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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

The SMC Lady Cyclones participated in a gum scrimmage Thursday, August 27, at Stapleton High School. This gave everyone in the community an opportunity to watch the girls in action as they begin their 2009 season tonight, Thursday September 3, at Hyannis.

It was a great night for the season opener for the SMC Cyclones. Stapleton and Tryon fans couldn't have asked for a better night for football. Perfect weather conditions, a great tailgate party, and a 50-20 win against Maywood.

McPherson County High School welcomed Mr. Tim Negley to the school staff this fall. The new ag teacher grew up in Ithica, near Lincoln. "I am excited about my future here at MCHS and to be a part of the SMC Cyclone coaching staff. It's a great opportunity and I hope to be able to make a difference," he said.

Nine 4-H members brought a total of 94 exhibits in 49 project areas to the McPherson County Fair Building for the August 6 entry day of the 2009 McPherson County Fair.

Leo & Judy Dailey of Tryon, Craig & Tish Dailey, Logan & Colton, and Savanna Kruger of North Platte, and Marty & Kari Dailey of Bennett Colorado, enjoyed a weekend camp out at Lake Maloney. A supper was held on Saturday evening in honor of Logan Dailey's 18th birthday. Joining them were Gary & Judy Farmer, Kolter Smith & family, Koral Essman and family, Dee Towne, Bob Fletcher, Matt & Toni Allen and Kylee, the Brent Hoover family, Brooke Voleck, Billie Burch and Chris, Lavell Johnson, and many of Logan's friends from school.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 2, 1999

McPherson County 4-H'ers showed off their sewing and styling skills at the 1999 style revue held during the fair. Top honors went to: Senior: Megan Morgan; Junior: Alison Sowders; Kortney Bullington won top honors for the decorate your dud junior.

McPherson County 4-H'ers received ribbons and buckles at the annual horse show held at the arena near Tryon during the 1999 fair. A good number of participants competed this year in several events. Buckle winners included Kasey Dailey, top junior boy; Raelyn Gilmore, top junior girl; Jordan Lovitt, novice class; Megan McNutt, top senior girl; Caleb Quick, top senior boy; Trista Reiser, top intermediate girl; Bryce Rundback, top intermediate boy.

Champion halter showmanship honors went to Raelyn Gilmore in the junior division; Trista Reiser in the intermediate division; and Megan McNutt in the senior division.

A total of 45 students from 28 families are enrolled for the 1999-2000 school year at District No. 4, K-8 Grade school in Tryon. Classes began this week on Monday August 30th.

Wilford Floyd "Bud" Allen of Norwalk, CA died August 23, 1999 at his home. Bud was born

April 3, 1935 at North Platte, NE to Floyd and Leola Allen. He grew up in the Tryon and North Platte area before moving to California where he resided until his death.

Funeral services for longtime area rancher, John G. Power, 96, of Tryon, were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, 1999, at the Tryon United Methodist Church. Words of comfort were offered by the Rev. Delbert King, pastor of the church.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 7, 1989

An anniversary celebration in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Clarence and Lila Arensdorf was held Sunday, September 3, 1989, at the Sutherland Reservoir Club House with 120 relatives and friends attending.

Mrs. Gary (Judy) Connell underwent surgery August 30th at a Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. She returned home Sunday afternoon.

Homecoming activities at McPherson County High School started on Monday; Toga Day on Tuesday; Wild West on Wednesday; and "Thump On Em" Thursday; Tomorrow will be Red and Black Day.

Jack Daly has been a patient in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Kearney, where he underwent surgery one day last week.

Season winners, announced at the last roping of the season at Tryon, were Doug Powers for all around roper; top heeler, Larry Trenary of Arthur; and top header, Jeff Arensdorf of Tryon.

Funeral services were held September 4, 1989, for Orval E. Black, Sr., of Tryon, who passed away August 31st at the age of 83. During his lifetime, Orval had been engaged in farming, the trucking business, had operated a general merchandise store in Tryon, operated an open-air market and cabins at Lyons, Colorado, then returned to Colorado, then returned to Tryon the fall of 1957, and started running the telephone company which he and Leah had purchased in 1953.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 6, 1979

McPherson County High School registered forty students for the 1979-1980 school year. There were seven freshmen, 11 sophomores, 11 juniors, and 11 seniors.

Pat Arensdorf and Cliff Dailey were planning an October 20th wedding at the Free Methodist Church in Ringgold. Miss Arensdorf was a 1979 graduate of McPherson County High School, and Mr. Dailey was a 1975 graduate of Stapleton High School.

A baby daughter, Laura Dawn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Golden (nee Dr. Barbara Thompson) of Washington, D.C. on August 10, 1979. Grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Golden of Arthur.

Rod Daly and Jack and Charlene Connell helped Gary and Wayne Connell in the hay field last week. Zane Connell visited with his Grandma and Judy part of the time.

