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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 14, 2013
Members of the McPherson County fourth grade class pictured were: Tabitha Viter, Lane Watson, Lane Darrach, Alyssa Magana, Malaky Johnston, Garrett O'Brien, Aurelius Cranston and Kaylee Hemingway. Their teacher was Megan Baker.

McPherson County fifth graders pictured were: Mykayla Rios, Samantha Bryant, Seth Sherwood, Theresa Ascherl, Hollianna Watson, Jade Paxton, Katelynn Powers, Jency Starr, Ethan Watson and Tina Bolf. They were taught by Shelly Lovitt.

Haley Munson and Kandace Ward were the Sandhills Conference Duet Champions in Speech.

McPherson County fourth graders pictured with the Oregon Trail Diagrams were: Lane Watson, Tabitha Viter, Malaky Johnston, Alyssa Magana and Kaylee Hemingway.

Jared Schultis, a seventh grader at MCS was the winner of the county level geographic bee and qualified to compete at the State Level, April 5 in Omaha.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 13, 2003
D.T. "Si" Doyle observed his 101st birthday on Thursday, March 6 in Colorado.

Those listed on the seventh and eighth grade honor roll at District 4 were: Meka Melvin, Derek Neal, Taylor Lovitt, Margo McNutt, Talia Miller, Amy Waits, Natasha Carr, Dave Christopher, Joe Christopher, Kasey Dailey, Matt Fiechtner, Anna Licking and Whitney Trumbull.

Marci Marie Miller, daughter of Doye and Vickie Miller, was this week's Senior Spotlight.

Karen Fern Wolfenden, 57, of North Platte, died March 6 at her home.

Richard H. Haddock, 72, of North Platte, died March 5.

Sheila Viter of Tryon is the mother of a daughter, Tabitha Nikole, born March 1.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 18, 1993
Two McPherson County students were among individual champions in the Oregon Trail Speech Contest at Arthur Tuesday, March 9. Elke Melvin placed first in Serious Prose and she and Mitzi Pettit, won first place in duet acting.

Paul Madron of Thedford, was retiring after 20 years as general manager of the Upper Loup NRD.

McPherson County High School repeated as division grand champions of

Division IV of the Mid-Plains Community College Inter-High contest at North Platte.

MCHS seniors who made the honor roll for the third quarter were: Scott Finney, Kelly Long, Elke Melvin, Jeff Moore, Mitzi Pettit and Mark Ward.

Funeral services for Ethel C. Dahlin, 86, of Tryon, were held Monday, March 15.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 17, 1983
Candidates for the 1983 Heart Fund King and Queen celebration to be held March 18 at Tryon were Edd Black, Mark Trumbull, Randy Connell and Craig Dailey for king; and Shari Musser for queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holm of Wallace, were the parents of a baby boy, Brian Leonard, born March 8, 1983.

Grace Miller drove Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lutes to Grand Island Saturday to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Kristi Lutes to Mike Jauken. They returned home Sunday after spending the night in the Nathan Lutes home near Central City.

Jimmy Pinkerton arrived home Friday evening from Barnesville, Oklahoma, where he attends the Wesleyan College. He will be home for a few days during his spring break.

Kody and Kryn Kostman, children of the Kevin Kostman's were Sunday guest of Zane Connell. David Hunn, who is employed on the Rothwell ranch, visited with the Jack Connells Sunday. All were there for dinner.

Hannah Doyle arrived home on Thursday for spring break from Kearney State College.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 15, 1973
The Goldringers 4-H Club held a reorganizational meeting in the Larry Trumbull home March 10, 1973. Officers elected were: Ricky Trumbull, president; Gordy Connell, vice president; Rodney Trumbull, secretary; and Butch Pyzer, news reporter. Co-leaders are Phyllis Connell and Shirley Daigger.

Mrs. Louelva Hatch and Mrs. Gordon Bassett visited Hermel Priest in St. Mary's Hospital at North Platte last Wednesday. Hermel had undergone eye surgery on Tuesday, March 6.

The Tryon Rebekahs were taking orders for Stanley Products. All or-

ders were to be in by March 28.

Mrs. John Beener from Omaha, came Thursday to visit her parents, Mabel and Leo Cash, for a few days.

Ora Winters attended church Sunday and was a dinner guest in the Roy Winters home for Kenneth's birthday. Ora called on Raymond and Lucille Boltz and Nettie Ripple that evening.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 21, 1963
Lorna Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Miller of Ringgold, has been selected to attend Girl's State at Lincoln in June. Alternate delegate is Diane Traphagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Traphagan of Flats.

