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TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 15, 2010

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #189 and American Legion Art Gray Post #189 have announced 2010 Girls' and Boys' State selections from McPherson County. Mara Seifer, a junior, at McPherson County High school, has been selected to attend this year's Cornhusker Girl's State Session. Gabe Ryland will join nearly 380 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State.

The Opela Ranch will be hosting a cutting horse competition for Western Nebraska Cutters, Sunday, April 18, 7 1/2 miles west of Stapleton. This club is designed for the beginner cutter and those who are interested in cutting horses.

Saturday, April 17: McPherson County High School prom, banquet at 6:00, pictures at 7:30, and dance at 8:00.

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." - Albert Einstein

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office in Lincoln and McPherson Counties held an open house for the public and North Platte Chamber "Before" House Tuesday, April 13 at their new location at 348 West State Farm Road on the West Central Research and Extension Center campus.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 13, 2000

Lois Correll, Linda Paxton and Ilene Daly took Clara Daly to the North Platte Canteen Celebration in North Platte Saturday night, April 8th. This was a gift to Clara for Mother's Day. As Clara had worked at the canteen during the 1940's, she and others were given a tag marked with a "V" at the registration table and they were then asked to stand and be recognized during the program. The lunch that was prepared for refreshments was like the food served at the canteen during the 1940's.

Funeral services for Gordon Jay Connell, 58, of Stapleton, were held April 11, 2000, at the McPherson County High School at Tryon. He was a member of the Board of Education at the Stapleton schools, and was a member of Hall Church, north of Ringgold, 4-H activities and many other community activities. He loved his Rodepa's branding and Rodeo Bible Camp. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two daughters, Bridget and Paige two son, Skeeter and Chance, and many other relatives and friends.

Leland Paxton of Stapleton is doing well and was expected to return home

after sustaining burns to his hands, arm and face in an explosion in a camper at the Jim Fuller place south of Tryon, April 6th.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 12, 1990

The Junior class at McPherson County High School was ready to present their two-act play, "Destiny," April 20th. Cast members were Zane Connell, Mike Daly, Trudy Dobbins, Bill Finney, Dana Lynn Paxton, Shalee Paxton, Tonya Starr, Dawn Streiff, and Billy Munson.

Sally Hilferty of Stapleton began work at the Hair Cabin in Tryon on Tuesday of this week. Her parents are Bus and Dorothy Pueppka.

Eva Haddy was dismissed from the hospital at North Platte Friday and went to the home of Ernestine Mann to stay for a few days.

Members of the Tryon Rebekah Lodge were planning to attend the District meeting at Mullen on Friday, May 25th. The Tryon Lodge is to provide a skit and seat officers for 1991.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 10, 1980

Amy Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nicholson of Tryon, was the Grand Champion of the McPherson County Spelling Bee at Tryon April 8. She is a 7th grade student at School District No. 4 in Tryon and will represent McPherson County at the State Spelling Contest in Omaha. Second place winner was Kerri Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Moore, who is a 5th grader at School District No. 9 north of Tryon.

Three members of the Art Gray American Legion Post 189 at Tryon have received American Legion certificates for 100 percent participation in the "Operation Welcome Back" program during 1979. They are Gaylord Wright of Mullen, and Don Nicholson and Bill Erickson, both of Tryon. Gaylord and Bill also received 100% membership pins.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 9, 1970

The music department of the McPherson County High School, under the direction of Mr. Morton Hansen, will present a Spring Music Concert at the school Friday, April 19. Both the band and vocal groups will present numbers.

The seniors at the high school are practicing on the play, "Desperate Ambrose," which will be given the night of April 17 and 18.

Karen Lutes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lutes ended up as the top speller at the McPherson County Spelling Contest. Karen is in grade 7 this year. Marine Lance Corpo-

ral Danny L. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nicholson of Tryon, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 14, 1960

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stokes of Red Cloud, Nebraska, were announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Deta Stokes to Mr. Leo Lindahl of Tryon. The couple plans a June 5th wedding at Red Cloud. Miss Stokes attended the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney and is now teaching at Kimball. Mr. Lindahl holds a Master of Arts degree from Peru State Teachers College and is now teaching at the McPherson County High School in Tryon.

An open house celebration will be held at the Bob Wade home Sunday April 17, in honor of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Katie Borland and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kemp and Jerry were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Moore and Donnie.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 13, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. George Kahoe observed their 28th wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday with a family dinner at noon. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Musser, W.J. Musser, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Halstead and Patty Jean. The couple received a lovely bouquet from their daughter and her husband, Kathryn and Billy Compton, who were unable to be present.

Mrs. Margaret Stoddard became the bride of Floyd Kiester in a single ring ceremony performed in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.L. Tucker, the evening of Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950. The Rev. B.D. Hunn read the marriage lines in the presence of the immediate families.

