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TEN YEARS AGO
JUNE 21, 2007

Munson's Market opened its doors on Saturday, June 9, 2007, for business. Stanley and Shareen Munson are the owners.

Youth playing in the McPherson County baseball league were: Cassidy Warren, Brianna Powers, Cody Weaver, Maggie Waits, Alex Hinkle, Jackson Porter, Kyon Neal, Miles Creel, Will Stickney, Dane Daigger, Wiley Munson, Haley Munson, Garrett Neal, Alex Porter, Brady Porter, Todd Porter, Katie Powers, Jeffrey Forsen, Wyatt Hammit and Nick Gifford. They were coached by Luke Connell, Molly Hinkle and Todd Porter.

An electrical short on a tractor was the apparent cause of a fire on June 11 that called for the assistance from the Tryon Volunteer Firemen. Dave Barker, an employee of Jack and Linda Tucker was cutting alfalfa when it started. He was able to get the tractor unhooked and save the swather.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 19, 1997

Don Hatch fell from a scaffold late Saturday afternoon, June 14, while putting some siding on his home in Tryon. He was taken to Great Plains Regional Medical Center for treatment of some broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Memorial services were held June 17 for a well-known area rancher, Gene G. Kramer, age 64, who died June 11 at the Ogallala Community Hospital.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 18, 1987

Jim Snyder flew to Laramie, Wyoming last Thursday and brought his two grandsons, Arlis and Brandon Blake, home for a summer vacation with their grandparents, Jim and Joyce Snyder.

Those from McPherson County who went on the 4-H Heritage Tour to Washington, D.C., were Theresa Black, Bridget Long, Mindy Neal and Melissa Power. They were among 79 4-H'ers going on the tour from Lincoln, Logan and McPherson counties.

Raymond Newman was to celebrate his 100th birthday Sunday, July 5th, at the First Christian Church in North Platte.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 16, 1977

The first reunion of the Diamond Bar School was held June 5, 1977, at the Lodge Hall in Tryon. Twelve former pupils and their families attended. Teachers present were Mrs. Lola (Crouse) Wamsley - 1920-1921; and Mrs. Geneva (Lancaster) Neal - 1947-1948. Officers elected were Walter Lawyer, Paxton, presi-

dent; Velma Perkins, North Platte, secretary; and Joyce Snyder, Sutherland, treasurer.

Alan Miller returned home from Lincoln by bus Saturday after attending Boy's State there.

Bart Daly led the list of cowboys and cowgirls from the Tryon area at the Stapleton Rodeo that was held last weekend. Bart placed first in Steer Wrestling. Others who competed were Lesa Johnson, Jill Snyder, Evonnda Sharp and Nancy Gragg.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 15, 1967

Logan and McPherson counties sent two 4-H members to Iowa Sunday morning for the 11th annual 4-H exchange between Boone County, Iowa and Logan and McPherson counties. The boys were Otis Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kemp and Don Barner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Barner. The Iowa boys stayed in the homes of Don Pettit, Clay Kemp, Allen Shimmin, Don Rodewald, Glen Barner, Clarence Lanka, Marvin Munson and Harold Kramer.

Gary Kemp of Tryon, was entered into Memorial Hospital last Friday from injuries received on two fingers of his right hand. He was unloading a horse from a pickup when the accident occurred. He was released Sunday afternoon.

Miss Carolyn Crosby and Mr. Riley Shimmin will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, June 17, at the First United Presbyterian Church of Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cross of Arthur, were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Linda Cross, to David Loren Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Neal of Tryon. An August 12 wedding was planned.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 19, 1957

Rev. Milton O'Connor has been re-appointed pastor of the Tryon Community Methodist Church to serve for the 1957-58 year. This term will be his 4th appointment in the Tryon community. He has served as pastor of Methodist Churches since 1945.

The Flying Colts 4-H Club met at the Gospel Ridge School on May 28 to organize their club. LaVerne Neal and Herschel Moore were leaders. Officers elected were: Terry Neal, president; Tom Kemp, vice president; Ron Dobbins, secretary, and Don Moore, news reporter.

