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**TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 23, 2013**

The 2013 McPherson County High School graduation exercises were held on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Four members of the class were honored, Levi Eberle, Remington Cutler, Frankie Lewis and Austin Starr.

Austin Starr addressed the crowd as the 2013 valedictorian and Remington Cutler gave the salutatorian remarks.

Pastor Jonathan Martino's ordination ceremony at Hall Church, would be June 2.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 22, 2003**

The 83rd annual graduation exercises were held in Tryon May 10. The six graduating seniors were: Devin Burch, Heather Dowell, Jamie Fisher, Cory Kelley, Chelsey McNutt and Marci Miller.

Heather Dowell was named valedictorian of the Class of 2003 and Chelsey McNutt was salutatorian.

Craig McNutt qualified for the State Track Meet in Omaha. Craig was second in the 3200 with a time of 11:06, and also was second in the 1600 with a time of 5:03.

Death: Betty Lou Allen, 69, of Stapleton died May 12, 2003 at the Callaway Hospital.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 27, 1993**

Winners of the American Legion Auxiliary poster contest were announced on Rural Field Day at Tryon as follows: Tyler Abel, first and Jamie Fisher, second for grades 2 & 3; Matt Burch first and Charlie Steel, second for grades 4 & 5; Liz Albrecht, first and Tyler Neal, second for grades 6 & 7; Chad Fisher, first and Cameron Warren, second, for Grade 8.

The Tryon Rebekah Lodge was planning a "Movie Day" to be held at the Lodge Hall, June 12th. The May 20th meeting

was called to order by Judy Connell, noble grand, with 11 members present.

Kelly Connick, daughter of Ron and Diane Connick, and Elke Melvin, daughter of Wayne and Claudia Melvin, were among 72 participants at the early registration program held at Chadron State College on Saturday, May 15th.

Clara Daly accompanied Dewayne and Emma Melvin to Ashby Saturday afternoon for a wedding reception supper party and dance put on by Dick and Meredieth Daly for their youngest son and his bride, Paul and Debra Daly.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 26, 1983**

Blanche Dutrow of Burwell, Clarence Coleman of North Platte, Ora Winters, Eithel Dahlin and Wilma Neal were visitors of Matilda Haney Tuesday afternoon, May 17, and were guests for lunch.

Rodeo Bible Camp was to be held at the Bob Rodewald Ranch May 30 - June 2, for youth ages 13-19.

Final rites were held for Clarence Munson, age 75, a longtime resident of McPherson County.

Services were held May 24 for Cecil H. Main, age 58, of Stapleton, who died May 20th in the North Platte hospital.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 24, 1973**

Mrs. Harold Neal entered Memorial Hospital at North Platte Sunday and underwent gall bladder surgery Monday morning. Don and Geneva Neal visited her Monday evening.

The Tryon High School Rodeo Club has competed in four rodeos so far, and those qualifying for State are as follows: Ogallala - Rod Daly, fourth in bull-dogging; Dunning - Doug Correll tied for second and third in saddle bronc, and Kelvin Sharp was

first in team roping; Arthur - Dan Arensdorf was fourth in cutting; Kelvin Sharp, second in team roping; Kent Correll, fourth in saddle bronc; North Platte - Craig Daly was fourth in saddle bronc.

Mrs. Phyllis Taylor, closed a successful term of school at District No. 36, with a picnic dinner Saturday, May 19th, on the Birdwood.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 30, 1963**

Mr. James Wiberg, high school math teacher, was in Tryon finishing up his business and moving his belongings. He has been in Lincoln and Omaha the past week looking over school courses. He will be teaching in Stapleton next year.

Chart Nicholson moved the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neal from North Platte to Tryon Monday afternoon.

County Superintendent, Helen L. Waits, presented eighth grade diplomas Tuesday evening to Debra Traphagan, Myron Kugler, Connie Seifer, Darwin Munson, Jacqueline Trumbull, Richard Black, Georgetta Paxton, Shara McNutt, Wynonia Bellew and Leslie Anway. Miss Jean Snyder played the processional and recessional, and the Rev. James Mote gave the invocation and benediction. Guest speaker was the Rev. Don Shoemaker of Arthur.

