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*TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 9, 2013*

McPherson County High School graduation would be held Saturday, May 11 at the MCHS Auditorium. Class members were: Remington Lloyd Cutler, Levi Benjamin Eberle, Frankie Zella Lewis and Austin Bartlett Starr.

American Legion Essay and Poppy Poster contest winners were: Jaxton Starr, Jade Paxton, Shyanne Sell, Michaela Schultis, Arika Starr, Elizabeth Barnhill, Brandy Darrach, Haley Munson, Gentry Barner, Jared Schultis, Ethan Schmidt, Mason Ward, Jency Starr, Theresa Ascherl and Garrett Neal.

The McPherson County American History Class was studying Westward Expansion. Those pictured with the covered wagons they created were: Josh Holm, Garrett Neal, Jade Paxton, Seth Sherwood, Alexx Starr, Kristina Miller, Aubrey Schultis, Jency Starr and Theresa Ascherl.

Austin Starr was chosen for the Mid-Plains All-Star basketball game to be held June 7. He was chosen for the Gold Team.

*TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 8, 2003*

The McPherson County Eighth Grade graduation ceremonies were held April 30. The graduates were: Natasha Carr, Dave Christopher, Joe Christopher, Kasey Dailey, Bret Daly, Matthew Fiechtner, Anna Licking, Taylor Lovitt, Margo McNutt, Talia Miller and Whitney Trumbull.

Dru Melvin, a Pratt Community College student, qualified for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Central Plains Regional Finals Rodeo in Lawton, Oklahoma. Melvin the son of Wayne and Claudia Melvin of Tryon, is a sophomore at PCC and qualified to compete in Steer Wrestling.

The 2003 McPherson

County High School graduation ceremony took place May 10 in Tryon. Members of the class were: Devin William Burch, Heather Anne Dowell, Jamie Rosanna Fisher, Corey Lee Kelley, Chelsey Lynn McNutt and Marci Marie Miller.

The 4-H Speech and Music Contest was held March 31 for the McPherson County 4-H'ers. Those competing were: Megan Morgan, Tasha Miller, Tayler Puttergill, Kate Seifer, Shane Simpson, Shawn Simpson, Clay Seifer, Mara Seifer, Duell Puttergill, Alecia Paxton, Ashley Starr, Jesse Paxton and Austin Starr.

Death: Michael L. Franken, 42, of Chappell, died April 26, 2003.

*THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 13, 1993*

Eight McPherson County eighth grade graduates were honored Monday, May 10, 1993, at the high school in Tryon. They were Tammy Black, Lana Streiff, Jay D. Powers, Darin Munson, Amanda Jackson, Cameron Warren, Justin Moore and Chad Fisher.

McPherson County Sheriff Steve Waits was called to the Ranch Store in Tryon Saturday morning, May 1, when an attempted break-in was discovered. Someone had tried to pry open three windows on the east side of the building and one of the windows was broken. The front and back doors had also been tampered with and one of the latches was damaged.

Jeff Moore was named Valedictorian and Mitzi Pettit was Salutatorian of the 1993 MCHS graduating class. Graduation exercises were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the high school auditorium. The eight seniors were Kelly Connick, Scott Finney, Kelly Long, Elke Melvin, Jeffrey Moore, Mitzi Pettit, Kevin Starr and Mark Ward.

The Tryon ambulance was called to the scene of a branding accident in a pasture east of the Dan Arensdorf residence at about 9:50 a.m. Saturday, May 9. A roping horse was said to have run into two of the branders after becoming frightened. Keith Fisher, an employee at Whitewater Ranch, was taken in the ambulance to the hospital in North Platte where he was kept for observation until Sunday afternoon, suffering from abrasions, bruises and a bad scrape on his forehead. Jason Munson was also taken in a van to the hospital with an injured sternum.

Funeral services for Vincent W. Hora, 91, a long-time rancher in the Ringgold area, were held Wednesday, May 5, with Rev. John I. Neal officiating.

*FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 12, 1983*

A drama group known as The Covenant Players from Los Angeles, California, are to perform at Eclipse Church on Sunday, May 15, 1983.

A farewell supper for Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sharp and family was set for May 20 at the McPherson County High School.

Cheerleaders chosen for the 1983-84 school year were Michelle Trumbull, Jodee Coffman, Brenda Power and Lisa Kemp. Cindy Dobbins was chosen as first alternate.

