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TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 1, 2010

Cailyn Bessmer and Jesse Paxton posed next to "Lil Red" at the Big Red Stars award ceremony, an event that recognizes Nebraska eighth graders who excel in leadership and academics.

Cyclone track athletes out this season are: Austin Starr, Todd Walz, Derek Russell, Mark Baumgartner, Levi Peterson, Dean Burnside, Carson Bassett, Clayton DeNaeyer, Remington Cutler, Sam Baumgartner, Eric Garrelts, Josh Schiltz, Sawyer Hanna, Chance Connell, Gabe Ryland, Eric Trumbull, Alecia Paxton, Emily Donohoe, Molly Hinkle, Savannah Donohoe, Torie Opela, Ashley Bessmer, Julia Hauser, Mara Seifer and McKenna Bessmer.

Cyclone golfers were: Austin Jones, Gordon Needs, Zach Kramer, Gilbert Johnson, Felix Thiele, Shelby Klosen, Crystina Contreras, Trystan Schaeffer and Levi Brown.

Elizabeth Annalan Reynolds was this week's Senior Spotlight.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 30, 2000

The seniors of 2000 of McPherson County High School packed their things in two vans and took off for the Denver area for their sneak trip March 17. They hung out in Denver from 3:00 to around 7:30 p.m. then met the letter club and attended the Nuggets vs. the Clippers NBA game.

Mrs. Gary (Judy) Connell attended a nurses workshop at Kearney March 15-16, and while there, visited Gary's aunt, Inez Bassett, who was a patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Eunice Masters visited with Will and Sue Masters March 24, on her way to Gordon, Nebraska to spend a weekend with her daughter, Nancy Russell and family.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 30, 1990

Trudy Dobbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dobbins, has been chosen to attend Girl's State by the American Legion Auxiliary Art Gray Unit. Chosen as alternate to Girls State was Dana Lynn Paxton.

Candidates for Cornhusker Boys State were Bill Finney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Finney, chosen by the American Legion Art Gray Post, for delegate, and Mike Daly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Daly as Boys State Alternate.

All friends and family of

Don Pettit were invited to an 80th birthday party at his home on Sunday, April 1, 1990.

The Tryon ambulance was called to the John A. Streiff home Sunday, March 25, to take John to the Great Plains Regional Medical Center at North Platte after he had broken his hip in a fall on the ice. Mr. Streiff underwent surgery at North Platte Tuesday.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 27, 1980

Alice Dobbins, who teaches District 28 School west of Tryon, took her students to North Platte Saturday afternoon to see the movie, "The Black Stallion." The group was accompanied by two of the mothers, Joyce Snyder and Pat Daigger. Students enjoying the day were Ginger, Mary, Betty and Gladys Daigger, Jackie Snyder, Bryan Galey, Lori Gregg and Elke Melvin.

Selected to attend Cornhusker Boys and Girls State were Dean Seifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seifer, Jr. of Paxton, and Deborah Waits, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waits of Tryon. Chosen as alternates were Mike Miller and Belenda Arensdorf.

Evonnda Sharp, a senior at McPherson County High School, is the recipient of a Board of Trustees Scholarship at Chadron State College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sharp of Tryon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 24, 1970

Debra Arensdorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Arensdorf, has been selected as Girls' State representative. Cheryl Neal was chosen as alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Anderson, Mr. Vernon Knapp, Mrs. Ted Correll all of Tryon, sponsored cars to Kearney, Friday for the students Inter-High Scholastic contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellis of Grand Island were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Lynelle Sadie to Dennis Lee Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval A. Miller of Ogallala. A June 7th wedding was being planned.

Eva Haddy, Jean Shirley and Smokey Allen went to Kearney Saturday to visit Donna Neal in the Good Samaritan Hospital. Wilma Nicholson returned home with them after staying overnight. Harold Neal, Mabel Hatch, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Neal were also visitors of Donna last week.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 31, 1960

The Rebekah Lodge

ladies who enjoyed a fish fry at Tucker's Cafe in North Platte Friday evening were Sophia Masters, Donna Neal, Maude Pearson, Virginia O'Connor, Maxine Neal, Levona Harvey, Vivian Winters, Geneva Neal, Pat Ansel, Jack Cotton, Louelva Priest, Hollis Snyder and Audrey French.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Appar entertained Sunday, honoring Mrs. George Musser on her birthday.

A.M. 2C and Mrs. Bud Wilkins Jr. of Rota, Spain are the parents of a son born March 30. The baby has been named Orval Edward.

Plans are being completed to re-open the Neu Theater at Stapleton. It will be under the management of Don Lauts of Stapleton, with the tentative re-opening day set for April 16.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 30, 1950

The south Tryon men have their telephone line posts and wire installed as far south as Wendlings. They hope to soon have it all done and ready for use. They will call the line "The Ranchers Mutual."

Terry Jameson was in an unusual farm accident Thursday when the empty hay rack in which he was riding behind his father's tractor, was caught by the high wind and blown off, the wagon sending it upside down over the child. It was then blown on over, leaving the child unscratched on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trumbull were honored Sunday, March 26, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

At the high school, the following pupils have been out of school this week because of illness: Joyce Black, Alfred Courtwright, Roberta Pettit, Shirla Power and Hazel Thompson.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 28, 1940

The three men who will take the 1940 census in McPherson County are now attending a two-day school of instruction at North Platte. The three enumerators from this county are Fay L. Danker, Loren Neal and Bud Wright.

