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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 28, 2011

Nearly 80 University of Nebraska at Kearney industrial technology students are spending their summer interning with companies throughout the nation. Wacey Krull is among these students and will be interning with Response Products, Broken Bow, in industrial distribution.

Tracy Ryland is among the graduates at the 2011 University of Nebraska at Kearney graduation ceremony. She will be receiving a Master of Arts in Education Degree.

A benefit is planned for Thursday, July 28 for Tony Snyder. Tony is the son of Mary Snyder and the late Dave Snyder of Broken Bow. All proceeds will go to help offset the cost of the medical needs for Tony.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 26, 2001

Two talented local girls, Margo McNutt and Tasha Miller, participated in the "Boots & Saddles 4-H Horse Show" at Ogallala on Saturday, July 14th. Each won "All Around" in her class, with Margo winning in the Intermediate division, and Tasha winning in the Junior division. Margo is the daughter of Duane McNutt and Jill McNutt, and Tasha's parents are Alan and Kristy Miller.

Daniel Schmidt, Air Force Airman, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas. He is the son

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. Please join us for good food, visiting and fellowship.

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.

Le all your family know the date and encourage everyone to attend.

of Doug and Pam Schmidt of Tryon.

Levi Arensdorf, son of Dale D. and Peggy Arensdorf of Tryon, was on the Nebraska Team for USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival in 2001 held in Suwanee, Georgia July 9-15. Forty-eight states were represented with 54 teams participating in basketball.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 25, 1991

The 90th birthday celebration for Louelva Hatch, who was born July 18, 1901 in McPherson County, was attended by 188 relatives and friends at the MCHS Gym in Tryon. The event was hosted by her children and grandchildren. Three of her step-children who attended and helped with the serving were Lois Connell and Don and Mabel Hatch of Tryon, and Gloria Miller of North Platte. Also present were Louelva's four children and their spouses, Alice Bassett of Colorado Springs, Hermel and Phyllis Priest of North Platte, Doris and LaVerne Neal of Tryon, and Audrey and Art French of Stapleton; also a daughter-in-law, Maxine and Marion Hornkohl of North Platte. Most of her grandchildren and their families were present, as well as five of her brothers and sisters, Wayne and Dan Connell, Martha Gressley, Dorothy Haney and Lloyd Connell.

Members of the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo Club got off to a good start in the first performance of the National High School Rodeo Finals being held at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Kelly Long of Tryon set the pace and was in a three-way tie for first in girls cutting with a score of 140 after Monday's first two performers. Long who won the state girls cutting title, will now compete on Saturday. In other early standings, Kisha Gracey of Arnold was in 17th place with 11.916 in goat tying; and Angie Warren, Stapleton, was in 4th place in barrel racing with 16.848.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 22, 1971

Summer school at the Junior College came to a close with finals Thursday and Friday of last week. Kathy Thompson finished her class on Thursday. Mahala Thompson and Mae Van Natta had their finals on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wilkins and family returned home Wednesday morning from their vacation in Florida.

One of the members of the Helping Hand Club, Connie Streiff, entertained the club for the first time on July 7, 1971. Thirteen members and two guests attended. Plans were made to have some repair work done on the Club House. The dance committee will be having a dance at the Club House July 17, with music by Bruce and the Boys.

The 21st Annual Neal Reunion was to be held August 1, 1971, in Cody Park. The committee for 1971 was Mrs. Maxine Hornkohl, Mrs. Violet Zenor, Irene Kemp and Mrs. Sharon (Robert) Neal.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 27, 1961

Approximately 50 people gathered for a picnic dinner at the Wilson Park in Ringgold Sunday, July 23, for the McPherson & Logan County Range Judging contest. Chet Hawley, County Agent, and Kenneth Pitney, Soil Conservationist, were in charge of the contest, which was held on the Wesley Kugler ranch northeast of Ringgold, in the afternoon.

The annual Lutes-Paxton family reunion was held Sunday, July 19, 1981, in Cody Park at North Platte with 85 people in atten-

dance. Louis Lutes was the oldest relative present, and Gina Fisher, baby daughter of Kent and Kathy Fisher, was the youngest. The family coming from the farthest distance was Judy and Bill Cox and children of Denver. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Von Paxton.

