WAUNETA HAPPENINGS

March 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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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.**

As we welcome March, it's the perfect opportunity to share a breathtaking image of our charming town, nestled within the lush valley of our community. This photograph not only captures the stunning beauty of our surroundings but also serves as a powerful reminder of the hope and renewal that spring brings into our lives.

The image presents a captivating panorama of our landscape, full of vibrant blooms and rich greenery that showcase nature's incredible artistry. It encourages us to pause and genuinely appreciate the unique allure of our environment, inviting us to immerse ourselves in the peace and beauty that surrounds us. Let's embrace this season of renewal together!

Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – March 2026

Good Times Bar & Grill

The **Wauneta Chamber** is proud to recognize **Good Times Bar & Grill** as our Business of the Month!

Located at **318 N. Tecumseh**, Good Times Bar & Grill has been a staple in Wauneta for more than 40 years. Originally opened in February 1981 by Marv Hamilton, this hometown favorite continues its legacy today under the ownership of **Angela Geihsler**, who purchased the business in December 2024.

Angela's journey with Good Times began long before ownership. She started working at Good Times in August 2008 as a very part-time weekend and evening waitress. From the very beginning, she loved the people, the atmosphere, and the small-town charm the bar provided. Over the years, the opportunity to purchase the business presented itself more than once—but this time, everything aligned. Now, she's grateful to take her turn carrying on a tradition that has served the Wauneta community for decades.

Good Times employs five weekly staff members, one seasonal employee, and of course Angela and Nicolas—making it a dedicated and hardworking team behind the scenes. While guests see the friendly faces and welcoming smiles, Angela emphasizes that what many may not realize is the amount of work that happens before the doors open and after they close. In a small, "rustic" kitchen, the team puts in countless hours to ensure every meal and experience comes together seamlessly.

🍔**What You'll Find at Good Times** Good Times offers an expansive menu full of classic bar favorites—appetizers, burgers, chicken, fish and shrimp, pizza, and a daily lunch special. Beyond the food, guests can enjoy a pool table, KENO, and a growing lineup of fun events. The last Saturday of every month features karaoke, and there

are plans to introduce trivia nights and additional gaming options such as pickle cards and freestanding machines. They also offer off sale beer and liquor.

But what truly sets Good Times apart isn't just the menu—it's the feeling when you walk through the door.

It's that small-town, "everybody knows your name" atmosphere. No matter the time of day, you'll likely find locals gathered around enjoying a drink, sharing stories, or welcoming someone new. At Good Times, no one leaves a stranger.

💛 Mission & Milestones

Angela's philosophy is simple yet powerful: to provide a family-friendly, judgment-free space where strangers become regulars. It's a place between home and work where people connect, laugh, unwind, and feel welcome.

One milestone she's especially proud of is making it through the first year of ownership—a huge accomplishment in today's small business climate.

🌾 Community Connection

Community support has been everything to Good Times. From daily lunch crowds and KENO regulars to post-game gatherings and weekend visitors, every person who walks through the door helps keep the business thriving.

Good Times is an active member of the Wauneta Chamber and ABATE of Nebraska. They participate in Harvest Fest each year—complete with the famously chaotic quarter beer special—and have supported numerous local events. The team has catered and bartended for Chamber functions, Village events, Celebrate Wauneta, and the Fireman's Ball. They also support local school programs through donations and provide space for meetings.

Angela credits the Wauneta Chamber with supporting Good Times "in every way"—from hosting lunch meetings at the bar to word-of-mouth promotion and local-first advocacy. Her advice to other businesses? Get involved. The support behind the Wauneta Chamber is rewarding in all aspects, and she hopes to become even more involved in the coming year.

🔮 Looking Ahead

The future is full of goals and growth for Good Times. Angela plans to continue refining the menu—bringing back old favorites while introducing new items. Event nights like trivia are in the works, along with expanded gaming options. There are also plans to revamp and enhance the building's front exterior to create an even more inviting destination.

Ultimately, the goal is simple: to create an atmosphere everyone can enjoy.

❤️ A Personal Note

When asked her favorite part of owning Good Times, Angela didn't hesitate—the people. From longtime local families to travelers just passing through, every person has a story, a joke, or a memory to share. Over the years, many customers have become close friends and even family.

