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TEN YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 18, 2007

Raelyn Gilmore, Shalee Paxton and Angie Jensen competed in the Central States Fair Ranch horse competition in Rapid City, South Dakota. Gilmore won the rancher division with her horse, Jane's Copper Penni. She received a saddle and \$218.00.

Shalee Paxton tied for first place at the Nebraska State Fair in the open division with her dog, Chip.

An informational meeting was set for November 5 at the McPherson County High School to discuss ways to revitalize the community and increase school enrollment.

Doris Neal was high scorer and Richard Kemp and LaVerne Neal tied for low at the October 6 Come Double Card Club when they met at Munson's Market.

The McPherson County Lady Longhorns dominated over Arcadia. Tasha Miller led in points with 18. Jalyn Starr scored 15 and Jordan Lovitt had nine.

New Arrivals: Alexis Ann born to Tony and Amy (Wilkins) Case in August; Merle and Leron Bierman were the parents of a baby boy, Paxton Jacob, born October 12.

Obituaries: Eileen Kugler, 76, died October 12; Eleanor Dikeman, 91, died October 8.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 16, 1997

Coach Rick Hamilton's team traveled to Arcadia and won the tough contest, 29-20. Wayne McNutt was cited for his play as he caught important

passes including two touchdown catches.

Ross Brouwer, a junior on the MCHS football team received a badly broken leg in the Arcadia football game.

Wayne Connell was pictured with some very large pumpkins he had grown in his garden.

Johnny Power and Wayne Connell were pictured in this edition. Johnny would celebrate his 95th birthday on October 24. Wayne had his 92nd birthday in June.

Lacy Abel was selected to attend HOBY Seminar.

Susie Bond, 88, was featured in this issue. She was still helping others.

Births: Paul, Debra and Cassidy Daly of Maxwell welcomed the arrival of triplet baby girls, Skyelar Ann, Breanna Lea, and Madilyn Jo.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 15, 1987

A birthday party was held for Steven French who would be celebrating his 6th birthday. Grandmother Audrey French was among those attending.

Deaths: John L. Neal, 58, lifelong Tryon resident died October 14. He was a 1947 graduate of MCHS; Effie V. Lawyer, 86, of North Platte. Her family moved to a homestead in McPherson County in 1912 under the Kincaid Act.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 19, 1967

The Tryon Longhorns fell to Stapleton. Tom Burch, a freshman, was the offensive standout and Bob Rodewald played a tremendous defensive game.

Eldon Starr was named to the University of Nebraska's dean's list for the spring semester of 1966-67. Eldon was majoring in pre-med and was a member of the Ag Men Cooperative Fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen and Steven visited her parents, the P.L. Haneys here for a week.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 17 1957

Hugh Priest suffered a heart attack and was taken to a North Platte hospital where he died at 11:45 p.m.

Army Pvt. Don J. Leeds of Tryon was receiving eight weeks of basic combat training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Don is a 1957 graduate of McPherson County High School.

Richard Kemp visited Duane Neal at Guam while his ship was at Port on Sunday.

Births: Cathy Sue born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pullen on October 10; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bryant of Hyannis on October 9; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bullington on October 12; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Ansel on October 13; and a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson on October 12.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 16, 1947

Several neighbors met at the Lewis Moriarty home and then went over to Merle Hicks and Charivard Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Shepherd who were visiting there.

The junior class would present, "The Campbells are Coming," in the auditorium. Cast members were Rose Shimmin, Lois Daly, Dick Schmidt, Byron Daly, Wilda McNutt, Arthur French, Karl Hunn, Eunice Miller, Mary Rundback, and Gaylord Wright. Bob Daly was stage carpenter.

Births: A baby daughter born October 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodewald.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 21, 1937

A surprise birthday party was held at the F.S. Snyder home Monday evening honoring M. R.

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Eclipse 2017: A Four Day Tipi Encampment



JANELLE BLAKE PHOTO

The tipi village in Tryon proved to be quite an attraction for those attending the Eclipse in the Sandhills event.

A totally unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view a Total Solar Eclipse from a Tipi Camp in the Nebraska Sandhills and to share knowledge and history with others.

Camp set-up began on Friday August 18. By Saturday a total of nine camps were to be counted. Participants in the Encampment came from across Nebraska. Also included two foreign exchange students from across the world.

Day 1, Friday: Many local people visited camp, as setup began, with offers of assistance if we had need. A big thank you goes out to them.

Day 2, Saturday: Early on Saturday, the tipis being visible to travelers on Highway 92, curiosity overtook a gentleman

who spied our camp. He was traveling to Idaho to view the Eclipse with family there. He stopped by for a brief chat and a few pictures.

By afternoon, Saturday, temperatures and camp visitors were on the rise. Some young entrepreneurs operating a near-by lemonade stand took advantage of the situation and began a delivery route to camp. Their service was enjoyed by many.

Day 3, Sunday: A busy day in camp with many visitors filled with many questions, taking in the camp and the demonstrations.

