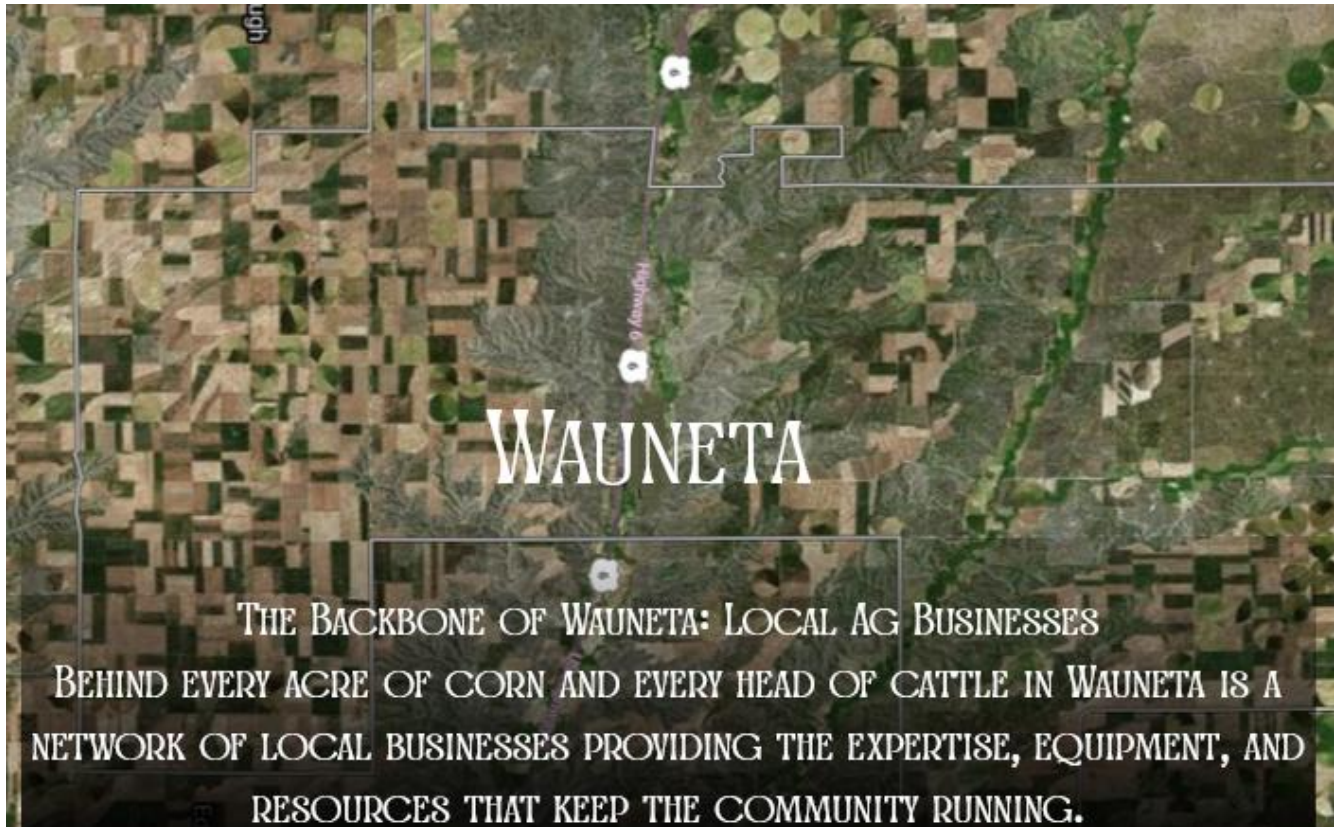


WAUNETA HAPPENINGS APRIL 2026

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.

Read the newsletters at Wauneta.com.

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



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As a regional hub, the FVC Wauneta location is a critical partner to local producers. With a high-capacity elevator system that supports the local harvest with storage and marketing solutions. Custom grinding, mixing, and computerized ration formulation to ensure livestock health and performance.

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Wauneta is also home to specialized businesses that cater to specific farming and ranching needs:

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Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – April 2026



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Crossroads Hardware

The Wauneta Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize **Crossroads Hardware** as this month's Business of the Month for April 2026. Owned and operated by Tracy and Janice Haarberg, Crossroads Hardware has become a reliable and valued resource for the Wauneta community in just three and a half years.

