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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010
Eighty people were present for the Arensdorf family picnic held Sunday, August 1, in Cody Park at North Platte.

Joe and Jen Schmidt of Maywood are the proud parents of a baby girl Kaci Marie, born August 16.

Deaths: Elsie "Dickie" McMurtry Greeno, 93, of North Platte passed away on August 30, surrounded by her family; Frieda Mae Mattson, 91, of Grand Island died August 12, at her home in Grand Island; Clint Koenig, age 20, of rural Ewing, died August 28 at the Bryan LGH West Hospital in Lincoln, from the result of a bull riding accident; Glen Edward Johanson, 83, of Stapleton, passed away September 4; Cody John Murphy, 15, of North Platte passed away September 4; Steven L. Allen, 52, of Stapleton died September 5.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

The Tryon Volunteer Fire Department was kept quite busy in the past week with prairie fires set by lightning in the west part of the county and another on the Moore Ranch northwest of Tryon. Mutual aid calls went out to Stapleton, Arthur, Mullen and North Platte.

Leo and Judy Dailey and Devin Burch of Tryon, met Marty and Kari Dailey of Bennett, Colorado at Cabela's in Sidney, Nebraska, Saturday for an afternoon of shopping and visiting.

A wedding invitation was extended for a Tryon couple, Jay D. Powers and Toni Lynn Kemp for September 23, in Miller Park at Tryon. A reception and dance was to follow at the Fair Building.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 13, 1990

Winner of the annual South Central Roping Club Association Trophy Roping Club from a field of nine clubs was the Tryon Roping Club. Members participating for the Tryon Roping Club were Dan, Jeff, and Dale Dee Arensdorf, Doug Powers, Trent Neal, Kyle Dailey, Wayne Melvin, Corky Kemp, and Dale and Na-

talie Dyer. The second-place club was Arthur. The roping was held Sunday, September 9, at the Tryon arena.

Maurice Shelton of Tryon, underwent heart surgery Thursday, September 6, in Omaha and was still convalescing there this week.

LaVerne Neal, Tryon, underwent surgery September 10, at the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff. His wife, Doris and three of their children, Evelyn Pettit and Steve and Dallas Neal were all at the hospital at the time of his surgery.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 1980

Sixty-five elementary students from K-8 are currently enrolled in McPherson County School District No. 4 at Tryon has 28 students with teachers being Charlene Connell, Nora Miller, and Audrey McClintock who is substituting for Dessie Bellew. Twelve students at Dist. No 7 at Hall School is being taught by Gayle Neal. Nine at District No. 9 north of Tryon, taught by Mr. Ulmer. Three at District No. 26 in the Flats Community, taught by Susan Alber. Three at District No. 59 at Ringgold, taught by Kathy Thompson, and ten students at District No. 28 west of Tryon, taught by Alice Dobbins.

Births: Ross Allen Brouwer, born August 28 to Lanny and Shirly Brouwer; Ryan Lee Correll, born September 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Correll.

Deaths: Rusty Priest of Elwood, September 4, 1980; John L. Dahlin of Tryon, August 31, 1980.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 10, 1970

Miss Vickie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller of Tryon, was to graduate from the Alliance Vocational School of Practical Nursing, September 13. Vickie completed a year in Practical Nursing and will take her State Board Examination October 21, 1970. She will receive her license January 1, 1971.

Wayne Melvin with his horse, "Snip," became the world champ in the sad-

dle horse pulling contest at Arnold last week. His horse pulled 1,485 pounds including the 135-pound sled. Included in the winnings were a trophy and saddle. Second place was won by Sam Connell, Stapleton.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 15, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Apgar have sold the Lariat Café in Tryon to Mr. and Mrs. W.J. (Bill and Hazle) Erickson of Jetmore, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson sold out their Hi-Way Super Service Station in Jetmore that they had managed the past seven years, and will be making their home in Tryon.

Miss Bessie Paxton was honored with a bridal shower Friday evening at Hall Church. The McPherson County graduating Class of '55 (Bessie's class) and the ladies of Hall Church were hostesses.

Births: Timothy Gale Woodward, born at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Woodward of North Platte.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 21, 1950

Mrs. B.C. Huffman, Mrs. George Kahoe and Mrs. Sophia Masters attended the 5th District American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Ogallala, September 13. Mrs. Huffman, who has served as Department Constitution Chairman, acted in this capacity at the convention, and Mrs. Kahoe, President of the local unit and County Auxiliary Chairman, assisted by serving on the executive Board and Nominating Committee. Mrs. Masters represented our Unit at the luncheon honoring Gold Star Mothers.

