

WAUNETA HAPPENINGS MAY 2026

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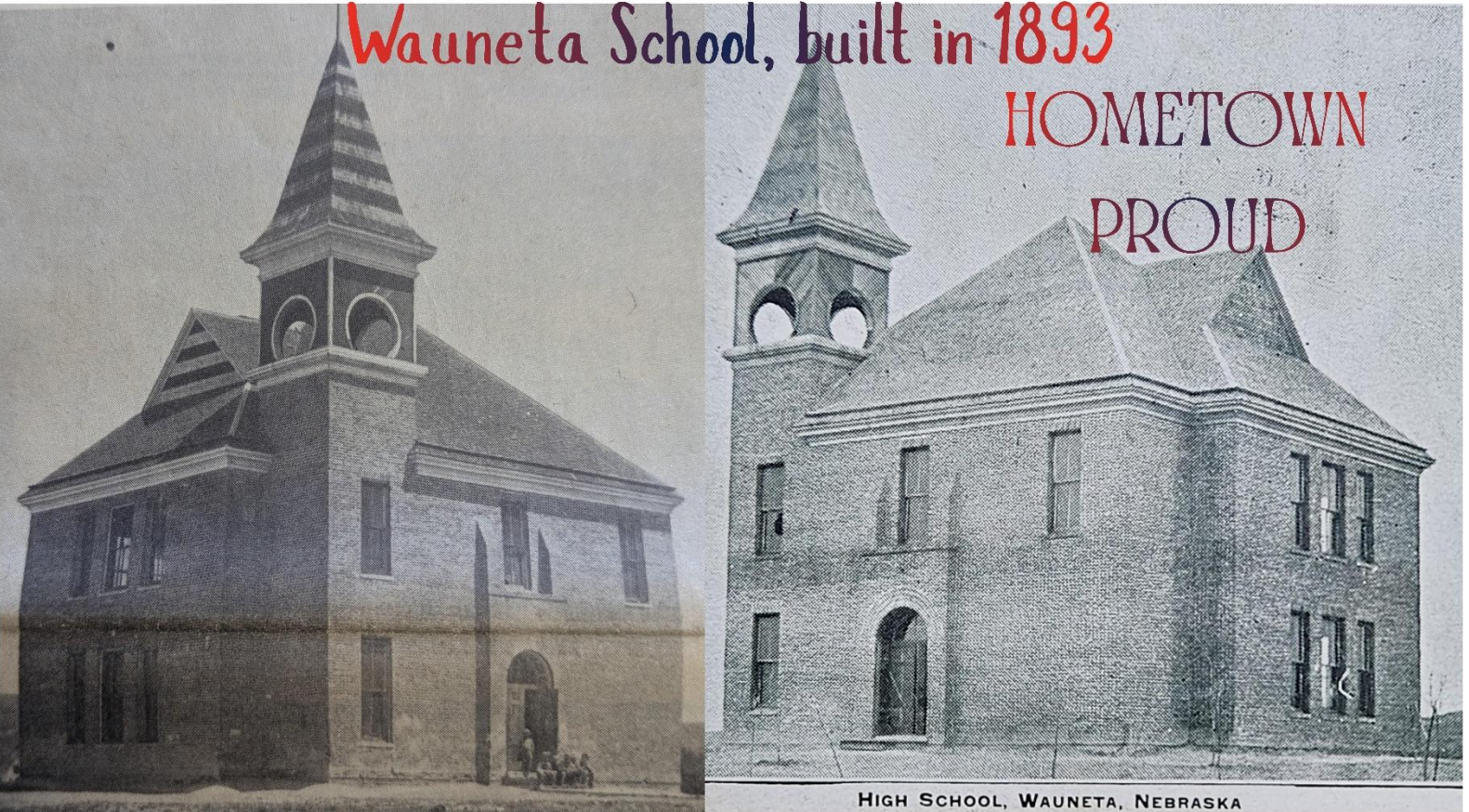
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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Wauneta School, built in 1893

HOMETOWN
PROUD



HIGH SCHOOL, WAUNETA, NEBRASKA

Wauneta's first school term began in 1887 when Gedia Madoraiz of Beverly was hired on Dec. 8, 1887, to teach the first term.

Breeze Editor John Hann pushed editorially for a school in the community. In the Sept. 8, 1887, issue, he wrote:

"Someone ought to agitate the school question. It is high time we had some sort of an institution of learning, however small it might be.

"It is not expected that we can do anything stupendous just at the present, but something temporary ought to be done at once.

"Several families have refused to come here on account of our educational deficiencies. We hope some good party will take hold of the matter in earnest and boom it." Apparently, someone did. A small building was moved in and located where the school is presently located.

It was ready for school in early December 1887. School District #31 was organized in 1888. Part of

the ground was supposed to be donated by the W.S. Fisher and the Lincoln Land Company. Records indicate the school also purchased some ground from the two parties.

In May 1893, the board approved a new school for Wauneta for \$2,000.00. The building was a two-story structure, 36 by 40 feet.

It was made from bricks burned here in Wauneta by A.J. Dick Company and was located on the same spot as the school sits today.

The lower level had two large classrooms. The upstairs was known as the "Library Hall" until 1904, when more room was needed.

School attendance dropped greatly during the drought and grasshopper years in the mid 1890s. By 1900, the population of Wauneta had dropped to 181.