Located conveniently at 35 East Hwy 6, Crossroads Hardware was built out of both personal experience and a clear community need. Tracy shared that the idea came from frequently having to leave town to find parts while maintaining his car wash. Recognizing that others likely faced the same challenge, the Haarbergs set out to create a local solution—one that would save time and better serve the people of Wauneta.

Today, Crossroads Hardware offers a wide range of products to meet everyday needs. From pipe fittings (galvanized and black pipe), bolts, nuts, and screws to plumbing and electrical supplies, paint, stains, yard and garden items, and cleaning products, the store strives to carry essential items for both homeowners and professionals. Customers can also find automotive supplies, pet food, grill pellets, Forney welding supplies, hand tools, select power tools, and even canning supplies.

While the store may be small, its mission is mighty: to provide as many useful and necessary items to the community as possible. And if something isn't on the shelf? The team is always willing to help by placing special orders. Orders are placed weekly on Mondays and typically arrive by Friday, ensuring customers can still get what they need without leaving town.

Crossroads Hardware is supported by a small but dedicated team, including Tracy Haarberg and Donny Allen, who work hard to provide friendly, knowledgeable service to every customer who walks through the door.

The business has experienced steady growth since opening, something the Haarbergs attribute to the strong support of the Wauneta community. “We would like to thank the community of Wauneta for the support they have shown, as we have seen substantial growth since opening. We look forward to continuing to serve our community,” they shared.

Looking ahead, Crossroads Hardware is expanding. A new building is being added to allow for better organization and increased space, making room for even more products to meet the evolving needs of the community.

For Tracy, one of the most rewarding parts of the business has been reconnecting with the community on a regular basis. That personal connection is evident in the way customers are treated—not just as customers, but as neighbors.

Crossroads Hardware is a perfect example of how small businesses play a big role in keeping rural communities strong. Their commitment to convenience, service, and community makes them truly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations to Crossroads Hardware on being named Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month!





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As we continue into 2026, thank you for your continued support. 2025 has been full of growth, challenges, and meaningful moments, and we are so grateful for our residents, families, staff, and community.

We're especially thankful to continue providing hospice care through our partnership with Angels Care Hospice; walking alongside families during life's most tender moments is truly a privilege.

Looking ahead, our focus remains people first—providing excellent care, supporting families, and investing in our staff. We're always seeking compassionate individuals to join our team, particularly in nursing, dietary, and environmental services.

We're also planning important facility improvements, including:

- A new garage and storage building**
- Rebuilding our retaining wall**
- Creating a memorial wall to honor loved ones**

These projects are only possible through donations. All gifts are tax deductible, and every dollar directly supports WC&TC and stays within our community.

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Administrator

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"Brandy will continue providing the services patient have come to know and trust, while now expanding her role to include behavioral health. All appointment services are available for the community"

"In addition to her regular services, Brandy is now taking behavioral health appointment in Benkelman, Imperial and Wauneta."

A significant step forward in expanding access to behavioral health care in rural Nebraska has been achieved through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) / Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) Grant.

The grant was designed with a clear mission: to increase access to behavioral health services in primary care settings across rural Nebraska and to support clinics in adopting integrated behavioral health practices. One key focus of the program is strengthening the rural healthcare workforce by expanding the skill sets of existing providers.



Brandy Wallin, APRN, FNP, PMHNP

Through this grant, Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) and Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (PNPs) were given the opportunity to pursue advanced training to become Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioners (PMHNPs). The program includes 16 months of didactic coursework, totaling 20 graduate credits, along with 340 hours supervised clinical training. Upon completion, participants earn a Post-Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, qualifying them to sit for the national PMHNP certification exam.

Thanks to this grant opportunity, Brandy Wallin completed the Post-Master's Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing program through the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), graduating in May 2025. National certification through the American Nurses Credentialing (ANCC) was achieved in September 2025.

Once fully integrated into practice, this advanced certification will allow Brandy to serve patients as a dually certified primary care and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, bringing comprehensive, whole-person care to area communities.

This achievement represents more than an individual milestone; it is an investment in the future of rural healthcare. By expanding behavioral health services within primary care, patients can receive timely, coordinated care closer to home, where it has always been needed most.

This training enhances Brandy's role as an APRN, allowing her to provide specialized psychiatric mental health care along with the primary care services she already offers.

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April Prayer for Fresh Beginnings and Divine Renewal

Heavenly Father, as I step into this new month of April, I come with a heart open before You. Wash away every trace of weariness, disappointment, and fear that followed me from the past months.

