



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 20, 2007

Leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association Wrangler Division, the newest junior high rodeo program in America, appointed Shane Suchy of Tryon to the NHSRA Wrangler Division All Star Rodeo Team. Come Double met at Munson's Market for their annual Christmas party. High score for the men was Harold Arensdorf and for the women, Cindy Johnson.

The full page Christmas greeting ad for Creative Printers, Inc. featured pictures of Art and Audrey French, publishers; Elizabeth Flahaven, *Thomas County Herald*; Karla Janecek, *The Tryon Graphic*; Lea Ann Edelman and Janet Larreau, *The Arnold Sentinel*; and Marcia Hora and Traci Frey, *The Stapleton Enterprise*.

The Tryon recruiting committee would be utilizing North Platte media in a big push to familiarize families of the North Platte community with McPherson County Schools. The board approved not to exceed \$4,100 in helping fund the advertising campaign.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 18, 1997

The McPherson County Fire Department answered an early morning alarm for a fire at Flats in the west part of the county. The fire destroyed a garage and barn. The Flats store and post office was once in operation at this location.

Byron Eater was named "1997 Nebraska Cattleman of the Year." The Theford area rancher was honored during the annual convention.

Pictured in the Creative Printers holiday ad this week were Traci Frey, Janet Larreau, Kendra Cutler, Marcia Hora, Amy Conner, Lea Ann Edelman and Art and Audrey French.

Deaths: Francis Fritz Opela of Oregon died November 3.

Tara Connell and Jeremy Arensdorf played a clarinet duet at the Tryon United Methodist Church Christmas program. Kirk Neal read a poem entitled, "The Christmas Gift."

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1987

The Jack Connells attended the ball game at Wallace Friday evening and were guests in the Hop Vedder home for coffee and sandwiches. Hop and Jack were buddies from their hitch in the Army, and were in Vietnam together.

Susan Johnson of Bella Vista, Arkansas, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Max and Lorine Rothwell and her sisters.

The boys and girls MCHS basketball teams won their fourth games in a row by defeating Wallace Friday night. Clint Pettit led Tryon with 15 points and 13 rebounds. In the girls' varsity game, the Lady Longhorns started out fast and never looked back. Scoring in double figures were Ellen Gosnell, Melissa Power and Angie Jameson who scored 16, 14, and 12 points, respectively.

New Arrivals: Benjamin Eric, born December 19, to Doug and Pam Schmidt; Christopher Wade, born December 21, to Lamar and LuCinda Kemp.

FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 22, 1977

Orville Bellew, who ranches in McPherson County, was elected to a three-year term on the McPherson County ASC Board. In addition to Orville, Lenard Correll and Clarence F. Arensdorf were elected as first and second alternates.

The Friendly Workers Club held their annual Christmas party at the Lodge Hall. Cards were played with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffith winning high score for the men and women.

The Helping Hand Club had their Christmas meeting at the home of Esther Arensdorf.

Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance at the Soddy with music by Butch Kilmer.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 21, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bellew observed their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at the lodge hall with 70 people helping them celebrate.

Catherine Dobbins, 17, of Fort Collins, Colorado, has been chosen third runner-up in the Fort Collins Junior Miss Pageant.

The Tryon Graphic's Christmas greeting featured Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett, Ken and Sandra.

Mrs. Carol Heuerman and her M.Y.F. group were out caroling Tuesday night, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Joe Arensdorf would provide New Years Eve music for the dance at School District No. 60. Ladies were to bring sandwiches or cake.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 19, 1957

An atmosphere balloon used in atmospheric study was found on the Eddie Waits place north of Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Neal observed their 40th wedding anniversary with a surprise supper given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Neal.

The Stapleton-Tryon town team won 72-53 over Cedar Bowl of North Platte. Bill Karn scored 34 points.

Deaths: Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Gandy for John Roy Moore; Patricia Evelyn Daly, 2, daughter of Emory and Evelyn Daly, died November 7.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Samuel Snell were the parents of a son, Kay Dean Samuel.

In "Out Our Way," news by Mrs. Vernon Jameson, it was reported Von Paxton had been helping Vernon Lutes run cement several days that week.

The David Store had Christmas cards, tree decorations, tree lights, and trees. Brachs chocolates were available in 3 lb., 4 lb., and 5 lb. boxes and ranged in price from \$2.59 to \$4.95 per box.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 25, 1947

Arthur Gragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gragg, had the misfortune of having his horse fall with him on ice while getting in the milk cows.

The Tryon Longhorns won a basketball game from the Gandy Streamliners in the Gandy gym last week by the score of 26-13. Byron Daly was high scorer with nine points and Karl Hunn scored eight.

Fay Thompson drove to Omaha and returned his wife, Annabel home. Annabel had been in Omaha since August suffering with polio.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt had moved on the T.J. Anway place east of Tryon which Mr. Joe Schmidt bought.

A nice crowd attended the Christmas program and pie social at District 24. Tom Kemp and Benjie Shimmin proved to be very capable auctioneers.

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Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

Calvin Coolidge Christmas should be a happy time of year. It is often a difficult season for some folks due to loss of loved ones, circumstances beyond their control, and a myriad of other reason. One thing we can remember is that there are certain things that happy people Do Not Do!

1. They don't take things for granted. They are aware of the goodness already present in their lives and they are thankful for what they already have.

