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TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 3, 2008
Jake Sowders and Kate Seifer would represent McPherson County at the 2008 Cornhusker Boy's and Girl's State session in Lincoln.

McPherson County students receiving all-state awards were Meka Melvin and Tasha Miller in girls basketball.

Mike Connell was injured in a tree cutting accident in the yard of his home.

Meka Melvin set a new meet record in the girl's discus with a throw of 123' 4" at the Sutherland Booster Club meet held March 29.

Don Rodewald would be honored on his 85th birthday with a card shower.

Deaths: Ingeborg "Red" Godfrey, 91, died March 26.

Deb Hall was announcing the next Red Cross blood drive would be April 4.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 9, 1998
Micki McNutt was the Girls State candidate from McPherson County. Jeremy Neal would be the candidate this year for Boys State.

Barry Harris, 50, of Alliance was stranded overnight in an overturned vehicle about five miles west of Tryon on Highway 92. He had waited all night in his vehicle with no coat or blankets in a very bad snowstorm.

Dan and Fay Connell, Geneva Connell, Phyllis Connell, Lois and Kermit Paxton and Dorothy Haney met Chester Paxton at Linden Manor Nursing Home March 25 to have pictures taken. Dan and Fay Connell were married June 5, 1935, in Thomas County in the home of Fay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Paxton. Judge Chester Paxton, brother of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer James E. Daly participated in a Special Operation Capable Certification Exercise 98-1.

The Bank of Stapleton was announcing money market accounts with check writing ability. Rates were 4.83% with a 5.00% A.P.Y. The bank had installed a new ATM at Kimber's.

Deaths: Services were held for Ethel Dike McKnight, 100, who died March 23; Roland P. Gibbs, 84, died March 22; Eva May Huebner, a former high school teacher, 98, died March 21.

Mitzi Klimek was on the list of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students with a 4.0 grade point average.

New arrivals: Tylene and Gale Garner were the parents of a baby boy, Cole Augustus, born April 2.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 31, 1988

The cost of mailing a First-Class letter would rise to .25 beginning Sunday, April 5, according to Larry Trumbull, postmaster.

Melissa Power was chosen to represent McPherson County at Girls' State. Angie Jameson was the alternate.

Clint Pettit had been offered a Regents Scholarship to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Rusty Kemp was selected to attend Cornhusker Boys State. Ira Masters was the alternate.

Casey Connell was listed in the Class D-2 Boys All State Basketball Honor Roll in the *Omaha World Herald*. Connell averaged 20.3 points per game for the Longhorns and was their leading rebounder. The team ended their season, 14-5.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 6, 1978

Patty Arensdorf and Bart Daly attended a Young People's Youth Seminar at Aurora.

Seniors listed on the third nine weeks honor roll at McPherson County High School were Teana Bullington, Jess Cochran, Alan Miller, Brenda Nicholson, and Janelle Snyder.

Doug Schmidt was cited for high scholarship achievement at the 50th annual Honors Convocation held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln coliseum.

Grand champion of the 1978 spelling contest was Sarah Bauer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Truman E. Bauer.

Truman E. Bauer and L.E. Alford purchased the bulk of foundation quarter horse mares from the estate of the late Frank A. Carver at an undisclosed price.

Harold Neal of Tryon was appointed by the Educational Service Unit 16 Board at the March meeting to fill the vacancy on the board created by the resignation of Marcia Hora, former elected county board member from McPherson County. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schroeder and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kemp were inviting friends and relatives to a wedding reception in honor of Jim and Rochelle Kemp.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 4, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Bud) Danker celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary, March 15. The Dankers came to Franklin County in the covered wagon days. They moved to McPherson County in 1916, built the red barn at Ringgold, and moved there in 1918. Bud maintained the great Highway No. 40 under Roy Cochran, which now is Highway No. 92, for 18 years.

Vickie Marie Kinsman and Francis Lee (Corky) Kemp were wed Friday evening, March 22, at the

Baptist Church in Arthur. Deaths: Barney Bender died March 26 at a Mesa, Arizona hospital.

Seven juniors, Clara Munson, Gayle Neal, Ellen Coty, Jim Neal, Renee Ellis, Donna Stoddard, and Judy Stevenson entered essays in the Custer Public Power essay contest.

Ringgold Community Club elected officers with Enid Hardesty, president; Jessie Jividen, vice president; and Marilyn Parker, secretary.

Dwight Pinkerton was news reporter for the Merry Mixed 4-H Club.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 3, 1958

Kermit Paxton was the new president of the Western Nebraska Angus Association.

The McPherson County track team finally got out for a good week of practice. Nine boys were participating in track this season. Coach Ahlquist said his team consisted of Richard Haskell, Dewayne Cook, Herb O'Connor, Larry Bassett, Merlin Pettit, Dave Shimmin, Gary Neal, Terry Neal, and Corky Kemp.