Let this month mark a new chapter in my life, where Your mercy speaks louder than my mistakes and Your grace carries me beyond my limitations. Breathe new life into every dry place within me. Let my spirit be renewed, my mind refreshed, and my strength restored. May every door that seemed closed before now open by Your divine hand. I surrender this month into Your care, trusting that You are already working behind the scenes for my good.

**K-2 Student of the month
Payson Tuttle**



Payson has been working really hard in class. He tries hard and asks for help when needed. Payson has a "love of learning" and is very inquisitive. He is a good friend to others, and we are happy he is a part of our 2nd grade class.

**3-5 Student of the month
Avery Vapenik**



Avery is a kind and caring friend who is eager to lend a helping hand. She has the sweetest smile that will light up any room! We're so glad you're in 3rd grade, Avery!

**6-8 Student of the month
Zya Richardson**



Zya always comes to class with a smile. She listens and asks for help when she needs it. She is always willing to stand up for what she thinks is right. It has been wonderful having Zya in class!

**9-12 Student of the month
Kaysha Fuller**



Kaysha is a great role model for all WP students. She is kind and respectful to classmates and staff. She works hard and always puts forth her best effort. Keep up the great work, Kaysha!



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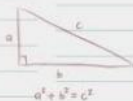
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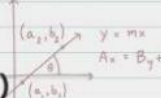
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- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
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- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups white chocolate chips
- 1 cup dried blueberries or ¾ cup fresh blueberries (patted dry)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350F degrees and line baking sheets with parchment paper. In large mixing bowl, cream the softened butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each, then stir in the vanilla extract.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until a dough forms. Gently fold in the white chocolate chips and blueberries, being careful not to overmix, especially if using fresh berries.

Can slightly press a few extra chips and blueberries into the top of the dough balls before baking.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are lightly golden and centers are set.

If using fresh blueberries, make sure they are very dry to avoid excess moisture in dough. Dried blueberries offer a more concentrated flavor and firmer texture. Chill the dough for 30 minutes before baking if you want thicker cookies. These cookies stay soft for days and freeze well as dough or after baking.

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Bears possess a nasal mucosa 100 times larger than a human’s, allowing them to smell food from miles away. And despite their heavy build, bears can run up to 40 mph, fast enough to catch a horse. Bears are bowlegged. This gives them better grip and balance. A polar bear can swim up to 100 miles without resting.

Bears are very smart and have been known to roll rocks into bear traps to set them off and eat the bait safely. Unlike many mammals, bears can see in color.

Next Month Fun Penguin Facts





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

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Sunday 10:00 am Mass MT

Hamlet Union Church
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2. How many Peeps do Americans eat during each Easter season?
3. Most Americans bite off what part of a chocolate bunny first?
4. What flower is considered an Easter symbol?
5. What bread-based snack is associated with Easter?
6. Why are pretzels considered an Easter food?
7. Besides bunnies, what animal is considered an Easter symbol?
8. Easter Sunday is also called what?
9. In the Bible, what Jewish holiday was being celebrated the week of Jesus' death and resurrection?
10. In the Bible, Judas traded Jesus in exchange for what?
11. In the Bible, which prisoner was released instead of Jesus?
12. How long does it currently take to produce one marshmallow Peep?
13. What color jellybean is most popular?
14. In the Bible, what did Jesus and his apostles eat at the Last Supper?





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PLANNED OUTAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA

Southwest Public Power District will be conducting a planned outage that will affect the city of Wauneta and is expected to take place on Tuesday, April 7th, beginning at 8:00AM MDT. The outage is expected to last approximately six to eight hours. The contingency date for this outage is Wednesday, April 8th.

During this outage, SWPPD will work with Watts Electric to replace structures, run new conductor into the Wauneta substation, and create a temporary connection to the substation. This temporary connection will allow us to rebuild a portion of the normal line that feeds the Wauneta substation.

While this work is being done outside the substation, Premier Power has contracted with the city of Wauneta to perform important substation upgrades during the outage. Keeping up with system maintenance and improvements is how we ensure the delivery of safe, reliable electricity to our customers.

A second outage will eventually be necessary to restore original connections once the remainder of improvements are made. Once the date of the second outage is determined, another communication will be issued through the same media channels.

