

# WAUNETA HAPPENINGS

## February 2026

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 Chamber Business of the Month – February 2026

# Meadowlark Lane



## Proudly Located in Wauneta

The Wauneta Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize **Meadowlark Lane** as our Business of the Month for February!

Located at **116 N. Tecumseh Ave**, Meadowlark Lane is a unique blend of **coffee shop**, **full-service floral studio**, and **gift boutique**, owned and operated by **London Maris**. Now celebrating **four years in business**, Meadowlark Lane has become a beloved gathering place for both locals and visitors alike.

### **A Story Rooted in Family & Community**

Before opening Meadowlark Lane, London worked as a nurse out of town. While she loved nursing, and continues to maintain her license, she knew the schedule no longer aligned with the needs of her young family. With her husband farming full time, London was searching for a way to stay closer to home while still pursuing meaningful work.

When the opportunity arose to purchase Jo Arenz's floral shop, London immediately saw the potential to create something more — a space that blended creativity, connection, and community. That vision became Meadowlark Lane.

### **More Than a Shop**

Meadowlark Lane is a **full-service floral shop**, offering everything from everyday arrangements to funeral services and weddings. The coffee side features pastries, breakfast burritos, house coffee, specialty lattes, smoothies, and more. The gift selection continues to grow, offering items for nearly every occasion — making it a go-to stop for thoughtful, local gifting.

## A Place to Slow Down

What truly sets Meadowlark Lane apart is its mission. London's philosophy is simple yet powerful: to create a space that brings joy in both big and small ways. Meadowlark Lane is a place where people are encouraged to slow down, be present, and celebrate life's everyday moments — all while feeling deeply rooted in community.

## Milestones Worth Celebrating

This past year has been full of exciting milestones. One standout achievement was Meadowlark Lane's wedding florals being featured on the **front page of Nebraska Wedding Day magazine** — a remarkable honor for a small-town florist. London continues to expand her service radius and has an exciting opportunity to be announced in **March**, one that will benefit both her business and the community.

## Community at the Heart

Meadowlark Lane thrives because of Wauneta's support. From daily coffee stops to word-of-mouth recommendations, the community plays a vital role in the business's success. London actively gives back through involvement with the **Wauneta Chamber of Commerce**, the **grocery store steering committee**, Harvest Fest and Oktoberfest sponsorships, and by donating time to the local **FFA horticulture program**.

## Looking Ahead

London looks forward to expanding further into weddings and continuing to grow Meadowlark Lane's reach. With Valentine's Day being the shop's biggest holiday, Meadowlark Lane is fully stocked with flowers, jewelry, candles, lotions, cologne, wallets, and more. **Valentine's Day deliveries will take place on February 13 (Friday).**

## A Personal Favorite

For London, the greatest joy of owning Meadowlark Lane is seeing people gather, linger, and connect within the shop. Creating that sense of belonging — while maintaining flexibility for her family — is what makes this journey especially meaningful.

