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TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Fay Connell, the oldest person present at the Paxton Thanksgiving dinner, was pictured with her great-great-grandson, Paxton Bierman. There were 128 in attendance at the annual Thanksgiving get-together.

Ringgold Free Methodist Church would be celebrating the Christmas season with their annual soup supper and program. Pastor Jay Bessmer was inviting everyone to attend.

The Tryon housing committee was having a committee meeting with the Sandhills RC & D to answer questions about current housing programs.

Senator Ben Nelson was launching a "Hometowns to Heroes Project," for our troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. Well wishes could be posted on his website.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 27, 1997

Friends and neighbors of Jim Beckius helped him harvest his corn crop. Jim was nearly electrocuted this summer and underwent treatment in Lincoln where they found cancer. He was undergoing radiation treatments. His wife, Lila, died suddenly of a heart attack on November 8. Raymond Pandorf and Frey Farms donated machinery and Becky Kramer and Ruth Beckius organized the lunch.

The annual Christmas dinner and election of officers for 1998 were two items of discussion at the Tryon Rebekah Lodge meeting. Bonnie Bullington would be Noble Grand, and Geneva Neal, Vice Grand.

McPherson County's FCE Council sponsored a Holiday Craft Fair with 19 different booths of hand-crafted articles, food, and products, available to shoppers.

Dell Schultheiss and a cousin, Katrina Fisher, were involved in a car accident near the junction of Highways 92 and 97 east of Tryon. The two escaped serious injury.

A total of 272 deer were checked in at the Big Game Check Station at Gandy by Jim Wonch.

A meeting of the Old West Council, similar to an area Chamber of Commerce, was held at Tryon. Five counties were represented and it was announced that a capacity building grant for \$50,000 had been received for the region.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 3, 1987

The community Christmas tree and nativity scene at the McPherson County Courthouse was a reminder that Christmas was only a few weeks away. The community project was sponsored by the Tryon Rebekah Lodge.

Stacey Kemp was involved in a coyote hunting accident. She is the daughter of Francis and Vickie Kemp.

Sixty-three descendants of Charley and Lena Daly gathered in Stapleton for the 52nd Thanksgiving Day event hosted by Alice Hanna and Bill and Vera Jividen, all of Stapleton.

Three guests and 97 members of the J.C. Paxton family met for Thanksgiving. Von Paxton gave thanks and the blessing for the bountiful meal.

There was a time when getting married usually meant that a man assumed full economic responsibility for himself,

his wife, and the children of the marriage. Marriage was not a ticket to economic prosperity. Recently, government and private studies have documented the growing economic importance of the two-earner family. At least one study concluded that marriage has more impact on a person's wallet than education or job skills.

FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 1, 1977

The MCHS Longhorns were to open their 1977-78 basketball season December 2 when they would meet Oconto at home. Pictured with the varsity squad were Alan Miller, Gregg Daigger, Rick Trumbull, Rex Kemp, Mike Miller, Steve Miller, Jess Cochran, John Arensdorf, Bart Daly, Tom Arensdorf, Ed Sowders and Lynn Pyzer.

Two more county representatives were elected to be on the West Central Sub-area Committee November 22, 1977. They were: McPherson County - Vera Gragg, Tryon; and Thomas County - Wilma Florea, Thedford.

Don Perry, Greg Daigger and Brad Johnson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pyzer and family Monday evening for a delicious venison supper and to help Butch Pyzer celebrate his birthday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 30, 1967

The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held at the LeRoy Daly home with 45 in attendance.

Students on the A honor roll for the second six weeks of school were: Sandra Bassett, freshman; Gary Correll and John Kramer, sophomores; and Jean Snyder and Sheryl Connell, seniors.

Deaths: Services were held November 27, for Mr. Burley Fisher, 87; Mrs. Leona K. Bassett, 82, died November 22; Leona K. Coons, 82, died November 22 at North Platte.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Don Whited were the parents of a boy, Troy Don.

David Store announced all charge accounts must be paid in full by December 1.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 28, 1957

Ronnie Marlin, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marlin, received a serious burn on his chest when he pulled a kettle of hot water from the cook stove onto himself.

The engagement of Bonnie Lee Miller to William Delbert Found was announced.

Miss Arlene Karre and Robert Lee Knoll were married October 26 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in North Platte.

Maxine Neal was elected Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge of Tryon. Pat Ansel was vice grand; Wilma Neal, secretary; and Darlene Waits, treasurer.

The closed football season left 12 lettermen. They were Ted Daigger, Richard Haskell, Gary Jameson, Don Munson, Robert Wilson, Dewayne Cook, Jack Connell, Herb O'Connor, Merlin Pettit, Dave Shimmin, Gary Neal and John Streiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit had a TV installed in their home last week.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 27, 1947

Miss Opal Coffman became the bride of Ronald W. Haney on July 31 at the home of the bride's brother, Spencer Coffman in Harbor City, California. Miss Maxine Fuller was united in marriage to

Kenneth Priest on October 31 in McCook.

