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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 7, 2009
Taken from the McPherson County News

Molly Sailors, Tyler Heerten, Logan Krull, Katee Daly, Pat Debren, and Angie Thompson were pictured helping clean up the community.

McPherson County High School held their night of fine arts with the men's choir singing "Amen, So Be It." The choir consisted of Matt Daly, Eric Trumbull, Tyler Heerten, Dillon Daigger and Gabe Ryland. David Thelen directed them.

Kate Seifer performed a vocal solo, "Bridge Over Troubled Water," accompanied by Elnora Neal.

Children from the Daly School picked up six miles of trash and walked four because Virginia Huffman picked them up and brought them back to the school. They reported picking up a pickup full of trash.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 13, 1999

Awards night was held at the McPherson County High School. Awards included Corey Neal, perfect attendance; Jeremy Neal, DAR award; Micki McNutt and Luke Connell, Wendy's Award; Charlie Paxton, Believers & Achievers; Tyler Abel, Eric Mumm, Kari Daly, Kyle Correll, Lynn Streiff, Wayne Melvin, and Jeremy Neal, honor roll awards.

Services were pending for Hollis A. Masters, 80, who died at his home.

Ringgold joined other McPherson County churches and the community for National Day of Prayer. The Christian Life Club kids picked up trash along Highway 92.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 18, 1989

Four girls and four boys from MCHS qualified for the state track meet. They were Ellen Gosnell, Melissa Power, Dawn Streiff, Melissa Fisher, Craig Connell, Rusty Moore, Brett Gosnell and Dusty Paxton.

Michelle Trumbull was one of 583 students graduating from Kearney State College. She re-

ceived a degree in Business Administration & Marketing.

Lisa Kemp was to be among those graduating from National College at Rapid City, South Dakota. She would receive her associate of applied science, business administration and fashion merchandising degree.

Leonard and Inez Bassett would be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at Merriman.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 10, 1979

The senior class of 1979 was pictured in this issue and were Gordon J. Connell, Pat Alscena Arensdorf, Bart LeRoy Daly, Loa LeAnn Daly, Rodney Loren Brown, Alisa Lorene Bullington, John Joseph Arensdorf, Jill Ann Snyder, Ronald Edward Sowders, Roger L. Trumbull, Pamela Kay Gale, Rebecca Lynn Long, Steven Lee Miller, James William Pinkerton, and Steven Ray Schmidt.

Kelvin Sharp was one of several from the Sandhills area receiving degrees from Chadron State College. Kelvin was named outstanding senior majoring in mathematics.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Munson, a baby boy, Darrin Dean, born May 1; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Schmidt, a baby boy, Timothy Eugene, born April 28.

Ginger Garner and Bruce Correll were announcing their engagement.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 15, 1969

A miscellaneous shower was held for Joan Paxton and Adelbert Farmer at Hall Church.

Randy Kramer and Vaneta Nelson of Stapleton, and Judy Stevenson and Doye Miller of Tryon would be 4-H exchange delegates to Steele County, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Hawley and family would be honored at a farewell picnic.

The 1969 graduating class was honored with a reception at the Tryon Lodge Hall. An estimated 200-225 people were

served lunch by the mothers.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 14, 1959

A bridal shower was planned for Ilene Power. Hostesses would be classmates and the Willing Workers Club.

Coach Bob Norvel reported his track team looked very good at the Class D meet at McCook. Boys to watch next year would be David Shimmmin, Doug Smolik, Eddie McClain, Gary Neal, Tommy Jameson, Mike Haskell and Ron Daly.

Flowers were finished for Decoration Day when Mrs. Pat Ansel entertained the Home Builders Club at her home.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 12, 1949

Seniors of the Class of 1949 pictured in this issue were Karl Hunn, Arthur French, Eunice Miller, Mary Rundback, Rose Shimmmin, Byron Daly, Dick Schmidt and Gaylord Wright. Their sponsor was Supt. D.D. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trumbull of Stapleton were the parents of a baby girl, Jacqueline Rae, born April 28 in the Arnold Hospital.