The American Legion and Auxiliary was to sponsor a picnic in the park at Tryon September 15th. Everyone was invited to attend and to

hear reports given by Rod Sowders and Gaylene Kemp on their trip to Boy's State and Girl's State at Lincoln.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 4, 1969

Quite a few from this community attended the roping at Lake Maloney over the Labor Day weekend. In the 6-steer average, Wes Sharp and Don Neal had the 2nd and the 4th fastest times in two go arounds, a 14.8 and 13.4. Duane Wilson and Jack Lowe had the fastest time of the day, 13 flat.

With about an hour of type setting left to do this week, Old Mr. Linotype decided to take a rest. With a little gear wearing out and no replacement, we figured we were going to be a few days late, but luck was with us too, as Art French at Stapleton had the piece we needed, so a quick trip there and back put us only a few hours behind. Sorry for delay. (Don Nicholson was the publisher.)

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Neal of Kearney, were the proud parents of a baby boy, Trevor Jay, born August 31, 1969.

A picnic was held in Miller Park at Tryon for Danny Nicholson who is enjoying a furlough with home folks. Danny left by plane Tuesday morning to go back to San Diego, California where he will attend Communication School.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunn, Von and David, attended the Nebraska State Fair for a couple of days last week. They spent Saturday night with Karen's grandfather, Mr. W. B. Doran, at Sterling, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cotton and Reva, Wanda Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Snyder and Jean drove to Hot Springs, S.D. Friday night to meet Mr. and Mrs. Billie Bordon of New Castle, Wyoming. Everyone enjoyed three days of camping, fishing and sight-seeing.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 10, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Connell, Sharlene and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Waits and family, Mrs. Buford Schmidt and Maretta, Mrs. Walter Avery, Wanda and Twyla were among those who attended a 4-H picnic in the Tryon Park on Sunday.

The Come Double Club met in the park at Tryon September 6th for a watermelon and hot dog feed. Election of officers was held with the following being elected: Levona Harvey, president; Margaret Dobbins, vice president; and Eithel Dahlin, secretary/treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Leeds became the parents of a baby boy, Mark Elden, September 3, 1959. The baby was born at St. Mary's Hospital in North Platte.

A baby boy, Scott Allen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Brouwer of Golden, Colorado on September 2, 1959. Mrs. Brouwer is the former Doreen Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 9, 1949

McPherson County High School opened September 5th with 55 pupils and three teachers present. Mr. Richard Davis of Kearney, is our new teacher this term. Mr. Brown is teaching the so-

Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Guard? Where are the Marines? Where is that one old farmer with enough common sense to just cut the strings?

The desert air grows chilly as the sky darkens. I grow weaker. Dizziness overcomes me and I begin to drift off into that gray space somewhere between the living and the dead.

Help finally arrives. One of the police officers bends down so I can see his face. "Hold on! A fire engine is here. There are six men aboard."

I do the math. Two big, strong cops and six burly firemen must move a ton of dead weight off me. That's two hundred forty five pounds each. No way can they possibly do that - but somehow, miraculously, they do. A couple of neighbors who have arrived at the scene stand by to catch me. They lower my limp body to the ground where I lie in a broken heap.

Why didn't they cut the strings? They could have saved a long, tortured hour.

How heavy is hay? A piece of hay is about the weight of a feather. How

many pieces of hay does it take to make two thousand pounds? Lots. That package of sixteen bazillion individual pieces of hay wrapped in a gigantic bundle is a crushing weight. But separated, it would have been nothing.

I feel bad saying this, because it makes me sound ungrateful - and I am very grateful to the guys who saved my life that night - but there is a point to be made here, isn't there?

Is it too big?
Is it overwhelming?
Cut the strings - just cut the strings!

Are you buried under crushing burdens? Projects that are too huge? Schedules that are too complicated? Maybe you are trying to do too much at once - trying to do everything instead of doing something.

Cut the strings and cut yourself free. Do one thing at a time - and get it done. Move "out of the strain of the doing into the peace of the done."

This weeks poem may not have much to do with the above story although a pesky fly would sure have added to the agony!

PESTILENCE

That dratted fly!
He's such a pest!
I try to swat him
But he's a real test!

Outguessing these beasts
Takes cunning and sleight,
Just try to outwit
One buzzing old fly!

One swat and he is finished!
If he will only stay still-
Meantime I'll keep on trying
Though I'm fighting uphill!

Ah, blessed moment!
That fly is now a "squash"!
There's gook everywhere
But, it will come out with the wash.

J.R. Trumbull
30 July 2006

Noxious Weeds Must Be Controlled

You are required to control noxious weeds on your property.

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, Phragmites, Knotweed (Japanese and Giant), and Sericea Lespedeza. Notice is hereby given this 29th day of August, 2019, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in McPherson County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown, or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed superintendent is required to:

1. Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds and giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a \$100 per day fine to the landowner, with a maximum fine of \$1,500; or
2. Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means, as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, sod, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the county weed control authority.

By Order of McPherson County Weed Control Authority
John E. Bryant, Chairman
Richard C. Cook, Control Superintendent
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