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Paxton cousins gather for annual Thanksgiving meal



COURTESY PHOTOS

First generation cousins gathering at the annual Paxton Thanksgiving were seated, l-r: Floyd Haynes, Dan Connell, Sam Connell, Terry Neal and Jessica Paxton Warren. Standing, l-r: Wilma Connell McCune, Gayle Neal, and Kathleen Neal Fisher.



Second cousins pictured above are seated, l-r: Pam Rodewald Schmidt, Emory Haynes and Trevor Neal. Standing, l-r: Jeremy Neal, Gina Fisher Curtis, Jamie Fisher and Stacy Neal.



Third cousins attending were, seated, l-r: Christine Haynes Tran, Minji Haynes, (they are holding 4th generation Maddox and Brennan Tran) Andrei Lopez holding sister Talisha Neal and Noah Curtis. Standing, l-r: Rov Lopez, Conner Curtis and Archie Fisher.

The annual Paxton Thanksgiving has been an event for almost 70 years. J.C. and Maggie Paxton moved from their ranch in southern Thomas County to North Platte in the early 50's. Apparently while living at the ranch they would invite their seven children and families for a gathering around Christmas. After they moved, J.C. said if the families would continue to gather he would rent the Youth Cabin in Cody Park at Thanksgiving and the annual gathering at Thanksgiving began. It has been hosted in several different venues. This year it was hosted by the Neal branch at the McPherson County High School gym on Thursday, November 24. The day was spent eating a large variety of food, visiting and playing games.

Those in attendance were Emory, Minji and Floyd Haynes, Tommy, Christine, Brennan and Maddox Tran from the

Ivy and Loyd Haynes Family. Sam, Sandi, Geneva and Dan Connell, Donald and Wilma McCune, Jake Oseka and friend Amanda Mays from Fay and Dan Connell Family. Linda Paxton from Hazel and Vic Paxton Family. John and Jessica Warren from Ida and Chet Paxton Family. Gayle, Terry, Elnora,

Peggy, Jeremy and Stacy Neal, Trevor, Rovilyn, and Talisha Neal, Andrei and Rov Lopez, Kent, Kathleen, Jamie and Archie Fisher, Shaun, Gina, Noah and Conner Curtis, Doug and Pam Schmidt from the Archie and Cleo Neal family.

Plans are underway for next year's Thanksgiving.

Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

back. Make wise use of your time. You never know what day or even moment might be your last.

TIME

The years pass by
And life goes on,
Heartaches, laughter,
Opportunities gone.

Another year
Now we face.
As the days go by
In a frantic race.

Take time to think
As time flees past.
Make wise decisions
And hold fast.

Most of all,
Hold fast to Christ
And through Him
Know everlasting life.

Life eternal
Beyond this vale-
A promise given
That will not fail.

Hold fast to Jesus
As the days go by
He will be with you
As earth time flies.

J.R. Trumbull
25 Dec 2010

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TEN YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 6, 2012

The McPherson County High School One-Act team with cast and crew members, Ty Waits, Remington Cutler, Haley Munson and Austin Starr, were the District D2-5 Champions. They would perform their play "Box and Cox" at the State meet at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on December 6.

Members of the English 11 "Career Project Outlook," gave their presentations to judges Mrs. Brownfield, Mrs. Dalton, Berva Arensdorf and Rusty Kemp.

Members of the SMC cheerleading squad were: Sierra Weitzel, Taylor Morris, Brianna Boyer, Cassidy Taylor, Haley Munson, Morgan Klosen and Makayla Bell. Megan Baker was the sponsor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 5, 2002

The Quiz Bowl kids from District 4 at Tryon competed at Hyannis. Team I won. The championship members were: Margo McNutt, Taylor Lovitt, Talia Miller, Dave and Joe Christopher, Ben Cochran and Captain Derek Neal. Team II consisted of Kasey Dailey,

Anna Licking, Matt Fiechtner, Natasha Carr, Amy Waits, Meka Melvin and captain Whitney Trumbull. They were coached by Mrs. Connick and Sue Morgan.

Local students from Tryon who were listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students. 2001-2002 were: Dale R. Arensdorf, Mike Connick, Eric Mumm, Josh D. Waits, Hannah Clinebell, George L. Licking, Josh Streiff and Sara C. Skipworth.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 10, 1992

Douglas Wayne Newport, 18, a 1992 graduate of McPherson County High School died one mile north of Ringgold from a gunshot wound that was accidentally inflicted by another 18-year-old man.

The Longhorns came from behind to down Arthur County by four in their season opener. Jeff

Moore led Tryon with 21 points and nine rebounds. Kevin Starr scored 12 points and he had five rebounds.

The Nebraska State Department of Education informed Superintendent, C.L. Robertson, that the school's application for the Secondary School Blue Ribbon Program had been forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education for national review.

Several McPherson County High School High School students were included in Who's Who Among American High School students, 1991-1992. They were LaDonna M. Connell, Melissa Fisher, Lori A. Gregg, Brad J. Howery, Billy Munson, Misti M. Warren, Scott R. Finney, Tanya Fisher, Amy Howery, Lori L. Kemp and

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