Updates regarding outage progress can be found on the Southwest Public Power District Facebook page, and can also be received via text message. If you would like to receive text message updates, or have questions regarding this outage, please contact Frank at SWPPD by calling (308) 285-3295, or Evelyn with the city of Wauneta by calling (308)394-5390.

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 **March 10, 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, C Walgren, K Kerchal, R Einspahr, P Johnston

Guests: RaNae Richardson (WCTC Administrator), Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Jake Maris, Luke & Hannah Curl, Rogan & Ashley Einspahr

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on March 5, 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 February 10, 2026.

Board approved the Treasurer's Report (Feb) and approved bills (March) as presented.

Johnston, Kerchal and Richardson reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for January 2026 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Board approved the updated Wauneta Care and Therapy Center (WCTC) Employee Policy #7.4, "Shift Differential – Weekend", increasing the rate from \$1.00 per hour to \$3.00 per hour.

Board approved and accepted a quote for interior paint work to be done at WCTC. Quote received from Tim Kniep for \$4600.00.

Board approved for WCTC to subscribe to "Dining RD", a dietary menu planning program. Annual subscription cost is \$2182.95.

Reviewed the Sheriff's Report for February 2026.

The Board reviewed a request from Rogan and Ashley Einspahr to forgive their Owner-Occupied Rehab (OOR) loan and release the related lien. The Einspahrs are applying for a Home Equity Loan, and the lender has requested the Village release the lien. The Board asked if it would be an option for the Village to retain their lien but subordinate to the new loan. Einspahrs will check into this with the lender.

Luke and Hannah Curl would like to add a new electric service in the Village's service area. Village Superintendent Lawless provided an initial estimate on the cost of adding the new service. The Curls were present to request the Village look into additional options or obtain additional quotes to see if the cost could be lowered. Lawless will look into this.

Reviewed request from Southwest Public Power District (SWPPD) to grant an additional easement on Village property. The Board granted additional easements on Village property to allow SWPPD to install, upgrade and maintain power lines.

Skelton reported that to apply for a Rural Economic Development Grant from the USDA, the Village must first become RUS (Rural Utilities Service) eligible. Skelton will start this process. This does not obligate the Village to apply for the grant.

Board approved the updated "Emergency Plan" for the Village of Wauneta, Water System.

The Board discussed options and issues related to the acquisition of additional land to expand the sewer lagoons (for compliance with State regulations). Johnston reported on existing easements that need to be updated on the possible site.

Board authorized the Community Building committee to purchase used appliances (Refrigerator/freezer and stove) for the community, up to an amount of \$1500.00. Funds from the "Celebrate Wauneta" fundraiser event will be used toward the purchase.

The Board discussed ongoing nuisance properties and follow- up letters to be sent to several residential properties.

The Board formally accepted Crystal Walgren's resignation from the Village Board of Trustees, effective at the end of this meeting. Johnston nominated Jacob Maris to fill the vacancy. The Board approved/appointed Jacob Maris to the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the unexpired term, until December 31, 2026.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report was 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.



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REQUIREMENTS

- ★ 15 at the time of certification
- ★ Pass lifeguard certification class (which is offered @ our pool)
- ★ New & returning guards need to fill out application @ village office

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The poster features a blue background with a swimmer in a blue suit at the top right and a swimmer in a red suit at the bottom left. Two red and white lifebuoys are positioned in the center. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a pink banner at the top.



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 March 16, 2026, 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 5:04 PM MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and Fanning verified the posting of the meeting.

I.3. Open Meetings Act

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. Building Update. BD Construction and Tri-County Glass water tested the north vestibule for water and worked to schedule the hailed glass replacement. Trane was onsite March 2nd to replace parts on the air handler on the 1933 building roof. Rutts is having the power exhaust assembly shipped direct to the school on 3/6 and Eric will install when it arrives.

V.2. Bus Purchase Update. The bus that was to be purchased last month did not pass mechanical inspection and was not purchased.

VI. Action Items

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VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of February Regular Meeting Minutes. To approve and sign the minutes from 2/16/2026 regular meeting 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 District Expenditures and Monthly Budget Reports. To accept the budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll \$314,910.59, General Fund Accounts Payable \$105,342.87 for a total of \$420,253.46 passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Aaron McKinney.