While there are too many favorite customer stories to name, one thing is certain: the walls of Good Times hold decades of laughter, memories, and community connection.

Congratulations to Good Times Bar & Grill on being named Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month! Be sure to stop in, grab a bite, enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, and experience firsthand why this local establishment continues to be a cornerstone of our community. 📞308-394-5656

📍 318 N. Tecumseh, Wauneta

CONGRATS!

Shoutout to the WP students who represented Wauneta-Palisade at the Spelling Bee last week!

Participants include 1st graders Ella, Teagan, and Kendall; 2nd graders Addy, Tinley, and Milo; 3rd graders Landry, Kannon, and Neizan; 4th graders Adrian, Hadley, and Layton; 5th graders Jase, Kyleigh, and Drake; 6th graders Dane, Levi, and Ryatt; 7th graders Ali, Cylys, and Sofia; and 8th graders Barrett, Gavin, and Charlie.

Grade level placers are:
Teagan 3rd, Tinley 1st, Landry 2nd, Hadley 1st, Adrian 2nd, Kyleigh 1st, Levi 3rd, Barrett 1st (written), Gavin 2nd (written), Sofia 3rd (written), and Gavin 1st place in the Oral Spelling Bee and qualifying for the Bee in Omaha.

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February 26, 2026

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Tickets are $25.00 each and are available for purchase at Wauneta Crossroads or you may order by mail. To order by mail, please send a check and self-addressed/ stamped envelope to: Laura West, 175 W Legion, Wauneta, NE 69045.

Please make checks payable to Wauneta- Palisade Alumni Association.

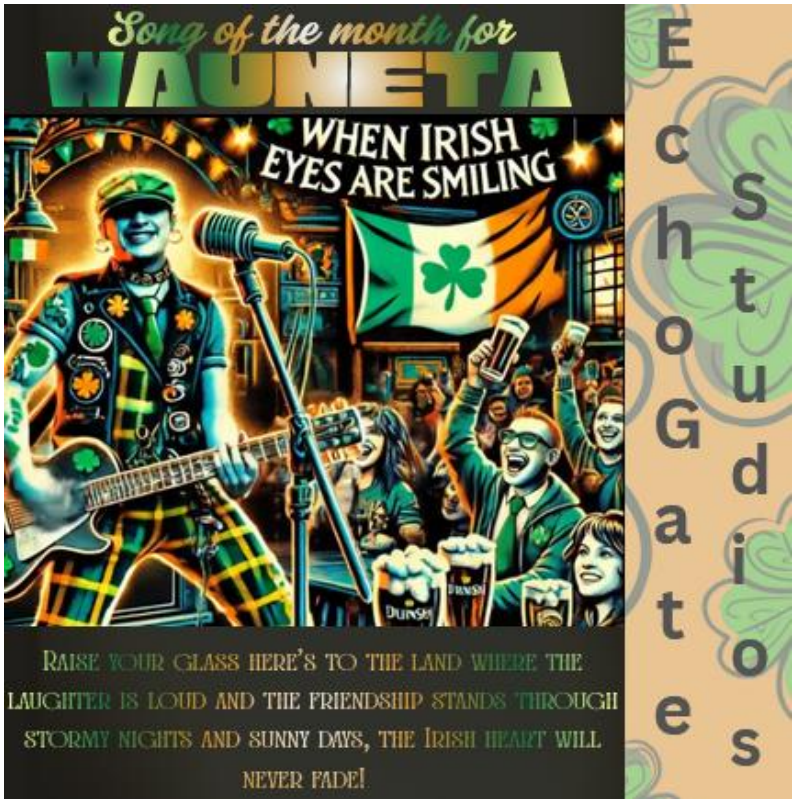
Schedule: 5:00pm School Tours

5:30pm Class Pictures in the Gym

6:00pm Alumni Banquet at Wauneta School Gym.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Laura West



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Chase County Fair Grounds, this picture is from 1975

