon has been fantastic in providing me PT at my home. I have had many PTs since my motorcycle accident, and I have never had one that has cared for me as much as Jon does, and they did not listen to me. Jon listens to what I tell him, and we have such a good time while working, that we spend much of our time laughing and joking. My neighbors have asked me if we are getting any work done with all the laughing. I tell them that we are working while having fun. I will not go to any other PT from now on”.

Rodney: “All good”

The ICD 10 codes adopted by Nebraska in 2023 is a patient driven model, the patient is in control of the decision as to who provides PT services, not the doctor. If you would like a referral for PT to be done in the privacy and comfort of your own home, but are having difficulty in obtaining one, you can contact Blue Sky Therapy Inc. at 308-660-1001, Gail will be happy to assist you in obtaining a referral so you can receive PT from Jon.

These are just a sample of the areas that PT can assist you: increasing strength, pre-joint or recovering from joint replacement, being able to walk without a cane or walker, increasing endurance and stamina, fall prevention and balance training, or simply to continue living in your own home so you don't have to go to an assisted living/nursing home. What area are you struggling with that could be made better? Give Blue Sky Therapy Inc. a call, and speak with Gail, please leave a message if she does not answer. Referrals can be made by any physician by faxing a referral form to 888-375-5929.

WVFD Auxillary
presents

FIREMAN'S BALL

November 22, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.
Wauneta Community Building
Dress Code: Country Formal
(Women-dresses Men-jeans/nice shirt)
\$5/person at the door
Silent Auction
Snack Bar & Cash bar
• 21+ •

All proceeds go to the Haskins family



WAUNETA PALISADE

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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 5:03 pm MT on October 13, 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 5:03 pm MT.

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

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

3. Open Meetings Act Notice.

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

1. Board Self-Evaluation. The board discussed the possibility of a board self-evaluation tool to help create goals and vision.

VI. Action Items

1. Approval and Signing of September Hearings Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes.

To approve and sign the minutes from 9/9/2025 tax asking hearing, budget hearing, LB243 hearing and the regular meeting passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney:

Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

2. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports

To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll: \$313,280.51; GF Accounts Payable: \$95,510.79 to a total of \$408,791.30 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

3. Recognize WPEA for Negotiations

To recognize the WPEA for 2027-2028 negotiations as the bargaining unit 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

Discussion: Mr. Geier read the WPEA letter for negotiations 2027-2028.

VII. Policy Review. None

VIII. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent Report. Geier would like to thank and recognize Dan Kunneman with DSK Irrigation for the donation of 30 pieces of 10' pivot pipe. His donation to the school district is greatly appreciated. Geier recognized a bus driver for handling a stressful altercation/situation with poise and good decision-making. Hi-Line manager reached out in the aftermath of the bus situation. JH/HS VB at Med Valley tomorrow, College Fair at MCC tomorrow. Geier shared that JH VB/FB on Wednesday and District cross country on Thursday, FB on Friday v. Wallace, and 1st quarter ends on Friday.

2. Principal Report, Frecks shared that parent-teacher conferences were well attended. Fire Safety Day was last Friday. Homecoming events this week with pep rally on Friday at 2:15 pm MT. Wauneta Fire Department will be visiting to review the facility and familiarize them with the layout. Elementary pumpkin patch last week. Words reading tutoring will begin next week with students.

3. ESU 15 Report. Sandman shared that the meeting was today, items covered were the sale of the McCook building, ESU TEA recognition for negotiations.

4. NASB Report. Sandman reminded the board of upcoming NASB state convention 11/19-21 all members are registered.

IX. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, November 10, 2025, at 5 pm MT.

X. Adjourn. President Sandman adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Rundback,

Recording Board Secretary

Dated this October 13, 2025

Chase County School District #536

a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____

Secretary
President

Board
Board

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 **October 14, 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: K. Kerchal, R. Einspahr, P. Johnston. B. Kramer arrived at 6:45. Absent: C. Walgren.

Guests: Greg Wolford (W Design Assoc), Bob & Bonnie McBride, Tanner Bardsley (WVFD)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three locations within the Village of Wauneta. 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.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:30 pm, the purpose being to review the 2026 Plan of Street Improvements for the Village of Wauneta. Greg Wolford with W-Designs presented the 2026 Plan of Street Improvements. No comments from the public were made. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

Board approved Resolution 2025-02, authorizing the signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form to the Nebraska Boards of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2025.

Greg Wolford discussed the Engineering Evaluation that he prepared to determine the best alternative for bringing Wauneta's Wastewater Treatment Facility into compliance (ammonia discharge limits) with their NPDES Permit. Wolford will request an extension from the State and present his recommendations to the Board at the next regular Board meeting.

Discussion was held with Bob McBride regarding his concerns of how water flows across his property. Greg Wolford has assessed the property with Lawless and presented several options to address McBride's concerns.

Board approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on September 9, 2025, and approved minutes of the Budget Hearing and special meeting held on September 23, 2025.

