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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 6, 2010

The Stapleton/McPherson County track teams competed in two more track meets, bringing home several gold medals from the two meets. The teams traveled to Sutherland for the Wallace Track Invite, Tuesday, April 20th. The SMC girls placed 5th overall. Julia Hauser won 1st place in high jump with 4'8" and Ashley Bessmer took 2nd with 4'8". The SMC boys finished third place in overall team standings. Todd Walz won the long jump with 20' 5". Mark Baumgartner took 3rd place with 18' 11 1/4. Todd also won the triple jump with 41' 1 1/2". Todd brought home a gold medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.4. SMC track teams competed in the Sandhills Conference Track Meet at Arnold, on Thursday, April 29. Both the boys and girl's teams ended the day in third overall in team standings.

At the Mullen JV Golf In-vite on April 30, the SMC team placed 7th. Levi Brown placed 7th and shot a 55. Zach Kramer shot a 60, Shelby Klosen, 72, Austin Jones, 59, Felix Thiele, 70, Trystan Schaeffer, 90 and Chrystina Contreras, 75.

McPherson County High School juniors and seniors had the opportunity to learn more about the governmental functions of McPherson County at County Government Day held April 27 at Tryon. Come Double Club met at the McPherson County High School commons area on April 3. Twenty card players were present for five tables of "Pitch." Paul Hunn and Lois Correll had the high scores and lows were Gary Johnson and Sharon Neal. The business meeting was conducted by President Sharon Neal.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 4, 2000

There is a new "Welcome to Tryon" sign which can be seen at the east end of town. It was put in place Tuesday, by some of the Class of 2000 and their sponsor, Mrs. Jennifer Moore. This was part of the Earth Day Clean-up on April 25. The McPherson County students and staff took it upon themselves to clean up the town.

"An Evening With The Arts," was presented by McPherson County High School students and their instructors last Thursday evening, April 27. The Choir sang, "Canon of Praise" by Johann Pachelbel, and "Wade in the Water" by Roger Emerson; The Band, Pachelbel's Canon" by Johann Pachelbel and "Brice Canyon Overture" by Jerry Williams. Art exhibits, fine arts, and shop

projects were on display around the gym for everyone's enjoyment.

Several relatives gathered at Aunt Bea's Café in Tryon Monday, May 1, to help Joe Daly celebrate his 93rd birthday. Those attending, besides the honored guest, were his sister-in-law, Clara Daly, two of his nieces, Phyllis Priest of North Platte, and Vera Jividen of Stapleton; two of his sons, Bob Daly and LeRoy Daly and Donna of Tryon; and a great grandson, Jeff Daly of Paxton.

E-1 Joseph L. Cochran son of Brenda and Jesse Cochran of Tryon, enlisted in the Nebraska Army National Guard in North Platte on March 17, 2000. His military occupational specialty and job title is Supply Specialist.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 1990

The McPherson County boys won the Oregon Trail Conference track meet April 28th at Ogalala with 108 points. The girls ended in second place with 77 points, just behind Arthur's 79.

Dorothy Haney of Tryon, was honored Sunday, April 29, with an open house at the Tryon United Methodist Church for her 75th birthday. A large crowd of 165 people attended.

Election of officers for the McPherson County Improvement Club was held for the 1990-1991 school year. Cindy Gregg will be president; Patty Kemp was elected as vice president; Carol Moore, secretary, and Pat Finney, news reporter.

Marla Jean Wright and Mary Haney of Mullen, visited Cleo Connell on her birthday Tuesday, May 1, and Mary took Cleo and Marla to dinner at the Ranch Store and Café in Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kramer took Marion Miller to the doctor Wednesday, April 25th, as Marion had suffered a burn when his stove blew up. He is receiving therapy on his hand this week.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 1, 1980

Betty Bryant and Terri Watkins, gave very interesting reports during a meeting of the McPherson County Farm Bureau on their trip to the 7th annual Citizenship Seminar at Aurora. An educational tour had also been taken by Joyce Snyder, Kathy Starr and Betty Schroeder who showed slides of the membership award trip to Nashville, Tennessee.

Nineteen students from McPherson County were among 2,200 students and teachers who participated in the District Music Contest at McCook. Deb Waits received a I on her clarinet solo, and Hannah Doyle I on a vocal solo.

Terry Correll of Tryon, was among the cowboys and cowgirls from Chadron State College who won a big share of the honors at their own rodeo this past weekend. Terry was a winner in the bareback riding.

A large crowd of ladies attended the Spring Tea at Hall Church Thursday afternoon. Betty Joe Mathis of Burwell, was the speaker.

