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TEN YEARS AGO
AUGUST 21, 2008
Grace Miller received the Friends of 4-H award at a special presentation during the McPherson County Fair.

Gary Connell was constructing a new steel building in Tryon. The building would be used to store trucks and tractors.

Tryon volunteer firemen were called to a controlled burn in a brush pile that got out of control at the former Bueford Schmidt residence.

New Arrivals: Jesse and Seri Neal of Alma were the parents of a baby girl, Kamri Sno, born August 1.

Deaths: Lorine Rothwell, 83, died August 13 at her home; Bernard E. Walker, 78, passed away August 10, at his home at North Platte.

Eleven births were reported at the 58th annual Neal Family Reunion. The only death was that of Lilli Ann Anthony Kemp on January 21, 2008.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 20, 1998
Bonnie Bullington won first in the "Best in the County Needlework" contest.

The Improvement Club of the McPherson County High School would host a potluck supper for the purpose of welcoming new teachers to the community.

Vernon and Pauline Lutes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27 with a one-day trip to Valentine to the wildlife refuge and on to Merritt Dam. A family picnic was held on July 3 at Cody Park in North Platte in their honor.

Jill Sowders won the contest at the fair building for the "Best Pie in the County." She made a chocolate-peanut butter that was deemed the winner.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 18, 1988
Bob and Deena Rode-wald, Alan and Terri, were honored with a farewell picnic supper. They would be moving to Montana.

The Tryon area received nearly two inches of much needed rain.

Grade schools would open August 29. District 4 would have teachers Joy Crow, K-2; Kathy Christensen, grades 3-5; and Charlene Connell, grades 6-8. Other teachers included: District 7, Tina Connell; District No 26, Kristie Horn; District 28, Kelley Mohr; and District 59, Elnora Neal.

New Arrival: Jeffrey and Robin Lamber were the parents of a baby boy, Ryan Beck, born August 15.

Carolee Connell reported in her Hall Sandhillers report that the club was saving money and trying to earn enough to build the Tryon Park volleyball court.

FORTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 17, 1978
Ila Arrants would be home economics instructor and girls' athletic coach at McPherson County High School. Gary Luiten would be the new social studies teacher.

New arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holm were the parents of a baby girl, DoAnn Marie, born August 11.

Rocky Nicholson would be the new pastor of the Hope Baptist Church in Hammond, Montana. He was pictured with his wife, Pat, and children, Kolter and Judd.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

AUGUST 22, 1968
Sandy Jo Connell, 17-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Connell, was rushed to Memorial hospital when she accidentally swallowed some floor cleaner out of a can.

New arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Behn were announcing the arrival of a son, John David, on August 12; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Pritzel were the parents of a new son, Charles Kent, born August 14; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smolik were announcing the arrival of a baby girl, Diane Lynn, born August 11.

Word was received here that Carl Carlson had been in a Florida hospital for three weeks with a broken hip.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 21, 1958
Coach Robert Norvell reported the Longhorn football team would begin practice August 25.

Lena L. Lamb would hold an auction and included in the offering would be a house, granary, and furniture.

Taft and Eva Haddy were holding an open house at the high school auditorium in Tryon in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

New arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelso of Bayard were the parents of a baby boy, Michael Richard, born July 13; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Knoll were the parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday, August 12. She was named Gerland Ann.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 19, 1948
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smolik of Hyannis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house.

New arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tucker were the parents of a baby girl, Susan Jane, born August 14; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shimmin were the parents of a baby boy, Douglas Allen, born August 10.

Mrs. Pat Thompson was surprised on her birthday when neighbors came with well-filled baskets.

Mrs. Lydia Neal arrived home after a trip to Wyoming.

There would be a shower at the Helping Hand Club House (Sod-

Neal Family Reunion

The Neal Family Reunion was held August 5, 2018, under the Gazebo at Memorial Park in North Platte. Thirty-four family members and one guest enjoyed the carry-in dinner. The afternoon was spent playing various games, visiting and listening to some music. Kathleen Fisher conducted a short business meeting in which it was decided that Pam Schmidt would be the new president, Steve Neal the vice president, and Gayle Neal the secretary.

Next years reunion will be held in Memorial Park on the first Sunday of August 2019.

Wilma Neal was the oldest person present and Ethan Schmidt, the youngest.

There were no deaths or marriages reported.

Hadlee Ann McCall was born to Ben and Alexa Hopping McCall on January 19, 2018. Grandparents are John and Gaylene Kemp McCall, and great grandparents, Richard and Carolyn Kemp.

Two lines of descendants from original Neal homesteaders in McPher-

son County were represented. Attendees from the John M. Neal line were Wilma and Jim Neal of North Platte. All other family members were from the Thomas J. Neal line. They included from the Loren Neal branch: David and Linda Neal of York, Steve and Sharon Neal, Dallas and Judy Neal, Dan and Paula Dishman and Sharon J. Neal of North Platte, Charlie and Debbie Shimmin and Alexis of Gothenburg, Terry and Evelyn Pettit of Culbertson, and Andi Neal of Hayes Center. The Archie Neal branch was represented by Dick and Betty Schroeder, and Doug Neal of North Platte, Kent and Kathleen Fisher, Terry and Elnora Neal, Gayle Neal, Doug and Pam Schmidt, Tim, Zachary and Ethan Schmidt of Tryon. The Irene Kemp branch included Richard and Carolyn Kemp, and James Kemp of Tryon, and John and Gaylene McCall of North Platte. Gary Johnson of Tryon was a visitor.

Make plans to join us in 2019

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 18, 1938
Yvonne David, tiny daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David David of Tryon, was featured in this week's photo.