In upper room school news, Jimmie Snyder, Dick Daly, Bobby Cotton, Esther Winters, Ross Hunn, Vera Daly, Arlene Bedker and Roberta Pettit, earned perfect attendance awards last month. Jack Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lamb, left for Omaha where he took his final examination for the U.S. Navy.

Phantom of the Opera was playing at the Tryon Theatre in technicolor. Contest pictures of McPherson County featured in this issue were those of Sharon Connell, Larry Neal, Robert Neal, Sanford Neal, Duane, Keith and Betty Neal, and Billie Newberry.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 25, 1937

A bit of history of the old west and the honoring of a family whose name had been linked with progress along the North Platte valley was revived recently when the UP Railroad announced the new station on the spur track would be known as "Haythorn Station."

Bids have been asked for by the State Highway Department for the construction of eight-tenths of a mile of graveled highway on the Mullen-Tryon road.

According to reports from Lincoln, the State General Fund is in the red, which on the fact of the matter indicates that the great state of Nebraska is about to become financially unsound.

Insurance rates on business buildings and contents in Tryon were unreasonably high, so high in fact that most buildings are not insured to within many hundreds of dollars of their value.

The American Literature Class at McPherson County school was having an enjoyable time reading the poetry of Longfellow, Emerson, and other poets of that period. In physical education, the girls have worked out a drill in which we form our school letters M.C.H.S.

NINETY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 1, 1927

About 25 of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. James Hutches gathered at their home bringing well-filled baskets.

A large crowd from Tryon attended the program given at Miss Edith Austin's school at Nesbit. Miss Austin's pupils gave a short Opperetta.

Ross Allen had the misfortune of overturning their Star Coach while returning from the dance at Smoliks. None of the occupants were injured.

Local prices on farm produce: Cream - .45; Heavy hens - .13; Turkeys - .25; Old Toms - .18.

Cloyd Moore took a load of high school pupils to the basketball game at Gandy. Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Worden each took a load.

The seniors received their class rings on Monday.

Mr. Nicholas was offering a dollar to anyone in the ninth grade general science class who could bring anything to class that makes or loses energy.

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Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Conceit is bragging about yourself. Confidence means you believe you can get the job done." Johnny Unitas

I found this little gem on the internet and thought it was good enough to share. It gives a person something to think about. "You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Well because someone bumped into me, of course!" Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. *Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.*

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL hap-

pen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it until you get rattled.

"So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions? You choose."

"Trust that when the answer is no, there is a better yes down the road."

CUP OF FAITH

My cup of faith
Sometimes grows weak
When I don't feed it
From the Word and seek
To find the wisdom
That I need
And take the time
To ponder and heed.

The tea bag of life
Needs time to steep
Through trials of life
And woods dark and deep
As life's lessons
We learn and apply
Thru struggles and joys
As the days go by.

A cup of faith
God provides for us.
Accept it now,
Do not fume and fuss
For God is in control,
He does know best.
Drink from this cup
And be blessed!

J.R. Trumbull
12 January 2012

Calving workshops at six locations in December

Ranchers who want to reduce calf loss at calving and to learn how to properly assist cows at calving should plan to attend "Assisting the Beef Cow at Calving" programs at six locations in December, with Dr. Robert Mortimer, a nationally known veterinarian from Colorado State University.

Dr. Mortimer will discuss handling calving difficulty, with emphasis on decision making and the hows and whys of techniques for providing assistance.

Dr. Mortimer developed a program strongly emphasizing hands-on experience in calving management and produced a video with Elanco and Beef Today on "How to Save More Calves at Calving."

The cost is \$20, which can be paid at the door. Pre-registration at least two days prior to the meeting is requested to ensure enough program materials are available.

Dates, locations and contact information for advance registration with the local host are:

December 11 at Bridgeport: Prairie Winds Community Center, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.; contact Aaron Berger at 308-235-3122 or

berger2@unl.edu

December 11 at Gudmundsen Sandhills Lab near Whitman: 6:30-9:00 p.m.; contact Bethany Johnston at 308-645-2267 or bjohnston3@unl.edu

December 12 at Broken Bow: 4-H Building, Custer County Fairgrounds, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.; contact Troy Walz at 308-872-6821 or twalz1@unl.edu

December 12 at O'Neill: Holt County Courthouse Annex, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.;

contact Amy Timmerman at 308-536-2760 or atimmerman2@unl.edu

December 13 at Kearney: Buffalo County Extension Office, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.; contact Brent Plugge at 308-236-1235 or brent.plugge@unl.edu

December 15 at North Platte: West Central Research and Extension Center, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Randy Saner at 308-532-2683 or rsaner2@unl.edu

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, December 4 - Grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes and carrots.
Tuesday, December 5 - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes and corn.
Wednesday, December 6

- Meatloaf, baked potato and peas.
Thursday, December 7 - Pork roast, pork dressing and green beans.
Friday, December 8 - Chili soup with hamburger sandwich.

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