The Friendly Workers Club met September 6, with Mrs. Frank Correll with nine members present. Visitors were Mrs. John Dahlin, Mrs. Lisle Pyzer and Mrs. Tom Ellis. The club will meet at Mrs. Ray Coty's October 4th.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 12, 1940

Many pre-historic bones of various shapes and sizes have been found in the clay pit on the W.M. Noel ranch in Thomas County. State Archeologists unearthed two mammoth tusks there Saturday. One of the six foot tusks were well preserved and weighed around 500 pounds. Five or six huge mammoth teeth were found near the tusk as was a jaw bone, teeth and the bones of a camel and the teeth and leg bones of a pre-historic horse. The remains of these animals are placed on display in Morrill Hall Museum, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Kingsley Dam near Ogallala is nearing completion with big earth fill 75 percent completed. The entire project was 85 percent completed Sept. 1st.

NINETY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 1930

High School Notes: A new typewriter has been acquired by the local high school, now making a total of three.

Marian Danker showed her trick horse, Buster Brown, at the Logan County Fair. In competition with three other horses, Buster Brown won first prize.

Robert Howard, who had been troubled with appendicitis, was taken to North Platte Tuesday evening to have an operation.

Smith Retires After 44 Years Of Service



Leora Smith, RN, retired after 44 years of service at Phelps Memorial Health Center.

Mrs. Smith, Holdrege, said, "I can't think of a better place to have had my career. I've had great opportunity because so many believed in me."

Mrs. Smith has been Phelps Memorial's Chief Nursing Officer for the past nine years, but has served in multiple positions at PMHC over the years. In 1976, Leora began as a staff nurse, but soon became a charge nurse. This followed by positions as a unit manager, RN supervisor and day manager. After this she served as the Clinical Analyst and Clinical Project Manager for Meditech which led to her position as Information Systems Leader. Following this, Leora was the Health Information Management and IS Leader before she took on the role of Compliance Officer. Leora then served as the Chief Information Officer before her promotion to Chief Nursing Officer in 2011.

Dr. Stuart Embury, retired physician, told those in attendance at her retirement party, she was "one of the greats." Although he joked about some light-hearted and fun moments over the years, he said "Leora is known for her integrity, compassion, and caring but most of all her expertise and medical knowledge."

He noted that especially in the time of the Covid crisis we should lean into gratitude. He said, "Today we gather to show our gratitude to Leora for her dedication and leadership to our hospital."

Mark Harrel, PMHC

CEO, said, "Leora has been a true blessing to Phelps Memorial and their patients. Passion and commitment to provide the best care was never doubted with Leora at the helm."

He said she's "truly one of the best in the business and will be missed."

Mrs. Smith has had some big moments over her career at Phelps Memorial including her role in the implementation of a computerized system. She noted that another was being a part of a great team that brought orthopedics and spine care to the hospital.

Loren Schroder, Chief Financial Officer, began working with Mrs. Smith in 1996. She was in nursing and he was in accounting, they joined forces for the hospital's new computer system implementation in the mid-90's. At that time there was no IT department at the hospital and neither of them had experience in computer systems implementation, but they were determined to learn. He recalled everything at that time was manual entry with no computer systems and they both took "a lot of heat." He noted they had

physicians wondering "How could we take our best charge nurse from the floor to play around with these computers that they were never going to use anyway?"

The Meditech clinical implementation was a monumental challenge but turned out to be a great success and huge leap forward for PMHC. Mr. Schroder said that Mrs. Smith was amazing in leading that effort and that it was just the beginning of the great things she would go on to accomplish at Phelps Memorial.

He said, "I honestly can't think of another person who has had the impact and influence on what PMHC has become, more than Leora has."

What advice does a 44-year veteran nurse leave to her team? Mrs. Smith said, "Always, always communicate with your patients about their treatment plan and be an educator." She added, "Almost always it's the little things that make the difference to our patients."

Leora is the daughter of Lee and Darlene Waits (deceased). She is a 1973 graduate of McPherson Co. High School. Her husband is Collis Smith.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



we knew that arguing would just make things worse.

Discipline also provides healing in our lives. An unhealed person can find offense in pretty much anything someone does. A healed person under-

stands that the actions of others have nothing to do with them. Each day you get to decide which one you will be.

"Discipline helps turn mistakes into lessons."

Tess Reppert Washam

BE A DANIEL

Dare to be like Daniel
From the pages of God's Word,
Stand firm in faith and conviction,
Make sure the story is heard.

Stand against the pressure
As the world would have its way,
Defy unethical authority,
Don't surrender to its sway.

Look to God for provision,
Guidance, and for wisdom.
Search His Word daily
Diligently in His freedom.

We all face our lions
As we go along the way,
We need to stand with Jesus
And not let the world hold sway.

God is ever with us
No matter how it may seem.
He has promised His assurance
Though worldly temptations teem.

So, stand firm like Daniel,
Stay true to God's Word.
Stand fast in faith and conviction,
Make sure the story is heard.

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