Mrs. Ella Popham is moving to Tryon and will occupy one of the Ira Cumpston houses. Henry Jones moved some furniture for Mrs. Popham Tuesday.

Lloyd Connell bought a team of colts at the Charles Schmidt sale last week. On Wednesday, he helped his brother, Dan move cattle.

R.M. Howard and son, Robert, were Tryon visitors Tuesday. They were accompanied to North Platte by Don Dobbins from which place Bob and Don left for Lincoln to resume their studies at the University.

NINETY YEARS AGO
MARCH 27, 1930

The I.O.O.F. Lodge at Tryon put on a real celebration Wednesday evening when they "burned the mortgage" on their building. The Ladies Club served a fine supper in their new club rooms. Among the visitors were the Grand Master of the Nebraska Grand Lodge, Will M. Dunn of Sutherland, Doctor Carter of O'Neill, formerly of Tryon and Grand Secre-

Twin Platte Natural Resources District Remains Open during COVID-19 Outbreak

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) office will remain open during the COVID-19 Virus outbreak. The staff will remain in the office continuing work as normal. However, it is asked of the public, if they have a question or need assistance from any staff in the office, to please call ahead of time

if they have been exposed to someone who is sick or is not feeling well themselves.

The April 9, 2020 TPNRD board meeting has been cancelled as recommended by the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and State and Local Public Health Officials to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19

virus. The next board meeting will be May 14, 2020.

Please view the TPNRD website and social media for updates.

TPNRD thanks the public for their understanding during this time. For more questions, please contact TPNRD at 508-535-8080

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



poor or nearly non-existent sense of smell.

Skunks are immune to rattlesnake venom, bee strings and scorpions and will eat all of these critters. They are opportunistic eaters with a varied diet. They are nocturnal foragers who eat fruit and plants, insects, larvae, worms, eggs, reptiles, small mammals, and even fish. They also

love cat or dog food. I've had them come out in the day time to feed on cat food. The owls aren't out and about at that time.

I have more skunk facts but will take pity on you at this point. I do have a high respect for them and would just as soon they stay away from Oscar's territory! The poem is based on personal experience.

Quote: "Sometimes when you get in a fight with a skunk, you can't tell who started it."

Lloyd Doggett

It is skunk season once again which is quite evident from the number of flattened skunks on the highways or the odoriferous evidence that once has either been killed or at least was in the area. Oscar Corgi HAD been quite good about leaving the black and white critters alone since getting sprayed in the face not long after he arrived at the ranch several years ago. I said "HAD" because a skunk got too close to the house a few weeks ago. That was Oscar's territory and skunk was not welcome. I woke up to this odor seeping into the house, looked out, and Oscar had the skunk by the nape of the neck and skunk was not happy. I baited the live trap the next day, but skunk apparently decided this was not a friendly place because I have seen no sign of it since the altercation. Oscar still has a little "Au de Skunk" cologne but it is getting better. Thank goodness he had fresh snow to roll and rub in at the time this happened.

I did find some interesting tidbits of information as I searched the internet. Now I know more about skunks than I ever wanted to know so decided to share some of this knowledge with you.

Skunks can accurately spray up to 15 feet. The oily liquid that skunks produce is used as a powerful predator-deterrent which causes no real damage to its victims. The victims may not agree.

Skunks have two anal glands that carry the spray material. These glands carry a limited amount which is usually enough to spray 5-8 times.

Skunks spray sparingly as they sometimes need over a week to reload the glands.

A skunk will always give a warning before spraying: it turns its back to the target, hisses, and stamps its front feet. Victims may not agree that this always happens.

Skunks are not aggressive toward humans. They only spray in self-defense. Really?

Skunks almost never spray each other, except during mating season.

The only thing that eats skunks regularly is the Great Horned Owl. These owls have a very

SKUNKED

While looking in the freezer
Out in the shed one day,
I had one of those experiences-
Hair raising I must say!

I heard something moving,
At my feet there was a rustle,
I thought it was just a cat
Looking for petting and a tussle.

Yes, those beady eyes looking up at me
Belonged to a kitty alright
But this one was adorned
With a great big white stripe!

Now, Skunky was curious
As to why I had disturbed his rest
And I just froze in place,
Not daring to take a breath!

Slowly he checked out
To see if I had disturbed his domain
And then fortunately he ambled off
And from revenge refrained.

J.R. Trumbull
11 March 2006

Bloodmobile coming to Tryon, April 3

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon, Friday, April 3, and will be set up from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross is closely monitoring the evolving situation regarding the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). While there is no evidence that this coronavirus or any respiratory illness can be transmitted through a blood transfusion, out of the abundance of caution, we are taking actions to help ensure the safety of our donors, recipients, volunteers, staff, and the blood supply.

Individuals should postpone their donation for 28 days following travel to China, Hong Kong, Macau, as well as Iran, Italy and South Korea; and diagnosis of COVID-19, contact with a person who has or is suspected to have the virus.

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