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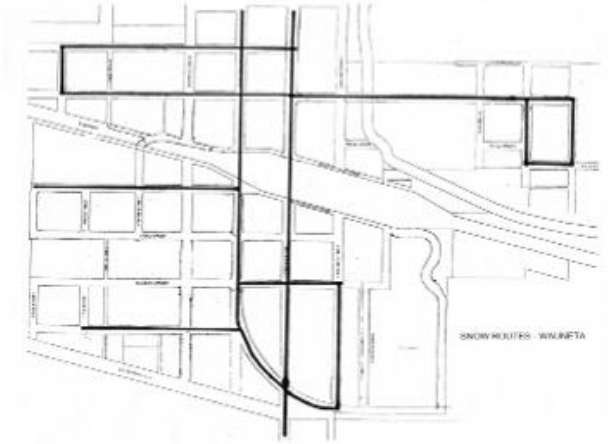

Vehicles on Snow Routes need to be removed from streets prior to storms.

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.

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St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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Irish	Parade	Pot
Emerald	Leprechaun	Shamrock
Clover	Patrick	Green
Lucky'	Gold	Saint
Ireland	Rainbow	March

CONGRATS!

K-2 Student of the month
Demi Fanning

Demi has truly earned this award. She shows genuine kindness to her peers in the classroom each day. She comes to school eager to learn and is excited to grow as a reader by learning more words. Demi is a great leader who understands the importance of building stamina during lessons. She is an amazing friend to others and cares deeply when someone is sad. Demi is an awesome student!

3-5 Student of the month
Max Johanson

Max has shown improvement by staying focused, completing assignments carefully, and taking responsibility for his learning. He has been conscientious about his work and has made an effort to do his best. His positive attitude is wonderful to see. Keep it up, Max!

6-8 Student of the month
Tayton Wessels

Tayton consistently demonstrates kindness and respect toward everyone. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, often stepping in without being asked, simply because he sees a need. Tayton makes positive choices and does the right thing, even when no one is watching. Keep up the great work, Tayton!

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9-12 Student of the month
Addy Einspahr

I would recommend Addalyn for Student of the Month. She is very focused on her classwork, helping others when needed, and stepping out of her comfort zone to participate in new things. Addalyn has a good attitude towards everyone and is challenging herself this semester. Way to go, Addy!

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May 12, 2026
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

TERESA FAITH

Teresa Faith, LPN, has been named Employee of the Month for February at Wauneta Care and Therapy Center in recognition of her outstanding dedication and leadership. As a charge nurse, Teresa consistently goes above and beyond to ensure residents receive compassionate, high-quality care. She plays a vital role in overseeing daily nursing operations while also leading our skin and wound care monitoring with exceptional attention to detail. Her knowledge, professionalism, and commitment to excellence help promote healing and enhance the well-being of those we serve. Teresa's positive attitude, teamwork, and unwavering advocacy for residents make her a truly deserving recipient of this honor.

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8 Daylight Savings Time	9 US: 8-11	10 Wound Clinic Dr. Denney- Cardiology Healthy Tuesday	11 Dr. Frankum- General Surgery Dr. Murtore- Orthopedics US: 8-11	12	13 US: 1-3	14
15	16 Dr. Heirigs- Cardiology US: 8-11	17 Co-Ag Clinic Wound Clinic Healthy Tuesday US: 1-3	18 Dr. Rutman- Urology Dr. Mason- Podiadtry Dr. Frankum- General Surgery	19	20 Dr. Fitzpatrick- ENT US: 8-11 First day of Spring!	21
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29	30 US: 8-11	31 Wound Clinic Healthy Tuesday US: 1-3				

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½ cup butter, softened
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4 large eggs, room temperature
1 can (16 ounces)chocolate syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt

FILLING:

½ cup butter, softened
2 cups confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon water
½ teaspoon mint extract
3 drops green food coloring

TOPPING:

1 package (10 ounces) mint chocolate chips
½ cup plus 1 tablespoon butter, cubed

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in syrup and vanilla. Add flour and salt; mix well.
2. Pour into a greased 13X9-in. baking pan. Bake 30 minutes (top of brownies will still appear wet). Cool on wire rack.
3. **For filling,** in a small bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar; add water, extract and food coloring until blended. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate until set.
4. **For topping,** melt chocolate chips and butter. Cool 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spread over filling. Refrigerate. Cut into 72 bars. Store in refrigerator.

