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TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 27, 2008
Susan Harbur, editor, celebrating November as adoption month, featured her sons, Lucas, Trenton, Tanner and Zachary Harbur, in a story this week.

Tasha Miller signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at North Platte Community College.

Arlen Connell was pictured with a 6 x 5 buck he bagged on the opening day of deer season. There were 32 deer checked in on the first day at Munson's Market Deer Check-In Station.

The Six Man Coaches Association named Tyrel Fischer to the first team offense as a running back.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 3, 1998

The annual 63rd Daly Thanksgiving was held at the Vet's Club in Stapleton with 80 people in attendance. The day was hosted by Evelyn Daly and Art and Ilene Daly.

Gina Fisher and Lacy Abel of Tryon, were among those chosen for the first team of the Sandhills Conference "All-Conference volleyball team."

Deaths: Funeral services for Frances L. Waits, 82, former Tryon area resident, were held November 25; Services were held for Maxine Childerston, 82, of North Platte, November 25.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 1, 1988

Rick Trumbull, accompanied by his father, Larry Trumbull, took his Gelbvieh cattle to the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City. He received two firsts, one second, and one third in class placings.

Mark and Shelly Lovitt were the parents of a baby daughter, Taylor Rae, born November 15.

Jacque Snyder was home from Chadron for Thanksgiving, and Clint and Crystal Pettit were home from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for a few days.

A group of neighbors and friends gathered at the Bob Stevenson ranch to help the Stevensons with some fall farm and ranch work. Those helping were Dan Albrecht, Paul Hunn, Lloyd Connell, LaVerne and Kirk Neal, Darrell Fisher from the Moore Ranch, Allen and Mike Shimmin, Jim Power, Tom Kemp and Richard Kemp.

FORTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 30, 1978

Terry Correll was the recipient of a rodeo scholarship at Chadron State College. He was president of the CSC Rodeo Club.

A pickup belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kemp, which was being used to carry mail, slid off Highway 97 and turned over

on its side. Mrs. Kemp and a passenger, Norman Koch, escaped serious injury, but the camper was almost a total loss.

Forty-four gathered at the Art Daly home for the 43rd annual Daly Thanksgiving dinner.

The senior class of McPherson County High School was pictured in this issue as they prepared for their 3-act comedy, "Stop the Wedding." Those pictured were Gordie Connell, Roger Trumbull, Steve Miller, LeAnn Daly, Pam Gale, Ed Sowders, Patty Arensdorf, Steve Schmidt, Becky Long, Rod Brown, Jim Pinkerton, Jill Snyder, Alisa Bullington, Bart Daly, and John Arensdorf.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 28, 1968

Students on the A honor roll for the second six week period included Gary Connell, Connie Lutes and Joy Moriarty, freshmen; Sandra Bassett, Cheryl Neal and Kathy Thompson, sophomores; and Gary Correll and John Kramer, juniors.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Shafer announced the birth of a daughter, Michelle Ann, born November 21 at George Air Force base hospital at Victorville, California; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kemp were the parents of a baby girl, Stacy Lee. She arrived November 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trumbull's milk cow at the ranch had twin calves. This is the first set of twin calves the Trumbulls have ever had.

Two names were unintentionally omitted from last week's list of football lettermen. They were the student managers, Bob Stevenson and Jim Neal.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 27, 1958

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to J.W. Trego of Flats, by President Eisenhower in grateful recognition of ten years of service to the nation as a member of the selective service local board of McPherson County.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Max Rothwell were the parents of a baby girl born November 11. She has been named Gayle Maxine.

Deaths: Mabel Newberry died November 16 at St. Mary's Hospital in North Platte.

Pioneer Market in Ringgold was advertising fresh roasted peanuts for .32 a pound and "Fire

Boy" fire extinguishers.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 2, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Court Cash Sr. celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Power.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sidlike of California are the parents of a baby girl, Rosemary Helen, born November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smolik were enjoying a two or three week vacation trip in California.

McPherson County High School would play the O'Fallons High School in the local gym on Friday night. Wanda Allen, Don Daly, Ruth Hunn, Wilma Neal and Hazel Thompson scored 95 on the last quiz over the junior review.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 1, 1938

Brush fires swept over a wide mountain region near Los Angeles, destroying many cabins and homes of movie colony folk and a large resort hotel.

Lisle Pyzer has been working at the Mathers Hereford Ranch in north Lincoln County. He was building a big pavilion where the Hereford bull sale would be held December 5.

Marrion Pinkerton, who was attending a business college in Denver was home on a brief vacation.

Melvin Miller was working on some old autos for Elza Hatch and even using an ax and sledge, tearing the bodies apart. It was quite a slow job.

NINETY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 6, 1928

Miss Eithel Popham and Mr. John Dahlin were united in marriage at North Platte, November 28.