### Meadowlark Lane

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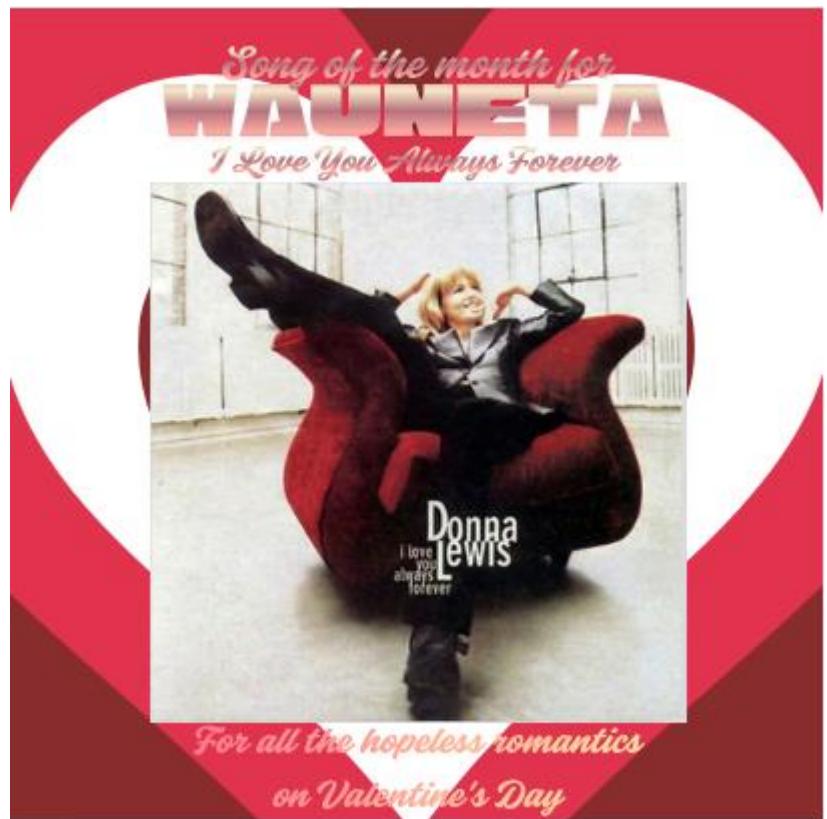
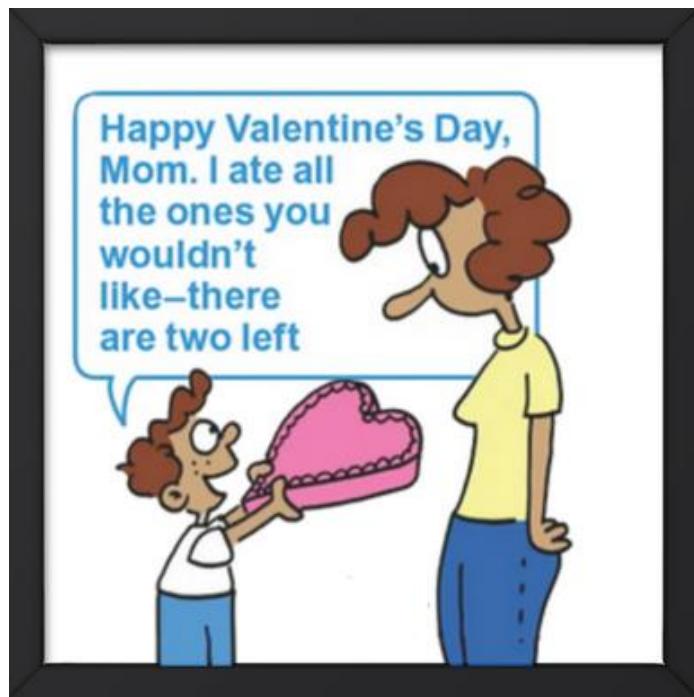
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We were given: Two hands to hold.  
Two legs to walk. Two eyes to see.  
Two ears to listen. But why only one heart?  
Because the other was given to someone else.  
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# WAUNETA, NEBRASKA A BLAST FROM THE PAST



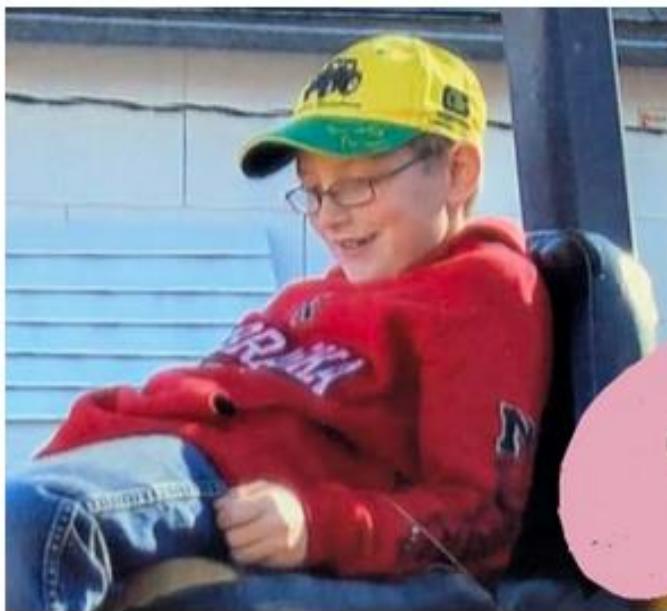
WAUNETA FROM THE NORTH - WAUNETA, NEBR.

## 1940 POSTMARK

The postcard said they had stopped here in Wauneta for a meal on their way to Denver.

