



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 22, 2007

McPherson County won over Stapleton and Mullen in Subdistrict games. Leading scorers for the Lady Longhorns were: Margo McNutt and Meka Melvin.

Services were held February 19 for Phyllis Lorraine Connell, 66, of Tryon. She passed away February 13 at Centennial Park Retirement Village in North Platte.

Harold Melvin, age 80, formerly of Ogallala, died February 13 at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 20, 1997

Virginia Lester, in her 24th year of teaching in the Bullard, Texas School District, met with Texas Legislators at Austin, as members of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE).

Scott and Joy Pettit of Seneca are the parents of a daughter, Jesyn Hope, born December 22.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 26, 1987

The Nebraska Department of Social Services will close the Tryon office effective March 2, 1987. Residents here will continue to be served at the North Platte office.

Justin Nicholson, a 7th grade student at Madison Junior High in North Platte, placed first in a Junior Math Contest recently.

The Lady Longhorns of Tryon headed into sub-districts last week as the

number one seed and came up with two victories. Leading scorers for Tryon were Angie Jameson, Ellen Gosnell and Marty Moore.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 23, 1967

Miss Ruth Ellen Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Connell of Tryon, recently became the bride of Kenneth Leroy Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gage of North Platte. The February 12 ceremony took place in the Methodist Church Chapel in North Platte.

The McPherson County Centennial committee met February 21 to discuss a county centennial celebration planned for June 3, 1967. Among things discussed was a parade, free barbecue, dance and calf roping.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 28, 1957

The Nebraska Stock Growers Association has chosen Jo Mann, a sophomore from McPherson County High School, as Youth of the Month.

Several from this community attended the Don Neal sale near North Platte on February 25.

Mrs. Bertha Hutches is improving after several weeks of illness.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 27, 1947

A large crowd attended the farewell held at the Childerston school house Friday evening for the Carl Brooks family. About 75 relatives and friends gathered to wish the Brook's happiness and

success in their new home near Salem, Oregon.

On Sunday, February 23, a crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Marvin at Gandy to help them celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services for Lawrence Edward Bassett, age 62, were held at the Eclipse Church February 22.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 25, 1937

The play cast of the Junior Class play, Henry Railsback, Roy Melendy and Rev. and Mrs. Dinsdale, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and Daughter, Inez, at a dinner at the Whitewater Ranch.

The North Platte-Tryon mail will leave Tryon at 1:30 instead of at 1 o'clock each day in the week except Sunday on which day it will leave at 1:00.

NINETY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 24, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Barta are the parents of a baby girl born last Saturday.

The farewell dance given for the Walter VanMeters was well attended.

The boys on the County High School basketball team and their coach, Mr. Nicholas, left this morning for Kearney where they are entered in the District tournament.

Citizens of the county were being urged to meet at the I.O.O.F. Hall March 5 to talk about organizing a Chamber of Commerce.

Chambers and Mishayla Evans.

Doug Phipps receives visits from Alice Phipps frequently. Burton Huddle, Dean Elliott and Pat Edis also visited with Doug this week.

Tom Prentice and Marty Boyer enjoyed visits with Toni Dutton, Robert and Bonnie Prentice, Tom and Rose Licking and Rod Swendener this week.

Virginia Wright's visitors included Cindy Pearman and Miss Koko and Ken and Nina Clark.

Frank Szwaneck enjoys daily visits from his wife, Millie.

Minnie Mary Hamilton enjoys visiting with Cindy Pearman, Miss Koko and Ken and Nina Clark.

Lennard and Crystal Swisher enjoyed visiting with Burton Huddle, Ron Masten and Ken and Nina Clark this week. They also enjoy frequent phone visits with Francis and Jodi Swisher.

Kat Boyer receives visits

from Doug and Linda Boyer and Ron Boyer frequently. April Sittler was also a visitor of Kat's.

Charles Evans receives frequent visits from Laurie Chambers and Mishayla Evans. Loraine Evans also visits Charles often.

Thurman Licking enjoyed visits from Burton Huddle, Ken and Nina Clark, Ron Masten and Tom and Rose Licking.

Other visitors this week included Sunny Ridings, Ken and Nina Clark, the Forseen family, Mary Lou Harding, Frank Harding and Reed and RosaLee Hamilton.

We would like offer our sympathies to the family of Dorthy Johnston. She will be dearly missed here on "The Hill."