Rural Youth met Tuesday night, June 11, with 40 young people present. Election of officers was

held. Peggy Streiff was elected president; Teddy Daigger, vice president; and Shirley Haney, secretary and treasurer.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 19, 1947

In a ceremony performed on Saturday, June 14, 1947, at North Platte, Miss Mary Tupper became the bride of Leorice W. McNutt. Judge Sandall performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate relatives.

David Arthur Ellis and sister, Mary Ellen of Sioux City, Iowa, are spending their vacation in Tryon. David's grandfather, Mike David, bought David Arthur a bicycle which he is enjoying very much.

Elzie Hatch of Boulder, Colorado, spent a few days in Tryon this week. He sold his home in Tryon to Charles Kramer. Mrs. Hatch's health is much better in Colorado.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 17, 1937

The marriage of Miss Elma Zickefoose and Bruce Shimmin occurred at North Platte, Monday, June 7, 1937, with County Judge O.J. Sandall performing the ceremony. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunker of Gandy.

A small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Winters had the misfortune to break her arm on Monday. She was taken to North Platte to have the fracture reduced.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Kyne and Lisle Keesler was solemnized at Julesburg, Colorado on June 10, 1937. The couple was attended by Miss Nora Kyne, sister of the bride, and Glenn Keesler, brother of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trego moved to the Trego ranch last week from Garden County where they have made their home for the past five years.

NINETY YEARS AGO
JUNE 16, 1927

The Hall Sunday School, the Sunday School at the Bertran School and at Miller Chapel, met for a picnic dinner, all-day meeting and children's day program at the Will Miller grove last Sunday.

The Misses Elsie and Mary Winters of the Ringgold Community are attending school in Grand Island this summer. They have enrolled in the Grand Island Business College.

I.C. Heldenbrand and Chris Lange recently purchased a new 28-46 Case threshing machine and a Derrin McCormick tractor and will be ready to start threshing as soon as the rye crop is harvested. Mrs. Clarence Munson returned home from North Platte Wednesday where she has been in a hospital for the past week.

Paxton receives Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation (NCF) is pleased to announce it has awarded \$51,000 in scholarships to students furthering their education goals in the 2017-2018 academic year.

"The Foundation strongly believes in the importance of a sound education for tomorrow's industry leaders," says Jeff Heldt, president of the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. "Due to the generosity of many donors and participants in the Retail Value Steer

Challenge, we are able to award these scholarships to these outstanding students."

The Foundation awarded 37 additional scholarships were awarded. Jesse Paxton, Stapleton, received a \$1,200 Vance Uden Memorial Scholarship.

All scholarship recipients were recognized at the Nebraska Cattlemen Midyear Meeting in West Point, Wednesday, June 7, during the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Lunch.

NPCC offers solar eclipse photography class

The Great American Eclipse of 2017 doesn't have to be a one-time experience. It can be relived for years to come thanks to digital photography.

A new class offered by North Platte Community College Art Instructor Dik Haneline, will help photography enthusiasts learn how to capture the natural phenomenon and preserve it for future generations.

Services Friday for Sanford "Sandy" K. Neal

Services will be held Friday, June 16, at the McPherson County High School in Tryon, for Sanford "Sandy" K. Neal, 70, of Tryon, who died Saturday, June 10. Pastor James Paine will officiate. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, at Adams & Swanson Funeral Home, which is in charge of arrangements.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, June 19 - Hamburger gravy with rice and peas

Tuesday, June 20 - Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes and corn

Wednesday, June 21 - Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and green beans

Thursday, June 22 - Barbecue riblet sandwich, baked beans and French fries.

Friday, June 23 - Tater crust cod, au gratin potatoes and beets

The class, "Photographing the Solar Eclipse 2017," will begin at 6:00 p.m. on June 23 in Room 135 of the McDonald-Belton Building on the NPCC South Campus. There will be additional sessions July 7, August 21 and August 31.