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Butterflies do not eat. They drink! They use their mouth, like a straw, to sip their food. When they're not drinking, they roll their tongue up and tuck it under their chin.

Butterfly wings are transparent, even though they are covered with thousands of tiny scales that reflect light in ways to make different colors. Butterflies have two eyes just like we do. But they have many, many lenses. That means they can see many different things in multiple directions simultaneously.

Next Month, Fun Bear Facts!

Are You Covered Where It Counts Most?

Many of the biggest home losses come from *gaps*—not disasters.

Your basic homeowners policy may not automatically include some of the most commonly needed coverages. A quick policy review could make a big difference when the unexpected happens.

Ask Us About These Often-Overlooked Coverages:

🔧 Service Line Coverage
Helps pay to repair or replace underground utility lines that run from the street to your home—like water, sewer, gas, or electric—if they break due to wear, roots, or shifting soil.

⚡ Equipment Breakdown
Covers sudden mechanical or electrical failure of major household equipment such as furnaces, air conditioners, well pumps, electrical panels, and appliances—issues not caused by fire or storms.

🚰 Sewer & Drain Backup
Provides protection if water backs up into your home through sewers, drains, or sump pumps—one of the most common (and costly) losses that standard policies often exclude.

❄ Refrigerated Products Coverage
Helps reimburse the cost of spoiled food in refrigerators or freezers due to a covered power outage or equipment failure.

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Church Worship Service Schedule

Global Methodist Church
162 W Wichita, Wauneta
Sunday 11:00 am MT

God's Missionary Church
114 S. Otoe Str, Wauneta
Sunday 10:30 am & 6:00 pm MT

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

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

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Sunday 8:30 am MT

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To all my relatives and friends who made my 100th birthday party on Feb. 8 so great. I enjoyed seeing each of you. It was the best birthday party ever. I am still enjoying the cards and memories. Thank you!

Marjorie Wheeler

thank you

To all the super people for helping me celebrate my 100th birthday. Thank you for all the beautiful gifts, cards, candy, and flowers, and all the stories you shared with me. I have no idea how many times the red hots were mentioned. I think I kept the red hot company in business for years. Thank you again and again. I love you so much, and I still do. I loved many of you as students, and love you then, and you are still loved. God bless and bless. Thanks to my family for all they did to honor me. Lovingly, Donna a.k.a. Mrs. A

St. Patrick's Trivia

1. St. Patrick's Green became associated with the holiday around 1798, replacing what color?
2. Legend says St. Patrick banished what from Ireland?
3. What is the capital of Ireland?
4. What does this Shamrock represent?
5. What is the Irish word for "health" (used in toasts)?
6. What is a boxey?
7. Which US president was the first Irish Catholic?
8. Leprechauns: The term comes from luchorpan, meaning?
9. Approximately 13 million pints of are consumed worldwide on March 17th.
10. Chicago has dyed its river green for how many years?
11. What state is the shortest, St. Patrick's Day parade held (spanning just 98 feet)?
12. The first parade was held in what state in the year 1762 (Not Ireland)?
13. Cornbeef and cabbage dish is a tradition for what country?
14. What is a consequence of not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day?

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 **February 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, K Kerchal, P Johnston. R Einspahr arrived at 8:30 pm.
Absent: C Walgren

Guests: Wendy Moe (Chase County Clerk), Shaylee Lippincott, Jess Kerchal and Arlan Wine (Village Attorney).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on Feb 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 January 13, 2026.

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

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk, presented a request to use the Wauneta Community Building as a polling site for future elections (both Primary and General). The Village will make the building available to the County Clerk for use as a polling site. The Board acknowledged that the Village will not charge for the use of the building.

Shaylee Lippincott was present to discuss efforts to establish a new daycare in Wauneta. She presented information about several potential grants, including a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that could support the development of a childcare center. Eligible applicants for the grant would include the Village.

Marla Marx, with the USDA Rural Development, gave a presentation (via Microsoft Teams) about a program called the Rural Economic Development Grant (REDG). The application would need to be submitted by the Village on behalf of one or more projects (recipients). The funds are then loaned to a project/recipient.

Kramer reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for December 2025 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Board approved the purchase of an Electrotherapy Device for the Physical Therapy Department at the Nursing Home, for a cost of $2595.00.

