



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 13, 2008
Filings reported for the upcoming May 15 primary election included Kim R. Blake and Carl Rundback for McPherson County Commissioner, and Michael J. Janecek, Rochelle Kemp, and Douglas E. Schmidt for School District #90 Board of Education.

MCHS track season was underway and those out that year were Ben Cochran, Jake Sowders, Eric Trumbull, Chris Burch, Gabe Ryland, Tui Bogu Borowicz, Meka Melvin, Amy Waits, Tasha Miller, Kate Seifer, Molly Hinkle, Samantha Kramer, Ashley Bessmer, and Mara Seifer. Junior High tracksters were Austin Starr, Terry Bellew, McKenna Bessmer and Alecia Paxton.

Deaths: Sonja Stone, 65, of North Platte, died March 6; Kenneth Hampton, 79, died February 26, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

New Arrivals: Cashley Kalyn King was born to Glen and Elke (Melvin) King on February 20.

Amanda Morgan was featured in this week's MCHS Senior Spotlight.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 19, 1998

Ben Schmidt qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee.

Eric Mumm, 8th grader at McPherson County Schools, was the spelling bee champion.

New Arrivals: Emily Marie, was born to Mike and Jeni Pyzer, February 28.

Tara Sue Connell was featured in this week's Senior Spotlight.

The engagement of DanDee Connell and Lee

Elton Wonch was being announced by their parents. The couple was planning a June 13 wedding.

A total of 479 teams competed in the Number 8 roping at Bar 11 Arena near Stapleton. High money winners for the day were Brad Whited and Jeff White. They each received a Montana Silversmith buckle. Kisha Gracey of Arnold won the buckle in the barrel race and Lindsay Ritter of Tryon, won the buckle in the junior division.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 10, 1988

This week's senior spotlight featured Casey Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Connell.

Virginia Smith filed for re-election to U.S. Congress in the third district.

There would be no classes at MCHS as the boys would be competing in the state basketball tournament in Lincoln.

Deaths: Edmund J. Quinn, 77, died March 5.

Tryon Rebekah Lodge met with 11 members present with Audrey French, noble grand, reporting the Assembly Vice President of Rebekah Lodges of Nebraska would be visiting the Tryon Lodge.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 16, 1978

New publishers of *The Tryon Graphic*, Art and Audrey French, reported there would be changes in the newspaper that week. They had purchased the *Graphic* from Brad Johnson. The Frenches had published the *Graphic* from 1956 to 1961, when they had sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett.

Snowball Sunday at the Tryon United Methodist Church proved to be a

very successful day. Sixty-six were present to hear Bruce Huffman singing with his own guitar accompaniment. Others singing were Dora Kemp, Pauline Waits, Geneva Neal, Kathy Fisher and Dee Arensdorf, accompanied by Elnora Neal at the organ.

Services were held March 16, for John Pesek, 84, of Ravenna, who dedicated more than 50 years to professional wrestling. His son, Kevin Pesek, was a recent director of the ASCS office that served Logan-McPherson and Arthur counties.

Those filing for Commissioner in District #1 were incumbent John L. Neal; and Vernard E. Knoll. Incumbent, E.L. (Tom) Kemp and Herschel Moore had filed for Commissioner District #2.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 14, 1968

Vicky L. Miller was chosen as delegate to Girls State.

Hermel Priest was honored on his 45th birthday with a turkey dinner at his home. A pretty birthday cake was baked by his daughter, Wanda.

The Goldringers 4-H Club organized at the John Neal home. Jim Neal as last year's president acted as chairman. Wilma Neal was elected leader and Mae Schmidt, assistant leader. Officers for the new year would be Jim Neal, president; Randy Fisher, vice president; Donna Stoddard, secretary; and Errol Waits, news reporter.

Russell Kemp had filed for board of education and Robert Kinsman for county commissioner.

Kathy Wickersheim and Ray Battin would be married June 29. Kathy was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shimm and the great-granddaughter of the late Mrs. Lydia Neal.

The Centennial committee was requesting anyone with good pictures of the Centennial Celebration to leave them at the David Store.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 13, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen of Golden, Colorado, announced the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Russell Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Ringgold.

Deaths: Arthur Moore, 77, died March 7, at a North Platte hospital.

Miss Jeanette Katie O'Connor, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Milton O'Connor of Tryon, and David L. Bertrand, exchanged wedding vows in the Tryon Methodist Church before 35 guests.

Reva Cotton would enter

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Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway presents "Wings Over Two"

Prairie Chicken and Sharp-Tailed Grouse Birding and Adventure Conference in Mullen

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway, with a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust, is presenting "Wings Over Two" birding and adventure conference, featuring prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse in Mullen, April 12th through the 14th.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway, a volunteer non-profit organization, works to encourage travel and tourism on Nebraska Highway Two from Grand Island to Alliance. A feature of Nebraska Highway Two is the abundance of wildlife, namely birds. "Every year I can't wait to get out to the sandhills to watch the annual booming ground ritual of the prairie chickens. It is a natural experience unlike anything else and I'm most excited to be a part of the Wings Over Two festival this year," Brad Mellema, Director of the

Grand Island Convention and Visitor Bureau said.