The Come Double Club would sponsor an Easter egg hunt after church services Easter Sunday. Plans were made at Black's Store building with 10 couples and the County Agent, Clifford Quick, attending.

Eileen Bassett entertained a group of her friends to celebrate her 14th birthday.

Candidates filing the past week were W.E. Neal, Democrat for County Sheriff and V.M. Knoll, Democrat for County Commissioner.

Deaths: Mrs. Claire Chapman, 61, died unexpectedly March 18 while enroute to the Memorial Hospital in Sedgwick County.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 1, 1948

Eunice Gutherless became the bride of Hollis Masters in the First Lutheran Church in North Platte, March 26.

The infant baby, Thomas Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haney died at birth and was laid to rest in the Eclipse Cemetery.

Anyone with a pickup, truck, or trailer, who would like to donate the hauling of gravel for the County Playground Court, was to write Mary Haney or Lois Hunn.

A surprise basket dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Haney on Easter Sunday marking their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Sunrise services were observed by the young people's class of Green Valley Sunday School on the high hill by Elmer Rundbacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wescoat and baby have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo

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Eclipse Funds Go Back Into Community



COURTESY PHOTO

Some of those helping install acoustic panels in the fair building were, on scaffolding, l-r: Dan Arensdorf and Kevin Starr. Working on the ground, l-r: Eldon Starr, Linda Kemp, and Terry Neal.

The "Eclipse in the Sandhills" group started meeting in 2015 to plan and prepare for the influx of people they believed would inevitably come for the 2017 eclipse. We worried about many things: money to pay expenses (especially the porta potties), transporting people to the site, water, food, and trash. We wanted to educate people about the geography, history, and culture of the land, while keeping people busy and entertained. The two days of the Eclipse were great. So many people expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the many activities, and time

here. Many worries were found to be unnecessary, and after expenses there was money left over.

The Eclipse committee decided to give back to the community and do something for the acoustics in the fair building. Eldon Starr did a lot of research, calling people and studying on the Internet. He found a plan using fiberglass acoustic panels from Florida. It was then decided the fair building should be painted before putting up these panels. The Fairboard and the Eclipse committee shared funding for the painting project. These panels were

put on the walls, which was done quite easily. The ceiling panels were more challenging since they had to be installed by feeling where to place the panels. Kevin Starr and Dan Arensdorf were indispensable for the job of working up high. The floor crew included Eldon Starr, Ron Dobbins, Terry and Elnora Neal, Janelle Blake, Linda Kemp and Vernon Waits. They believe they can already notice a difference in the acoustics, but a big dinner or event will be the final test. These people deserve a BIG thank you for making a great building even better.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "When everything seems like it's falling apart, that's when God is putting things together the way He wants it." Unknown

Everyone has a right to their opinion. The right for that opinion to be heard has to be earned. That sounds good doesn't it? Things that sound good are never easy. So, how do you quit worrying about what everyone else thinks?

Perspective: Many people may have an opinion about what you say and do, but the focus is usually on their opinion, not you. They don't really care what you say and do, they just want to give their opinion about it. It's really all about them, not you.

Mind Your Own Business: I don't mean that you need to quit sticking your nose in other people's business, although that is a good idea. You need to quit sticking other people's nose in your business. Quit asking people what they think. It's your life. Live it.

Tighten the Wire on Your Fences: Have good boundaries. And while we're talking about fences, make it a hot wire or barbed wire. If someone is giving their opinion about something you're doing, tell them to mind their own business...just make sure you're minding yours. Easier said than done in both cases

And last...Put Some Big Kid Britches On: Seriously, maybe you just need to toughen up a little. There are mean people in this world and there's nothing you can really do about what someone says. You can toughen up a little. You may not be able to control what they say, but you can control your reaction to it: Go ride, go for a jog, get a new book, start a project, call an old friend, or any other thing that

will take your mind off what's going on.

You have the power, use it.

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. -Isaiah 26:3

"Life is a most difficult exam...Many people fail because they try to copy others not realizing that everybody has different questions on their exam paper." Anonymous

DO YOU MAKE THE GRADE?

I've been grading papers.
An open book quiz, no less,
And as I look at some of the answers
I wonder how they could make such a mess!

Where did I mess up in teaching?
What didn't I explain?
Some of these answers are unreal!
Did I drive my professors insane?

I felt a tap on my shoulder.
Funny, no one was there-
"Oh, yes Lord, I'm listening.
Is this an answer to prayer?"

"Ah, yes, I do read the Bible
And, yes, I know what it says.
What do you mean life's all part of learning
And this is an 'open book' test?"

Like that I was left with my protests.
All in vain now I realize
Because we all are His students
"Til He takes us, surely with Him we will rise?"

Do we really follow His precepts?
Is our study effort all it can be?
Do we do our all for the Teacher?
Probably not if the answer is up to me.

All through life as we study the Bible,
We review for that final exam.
Are you ready to face judgment
When, at last, before Him you stand?

J.R. Trumbull 5 December 2005



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**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**

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