The senior class at the high school will be presenting the play "Superstitious Sadie" Friday and Saturday, April 14-15 at the high school auditorium.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 11, 1940

A surprise birthday party and dinner were held at the Railsback home Sunday in honor of Henry's birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Bassett and daughters, Rita and Ruby; Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Moore and Bobby; Mrs. Johnny Miller, Leo Miller and daughters, Peggy and Bonnie; Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Saul and Myron, and Miss Leota Linderman.

Mrs. Nellie Van Meter is quite ill at her home here and was forced to cancel church services Sunday evening. She is somewhat improved at this writing.

A staff of students that included Shirley Gillard, editor-in-chief; Emory Daly, sports reporter; Dorothy Winters, senior reporter; Ruthviola Haney, junior reporter; Pearl LaVonne Doyle, sophomore reporter and Mary Ruth Cotton, freshman reporter, provided the MCHS School News.

NINETY YEARS AGO
APRIL 10, 1930

The junior class of the local high school gave

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Volunteers Important For WRC

The Women's Resource Center of North Platte held a volunteer appreciation dinner in January, at which time volunteers, spouses, and guests joined the staff for a great night of good food, fun and games, and appreciation.

Volunteers are vital to the overall ongoing ministry of the WRC. There were 1,257 volunteer hours recorded last year. Based on minimum wage that is a savings of \$11,315.00.

Wanda Jo Waits of Tryon was honored for 20 years of service. She also teaches cooking class each month. JoDee Westling was honored for 30 plus years of service.

Walk for Life 2020 is still being scheduled and held May 2 and 3. North Platte and seven other communities will host the Walk for LIFE Fundraising Event to raise awareness and funds needed for the center. A goal of \$55,000 has been set, but organizers are hoping to go beyond that. It will happen with lots of walkers who have lots of sponsors. This year there are great incentive prizes for individual walkers, TEAMS and kids.

Register today for one of the Walk for Life locations at friendsofwrc.com.

Prizes for the top 10 walkers will be a 43" Flat Screen Smart TV, Husker football tickets, Husker baseball tickets, Maranatha Bible Camp "Week of Choice," North Platte Rec Center one-month family pass, Naomi Kate Photography family shoot, AMC 6 Theater



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Mike and Wanda Jo Waits were honored for 20 years of service to the Women's Resource Center at the January volunteer appreciation dinner.



Wanda Jo Waits, left, shares her pie baking skills at one of her monthly cooking classes.

Movie and Popcorn for two, Salon Nicholas haircut and blow dry, Huebner's Nursery - 50 lb. bag of lawn fertilizer, and

date night for two.

Be watching for more information on the local Walk for Life 2020 locations.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Excuses are the nails used to build a house of failure." - Jim Rohm

Don't think about what could go wrong, think about what might go right. Be a good person, but don't waste time trying to prove it. Sometimes you must hurt in order to know, fall in order to grow, lose in order to gain, because most of life's greatest lessons are learned through pain. Hard times can be blessings in disguise. We need to let go and let life strengthen us. No matter how much it hurts, hold your head high and keep on keeping on. This is an important lesson you need to remember whether you are having a bad day, a rough month, or a rotten year. Sometimes the hardest lessons are the ones your spirit needs the most. Things that happened in your past were never a mistake if you learned from them. Take all those crazy experiences and lessons and offer them up to the Lord in a box marked "Thank You!"

The 26 letters of the English alphabet are so intelligently arranged...they show you the way of life: "A"lways "B"e "C"ool. "D"on't have "E" go with "F"riends and Family. "G"ive up "H"urting "I"ndividuals. "J"ust "K"eep "L"oving "M"ankind. "N"ever "O"mit "P"rayers. "Q"uietly "R"emem-

ber God. "S"peak "T"ruth. "U"se "V"alid "W"ords. "X"press "Y"our "Z"eal.

"Integrity is choosing courage over comfort. It is choosing what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy. It is choosing to practice your values rather than simply professing them." - Brene' Brown

None of us know when it will be our time to depart this earthly life. My druthers would be to just keel over and that would be it. It's not our choice so live each moment as if it might be the last. With

the enforced solitude at this time, I am glad I enjoy my own company along with that of God and my cats. I do a lot of talking/praying to God which might be a bit disconcerting to someone who isn't used to me. Yes, I do say "Thank You God" out loud at times when other people don't expect it. I think I embarrassed my great-niece one time when I died so after we found her cell phone right where she had left it in Walmart. As far as I'm concerned, that was a minor miracle and worthy of thanks.

BREVITY

When will your bell toll?
When will it be your time?
The seasons of life
Have no reason or rhyme.

It's not really your choice
Be it easy or slow
Your time is appointed
For only God to know.

Some take their own life
Or that's what they think.
God could stay their hand
In the space of a blink.

We are allowed free will
Based in His constraints.
Sometimes what we think is-
Is something it ain't.

Live each day for the Lord
Through joys and trials on the way
And remember one thing-
He has the final say!

I'm not joking or preaching
When I say "Turn to Him".
Because following Jesus
Isn't a fanciful whim.

I want you all with me
When we reach the other side....

J.R. Trumbull
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