The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway Wings Over Two birding and adventure conference is a two-day event featuring Friday and Saturday morning viewing sessions led by Brad Mellema, professional photographer and instructor and Mitch Glidden outdoor outfitter. Afternoon adventure outings are led by Mellema, Glidden and Sandhills tour developer Bill Burdett of Horizons Without Bounds Agri-Tours. Adventure tours include: Avocet Wildlife Area, National Forest at Halsey and tanking on the Middle Loup. Keynote speakers are world renown photographer, Bill Frakes, Mary Bomberger Brown, of Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership and Greg Wright, wildlife biologist.

"The birding conference

is a great way to share a few of the secrets that make the sandhills such a beautiful wonder while encouraging travel and tourism in rural communities. The visitors who drive Nebraska Highway Two really get an amazing experience, and rural communities really get and economic boost with tourism dollars" Charity Adams, Economic and Community Development Director, Cairo, Nebraska.

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway encourages those who love birds and those who want to enjoy the wonderful natural wonders of the Sandhills to register early for the Wings Over Two conference as space is limited. More information and registration available at www.sandhillsjourney.com or contact Twila Phillips at Sandhills RC&D at 308-546-0636.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith."

Margaret Shepard Dealing with difficult people is something we all run up against. Some of us seem to have it happen more often than others. During one of my internet sessions, I came across these tips on dealing with difficult people. There is a lot of good advice in them, but some of them are sure hard to follow through on.

The greatest stress you go through when dealing with a difficult person is not fueled by the words and actions of this person - it is fueled by your mind that gives their words and actions importance.

It's okay to be upset. It's never okay to be cruel. Rage, resentment and jealousy do not change the hearts of others - they only change yours.

Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace. Free yourself of the burden of being an eternal victim. Forgetting what you learned may not be wise. Just don't let that knowledge hamper or destroy you.

Stay positive when negativity surrounds you. Smile when others refuse to. It's an easy way to make a difference in the world around you.

Gossip and drama ends at a wise person's ears. Be wise. Seek to understand before you attempt to judge. Use your judgment not as a weapon for putting others down, but as a tool to make positive choices in building your own character.

Always set an example. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice but because YOU are. Do your best to be thank-

ful for rude and difficult people - they serve as reminders and examples of how not to be.

The way we treat people we strongly disagree with is a report card on what we have learned about love, compassion and kindness. Life is too short to argue and fight. Count your blessings, value the people who matter, and move on from the drama with your head held high.

Don't expect to see positive changes in your life if you constantly surround yourself with difficult people. The great danger of being around difficult people too often

is that you start becoming like them without even knowing it. Just because you are kind to someone does NOT mean you have to spend extra time with them.

If you really want to be happy and peaceful then stop being afraid of being yourself, and stop thinking about what others think of you. There is nothing selfish about giving yourself enough space for self-care. Experience life on your terms and you will be life-giving to others.

"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties." C.S. Lewis

SNIDELY SNAKE

A sneaky, snidely, slimy snake
Is devious beyond compare
For this snake usually walks on two feet
Rather than crawling on its belly bare.
It thinks and schemes
To take others unaware
And to take advantage when it can,
Their tactics are most unfair.

They flatter and beguile
Using words full of deceit.
They think the rules are not for them
And that treachery is just another feat
To show that they are superior
To all others on the earth.
To steal, malign, and use others
Fills their hearts with mirth.

When someone stands up and says
"No, that is wrong"
They don't understand,
They were just "being strong".
They think they are far smarter
Than all others around,
Their audacity is obnoxious -
It really does astound!

It is no use to confront them,
They can't see their attitude stinks.
They will just defy you
And try to push you to the brink.
Just walk away,
Shake the dust off from your feet
Because dealing with them
Can lead to earthly defeat.

You can't trust a snake
'Cause it is just what it seems,
It's just part of its nature
To be a bane to human beings.

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60th Anniversary
Card Shower
in honor of
Russell & Elaine Miller
Friday, March 16
Their address is:
P.O. Box 25
Tryon, NE 69167

Benefit **For**
Dale Licking
Sunday, March 18
6:00 p.m.
Ringgold
Free Methodist Church
Free Will Donation For
Chili Supper....Baked Goods
Will Also Be For Sale
Proceeds will go to help Dale with cancer treatment expenses in Omaha
If you would like to donate, and cannot attend, contributions may be sent to:
Pastor Paine, 902 E. Hwy. 92,
Tryon, NE 9167

Chili Supper & Bake Sale