The Board reviewed the January 2026 Sheriff's Activity Report.

Board approved the purchase of a 2012 Ford F150 XLT Crew Cab pickup, from Frenchman Auto, for a cost of $9250.00.

Board went into executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss land acquisition and for the protection of public interest. The Village Board came out of executive session at 7:54 pm.

The Board discussed a second grant opportunity through Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corp (SWNCBC). The grant is for new home construction. The grant would require the Village to provide a lot, infrastructure, and an estimated cash match of $25,000. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

The Board discussed a complaint received regarding a nuisance property and next steps to take to address the nuisance. Lawless and Skelton will move forward and contact the property owner.

The Board discussed the pending vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees (Crystal Walgren's position). The length of the unexpired term will be until December 31, 2026. Johnston nominated Luke Curl to fill the vacancy but noted that while Curl currently lives within the Village limits, he is planning to move outside of the limits which would disqualify him from serving on the Board. Voting to approve the nomination: Nomination failed. Skelton will advertise the vacancy again, and the Board will 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.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton. Skelton reported the Tangie Dinnel has resigned from the Billing Clerk position.

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.

Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026 5:00 PM

Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214
West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska
214 W Wichita Street
Wauneta, NE 69045

Agenda

I. Call to Order
Speaker(s): Board President

- I.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- I.2. Posting Verification
- I.3. Open Meeting Act Notice
- I.4. Mission Statment

II. Roll Call
Speaker(s): Board President

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda
Speaker(s): Board President

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments
Speaker(s): Board President

V. Discussion Items

- V.1. Activity Bus Purchase

VI. Action Items

- VI.1. Approval and Signing of January Minutes
- VI.2. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports
- VI.3. Acceptance and Adoption of 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement
- VI.4. Acceptance of Lawn Care Estimate
- VI.5. Acceptance of KCAV Proposal
- VI.6. Approve Dishwasher Hood Estimate
- VI.7. Disposition of Used Buses
- VI.8. Approve 2026 NASB and NRCSA Dues
- VI.9. Approve the 2026 Employer HSA Contribution
- VI.10. Accept Teacher Resignations
- VI.11. Approve 2026-2027 Teacher Contract
- VI.12. Amend School Calendar

VII. Policy Review

VIII. Administrative Reports

- VIII.1. Superintendent Report
- VIII.2. Principal Report
- VIII.3. ESU 15 Report
- VIII.4. NASB Report

IX. Executive Session

- IX.1. Enter into Executive Session
- IX.2. Return to Open Session

X. Next Regular Meeting

XI. Adjourn

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 MT, on February 16, 2026, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 214 W Wichita Street, 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. The meeting was called to order by President Sandman at 5:00 pm MT.

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

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

I.3. Open Meeting Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statment

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

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None.

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Activity Bus Purchase. To approve the purchase of a 2013 International Shuttle Bus for $23,500 upon mechanical review 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. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of January Minutes. To approve and sign the 1/12/2026 regular meeting minutes and work meeting minutes passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.2. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports. To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the districts' expenditures of Payroll $309,234.38, GF Accounts Payable $107,517.41, for a total of $416,751.79 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.3. Acceptance and Adoption of 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement. To approve and adopt the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement with a $950 increase for a base of $40,250, keeping the BCBS insurance the same, and adding a retention incentive addendum 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. Acceptance of Lawn Care Estimate. To accept Longhorn Lawn Care estimate of $7,291.76 for 2026 passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Marty Wheeler.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.5. Acceptance of KCAV Proposal. To accept the KCAV estimate of $35,018.69 to update the competition gym sound system and approve the down payment of $17,509.35 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.6. Approve Dishwasher Hood Estimate. To approve the dishwasher hood estimate from Rutt's of $10,422 passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.7. Disposition of Used Buses. To approve disposal of three surplus buses via sealed bids by 3/12/2026 for interested parties to submit to the school office passed with a motion by John Jutten 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.8. Approve 2026 NASB and NRCSA Dues. To approve the NASB and NRCSA dues 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.9. Approve the 2026 Employer HSA Contribution. To approve the 2026 HSA Employer Contribution passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.10. Accept Teacher Resignation. To accept Trent Herbert's resignation effective the end of 2025-2026 school year and thank him for his years of service to the district passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.11. Approve 2026-2027 Teacher Contract. To approve a 2026-2027 teaching contract with Iris Alondra Torres Almanza 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.12. Amend School Calendar. To amend the school calendar for hosting the RPAC Instrumental Clinic and Concert on March 24, 2026, will result in no school that day for students and PD day for staff passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VII. Policy Review. None

