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TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 4, 2013

Students from all over Western Nebraska converged on the Keith County Fairgrounds, March 27 for the Science Olympiad. McPherson County Schools students that placed were: Colby Crow and Jared Schultis, Rotor Egg Drop; Wyatt O'Brien and Mason Ward, Mouse Trap Vehicle. Other students competing were: Kyon Neal, Ruger Lewis, Hannah Watson, Brianna Powers, Angel Murphy, Leslie Flory, Aubrey Schultis and Brooklin Sailors. Mrs. Clinebell was their sponsor.

Vernon Lutes was pictured with his 90th birthday cake for his celebration on February 23.

Frankie Zella Lewis was in this week's Senior Spotlight.

MCBS freshmen pictured this week were: Cole Garner, James Smith, Will Stickney, Kylee Baker, Garrett Ryland, Peyton Barner, Michaela Schultis, Chyanna Bryant, Ashleen Flory, Ruth Licking, Kindra Smith and Class Sponsor Mrs. Vasa.

MCBS Sophomores pictured were: Richard Alper, Colt Lewis, Ashley Starr, Dane Daigger, Wiley Munson, Brandy Darrach, Cassidy Taylor, Shawlen Johnston, Haley Munson and Kandace Ward. Mrs. Clinebell was their class sponsor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 3, 2003

The McPherson County fifth and sixth grade girls basketball team brought home first place honors from the recent Arnold tournament. Those on the team were: Kadee Arensdorf, Brittany Powers, Tayler Puttergill, Sitka Gardner, Michelle Neal, Jordan Lovitt and Tasha Miller.

The McPherson County fifth and sixth grade boys were second in the Arnold tournament. Boys pictured were: Chris Burch, Brandon Swanson, Matt Daly, Anthony Trimble, Jacob Sowers, Logan Krull, Dillon Daigger and Duell Puttergill.

The McPherson County High School received a \$5,000 grant from Great Plains Communications to fund an extensive project in the school's library to install an exterior door to make the library accessible after school hours for students to study.

Births: Lee and DanDee Wonch, are the parents of a daughter, Cecilia Jae,

born March 25; Brent and Kimberly Mensink, a daughter, Abigail Grace Mensink, March 23.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 8, 1993

Those pictured receiving 4-H awards at a speech contest were: Rawnie Munson, Patricia Steele, Randi Munson and Wyatt Arensdorf. Also Erin Connell, Renee Munson, Brandi Steel, Charles Steel, Darla Arensdorf, LaDonna Connell and Tara Connell.

The Tryon Rebekah Lodge was to be host for the 75th annual Sandhills District 26 meeting on April 10.

A basket dinner will be held at Hall Church Sunday, April 18, with a bridal shower to follow for Ruth Lewis.

Four area college students were honored by the University of Nebraska at the 65th Annual Honors Convocation held recently. They were Melissa Dawn Fisher, daughter of Randy and Kathy Fisher of Tryon; Mindy Jo Neal, daughter of Gary and Jerry Neal of North Platte; and Cinch L. Munson, son of Randy Munson of Tryon and Mary Ann Munson of Stapleton. Scott Harvey, son of Bob and Monica Harvey of Stapleton, was also honored.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 7, 1983

Three new members were initiated into the Tryon Rebekah Lodge on Monday evening, April 4. They were Susan Alber, Jean Doyle and Helen Wendling, all of Tryon.

Melanie Jameson, daughter of Gary and Susan Jameson, won the grand champion title at the McPherson County Spelling Contest on March 31.

Roger and Kim Trumbull were the parents of a baby daughter, Tracy Linn, born March 30.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 6, 1973

Kathy Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Neal, was chosen as Girl's State representative from McPherson County and Kent Correll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Correll, was chosen as Boy's State representative. Alternates were Billie Smith and Rod Daly.

Jessie Platt moved last week to Gandy, where she has a trailer home.

The telephone crew has been around for the past couple of weeks wiring in the new telephone office and installing phones. They report that April

15th is going to be "the big date."

Leah Black was entered in to the Mullen hospital Tuesday morning with pneumonia.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 11, 1963

Mrs. Robert Cotton was shaken up Monday when something happened to a front wheel of the mail car she was driving near the Frank Shimmin ranch. The car went over a steep bank and into the ditch, causing considerable damage to the car. Mrs. Cotton was taken to a doctor in North Platte where it was found that she was only bruised and shaken up.

Four McPherson County boys attempted a 50-mile hike when they left Tryon at midnight Friday in an effort to walk to the Ed Bullington Ranch, 27 miles out, and then back to Tryon. They were Robert Gregg, freshman and Leland Essary, Kenneth Bassett and Dave Neal, sophomores. They arrived at the Bullingtons the following morning. Robert, Kenneth and Leland quit the hike at Bullingtons and rode back to town, but Dave started back afoot and made another 15 miles before giving up, having walked 42 miles in 17 hours.

The McPherson County spelling contest was held in Tryon Tuesday by County Superintendent Helen L. Waits. The winner from the fifth grade and up were Gary Correll; Donna Stoddard; Sheryl Connell and Connie Seifer. The four then spelled for the overall championship which was won by Connie Seifer. She received the trophy and a chance to spell in the Midwest Spelling Bee in Omaha on April 20.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 9, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Daly are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vera Evelyn, to William Charles Jividen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jividen of East Tryon Route. The couple will be married April 19.

The Home Builders Club met in the Ladies Club Rooms with Lavona Harvey as hostess on March 26.