Marvin Kjar reported he had received a telegram from Senator Hugh Butler that an R.E.A. Loan of \$1,900,000 had been approved by the Rural Electrification Administration for the construction of some 1,305 miles of rural electrification in seven Nebraska counties including McPherson.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MAY 18, 1939

Mrs. Harold Neal and Miss Helen Moore entertained at a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Harold Lamb. About 40 guests were present and the ladies embroidered quilt blocks for the bride.

Mrs. May Glunt purchased the property belonging to Mrs. Cass and moved here the first of the week. Mrs. Cass would live on her farm south of town.

A fine new barn was completed on the Wisner ranch occupied by D.D. Kammerer.

Cliff Younkin with the help of Frank Cotton, Leonard Bassett, Bill Chessmore, Earnie boy from Mullen, Punch Gardner, and Walkie Younkin started with his cattle to his ranch south of Bingham.

NINETY YEARS AGO
MAY 16, 1929

Henry C. Shinall was appointed by the county board to finish the unexpired term of Donald Bertran as County Superintendent.

Dan Platt tenured his resignation as Deputy Sheriff to the county board and it was accepted. Mr. Platt was forced to resign as his mercantile business required all of his time. No one has been appointed to fill the office.

Poppy Contest & Americanism Essay Contest Winners Announced



ELNORA NEAL PHOTOS

Elementary poppy poster contest winners were, l-r: Carsyn Gragg, third grade, first; Gage McNutt, third grade, second; Klaire Ward, fourth and fifth grade, first; Tucker Kemp, fourth and fifth grade, second; Leyton Connell, sixth and seventh grade, first; and Corbin Miller, sixth and seventh grade, second.

Corbin Miller, a 12-year-old sixth grader at McPherson County Elementary School in Tryon, won the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism essay contest. He is the son of Jeremy and Tammy Harris.

Following is his winning essay:

How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?

Wow, I am living in a world where our veterans are homeless. The people who fought for our freedom are having to live in homeless shelters, or even worse, the cold streets. So that is when I ask myself what can I do to help, as well as what steps can I take to solve this problem.

There are a lot of ways that I can solve veteran homelessness. One idea really comes to mind, and

that is our taxes. We could somehow make it so that each person has to pay at least twenty dollars a year to the homeless veterans. Think about if at least one million people gave twenty dollars a year to the homeless veterans, that is twenty million dollars a year.

One other thought that comes to mind is building portable shacks so they have somewhere to go at night. Then, there is also the thought of sending the twenty million dollars to building the shacks and giving some to the veterans as well, a warmer place to stay in the cold winter nights. I personally think that it should be a requirement that people give twenty, only twenty dollars a year to the homeless vets. The veterans are the only reason we are in this beauti-

ful place that we live now, America. We are free to be who we want to be and believe what we want to believe because of them. That is why I think we can at least donate or pay in taxes, such as twenty dollars a year. We have to do something. We need to do it for the people who made us free, the people who fought and died for us.

The Second place winner of the Americanism American Legion Auxiliary contest at Tryon is Jazlyn Arensdorf, a fifth grader at McPherson County Elementary School. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jared Arensdorf.

A copy of her essay follows.

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



that is unique to the agricultural community. We have seen this sense of community come together nationwide with the help extended to the central part of our nation following the devastating floods, blizzards, and af-

termath. God Bless America and God Bless the common folk who make community happen.

"Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

BRANDING TIME

The camaraderie of branding, Range community at its best, Friendships and extended family, Memories that stand the test.

Although the branding fire has changed
As generations span the years,
So have the faces on the scene
As we remember through the tears.

The stories and the escapades
Grow as time flies past.
We may be somewhat scattered now
Pioneer spirit is what makes it last!

The ropes fly through the air,
Snag those heels and dally right.
Rope's under a horse's tail -
Wow! What a sight!

Wrestlers scattering,
Watch those irons now!
Horse bucks through,
"Hey, I'm not a cow!"

Things quiet down
And the job is done.
Now it's time for food
And having some fun.

A time to visit,
A chance to add to the lore,
But, it's just not the same
Without Hans or Joe or Leland or.....

For brandings past
And friends we've known,
May there be brandings in heaven
When it's time to go home!

J.R. Trumbull
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