In 1889, the ninth grade was added for the first time. The high school had three graduates that year. Tenth grade was added in 1904, and in 1907, the

high school became accredited through the tenth grade.

In 1908, records indicate there were about 110 pupils of all ages enrolled. In 1913, the eleventh grade was added. In 1917, the twelfth grade was added.

Enrollment continued to increase, so the school needed more room.

In the late teens or early 20s, the school pictured here was razed, and a bigger school was built at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

An addition to the school was built to the east in 1926. The upper two floors contained classrooms, and the lower basement level contained an auditorium.

WAUNETA, NEBRASKA

A collective story written by Renny Allen from the original story, which was written by The Wauneta Breeze in October 1987, The Wauneta Breeze Centennial Edition, celebrating 100 years.

Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month – May 2026

Rural Rehabilitation Services, LLC



Proudly Located in Wauneta

Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month: Rural Rehabilitation Services, LLC

The Wauneta Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize **Rural Rehabilitation Services, LLC (RRS)** as this month's Business of the Month. Owned and operated by Jessie Kerchal, RRS has been serving southwest Nebraska and eastern Colorado for the past five years, providing vital speech, language, and swallowing therapy to individuals of all ages.

Located at 130 N Tecumseh Ave in Wauneta, Rural Rehabilitation Services was founded with a clear purpose: to meet the growing need for accessible therapy services in rural communities. Jessie saw firsthand the challenges families faced—long travel distances, limited access to care, and insurance barriers that often prevented individuals from receiving the therapy they needed. Determined to make a difference, she created Rural Rehab to ensure that quality care could be delivered locally and tailored to each individual.

Rural Rehab provides comprehensive speech therapy services, which goes beyond just helping someone “speak more clearly.” Speech therapy can support communication, including speech and language development, as well as cognitive skills like memory, helping individuals eat

and drink safely. Services are offered across the lifespan—from young children with developmental delays to adults recovering from stroke, neurological conditions, or living with progressive diseases. Rural Rehabilitation Services stands out for its specialized training and commitment to evidence-based care. Jessie and her team are certified in **SPEAK OUT!®** and **LSVTLOUD®**, two highly respected programs designed to improve voice, communication, and overall quality of life for individuals with Parkinson's disease. These programs focus on strengthening the voice and increasing vocal loudness, helping patients maintain their ability to communicate effectively. In addition, RRS utilizes an advanced therapy approach that uses neuromuscular electrical stimulation combined with targeted exercises to improve swallowing function and safety.

Rural Rehab also has a strong focus on pediatric care, providing early intervention and therapy for children with developmental delays. Services may address speech sound development, language skills, feeding concerns, and overall communication, helping children build a strong foundation for success at home, in school, and in social settings.

What truly sets the business apart is its flexibility and personalized approach. Therapy services are designed around each client's unique needs, with options to meet in a variety of settings to best support individuals and their families. This adaptability, combined with advanced certifications and specialized expertise, allows Rural Rehab Services to deliver high-quality, individualized care right here in rural communities.

Jessie's mission is simple yet powerful: to help every individual live their best life and achieve the highest possible quality of life. That mission continues to guide the growth and impact of Rural Rehabilitation Services.

Over the past year, RRS has celebrated an exciting milestone with the addition of Katie Chavira to the team. This growth allows the business to better serve the region and expand access to care. Even more exciting, plans are in the works for future expansion in Wauneta, with more details to be shared as they develop.

Community involvement is at the heart of Rural Rehabilitation Services. Jessie is an active member of the Wauneta Chamber, helping lead fundraisers and community events, and is also heavily involved in the Wauneta Cooperative Grocery Store Project. Through these efforts, RRS continues to strengthen its connection to the community it serves. Word-of-mouth referrals have played a key role in the business's growth, reflecting the trust and positive impact it has built across the region.

As a Chamber member, Jessie values the relationships, networking opportunities, and support that come with being involved. She encourages other local businesses to join, emphasizing the importance of connection and collaboration in building a strong community.

In recognition of **Better Hearing and Speech Month** this **May**, Rural Rehab is especially excited to help raise awareness about the importance of speech therapy and the many ways it can support individuals and families. Rural Rehabilitation Services aims to continue expanding its reach throughout Wauneta, Imperial, Grant, Benkelman, McCook, and Wray, Colorado, while also pursuing new opportunities for growth locally. Check out their website or socials for more information on the **Say and Play Summer Speech Camp** and for a full list of locations.

Congratulations to Rural Rehabilitation Services, LLC, on being named Wauneta Chamber Business of the Month. Thank you for your dedication to improving lives and strengthening our rural communities.

