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**TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 11, 2013**

A reunion of descendants of Dan and Fay Connell was held the weekend of June 22-23 at the home of Darrell (Connell) Roth near Gridley, Illinois. Out of 167 living descendants of Dan and Fay, 93 were in attendance at the reunion. All eight of Dan and Fay's children were there, and families represented were: Dan Jr. - nine; Barbara - four; Carolyn - eight; Sam - 16; Lora - 25; Mike - nine; Wilma - 11; and Wanda - 11.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 10, 2003**

McPherson County physics instructor, Sabrena Clinebell and three of her students, Brittany Pettit, Liz Licking and Jared Mulder, have joined students and teachers from 20 other Nebraska high schools to participate in a Cosmic Ray Observatory Project known as CROP. The multi-year project is managed by UNL physics professors.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture director Merlyn Carlson recently announced the selection of 130 high school juniors and seniors to the 32nd annual Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute. Among those selected was Josh Streiff who is a student at McPherson County High School at Tryon.

An AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Competition was held June 8, 2003 at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in North Platte. Shalee Paxton was a third place winner in the event.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 15, 1993**

A large crowd was on hand for the Kactus Kids 4-H Horse Show held at the Tryon Arena. All-around went to: Junior Boy, Blake Stall, Gothenburg; Junior Girl, Alesa Chrisman, North Platte; Intermediate Boy: Charlie Paxton, Tryon; Girl, Amy Freeman, North Platte; Senior Boy, Tyler Sexton, North Platte; Girl, Holee Coffman, Tryon.

Chuck Schwartz, Executive Director of the Mid-Plains Community College Area foundation, has announced the establishment of the Doug Newport Memorial Scholarship. Norman and Joan Newport of North Platte presented the College Foundation with \$1,000 contributed by families and friends, in memory of their son Doug, who died in 1992.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McMullen of Burwell were honored on their 60th

wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, June 27 in Burwell.

The Horse Wrangler 4-H Club held a meeting at Vicki Power's house.

Pictured in this issue of the Graphic was one of the four bulk cake load-out legs being installed at the Grassland Feeds in Tryon Thursday, July 8. Gary Connell, co-owner and manager of the new business, says he hopes to be making cake by fall. The load-out legs are being installed by a construction company with the help of local men Veldon Bullington, Mart McNutt and George Burrows.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 14, 1983**

The Sandhills Craftique Club joined the Ringgold Craftique Club for a picnic supper, July 11 at the home of Sue Stickney in Ringgold. Eight ladies were present along with 16 children. The door prize was won by Sandy Anderberg.

Forty-three friends and neighbors signed the guest book for the 83rd birthday of Matilda Haney at the home of Ray, Ruth and Stephen Allen in North Platte, Sunday, July 3.

Pearl Miller and her grandson, Steve Miller, recently returned from a two-week trip to eastern states. They accompanied the Merlin Pettit family from Lincoln to Niagara Falls and many eastern states. At New Hampshire, they visited Bobby and Lois Cotton and family.

Services were July 9, 1983 at Hall Church north of Ringgold for Virgil C. Shineman, age 71, who passed away July 7 at his home in Tryon. Survivors include his wife, Pauline of Tryon and son Myron of North Platte.

John and Gaylene McCall of North Platte are the parents of a daughter, Jessica Lynn, born Monday, July 11, 1983 at Great Plains Medical Center in North Platte.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 12, 1973**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholson and girls and Sandra Black and Tylene spent Sunday and Monday touring the Black Hills area.

Rev. B.D. Hunn and daughter, Lois, left North Platte Tuesday for Omaha where they boarded a plane for Kennedy Airport at New York where they departed for a three-week tour of Europe and the Holy Land. Others going on the tour from the area were Rev. Jerry Beltz of Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal.

Errol R. Waits has accepted a position as an accountant for Pennington County at Rapid City, South Dakota. He is a recent graduate of the National College of Business at Rapid City with a Bachelor of Science degree in the accounting program. He is the son of Lee Waits of Tryon.

