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American Legion Pancake Supper October 5 In Tryon

The annual American Legion Pancake Supper will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and running until 8:00 p.m. The supper will be held at the

McPherson County fair building in Tryon. Come and support the Legion, the Veterans and the Boy State candidates. The McPherson County Longhorns and the

McPherson County-Stapleton Thunder will host Sioux County in volleyball and football action. The games for 5:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Sandhills Craftique Club Hosts Annual Oldster's Party

Ninety people gathered to enjoy a wonderful turkey dinner prepared by the Sandhills Craftique Club, on Sept. 16, 2018. It was a nice day and the McPherson County High School was cool and welcoming. The high school volleyball girls had set up the tables and had volunteered to put them away, thanks to all who helped.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dan Connell gave the blessing for the food. The Willing Workers Club made the table decorations given away as door prizes.

Mardel Connell Manary entertained us with stories of her life as a mother and ranch wife. Her humorous stories had us laughing, smiling and nodding in agreement, as we all related to the sparks of memories she evokes. She was a joy to listen to.

We always have fun prizes for special guests. Oldest man was Orville Haynes. Oldest woman, Maxine Aspegren. Longest married couple, LeRoy and Donna Daly. Most grandchildren, Alma Burlington and next in the running was Sam Connell. Traveling the farthest was Errol Wait, then Wanda Connell. Other door prize winners were Phyllis Priest, Wanda Connell, Terry Neal, Helen Haney, Twyla Connelly, Ruth Gage, Donna Daly, Geneva Connell, Ramona Foster, Gary Johnson, Doug Schmidt, and Mary Kemp.

Helpers for the day were Elaine Miller, Cindy McNutt, Maudene Sowders, LaVern and Teresa Schroder, Trevor and Rovilyn Neal, Virginia Huffman, Gayle Neal,

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Graphic Files

From The Tryon Graphic Archives

TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Jake Sowders and Tyrel Fischer were working on a stencil of a Longhorn to be used to paint the logo on the football field.

McPherson County Schools Improvement Club met and elected new officers. They were Sara Paxton, president; Sarah Bessmer, vice president; and Roseanne Trumbull, secretary-treasurer.

Dutch Wells was the new groundskeeper and elementary school janitor at McPherson County Schools.

Death: Mary Elizabeth Morris Haney died September 6, 2008 at Lakewood, Colorado.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

Shane Suchy participated in the 0-6 division of the Gothenburg Junior Rodeo and was fourth in goat tail untying and third in barrel racing. Megan Suchy won second in goat tying, sixth in poles and fourth in barrels in the 7-10 girls age group. Lindsay Ritter was fifth in goat tying, first in poles, first in flag race, and third in barrels in the 7-10 girls division.

Junior rabbit showmen at the McPherson County Fair were Courtney Bullington, Lindsay Ritter, Troy Connick, Michael Connick, Jr., and Shaylee Powers, champion junior showman.

Leah Farmer won the Oregon Trail Rodeo Queen title at the Oregon Trail Rodeo in Hastings.

The Lady Longhorns chalked two wins up last week as they downed Stapleton and Cody-Kilgore. Gina Fisher had six aces and Erin Connell scored 12 points in the game against Stapleton.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 15, 1988

Brian Thompson was the winner of the open class "Pen of Three Animals" at the McPherson County Fair.

First place winners in the team penning contest at the Tryon arena were the team of Carl Rundback, Bud Myers, and Dale Black.

Former McPherson County resident, H.B. Fisher, would be honored on his 80th birthday.

Kathryn Compton returned from Pennsylvania where she and Mrs. Harold Frasier marked the grave of Heinrich Knauss, their Revolutionary War ancestor.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 21, 1978

Services were held for Carol Jean Connell, 53, who passed away in an Omaha hospital.

The Tryon Longhorns won their third volleyball match of the season against Arthur. Evonnda

Sharp and Pat Arensdorf shared the high point honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Taylor would be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Chadron State College rodeo team started off well. Kelvin Sharp was third in calf roping with a time of 12.6.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 19, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waits, volunteer workers from McPherson County, met with officials from the Nebraska Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association at a district meeting in North Platte.

The 1968 edition of the MCHS Longhorns was unveiled here against the Maxwell Wildcats. MCHS lost 6-27. Gary Correll, Rocky Nicholson and Cecil Bullington played a good defensive game.

Riverside Dance Orchestra (Ross Haase) would provide music for the dance at the Helping Hand Club House (soddy) on September 28.

Thirty-three young people enjoyed a dance at the Graphic building after the football game. Sponsors were Mrs. Mabel Ellis, Mrs. Mahala Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett.

Peggy Gragg, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gragg entered St. Mary's hospital for a tonsillectomy.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 18, 1958

McPherson County was cited as being the top county in the state with a 29.2 cents per capita in the annual Christmas Seal sales campaign.