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier will attend the state wrestling tournament in Omaha, and the RPAC superintendent meeting is Wednesday.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared the spelling bee results and Gavin McKinney won and will attend the state spelling bee in Omaha. Students performed well at InterHigh Day, finishing well in Division 2 schools, hosted RPAC BB, vocal music went well. The new wrestling mat has arrived. Kreyton and David qualified for state wrestling. Beyond the Mat will host an exhibition match with Bobby Chism and Lucas Linner at state wrestling. Subdistrict girls basketball will be at Morrill, playing Bayard on Tuesday and subdistrict final will be on Thursday. Boys BB will travel to Arthur County on Friday. Subdistrict boys BB will begin next week. Community Hospital Career Day next week.

IX. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT

X. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 6:20 passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.
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 February 16, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER

MARCH 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

3/4/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM

3/4/2026 FRIED CHICKEN

3/9/2026 BOARD MEETING @ 1:30 PM PUBLIC WELCOM

2/18/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION @ 10 AM

3/22/2026 SUNDAY DINNER 11 AM – 1 PM

MENU: SPIRAL HAM, SCALLOPED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, SALADS AND DESSERT

OVER 10 YR $12.00 UNDER 10 YRS $7.00

3/31/2026 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

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

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER 308-394-6333	2 SWISS BURGER FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	3 PORK CUTLET CHEESY POTATOES PEAS SALADS/DESSERT	4 FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	5 CHILI CORNBREAD SALADS DESSERT	6 CLOSED	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 SPIRAL HAM SWEET POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	10 BAKED ZITI PEAS GARLIC BREAD SALADS DESSERT	11 CHICKEN & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES CARROTS SALADS DESSERT	12 BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP GRILLED HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH SALADS/DESSERT	13 CLOSED	14 MENU SUBJECT CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY
15 HOURS OF SERVICE 8 AM TO 2 PM	16 CHICKEN POT PIE SALADS DESSERT	17 REUBEN CASSEROLE GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	18 HAM & BEANS FRIED POTATOES CORNBREAD SALADS/DESSERT	19 VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SAND SALADS/DESSERT	20 CLOSED	21 EXERCISE AT 10:30 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY
22 SUNDAY DINNER SCALLOPED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, SALADS, AND DESSERT	23 BREAKFAST CASSEROLE BEETS SALADS DESSERT	24 CHICKEN ALFREDO CASSEROLE BROCCOLI SALADS DESSERT	25 MEATLOAF AUGRATIN POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT	26 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SAND SALADS DESSERT	27 CLOSED	28 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 3/4 & 3/18 @ 10 am
29 PALM SUNDAY	30 SALMON PATTY MAC & CHEESE PEAS SALADS DESSERT	31 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS DESSERT				