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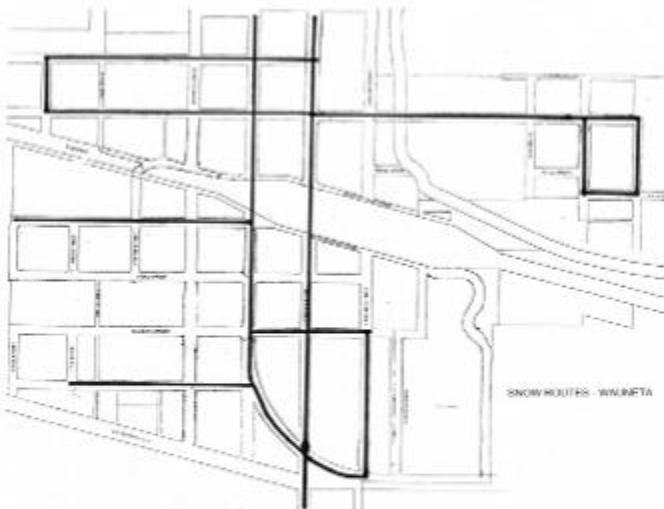


LAST MONTH WAS:  
RICK TAYLOR



# GUESS WHO

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# Happy Valentine's Day!

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*Congratulations*  
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**Veterans Scholarship**  
presented to  
Izzy Stehno  
by Dallas Breeze, Carol  
Thompson, and Ed Arenz  
on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Did You Know...

You can be a member of the Wauneta Chamber even if you don't own a business? If this interests you, don't hesitate to get in touch with a chamber member to get involved!

### Attention Current Chamber Members:

The Chamber has adopted a new membership incentive program. An annual membership fee may be waived by meeting the following requirements:

- Attendance at three (3) Chamber meetings per year
- Active volunteer participation in one (1) Chamber event

Thank you!

-Ariel

WAUNETA  
CHAMBER

## K-2 Student of the month Huxon Applegarth



Huxon is a true classroom leader! He comes in the classroom spreading his joy to his classmates, and is the first to check on them when they are sad. He is eager to participate and engage in classroom conversations, and works hard to complete new and challenging tasks. Huxon will choose being late to recess to help clean up our classroom. Finally, he is always leading by example, encouraging his peers to work hard and make the right choices! Keep it up, Hux! We are lucky to have you in our classroom family!

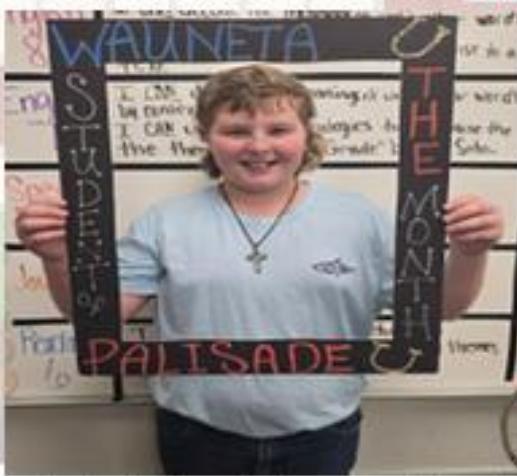
## 3-5 Student of the month Kannon Frecks



Kannon is respectful and kind. He shows leadership in classes and throughout the school. Kannon is a great WP Bronco!

# CONGRATS!

## 6-8 Student of the month Gentry Moe



Gentry is a hard worker who always gives his best effort. In addition to his academic efforts, Gentry is an incredibly kind and thoughtful person. He's always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it's explaining a difficult concept or offering a kind word when someone is feeling down. His positivity and generosity create a welcoming atmosphere in the classroom.

Gentry is easy-going and gets along with everyone. We can always count on Gentry to eagerly help with any task given.

His kindness, work ethic, dedication, and achievement exemplify what it means to be a Bronco!

## 9-12 Student of the month Lilly Dinnel



Lilly is an outstanding student & person! She works very hard & gives 110% in everything that she does. Lilly is up for any task that she is asked to complete. The elementary kids love when she is in the room helping as a student aide! She is a great role model to the underclassmen & elementary students at Wauneta-Palisade. We are proud of you, Lilly!



## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



MARIA RUIZ

**Maria Ruiz** is a shining example of excellence at Wauneta Care and Therapy Center, and we are proud to recognize her as our Employee of the Year. As an exceptional CNA/MA, Maria consistently goes above and beyond in providing compassionate, high-quality care to our residents. Her dedication, professionalism, and positive attitude make a meaningful difference every day, not only in the lives of those she cares for but also among her coworkers. Maria is always willing to lend a helping hand, advocate for residents, and uphold the highest standards of care, making her an invaluable member of our team and truly deserving of this honor.

## Meet our new Director of Nursing: Elisa Browne



Elsia Browne is a dedicated and compassionate nursing professional with a strong foundation in clinical experience and leadership. She began her nursing journey at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado, where she earned her associate degree in nursing in 2019. Following graduation, Elisa and her husband relocated to McCook, Nebraska, where she joined McCook Community Hospital as a Registered Nurse. During her tenure there, she developed broad clinical expertise across Medical-Surgical, Emergency, and Post-Partum units, providing comprehensive and patient-centered care.

In 2020, Elisa advanced her education by earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado. Over the next several years, she honed her skills in acute care, balancing her work between McCook Community Hospital and travel nursing assignments during the COVID-19 pandemic- an experience that strengthened her adaptability, resilience, and leadership under pressure.

In 2024, Elisa joined Wauneta Therapy Center as the Infection Preventionist and Behavioral Health Clinical Coordinator, where she continues to demonstrate her commitment to quality improvement, staff development, and resident well-being. Elisa's blend of clinical expertise, leadership experience, and genuine compassion for both patients and staff make her a highly qualified candidate for the Director of Nursing role.



# Slow-Cook Beef Burgundy

## Ingredients:

6 bacon strips, diced	¼ tsp. dried thyme
1 boneless beef chuck roast (3lbs), cut into 1 ½ -in. cubes	½ tsp salt
1 can (10. ½ oz.) condensed beef broth, undiluted	½ tsp pepper
1 small onion, halved and sliced	1 bay leaf
1 medium carrot, sliced	½ lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
2 Tbsp. butter	½ cup burgundy wine
1 Tbsp. tomato paste	5 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
2 garlic cloves, minced	½ cup cold water
	Optional: Hot cooked noodles and minced fresh parsley

## Directions:

1. In large skillet, cook bacon strips over medium heat until crisp. Use a slotted spoon to remove to paper towels. In the drippings, brown beef; drain.
2. Place beef and bacon in a 5-qt. slow cooker. Add broth, onion, carrot, butter, tomato paste, garlic, thyme, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Cover and cook on low until meat is tender, 7-8 hrs
3. Add mushrooms and wine. combine flour and water until smooth; gradually stir into slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 30-45 minutes or until thickened. Discard bay leaf.  
If desired, serve with noodles and parsley.

**¾ CUP** 460 cal., 29g fat (12g sat fat), 130mg chol., 663mg sod., 8g carb. (2g sugar, 1g fiber), 37g pro.

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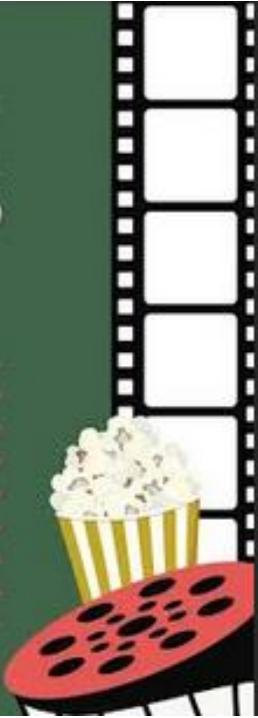
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## Fun Kangaroo Facts...

Kangaroos travel and feed in groups known as mobs that may include a handful or several dozen.

They use their tails as a fifth leg and are left-handed.

A baby kangaroo is known as a joey and is no larger than a grape. The newborn joey must use its forelimbs to crawl through its mother's fur to her pouch.

Kangaroos can grow up to seven feet tall and are known for their remarkable hopping ability, which allows them to reach speeds of 35 miles per hour and cover 25 feet in a single bound.