Karl Kemp is being confined to his home with an attack of rheumatic fever.

Joyce Black left Sunday for Bainbridge, Virginia, where she has been stationed.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 8, 1943

Extension Agent Fred Blummer announced that Mrs. Sophia Masters and Mr. Charles Bellew were recently appointed Neighborhood Victory Leaders to represent Tryon Precinct.

At the recent Achievement Day in Tryon, Mrs. Verna Snyder was re-elected County Project Chairman; Mrs. Clay Wright, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Eithel Dahlin, county health chairman.

The high school band elected new officers recently. Leonard Pyzer and Wanda Bellew are chair managers; Lois Hunn, stand manager, and Alice French, librarian.

Archie Neal cut rafters for Jack Neal for a new chicken house that Jack is building. Paul French delivered a load of lumber

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "No one ever lost their eyesight by looking on the bright side of things." Anonymous

Somewhere I read an article about some alternatives to giving up things for Lent. One thing suggested was to give up negative thoughts. I don't normally practice giving up anything for Lent, but decided I would try to not let negative thoughts or bad memories get in my train of thought. It is much easier said than done! With time, it has gotten somewhat easier but booting one negative thought or bad memory out seems to just invite others to come visiting. If you can stop one negative thought or memory from taking root, it makes a positive difference. Just saying "No, I'm not going to go there," to yourself stops the negatives from

building on each other. It's much easier to have a positive day without a pile of negatives getting in your way.

As we approach Good Friday and Easter Sunday, think on the blessings our Lord and Savior bestowed

upon us by sacrificing His life on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead giving us the gift of life eternal. All we need to do is ask Him for forgiveness and accept that precious gift.

BLESSINGS RECEIVABLE

There are blessings receivable,
I'm sure they are out there.
They just need the recipient
To release them for my share.

When someone does a favor
Or bestows on you a gift,
Do you thank God for the blessing
Or do you feel guilty and let it set?

You may well be denying a blessing
To the person on the other end
And they may need the encouragement
That their share of blessing sends.

So, thank God for that blessing,
Enjoy each and every part,
Don't begrudge the other party
Of the blessing they did start.

J.R. Trumbull
3 November 2009

Between the Lines

Gliders

On March 24th I got my Arthur paper about 2:30. I read very little anymore because of my eyes but just kinda catch the headlines, and the word 'gliders', in Rennie Phillips' article caught my eye. So my words this week will be a 'prequel' to Rennie's words.

During the 1942-43 term of school at Arthur, I was a senior at the High School and was batching by myself in a government granary/ cabin just west of the house recently vacated by Dee Daly. On the rainy night of April 8, 1943 I had just gone to bed when I was aroused by extremely bright lights diving and circling over Arthur.

The next morning at school I learned that an army glider returning to Alliance on a training mission had come unhooked from its tow plane and landed in Lightning Valley close to the road, of course there were no paved road, or fences, and about midway in the Valley. If I understand correctly, as soon as the drag released, the plane literally leaped ahead and the glider started to drop with the downward drag of 300 feet of nylon rope. The first thing for the glider pilot to do was drop that rope and look for the best place to land in the time he had to maneuver. As soon as the pilots of the tow plane saw the four soldiers, lined up and unhurt, beside their glider, they checked location from Arthur (which accounted for the bright lights I had seen) and headed back to their base at Alliance. As they made a final pass over the glider and pointed their plane toward home they pulled the plane up sharply to clear the north hills, probably just east of the new Pilankowski buildings where the hills are highest and they cracked three windows in the tow plane.

Dean Thompson

I will quote a few 'worse, terse, verses' that I wrote at the time. "The great strain cracked three windows, Edds said, "You're lucky. Lad". But Mac just pointed her toward home and gave her all she had" The pilots of that plane were in Arthur the next morning with equipment and more personnel to recover the lost glider. Let me share a lot of memories and thoughts of several days following the dropping of the glider in Lightning Valley.

"Two able army pilots, in the night were flying blind. And on the three hundred foot leash, A glider rode and tugged behind. This Army crew was headed home, with the glider plane in tow. They were just o'er Lightning Valley, with its lakes and hills below. The pilots of the towing plane, turned and threw their lights around and with this help afforded him, the glider pilot set her down."

Arthur schools were dismissed for three days and lots of people came to 'have a look-see.' Several service men stayed in local homes in the area until the glider was taken apart and returned to Alliance on a flat bed truck/trailer. I have some personal thoughts about this recovery mission. Did they detour around some

where to get to Arthur with that truck? Because in 1951, I drove from Arthur to Hyannis, and on to Alliance, and I don't know how they got over the road north of Arthur with that truck. Of course the army had a 'six wheel drive.'

George and Iva Reichenberg drove around and found the 300 foot nylon tow rope just at the edge of the north hills.

The two pilots of the tow plane stayed at our place during the operation. They were First Lt, McCreight and Second Lt. Edds. I corresponded with Mac for a while.

I sold Mac a single shot .22 pistol for ten dollars that I had gotten from U. T. Wade for helping him with janitor work at the high school.

Dad drove four head of horses to the 'sand hole' in Lightning Valley to pull Mac and his army vehicle out of the mud. Mac said, "those are supposed to go anywhere". We used a 25 ft. length of nylon rope to pull it out and Mac threw it in the wagon and we had it for years.

"And when they had gotten down here in that pretty buckskin truck, what else would old Mc-

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