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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 27, 2008

Kimmley Powers was pictured hunting Easter eggs on a 36 degree day in the Tryon Park.

Jordan Lovitt received a superior rating at the state speech contest in humorous prose as well as the OID team with Lovitt, Tasha Miller and Kate Seifer, as members of the team. Ben Cochran and Jake Sowders received an excellent in the duet acting division.

A school record was set at the first track meet of the season. Meka Melvin broke her current school record by one inch in the shot put.

Deaths: Thelma Mae Gordon died March 21 at North Platte.

A spaghetti feed was being held to help support Kourtney Cutler with her student ambassador trip to Europe.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 2, 1998

Jeremy Arensdorf qualified for the finals in the state speech contest in Lincoln and placed 5th overall.

Tyler Abel, son of Mike and Linda Abel, qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee.

Eric Mumm competed in the state spelling contest in Omaha and was 15th out of all 92 contestants.

New Arrivals: Kelly and Greg Lussetto were the parents of a baby girl, Jazalyne Marie, born March 19.

Kory Baker placed second in the Platte Valley USA Federation wrestling invitational meet at Sutherland.

At least four fires were set by lightning in McPherson County March 26. Rick Black, Fire Chief, said the largest of the four fires started southwest of the Dan Connell place and it was headed for town. Thirty-five-mile-per-hour winds drove the fire until it reached the west side of Highway 97, about two miles north of Tryon.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 24, 1988

Rusty Kemp and Melissa Power were crowned Heart Fund King & Queen. Runners-up were Craig Connell and Marty Moore.

The Nebraska Future Problem Solving Program recently announced state winners. Mitch Musser received first place and Mardel Connell, second.

Deaths: Lurene Zentz, 63, formerly of Stapleton, died Saturday in an Omaha hospital.

Jeff Moore, a 7th grade student at District No. 4 was crowned the McPherson County spelling bee champion and would represent the county at the state contest. Jeff's teacher was Charlene Connell.

Genie Allen bowled a 542 series in the Tryon Sandhills bowling league. Larry Cash was the men's high series with a 537.

Seniors named to the McPherson County High School honor roll were Jean Masters, Craig Neal, Trevor Neal, Clint Pettit, Jacquie Snyder, and Scott Starr.

Jeanne Masters was featured in this week's "Senior Spotlight."

Musser Well Drilling was observing 10 years in business in Tryon.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 30, 1978

LeAnn Daly was chosen for Girls State by the American Legion Auxiliary of Tryon. Jill Snyder was the alternate.

Steve Miller and Becky Long were crowned King and Queen at the 1978 Heart Fund Jamboree.

Randal Houghtaling was promoted to PFC in the Marine Corps on March 1.

Mardel Connell received a broken collar bone when she ran in front of the pickup driven by her brother, Gordon Connell.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Art Gragg were the parents of a son, Todd Dewey, born March 24.

Seventy-five people enjoyed Easter sunrise services and breakfast at the Tryon United Methodist Church and 85 people were present for the Easter worship service when Rev. Walles presented the sermon. Special music was provided by Pauline Waits, Dee Arensdorf, Shirley Daiger, Kathy Fisher and Geneva Neal. Elnora Neal and Helen Trumbull played the organ and piano.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 28, 1968

Leland Essary and Ken Bassett would begin student teaching April 1. Essary would teach at Minden, and Bassett at Omaha Central High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Correll were the happy owners of a new Mercury purchased last Thursday. Those sponsoring cars

and pupils to the scholastic contest at Kearney were Mrs. Wm. Gillette, Mr. Miles Snyder, Mr. Albert Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett.

Connie Lutes of District No. 9, age 15, grade 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lutes of Tryon, was McPherson County's spelling contestant at KNOP-TV. She was the third place speller and went down in the 17th round. Her teacher was Mrs. Doris Gross.

Custer Public Power District would be converting to a new billing system. The new billing would replace the system where you read your meter and compute your own bill. Patrons were asked to check their meter book to see if the amount corresponded with their records.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 27, 1958

Sharon Kay Connell was selected as Tryon's delegate to Cornhusker Girl's State.

J.W. Monfross of Carroll, had been hired as the new superintendent at McPherson County High School.

The pace had quickened for county offices in the coming election. Two more candidates had filed for county commissioner. T.R. Correll had filed in the first district and Robert K. Masters in the second district.

MCHS students competed with 116 other schools at the interhigh school contest at the Nebraska Teachers College in Kearney. Those taking part from Tryon and placing in the top rankings were Typing II, Charlotte Hora, 60 of 281; Typing I, Carol Munson, 73 of 101; Shop, Gary Neal, 9 of 78; American History, Sharon Connell, 103 of 162; American Government, Gary Jameson, 60 of 106; Geometry, Peggy Streiff, 46 of 120; Algebra, Anna Mae Paxton, 66 of 170; General Math, John Streiff, 19 of 103; and General Science, Terry Neal, 48 of 122.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Tupper were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trumbull on their 33rd wedding anniversary.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 25, 1948

Mrs. Corwin Bromfield was quite badly burned when a jug of gas broke and caught fire.

