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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 13, 2010

The 90th graduation exercises at McPherson County High School were held Saturday evening, May 8, at the high school gymnasium at Tryon. Those graduating were Eric Michael Trumbull, Logan Michael Krull, Elizabeth Annalan Reynolds, Molli Jayne Sailors, and Rhett Harper. Valedictorian was Logan Krull and salutatorian was Eric Trumbull.

The Nebraska School Activities Association is pleased to announce students from Stapleton and McPherson County High School at Tryon who have been selected to receive Spring 2010 NSAA Academic All-State Awards. Those named to the list include: Boys Golf: Levi Brown and Gordon Needs. Boys Track & Field: Gabe Ryland and Todd Walz. Girls Track & Field: Ashley Bessmer and Julia Hauser. Music: Levi Brown and Trystan Schaeffer.

The Chemistry Department at the University of Nebraska at Kearney annually selects a student in each class as the outstanding student in that class. Brigette Ascherl, daughter of Cathy and Todd Ascherl of Tryon, received the "Outstanding Student" award for Chemistry 160 and Chemistry 161, which is a full year's course in General Chemistry.

A very large crowd was on hand for the McPherson County Student Council sponsored candidate's night held in the school gymnasium on May 6.

Students were responsible for developing three questions for the candidates and then written questions were taken from those present in the audience.

The Dave Blevins Memorial Track Meet, hosted by SMC was held Friday, May 7, 2010 at Arnold. Tracksters were met with very windy conditions. The SMC girls came in 8th place overall with 37 points and the boys came in 6th place with 40 points.

The McPherson County Family and Community Education Clubs are making plans for their annual Spring Tea. On May 20 at 2:00 in the McPherson High School commons room. We will share an afternoon with a poetic speaker, local music by two young ladies and a display of Heritage Arts.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 11, 2000

The MCHS boys track team competed in the "Best of the Midwest" meet at Sutherland May 3rd. Three individuals qualified for the meet: Dru Melvin broke his school record in the shot put with a throw of 49'4" and finished fourth; Chad McNutt was third in the 600; and Levi Arensdorf

placed third in the 3200-meter run in 10:55 which was his fastest time of the year. MCHS was also honored to have three girls in the meet: Megan McNutt, Chelsey McNutt and Sara Skipworth. Megan placed 4th in the 1600 meter (6:19); third in the Long Jump (15.7) and first in the 300 hurdles (46.27) a new school record.

Lynn Streiff, daughter of John D. and Connie Streiff, was Valedictorian of the MCHS graduating class; and Kyle Correll, son of Gary and Deb Correll, was Salutatorian.

Nona Moore accompanied Rita and Bob O'Neill of North Platte, to Washington State April 20th where they visited for several days with Nona and Rita's sister, Ruby Hunt and her daughter, Sue, and Nona's niece, Tracy O'Neill of Colorado Springs. After leaving there Thursday, they went to Yellowstone Park. Nona returned to Tryon on Monday, May 1.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 10, 1990

Eighth grade graduation was held for four eighth graders on May 7th. Jason Munson, son of Stanley and Shareen Munson, was recognized as the honor student for the class. Other graduates were Toby Black, son of Richard and Sandra Black, LaDonna Connell, daughter of Hartward and Wanda Connell, and Tanya Fisher, daughter of Kent and Kathleen Fisher.

Mindy Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neal, was Valedictorian of the MCHS graduation class, and Ellen Gosnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gosnell was Salutatorian.

Matilda Haney, on her 90th birthday, will be grand marshal of the McPherson County Centennial Parade set for July 7th. The centennial committee met April 30, 1990, to make further plans for their year-long activities.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 8, 1980

Officers of the McPherson County High School Improvement Club were elected May 2nd as follows: Susan Alber, president; Beth Sharp, vice president; Helen Trumbull, secretary-treasurer, and Barbara Gragg, news reporter.

Graduation exercises for five eighth graders will be held at 2:00 p.m., May 12 at the MCHS Auditorium with the Rev. David Lux as guest speaker. Members of the class are Ed Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Black; Randy Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell, Jr.; Shari Musser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Musser; Mark Trumbull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trumbull and Denise Widener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Widener.

Mindy Neal and Rusty Moore topped the girls and boys K-4th grade events to receive medals

at the 1980 Rural Field Day at Tryon, May 2. Medal winners for girls' and boys' grades 5-8 were Margo Widener and Travis Leger.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 7, 1970

The seniors of McPherson County High School spent the past weekend at the Kalfran Lodge in the Lake of the Ozarks region in Missouri for their sneak trip. The Lodge provided swimming, boating, dancing, and a wiener roast each evening. The students had a tour of Bagnell Dam, The Cave of the Ozarks, and the Indian Burial Cave. They attended the Ozark Opry one evening. Superintendent and Mrs. Spencer Anderson and Mrs. Irene Kemp sponsored cars for the trip.