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

Board approved a request for a Special Designated Liquor License, received from Good Times Bar & Grill, for "Celebrate Wauneta" fundraiser, to be held at 323 N. Tecumseh (Community Building), on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, from 3:00 to 9:00 pm.

Board approved a request for a Special Designated Liquor License, received from Good Times Bar & Grill, for an event (Fireman's Ball), to be held at 323 N. Tecumseh (Community Building), on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am.

Tanner Bardsley, WVFD, discussed with the Board concerns with the fire dept building and some of the brick deteriorating (holes and cracks). He has visited Baxter Concrete and will present an estimate for repairs at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the Nursing Home financial reports for August 2025.

Board approved the propane contract with Wauneta Crossroads for WCTC; 12,500 gallons, prepaid at \$1.55 per gallon.

Board approved a wage increase for Donna Hale, Social Services Director at WCTC, as recommended by Administration.

The Board discussed WCTC personnel.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Report for Sept 2025.

Board approved the purchase of a "snow pusher" from Harchelroad Motors (Legend \$3946).

Board approved employee wage increases as recommended by the Wage Review Committee.

The Board reviewed proposals for roof repairs on the Fire Department building. Damage is due to a hailstorm in June 2024. The proposals were for both the asphalt roof and the metal roof. Board accepted and approved the proposal received from C Squared Roofing, to re-shingle the roof, for a cost of \$8,490.00 (half down payment due prior to start of job). The Board would like to look into additional options for repairs to the metal roof.

Discussion was held on a particular nuisance property. Skelton did send a follow-up letter after last month's discussion and received a phone call from the property owner saying that they do have plans to address the issues. We will revisit the property next month to access progress.

Ambulance Building Committee – Kramer gave a report on the status of the efforts of the Chase County Commissioners and the Wauneta EMS to identify a location for a new Ambulance building. They have identified a potential property and will do additional research to determine the feasibility of the property.

Wauneta has been identified as 1 of 16 potential sites for a "Small Modular Nuclear Reactor". The Board discussed hosting a meeting/educational session to provide additional information to the community.

Superintendent's report given by Lawless.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman
Evelyn Skelton, Clerk

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.



Thank you to Chase County Commissioners for their assistance in the purchase of the dishwasher and water softener. Thank you to the Collinsville Community Foundation, the Village of Wauneta, Bruce Buck and the family and friends who have donated in memory of their loved ones to our facility in their assistance in the purchase of a new stove.

Thank you to Matt Denny for his assistance with updating the lighting on both sides of the center.

Wauneta Senior Services Board of Directors

WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER

NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/5/2025 COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM
- 11/10/2025 BOARD MEETING @ 1:30 PM
- 11/11/2025 VETERANS DAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!
- 11/12/2025 BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- 11/18/2025 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
- 11/19/2025 COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM
- 11/25/2025 THANKSGIVING DINNER
- 11/27/2025 THANKSGIVING DAY 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



Wauneta Senior Center

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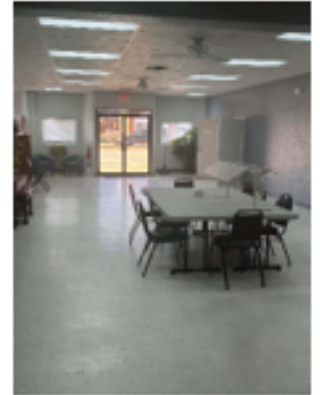
🍲 Home-cooked lunches 4 days a week – open to all ages