2. Happy people don't hold onto resentments. They forgive because they know holding onto anger leaves you at the mercy of powerful emotions. They choose emotional well-being even when things don't turn out the way they would prefer.

3. They don't blame others for their problems. They realize that they have the power to set things right if at all possible even though someone else is partially or totally to blame.

4. They don't take things personally. They know that "It's not all about you!" Taking things personally is the voice of a shaky ego trying to protect itself.

5. Happy people don't live in the past. If an old failure comes to mind, they remember how they rebounded and what they have learned.

6. Happy people don't seek validation from others. They know that de-

pending on others' approval separates them from their true selves. They define themselves and aren't influenced by what others think.

7. They have multiple interests in friends, family, hobbies and organizations. It reduces the risk that one great loss will cripple them.

8. They don't undermine others. They never feel that another's success makes them less successful themselves. They help others achieve their goals instead of putting up roadblocks that slow everyone down.

9. Happy people don't give up. They may have a few self-doubts, but they keep going and don't give up on their dreams. They do give up their need to always be right, the limiting beliefs, and their re-

sistance to change.

10. Happy people don't sweat the small stuff. They have found ways to put things into perspective and think of problems as potential teachers. Problems can teach you patience, emotional intelligence and mind control.

The most happy people I have had the joy to know have learned the power of prayer, the strength of faith, and have their feet on the solid Rock that is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Happy people know that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

"It is always possible to be grateful for what is given rather than resentful over what is withheld. One or the other will become a way of life."

Elizabeth Elliott

REJOICE

Rejoice in His birth
And in His death on the cross,
The hope of eternity gained
By the Father's great loss.

Rejoice more for He is risen,
Defeated death as a foe
So that He could be with us
Where ever we go.

Some folks go to church
Maybe twice in a year,
Christmas and Easter
Is all the Word they hear.

Christ's birth and His death
These days commemorate
But just honoring them
Does not alter your eternal fate.

First you must know Him
And call on His name
Or you will be doomed
To hell's eternal shame.

Celebrate Jesus
Every day that you live
Because for you
He gave all He could give.

Life everlasting,
Joy ever more,
Just say "Jesus forgive me"
And Heaven's in store.

J.R. Trumbull
5 April 2006

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, December 25 - Closed, Merry Christmas
Tuesday, December 26 - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and corn
Wednesday, December 27 - Barbecue beef sandwich, baked beans and French fries

Thursday, December 28 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and peas
Friday, December 29 - Fish sandwich, Au Gratin potatoes and beets.

So, You've Inherited a Farm/Ranch, Now What?

Anyone who owns farm or ranchland may want to participate in this seminar to give information and education about that ownership. Learn management strategies for this asset by attending this seminar in North Platte Nebraska at the Lincoln Logan McPherson County Extension Center, December 19, starting at 9:30 am. You can use this 2 and a half hour workshop to learn about: Am I keeping the farm, or selling it? How do I manage a farm? If leasing, what are key lease provisions? What legal considerations do I have with this decision? And, how do we

manage family communications and expectations when other family is involved?

"I am contacted monthly from citizens who have had their parents pass away, and now they are managing a farm for the first time in their lives," said Allan Vyhnalek, Extension Educator and event speaker. "They may have even grown up there, but haven't been around for 30 or 40 years, and need to understand that farming practices and management concepts have changed." Vyhnalek continued.

Pre-registration is requested by prior to the

event. Registration fee is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Contact Randy Saner, Nebraska Extension Educator, 308-532-2683 or e-mail rsaner2@unl.edu to register.

The program is being provided by Allan Vyhnalek and Jim Jansen, Extension Educators from Nebraska Extension. They provide the farm land management education for eastern Nebraska.

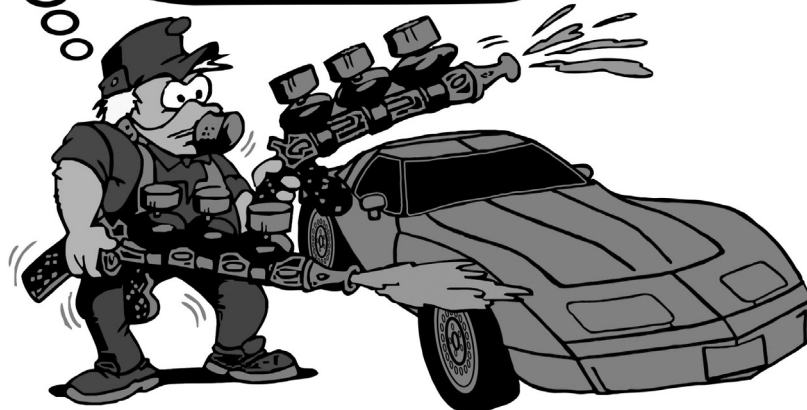
For more information or assistance, please contact Randy Saner Extension Educator, Nebraska Extension in Lincoln Logan and McPherson Counties. Phone: 308-532-2683 or by e-mail rsaner2@unl.edu

May Your Days Be Shiny & Bright

Wishing you and yours sleighfuls of happiness at Christmastime and throughout the New Year! We hope this holiday season delivers everything you've been wishing for, right down to the last detail.

2017 has been a great ride for us, and we appreciate your support and trust along the way.

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