

# WAUNETA HAPPENINGS

January 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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*Happy New Year*

*As we welcome the New Year, may it bring our community an abundance of incredible opportunities, filled with beautiful moments & joyful experiences. May our town take positive action & adopt an attitude that inspires others. Let us be brave enough to embrace & overcome rewarding challenges. May we find ourselves in high spirits & vibrant health. May we love wholeheartedly & discover peace in even the most turbulent times. May the love & care we share be multiplied a hundredfold, & may we be infused with the hope and strength necessary to turn our town's dreams into reality.*

## Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – January 2026

# Village Massage



## Proudly Located in Wauneta

The Wauneta Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize **Village Massage** as the **January Business of the Month**. Owned and operated by **Allison Lawless**, Village Massage has become a valued part of the Wauneta community by offering high-quality wellness services in a space designed to help clients relax, restore, and feel their very best.

Located at **212 N. Tecumseh**, Village Massage is a day spa that has been serving the community for **six years**. As a solo-owned and operated business, Allison combines her background in healthcare and wellness with a genuine passion for helping others.

Village Massage was born from both professional experience and personal inspiration. After being diagnosed with an autoimmune disease several years ago, Allison experienced the powerful benefits of professional massage firsthand. That life-changing experience sparked a desire to bring natural and holistic healing services to her own community. What began as a vision to serve others through wellness has grown into a trusted local business built entirely through word of mouth and community support.

Village Massage offers a range of specialized services, including **Craniosacral Therapy**, **Swedish massage**, **Hot Stone massage**, and various **body treatments**. In addition to hands-on services, the spa also retails a professional skincare line, with plans to continue expanding natural wellness products in the future. What sets Village Massage apart is the combination of skilled, specialized care with a space that feels both **luxurious and welcoming**—a rare and appreciated offering in a rural setting.

The mission of Village Massage is clear and heartfelt: to nurture the health and well-being of every person who walks through the door. Clients leave feeling supported, restored, and ready to show up as their best selves. Allison considers every client who leaves feeling better than when they arrived, a true achievement.

Recent milestones include **opening a new location in December of 2024** and becoming a **Certified Craniosacral Therapist** this year—both exciting steps forward for the business.

Community connection plays a major role in Village Massage's success. Allison is active in the **Wauneta Chamber of Commerce** and supports local causes whenever possible. She credits the Chamber with helping her stay connected to



opportunities for involvement while increasing visibility for her business. For other small business owners, she encourages Chamber participation as a welcoming and flexible way to grow.

Looking ahead, Village Massage hopes to expand by adding additional service providers, including a **Massage Therapist, Cosmetologist, and Esthetician**, allowing even more services to be offered locally.

At the heart of Village Massage is Allison's love for helping people and the meaningful relationships she has built along the way. The Wauneta Chamber is proud to celebrate Village Massage for its commitment to wellness, community, and compassionate care.