The annual McPherson County Grade School Music Festival was held Friday night, March 15, at the high school in Tryon. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Gifford, high school music instructor, with Jean Snyder as accompanist, and Helen Waits, County Superintendent, presenting the awards. Eleven schools were represented with 105 students out of 121 in the county schools participating.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Musser were the happy parents of a baby girl born March 18.

Two McPherson County seventh graders appeared on the TV Spelling Contest Saturday. They were Penny Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller, and Dewayne Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt.

Mrs. Tom Ellis and Mrs. Orval Black went to North Platte Tuesday and met Mrs. T.W. (Eva) Haddy at the train. Eva came down with the Asian flu while visiting at the Ivan Abdouch home and was very sick with it.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 19, 1953
Harold Arensdorf left Sunday morning to return to camp at Seattle, Washington after spending a 14-day leave here with friends and relatives. He expected to be shipped out. Word was received the first of the week that Paul Hunn has been transferred to Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. John Leeds and son, Donnie; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neal and family; and Mrs. Millard Smolik attended the youth convention at Naponee, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett of Tryon, are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sandra Sue, born Friday, March 15.

Eighty friends and relatives gathered at the Clinton Waits home near Ringgold Sunday with

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Quote: "May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past."

I've always liked St. Patrick's Day and try to remember to wear green in honor of my Irish ancestry. Shamrocks, leprechauns, Irish folklore - have a Blessed St. Patrick's Day!

Some interesting St. Patrick's Day facts:

- St. Patrick's Day always falls on the 17th of March.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in America—not in Ireland.
- The New York City St. Patrick's Day parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States.
- Chicago began its annual tradition of turning the Chicago River green on St. Patrick's Day in 1962.
- In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day had been viewed mostly as a religious observance, and up until the 1960's, they even had laws that forbid bars from being open that day.
- It wasn't until 1798 (the year of the Irish Rebellion) that the color green became officially associated with St. Patrick's Day. Before then, another color was originally associated with St. Patrick (blue).
- St. Patrick's Day switched over from a strictly holy day for Catholics to an official Irish public holiday in

1903.

- Although St. Patrick's Day falls within the period of Lent—a time when the Catholic Church prohibits eating meat, the ban is lifted on this specific day of celebration.
- The annual shamrock ceremony in the White House started in 1952.
- Each year, 5.5 million people visit New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Before St. Patrick became a missionary, he had been kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave.
- St. Patrick is said to

have been buried in the town of Downpatrick, County Down, in Northern Ireland.

- Traditionally, Catholic families go to church in the morning on St. Patrick's Day, and partake in a meal that includes cabbage and Irish bacon.
- Dublin's first official celebration of St. Patrick's Day did not occur until 1931.
- So, where do the leprechauns come in? Leprechauns are figures in Irish folklore who guard

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LEPRECHAUNS

Have you ever seen a Leprechaun?
Or was that one you just stepped upon?
Did you hear a shrill squeal
And felt a sharp pain in your heel?
You may have just stepped on a Leprechaun!

Have you ever sat down in your chair
And felt a stab in your rear?
You may have sat on a wee folk-
Don't laugh, to them it isn't a joke
'Cause you just sat on a Leprechaun.

Do things seem to go astray?
Do they just happen to walk away?
The culprit of stealth
Might be a cunning elf-
You've just been had by a Leprechaun!

They are easy to blame
Because of their fame
For trick and acts of deception.
Their tiny size and shrewd perception
Goes with the life of a Leprechaun.

So watch along the way
Around St. Paddy's Day
For a hint and a glimmer of green.
Though they're seldom seen
You might actually glimpse a Leprechaun.

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Beware Of False Spring!!!

Warmer weather and longer days are starting to show up, giving so many of us hope and excitement for the new growing season. Even though it is very tempting to start yard and garden work to clean up from the winter, we need to beware of "False Spring," where the warm days can be followed by cold snaps and potential spring blizzards that will visit the region at some point in March and April.

Cleaning up flower beds, gardens, and early lawn mowing will remove protective dead plant materials that help serve as an insulating buffer from the continued cold snaps that will probably show up in the next month or so. Tender plant material that is exposed to the cold

weather can cause damage that can weaken or even kill plant material. Here are some tips to consider now, and through mid-April on gardening

related jobs in our very uncertain weather.

- Now is a great time to sharpen lawn mower

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Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Serving Begins @ 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 16 - BLT lettuce salad with egg, pickle and carrots, apple sauce

Friday, March 17 - Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes/ onions/ carrots, dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Monday, March 20 - Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, garlic toast, pineapple

Tuesday, March 21 - Beef

stew, biscuit, apple slices

Wednesday, March 22 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, baked cabbage, peaches, dinner roll

Thursday, March 23 - Shrimp, French fries, coleslaw, mandarin oranges

Friday, March 24 - Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, whole grain dinner roll, pears

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