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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 21, 2011
For the first year, the Central Sandhills Conference 4-H Horse Show was opened up to all counties. 4-H members traveled from numerous counties and gathered at the Hooker County Fairgrounds on July 1st to brush up on their horsemanship skills.

Lone Valley Club met on June 19, 2011 for a noon potluck dinner at the home of Eldon and Kathy Starr with Bobbi Starr as co-hostess.

Troopers gave 46 MIP citations, and made three arrests to juveniles at the cruise night in Kearney.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 19, 2001

Dru Melvin of Tryon, was featured as the July Male Athlete of the Month in the "NHSRA Times" in its July 2001 edition. Dru was chosen from a nationwide selection of students who exhibit both academic excellence and expertise in the rodeo arena. He is the son of Wayne and Claudia Melvin of Tryon and is a recent graduate of McPherson County High School.

Chart and Wilma Nicholson enjoyed visiting with Doug Hogue, a former resident of Tryon, who was here from New York state Saturday afternoon, at Aunt Bea's Cafe.

The Tryon Volunteer Firemen held their 5th annual barbecue at the fire hall in Tryon on Saturday, June 30. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food,

Arensdorf Picnic Set For August 1

The annual Arensdorf family picnic will be held Sunday, August 1, 2021 at Cody Park on the north edge of North Platte. The meal will be served at noon and everyone is to bring a covered dish.

Neal Reunion Set For August 1

The 70th annual Neal Reunion will take place August 1, 2021 in Memorial Park on East 4th Street, North Platte.

Dinner will begin at 1:00 p.m. under the gazebo. Steve Neal is president; Terry Neal, vice President; and Gayle Neal, secretary. Gayle will see that there are plates, glasses, and silverware. Bring a covered dish, etc. Bring a list of known births, deaths, marriages since the 2019 reunion. Let all your family know the date and encourage everyone to attend!

visiting and dancing. Bob Long donated a hog for the barbecue, so only two more hogs had to be purchased.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 18, 1991

Rev. John and Olive Neal made recent calls and visits in the homes of Matilda Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lutes, Geneva and Don Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kemp and boys, and Wm. and Sue Masters. They also visited Eva Haddy while she was convalescing at the Chart Nicholson home following her stay in the hospital. They attended the funeral of Jessie Shimmin on Friday.

Marlene Michelle Trumbull and Michael Shawn Mell, both of Denver, Colorado, were united in a marriage Saturday June 1, 1991, at the First United Methodist Church in North Platte. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Donald Morton. Parents of the couple are Helen and Larry Trumbull of Tryon, Verna Mell of Ogallala, and Haley Mell of Arthur.

The 29th annual Priest-Worden reunion, held Sunday, July 14, in Cody Park, North Platte, was attended by 140 relatives and guests who came from nine different states, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The oldest relative attending was Louelva (Priest) Hatch of Tryon, who observed her 90th birthday July 18, 1991, and the youngest was Louelva's great-granddaughter, Rebecca French, 8-month-old daughter of Darwin and Diana French of Alliance.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 16, 1981

Rev. and Mrs. David Lux and son, Joshua, from Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pester and daughters of Wallace, Becky Carsen of Whitman, Louelva Hatch, Tina Bullington, Sam Hawthorn and Greg Daigger were supper guests Friday evening in the LaVerne Neal home after the rehearsal for the wedding of Judy Pester and Dallas

Neal. The wedding took place Saturday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in Tryon. Best wishes go with the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neal and Rex attended the wedding of Vicki Godfrey and Kent Weems in North Platte, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trumbull enjoyed the reunion of Alumni for classes from 1945 to 1950 for the Curtis Ag High School which was held July 11-12 at the North Platte Holiday Inn.

Shannon and John Schultheiss of Lexington, are the parents of a new son, Dell Michael, born July 12, 1981, in the Lexington hospital.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 15, 1971

Ella Leeds of Tryon, was one of 31 students in the first practical nursing class at Mid-Plains Voc Tech at North Platte to receive their caps during special ceremonies Sunday at the North Platte Elks Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson, Loree Huffman, Bess Wilson and Helen Trumbull left Wednesday for Hays Kansas, where they attended the funeral of Clyde's sister, Pearl E. Wilson, 75, who died Tuesday evening in St. Anthony Hospital at Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neal of Rt. 1, North Platte were the parents of a baby son, Tim Lee, born July 9, 1971, at Memorial Hospital.