Valentine's Day

## FUN CANDY TRIVIA

Match each answer A thru L to its candy fact below

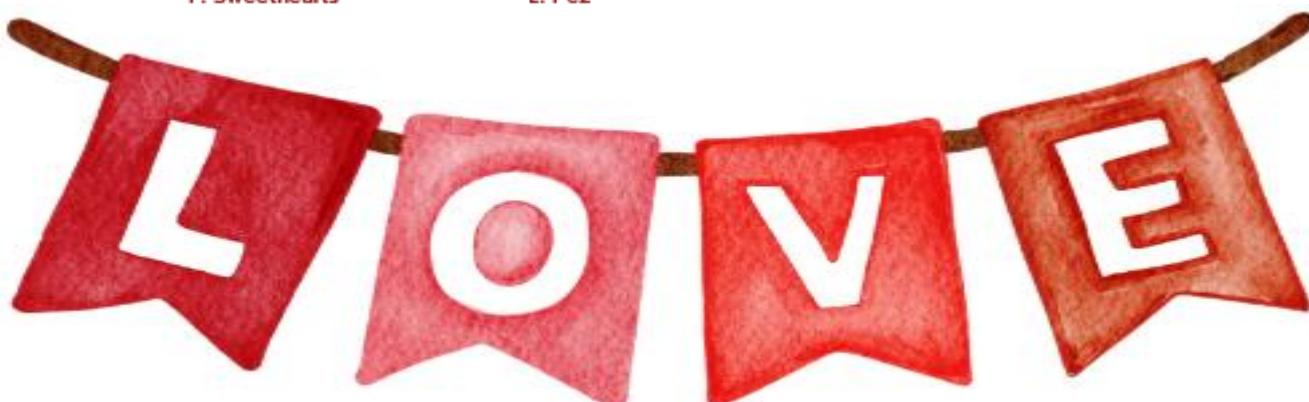
- 1 This candy was named after 1912 flotation devices
- 2 Each package of this candy bar used to contain pieces of chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry
- 3 According to its marketing campaign, this candy bar really satisfies
- 4 These candies got their name because they never came out of the machine in the shape they were intended to be.
- 5 This was the first penny candy to be individually wrapped.
- 6 This candy's original name was Papa Sucker.
- 7 These chocolate treats were named after the sound the machine makes when depositing them.
- 8 This sweet treat marketed itself as the great American candy bar.
- 9 This candy's name was changed in 1985 to capitalize on the success of a popular 80's doll.
- 10 This candy bar was named after a milkshake flavor containing chocolate, caramel, and malted milk powder.
- 11 This Conversation candy has been a Valentine and wedding favorite for well over a century.
- 12 This candy's dispensers have become popular collectibles.



- A. Sour Patch Kids
- B. Hershey's Kisses
- C. Three Musketeers
- D. Tootsie Rolls
- E. Hershey Bar
- F. Sweethearts



- G. Life Savers
- H. Sugar Daddy
- I. Milk Duds
- J. Snickers
- K. Milky Way
- L. Pez



## 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

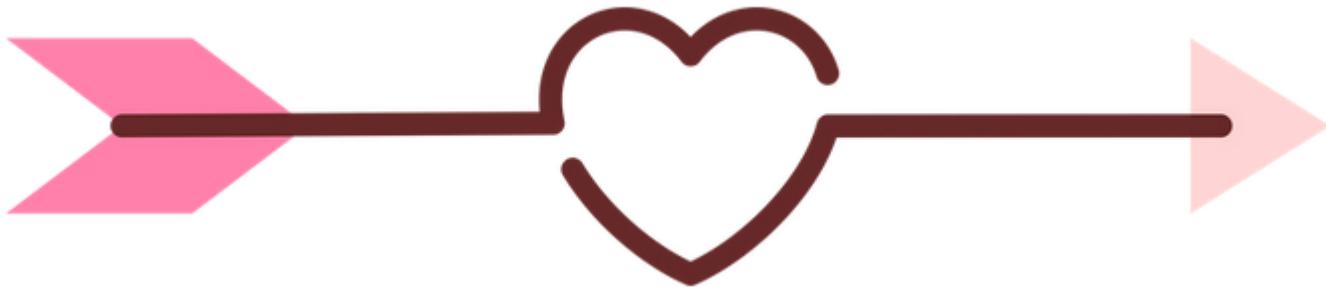
St. John Catholic Church  
499 S Arikaree Ave, Wauneta  
Sunday 10:00 am Mass MT

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



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## **Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Work Session 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 Working Meeting at 1:04 pm MT on January 12, 2026, in the Home Town Agency Conference Room, 130 N Tecumseh Ave, 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 Every Day

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm MT.