S.W. Warren was letting his customers know he must have money and he was asking everyone that owes him to call and settle either by cash or good bankable note so he could use it as collateral.

The guests at the neighborhood Thanksgiving dinner given by the Helping Hand Club, at the home of G.B. VanMeter, appreciated the surprise wedding of Miss Ruth Chessmore, the only single member of the club, to Mr. Elmer Blume, a promising young farmer of Kansas.

Esther Musser who was teaching school near Whitman spent Thanksgiving with her parents.



Governor Pete Ricketts

Growing Nebraska for the Next Generation

Tackling The "Insuperable Monster"

With two months until the 2019 legislative session, conversation about legislation will be ramping up at the State Capitol and across Nebraska. One of the perennial topics confronting Senators is the issue of property taxes. The Tax Foundation ranks Nebraska as having the 11th-highest property taxes in the nation. As we prepare for session, it's important to remember the history around this issue, why progress has been challenging over the years, and what can be done to cut property taxes for Nebraska's hardworking families.

It is no secret that Nebraska has been talking about cutting property taxes for a long time. In the November 7, 1988 edition of the *Lincoln Journal-Star*, the paper ran this headline: "Unicam may tackle property tax in '89: Issue seems to be insuperable monster." In the 30 years since the headline in the *Lincoln* paper, and many years before, taxpayers, senators, think tanks, advocacy groups, committees, and

others have gotten together to study the issue of property taxes. While the state has dramatically stepped up its efforts to provide aid to local governments, property taxes keep going up. Why is this? Because many previous efforts have not tackled the fundamental drivers of high property taxes. As we think about how to address high property taxes in the upcoming legislative session, it is important to focus on those fundamentals. There are three key things that matter when it comes to cutting property taxes: controlling spending, reforming how property is valued for tax purposes, and avoiding tax shifts.

The only way to have sustainable tax relief is by controlling spending. There is no silver bullet. If you control spending, you will have the ability to cut taxes. We have controlled spending at the state level. Over the past four years, the Legislature and I have worked together to cut the rate of growth in state spending, which has allowed us to



increase property tax relief and the amount of aid to local governments. For the first time ever, the State of Nebraska provided over \$2 billion in aid to local governments and property tax relief this year. Local government can also deliver sustainable tax relief by controlling spending. Another big part of providing long-term property tax relief is changing the way we value property for tax purposes. Right now, Nebraska values property based on market value. This is particularly hard for our farmers and ranchers, who have seen land values go up 252 percent over the last 10 years. At the same time as agricultural land valuations and taxes have gone up,

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Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Quote: An ignorant person is one who doesn't know what you have just found out. *Will Rogers*

EVERYBODY should read this. Sad to say, but Paul Harvey was spot on 53 years ago. (1965)

PAUL HARVEY'S 'IF I WERE THE DEVIL' TRANSCRIPT

If I were the devil ... If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — Thee. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first — I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.'

"To the young, I would whisper that 'The Bible is a myth.' I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington...'

"And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

"If I were the devil I'd soon have families that war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

"Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deity science. I would lure priests and

pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil I'd make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

"If I were the devil I'd take from those, and who have, and give to those wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And what do you bet? I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution against extremes and hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I'd just keep right on doing on what he's doing. Paul Harvey, good day."

THE RAT

Satan comes a sneakin'
Down the backroads of life
Paintin' pretty pictures
Whisperin' promises of no strife.

Devil is beguiling, smooth and suave
He knows just the words to use
To con you good and strong
And entice you the good to refuse.

He's a Rat alright and he knows he is
He is sneaky and smooth as glass
He will work to trip you up
And he doesn't care for class.

"Get thee behind me Rat",
You can't mess up my way
"Cause Jesus is my Lord and Savior
And He is the One Who has the say!"

Choose who you belong to,
Take heed to God's Holy Word,
Seek Him for guidance
And the Rat's game seems absurd!

J.R. Trumbull
15 Nov 2018

County Sheriff Position Available

The McPherson County, Nebraska Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for the position of McPherson County Sheriff. The County Sheriff is an elected position and the appointment will be made to fill a vacancy, effective January 3, 2019. The salary for 2019 will be \$43,295 per year, with a 2% increase each year, plus a single health insurance policy or a cash reimbursement of 1,000 per month if the insurance is not taken.

Resumes with references should be sent to the McPherson County Clerk, P.O. Box 122, Tryon, NE 69167.

The deadline for submitting applications is 4:00 P.M. on December 17, 2018. The Board will consider applicants at a special Board meeting, which will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon, Nebraska, at 9:00 A.M. on December 21, 2018, to interview candidates and consider making an appointment for the McPherson County Sheriff position, for a four year term effective January 3, 2019. McPherson County is an equal opportunity employer. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

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