📅 Monthly Sunday Lunch – everyone's welcome

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NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER 308-394-6333	3 BREAKFAST CASSEROLE PEAS SALADS/DESSERT	4 SUPREME PIZZA SALADS DESSERT	5 BAKED CHICKEN ROASTED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	6 VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SAND SALADS/DESSERT	7 CLOSED	8 COFFEE, TEA, WATER & JUICE MILK, CRACKERS & BREAD AVAILABLE
9 CALL BY 9:30 AM FOR RESERVATION \$8.50 FOR 60 AND OLDER \$9.50 UNDER 60	10 CHICKEN & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES CARROTS SALADS DESSERT	11 VETERANS DAY SPAGHETTI CORN GARLIC BREAD SALADS DESSERT	12 BDAY/ANNU SPIRAL HAM SWEET POTATOES PEAS SALADS DESSERT	13 SALMON CORN CHOWDER GRILLED CHEESE SAND SALADS DESSERT	14 CLOSED	15 MENU SUBJECT CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY
16 HOURS OF SERVICE 8 AM TO 2 PM	17 CHICKEN POT PIE SALADS DESSERT	18 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	19 SMOTHERED PORK CUTLET ROASTED POTATOES CARROTS SALADS/DESSERT	20 BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP GRILLED HAM & CHEESE SAND SALADS/DESSERT	21 CLOSED	22 EXERCISE AT 10:30 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY
23 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11/5 & 11/19 10 AM	24 MEATLOAF MAC & CHEESE BEETS SALADS DESSERT	25 TURKEY MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	26 BEEF STEW CORN BREAD SALADS DESSERT	27 CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	28 CLOSED	29
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WAUNETA/PALISADE SCHOOLS		November 2025			ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.	
3. <u>Monday</u> <u>Pretzels</u> Wing Ding Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Lo Mein Noodles Egg Rolls Mandarin Oranges	4. <u>Tuesday</u> <u>Sausage Biscuit</u> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Broccoli Romaine Salad Garlic Bread Fruit	5. <u>Wednesday</u> <u>Bazels & Toast</u> Walking Tacos Spanish Rice Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Fruit KONNER	6. <u>Thursday</u> <u>Burritos</u> Philly Cheese Steak Diced Red/Green Peppers Diced Onions Fiddle Spear Fruit	7. <u>Friday</u> <u>Cheesy Bacon Potatoes</u> Pork Chops Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Fruit		
10. <u>Scrambled Eggs & Toast</u> Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta Broccoli Bread sticks Romaine Salad Fruit	11. <u>Ham & Cheese Biscuit</u> Bruno's Burgers Baked Beans Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Fiddle Applesauce Dessert MAGGIE	12. <u>Coffee Cake</u> Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Romaine Salad Fruit	13. <u>Muffin Bar</u> Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese Cucumbers/ Carrot Sticks Fruit	14. <u>Tornados</u> Pizza Romaine Salad Ranch Pasta Cucumbers/Carrots Fruit		
17. <u>Bruno Sandwich</u> Mashed Potato Bowls Cora Romaine Salad Biscuit Fruit DRE	18. <u>Biscuits & Gravy</u> Nachos Refried Beans Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Red/Green Peppers Pineapple	19. <u>Mini Pancakes</u> Burgles Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Fiddle Pasta Salad Fruit CASEY	20. <u>Donuts</u> Thanksgiving Meal	15. <u>PR&Js</u> Chicken Strips Romaine Salad Sweet Potato Fries Fruit		
24. <u>Turnovers</u> Fajita Red/Green Pepper Strips Onion Strips Spanish Rice Refried Beans ANDREW	25. <u>Sausage Muffin</u> Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Cora Roll Fruit	26. <u>Long John</u> Hot Ham & Cheese Pasta Salad Chips Fruit 2hr Early Release	27. NO SCHOOL	28. NO SCHOOL		
			THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	 COLD BREAKFAST: CEREAL & TOAST ALL BREAKFAST CONS WITH FRUIT OR 100% FRUIT JUICE BREAKFAST & LUNCHES CONS WITH CHOICE OF MILK		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 HS VB District Finals
2 NHS Blood Drive	3	4 Play Production at Chase County	5 HS VB State Tourney 1:30pm:JH WR @ DCS	6 EB Quarter Finals HS VB State Tourney 8:45am:Registration for Spring MPCC classes	7 HS VB State Tourney	8
9 8:00am:Strengths Finder Workshop for Seniors 2:00pm:Veteran's Day Program 2mt/3ct 5:00pm:Regular School Board Meeting 5mt/6ct 6:00pm:One Act Play Public Performance 6mt/7ct	10	11 All Conference VR Meeting 9:00am:NHS packs Merry Meals with Wallace	12 7:00am:RPAC Play Production @ Holdrege 7mt/8ct 12:00pm:JH WR @ Hitchcock CO	13 HS FB Semi Finals	14	15
16 Connecting the Dots (freshmen and sophomores) in Hayes Center National Guard with Juniors 4th d National Guard with seniors 5th p	17	18 CDE #1	19	20 Lions Club Vision & Hearing Screenings Next Chapter meetings Lions Club Vision and Hearing Screening HS FB Championship @UNK 9:00am:JH WR @ Med. Valley	21	22
23 1:30pm:JH WR @ Perkins CO	24	25 2 hr Early Release 9:00am:One Act Performance for students 9mt/10ct	26 No School	27 No School	28	29
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November 2025

Wauneta Crossroads

(advertising our daily specials)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Super Nachos
2 French Dip Sub w/AuJus	3 Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye	4 Green Chile & Chicken Wrap	5 Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti	6 Tuscan Pizza Calzone	7 Mexican Chicken Pizza	8 Sloppy Joes Sandwich
9 Baked Potato w/Ham & Cheese	10 Home-made Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich	11 Chicken & Black Bean Taco Wrap	12 Hamburger w/Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veg	13 "Wauneta's" Steak & Cheese Sub	14 Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza	15 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
16 Hot Beef Sandwiches w/Potatoes	17 HandBreaded Italian Chicken Sandwich	18 Smothered Beef Burritos	19 Chili topped Open Faced Hamburger	20 HandBreaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich	21 Indian Taco Pizza	22 Hot Turkey/Bacon Sub
23 Dagwood Sub	24 Nebraska Stuffed Beef Pocket	25 Chicken Enchiladas	26 Vegetable Beef Soup or Tuna Salad Sub	27 <u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	28 Choripollo Chicken Pizza	29 Hot Ham & Cheese Sub
30 Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl	To Reserve a Lunch Special Call 308-394-5444					

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Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your family