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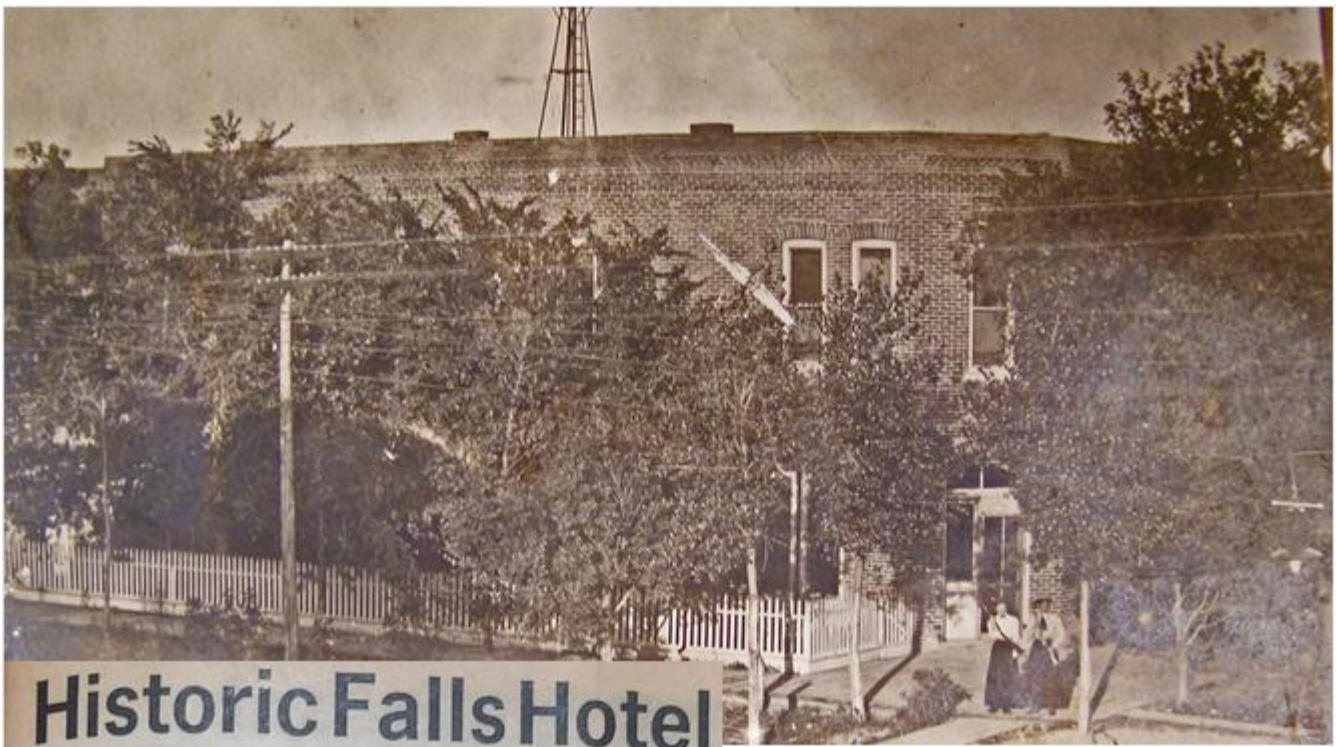
Thank  
you

*I want to thank my co-workers, Sunni, Emily, and Connor at Sandhills State Bank, for the exceptional retirement party they hosted for me. I have enjoyed being part of the team with the three of you! Thank you so much to everyone who called or stopped by with well wishes, good advice, beautiful flowers, cards, and gifts. I feel so blessed to have such loving friends in this wonderful community. I have had the pleasure of working with special friends and co-workers all through the years that are dear to me. Especially Brenda Anderson, who was very instrumental in all the changes our beloved Hometown Bank has been through.*

*Thank you, and God bless you all.*

*Rhonda*





## Historic Falls Hotel being torn down

One of Southwest Nebraska's oldest and most notable landmarks is in the process of being torn-down — the Wauneta Falls Hotel. The work is being done by Ralph Ward of McCook and the structure will be completely down by the first of the year, if the weather holds.

The famous building was built in the summer of 1893 by Frank McCallum. It was constructed of local brick, made in the east part of Wauneta. According to Chester Stock, the first school house and the building now occupied by Bob's Grocery were built at the same time, and out of the same local brick. The brick was made

by a well-known pioneer Alf Dick.

The hotel was operated until the early 1950's, when it was closed. It is owned by Edith Krausnick who has had the property since the early 1930's. Mrs. Krausnick advised us she still owns the property, but she has made no plans for future use of the site.

So it is with an element of sorrow as Waunetans watch this once-proud landmark being torn down to make way for the progress that must come for a community. Chester Stock commented, "If the Fall Hotel could write a book, it would be fantastic reading."

And we agree.

