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From The Tryon Graphic Files

TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 12, 2007

Corey L. Neal, son of Sanford and Peggy Neal of Tryon, was involved in a semi-trailer accident on his way to the National College Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

An early Sunday morning, July 8 burglary of Creative Printers in Stapleton is being investigated by the Logan County Sheriff's Department.

McPherson County Volunteer Firemen were called at approximately 6:30 p.m. July 7 to a pickup fire located southwest of Bus Pueppka's home on land owned by White Water Ranch. Needle grass caught in the catalytic converter underneath the pickup was the cause of the fire. The pickup was a total loss.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 10, 1997

The Trumbull Homestead Ranch was planning a 90th year celebration for July 27, 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Masters were being honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception on July 13.

The Hall/Ringgold Youth Group returned from a mission trip to Farmington, New Mexico on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 9, 1987

Ellen Gosnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gosnell of Tryon, was among those winning an award at the Kearney State Basketball camp recently. Ellen, who is a basketball player from McPherson County High School won second place in the AA Girls Hot Shot contest.

New arrivals included a baby girl, Pamela Nicole, born July 3 to Scott and Lori Shimmin of Lincoln. Also, a baby daughter, Dulcie Nicole, born June

30, to Bradley and Sheila Welton of Burwell.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 7, 1977

LaVerne and Doris Neal, Dallas and Kirk went boat riding on Lake McConaughy Sunday with Kenneth and Betty Neal of Theford.

Bill and Pat O'Mara accompanied by Brian Thompson and Jim Macomber, Jr. recently returned from a trip which took them through the eastern states to Washington, D.C. and to Virginia where they met their sister Connie who came home with them. Connie had been in Virginia for three months to take some training in connection with her Veterinary Technician schooling from a relative there, a veterinarian who owns an animal clinic.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 6, 1967

The U.S. Post Office has announced the discontinuance of the Ringgold, Nebraska Post Office effective at the close of business on August 11, 1967.

Jean Snyder will give her Girl's State report at the July 11th meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the home of Eva Correll. The Auxiliary met with Laura Avery June 13th with six members present.

Miss Pamela Huffman entertained the following on her 16th birthday, July 3: Sharlene and Norma Sellers of Wellfleet, Janice Rothwell, Debra Arensdorf, Donna Kramer, Sherry Schnell, Sharon Johnson and Ann Votaw of Curtis. Mrs. Frances Votaw was also a guest as well as Pamela's grandmothers, Mrs. Irvin Biehl and Mrs. B.C. Huffman.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 11, 1957

Mrs. B.C. Huffman,

County Chairman for U.S. Savings Bonds, has been presented with a 100% Club medallion signifying that McPherson County achieved 100% or more of its bond quota for 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bierma, Vivian and David, left McPherson County June 15, 1957, to make their home in Ohio. They were employed here by the Milldale Land and Cattle Co. for whom Larry had worked for more than 15 years. He was foreman at Whitewater Ranch for several years prior to leaving the company to locate in the east. They have purchased a motel near Stryker, Ohio.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 10, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Babb and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Anway and Lois, Art Qualley, Millard Smolik, Mike Musser, and Mr. and Mrs. James Pinkerton and children were visitors at the Howard Pinkertons on Tuesday. The men folks helped brand.

T.W. Haddy returned home from Sioux City, Iowa on Wednesday. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Tom Ellis and son, Tommy, who has been in Sioux City since Tommy's illness. Tommy is getting along fine now.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Cash Sr. were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Power. The Power children have been quite sick with the whooping cough.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JULY 8, 1937

A trip to the site of the big Keystone dam Sunday revealed that it was a scene of great activity. Work preparatory to construction of this immense project is getting underway rapidly as material can be produced and the

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Abnormally dry conditions in the central Sandhills

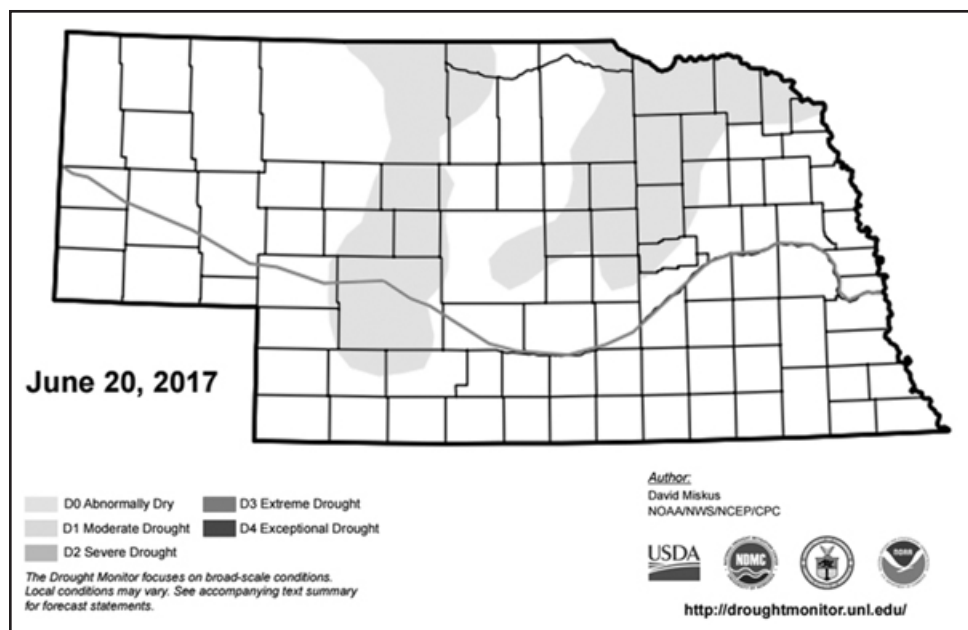


Fig. 1 diagram shows the shaded areas in the central Sandhills as in the Abnormally Dry category.