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

VI.3. Accept Teacher Resignations. To accept the resignations of Angela Christner and Gale Bly effective the end of the 2025-26 school year and thank them for their years of service to the district 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.4. Approval of 2026-2027 Teacher Contract. To approve a teacher contract for Shiloh May for the 2026-2027 school year 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.5. Open, Review, Accept or Reject Sealed Bids for Surplus Buses. To open, review, accept or reject bids for surplus buses from those interested parties upon opening and reviewing, we accept the bid for 2009 Bus #3 from Amanda Hastings of \$4000, accept the bid for 2000 Bus #9 from Axtell Community School of \$7000, and accept the bid for the 2005 GMC Thomas Bus #4 from Drew TenBensel of \$4000, each bidder shall pay by via cashiers check or guaranteed funds by 3/31/2026 and arrange pickup by 4/17/2026 and the principal will contact the winning bidders 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

Received bids:

2009 Chevy Collins Bus #3

Tony WarBelton \$2510

Monte Cooper \$1150

Amanda Hastings \$4000

Todd Namath \$1750

Dana Cayer \$675

2000 GMC Thomas Bus #9

Todd Namath \$1500

Amanda Hastings \$3500

Charlotte Ebert \$1000

Axtell School \$7000



Brad Dinnel \$1503
Dana Cayer \$425

2005 Bluebird Bus #4

Dana Cayer \$400
Drew TenBensel \$4000

VII. Policy Review. None

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared NRCSA March 18-20th in Kearney, March 24 no school RPAC instrumental, RPAC Executive meeting, no school on 3/27 for PD.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared FFA Barnyard, Spelling Bee Gavin attended in Omaha, Read Across America week was celebrated. Fourth quarter began today, Ms. Hayes is taking kids to DCH, Johanson is taking JH kids on 3/19 to a career fair, Prom is 3/21 State FFA March 25-27th.

IX. Next Regular Meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT.

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 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,
Recording Secretary

Dated this March 16, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President



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B W Telcom	308-394-2000
Chase County Clinic	308-394-5593
Chase County Transit	308-394-5287
Chateau Theatre	308-394-5445
Chucks Trailer Sales	308-394-5790
Crossroads Hareware	308-394-5451
Einspah r Construction	308-394-5822
EyeLookGood! Eye & Sun Wear	308-394-5111 Cell 308-883-1347
Frenchman Auto	308-394-5854
Frenchman Valley CO-OP	308-394-5610
Games & Parks Enders Reservoir	308-394-5118
Good Times Bar & Grill	308-394-5656
Harchelroad Motors AG	308-394-5555
Hay Bale Banners Enders	308-394-6900
HFC Egress and Construction	308-394-5515
5 Star Metals	308-394-5671
HomeTown Agency The	308-394-5224
Hunter Heating & Cooling	308-394-5101
Klein AG Repair	308-414-0164
Kramer Bruce Office	308-394-5967
Kugler Copany	308-883-2615
Liewer Funeral Home	308-394-5406 Imperial 308-882-4642
Maddux Cattle Company	308-394-5208
Meadowlark Lane Coffee & Floral	308-394-5144
Nichols Cattle Company	308-394-5335
Northwestern Mutual	308-394-5245
R Fanning Farms	308-394-5755
R ector Repair	308-883-0116
Sandhills State Bank	308-883-5720
Sandman Grow Yard	308-883-5123
Sinners Alignment	308-883-0388
Southwest Public Power District	308-285-3295
Southwest Veterinary Services	308-394-5740
Susie's Creative Stitches	308-394-5814
Village Massage	308-394-5390
Wallys Lawn & Sprinklers	308-737-7764
Wauneta Care & Therapy Center	308-394-5738
<i>Wauneta City of</i>	
<i>Ambulance</i>	308-394-5670
<i>Clerk</i>	308-394-5390
<i>Fire Station</i>	308-394-5408
<i>Lirary</i>	308-394-5243

Business Name

Name	Phone
<i>Municipal Utilities</i>	308-394-5390
<i>Police To Summons Police Call</i>	308-394-5262
<i>Superintendent Of Utilities</i>	308-394-5201
<i>Swimming Pool</i>	308-394-5171
<i>Report A Fire</i>	308-394-5580
Wauneta Community Building	308-394-5392
Wauneta Crossroads Gas & Convenience Store	308-394-5444
Wauneta/Palisade School	308-394-5700
Wauneta Post Office	402-988-1168
Wauneta Senior Center	308-394-6333
Wauneta Sub Station	308-883-5201
Wildlife Department	308-883-5156

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Wauneta Senior Center Board Meeting

Monday March 9 2026

Betty called the meeting to order. Betty, Danielle, Kay, and Karon were present. Pam wasn't present.