WAUNETA, NEBRASKA

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Wauents Fall Hotel

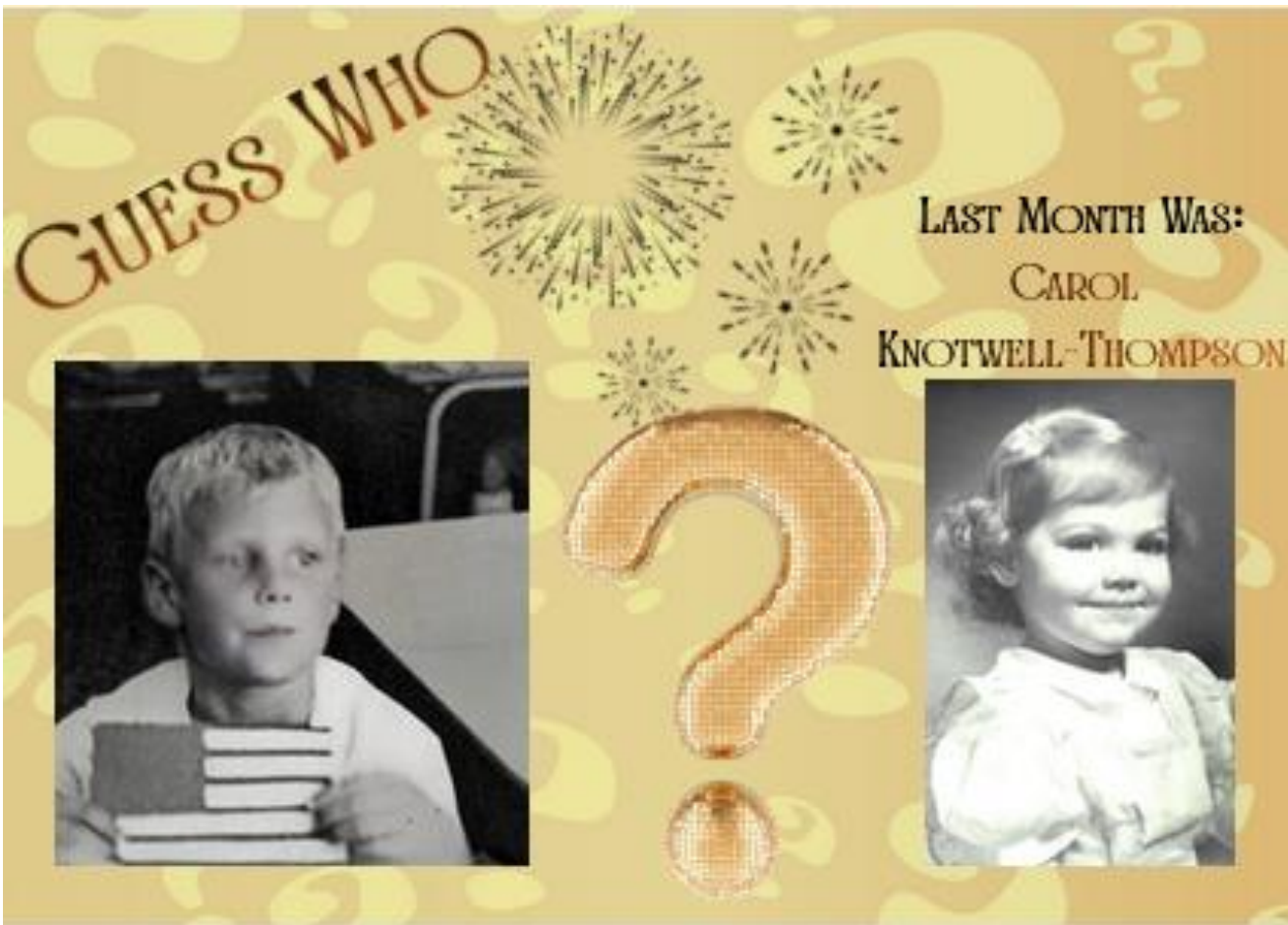
Built in 1893,

closed in 1950

HOMETOWN PROUD







NOTICE OF VACANCY  
VILLAGE OF WAUNETA

The Village of Wauneta anticipates that a vacancy will exist on the Village of Wauneta Board of Trustees at the beginning of 2026. The length of the unexpired term will be until December 31, 2026.

Anyone interested in being considered for such vacancy may contact the Village Office for more information.

Evelyn Skelton  
Village Clerk



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**FAMILY**  
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January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Legion Pie Raffle

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Events at:

Wauneta/ Palisade

Basketball Games



"Hurry! Our New Years resolutions start in 10 minutes."