📞 308-394-5333

🌐 ruralrehabservices.com

📍 130 N Tecumseh Ave, Wauneta, NE

📱 Facebook: Rural Rehabilitation Services, LLC

📷 Instagram: @ruralrehab.llc

BUINESS OF THE MONTH



Services for Memorial
Day, 25th, 2026

9:00 AM MST Eden

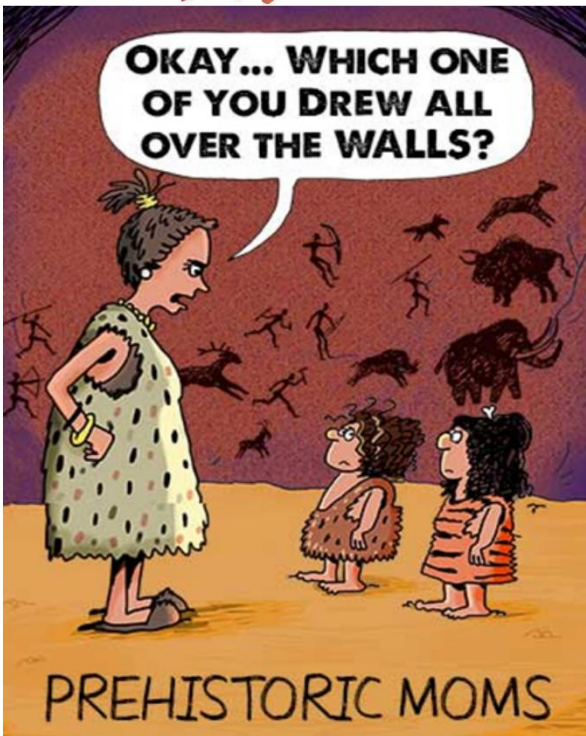
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10:30 AM MST Riverside

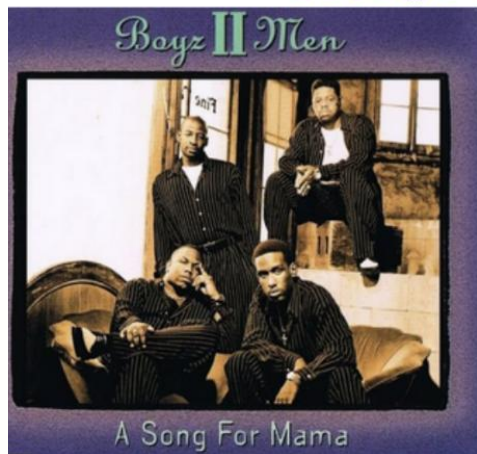
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MAY 25, 2026, AFTER THE
SERVICES AT RIVERSIDE CEMETERY
11:00 - 12:30

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Song of the month for WAUNETA



You taught me everything And
inside Or anyone that I can be me I always keep it
I didn't have you by my side You were there for me to love and care for me
When skies were grey Whenever I was down You were always there to comfort
me And no one else can be what you have been to me You will always be You will
always be the girl in my life For all times Mama, mama, you know I love you Oh you
know I love you Mama, mama, you're the queen of my heart Your love is like tears from
the stars Yes, it is Mama, I just want you to know Lovin' you is like food to my soul
Yes, it is Yes, it is Yes, it is Yes, it is Yes, it is You're always down for me Have always
been around for me Even when I was bad You showed me right from my wrong Yes, you did
And you took up for me When everyone was downing me You always did understand You
gave me strength to go on There were so many times Looking back when I was so afraid
And then you came to me And say to me I can face anything and no one else can do what
you have done for me You'll always be You will always be the girl in my life Mama,
mama, you know I love you You know I love you You know I love you Mama, mama,
you're the queen of my heart You are Your love is like tears from the stars
Your love is like tears from the stars Mama, I just want you to know Mama,
I just want you to know Lovin' you is like food to my soul Never gonna
go a day without you Fills me up just thinking about you I'll
never go a day without my mama Mama, mama, you know I love
you Oh, you know I love you mama Mama, mama, you're
the queen of my heart Your love is like tears
from the stars Mama, I just want you to
know Lovin' you is like food to
my soul Lovin' you is like
food to my soul You
were the food to
my soul Yes,
you are

Happy Mothers Day





WWII MEANT SACRIFICE AND CHALLENGE

80 Years ago WWII ended. Armistice Day, 1946

The war years brought many challenges to the area. Rationing of many things were necessary to meet the needs for the fighting effort. Scrap metal drives, waste paper, clothing, and scrap rubber drives were completed to meet quotas.

The war brought the interruptions of many a young man's career. When they came home, they could pick up where they left off. But for others, this was never a reality as they paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We need to always remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country on Memorial Day. A day of remembering all those who served.

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GUESS WHO?



LAST MONTH WAS:

They are (L-R) Back row Rex Walgen, Glen Louch, Lynn Salyer, Kevin Prior, Steve Burham, and Mark Widger. Front: Bobby Ham, Mike Hanna, Curt Applegarth, Karl Hoff, and Rodney Ough. Gene Skelton was not available for this picture





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May 12, 2026
 (Primary Election)
November 3, 2026
 (General Election)

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Call the Chase County Clerk's office with any questions.
308-882-7500

American Legion Auxiliary departments across the country proudly host ALA Girls State.



Milli Peterson & Andrea Almanza were selected by the American Legion Unit 304 to attend Girls State in Lincoln, May 31, 2026, to June 6, 2026.

Jaislynn Hicks and Peyton Dyer were selected by American Legion Auxiliary in Palisade to attend Girls State in Lincoln May 31, 2026 to June 6, 2026.



Ansley Bartels was selected as the Alternate to attend in case one of the others can not attend.

American Legion Auxiliary departments across the country proudly host ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship, leadership, and the mission of the ALA. Girl State Leaders ensure the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic, and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Though the week is filled with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term relationships. ALA Girls State is a program to learn about the political process through actively running a mock government. The participants are assigned to mock counties and cities and are assigned either the "Federalist Party" or "Nationalist Party." Throughout the program, participants elect officials for all levels of state government.



