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**TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

The 30th annual Tryon Senior Basketball Tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday, January 26 & 27 at the MCHS Gymnasium. The North Platte team won and Tryon was second with members Mike Streeter, Josh Kramer, Dane Carlini, Will Morales, Zane Powell, Lou Carlini, Chad McNutt and Levi Arensdorf. The McPherson County senior class assisted with the tournament and ran the concession stand.

The McPherson County Bloodmobile was held January 24 with 26 units collected.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 6, 2003**

McPherson County Alumnus Association wished to announce a \$300 scholarship will be awarded this spring.

Boone Huffman, who is the son of Bruce Huffman of Tryon and Muffie Gregg of Stapleton, was pictured on the front page of *The Eagle* newspaper from Chadron State College. Boone was shown waving good bye to the Chadron National Guard Unit, of which his brother, Nels, is a member. The picture appeared in the January 23, 2003 issue of *The Eagle*.

The Tryon Volunteer Firemen were holding their soup supper at the Mullen vs. Tryon basketball game on February 14 at the McPherson County High School.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 11, 1993**

Advancing from the upper room at District 4 this year are Luke Connell, sixth grade; Jeremy Arensdorf, seventh grade; and Cameron Warren, eighth grade. The KNOP-TV Worldbook 35th annual spelling bee has been scheduled for February 13, 20, 27 and March 6 with the finals to be held on March 13.

Twenty people gathered to evaluate accomplishments and refocus goals at the annual meeting of the McPherson County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) Monday, February 1, at the High School.

The McPherson County Extension Council met at the McPherson County Courthouse on January 27. Seven members met with County Extension Agent, Mike Daharsh. New committees and jobs were delegated for the new year as follows; Wanda Waits and Dorothy Kramer, cultural arts and craft fair; Sue Masters,

nominating committee; Grace Miller, publicity chairman; and Teresa Schroder, acting secretary.

Marjorie Arias Porras will be returning to her home in Costa Rica this month after making her home with the Dale Pettit family for the past eight months.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 10, 1983**

The Willing Workers Extension Club held their first meeting of the new year on January 22 in the home of Wayne and Dorothy Kramer. Twelve members and three guests were present. New officers for the year are: Betty Schroder, president; Dorothy Kramer, vice-president; Carolyn Kemp, secretary-treasurer.

The Hall Missionary Society met Thursday, February 3, at Hall Church with four ladies present. Officers were elected for the new year with the results as follows: President, Grace Miller; Vice-President, Faye Connell; Secretary-Treasurer, Lorna Dobbins; News Reporter, June Johnson.

The Come Double Card Club met at the Lodge Hall in Tryon February 5 with 33 members and one guest. High scorers for the evening were won by Miles Snyder and Elizabeth Jameson. Low scores were won by Paul and Karen Hunn.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 8, 1973**

Douglas Correll, a senior at McPherson County High School, was recently notified that he is to be featured in the Seventh Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

An open house was held Sunday afternoon, February 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit honoring them on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Neal were pleasantly surprised last Friday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kemp and children, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Neal and boys and Mrs. Betty Rodewald took cake, pies and ice cream to help them celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary and both their birthdays.

Joseph Herman Schmidt, died January 31, 1973, at Memorial Hospital at North Platte. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Free Methodist Church in Ringgold with the Rev. Ivan Turner, Rev. Ernest Chambers and the Rev. John Riley officiating.

Mrs. Archie Heath had the misfortune of break-

ing her leg just before our last storm. She went to the hospital by plane.

We are very sorry to learn that LaVelle Stoddard's horse fell with him recently, breaking his leg in two places.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 14, 1963**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmidt, Ringgold, observed their Golden Anniversary Sunday, February 10 with an open house at the Tryon High School Auditorium.

Fifth grader, Deana Kemp, 10 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huck Kemp of Ringgold, was the McPherson County entry in the KNOP-TV spelling contest on Saturday. Her teacher was Barbara Connell.

Mrs. Esther Smith spent Thursday visiting her mother in Tryon. That evening she was pleasantly surprised by relatives coming to help her celebrate her birthday. Those present were Mrs. Nellie Miller, Mrs. Leota Anthony and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anthony and family of North Platte, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Kramer and family of Mullen and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Pettit and Mark.