Song of the month for  
**WAUNETA**



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## WINTER TRIVIA



1. How many times a year does the sun set and rise in the Arctic?  
A. Everyday B. Once C. Twice
2. What ratio of people buried in avalanches survive the ordeal?  
A. One in four B. One in ten C. Everyone
3. The largest iceberg ever recorded worldwide was 207 miles long and 62 miles wide?  
A. In the Atlantic B. In the Pacific C. In the Arctic
4. What is the name for trees that always have leaves during the winter?  
A. Oaks B. Pines C. Evergreen
5. On which other planet in the solar system have scientists observed snow falling?  
A. Mercury B. Mars C. Jupiter
6. How tall was the world's largest snowman?  
A. 122 feet 1 inch B. 100 feet 10 inches C. 110 feet 3 inches
7. The largest snowflake ever discovered was about the size of a dinner plate.  
A. True B. False
8. Chionophobia is the extreme dislike or fear of what?  
A. Winters B. Snow C. China
9. Snowflakes usually have how many sides?  
A. Six B. Eight C. Five







## FOSTER PARENTS ARE NEEDED!

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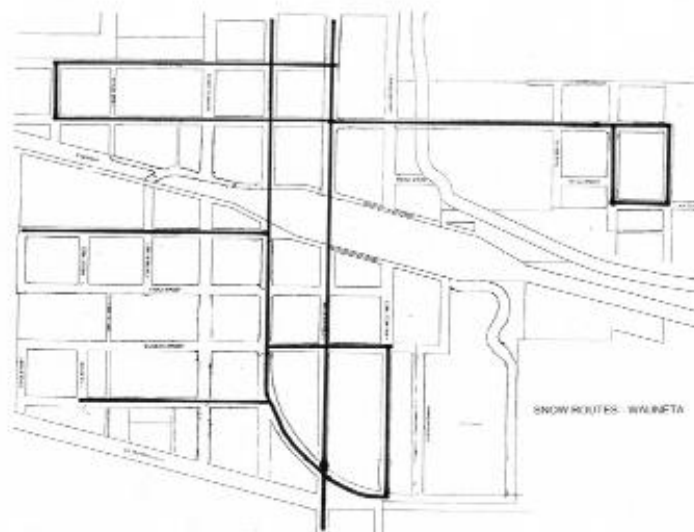
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## NOTICE OF VEHICLE PARKING ON SNOW ROUTES



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

# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Donna & Marjorie

Join us for an open house to celebrate  
Donna Applegarth and Marjorie Wheeler's  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**DATE:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**WHERE:** Senior Center in Wauneta

**TIME:** 1:00 to 4:00 MT



## Andrea Almanza



## PK-2 Student of the Month Milo West



Andrea deserves to be honored as 'Student of the Month' because she exemplifies 'honor' student. First, she is respectful in and out of the classroom to both peers and adults. Second, she demonstrates kindness and acceptance of others. Third, she focuses on learning, takes pride in the quality of her work and completes it in a timely manner. Fourth, Andrea is dedicated to her teams and practice schedule, and she works to improve every day. Last, Andrea is a positive role model to her classmates and younger students. Andrea is awesome!

Milo works very hard on his schoolwork. He is inquisitive and asks many questions. He is a good friend to others and always includes his classmates in all activities. Milo has a quick wit, and is very positive which makes our school days a lot of fun. Thanks for being you, Milo!

## 3-5 Student of the Month Brock Munderloh



## 6-8 Student of the Month Andrea Barrera



It is a pleasure to nominate Brock for Student of the Month. He consistently goes above and beyond, not just in academics but as a leader. Brock is an enthusiastic and kind learner who consistently strives to do his best. Keep being awesome, Brock!

Andrea's positivity and kindness are contagious! She is a hard worker and is always ready to lend a helping hand. Keep it up, Andrea!

## Cheeseburger Soup



### Ingredients:

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ½ pound ground beef           | 3 cups chicken broth         |
| 4 tablespoons butter, divided | ¼ cup all-purpose flour      |
| ¾ cup carrots, diced          | 1 to 2 cups Velveeta, cubed  |
| ¾ cup celery, diced           | 1 ½ cups whole milk          |
| ¾ cup onion, diced            | ¾ teaspoon salt              |
| 1 teaspoon dried basil        | ¼ to ½ teaspoon black pepper |
| 1 teaspoon dried parsley      | ¼ cup sour cream             |
| 4 cups potatoes, diced        |                              |

### Directions:

1. In large pot or Dutch oven, add the ground beef. Cook and crumble it for 6 to 8 minutes until no longer pink. Drain and set aside.
2. Melt 1 teaspoon of butter in the same pot. Add carrots, celery, onions, dried basil, and dried parsley. Stir and saute for about 10 minutes. The vegetables should be tender.
3. Add the potatoes, ground beef, and chicken broth to the pot. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and cover it with lid. Simmer until potatoes are tender, about 10 to 12 minutes.
4. In separate small pan, melt 3 tablespoons of butter on medium-low heat. Add flour and stir continuously for about 3 to 5 minutes. The mixture should start to bubble. Stir it into the soup and bring the soup to a boil. Cook for 2 minutes.
5. Reduce the heat to low. Stir in the Velveeta cheese, whole milk, salt, and black pepper. Once the cheese melts, remove the pot from the heat. Stir in the sour cream.
6. Top the soup with onion rings, green onions, and bacon if desired.