Mrs. Miles Snyder returned to the Gary Kemp home near Maywood Saturday to help care for the twin boys of her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Gary Kemp.

Ilene and LaRae Daly attended a wedding shower for Ilene's niece, Pam Croghan, in Broken Bow, Sunday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 20, 1970

Donna Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Connell and Sheryl, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Miller and daughter were Tuesday evening guests in the Don Hatch home. Everett's brought a birthday cake to help Don celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Jessie Platt celebrated her 80th birthday on April 25, 1970, by entertaining a group of her friends to supper in her home. Attending were Donna Neal, Jennie Moore, Ora McKillip, Blanche Wright and Marie Trumbull.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kemp, Gaylene and Lamar were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Irene Kemp in North Platte. Archie Neal called on his sister, Irene, later after returning Gayle to the Roger Shimmin home where she is staying while attending Junior College.

Dr. Dean Miller of Greeley, Colorado, was a Tuesday afternoon visitor in McPherson County. Dr. Miller is writing a book on his life's experiences, and wanting it to be authentic, he was obtaining data from the McPherson County legal records and from old acquaintances. He is brother of the famous band leader, the late Glenn Miller.

Lois Hunn was among those who helped Vera Gragg celebrate her birthday at the Arnold Country Club Monday evening. Lois later called in the Denny Barner home at Stapleton to see her sister, Rose.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 5, 1960

Shirley Ann Adamson, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram

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Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Some of you may get this after May 1. Please don't all yell the distress signal!

Sometimes, very seldom, I have words arranged in advance so that all I have to do is hit 'send' and get back in my recliner. In real life (not the zoom, socially distanced, government mandated, common sense style of living), I spend most of my time in my recliner. Did I tell you about my friend, Jim Fattig? When he retired and could no longer drive that feed truck, he said he had taken up mechanic work and every morning put a differential in his recliner. And that is where I hit 'send'!

There, I just made a decision. I'm going to just 'ramble', maybe even worse than usual, and I can make this last for two weeks, maybe longer than I'll last!

Anyway, here just five days before you read this, if you do, I don't know what to say. I'll bet you all want to say "so shut up."

Talk about waiting as long as possible, seems like I heard someone use that big word 'procrastination'! Does anyone remember George Peterson? He lived down there north of the county line on the west side of the highway where that nice barn is. I think Mill owns that now. He used to be my banker, but sittin' behind his desk it looked like the money was in ranching (not) and he changed horses. When George built that nice barn, I don't think that barn is quite as old as mine, maybe someone knows, he painted that big sign on the roof that said, "Home of Contented Herefords"! One time, and this was before communications were such that the price of commodities, including cattle, were updated every few seconds, George and some of the local ranchers - it was probably about September 15th, when cattle were all sold in about two months time,

when there were two livestock auction barns in Arthur, when no one owned a trailer, when you could get five or six calves or two cows in a pickup, when you were really setting records if you brought steer calves to Arthur on October 15th that weighed 400 pounds, when cattle walked to market, and we were talking about cattle (they all like the money was in ranching and the weather, like we do today), only now we include machinery and the high prices! Do you ever notice how we seem to avoid good news like our blessing to live where we do and the freedom we have to worship the God that gave us that freedom, and debating about the possibility of selling at the local barns, shipping to Omaha or even just selling to an order buyer with future delivery. George, he probably didn't need to worry about the next sack of flour and certainly

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "I hope that when the dust settles, we will realize how very little we need, how much we actually have, and the true value of human connection."

Unknown
Waking up to see another day is a blessing. Don't take it for granted. Make it count and be happy that you are alive. Do what you can to make it a happy day for others too.

Most people aren't atheists because they don't believe in God, but because they've never encountered a believable picture of God. The believers job isn't to prove to the atheist that God exists, but to paint a picture of God that's worth believing in. Being a Christian doesn't change what you deal with, but it sure should change how you deal with it.

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it."
Norman Schwarzkoff

CAN PEOPLE TELL?

Can people tell that you are a Christian
By the way you walk your walk?
Can they tell where you place your faith
By the way you talk your talk?

Can they tell by the way you handle
Every day stress and trials?
Does it show in your countenance
And the way you smile your smiles?

Or do people know you claim to be a Christian
Yet you look like you were baptized in pickle juice?

You're supposed to be a Christian
Yet you often slip and your humor is loose?

Just stop and think about it
And consider how Christ would live
Then pray and ask for guidance
And to Him your life give.

It's not an easy journey.
The way often isn't clear.
At times you will grow weary
And the cost will seem quite dear.

The rewards aren't always in this life
But the retirement plan is great!
Just turn life over to Jesus
And quit wondering about your fate!

J.R. Trumbull
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