Dan Arnesdorf and Doug Correll were pictured with the saddles and trophies they won at the State High School Rodeo at North Platte. They were first in team roping and will be going to Nationals in Ogden, Utah. Rod Daly was also pictured with the trophies he won. He also received a chance to attend the Nationals.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 18, 1963**

Fire started from a tractor at the Robert Neal ranch north of Tryon Wednesday morning. The McPherson County fire truck was called and surrounding neighbors soon had the fire under control. About 75 acres of grass was burned on the Robert and LaVerne Neal place. The fire truck was also called to Ringgold, Wednesday afternoon when the tire on a trailer belonging to Don Yates, caught fire. The truck and trailer was loaded with hay, but little damage was done. On Sunday evening, the fire truck made a run to the Eddie Waits ranch for a fire started by lightning. Neighbors had the fire under control when the truck got there so only four or five acres burned.

The Tryon Oddfellow Lodge No. 379 met in regular session Monday, July 8. The following officers were installed for the coming six months by District Deputy Grand James Mote; Vice Grand, Gaylord Wright; Past Grand, Gordon Bassett; Right Supporter to Noble Grand, Larry Neal; Warden, Wes Sharp; Conductor, Leo Cash; Chaplain, Lee Waits; Outside Guardian, George Winters.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 9, 1953**

Miss Lola Doyle spent the weekend with her parents. She returned to Omaha via airplane. She still has seven weeks to finish her training at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dutrow of Arnold are the proud parents of a daughter born to them July 5, 1953.

Harry Wendling passed away in a North Platte hospital Tuesday morning. His funeral will be held Thursday in North Platte.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JULY 15, 1943**

Don Hatch, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie

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Quilt Of Valor Presentation



COURTESY

Cousins pictured, l-r, are Jacques Trumbull, Darrel Munson, Darwin Munson, and Rick Trumbull, at the "Quilt of Valor" presentation ceremony at the 20th Century Veteran's Memorial in North Platte. Darrel Munson served in Vietnam in 1966-67.

Darrel Munson of Ogallala and formerly of Ringgold, was presented with a "Quilt of Valor" at a ceremony held Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at the 20th Century Veteran's Memorial in North Platte. Munson served in Vietnam in 1966-67.

A "Quilt of Valor" is a formal expression of appreciation from a grateful nation. A sample wording for the presentation is "This quilt is an expression of gratitude meant to thank and comfort you. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear to serve, whether in time of crisis or in time of peace."

The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son, Nat, was deployed in Iraq.

"The dream was as vivid as real life," Catherine said. "I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, drag-



Cousin Larry Trumbull, 95, is pictured at left with Darrel Munson who received a "Quilt of Valor" at a ceremony June 20 in North Platte.

ging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing." Jacques Trumbull also

presented Munson with a Liberty Pinwheel quilt, hand pieced and quilted by her mother, Grace Trumbull, during WWII. The bias-cut pieces were in a fabric bundle. None of the other women wanted them so Grace took them and created this quilt. It is fitting for Darrel to receive this family heirloom quilt.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Joshua J. Marine

**AMAZING FACTS
ABOUT SKUNKS**

The oily liquid that skunks produce is used as a powerful predator-deterrent which causes no real damage to its victims.

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SKUNKED

While looking in the freezer
Out in the shed one day,
I had one of those experiences-
Hair raising I must say!

I heard something moving,
At my feet there was a rustle,
I thought it was just a cat
Looking for petting and a tussle.

Yes, those beady eyes looking up at me
Belonged to a kitty alright
But this one was adorned
With a great big white stripe!

Now, Skunky was curious
As to why I had disturbed his rest
And I just froze in place,
Not daring to take a breath!

Slowly he checked out
To see if I contested his domain
And then fortunately he ambled off
And from revenge refrained.

*J.R. Trumbull
11 March 2006*

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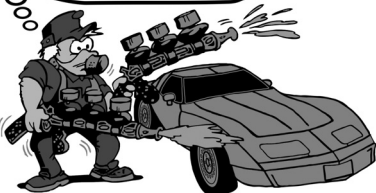
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