Funeral services for Dr. Lewis Arthur Carter, 82, dean of Holt County physicians and surgeons, were conducted September 8. Doctor Carter moved to Holt County in 1917 from Tryon, where he had practiced from 1915 until 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Streiff were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Peggy Lucille to Charles Wells Haskell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Winters of Tryon.

The Longhorns opened their season with a loss to Mullen. Next up would be Stapleton on the Bronco field.

Maloney Recreation Area was expanding. Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District had leased additional acreage on the east side of Maloney and the added acres would double the state managed recreation area on this side of the lake. Development of the new area would get underway this fall and would include the installation of boat launching

facilities, picnic tables, sanitary facilities and a parking area.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 16, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shimmmin and sons moved to a new home.

Byron Daly and Lawrence Courtright chose up sides for a baseball game. Byron's team led all the way up to the ninth inning when Lawrence's team forged ahead to win by one run.

The high school band has been working on numbers for the dedication program. Hazel Thompson, Rose Shimmmin, Robert Neal and Richard Kemp were new members in the band.

Death: Mrs. Guy Combs, 44, died August 26.

Bobbie Moore was attending school in District 9 and boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bellew.

Marvin Tucker, Frank Cotton and Geo. Rommel were among those having cattle at the sale ring in Tryon.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 15, 1938

The Mike David family was making plans for the approaching marriage of Miss Mary David to Mr. Arthur G. Ellis on September 25 at the Tryon Auditorium.

Don Dobbins left the first of the week for Lincoln where he would resume his work at the University. This would be Don's third year at Nebraska.

A large chicken house had been constructed on lots adjoining the Bender property in the north part of town. The plan was to keep several hundred leghorn hens this winter.

Charles Hart, 54, president of the Arnold village board of trustees died from injuries suffered during a parade at the annual Arnold festival. A horse near which Hart was standing became frightened, reared and fell on him, the saddle horn hitting his stomach.

Chicken thieves had been busy in the community. The heaviest loss was reported by Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Hatch, who lost upwards to 75 fine roosters. Lester Patton completed a large screened-in porch as an addition to his home in the south part of town.

NINETY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 20, 1928

A small fire occurred in the printing office when a gasoline burner on the casting box blew the leaky needle valve out of its socket.

Julius Mogensen, south-side farmer and old settler of Lincoln County, was found dead a short distance from the house on his farm.

Russell Smith and Mildred Jones were married at Brownville September 5.

Onetta Harvey left for Lincoln where she would take up college work.

R.A. Shimmmin delivered cattle in Tryon for Cap Ranch last Saturday. Jack Neal helped drive cattle to Mullen.



Some of those attending listening to Mardel's stories.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "No matter what you do - stand up for who you are and be honest about your feelings. Even if it seems like you will be crucified for it; even if you think you will not be as successful or as liked - in the end, it's only your honesty that will have mattered."

Bryant McGill

Dear friend, I want you to be successful...but not too much.

I want you to be sassy...but don't tell me no.

I want you to make money...but I don't want you to be independent.

I want you to be put together...but you shouldn't have to be dressed up.

I want you to be capable...but not more capable than me.

Dear friend, we've all heard these sorts of hidden statements at some time in our life.

And although there are those kind and incredible folks out there that love and support you...for each one of those wonderful beings - there seems sometimes to be a naysayer.

What do you do with those naysayers?

Do you let them in? I know it isn't easy, I know their voices are loud. They can drown out the most confident thoughts. The most intense plans and the most motivated hearts. Dear friend, do

me a favor...every time you are told "no" this month, change it to "find another way." Every time someone says "you're not capable" change it to "I will do this for myself." When a voice calls you unable, tells you you're not enough or that you're not going to make it...replace those words with: "I am able. I am strong. I am worthy. I am enough." Sometimes those we think are friends really aren't. They want us around to make them look good. Some people just think they need to

tear other people down. They think this makes them look better, smarter, and/or more capable when all it does is show them as bullies. Other times they will manipulate us to do or say the things that hurt others then snicker to themselves because it makes us look bad. Some younger people don't want to listen to us old fogies but maybe they should. Most of us have been there, done that, and know from where we speak. We don't want others to fall into the same traps.

EXPERIENCE

Life's cruisin' along
But something's not right.
There's an off cant to stuff
You can't ID by senses or sight.

Reassured that "all is fine"
When questions you ask.
"I don't know a thing."
From the rest of the staff.

You're hauled before judgment,
Not a chance for defense
Then out of the blue
Accused of a ludicrous offense!

Your word, backed by God,
Doesn't mean one bit.
"It's the principle of the matter"
Was meant as a killing hit.

Don't laugh now folks,
Snicker and say "it was due".
Weigh all of the facts
'Cause it can happen to you!

J.R. Trumbull
7 March 2009

For a gambling problem, call 24/7 GAP helpline at 1-800-522-4700 to take action now.

A call to the helpline is taking action. A counselor will help you identify the problem and find the best available resource to overcome that problem. This phone call is your first, best step to get your life back.

The Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program (GAP) Problemgambling.nebraska.gov

Free and confidential counseling for Nebraskans and their families.