Day 4, Monday: The big day began foggy and overcast. A lot of "uh ohs" were whispered thru camp. Still lots of visitors in camp throughout the

morning. After a long discussion with the weather committee, the skies cleared presenting the perfect window for viewing The Eclipse. By noon everyone's focus was on the Eclipse and camp visitors slowed to a trickle. After the Eclipse it was almost as if it were "poof" they were gone.

All in all it was a great time and an amazing experience. My thanks to all who were involved in making the event go smoothly. A special thanks to Alan Miller for allowing the use of his pasture for the Tipi Camp and to Janelle Blake for allowing our vehicle parking.

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Totality in Tryon...goes beyond expectations

Totality—beyond my expectations in every aspect.

Never having experienced an eclipse or organized an event of this magnitude this undertaking was a bit, okay a lot, daunting. Everything we discussed was how many, from brochures to porta potties, to water, to funds needed to cover expenses and everything between! From beginning to end that was a question we really could only guess at. The solid number of attendees that we had, we also knew could change quickly at the last minute by Mother Nature's whim, to bring in cloud cover. So we planned and then re-planned many times when changes happened. I think we must have made it through the alphabet starting with plan A at least twice.

Derryl Barr's comments about people, especially Europeans, being so excited about the "American West" helped us decide to focus our event theme on "our Culture and our Her-

itage". Thus was born our motto Totality in Tryon NE 2017 Eclipse in the Sandhills - Experience Western Cattle Country in a Whole New Light.

We showcased this motto with narrated prairie tours in horse drawn wagon rides and trail rides, coffee with a rancher, beef samples, Golden Design who is a Hereford bull model with stories about Hereford cattle's role in the Sandhill's sustainable economy, educational materials about the Sandhills and models telling about our precious water resources.

A cattle sorting event and working cow dog exhibition both educated and entertained our guests.

The tipi encampment and flint knapping demonstrations were an enormous hit! An extra bonus was having the cowboys just a short distance away.

The craft and quilt shows were also an exten-

sion of our culture with beautiful quilts and crafts that included everything from grass bowls to pens made from antlers to photography, homemade jams and jellies, skull painting, barbwire designs, wood crafts, rope bowls and t-shirts and many others.

The how to build a soddy demonstration held at the soddy was another favorite as well as the antique tractor show from local contributors, comments were from "I remember that... to what is that?"

We are very proud of Alice Lutes and Geneva Connell for the job they did with the music program and of our local talent and our heritage they so very well depicted.

I feel we, as a committee, and the community were totally overwhelmed by the appreciation and the respect we were given by these visitors.

However, NO, I don't want to do it again!

Linda Kemp

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Thursday, October 19: Salisbury steak; mashed potatoes; peas.

Friday, October 20: Fish sandwich; au gratin potatoes; beets.

Monday, October 23: Ham steak; baked sweet potato; hominy.

Tuesday, October 24: Smothered steak; mashed

potatoes; beets.

Wednesday, October 25: Veal Parmesan w/spaghetti; green beans.

Thursday, October 26: Liver and onions; mashed potatoes; peas.

Friday, October 27: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich w/tomato macaroni soup.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



(Philippians 2:14). Trust without wavering - (Corinthians 13:7). Forgive without punishing - (Colossians 3:13). Promise without forgetting - (Proverbs 13:12). Good advice to remember and to put into practice. Yes, I

know, easier said than done.

"I thank God for protecting me from what I thought I wanted and blessing me with what I didn't know I needed." - Unknown

Wishes and Wants

Wishes and wants vs. have too's and needs, Comes down to separating grain from the weeds.

It can break up a community once strong When people think that the other side is wrong.

Compromising isn't easy no matter the case, Having your way doesn't always mean first base. Sacrificing the geese that lay the golden eggs Can end up with all struggling on their last legs.

Bigger may not be better when in the plan You have bankrupted the folks on the land. You can import problems along with numbers And end up with nothing but lots of fumlbers.

I don't know the answer, I wish that I did Sometimes you must search for something that's hid.

Examine all sides of the coin in the toss Make sure that you haven't lost win in the loss.

J.R. Trumbull
12 March 2015

Quote: "A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, and an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others." - Unknown

"Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you'll be criticized anyway." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Unfortunately the above quote is all too true. Maybe we all need to take time to look for the good and the right in things and lay off the criticism. Here are some simple ways to show that you do care and Bible verses to back them up. Listen without interrupting - (Proverbs 18). Speak without accusing - (James 1:19). Give without sparing - (Proverbs 21:26). Pray without ceasing - (Colossians 1:9). Answer without arguing - (Proverbs 17:1). Share without pretending - (Ephesians 4:15). Enjoy without complaint -

Apply for scholarships online

Applying for scholarships is now easier than ever at Mid-Plains Community College.

MPCC has launched a new online scholarship application, allowing current and potential students to fill out the required form from the comfort of their home computer.

"We're really excited about this new, easy-to-use format," said Erinn Brown, area director of Financial Aid. "It will streamline the application process and be a huge time-saver for everyone involved."

The form can be accessed at <https://mpcc.awardspring.com/>. Both current and prospective MPCC students will need to register for an account to complete the scholar-



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Current and prospective MPCC students can now fill out scholarship applications online. The priority deadline for turning in a scholarship application for the 2018-19 award cycle is March 1.