Mrs. McGee was making her home with her son, Sam, in the Sandhills near Diamond Bar Ranch.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kahoe of Denver, were the parents of a baby girl, Kay Lynn, born March 11; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shimmin were the parents of a baby girl, Verna Fay, born March 18.

The notice of election was published in this issue and Democrat, Harry S. Truman of Missouri was the only Democratic candidate for president. Republicans running were Thomas E. Dewey, Douglas MacArthur, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Harold E. Stassen, Robert A. Taft, Arthur H. Vandenberg, and Earl Warren. On the local scene, Ed L. Traphagan was running for county judge, and J.W. Trevo, county commissioner, third district.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 31, 1938

A sale barn was being erected in Stapleton which was thought would establish a new livestock market for farmers and stockmen in this part of

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "When you're in a dark place, you tend to think you've been buried. Maybe you have just been planted. Bloom!"

Unknown

Cursive vs printing - What is the problem with teaching both? It is hard to believe, but very true that there are children who cannot read letters from their grandparents and other older relatives because the letters are written in cursive and they don't know how to read it. One boy refers to it as "joined writing" which makes sense and shouldn't be that hard to decipher. How about tackling it as decoding the letter? Maybe that wouldn't work because kids today don't seem to know how to problem solve or think outside the box. They don't have to learn to solve mathematical problems from their own because they have calculators and computers, cell phones, and so on and have autocorrect so they don't have to learn to spell either. From some

of the posts I read, I don't think they proof read what they type in either. The same thing goes for adults too! Then there are the abbreviations. Some of them make sense

and I can usually figure out what is meant but there are times I have to look them up. I still prefer "Ha!" to Lol.

This column started out (Continued on page 12)

THE SEED CATALOG

Have you ever thought of the Bible
As a gigantic seed catalog,
One full of fruits of the spirit,
Vining branches, and fire proof logs?

You can help spread the seed,
Some may fall on unfertile ground,
While other seed fall on listening ears
That grasp the truth and growth abounds.

Some seeds take years to germinate
While others spring forth like weeds,
Each has its given purpose here
And the harvest goes back to the seed.

There are those who will twist the plant
And make it spurn its true way,
While others nurture and tend the seed
Helping it grow as a sturdy plant today.

Some of us are sowers of the seed,
Others tend it along life's road,
Some harvest the crop of the plant,
It doesn't matter who harvested, tended, or sowed.

Just remember as you read your Bible
That God has filled it with good seed.
Be vigilant as you sow them
And pray that others will heed.

J.R. Trumbull 1 July 2005

2018 Ranch Practicum Set For June, July, September and November

The 2018 Nebraska Ranch Practicum gives ranchers cutting edge research in range livestock production from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Natural resources, livestock management, and economic reality are integrated throughout the Practicum.

During the three-season UNL Extension class, participants have the opportunity to expand their knowledge with an overview of ranching practices from new angles. Throughout the program, participants will cover a variety of topics including the effective use of decision support tools to evaluate management and marketing alternatives, plant identification, range condition and grazing strategies, wildlife management, evaluation of cow body condition scores, and beef cattle production systems.

Classroom activities will open and close the Practicum in North Platte with the remainder of the classes conducted at UNL's Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory, a working ranch with education and research facilities, near Whitman. The



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12,800 acre ranch provides hands-on experience to ranchers. Practicum dates are June 6 and 7, July 12, September 5 and 6, and November 1, 2018, and January 9 and 10, 2019 for the eight-session class. Scheduling of the sessions from June to January is designed to cover the production cycle of both livestock and forage resources.


The 2018 Nebraska Ranch Practicum can count for college or continuing education credit. Participants looking to earn credits should make arrangements during the initial session.

The registration fee for this eight-session Practicum is \$675. To participate in the 2018 Nebraska Ranch Practicum, please submit

a completed application and registration fee by May 1, 2018. No applications will be accepted after May 1. Fees for a spouse are an additional \$350. All educational materials, noon meals and breaks are included. Participants are responsible for travel and lodging expenses.

Enrollment is limited to 35, and applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 21. Deposits will be refunded if space is not available.

For applications or additional information, contact Brent Plugge at 308-236-1255, e-mail brent.plugge@unl.edu or visit the Practicum website at <http://nebraskaranchpracticum.unl.edu/>




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Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile GIVE BLOOD

Friday, April 6, 2018
McPherson Co. Fairbuilding - Tryon
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For appointment please contact
Elaine Miller - 308-587-2446

Walk-Ins Are Welcome & Needed!