Betty asked for public comments. There were none given.

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

Karon read the minutes of the February meeting. Kay moved to accept the minutes. Betty seconded. Motion carried.

Karon read the kitchen report. Kay moved to accept the kitchen report. Danielle seconded. Motion carried.

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

Karon gave the director report. Karon will be taking Thursdays off in March. Annual assessment on April 15th.

Old business. None

New Business

We will clean center for assessment on April 10th.

Sunday supper menu for March 22 2026 will be ham scalloped potatoes green beans roll salads and dessert.

April Sunday supper will be 26th and the menu will be roast beef mashed potatoes, green beans roll, salads and dessert.

Next meeting will be April 13th @1:30pm

There was no executive session.

Kay moved to adjourn. Betty seconded. Motion carried.

Danielle Gerih
Acting Secretary



WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER APRIL 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/1/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT 10:00 AM
 4/1/2026 BBQ CHICKEN
 4/13/2026 BOARD MEETING AT 1:30 PM PUBLIC WELCOME
 4/14/2026 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
 4/15/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT 10:00 AM
 4/26/2026 SUNDAY DINNER 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ~ MENU: ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, SALADS, AND DESSERT. (COVER 10 YRS \$12.00 ~ UNDER 10 YRS \$7.00)



EXERCISE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 10:30 AM









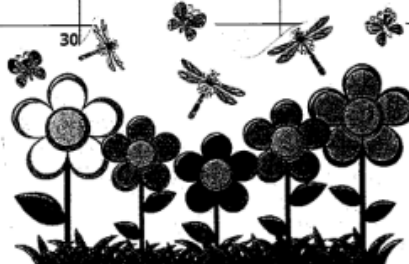
REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM THE DAY OF THE MEAL REQUEST 308-394-6333

SUGGESTED MEAL COSTS \$8.50 PER MEAL FOR 60 AND OLDER, MEAL COSTS \$9.50 PER MEAL FOR THOSE UNDER 60



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER 308-394-6333			1 BBQ CHICKEN ROASTED POTATOES BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	2 SPLIT PEA SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH SALADS/DESSERT	3 CLOSED	4 COFFEE, TEA, WATER & JUICE MILK, CRACKERS & BREAD AVAILABLE
5 CALL BY 9:30 AM FOR RESERVATION	6 CHICKEN POT PIE SALADS DESSERT	7 CLOSED Town power will be out for 6 hrs. this day.	8 SMOTHERED PORK CUTLET CHEESY POTATOES BEETS SALADS DESSERT	9 WHITE CHICKEN CHILI CORN BREAD SALADS DESSERT	10 CLOSED	11 MENU SUBJECT CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY
12 SUGGESTED \$8.50 FOR 60 AND OLDER	13 BEEF STEW BISCUIT SALADS DESSERT	14 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	15 SPIRAL HAM SWEET POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	16 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SAND SALADS DESSERT	17 CLOSED	18 EXERCISE AT 10:30 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY
19 COST PER MEAL UNDER 60 \$9.50	20 LIVER/HAMBURGER WITH ONIONS MAC & CHEESE PEAS SALADS/DESSERT	21 BEEF TIPS OVER RICE CARROTS BROCCOLI SALADS DESSERT	22 CHCKEN & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	23 HAM & BEANS FRIED POTATOES CORN BREAD SALADS DESSERT	24 CLOSED	25 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 4/1 & 4/15 @ 10 am
26 SUNDAY DINNER ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, SALADS, DESSERT & DRINK	27 BISCUIT/SAUSAGE GRAVY HASH BROWNS BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	28 CREAMED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	29 SWISS STEAK AUGRATIN POTATOES PEAS SALADS DESSERT	30 CHEESY POTATO SOUP GRILLED HAM& CHEESE SAND SALADS DESSERT		PAINTING WITH SABRINA 4/22 @ 9:30 AM RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

