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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 29, 2010
The Neal Family will host their 60th reunion at the fair building in Tryon on August 1.

McPherson County High School Alumni gathered Saturday evening, May 29, 2010, at the McPherson County High School in Tryon for the annual reunion. Approximately 143 alumni and guests shared old memories and made new ones. A prime rib dinner was enjoyed and card games were played.

Local News: Leo and Judy Dailey Billie Burch and Chris of Tryon, joined Dee Towne, Derek Towne and Kohen, Bob Fletcher and Ellis Fletcher for supper at Merricks Saturday evening to celebrate Dee and Chris's birthdays.

The newly formed McPherson County High School FFA Chapter, under the leadership of instructor, Tim Negley, will be serving a concession stand Saturday, August 14, during the McPherson County Fair. All proceeds will go to the newly formed chapter.

The Arensdorf family picnic will be held Sunday, August 1, in Cody Park at North Platte, just north of the tennis court, with dinner at noon.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 3, 2000
Changes in the schedule for the McPherson County Fair this year included a buyer's appreciation supper Friday evening, August 11, following the 4-H Livestock Sale. All buyers were to be treated to a wonderful supper provided by the 4-H Council, several local businesses and area ranchers. Don't miss any of the fun at the fair, which will be held from August 8 through August 12.

MCHS Superintendent Dennis Krominga wrote a letter concerning the schedule of practices and games for elementary volleyball and flag football program for Grades 5-8. A baby daughter, Chandler Michelle, was born to Corey and Melissa Wacker of Lincoln on Sunday, July 23, 2000. Grandparents

are Keith and Kathy Wacker of Lincoln and Randy and Kathy Fisher of Tryon.

Local News: Mabel Hatch, who underwent surgery Thursday, July 27, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, returned to her home in Tryon on Sunday.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 2, 1990
Willing Workers Club met July 21, 1990 with Elvora Neal as hostess. Items of discussion included a booth for the county fair and the annual Oldsters' Party. As there would be no meeting in August, the next meeting would be a club picnic September 15th at the fair building in Tryon.

"To kiss a pig or not to kiss a pig," that is not the question but, "Who will kiss a pig?" Will it be Lela Pyzer and Edd Black of the McPherson County Volunteer Fire and Ambulance crew, or the challengers Harold Arensdorf, Bob Long and Keith Lutes, the McPherson County Commissioners. The losers will each have to kiss a live pig sometime after the livestock sale at the County fair, August 18th. This contest is to raise funds to buy bunker gear and equipment needed for firemen. Donation cans will be placed at Neal Oil Co., and the Ranch Store and Café in Tryon. Each can will be marked with the team you want to vote for.

Tom and Billie Burch of Tryon were the parents of a baby boy, Chris Hans, born July 23, 1990 at GPRMC in North Platte. Grandparents are Esther Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson of Tryon, LaVell Johnson of North Platte, and Dean Burch of Missouri.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 31, 1980
Betty Schroeder wrote about the Paxton cousins camp-out on the Dismal River the weekend before, with 84 people attending Saturday evening to enjoy the sing-a-long, popcorn and s'mores, and 81 attending breakfast and early morning services Sunday. The group

swelled to 129 before the day was done. Rose and Lenard Pyzer and four boys from California were first timers and also came the farthest distance.

Visitors in Tryon on Thursday, July 24, were Harold and Gwendolyn Schmiedeskamp of Guiney, Illinois. Mrs. Schmiedeskamp is the former Gwendolyn Braun who taught music and English in the McPherson County High School in 1937-1938, when Roy Melendy was Superintendent. While living in Tryon, she boarded with Mrs. Nellie VanMeter.

Loa LeAnn Daly and Kevin Lee Reichenberg were united in marriage at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Ogallala on July 12, 1980. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Art Daly of Tryon and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reichenberg of Ogallala.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 30, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy, Superintendent for McPherson County High School, moved into the apartment this week to begin preparation for the opening of school August 31st. A music teacher has also been hired for the high school. He is Mr. Einor Mehl.

Carpenters have been going at a rapid pace on four new houses being built in Tryon, three of them for the Teachers Housing project, and one west of town for Mr. and Mrs. George Kahoe.

Master Sergeant John R. Moore visited his sister and husband, Helen and Melvin Waits, this week. John retired June 30, 1970 at Travis Air Force Base, California after 26 and 1/2 years duty in the Air Force.

The following 4-H'ers gave demonstrations at the meeting of the Goldringer's 4-H Club July 18 at the fair building: Rodney, Ricky and Roger Trumbull; Shannon Fisher, Leora Waits, Kay Stoddard and Rex Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Fisher of Maxwell, are the parents of a baby girl, Sandra Lin, born July 21, 1970.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 4, 1960

July 3, 1960 was the date chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kemp for their wedding day. Rev. Walter Kemp from South Dakota, uncle of the groom, officiated at the double ring ceremony at the Tryon Community Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wilkins and family who recently flew to the United States from Spain, (where Bud has been stationed) will now be stationed at Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Wilkins is the former Joyce Black.

Chet Hawley held 4-H practice judging at the Wane Millers, Vernon Jameson's and the Von Paxton home Monday evening. Russ Lorentzen brought up some pigs and sheep for the 4-H'ers to practice on while judging.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 3, 1950

The Tryon Stitches Sewing Club went to North Platte July 19th for a tour of some of the business houses, a picnic in the park, and to make a transcription for the radio. In the morning, they went to look at Mrs.

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To be eligible to enroll in the 2021 Nebraska Farm Bureau Member Health Plan this fall, you must be a Nebraska Farm Bureau member in good standing by August 31, 2020.

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"We welcome Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses to join our organization and take advantage of the opportunities our health plan offers," Nelson said.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life that you have a million reasons to smile and laugh." - Unknown

A story I once read described the job of a riverboat pilot. God is like a riverboat pilot in the life of a Christian. He will help steer us clear of the obstacles if we let Him but we have to let Him be in charge. When we start trying to steer the boat with our own understanding, we are apt to meet up with all kinds of snags, sandbars, and other hazards. There are many hazards out there in life. What we often don't realize at the time is that what seems to be a disaster at the time is when we are being steered around something that will really wreck things. Sometimes we need to meet up with a few sandbars, snags, etc. just to wake us up. Other times we look back and realize what a mess we either got out of or were able to avoid.

One interesting thing about this poem is that I wrote it a couple of years before a situation developed where there were unfair and untrue accusations made along with some nasty conniving that hurt deeply. Looking back now, I can see that it was a situation I am glad to be out of and it showed the true colors of some people I had respected up to that point. A pastor friend told me "If you can stand before the Lord, that is all that counts." In the long run, what people think isn't important, but God does know what is in your heart.

LIFE

When your knight in shining armor
Turns out to be a jerk,
Some folks will nod their heads
Knowingly and smirk.

What they don't realize
Is that it can happen to us all.
Sometimes the very best intentions
Can take a mighty fall!

There are times the nicest person
Can underneath be vile.
Sometimes it just takes time
And knowing them a while.

It's not just one gender
That covers up with a pleasant grin.
No, the best of all deceivers
Can be either her or him.

They can be so helpful
And, oh so very nice,
But the time is comin'
When you have to pay a price.

Some folks just aren't worth dealin' with,
They're after all you've got.
They think that they deserve it
And fair play to them means naught.

They will try to besmirch you
By saying that you're to blame
And try to put on you
All of their vileness and shame.

Don't sink to their level
And fight a dirty fight.
Don't take that blame,
You know what's right.

Stand and do not heed their voice.
Those who care know better.
You will survive and go on,
The truth will stand forever.

J.R. Trumbull
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