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

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

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

Mr. Geier thanked the board for their service with a gift card for School Board Appreciation Week.

V. Informational Items

#### **2025 Committees**

Transportation: Wheeler, Jutten, McKinney

Negotiations: Sandman, Jutten, Maris

Budget: Maris, Sandman

Building/Grounds: Wheeler, McKinney, Fanning

Personnel: Sandman, Maris, Wheeler

Policy: Sandman, Fanning

Instruction/Americanism: Maris, Sandman

## V.1. Building & Grounds Update

Board discussed/addressed items that could be improved:

Ag Shop painting, exterior door replacement, overhead door replacement/repair

Playground equipment installation

Pre-School Playground Equipment

Handicapped/ADA accessibility at the football field

Wrestling Room Possibilities

Secure South Entrance with new entry doors

Old gym tile chipping up

## V.2. Transportation Update

Board discussed/addressed the following transportation concerns:

Coach Bus replacement 56/58 passenger Freightliner

Additional Suburban

## V.3. Curriculum Update

Mr. Frecks shared the 2025 Annual Report of the district and explained the student performance, as well as the current curriculum, and discussed whether any updates are needed. Currently, our staff has a curriculum that serves the students and the district well, with no curriculum updates needed at this time.

## V.4. Technology Update

The board discussed the need for a new phone system and gym sound system updates.

## V.5. Budget Update

Mr. Geier shared the budget savings of 4% annually now that we operate only one building. Board members asked if considering a full day preschool program would be beneficial. It was noted that the AD/Transportation positions weren't filled this year and the board suggested that those be added back to increase administrator efficiency.

## V.6. Policy Update

No policy updates at this time as we continue to work with Perry Law firm when legislation changes and warrants policy changes.

## V.7. Personnel Update

The board discussed the implementation of a Personnel Survey for Climate/Work Place satisfaction and the Safe Say application.

# VI. Goal Setting

## VI.1. Building & Grounds Goals

The Board set the following goals: Addressing the Ag Shop to improve the structure with painting, exterior entry doors, and garage door repairs; and address the ADA parking at the football/track field near the new bleachers for improved access.

## VI.2. Transportation Goals

The Board would like to purchase a new/used coach bus to replace the old one and possibly a new/used suburban to the fleet.

### VI.3. Curriculum Goals. None.

#### VI.4. Technology Goals

The board would like to have an updated phone system and sound system for the competition gym.

## VI.5. Budget Goals

The board would like to consider a full-day preschool model to improve district efficiency.

## VI.6. Policy Goals. None.

## VI.7. Personnel Goals

The board would like to add the AD and transportation director position(s) to improve administrative efficiency, conduct a climate survey for all staff, and research the Safe Say application with benefits to the district.

## VII. Adjourn

President Sandman adjourned the meeting at 3:57 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Wheeler,  
Board Secretary

Dated this January 12, 2026  
Chase County School District #536  
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools



## Wauneta-Palisade School Foundation Donation



Members of the Wauneta-Palisade School Foundation presented Wauneta-Palisade Schools with a donation for rubberized mulch, which will provide safety to students when playing on the new playground equipment that will be installed in the Spring of 2026. Pictured from L to R: Mandi Kramer, WPS Foundation Treasurer, John Jutten, WPS Board Treasurer, Allison Sandman, WPS Foundation 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 **January 13, 2026**, 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: B Kramer, R Einspahr, P Johnston. Absent: C Walgren, K Kerchal.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Deputy Mueller (Chase County Sheriff Dept), RaNae Richardson (WCTC Administrator).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on January 8, 2026. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all the Trustees. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on December 9, 2025.

Board approved Treasurer's Report (Dec 2025) and approved bills (Jan 2026) as presented.

Johnston, Einspahr and Richardson reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for Nov 2025 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board. Board approved a wage increase for Gary Hunt, as recommended by Richardson.

Reviewed the December 2025 Sheriff's Activity Report with Deputy Mueller.

The Board discussed the Wastewater Lagoon and next steps for NDWEE facility compliance, which include financing and land acquisition.