Mother's Day Word Search



A J Z W S P K I N D N E S S A B B M S V
 N P A T I E N C E M O T H E R C Z A T X
 G U I D A N C E A Q O Z C L Y R L T R Q
 K I U L O Y A L T Y R M B F M E F R E D
 S I P D P C U E N I U D B L E S S I N G
 N M D F R H M B W G N X B E V P Y A G T
 A K F L O W E R S R C J E S U E I R T Q
 C B E O T E M A R C O W A S U C Y C H E
 J H M V E X O T Y X N I U C M T H H C W
 P M E E C I R I K A D S T C R M N I U A
 G O M R T D I O I P I D I O Q G F J T D
 E M D Y I V E N J P T O F A M I L Y N M
 I H Y J V S S J Y R I M U Y R V E O H I
 S N B W E L H X N E O P L C A R I N G R
 R K L O I U A V Q C N P A D U T Y A D A
 Y T C Z D E C D V I A S H T C S E L U T
 P J X W Q X M N K A L U R E A N X N S I
 I U X S U P P O R T G U F P P I T M U O
 J G R A T I T U D E N F M N O D V D J N
 G G H R G H D R K J A H Y Q G O L M M V

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 CHERISH
 LOYALTY
 BEAUTIFUL
 MEMORIES
 ADMIRATION
 SELFLESS
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 WISDOM
 FLOWERS
 KINDNESS
 COMFORT
 MOM
 MOTHER
 MATRIARCH
 CELEBRATION
 BLESSING
 APPRECIATE
 UNCONDITIONAL
 LOVE
 AFFECTION
 STRENGTH
 PATIENCE
 SUPPORT
 NURTURE
 PROTECTIVE
 GUIDANCE
 GRATITUDE
 FAMILY
 RESPECT



RHUBARA-APPLE CRISP

Well it's rhubarb season and easy to make!!



INGREDIENTS:

2 cups chopped apples
 2 cups chopped rhubarb
 1 beaten egg
 ¾ cup sugar
 2 tablespoons flour

Topping:

1 cup flour
 1 cup brown sugar
 ½ cup margarine

Directions:

Mix together to a crumbly consistency and pack down evenly over rhubarb mixture. Bake 40-50 minutes at 375F. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

RECIPES BY RHONDA

Saturday May 30th

Bob's Repair - Bob Jones Estate Auction
 Wauneta - Tools, Firearms

Saturday June 13th.

RJ And Jana Mintling Public Auction
 shop Equipment, Tools, And Antiques

Saturday August 22nd -Roger Teply Estate Auction,
 Champion Nebr.

Monday September 7th Grand Daddy of them All-
 Labor Misc. Auction- Chase Co Fair Grounds,
 Imperial, NE.

Fanning Auction Imperial NE



NOTICE



CEMETERY CLEAN UP

The Village crew will begin trimming and mowing at the Riverside Cemetery on **May 6th leading up to Memorial Weekend**. Please remove all flowers and decorations around stones or on the ground prior to May 6th, 2026. Flowers in holders on headstones will not be disturbed.

The Village will not be held responsible for decorations during ground maintenance. For more information call the Village office, 394-5390.

Village of Wauneta



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Fun Penguin Facts... Penguins actually have knees, but they are hidden under their feathers, and it makes them look short-legged. A gland near the base of its tail provides waterproof oil. They spend several hours each day covering their feathers with this oil and pay extra attention to the task before swimming.

Penguin feet are also adapted to help the birds steer while swimming. They use their feet like rudders, angling them to help control direction. To get out of the water, they will leap high in the air. Sometimes they jump as high as 6 feet.

Penguins turn their bodies into a sled and slide across the ice on their bellies. It is dangerous for humans to drink salt water, but penguins can. Their bodies have a special gland that filters out salt.

The name “penguin” originates from the Welsh term “pen,” or head. The average weight of an adult penguin is around 77 lbs. They are warm-blooded birds, with a normal body temperature of about 100 F.

Penguins pant like dogs to cool down because they cannot sweat. By holding their mouths open, they increase evaporation from their throats to release heat. They use tuxedo-like camouflage (countershading) to hide from predators, “fly” under water at speeds up to 15 mph, and undergo a “catastrophic moult,” losing all feathers at once.

Next Month Fun Alligator 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

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

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

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church
233 S. Arapahoe Ave.
Wauneta
Sunday 8:30 am MT

SW Nebraska Holiness Church
34850 Rd 724, Wauneta
Sunday 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Mother's Day Trivia

1. Which flower is traditionally associated with Mother's Day?
2. Which president made Mother's Day an official holiday in the United States?
3. What is the significance of red and white carnations on Mother's Day?
4. What year was the first Mother's Day celebrated?
5. What year did the president sign Mother's Day into law as a national holiday?
6. What color is typically associated with Mother's Day?
7. How many diapers does a mom change before her baby turns 2?
8. How many days was the longest pregnancy ever recorded?
9. Which insect is known as the "queen mother" of the hive?
10. In the Bible, who is known as the first Mother?
11. At what age was the oldest woman to give birth?
12. Which famous nursery rhyme features a mother who lived in a shoe?
13. Aside from cards and flowers, what's another popular gift?
14. What has been the heaviest human baby ever born?



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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CAROL MACKLIN

Please join us in congratulating Carol Macklin, CNA/MA, as our Employee of the Month for April at Wauneta Care and Therapy Center! 🎉

Carol is a true team player, known for her flexibility in taking on multiple roles and her deep knowledge of resident routines. Her dedication and willingness to step in wherever needed make a meaningful difference every day. We're grateful for all that you do, Carol—thank you for your hard work and commitment to our residents and team!