By Mitch Stephenson
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Recent changes in the UNL Drought Monitor reflect what many producers in the central Sandhills have begun to see on their rangelands (See Fig. 1). While most areas in Nebraska are not seeing the moderate to severe drought conditions that our neighbors in the Dakotas are experiencing, the threat of drought is still concerning for Nebraska when looking at the predictions for above average temperatures for the rest of the growing season (Climate Prediction Center, www.cpc.noa.gov).

Importance of spring precipitation
Spring precipitation plays a crucial role in determining the amount of forage produced in many areas of Nebraska. Precipitation in the early spring at the UNL Gudmundsen Sandhills Lab (GSL) near Whitman Nebraska was near the long-term average, but conditions have become drier with precipitation in June at only 0.2 inches. Average June precipitation for this area is about 3.7 inches.

Because of the abundance of warm-season grasses we see in the Sandhills, early summer precipitation plays an important role in the determining the amount of forage that is produced. Most warm-season species are just beginning their growth in the middle part of June and, unless we see some

precipitation in the next few weeks, we may need to think about options for conserving available forage or finding other forage options for later in the summer. If dry conditions persist into July, grasses will usually not respond with a high degree of growth, even if we get precipitation later in the summer.

Drought of 2012
The dry conditions in 2012 are still a recent memory (See Fig. 2). In that year, precipitation was below average from May to the end of the year. In most areas of the Sandhills, production on warm-season grasses was well below what was typical. Production of warm-season grasses in 2012 at GSL were only 63% of the average production.

The dry conditions in 2012 also had a residual negative influence on the production of grasses during the following year. The production of grass in 2013 was only half of the longer-term average even with precipitation that was close to normal in that year. Warm-season grass production at GSL has steadily increased every year since the drought in 2012 to levels closer to the longer-term average.

It is important to include a multi-year recovery strategy in a drought plan to ensure that rangelands are given opportunities to recover to pre-drought levels. The combination of heavy grazing pressure and drought is one of the main causes of rangeland degradation. Drought is

unavoidable, but management of grazing may help reduce the negative effects to desirable species composition and forage production.

"Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth."

This was the reported response from heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson when asked about his plans for an upcoming fight. Planning for drought can feel the same when the drought actually hits and some of the best-laid plans fall apart. However, having trigger dates, contingency plans, or reserve forage resources can lessen the blow of the drought.

Trigger dates are predetermined times of the year when decisions should be made for drought management. With the dry conditions in June, July 1 may be a good date to start deciding if contingency plans should be employed if no new precipitation is gained.

Contingency plans that are often used include reducing cattle numbers by selling cull or extra cattle, planning to early wean, or finding extra forage or feed resource. Selling cattle is a difficult option, but it is one of the most direct ways to relieve heavy grazing pressure from drought stricken pastures. Early weaning will reduce the feed intake requirements of the cow herd. Feeding hay may not be a long-term solution to drought in all situations. (Continued On Page 7)

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



"Givers have to set limits because takers rarely do."
- Irma Kurtz

These interesting "Rules for Life" were in my social media memories. As we celebrate our nation's freedom, I thought it was a good time for some points to ponder.

1. You need only two tools. WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40, if it moves and shouldn't, use the tape.

2. The five most essential words for a healthy, vital relationship: "I apologize" and "You are right."

3. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

4. When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.

5. The only really good advice that your mother ever gave you was, "Go! You might meet somebody!"

6. If he/she says that you are too good for him/her believe them.

7. Learn to pick your bat-

tlis; ask yourself, "Will this matter one year from now? How about one month? One week? One day?"

8. If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You have another chance!

9. Living well really is the best revenge. Being miserable because of a bad or former relationship just might mean that

the other person was right about you.

10. Work is good, but it's not that important.

11. And finally... Be really nice to your friends and family. You never know when you are going to need them to empty your bedpan.

Enjoy life! It does have an expiration date.

DIFFERENT DRUMMER

Do you march to a different drummer?
Are you out of step with the world?
Do you make choices wisely
With the banner of truth unfurled?

Or, do you follow others footsteps?
Never once thinking for yourself.
Are you influenced easily
By the lure of power and pelf?

The Book warns us of many trials,
Of temptations beyond our dreams
And a broad open road to perdition
Leading to darkness and hellish screams.

The Book I speak of is the Bible.
God's Holy Word as our guide
To follow the trail dim and narrow
That leads us to God's welcome side.

So, follow that different drummer.
It's not all stiffness and glum.
Even though you are a Christian,
You are still allowed to have fun!

Clean fun adds joy to the heart,
It brightens each new day.
And often shows others
That Jesus is truly the Way!

J.R. Trumbull
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Crow part of winning Nebraska 6-Man team



COURTESY PHOTO

Colby Crow, pictured front left, was a member of the Nebraska 6-Man team that won over Wyoming recently.

McPherson County High School graduate, Colby Crow was a member of the Nebraska 6-Man team

that competed in the sixth annual Wyoming-Nebraska 6-Man shootout at Kaycee, Wyoming re-

cently. Nebraska took advantage of five first half Wyoming turnovers, to win 58-38 and even the series up three wins each.

Crow caught a pass from Jacob Simonson, Heartland Lutheran, to score an extra point late in the second quarter and put Nebraska up 45 to 22.

Crow had a total of one catch for 11 yards. Nebraska had 553 yards of total offense to Wyoming's 542.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, July 10 - Ham steak, baked sweet potatoes and hominy
Tuesday, July 11 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and corn
Wednesday, July 12 - Veal parmesan with spaghetti

and green beans
Thursday, July 13 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and peas
Friday, July 14 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with tomato macaroni soup