Instruction will include the basics of digital photography, as well as the

equipment and techniques needed to take pictures of the sun.

The class will photograph the eclipse on August 21. That will be followed by a group critique of the images. A digital single-lens reflex camera with a minimum focal length of 300 mm is recommended for the class. The fee is \$45. To register call 308-535-3678.

Annual Connell Reunion Held

The annual Connell reunion was held June 4 at the Senior Center in North Platte with 76 in attendance. Hosts were members of the Martha (Connell) Gressley family.

Descendants and family members of homesteaders Michael Anthony and Elisabeth Ellen Connell who were present included: Lloyd and Cleo Connell, Phyllis Priest, Janice Huber, Dallas and Judy Neal, Steve and Sharon Neal, Mike and Karla Janecek, Jerry Gragg, Annie Fraass, Josh, Jaylee and Autum Gragg, Tara, Ty, Taylor and Tanner Foster, Arlis, Andrea, Brandon and Kaden Blake, Bob and Denise Peterson, all of North Platte. Dan and Geneva Connell, Sam Connell, Jim and Judy Gragg, Kim and Janelle Blake, Jill McNutt and Nick all of Tryon. Charles and Barbara Paterson of Callaway, Joyce Snyder of Sutherland, Jack and Charlene Connell of Whitman. Jake and Tom Connell of Hyannis.

Gary and Judy Connell of Valentine. Pat and Wanda Simonson of Seneca. Dave and Linda Neal of York. Kenneth and Ruthie Gage, Blaine and Sharlene Rodewald of Maxwell. Rodney Gage and Jessica of Gothenburg. Terry and Evelyn Pettit of Culbertson. Yvonne and Charlie Maly of Longmont, CO. Julie Pielke and Megan of Boulder, CO. Steve and Krista Maly of Arvada, CO. Ray and Ellie Hervert, Kevin Hervert and Charlie all of Kearney. Kim Johnson of Bertrand and Dave Grams of Gibbon. Claudie and Imelda Gressley of Hazard. Tonja Gressley, Tyler and Devin, Corey Steele all of Lincoln. Mitch and Alicia Rogers of Johnstown, CO. Rolland Gressley of Rockville.

The hosts want to thank all who helped in any way. We could not have done it without you.

Hosts for next year's reunion will be members of the Dan Connell family.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in memory, as the wish to forget it." - Anon.

"A 2.0 student can know more than a 4.0 student. Grades don't determine intelligence, they test obedience." - Earl Dibbles Jr.

Always remember this: You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choice. I will admit that there are times that I question my sanity for agreeing to do this column, but I do enjoy it and it is interesting to hear people comment on it or even recognize me from my picture. Friends from Montana recently commented that someone they share their paper with had been quite perplexed as to whether J.R. Trumbull was a he or a she. Apparently they didn't enlighten the person and they did finally figure it out on their own. I got quite a chuckle out of that. I don't regret this choice even though I sort of fell heir to the column.

When Mom was in the hospital in Omaha, I wrote Ringgold News for her, then after her death just continued on. The name change came about as the column gradually moved from a local news column to a general interest venue. I was also moving around a bit at the time so "Over the Hills" was a better fit for roaming from ranch to Chadron and back and then on to Douglas Wyoming. It has been wonderful being back on the ranch for the past nine years and I hope I am able to stay here for the rest of my life. It would be nice if the rest of my life was quite a few more years too! By the way, I am a 3rd genera-



tion correspondent. My maternal grandmother, Flo Lattin, wrote the Lonesome Valley News when they lived in this area back in the 1930's and '40's.

This poem has appeared several times but each

time I feel there is someone out there who needs to read it. Most of my poems have a message so if you feel a little tap on your shoulder and there is no visible person there, maybe your guardian angel or some other higher power is telling you to pay attention.

Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out. There is a lot of truth in that statement. Make the best out of every day and look for the positive even on the darkest day. Easier said than done, but it is there.

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 2004

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