Wauneta Community-Owned Grocery Store Project

Now that we are officially incorporated, it's time to start talking about how we can get our community involved in the next phase of this project!

Over the next month, we will be hosting a community meeting where we'll walk through what being part of a cooperative looks like, how ownership works, and how you can be involved in bringing our grocery store back to Wauneta.

We have spent a significant amount of time working through our financial projections, including conversations with many individuals and other cooperative grocery stores across Nebraska. Because of that, we feel very confident in where we stand and are excited to share more details—including our pro-forma and financial goals—at the meeting.

For now, we want to start the conversation around ownership in the co-op:

Common Stock (\$250):

This is your membership share. Each person may purchase one common share, which gives you a voice in the cooperative (one vote per member) and helps guide the future of the store.

Preferred Stock (\$500):

These are additional investment shares that help provide the capital needed to get the store up and running. You may purchase as many preferred shares as you would like (but may not exceed over 8%). These shares do not come with additional voting rights but may be eligible for a financial return. You do not have to have a common stock to have preferred.

In the coming weeks, community members will be able to pledge what they are interested in investing. To hold your place, there will be a \$100 non-refundable deposit collected at the time of your pledge. After that, no additional funds will be collected until we reach our first funding threshold—the level that allows us to confidently move forward. At that point, we will notify everyone and begin collecting the remaining pledged investments.

We encourage you to start having conversations with your family and friends about how you want to be involved. This is truly a community effort, and it will take all of us coming together to make it happen. We believe in this, and we believe in Wauneta.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to any of our board members: Jessie Kerchal, Luke Curl, Jeremy Herbert, Jack McGraw, or myself. We also have our email - waunetagrocerystore@gmail.com to send questions to as well!

You're also welcome to bring questions to the upcoming community meeting. Be on the lookout for more details on that soon!

We're excited to get this conversation started and keep things moving forward!

POPSICLES

1 LARGE PACKAGE JELLO – ANY FLAVOR

1 PACKAGE KOOL-AID ANY FLAVOR

1 CUP SUGAR

2 CUPS HOT WATER

2 CUPS COLD WATER



MIX JELLO, KOOL-AID AND SUGAR IN BOWL.

BOIL 2 CUPS WATER. ADD BOILING WATER TO

JELLO MIX AND DISSOLVE COMPLETELY.

ADD 2 CUPS COLD WATER. MIX WELL. POUR
INTO POPSICLE CONTAINERS. FREEZE AND ENJOY

FUDGESICLES

1 LARGE PACKAGE INSTANT CHOCOLATE PUDDING

¼ CUP SUGAR

3 ½ CUPS MILK



COMBINE INGREDIENTS AND MIX WELL. POUR INTO
POPSICLE CONTAINERS. FREEZE AND ENJOY.

By KATHY DAY



Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska Needs Help!

Some of our Board of Directors have retired, and we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in serving in that capacity.

Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska is a non-profit organization that invites volunteers to package nourishing food that is then delivered by Orphan Grain Train to children in need throughout the world.

For more information about Mercy Meals please visit our website:

<https://www.mercymealsoftswestnebraska.org>

To learn more about a Director's duties,
please contact one of our Board members:

Pastor Keith Wellman

Annette Long

Mary Haarberg

Janet Keiser

Jan Coone

Laurie Kerchal

The Spring Creek 4-H Club recently spent an afternoon giving Wauneta Care & Therapy's front retaining wall a fresh update! We're so grateful for their hard work, along with the generous donation of three bushes from [Wauneta Chamber](#). We truly appreciate their support in helping make our space look great!



INSURANCE INSIGHTS: 10 Smart Tips to Protect What Matters Most

1. Review Your Policies Yearly

Make sure your coverage keeps up with life changes—new vehicles, homes, family members, or big purchases.

2. Bundle & Save

Many companies are requiring writing both the homeowners and auto policy, ask about potential savings.

3. Know Your Deductible

Higher deductibles usually mean lower premiums. But only choose what you can afford to pay out-of-pocket in a pinch.

4. Inventory Your Belongings

Snap pictures and keep receipts for valuables—it makes claims faster and smoother.

5. Boost Liability Protection

Accidents happen. Whether it's auto or home, liability protection can be the most valuable part of your policy if someone gets injured on your property or you're at fault in an accident.

6. Ask About Discounts

Good student? Claim-free home? Security system? Safe driver? There are tons of discounts —don't be afraid to ask what you qualify for!

7. Don't Delay Claims

Quick action after an incident helps protect your coverage and speeds up claim approval.

8. Know What's NOT Covered

Floods, earthquakes, and certain personal property often require separate policies or riders. We can review your policy to make sure you have coverage where you need it.

9. Talk to a Trusted Agent

Online quotes are easy, but a trusted local agent can help make sure you aren't missing crucial coverage.