**Serve warm and enjoy!**



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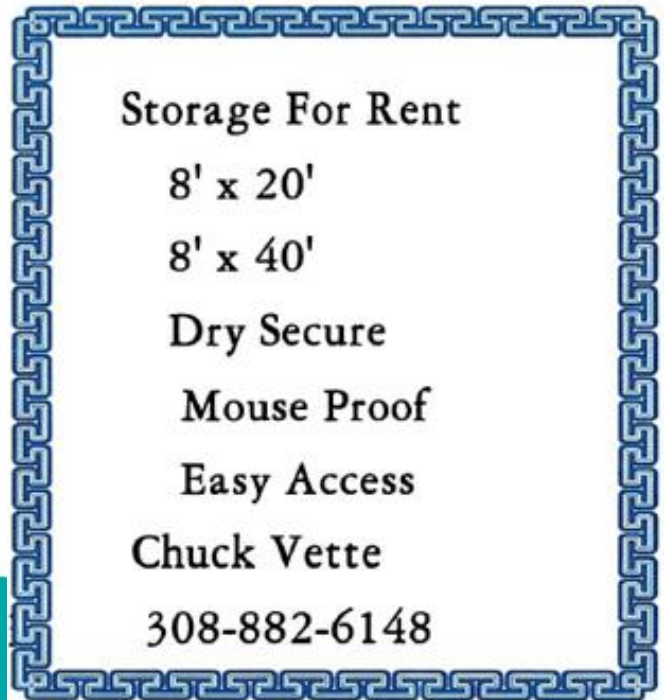
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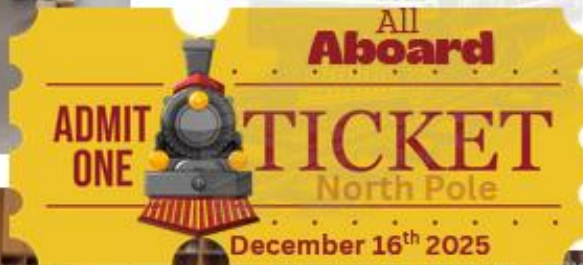
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# Wauneta/Palisade

Everyone held on to their ticket, and the Kindergarten students were all able to board the Polar Express for the annual trip to the North Pole!



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## Fun Cow Facts...

Cows have almost a total 300-degree panoramic vision. This keeps them safe from predators. And they can see all colors except red.

Cows can hear lower and higher frequencies better than humans.

Like human fingerprints, each cow has a unique nose print. No two cows have the same pattern of wrinkles and creases on their noses.



# NEW YEAR'S EVE

## WORD SEARCH



### 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

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JANUARY

MIDNIGHT  
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PARTY  
RESOLUTION



*Happy New Year*





### **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 5:00 PM Mountain on December 15, 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 Every Day

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and McKinney verified the meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

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

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

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None.



## V. Discussion Items

V.1. Superintendent Review Update. Sandman reminded the board members about completing the superintendent review online by 12/18/2025.

V.2. Negotiations Update. Planning for January meetings.

## VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of November Minutes. To approve and sign the 11/10/2025 regular meeting minutes passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.  
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.2. Approval of District Budget Reports and Expenditures. To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of payroll \$304,939.31; GF account payables \$111,565.56 for a total of \$416,501.87 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

## VII. Policy Review

VII.1. Updated Policy 3131 & 3132 Adoption To adopt and waive the first and second oral reading of Policy 3131 and 3132 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

## VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared that the fire alarms have been tested, and a small leak in a backflow pipe was found, which will be fixed. Transportation has been quite busy with multiple activities this month. Geier thanked our drivers for their service, including Guy and Joseph. Wednesday RPAC meeting, we will host RPAC BB 1st round in January. Served as conductor for the Polar Express for Kindergarten on Friday. Board members raised concerns about exterior lighting.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared that the Christmas concert was outstanding and thanked Ms. Ballon for her guidance and preparation. Mrs. Doetker will have a gingerbread house activity tomorrow. Herds will incorporate all students tomorrow before Christmas break. Mrs. Bauerle took her high school kids to the 5th-grade classroom to help with essay writing. One Act performed well and Mrs. Bauerle and Mrs. Carstens directed the performance well and some students received acting awards. PTO will host Reindeer games on Thursday, JH BB tomorrow with HS to follow, Thursday JH BB and HS Wrestling meet at 4 pm. Dustin Frank of KCAV will be here to evaluate the sound system. Attended the state principal conference last week and shared the national data on attendance, AI affecting students, and classroom management.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report. December meeting 12/9/2025, ESU 15/16 Board Member Workshop will be Tuesday, 1/13/2026, in North Platte at 5:15 pm CT.

VIII.4. NASB Report. Sandman appreciated all the board members attending the state convention and Legislative Issues conference on January 25-26, 2026. School Board Appreciation Week is January 25-31, 2026.

IX. Next Regular Meeting . Board Workshop, Monday, January 12, 2026 at HTA at 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm CT. Regular Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm MT/6:00 pm CT in the school conference room.

X. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 5:46 pm MT passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Hondo Fanning.

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 December 15, 2025  
Chase County School District #536  
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

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

Village of Wauneta, Nebraska

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wauneta, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:30 p.m. on **December 9, 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: B Kramer, K Kerchal, R Einspahr, P Johnston. Absent: C Walgren.

Guests: RaNae Richardson (WCTC Admin), Arlan Wine (Village Attorney)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican. 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.

Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on November 11, 2025.

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

Johnston, Kerchal and Richardson reported on the Nursing Home Committee meeting, including review of the Oct 2025 Financial Reports.

Board approved renewal of the WCTC Certificate of Deposit with Sandhills State Bank (matures 12/16/2025) at the following terms: 12 months @ 3.25%.

Board approved Christmas bonuses for Nursing Home employees based on Richardson's recommendation.

Discussed the Nursing Home policy regarding the portion of employee health insurance premiums that are paid by the Employer. Board approved that the facility (WCTC) will pay 65% of the total health insurance premium for participating employees, regardless of coverage.

Board approved wage increase for Sherlynn Kirk, Activities Director, as recommended by Administrator Richardson.

Discussion held regarding the Director of Nursing Position at the nursing home.



Skelton gave a report on the next steps for the Wastewater Lagoon and NDWEE facility compliance. Per discussion with Greg Wolford, engineer, the Village should work on securing financing and land acquisition.

Reviewed the Sheriff's Report for Nov 2025.

Board approved Resolution No. 2025-04, a resolution to authorize signing the Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent (Greg Wolford).

Board approved the purchase of a replacement voltage regulator (75 KVA) for the substation (quote from Solomon - \$9,300.00).

Board approved the following employee Christmas bonuses, to be paid in chamber bucks or gift cards:

Board approved the Lot Split Application, as recommended by the Wauneta Planning Commission. The property to be split is Lot 3, Block 1, Theobalds Addition to Wauneta, owned by Craig & Karen Maris. The recommendation is to split 10 feet off Lot 3 and add it to Lot 2.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton. Discussed holiday office hours. Skelton reported that the Village received \$2985.00 in donations during the "Celebrate Wauneta" event.

The Board discussed the pending Vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees and the procedure for filling such vacancy. The Board will follow up at the next regular or special meeting.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

Board approved the Reorganization and Appointments for 2026 as listed below.

Page Johnston (aka James P. Johnston) nominated for Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Johnston appointed Rick Einspahr to be Vice Chairman.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Depositories

Evelyn Skelton

Sandhills State Bank, Wauneta

Waypoint Bank, Imperial

Adams Bank & Trust, Imperial

Pinnacle Bank, Imperial

Chairman – Page Johnston

(aka James P. Johnston)

Vice-Chair – Rick Einspahr

Other Board Member – Beau Kramer

Clerk/Treasurer – Evelyn Skelton

Deputy Clerk – Tangie Dinnel

Arlan Wine

Greg Wolford, W Design Associates

(License #S-875, class A)