I'm sure I have forgotten to mention some visitors. Please don't forget to sign our guestbook when you visit and stop by anytime. We're always home.

Until next week...

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, February 27 - Grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes and carrots

Tuesday, February 28 - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes and corn.

Wednesday, March 1 -

Meatloaf, baked potato and peas.

Thursday, March 2 - Pork roast, pork dressing and green beans.

Friday, March 3 - Chili soup with hamburger sandwich.



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Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "You aren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the earth by the Master Craftsman." ~ Max Lucado

Sometimes painful things teach us lessons that we didn't think we needed to know. There are things we should give up in order to live a more positive life: Eight of these things are: Doubting Yourself, Negative Thinking, Fear of Failure, Criticizing Yourself & Others, Negative Self Talk, Procrastination, Fear of Success, and People Pleasing. We probably have all fallen into the trap of at least one of these things. When you wake up in the morning, say "Thank You God, it is morning" instead of "Oh God, it's morning". A positive start to the day will make a difference in how the rest of the day goes. Look for the little things that give you or someone else a lift in spirit. There is a tinge of green from the early sedge plants in the valleys. Ducks, geese, and swans are showing up on area lakes. Baby calves are showing up in pastures close to the ranchsteads or in the calving pens. I enjoyed calving except for pulling a calf on a cold, windy, wet night or repairing a prolapse under the same conditions or in the opposite kind of weather - hot, no wind, and an uncooperative cow. Cows who were overprotective of their calves are okay but when they were overprotective and I was involved, their number went into the "sell" category!

Sometimes you have to make judgment calls. A 'friendship' or other 'relationship' may be a negative influence on you or someone close to you. When you know that you have prayed about the situation, examined it from all sides, and turned it over to the Lord then you may find that you need to walk away especially if the other person or person involved aren't willing to work on a positive solution. We run into

people who act a lot like old El Diablo. She always had a wonderful calf, but at one point in time, my life was worth more than a super protective momma cow.

"When you pray, be sure to listen also. You have things you want to say to God, but He also has things He wants to say to you." ~ Joyce Meyer

EL DIABLO

El Diablo was her name,
I swear that cow could snort fire
And anyone who dealt with her
Would tell you I'm not liar!

Two stub horns that curled
Up and around her poll
Gave her a nasty advantage
That most cows do not hold.

A black and white brockle face
Ascended from the pit,
Belling and throwing snot,
Just having quite a fit.

When she calved in the spring,
I would just drive away
Leaving her calf untagged
Until branding day.

Just once I tagged her calf
Nabbed it into the pickup unaware
But then I had to figure out
Just how to get it out of there.

'Cause she was circling the truck,
My blood was on her mind,
For I had dared molest her calf
And take it from its kind.

As I pondered what to do
She was getting bolder
So I finally just drove off
Calf out the door as I nudged her shoulder.

One fall I'd finally had enough.
It was time for her to leave.
"Open" I yelled as she hit the chute,
I didn't even dirty my OB sleeve!

J.R. Trumbull
21 April 2006

Boost Leadership Skills and Civic Engagement at Area 4-H Program

Youth between the ages of 15 to 19 from Lincoln, Logan and McPherson Counties have the opportunity to learn about government processes in the vibrant, living classroom of the nation's capital as part of Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), an intensive 4-H civic engagement program for high-school youth held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

Area 4-H members participate in this program every three years. Plans are being made for the next program in June 2018. To learn more about this program contact Nebraska Extension in North Platte at baufdenkamp1@unl.edu or by calling 308-532-2683.

Youth who are not actively enrolled in 4-H are being sought to fill open

participant spots. This program will depart early June 2018 for a 15 day chartered motor coach trip visiting St Louis, Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia, Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, Canada and Washington D.C.

While in Washington D.C. the group will stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. Youth interact with youth from across the country while participating in civic workshops, committees, and field trips before returning home to make positive changes in their own communities. CWF not only strengthens young people's understanding of the government's civic process, but it also boosts their leadership skills, communication skills, and overall confidence. During CWF, youth get a

behind-the-scenes look at the nation's capital while meeting with Members of Congress to learn more about how their government works. At the end of the program, youth draft step-by-step action plans to address important issues in their communities.

For more information contact, Brenda Aufdenkamp, UNL Extension Educator in Lincoln, Logan, McPherson Counties at baufdenkamp1@unl.edu.

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