10. Keep Records Handy

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Dundy County Hospital

1313 N Cheyenne St. Benkelman, NE

6:00 - 9:00 A.M. (MT)

- Tuesday, May 5
- Tuesday, May 12
- Tuesday, May 19

Stratton Medical Clinic

903 Bailey St. Stratton, NE

7:00 - 10:00 A.M. (CT)

- Thursday, May 7
- Thursday, May 21

Wauneta Senior Center

231 Tecumseh Ave. Wauneta, NE

6:00 - 8:00 A.M. (MT)

- Wednesday, May 20

Haigler- Golden Inn

217 Porter Ave. Haigler, NE

6:00 - 8:00 A.M. (MT)

- Wednesday, May 6

Patients at DCH with a portal account will receive results electronically. Patient(s) that do not have a portal or a provider with Dundy County Hospital can pick up results at the DCH Medical Records Department 24 hrs after lab draw or pick them up the day of the health fair. HF details below.

- ✓ Fast 10 - 12 hours for accurate results.
- ✓ Payment collected at time of draw.
- ✓ Bring check or cash no debit/credit cards

DCH Health Fair, Friday, May 29, 2026
 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (MT) at the
 DCS High School 400 9th Av W Benkelman, NE



Follow us on.

Wauneta-Palisade

Kindergarten ROUND-UP

Thursday - May 7th, 2026
 8:30am MT/ 9:30am CT
 Wauneta-Palisade Public School

Come join us for an exciting preview of Kindergarten at Wauneta-Palisade! This is a great opportunity to:

- ◆ Meet the Superintendent and Principal
- ◆ Meet the Kindergarten teacher
- ◆ Meet the Head Cook and School Nurse
- ◆ Visit the classroom
- ◆ Tour the school
- ◆ Pick up important informational materials

Please call the School at 308-394-5700 if you have any questions!

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 **April 14, 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: K Kerchal, J Maris, R Einspahr, P Johnston. B Kramer arrived at 6:50.

Guests: Michael Hoback (AMGL), Luke Curl, Jack McGraw, Michelle Harchelroad, Arlan Wine (Village Attorney)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on April 9, 2026. 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.

Clerk Skelton administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed trustee, Jacob Maris.

Michael Hoback, AMGL, gave a presentation and reviewed the financial statements and audit report for the Village of Wauneta, for the year ending September 30, 2025. Hoback went through the report in detail with the Board. Hoback also reviewed several benchmarking ratios to show how the Village of Wauneta compares to towns with comparable populations.

The Board visited with Tom Gibbens, Gibbens Tree Service, via phone call. Gibbens has been spraying the Riverside Cemetery every summer for several years. The Board had requested a report on the goals and scope of the tree spraying program. Gibbens stated that some of the trees are being treated for Zimmerman Pine Moth and some trees are stressed due to drought; he would recommend that annual spraying should continue to save the trees. The Board gave approval for the first spraying and would like to get a second opinion after that.

Discussions continued regarding the request from Luke & Hannah Curl for new electric service, for a lot east of Wauneta but within the Village service area. The Village obtained a second estimate from a contractor for the cost of adding the new service. Michelle Harchelroad was present and would also like to check into adding service for lights to her property which is in the same vicinity as the Curl's are looking to add service. Lawless will reach out to the contractor to see if they can provide a layout for how they plan to provide electricity for new service.

Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on March 10, 2026; and the minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on March 30, 2026.

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

Johnston reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for Feb 2026 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Board approved to update the authorized signers for Wauneta Care and Therapy Center bank accounts as follows:

Remove Darr Stehno & Crystal Walgren and add Jacob Maris

Current signers will be:

RaNae Richardson, Administrator, WCTC

Karen Reynolds, Business Office Manager, WCTC

Elisabet Browne, DON WCTC (checking accounts only)

All Village Board Members: Page Johnston, Rick Einspahr, Beau Kramer, Kathy Kerchal, Jacob Maris
Evelyn Skelton, Village Clerk

Sheriff's Report (March 2026) was reviewed by the Board.

Kramer reported that Chase County has finalized the purchase of a building to relocate the Wauneta EMS. The building is on east Highway 6. The Board reviewed and approved bids for installation of new water and sewer services to the building:

- Hondo Fanning Construction - \$12,150, installation of a septic tank and plumbing to the building.
- Holm's Well Drilling - \$11,996.03, drill well for water supply.
- Brophy Electric - \$2,850, power supply for well.

The Board will continue to work with the County to update the interlocal agreement between the Village and the County for Ambulance Services.

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.



ATTENTION

Beginning May 1st

All advertising & articles must
be submitted by the
25th of the month.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

If they are received after the
25th, they will be in the
following month.

*Thanks.
for
Understanding*

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 April 13, 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 Sandman 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. The WP FFA members shared their State FFA Convention experience with the board.

V. Action Items

V.1. Approval and Signing of March Minutes

To approve and sign the 3/16/2026 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

V.2. Approve District Expenditures and Monthly Budget Reports

To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of payroll \$305185.07, GF Accounts Payable \$79726.72 for a total of \$384911.79 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Aaron McKinney.

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

V.3. Accept Teacher Resignation(s)

To accept the resignations of Alex Walker and Jenniffer DeWester effective the end of 2025-2026 school year and thank them for their years of service to the district passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by Allison Sandman.

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

V.4. Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar

To adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented 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

V.5. Approve Teaching Contract

To approve a 2026-2027 teaching contract for Clint Hill 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

VI. Policy Review. None

VII. Administrative Reports

VII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that next year will be our external visitation in October, Allison Smith (ESU 16) will lead the visit, Trevor Anderson will also serve. Mr. Frecks shared a mentorship update which ties into the external visitation goals of supporting current staff with "glows" and "grows", and next steps. Geier shared some adjustments in staffing, moving Mr. Frecks to transportation and AD and teach some classes, Ms. Williams is moving to Elementary Principal role. Geier shared updated of the sale of the buses.