Ray Bassett of Whitman had the misfortune of having his garage and service station destroyed by fire resulting from an explosion last Tuesday night. He was working in the garage at the time and received burns on his hands. Cause of the explosion was not known.

A letter received from Frank Bassett, age 78, of Mullen states that all three of his grade school teachers have passed away now. They were Mrs. Pearl Neal, Mrs. Edna Pinkerton and Mrs. Alice Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal and sons Larry and Roger were hosts to a Saladmater cookware supper party in their home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Truex of Ogallala prepared the supper. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins and Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp, Tommy and Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Don Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gifford and Susie, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 5, 1953**

Florence Allen passed away January 29, 1953 at the age of 73 years.

Robert L. Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrow of Rapid City, South Dakota, is now in San Diego, California where he is taking his Naval training.

There was a little party at the schoolhouse for

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Quote "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light... There are two ways of spreading light... to be the candle... or the mirror that reflects."

Anonymous

"Nature is a raw force, unfettered and unforgiving, that can take your breath away with the magnificence of a landscape or bring you to your knees with the ruthlessness of a freak storm."

Unknown

We wanted moisture, we are getting it. Maybe not in the form or at the time we would prefer, but we aren't in charge. Praise God for the moisture!

It's been quite a while since we have had to deal with this much snow so it is taking a bit of starch out of our spirits, but just think about the green grass next spring! It is challenging to walk with the layers of old and new snow. It is also harder to get up as we get older. Being able to get up with no significant damage is another positive.

Look for something positive in every day. Think positive! Praise God because He knows what is going on and is in charge of the ultimate plan.

Windbreak Classes For Livestock And Acreage Savings

Are the trees in your windbreaks dying out? Do you need to replant parts of your windbreak, or add sections to it to help improve protection for your livestock or acreage? Now is the time to improve and renovate these important natural resources to save on livestock maintenance and acreage utility costs before conditions become worse! Join Nebraska Extension across West Central Nebraska this spring and attend the "Windbreaks for Livestock and Acreage Savings" class.

Randy Saner, Nebraska Extension Livestock Educator, and David Lott, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator, will be teaching this class across the region to help ranchers, farmers, and acreage owners understand the importance of windbreaks as an important tool to help conserve input costs related to livestock operations and utility bills. An emphasis on correct windbreak design, tree and shrub replacement plans, control for eastern red cedar beyond the windbreak, feed and

TIME AND NATURE

Mother Nature and Father Time
Hatched a diabolical plan
They thought quite sublime
To make people think
It was Judgment Day
And watch them tremble
In panic or kneel to pray.

Forgetting one thing-God's in control
And only He can time
When we come or when we go.
He wasn't pleased
That they presumed on His place
But He sat back and waited
To intervene by His Grace.

The earth trembled, with tsunamis fraught
Rivers flooded and buildings fell.
People wept and thought
"Surely this is hell."
Chaos continued and didn't abate,
Destructive forces all held sway,
It seemed life was over, it was too late.

A few folks responded with prayer,
Asked the Lord for more time
That friends and family be spared.
God listened to these earnest pleas,
Quietly waited a bit
Then all was at peace.
Time and nature were in a pouting snit!

Some folks rejoiced and thanked the Lord,
Others mocked in derision.
Even on them grace was poured.
They let Time heed their decision
And let human Nature
Define their condition.
Man can be such a perverse creature!

J.R. Trumbull
5 August 2009



COURTESY

input savings on livestock operations, utility expense saving, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Please register through the link at https://go.unl.edu/windbreaks_for_livestock to help ensure all participants receive copies of educational handouts. The nominal registration fee will be payable on the evening of each program. Below are the dates, locations, and times for each of the classes.

February 16, Upper Loup NRD, Thedford, 6:30 p.m. Central Time

March 22, Lincoln County Extension, North Platte, 6:30 p.m. Central Time

April 8, Chase County Extension, Imperial, 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time*

April 11, Mid Plains Community College, Ogallala, 6:30 p.m. Mountain*

If anyone has any questions about the "Windbreaks for Livestock and Acreage Savings" class, please contact Randy Saner or David Lott at the Nebraska Extension Office in North Platte by calling (308) 532-2683.

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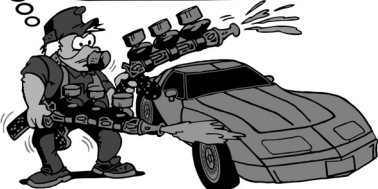
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