Skelton gave the Board written notice that a vacancy will exist on the Village of Wauneta Board of Trustees in 2026. (Crystal Walgren has expressed her intent to resign from the Board). The length of the unexpired term will be until the end of December 31, 2026. Skelton will advertise the vacancy, and the Board shall address the issue of filling such vacancy at the next meeting.

Ambulance Building Committee – Kramer gave a report on the status of the continued efforts of the Chase County Commissioners and the Wauneta EMS to identify a location for a new Ambulance building.

Superintendent's Report was 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 a



Wauneta Senior Center Board Meeting  
JANUARY 12, 2026

Betty called the meeting to order. Betty, Danielle, Kay and Karon were present. Pam was not present.

Betty asked for public comments. There were none given.

Kay moved to approve the agenda. Betty seconded. Motion carried.

Karon read the minutes of the December meeting. Kay moved to accept the minutes. Danielle seconded. Motion carried.

Karon read the kitchen report.

Karon read the treasurer's report. Betty moved to approve the treasurer's report. Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Karon gave the directors report. Karon will have a directors meeting on January 15, 2026. Karon will be out of the office 1/26 and 1/27 for Tom's surgery. Dundy county hospital is moving forward with the clinic project.

Old Business:

New Business:

Danielle Gerih has accepted a position on the board of directors.

Sunday dinner menu for January 25, 2026 will be smothered steak, cheesy potatoes, and broccoli with cheese, roll, salads and dessert. February Sunday dinner will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the menu will be chili, chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, salads and dessert.

Next meeting will be on February 9, 2026 @ 1:30 pm.

There was no executive session.

Kay moved to adjourn. Danielle seconded. Motion carried.

Karon Pantera  
Acting Secretary

**WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2/3/2026	COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM
2/8/2026	BOARD MEETING @ 1:30 PM PUBLIC WELCOME
2/16/2026	CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
2/17/2026	COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM
2/22/2026	SUNDAY DINNER 11 AM – 1 PM  MENU: SOUP & SALAD, CHILI, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP, ROLL, VEGETABLE TRAY, SALADS AND DESSERT

OVER 10 YR \$12.00 UNDER 10 YRS \$7.00

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

**FEBRUARY 2026**

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

WAUNETA/PALISADE SCHOOLS		February 2026					ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
2. <u>Monday</u>  <u>Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</u>  Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Corn Roll Fruit	3. <u>Tuesday</u>  <u>Hash Brown Sandwich</u>  Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Lettuce/Onion/Tomato Pepper Strips	4. <u>Wednesday</u>  <u>Lone John Sandwich</u>  Wing Ding Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Egg Rolls Mandarin Oranges  JACK	5. <u>Thursday</u>  <u>Sausage Biscuit</u>  Cavatini Spinach Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread Peaches	6. <u>Friday</u>  <u>Pancakes</u>  Hot Ham & Cheese Baked Beans Romaine Lettuce Fruit			
9. <u>Ham Patty &amp; Hash Brown</u>  Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Biscuit Fruit	10. <u>Sausage Muffin</u>  Walking Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Lettuce/Onion/Tomato Pepper Strips Fruit	11. <u>Yogurt Bar</u>  Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Spinach Salad Crackers Fruit  HANNAH	12. <u>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast</u>  Chicken Sandwich Fries Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Fruit	13. <u>Tacos</u>  Pizza Romaine Salad Ranch Pasta Cucumbers/Carrots Fruit			
16. <u>Ham &amp; Cheese Biscuit</u>  Chicken & Rice Bowls Broccoli Romaine Salad Fruit	17. <u>Muffin</u>  Street Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Lettuce/Onion/Tomato Pepper Strips Fruit  JOSE	18. <u>Coffee Cake</u>  Cheeseburger Pockets Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Pickle Spears Fries Fruit	19. <u>PB&amp;J Sandwich</u>  Hot Dog W/ Bun Baked Beans Chips Fruit	20. <u>No School</u>  			
23. <u>Bronco Sandwich</u>  Fried Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Salad Fruit  SUNNI	24. <u>Smoothies</u>  Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese Salad Fruit	25. <u>Waffles</u>  Nachos Refried Beans Lettuce/Onion/Tomato Red/Green Peppers Fruit  KAYSHA	26. <u>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</u>  Hoagie Bar Romaine Salad Pickle Spears Fruit	27. <u>Breakfast Sandwich</u>  Hamburgers Fries Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Pickle Fruit			
							THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER
							