VII.2. Principal Report Frecks shared the PTO Daddy/Daughter dance was a success, commended Laura West on her leadership, upcoming mommy son dodgeball tourney. KCAV will begin AV update this weekend, shared upcoming events happening for field day, MAPs testing begins, kindergarten and preschool sign-up.

VII.3. ESU 15 Report. Sandman reported that ESU 15 met earlier today to approve hires, software and continue to look at building options for the ESU.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:57 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 April 13, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____
Board Secretary Board President

Attest: _____



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Advanced Automotive Parts & Repairs.....	308-394-5844
Aviana Salon.....	308-883-2135
Beauty Bar.....	308-394-5577
Blue Sky Therapy.....	308-660-1101
BWTelecom.....	308-394-2000
Chase County Clinic.....	308-394-5593
Chase County Transit.....	308-394-5287
Chateau Theatre.....	308-394-5445
Chucks Trailer Sale.....	308-394-5790
Crossroads Hardware.....	308-394-5451
Einspar Construction.....	308-394-5822
EyeLookGood! Eye & Sun Wear.....	Office 308-394-5111 Cell 308-883-1347
Frechman Auto.....	308-394-5854
Frenchman Valley CO-OP.....	308-394-5610
Games & Parks Enders Reservoir.....	308-394-5118
Good Times Bar & Grill.....	308-395-5656
Harchelroad Motors AG.....	308-394-5555
Hay Bale Banners Enders.....	308-394-6900
HFC Egress & Construction.....	308-394-5515
5 Star Metals.....	308-394-5671
The HomeTown Agency, The.....	308-365-4641
Hunter Heating & Cooling.....	308-394-5101
Klein AG Repair.....	308-414-0164
Kramer Bruce Office.....	308-394-5967
Krgler Company.....	308-883-2615
Liewer Funeral Home.....	Wauneta 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
Pits & Spits BBQ.....	402-507-1955
R Fanning Farms.....	308-394-5755
Rector Repair & Machinery Shop.....	Shop 308-394-5323 Cell 308-883-0116
Sandhills State Bank.....	308-394-5720
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 Stitching.....	308-394-5814
Village Massage.....	308-394-5390
Wally's Lawn & Sprinklers.....	308-737-7764
Wauneta Care & Therapy Center.....	308-394-5738
WAUNETA CITY OF	
Ambulance.....	308-394-5670
City Clerk & Municipal Utilities.....	308-394-5390
Fire Station.....	308-394-5408
Police To Summons Police Call.....	308-394-5262
Superintendent Of Utilities.....	308-394-5201
Swimming Pool.....	308-394-5171
Report A Fire.....	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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& email to Renny at eyelookgoodwn@gmail.com

MAY 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! PUBLIC WELCOME

- 5/5/2026 INDIAN TACOS
 - 5/5/2026 HOSPICE 101 PRESENTATION AT 11:30 AM
 - 5/6/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT 10 AM
 - 5/6/2026 FRIED CHICKEN
 - 5/1/2026 BOARD MEETING AT 1:30 PM PUBLIC WELCOME
 - 5/19/2026 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
 - 5/20/2026 COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT 10 AM
 - 5/24/2026 SUNDAY DINNER 11 AM - 1 PM
- MENU: SALADS AND DESSERT (OVER 10 YRS \$12.00 ~ UNDER 10 YRS \$7.00)**

EXERCISE EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY @ 10:30 AM








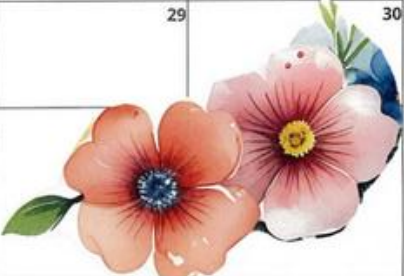
REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM THE DAY OF THE REQUESTED MEAL 308-394-6333

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WAUNETA SENIOR CENTER 308-394-6333					1 CLOSED	2 COFFEE, TEA, WATER & JUICE MILK, CRACKERS & BREAD AVAILABLE
3 CALL BY 9:30 AM FOR RESERVATION	4 BREAKFAST CASSEROLE BEETS SALADS DESSERT	5 INDIAN TACOS SALADS DESSERT	6 FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	7 PORK CUTLET SANDWICH TATER TOTS RED BEAN SALAD SALADS/DESSERT	8 CLOSED 	9 MENU SUBJECT CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY
10 SUGGESTED \$8.50 FOR 60 AND OLDER	11 SPIRAL HAM SWEET POTATOES PEAS SALADS/DESSERT	12 ORANGE CHICKEN RICE BROCCOLI SALADS/DESSERT	13 CHEF'S SALAD SALAD BAR DESSERT	14 CHEESEBURGER FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	15 CLOSED	16 EXERCISE AT 10:30 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY
17 COST PER MEAL UNDER 60 \$9.50	18 CHICKEN POT PIE SALADS DESSERT 	19 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES BEETS SALADS/DESSERT	20 HAM & BEANS FRIED POTATOES CORNBREAD SALADS/DESSERT	21 SLOPPY JOES TATER TOTS SALADS/DESSERT	22 CLOSED	23 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 5/6 & 5/20 @ 10 am
24 SUNDAY DINNER CHILI DOGS/BURGERS, TOPPINGS, CHIPS, VEGETABLE TRAY, RELISH TRAY, PASTA SALAD, SALADS, SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM	25 CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	26 SALMON PATTY MAC & CHEESE PEAS SALADS/DESSERT	27 MEATLOAF ROASTED POTATOES CORN SALADS/DESSERT	28 CHICKEN SALAD SAND FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS SALADS/DESSERT	29 CLOSED	30 HOSPICE 101 PRESENTATION @ 11:30 AM ON 5/5/2026

