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TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 6, 2011
The 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Keith and Alice Lutes and Dan and Geneva Connell that was to be held January 1 has been rescheduled to January 15 at McPherson County High School.

The family of Pauline Lutes was honoring her with a card shower for her 80th birthday, January 13.

The Trumbull Homestead Ranch reports 32.55" of moisture for 2010. Seven and one half inches of snow fell in the December 30-31 storm with .49" of moisture.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 4, 2001

The pupils at District 28 School, taught by Julie Lester, were pictured on the front page of this issue and included Roka Streiff, Jeff Daly, Timothy Billingsley, Craig McNutt, Bret Daly, Mara Seifer, Matt Daly, Jonathan Billingsley, Kate Seifer and Katelyn Daly. The children sang songs, recited poems and performed a short play for their Christmas program.

Also pictured on the front page was a nativity scene at the Tryon United Methodist Church which had been cared for and displayed by LaVerne and Doris Neal for a number of years.

Mary Bierma, Ruby Swayze, Susie Bond and Olive Neal enjoyed dinner and visiting in Mrs. Neal's home on Christmas Day.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 3, 1991

After spending two weeks in Texas with their three daughters and their families, Wm. and Sue Masters returned to Tryon on Friday. They enjoyed some outstanding church programs, a high school program featuring Julie Lester, and a musical put on by Roberta Masters in her school. Dorothy and Mike Ragan were in the cantata put on by their church.

Christmas Day guests of Don and Geneva Neal were Gary, Jerry, Trent and Mindy Neal, Donna and Larry Campbell and Troy and Brad Whited. Evening callers were the Larry and Roger Neal families of North Platte.

Pastor John Lewis, Carol, John, Mark, Ruth, Phillip and Joy Lewis, and Wayne and Grace Miller were Sunday dinner guests of Grace Trumbull and Jacque.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 1, 1981

Ora Winters accompanied Mr. And Mrs. Wayne

Kramer to North Platte Friday. They all called at the Ethel Kramer and Beverly Winters homes and attended the Christmas program at the Platte Valley School where Stacey and Robert Kemp attend school.

Three December births were reported. They were: a new son born December 23, 1980, and named Ryan Casey by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kirkpatrick of Scottsbluff; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shivers of Pomona, California were the parents of a baby boy, Jason Lee, born December 19; and Kent and Kathy Fisher of Tron were the parents of a baby daughter, Gina Rae, born December 27, 1980.

We are sorry to hear that Dean Thompson fell from a roof that he was shingling and received a broken hip. He is confined in Great Plains Medical Center at North Platte.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 7, 1971

Susan and Janice Rothwell returned to school Sunday, only to find out no school was being held on Monday. They got stuck when they left the interstate at Kearney.

Monte Nicholson, Jim Schmidt and Sandra Bassett were New Year's guests in the Joe Knott home at Sargent, visiting Tom and Kevin.

Kenny Dubach spent part of his school vacation in the Paul Hunn home, while his folks were in Chadron. His dad underwent surgery in a Chadron hospital on December 28. They came home last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arensdorf, Kathy, John and Dee were Sunday guests in the Denny Barner home in Stapleton.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 5, 1961

Mrs. Janice Nielsen of Golden, Colorado, along with her sisters, Mrs. Joan Jennings of North Platte and Jerry Black, visited their grandpa and grandma Hall at Riverton, Nebraska last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller and children of Mullen, stopped at the Orval Black home Tuesday afternoon on their way to North Platte to take their small son to the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Harvey, Jerry Anway, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anway and Marietta Schmidt were Monday evening dinner guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Winklemann and family.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 4, 1951

Johnny Babb of the U.S. Navy, arrived home Friday on a 27-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Babb and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saul, Gordon, Margaret and Ralph Jr. of North Platte, were guests for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Weave Wright, Gaylord and Shirley.

Don Tupper, a farmer residing about nine miles west of Stapleton, was badly injured in a corn picker accident which occurred last week. The Henry Brothers, Charles and Russell Johnson and Dr. E.F. Carr, with the aid of crow bars and a cutting torch, managed to free Mr. Tupper in about 45 minutes and he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital where there is hope that his arm can be saved.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 2, 1941

The first conscript from this county will be called by the local selective service act and six have been notified to appear for physical exams.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Keesler have opened up a small store at Ringgold and will keep a line of groceries and feeds. They will buy cream and other farm produce. The Keeslers have been operating the Ringgold post office for some time and the store and office will be in the same building.

NINETY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 1, 1931

S.W. Warren moved much of his office equipment and stock from the garage building opposite the bank, to the new location opposite the courthouse, Wednesday afternoon.

The H&R Light Co. will occupy the entire building after the Ford Garage is completely relocated.

The Junior play entitled "Cyclone Sall" will be presented this week at the Tryon Hall. Immediately after the play, there will be a box supper. Sandwiches and coffee will be available for those not caring to bring boxes. The proceeds will be used to pay for the new basketball suits.

An old-time dance was given at the Barta Garage building New Year's Eve and both the old folks and young were on hand to celebrate the passing of 1930 and to usher in the new year's. The dancing continued far into the night.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "A bad attitude can literally block love, blessings, and destiny from finding you. Don't be the reason you don't succeed."

Unknown

We are now in the first week of 2021. May this year please be not as eventful and crazy as 2020 was! Here are some points to ponder as we go on our way....

- Following the path of least resistance is the reason rivers and people go crooked.

- A good example can overcome a lot of bad advice.

- Personality has the power to open doors, but it takes character to keep them open.

- Be bold in what you stand for and careful in what you fall for.

- Instead of putting others in their place, try putting yourself in their place.

- You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

- When you are up to

your ears in trouble, try using the part that isn't submerged.

- The best way to judge an individual is by observing how they treat

people who can do them absolutely no good.

We all have choices so consider your choices as you go through each new day.

CHOICES

Another New Year
With choices each day.
What will you choose
As you go on your way?

Will you, with loving heart,
Choose to serve the Lord?
Or, will you follow the world
And the things He abhors?

Will you offer a hand
To those who are in need?
Will you take time
To do a good deed?

It's a clean slate!
A new story to write.
Will your decisions
Keep Jesus in sight?

It's up to you
To choose the path you trod,
Make the right choice,
And go with God.

J.R. Trumbull
24 December 2006

A Year In Review

BEN BECKMAN

We as humans often like to try and compare things to average or normal. At the end of the year, we look back and see if the precipitation we received was within the expected normal range. Were temperatures for particular season outside of normal, or even if our pasture or

hay production was in the range we consider normal.

Taking this time to look back and try to compare 2020 to years past is beneficial, but resist the temptation to compare things to normal. Very rarely, do things in the ever changing world of agriculture really meet average or normal.

This year much of the

state was too dry, but we don't have to go back far and too much water was the issue. This variability can be found geographically as well as across time. For most of 2020 north central parts of the state had an abundance of water, while the panhandle and west were already drying up. Another challenge this year were early temperatures.

This spring, temperatures were cool and impacted early pasture and hay growth, in years past, an overly warm spring has presented a different set of problems to deal with.

Producers work in a dynamic system that seldom repeats itself. In doing so, we learn to be adaptive, to build resilience into our production and planning, and try to spread our eggs out amongst several different baskets. When you take time to look back this year on the challenges and successes, try to see where adapting to a problem worked or how a bit more flexibility next year could keep an issue from arising. Leave the normal and average comparisons out of it.

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