Authorized Signers for bank accounts  
and Certificates of Deposit

Village Attorney

City Street Superintendent

#### **Commissioners:**

Utility

Street

Park-Pool-Trees

Cemetery

Ambulance Policy

Power Pool Rep

Safety Committee

B Kramer, P Johnston

B Kramer, K Kerchal

B Kramer, R Einspahr

P Johnston, B Kramer, K Kerchal

B Kramer, P Johnston

P Johnston, R Einspahr, S Lawless

P Johnston, B Kramer

#### **Boards and Committees:**

Board of Health

Library Board

P Johnston, A Wine, R Einspahr

Lindsay Anderson, Denise Krausnick, Jennifer

DeWester, Marsha Cameron, vacancy

Bill Bischoff, Chad DeWester, Shane Lawless

Vacancy

Village Board of Trustees, (P Johnston,  
Chairman)

Ballfield Committee

Park and Tree Committee

Nursing Home Committee

Planning Commission

Chad DeWester, Kenneth Lawless,  
Laurie Maris, Mandi Kramer, Tod Bunker

Community Redevelopment Authority

Village of Wauneta Board of Trustees

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Village of Wauneta Board of Trustees

Community Building

R Einspahr, C Walgren, B Kramer

Emergency Preparedness Committee

S Lawless, R Einspahr

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman  
Evelyn Skelton, Clerk

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**NOTE:**

A complete text of the minutes, Resolutions and Ordinances are on file in the office of the Village Clerk, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Wauneta Senior Center Board Meeting  
DECEMBER 8, 2025

Betty called the meeting to order. Betty, Pam, Kay and Karon were present.

Dundy County Hospital Administrator was present to answer questions concerning the medical leasing the south side of the center.

Betty asked for public comments. There were none given.

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

Karon read the minutes of the November meeting. Kay moved to accept the minutes. Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Karon read the kitchen report.

Karon read the treasurer's report. Minimum wage will be increased on January 1, 2026. Kay moved to approve the treasurer's report. Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Karon gave the directors report. Discussion of the 4-H meetings and their assistance with Sunday dinner was approved. No final results for the Senior Center from the Celebrate Wauneta event have been reported. Karon will have a directors meeting on January 15, 2026.

Old Business:

New Business:

Frances Lewis has resigned from the board effective immediately.

A motion was made by Kay for the Christmas bonuses to be chamber bucks. Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Sunday dinner menu for January 25, 2026 will be smothered steak, baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese, roll, salads and dessert.

Next meeting will be on January 12, 2026 @ 1:30 pm.

There was no executive session.

Pam moved to adjourn. Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Karon Pantera  
Acting Secretary



# JANUARY 2026

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

**Happy  
New Year**

# WAUNETA CROSSROADS "LUNCH" SPECIALS

## JANUARY 2026

**Call 394-5444**  
**to reserve a lunch special!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BBQ Chicken Sub	2 Mexican Chicken Pizza	3 Super Nachos
4 Dagwood Sub	5 Nebraska Stuffed Beef Pocket	6 Chicken Enchiladas	7 Hamburger w/Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veg	8 Home-made Pork Cutlet Sandwich	9 BBQ Grill Pizza	10 Sloppy Joes Sandwich
11 Chicken & Noodles over Potatoes	12 Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye	13 Indian Taco Pizza	14 Sweet & Sour Pork over Fried Rice	15 Home-made Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich	16 Chipotle Chicken Ne Bacon Pizza	17 Hot Ham & Cheese Sub
18 Chicken Cordon Bleu Sub	19 Wauneta's Steak & Cheese Sub	20 Taco Bravo or Taco Soup	21 Ham & Beans w/ Cornbread	22 Patty Melt on Marble Rye	23 Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza	24 French Bread Pizza
25 Open Faced Hamburger topped w/Chili	26 Chicken Parmesan over Spaghet-	27 Smothered Beef Burritos	28 Hot Beef Sandwich w/Potatoes	29 Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl	30 Kinda Big Dill Pickle Pizza	31 Italian Meatball Sub



*winter  
is here*

### ANSWERS TO WINTER TRIVIA

1. B ONCE
2. A ONE IN FOUR
3. C IN THE ARCTIC
4. C EVERGREEN
5. B MARS
6. A 122 FEET 1 INCH
7. A TRUE
8. B SNOW
9. A SIX