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TEN YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 9, 2010

Ms. Crow's classroom of second and third graders were the winners of the Boxtop and Campbell's Soup Labels collection competition for the first quarter. For their efforts, they enjoyed homemade pizza from K&S Market. This class collected 554 boxtops and 523 points in Campbell's labels. Overall, the school earned \$146.00 in boxtops and 581 points in labels. This helped add 1,000 bonus points to the school's account. The funds acquired can be used to purchase certain merchandise for the school, from labels for education.com.

Students at McPherson County Elementary earned a pizza party in celebration of meeting an all-school Reading Mastery project goal. Students in every reading level were challenged to earn 500 points in one month. The homemade pizza was supplied by K&S Market in Tryon.

Death: Rose M. (Lamb) Ponticello, 95, St. John Good Samaritan Center, Kearney, passed away November 24, 2010.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 14, 2000

Mike Connell recently underwent surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, to have three vertebrae in his neck fused together. He is now convalescing at the CC Ranch northeast of Ringgold.

The Longhorns at Tryon continue to win games and improved to 3-0 on the season with back-to-back wins over Thedford and Mullen. In the Thedford game, Chad McNutt led the Longhorns with 12 points, Corey Neal had 10, and Jared Arensdorf and Dru Melvin each had nine points.

Tracy Trumbull a senior at St. Patrick High School, qualified and enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry program. She is the daughter of Roger and Kim Trumbull of North Platte. Her grandparents are Larry and Helen Trumbull of Tryon, and Ralph and Margaret Ann Arensdorf of North Platte.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 13, 1990

Residents of Tryon received a special treat Wednesday evening, December 5, when a number of Christmas carolers accompanied Jim Gragg on his horse-drawn hay sled pulled by four horses. The group was again invited to the Gary Connell home for hot chocolate and

cookies after their tour had covered most of the town.

Over 150 relatives and friends gathered at the Veterans Memorial Building in Stapleton Saturday evening, December 8th, to honor Dick and Maxine Bandy of Stapleton on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 10, 1990, in North Platte for Rex J. Neal, 50, of North Platte, who passed away December 7th. Survivors include his mother, Wilma Neal of North Platte, a brother Jim and his wife Bobbi, of Cozad. Rex was preceded in death by his father, John L. Neal, in 1987.

FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 11, 1980

Members of the 1980-81 boys basketball team are Mike Miller, Trent Neal, Sam Haworth, Lynn Pyzer, Steve Waits, Dean Seifer, Todd Brown, Dale Arensdorf, Garth Bullington, Kirk Neal, Layne Pyzer, Jerry Gragg, Mark Trumbull, Randy Connell and Monte Bullington. Head coach Rick Elsasser was assisted by Darold German.

Members of the girls basketball team are Dee Arensdorf, LaRae Daly, Deb Waits, Hannah Doyle, Kerry Kramer, Nadean Daigger and Kristy Power. School District No. 26 will be having their Christmas program at the "Soddy" on December 14th.

Nebraska Cow-Belles from North Platte and surrounding areas will be serving beef in all North Platte Sixth Street Stores on December 12.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 17, 1970

Mrs. Louelva Hatch accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hermel Priest to Denver and visited in the home of Pat and Sherry McNeil. They got acquainted with the new baby son of the McNeil's, Lukas Patrick. Phyllis Priest remained a few days to help care for the baby. Hermel and his mother also visited Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hatch at Boulder, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Natta of Tryon, were the parents of a baby son, John Jerome, born December 11, 1970, at North Platte.

In the Thune News, written by Mrs. Elmer McClain, it was reported that Wayne Rudd helped Don Barnst spray cattle Wednesday, but somehow Wayne was affected by the spray and had to be taken to the doctor.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 15, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. (Billy) Neal were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when their children and families came to help them celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary. The families present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Neal and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal and Roger; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neal, Donna and Gary; and Mr. and Mrs. Chart Nicholson and children.

Mr. Don Musgrove of North Platte, was a dinner guest in the Haddy and Ellis home Wednesday. He has been doing some work on the high school at Tryon.

Quite a number of men were busy this week in Tryon salvaging the lumber from the county fair building. It will be removed and stored.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 14, 1950

The Ringgold Community Club met with Mrs. Merald Chapman November 29th with most all the members present. It was decided to have the Christmas Club dinner with Mrs. Bud Danker. We will be having a grab bag for our Christmas gifts.

Miss Henrietta Huffman, Miss Joyce and Winnie Linderman and Jake Linderman, Mrs. Joan Franks, Gerald Huffman and Ike Doyle and others attended the dance at the Club House Saturday night.

Birth Announcements: A baby daughter, Nelda Frances, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Saul of Stapleton December 11, 1950. A baby girl weighing over ten pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Stoddard December 11, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johansen in North Platte.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 12, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Orley Coty of Rosemond, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Coty and daughter of Indio, California, have spent the past few days visiting relatives here, having been called here by the death of their father, Fred Coty.

The Willing Workers Club will hold an all day Christmas meeting at the Walter Worden home on December 18th. At this

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rating the hanging plants is out because Toots thinks that she has to swing on them. Don't need to add temptation. I know that Ynx (she's not quite Lynx) would have to check everything out.

"Every single day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath and begin again. Fill your day with love, laughter, and beautiful memories and thank God for everything you've got." *Short Quotes*

Quote: "It's the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey." *Anon.*

Anyone who knows me knows that I like cats! I serve as a faithful servant to a houseful of the furry critters and have had a cat or cats in my life since I was born. Old Tommy cat, Tommy the horse, and I were all born the end of April 1949. I like to say that we waited until the snow started to melt. Tommy was one of several cats in my life who lived up into their mid-teens. Tommy even survived being roped! Sinbad was 18 when he got his hip broke and had that last trip to see Dr. Burford. Squirrelly made it past 20 years of age. Tweet made it to 17 years and was still wanting her belly rubbed at the very end. It is a lot of years of cats!

Cats are not supposed to have chocolate but no one ever told Morris that or at least it didn't sink in. Chocolate was not safe from Morris. He could remove a candy bar from its wrapper and leave the wrapper intact. If you wanted his attention, you just had to mention "chocolate". Morris lived well up into his teens too. Before you ask - NO, I am not going to have a tree this year. Even deco-

CATASTROPHE

It's Christmas and I have kittens!
Why bother to put up a tree?
They seem to delight in each sparkle
And like to climb high so they can see!

They just have to check out each babble
And see if the tinsel will come off.
There's nothing sacred about this new toy
But they have yet to make it to the top.

There has to be something hiding
Amid the branches so dense
And then the tree topples over—
Oops! doesn't quite make sense!

I contemplated doing an outline
Of lights upon the wall
But that would only be a challenge
That would appeal to them all!

Maybe if I try the ceiling?
Or at least just decorate a hanging plant?
Problem is that I have yet to find a place
That these rascals in terrorism can't!

There has to be a solution
So put on your thinking cap
Because I know that in my household
There always will be a cat!

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3 December 2005

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Dec. 19: Bred Cow Special
Dec. 22: Regular Sale
Dec. 29 : No Sale - Happy New Year

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