WAUNETA/PALISADE SCHOOLS		April 2026			ALL MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
Monday COLD BREAKFAST CEREAL & TOAST ALL BREAKFAST COME WITH FRUIT OR 100% FRUIT JUICE BREAKFAST & LUNCHEES COME WITH CHOICE OF MILK	Tuesday THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	Wednesday French Toast Cavafini Green Beans Spinach Salad Garlic Bread Fruit	Thursday PB&J Sandwich Chicken Strip Wrap Pasta Salad Romaine Salad Cucumbers Apples	Friday No School	
No School	No School	Yogurt Bar Breaded Chicken Sandwich Fries Tomato/Onion Romaine Salad Fruit	Granola Bar Hand Breaded Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans WG Ban Oranges Mrs. Marj	Ham and Cheese Biscuit Pizza Romaine Salad Ranch Pasta Cucumbers/Carrots Fruit	
Sausage Cheese Muffin Chicken Rice Bowl Broccoli Romaine Salad Fruit MRS. SORENSEN	Pancakes Tacos Refried Beans Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Red/Green Peppers Pineapple	Donuts Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato Corn Biscuit Apples SVEN	Breakfast Burritos Wing Ding Chicken Str Fry Veggies Lo Mein Noodles Egg Rolls Mandarin Oranges	Bagels/Toast Bronco Burgers Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Pickle Applesauce	
Sausage Egg Croissant Mashed Potato Bowl Corn Roll Banana	Smoothies Hot Ham Sandwich Fries Romaine Salad Pineapple	Peanut Butter & Jelly Turkey Bacon Croissant Onion/Tomato Romaine Salad Peaches	Bronco Sandwich Waling Tacos Refried Beans Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Red/Green Peppers Pineapple	Coffee Cake Bagel Burger with Egg Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Field Day KAMERAN	
Late Start Pancakes/Sausage Fresh Fruit Fresh Veggies JAKE	Waffles Hoagie Bar Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Chips Pickle Spears Fruit	Long John Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese Romaine Apples	Sausage Biscuit Cheeseburger Pockets Lettuce/Onion/Tomato Pickles Fries Pears NOAH		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <i>hello</i> APRIL			1 PTO Easter Egg hunt at school 10:00am:HS TR @ Perkins Co	2 NO SCHOOL-Easter	3 
5 	6 NO SCHOOL-Easter	9:00am:HS TR @ DCS NO SCHOOL	7 3:30pm:PTO/Title Meeting 3:30mt/4:30ct 	8 9:00am:HS TR @ DCS	9 Cambridge Music Festival (JH Girls) 6:00pm:PTO Daddy Daughter dance 6mt/7ct	10 11 9:00am:HS TR @ Cambridge
12 JH Quiz Bowl @ Bartley 5:00pm:Regular School Board Meeting 5mt/6ct	13 6-10th Grade NSCAS Testing	14 9:00am:JH TR @ Hitchcock Co.	15 6-10th Grade NSCAS Testing 	16 9:00am:HS Track meet Med Valley invite @ Cambridge 9mt/10ct	17 18 	
19 	20 FFA Meeting During Herds 12:00pm:JH TR @ Arapahoe	21 6-8th NSCAS Testing 9:00am:HS TR @ Hitchcock CO	22 3:30pm:6th Grade Track meet 3:30mt/4:30ct	23 District music contest in Imperial Field Day	24 25	
26 NO SCHOOL FOR PK-5th Grade ONLY 2 Hour late start-PD Time	27 6th Grade Bowling in Imperial 5:30pm:FFA Banquet 	28 3-4th Grade Environmental Education Festival @ Swanson Reservoir 10:00am:RPAC Principal/AD meeting in McCook	29 30 			



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Wauneta Crossroads

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hamburger w/Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veg	2 Tuscan Pizza Calzone	3 Broccoli & Cheese Soup	4 Super Nachos
5 Cheesy Potato & Ham Casserole	6 Nebraska Stuffed Beef Pocket	7 Chicken Tacos w/ Spanish Rice	8 Chicken & Noodles over Mashed Potatoes	9 "Wauneta's" Steak & Cheese Sub	10 Zesty Italian Pizza	11 Sloppy Joes Sandwich
12 Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl	13 Toasted Rueben on Marble Rye	14 Smothered Beef Burritos	15 Sweet & Sour Pork over Fried Rice	16 HomeMade Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich	17 Indian Taco Pizza	18 French Bread Pizza
19 Hot Beef Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes	20 HandBreaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich	21 Taco Salad or Taco Bravo	22 Chili topped Open Faced Hamburger	23 Dagwood Sub	24 Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza	25 BBQ Chicken Sub
26 Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye	27 French Dip Sub w/AuJus	28 Pork Tacos W/Mango Salsa	29 Meatloaf Cheesy Potatoes & Veg	30 HandBreaded Italian Chicken Sandwich		

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