Officials were reporting the reason for the delay in the construction of a short stretch of highway north of town on the Mullen road was that the department had been unable to locate enough suitable clay surfacing for the project.

The Tryon IOOF Lodge #379 was advertising they were in session the first Monday evening of each month. "Visiting brothers welcome."

S.A. French was doing some carpentry work at the Snyder building repairing damage done by the fire in that building early last spring.

Orval Black was driving a new International truck. The new machine was purchased last week in North Platte.

NINETY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 16, 1928
The community bid farewell to the A.L. Fuller family at a party at the Tryon Hall.

A farewell supper was held in honor of the Hoover family who was leaving for Kansas and had sold their place in the northern neighborhood.

A number of the Ira Huffman hay crew called at the Flats store Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Austin preached the funeral service of Chas. Harris Sunday, July 12, and interment was made at the Eclipse cemetery.

The support of the Nebraska public school system for 1927, including the university, four normal schools, and experimental stations cost about \$42,000. About \$35,000 was raised by direct taxation. The remainder was from proceeds of permanent funds, fines, and fees.

Claud Cox, alleged to have stolen a calf, was held in the county jail at Mullen until he escaped through an opening made by workmen installing a new furnace.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Never regret anything that has happened in your life. It cannot be changed, undone, or forgotten. So take it as a lesson and move on."

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Letting go is about eliminating your attachments and expectations about how things "have to be" in order to fit into how you think they should be right now. This clears space in your life to create an even better tomorrow. We let the weight of these thoughts sit heavy on our shoulders and they interfere with our ability to take our best step forward TODAY. This is, holding on to something that is not reality. It's holding on to an expectation of how we think life should have been, because we want to be in control.

There are things we all need to let go of: your temper, grudges, false beliefs, yesterday's tragedies, small annoyances, and many other unimportant things such as the idea that some people are below you, the belief that material possessions make you who you are, seeking happiness outside yourself, wanting to be repaid for every good deed you do, all of the little white lies and charades, fearing what your intuition is telling you to do, an "all or nothing" view of success, self-criticism, and changing just to impress people.

Just letting go of stuff: emotionally, physically, and materialistically will make you feel happier and freer to enjoy life.

Let go....

As I was writing and rephrasing some of what I had read elsewhere, I was thinking about how this really applies to how we interact with people too. If I step on toes, just remember that I'm stomping on my toes and feelings too. There are often people in our lives who just annoy us to no end, people who have said or done things that just did not set right at some earlier time. Others who came to know them at a different time got along quite well with them. Some even see the regret deep in their eyes



about things they should have done differently and knew that the bluster could be a cover for deep feelings inside. Think about it and make an effort to adjust your day accordingly.

A FRIEND

He was kinda crusty,
Obnoxious some might say.
A twinkle usually in his eye,
Teasing really made his day!

A heart of gold within lurked
The bluff and blunt façade.
He still liked to get your goat,
Sometimes it wasn't very hard.

It was lots of fun to get him
And stop him in his tracks.
Something that happened rarely
'Cause he was noted for wisecracks.

So long friend, you will be missed.
Life just won't be the same.
Without your wit and sly quips,
It might be rather tame.

J.R. Trumbull 1 May 2018

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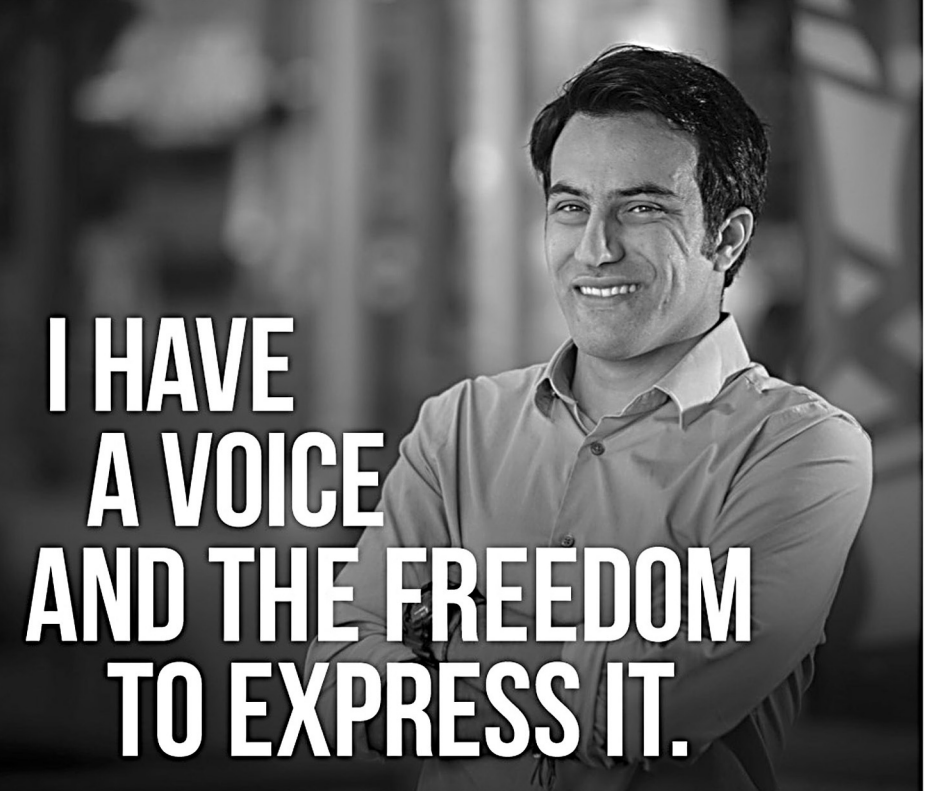
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