FEBRUARY							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1  Free throw competition 	2  2:00pm:JH Boys BB vs Perkins CO 2mt/3ct	3  1:00pm:JH BB vs McCook ST. Pats	4  State Degrees 10:00am:RPAC Principal/AD Meeting in McCook	5  3:00pm:HS BB vs Medicine Valley 	6  HS BWR @ Southwest (Bartley) 9mt/10ct  HS GWR Districts @ Ogallala Lexington Welding Invite 8:00am:JH BB W-P Tourney 8:30am:SWR State Dual Meet in Kearney 8:30mt/9:30ct	7  HS GWR Districts @ Ogallala Lexington Welding Invite 8:00am:JH BB W-P Tourney 8:30am:SWR State Dual Meet in Kearney 8:30mt/9:30ct	
8  12:00pm:RPAC Vocal Clinic @ Hayes Center 12mt/1ct 6:00pm:RPAC Vocal Concert @ Hayes Center 6mt/7ct 	9  11:00am:11 MT Fort Hays Tech (Goodland) rep 3:00pm:HS BB @ MHC	10  McCook Interhigh Day FFA CDE #2 in Curtis	11  HS BWR State @ Southwest 	12  HS BWR Districts @ Southwest 	13  HS BWR Districts @ Southwest 8:00am:JH BB Bronco Booster Tourney 	14  HS BWR Districts @ Southwest 8:00am:JH BB Bronco Booster Tourney 	
15  	16  HS GWR State Championships (Omaha) Girls State Interviews 11 Mt HS GBB Sub-Districts	17  HS GWR State Championships (Omaha) 7:30am:RPAC Speech Meet @ Curtis 7:30mt/8:30ct	18  HS BWR State Championships (Omaha) HS GBB Sub-Districts	19  HS BWR State Championships (Omaha) NO SCHOOL-PD Day 4:00pm:HS Boys BB @ Arthur CO	20  Youth BB Tournament HS BWR State Championships (Omaha)	21  HS Boys BB Sub-Districts	
22  FFA CDE #3 (welding) in McCook HS Boys BB Sub Districts	23  HS Boys BB Sub Districts	24  Career Discovery Days at McCook Community Hospital 	25  HS Boys BB Sub Districts	26  Frontier CO Invite-FFA CDE in Eustis HS Girls BB Districts Finals 	27  HS Boys BB District Finals	28  HS Boys BB District Finals	

## February 2026

## Wauneta Crossroads

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Hot Turkey/Bacon Sub</b>	2 <b>Pizza Burger</b>	3 <b>Green Chile &amp; Chicken Wrap</b>	4 <b>Chicken Taco Soup or Egg Salad Sub</b>	5 <b>HandBreaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich</b>	6 <b>Zesty Italian Pizza</b>	7 <b>Super Nachos</b>
8 <b>Shepherd's Beef Pie</b>	9 <b>Toasted Rueben on Marble Rye</b>	10 <b>Chicken Enchiladas</b>	11 <b>Italian Sausage Soup or Ham Salad Sub</b>	12 <b>"Wauneta's" Steak &amp; Cheese Sub</b>	13 <b>Chicken Bacon Pizza</b>	14 <b>Sloppy Sandwich Joes</b>
15 <b>Hot Beef Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes</b>	16 <b>HomeMade Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich</b>	17 <b>Smothered Beef Burritos</b>	18 <b>Vegetable Beef &amp; Barley Soup or Tuna Salad Sub</b>	19 <b>Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl</b>	20 <b>Tomato Soup and/or Grilled Cheese Sand</b>	21 <b>BBQ Chicken Sub</b>
22 <b>French Dip Sub w/AuJus</b>	23 <b>Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti</b>	24 <b>Taco Salad or Taco Bravo</b>	25 <b>White Chili w/ Chicken or Chicken Salad Sub</b>	26 <b>HandBreaded Italian Chicken Sandwich</b>	27 <b>Broccoli &amp; Cheese Soup</b>	28 <b>French Bread Pizza</b>
						

To Reserve a Lunch Special—Call 308-394-5444