It gave our hearts a thrill to see the fair-haired boy from our hometown on TV last Wednesday. Hermel Priest of North Platte, with his trusty fiddle, took part in advertising the Fort McPherson Centennial Old Fiddlers Contest to be held later, and he did a fine job. Dick Neeves of North Platte and several others also participated in the 25 minute program.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 28, 1953**

Karen McClintock and Ruth and Lois Hunn drove to North Platte Tuesday evening to visit Miss Betty Smith who is in the hospital.

There were quite a few service men home last weekend, including Larry Dean Trumbull, Gerald Moore, Gaylord Wright and Don Bullington.

The Tryon Longhorns won their first baseball game of the season Sunday at Maxwell by a score of 15 to 1. Maxwell collected only two hits off of Nicholson, who pitched for the Longhorns. Russell Miller led individual hitting for Tryon with four for six times at bat, including two home runs.

The Cattlemen's Telephone Co. held a meeting Monday afternoon at the Helping Hand Club House.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MAY 27, 1943**

Elsie Musser Florea arrived here the first of the week after spending several months in New York State where her husband was stationed while on duty with the U.S. Navy. He was then transferred to sea duty and Mrs. Florea returned here to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Musser.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neal are announcing the birth of a son, born to them at the Sutherland hospital on Tuesday, May 25th. The young man has been named Gary Don. Mrs. Dessie Bellew plans

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Be patient; given time, even an egg will walk." *Unknown*

I can remember when anybody who was over 70 was 'ancient'! Gee, it doesn't seem that way anymore. Could be that the other side of 70 doesn't seem that old especially when I consider those who never made it this far. This article on being old hits the spot!

What does it feel like to be old?

The other day, a young person asked me: - What did it feel like to be old?

I was very surprised by the question, since I did not consider myself old. When he saw my reaction, he was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question. And after reflection, I concluded that getting old is a gift.

Sometimes I am surprised at the person who lives in my mirror. But I don't worry about those things for long. I wouldn't trade everything I have for a few less gray hairs and a flat stomach. I don't scold myself for not making the bed, or for eating a few extra "little things." I am within my rights to be a little messy, to be extravagant, and to spend hours staring at my flow-ers.

I have seen some dear friends leave this world, before they had enjoyed the freedom that comes with growing old.

Who cares if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 in the morning and then sleep until who knows what time?

I will dance with me to the rhythm of the 50's and 60's. And if later I want to cry for some lost love...I will!

I'll walk down the beach in a swimsuit that stretches over my plump body and dive into the waves letting myself go, despite the pitying looks of the bikini-wearers. They'll get old too, if they're lucky...

It is true that through the years my heart has ached for the loss of a loved one, for the pain of a child, or for seeing a pet die. But it is suffering that gives us strength and makes us grow. An unbroken heart is sterile and will never know the happiness of being imperfect. I am proud to have lived

long enough for my hair to turn gray and to retain the smile of my youth, before the deep furrows appeared on my face.

Now, to answer the question honestly, I can say: - I like being old, because old age makes me wiser, freer.

I know I'm not going to

live forever, but while I'm here, I'm going to live by my own laws, those of my heart. I'm not going to regret what wasn't, nor worry about what will be. The time that remains, I will simply love life as I did until today, the rest I leave to God.

WE AREN'T PROMISED

We aren't promised tomorrow
Or even the rest of today.
We don't know the future
Or God's plans as they lay
The foundation unknown
As it builds day by day.

Though it be meant for evil
God uses it for His gain
And we are all parts and pieces
Of an eternal game.
Not one of chance
But for Heavenly claim.

Satan was defeated
That day on the cross
Though he won't admit it,
He lost that big toss.
The final day is coming,
Jesus says "God is Boss."

No, we aren't promised tomorrow
For life on this earth
But we're granted life eternal
Through the dear Savior's birth.
Just accept Him and serve Him
For His promise holds worth!

*J.R. Trumbull
1 March 2014*

Prairie Hills Senior Menu

Thursday, May 25: Shrimp, hashbrowns, coleslaw, sliced bread, fruit cocktail.

Friday, May 26: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, peaches.

Monday, May 29: Closed - Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 30: Riblet sandwich, French fries, three bean salad, pineapple.

Wednesday, May 31: Chicken fried hamburger, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable, dinner roll, peaches.

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**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.