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WAUNETA/PALISADE SCHOOLS	TUESDAY			ALL MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
2. **Monday** **Pancakes** Hamburger Gravy over rice Green Beans Romaine Salad Biscuit Fruit Mrs. Applegarth	3. **Tuesday** **Granola Bars** Chicken Bake Asparagus Garlic Bread Romaine Salad Fruit	4. **Wednesday** **Burritos** Pork Chops Stuffing Romaine Salad Cooked Carrots Fruit	5. **Thursday** **Muffin/ Yogurt** Enchilada Bake Refried Beans Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Spanish Rice Fruit	**Friday** **No School**
9. **Ham patty & Hash browns** Mac & Cheese Bowls Romaine Salad Broccoli Fruit	10. **Breakfast Pizza** Tacos Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Refried Beans Spanish Rice Fruit	11. **Breakfast Nachos** Roast Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Mr. Guy	12 **Donuts** Stromboli Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Fruit	13. **No School**
16. **Sausage Muffin** Hot Ham & Cheese Fries Romaine Salad Fruit	17. **Waffles** Burrito Bar Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Refried Beans Spanish Rice Fruit	18. **Quesadillas** Wing Ding Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Stir-Fry Veggies Egg Roll Fruit	19. **Ham & Cheese Croissant** Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Romaine Salad Broccoli Garlic Bread Fruit	20. **Yogurt Bar** Cheesy Breadsticks Spring Mix Marinara Sauce Fruit
23. **Tornados** Hamburger & Brats Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Pickles Fruit MICHAELa	24. **Cooks Choice** Cooks Choice	25. **Bagel, Toast, & Cereal** Hoagie/Chef Salad Bar Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Boiled Eggs/ Croutons Fruit	26. **Hash Brown Sandwich** Cooks Choice	27. NO SCHOOL
30. **Coffee Cake** Pizza Casserole Romaine Salad Fruit Chips	31. **Long Johns** Zombies Hash Browns Spring Mix Fruit **Mrs. Curl**		THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	COLD BREAKFAST: CEREAL & TOAST ALL BREAKFAST COME WITH: FRUIT OR 100% FRUIT JUICE BREAKFAST & LUNCHES COME WITH: CHOICE OF MILK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Dr. Suess B-day HS Boys BB Districts Finals	3 FFA CDE #4 in Curtis HS Boys BB District Finals	4	5 Girls BB State Tourney	6 NO SCHOOL Girls BB State Tourney	7 Girls BB State Tourney
8	9	10	11 **10:00am:**NHS Blood drive 11:30-5 MT	12 End Of 3rd Quarter Boys BB State Tourney	13 NO SCHOOL Boys BB State Tourney	14 Boys BB State Tourney
15	16 **8:00am:**District Speech @ Southwest 8:00 MT/9:00 CT **5:00pm:**Regular School Board Meeting 5mt/6ct	17	18	19 Job Shadow Day at DC Hospital Expanding Your Horizons (8th grade Career Event) at NPCC	20	21 PROM
22	23	24 NSCAS ACT Paper/Pencil Test NO SCHOOL - PD Day **12:00pm:**RPAC Instrumental Music Clinic @ Wauneta 12mt/1ct **6:00pm:**RPAC Instrumental Music Concert 6mt/7ct	25 State FFA in Lincoln	26 State FFA in Lincoln **11:00am:** HS TR @ Perkins CO QUAD 11mt/12ct	27 NO SCHOOL - PD Day State Speech in Kearney State FFA in Lincoln	28
29	30	31				

CROSSROADS "LUNCH" SPECIALS

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Wauneta Crossroads

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dagwood Sub	2 Nebraska Stuffed Beef Pocket	3 Pork Tacos w/Mango Salsa	4 Chicken Barley Soup or Egg Salad Sub	5 HandBreaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich	6 Tuna Casserole	7 Super Nachos
8 HomeMade Chicken & Noodles over Potatoes	9 Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye	10 Chicken & Black Bean Taco Wrap	11 Hearty Potato Bacon Soup or Ham Salad Sub	12 "Wauneta's" Steak & Cheese Sub	13 Tuna Salad Sub or Melt	14 Sloppy Sandwich Joes
15 Smothered Beef Burritos	16 HomeMade Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich	17 Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup	18 Chicken Taco Soup or Tuna Salad Sub	19 Breaded Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl	20 Egg Salad Sub	21 Italian Meatball Sub
22 Chicken Cordon Bleu Sub	23 Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti	24 Taco Salad or Taco Bravo	25 Chili Soup or Chicken Salad Sub	26 HandBreaded Italian Chicken Sandwich	27 Veggie Pizza	28 Hot Turkey/Bacon Sub
29 Hot Beef Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes	30 Patty Melt on Marble Rye	31 Chicken Enchiladas				

PICCADILLY CIRCUS PIZZA

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1. Blue
2. Snakes
3. Dublin
4. The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Ghost).
5. Sláinte
6. An Irish potato cake
7. John F. Kennedy
8. "Small body"
9. Guinness
10. 64 Years
11. Hot Springs, Arkansas
12. New York City
13. Irish-American tradition
14. You get pinched