The MCHS Longhorn Track Team placed second at Brewster on Thursday to take part in the Little Loup Conference Meet. Tryon finished second in both the boys' and girls' competition. Leading the boys' competition were Monte Nicholson, Tom Burch and Ron Munson. Others adding to the scoring were Gary and Doug Correll, Mart McNutt, Steve Neal, Randy Brady, Von Hunn and Duane McNutt. The Tryon girls led throughout the meet and were ahead by four points entering the last two events, the 440 and 880 relays. Coring for the girls were Pat McNutt, Kathy Thompson, Jean Kramer, Deena Kemp, Wanda Connell, Colleen Schrader, Debbie Arensdorf, Connie Lutes, Kathy Arensdorf, Jodeen Black, Leora Waits and Shirla Kemp.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 12, 1960

Mrs. Hi Fisher and daughter, Shirley Adamson, were injured in a car accident north of Tryon Saturday night when their car went off the road and hit a tree. Shirley, who was driving, had turned west off the highway near the Loren Neal place, when the car went out of control on the gravelled road and hit the tree. Mrs. Fisher received several fractured ribs, cuts and bruises. Shirley suffered a cut on her jaw which required stitches, and bad bruises and several loosened teeth. They were taken to the hospital by Bruce Shimmin, Hi Fisher and Mrs. Orval Black. Shirley was treated and dismissed, but Mrs. Fisher remained in the hospital until Monday. However, on Tuesday, she was back teaching in her school room at District 4, assisted by Miss Evelyn Cash.

Beryl Wendling and her son Fred, came to spend Mother's Day with her

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My eligibility, back in '48 and '49, for the GI school at Tryon would have been eighteen months. The same as my service time. I received, I believe, \$97.50 per month. I have no recollection about the particulars such as whether married guys got the same as singles or other minor things like that, and probably most of the guys who served longer than I had and therefore got to go to school longer than me. After I tell you more about the school there might be some question about whether they learned more than I did. Maybe time was irrelevant!

"Swede" Magnuson was our original teacher and I have no idea what his qualifications were. He didn't teach us so very long and Bill Griffiths, who had been one of our students, because he had been a commissioned of-

ficer in the service, got moved up to be instructor. I'm sure that both Swede and Bill, with what material was provided and their own ingenuity, and sometimes due to a request from one of the students, was always planning ahead for something that would qualify as education. Remember who the pupils were and remember what our recent background had consisted of. There were some intelligent men in that group with different levels of interest and ability and they had just come through times of uncertainty that caused them to live with reckless abandon. They were serious, but needed a little fun even if it had to be at the expense of someone else. And so we were grown men going to school and we intended to have fun!

I guess if we had a place of default it would have been the courtroom for (quote-unquote) lectures, study and discussion of all sorts of topics, but we also went on field trips. I'll mention a couple of them and we also frequented local business places, specifically a welding shop (even welding wasn't as refined as it is today).

I can remember and can list most, maybe all but one, of the 'students' and as I write their names and remember them I think most of them are gone now. Since I was quite young at the time, I might even be the only one of that group alive - so who will dispute the stories I tell! There were about twenty of us eager students that enjoyed spend-

Dean Thompson

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back door you'll have a skillet full by supper. Biscuits brown better with a little butter brushed on 'them. Check your shoelaces before running to help somebody. Visit old people who can't get out. Someday you'll be one. The softer you talk, the closer folks will listen.

The colder the outhouse, the warmer the bed. A lot of this advice is standing the test in these "hunker down" times. It seems like those of us who live the country are handling it better than some of the city folk. There is also a lot of wisdom in the old fashioned apron so read and learn.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Wise Advice from a Farmer's Wife

Whenever you return a borrowed pie pan, make sure it's got a warm pie in it.

Invite lots of folks to supper. You can always add more water to the soup.

There's no such thing as woman's work on a farm. There's just work.

Make home a happy place for the children. Everybody returns to their happy place.

If your man gets his truck stuck in the field, don't go in after him. Throw him a rope and pull him out with the tractor.

It's a whole lot easier to get breakfast from a chicken than a pig.

Always pat the chickens when you take their eggs.

It's easy to clean an empty house, but hard to live in one.

All children spill milk. Learn to smile and wipe it up.

Homemade is always better than store bought. A tongue's like a knife. The sharper it is the deeper it cuts.

A good neighbor always knows when to visit and when to leave.

Always light birthday candles from the middle outward.

You'll never catch a running chicken but if you throw corn around the

APRON STRINGS

Blest be the ties that bind
My heart to days long past.
Grandma's apron strings
And memories made to last.

That apron was multi-purpose,
Protection from splatters and stains,
A container for eggs or produce,
Even a head cover when it rains.

A catcher of tears, quencher of fears,
Basket of flowers, a handy dust rag,
Signal for dinner or help is needed.
A multi-use apron with reason to brag.

It sure wasn't fancy with lace and all,
Usually plain old gingham,
a flour sack I'm told,
That apron was a blessing to
all it came near.
It even bundled up chick when
they were cold.

Trends just pass on or so some say,
Aprons are rarely seen these days,
They were used for ages
So they weren't just a phase.

You find them carefully tucked away
And each has a story to tell.
Look for an apron comeback some day
And the famous old apron will be
saved by the bell!

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