WAUNETA/PALISADE SCHOOLS		May 2026			ALL MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
Monday COLD BREAKFAST: CEREAL & TOAST ALL BREAKFAST COME WITH: FRUIT OR 100% FRUIT JUICE BREAKFAST & LUNCHEON COME WITH: CHOICE OF MILK	Tuesday THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	Wednesday 	Thursday	Friday Mini Pancakes Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Pears	
4. Tornadoes Hoagie Bar Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Pickle Spears Peaches 	5. Hash Brown Sandwich Tacos Refried Beans Red/Green Peppers Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Fruit	6. Muffin Breaded Chicken Sandwich Chips Salad Apple S.	7. Breakfast Pizza Quesadilla Refried Beans Rice Romaine Salad Fruit	8. Potzaris Chicken Nuggets French Fries Salad Fruit 	
11. PB & J Sandwich Breaded Beef Patty Cheesy Hashbrowns Salad Fruit TYLER	12. Cinnamon Rolls Nacho Fries Refried Beans Red/Green Peppers Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Fruit	13. Granola Bar & Yogurt Chicken Strips French Fries Salad Apple Slices	14. French Toast Sticks Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Romaine Salad Pickle Spears Fruit	15. Turnovers Hot Dogs Baked Beans Pasta Salad Fruit	
18. Cooks Choice Cooks Choice 	19. Cooks Choice Cooks Choice	20. Coffee Cake Hamburger Chips Pickles/Onion/Tomato Fruit	21. Glazed Donuts NO LUNCH Have a Great Summer!!!!		
25.	26.	27. 	28.	29.	

					8:30am:RPAC Track Meet @ Cambridge 9mt/10ct		
3 10:00am:JH TR @ W-P 	4 2:00pm:HS TR @ Best of the Midwest. Sutherland	5 1st and 3rd grade field trip Juniors College Visit to MCC	6 2nd grade field trip - Red Willow Reservoir PK & Kindergarten not in School 8:30am:Kindergarten Roundup 8:30mt/9:30ct 12:30pm:Pre-School New Student Enrollment 12:30mt/1:30ct	7 12:30pm:HS TR @ DCS Twilight 	8	9	
10 9:00am:JH RPAC TR @ DCS	11 Sports Physicals HS Ag Bull service Field Trip 6:00pm:PK-12 Spring Concert in Wauneta 6mt/7ct	12 HS TR @ District Track 	13 6:00pm:Academic Awards Night/NHS Induction/8th grade promotion 6mt/7ct (originally scheduled for may 13)	14 4 & 5 Grade Field Trip 5:00pm:PTO Mom and Son	15	16 10:00am:JH State Track Meet @ Gothenburg 10mt/11ct 10:30am:Graduation	
17 10:00am:NHS Blood drive 5:00pm:Regular School Board Meeting 5mt/6ct	18 Kindergarten Field Trip to the Farm 6:00pm:Athletic Banquet 6mt/7ct	19 2:00pm:Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea 2mt/3ct	20 11:00am:Last Day of School- ER 11mt/12 CT	21 Teacher Work Day State Track	22	23 State Track	
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30 	
31 Girls & Boys State							

CROSSROADS "LUNCH" SPECIALS

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May 2026

Wauneta Crossroads

(advertising our daily specials)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 BBQ Grill Pizza	2 Super Nachos
3 Chicken & Noodles over Mashed Potatoes	4 Toasted Rye on Marble Rye	5 Green Chile & Chicken Wrap	6 Hamburger w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veg	7 Tuscan Pizza Calzone	8 Chicken Alfredo Pizza	9 Sloppy Joes Sandwich
10 Chicken Cordon Bleu Sub	11 Hand Breaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich	12 Smothered Beef Burritos	13 Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti	14 Breaded Chicken Potato Bowl	15 Zesty Italian Pizza	16 French Bread Pizza
17 Nacho topped Baked Potato	18 HomeMade Chicken Fried Steak Sand	19 Chicken Enchiladas	20 Sweet & Sour Pork over Fried Rice	21 "Wauneta's" Steak & Cheese Sub	22 Indian Taco Pizza	23 BBQ Pork Sandwich
24 Hot Beef Sandwich w/ Potatoes	25 Toasted Rachel on Marble Rye	26 Taco Salad or Taco Bravo	27 Meatloaf Cheesy Potatoes & Veg	28 Dagwood Sub	29 Choripollo Chicken Pizza	30 Hot Turkey Bacon Sub
31 French Dip Sub w/ AuJus	To Reserve a Lunch Special—Call 308-394-5444					



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5. 1914
6. Pink
7. 6,000-8,000 diapers
8. 375 days.
9. Queen Bee
10. Eve
11. 73
12. There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe
13. Jewelry
14. 22 pounds, 8 ounces.



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