The MCHS boys and girls track teams both placed fifth in the Oregon Trail Conference meet at North Platte. Craig Dailey cleared 5'8" to take the gold in the high jump and Steve Waits won two silver medals by placing in the 400 and 800 meter runs. The girls 3200 meter relay team placed second with members being Mary Daigger, Brenda Power, Jodee Coffman and Michelle Trumbull.

*FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 10, 1973*

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Seiffer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Ramada Inn at North Platte Monday evening. Guests were their children, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Streiff and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bloomstedt and Dean Seifer.

Kathy Arensdorf, senior at MCHS, was named outstanding girl and was awarded a \$100 scholarship by the North Platte Elks Lodge. James Doyle of Stapleton was named outstanding boy.

Rick Black arrived home Wednesday from his Navy duties to spend a 30-day leave with his wife, Sandra and their baby, and with other relatives and friends here. He will report back to his base at Manilla.

A large class of 17 seniors were to graduate from McPherson County High School on May 14, 1973, and their pictures appeared in this issue as follows: Kathy Arensdorf, Doug Correll, Joleen Black, Leora Waits, Myrtle Stoddard, Cathy Sue Musser, Von Hunn, Duane McNutt, Jean Kramer, Pamela Rodewald, Jane Pinkerton, Steve Neal, Wanda Connell, Rhonda Bullington, Randall Brady, Kenneth Schmidt, and Colleen Schraeder Miller.

*SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 16, 1963*

Mrs. Melvin Waits and

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "You've reached your limit when you reach for excuses. So what excuses do we make?"

1. I'm afraid. Afraid of what they may say. Afraid of what might happen. Afraid that it won't happen. Have courage, stand up, ride the horse, ask the girl, go anyway.

2. I'm broken. Yes, we all are to some extent. But being broken and remaining broken are two different things. If you want to become unbroken, don't make the next excuse...

3. I can't... You're right, you can't. Of course, you'd also be right if you said you can. 4. I don't know how. Then make mistakes. Find someone that does know how. Do something besides whine.

5. But I'm too... You're too what? Shy? Old? Young? Skinny? Fat? Whatever word you use is a lie.

6. Someday I will... No, you won't. The passage of time changes nothing except the date on the calendar. Do something today that will be a step towards who you want to be in the future.

7. But they... No one is to blame but you. Take responsibility. Take action. Take control.

I'm sure some of these hit home, but just in case...what's your excuse. Because remember, "A valid reason doesn't mean it's a good excuse."

From www.savethecow-

boy.com

I have to give my cousin, Darrel Munson, a bad time. May 10 is his birthday so it's a good time to share the first poem I wrote that involved him.

DARREL'S DARLIN'

Darrel, he was a croonin'
'Bout the real love of his life,
A darlin' brown eyed beauty
Who had never caused him strife.

"Come here my darlin'."
"You are so very sweet!"
She bats her lashes at him,
It was destined they should meet.

Now, before you start wondering
Just who this beauty might be,
You really need to meet her
And then you will agree.

She is a darlin' brown eyed beauty,
Eye lashes with a curl,
Some pretty little freckles,
Yes, she is quite a girl!

Of course, you must consider
That age may have taken a toll-
"Darlin'" is a pretty spotted heifer,
A real COW if truth be told!

*J.R. Trumbull
Dedicated to Darrel Munson*

Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

*Serving Begins
@ 11:30 a.m.*

Friday, May 12 - Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches

Monday, May 15 - Chicken fried steak, baked potato, lettuce salad, dinner roll, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, May 16 - Fish sandwich, sweet potato fries, cole slaw, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, May 17 - Beef pasta, mashed potatoes, corn, sliced bread, apple sauce

Thursday, May 18 - BLT, lettuce salad/egg, pickle, carrots, broccoli, pears

Friday, May 19 - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, peaches

Monday, May 22 - Baked chicken wings, au gratin

potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, oranges

Tuesday, May 23 - Pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, lettuce, baked

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SAVE THE DATE

**Tryon Volunteer
Fireman's BBQ**

**June 10th,
5-8PM**

McPherson Co. Firehall

Live auction and raffles, to raise money for a new ambulance and equipment, starting at 6:30 pm.

Auction & raffle items include:

Savage Axis 243 w/ 3x9x40 scope, Heritage 22 revolver, 2 halves of a hog (processing not included), 4 quarters of beef (processing not included), Green Mountain grill package, 1 ton Pasture Mix feed, 90 min massage and many more items. If you would like to donate items, please contact Toni Powers at 308-530-2363 or a Tryon Fire Dept. volunteer.