Mrs. Ethel Schmidt was honored for her 86th birthday July 17th with a cookout at the Albert Schmidt home. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Buford Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Schmidt and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schmidt and Randi of Keystone, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Schmidt, Joe and Tim of Seneca, and Steve Schmidt of Imperial.

Six of the Popham sisters, including Helen Hill of North Platte, Margaret Dobbins and Eithel Dahlin of Tryon, Maxine Mann of Maysville, Missouri, and Myrtle Bay and Hazel Bay, both of Stapleton had a get-together at the Vernon Bay home Sunday evening. Also present were Les and Vernon Bay, Ray Dobbins, and Ed Gewecke.

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "A good neighbor always knows when to visit and when to leave." *Farmer's Wife*

Six little stories with lots of meanings.

1) Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one little boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. That is hope.

4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.

5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.

6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare

jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

More rules for life:

If you're exhausted, rest.

If you don't feel the urge to make something new, just rest in the beauty of the old, the familiar, the known.

If you don't feel like talking, stay silent.

If you're fed up with the news, turn it off.

If you want to postpone

something until tomorrow, do it.

If you want to do nothing, let yourself do nothing today.

Feel the fullness of the emptiness, the vastness of the silence, the sheer life in your unproductive moments.

Time does not always need to be filled.

Just being you is simply enough.

I SAW GOD

I saw God in Nebraska.
He said He was working from home.
He was in the gentle breezes
And the prairie flowers as I roam.

His view is from the hill tops
And in the valley wide.
He dwells all around us
Where ever we abide.

He really loves the Sandhills
And the critters grazing there
With the rancher's stewardship
And tender, loving care.

The rambling, winding rivers
His living waters flow
And rocky cliffs and mesas
Create majestic vistas He well knows.

I see God in Nebraska
Everywhere I look
Be it in the hills or valleys
I can read Him like a book.

So, seek God in Nebraska
Or where ever you may go.
Just take some time to look and listen,
He will always let you know.

J.R. Trumbull
24 June 2021

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

This will probably be a lot of repeat for some of you, but coming so close to the reunion of Arthur schools I have to include mostly memories of my own and hope it will bring up some for most readers! That's just kind of a confession about events in my twelve years of schooling!

I realize that times have changed, but I'm not ready to admit that 'all' the changes that have taken place in eighty years have been for the best. More education is good, and it would probably be better if even I was a little smarter, but I honestly believe that a few less lawyers (in fact maybe even a few less laws or maybe a few shorter and simpler ones) and a few more plumbers would balance out the workforce a little and I don't think it would be all bad if there were just a few more people left that were willing to get dirty for the sake of getting a job done. Therefore... I'm proud of the educa-

tion I got in Arthur County Schools and as seventy-eight years have passed I want to thank more people than I could possibly mention for making that 'learnin' possible!

First, it wasn't easy for my folks. It seems, as I look back, that each year grew more difficult, and I probably did too! Each year I thought I was smarter, but I could never figure faster or more accurately than my Dad! I was sure that Mom didn't quite measure up, until I got old enough to realize which measuring stick was important!

Seven different teachers taught me in grade school at Center Valley, District 12. As I look back I can pick out the differences and the uniqueness of each one. Some left impressions that didn't really 'strike home' until after they were gone, and some of them were friends far into the more mature years, and caused me to remember what

'maturity' meant! I never did quite think I deserved that spanking from Miss Hiner, but do I remember it? You bet! Nancy Harris certainly needs to be called by her first name, she tried two different years to make me what she wanted me to be, and in much later years when I found her and thanked her she was grateful that I remembered. One 'girl', after her husband retired, stopped to camp at my place overnight and 'remember' one corresponded with me for years and one I like to think of in a storytelling way.

When I advanced or defaulted, to high school, I had a broader range of friends, classmates and acquaintances, would you even think of dividing a group into categories like that? I confess that I was kind of a lost sheep, or a black goat, because I had never been around others

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