A wedding invitation was being extended by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell for the marriage of their daughter, Wilma Fern, to Larry Douglas Smith, on July 21, 1971, at Hall Church.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 20, 1961

Mr. Delbert Benedict, the new MCHS shop teacher at Tryon, was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waits Sunday afternoon.

Reva Cotton was hon-

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Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Dining Room Open:
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mon.-Fri. - Call 308-587-2201

Thursday, July 22 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic toast, peaches

Friday, July 23 - Baked fish, coleslaw, cooked carrots, dinner roll, pears

Monday, July 26 - Sirloin

cutlet, baked potato, corn, bread spear, pears

Tuesday, July 27 - Chili burger, French fries, lettuce salad, apple sauce

Wednesday, July 28 - Hamburger chicken fry, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, peaches

Thursday, July 29 - Fish sandwich, coleslaw, pickle spears, pineapple

Friday, July 30 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner roll, pears

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream."
C.S. Lewis

This little essay is so on the spot: I don't know the author but it has to be shared.

"Vitamin F!"
"Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How is it possible that I can get along with them all?"

I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me.

With one of them I am polite. With another I joke.

I can sit down and talk about serious matters with one. With another I laugh a lot. I listen to one friend's problems. Then I listen to another one's advice for me.

My friends are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. When completed, they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends!

They are my friends who understand me better than I understand myself.

They're friends who support me through good days and bad.

Real Age doctors tell us

that friends are good for our health.

Dr. Oz calls them Vitamin F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well-being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes.

If you enjoy Vitamin F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age (???). The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments, it decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%.

I'm so happy that I have a stock of Vitamin F!

In summary, we should value our friends and keep in touch with them. We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together and pray for each other

In the tough moments.

Some of my friends are friends on line.

I know I am part of theirs because their names appear on my computer screen every day and I feel blessed that they care as much for me as I care for them.

Thank you for being one of my Vitamins!"

FRIENDS

Friends are special people,
Some given only for a time,
The length of days and memories
Are treasures most sublime.

Some are even more special
From the adventures you have shared
And losing them in earthly life –
You're just never quite prepared.

We maybe didn't always agree
But stood there for each other.
In many ways we were closer
Than a sister or a brother.

Visits, concerns, prayer requests,
Discussions of different venue.
What do you think of this or that?
Give me your perspective – can you?

I'll miss the quiet visits
Over coffee with the cats.
Please tell those gone on before
That I'm coming, that's a fact.

J.R. Trumbull
26 May 2017

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I'm writing my memories, of the area where I live, for the granddaughter of R. M. (Rufus) Howard from whom Doris and I bought the land in 1947, where I still 'camp out.' It is true that Ms. Hardaway won't be able to verify most of what I write so I feel fairly comfortable with my research and my memories. Some of my readers, two more people, another thing you won't be able to verify, have told me they think I should continue to prevaricate, my big word for the week, in this media! This will probably be a series of short sections and be repetitious (but, hey, one of the ladies admitted her memory was as bad as mine).

Rufus Melvin Howard filed, and received title to 640 acres (the east three fourths of section 33 and the west one fourth of section 34, all in 18-36), in McPherson County, in 1913. I need to clarify that Storer's got this parcel when we split the Howard ranch at auction

that day in April of 1947. I only include this to say that Veryl and Loren Storer didn't get title to two acres of section 33 because Mr Howard had deeded it to a Bill Haines. That property is still fenced out and known as the Flats store property. Records show that Mr. Howard received \$100 for each of these acres, but that they were sold individually, and this will allow us to do a little speculation about this small piece of real estate. That was a lot of money when it changed hands in 1914 (in 1947 Storers and I divided what Howard's had left for \$11.11 an acre). Back to the guessing, and there is probably no one to disagree with me, I suppose Mr Haines was going to build the Flats store and like I said that was an awful lot of money! Did he make an offer or was Rufe hung up on asking that price for nearly worthless Sandhill ground? Bill probably thought he only needed

one acre of that expensive land and bought just one acre in May of 1914. But he was building with sod and he probably decided that even though it was very expensive he needed another acre which he got in July.

In 1922, Rufus also gave a limited title to an acre of land just to the west of the Flats property for the purpose of establishing a Church in the community. This acre was supposedly measured out at ten by sixteen rods, which is listed in the court house at a price of one dollar. This church remained active, as a Methodist congregation, until sometime around 1940 and then was only used on special occasions, like when I cleaned it and had Santy Claus visit there when I taught the Diamond Bar school in 1947. Bub and Mary McNutt then bought the church building and sal-

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