



***By Sheri Hink-Wagner***

### ***The Wauneta Breeze***

Richard E. Cooley of Wauneta appeared in Chase County Court Wednesday, Jan. 22, where he was charged with nine counts of possession of child pornography.

Cooley was arrested Jan. 10 for alleged possession of child pornography after a search of his home. The search was the result of a joint investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, North Platte Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol investigators and the Chase County Sheriff's office. He was taken to the Chase County Jail. When bond was set at \$100,000, he posted the required 10 percent of his bond and was released.

During his court appearance last Wednesday, Cooley was advised of his charges, rights and possible penalties. His preliminary hearing will be held at the Chase County Courthouse on Wednesday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m.