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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 25, 2013

Within the last two weeks of school, Mrs. Britton's art class drew a mural on the wall in the commons. It was a design created by Haley Munson. The art class did not get it painted prior to the end of the school year. The art class might get it painted. Since none of last year's art students were able to fit art into their schedules this year, she was not sure when they might be able to finish it. When an opportunity for a painter from Lincoln to be in town for a week, Haley contacted her and she was able to finish the paint work on the mural. SMC volleyball players attended camp Monday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 17 at Ogallala. The girls played over 20 games in the three days and ended the camp second in the bronze division.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 24, 2003

Dru Melvin, son of Wayne and Claudia Melvin of Tryon, was among more than 110 students that completed graduation requirements this year at Pratt Community College at Pratt, Kansas.

The Willing Workers' FCE Club met in the Betty Schroeder home in North Platte. Members present were Kathleen Fisher, Elnora Neal, Gayle Neal, Carol Moore, Dorothy Kramer, Pauline Waits, Linda Paxton and Chris Schultis. Members discussed plans for the upcoming Bloodmobile, club picnic and the Older's dinner.

The 51st annual Priest-Worden reunion and picnic was attended by 48 relatives and guests. The reunion was held Sunday, July 13 at Cody Park in North Platte. Alice (Priest) Bassett of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was the oldest relative present and Kendal Neal, son of Kirk and Barb Neal of Tryon, was the youngest.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 29, 1993

According to reports coming from "The Lake County: west and north of Tryon, most all the meadows and hay fields are under water from recent rain storms, and another inch or two was received Monday night. The only haying that is taking place so far is on the hilltops. The narrow oil road going north from Highway 92 is still under water as well as some of the fence lines in that area. Many roads are impassible and new routes have been taken to reach the highway and then only with four-wheel drive vehicles in most in-

stances.

Rich and Stacie Kirkman and their two sons, Jordan and Justin, are now making their home at the headquarters of the Longhorn Motel in Tryon, having moved here Saturday, July 17. Mrs. Kirkman will be teaching at School District No. 4 in Tryon. Chart and Wilma Nicholson, owners of the motel, have moved back to their residence in the southeast part of town.

Willie Master had a nice visit on Monday morning at the Ranch Store in Tryon with Orvel and Arlene Parkhurst of Quartzsite, Arizona. The Parkhursts drove up from Cozad where Orvel's brother, Henry Parkhurst lives.

Grandma Parkhurst, a former Tryon resident, was Orvel's grandmother. He mentioned being related to quite a few in this area, the Harvey's, Miller's, Popham's, Winter's and others.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 21, 1983

Dennis Miller, art teacher and wrestling coach at Ogallala for the past eight-years, has resigned from the Ogallala Public Schools system to join the faculty at Kearney High School.

Dustin Wilkie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wilkie, landed a 12 pound channel catfish Saturday, June 25, at a Lincoln County sandpit. The Catfish was 28 inches long and had a 16 1/2 inch girth. Dustin will be receiving a master angler award for his catch.

Kathleen Fisher and Katrina accompanied Gayle and Cleo Neal to North Platte on Wednesday of last week to visit Betty Schroeder who was a patient in the hospital.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 26, 1973

A special meeting was held at the Tryon Lodge Hall July 16 with the Sutherland Lodge, at which time the Past Sovereign Grand Master J. Ray King of Sutherland, presented B.C. (Bird) Huffman with a 65-year pin for his continuous membership. This is something that very few people have the honor of receiving. Also at the meeting were John R. Cotton and Lee Waits who received their 25-year pin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seifer and family attended a birthday dinner for his mothers, Mrs. Emma Seifer, on Sunday at the Charles Morgan home in Sutherland. Mrs. Seifer was 79-years young.

Several families met at the Vernon Lutes home for Sunday dinner to honor the birthday of Karen Lutes, Dan Connell

Sr. and Geneva Connell.

Karl Kemp returned to his home in California Saturday after visiting last week with the Richard Kemp family and others.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 25, 1963

Lightning started a fire on the George Pfeiffer ranch north of Ringgold last Thursday. For a time the buildings on the Milton Starr ranch were threatened, but the fire trucks from Tryon and Stapleton and surrounding neighbors brought the fire under control after a half section or more was burned.

This past week, Rev. and Mrs. Winkelmann drove to the Nebraska Wesleyan Methodist Campgrounds, located at Atkinson, for the annual Crusaders Children's camp. The three crusaders attending from Tryon were Lilla Winkelmann, Bradley Harvey and Jimmy Neal.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Beve Neal and extended sympathy to his family. Mr. Neal, age 55, of Portland Oregon, was a former McPherson County resident.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 30, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Haney and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen and Stevie returned home Friday from a trip to Yellowstone Park, the Black Hills and the Myron Lambert home at Cody Wyoming.

Rural Youth Day was held at the Ray Dobbins home last Friday evening with a very nice-sized crowd attending. Some danced in thir garage and the men played some horseshoe games. Also a part of the occasion was Rita Dobbins' birthday.

The Tryon Longhorns baseball team went on a rampage here Sunday and scored 15 runs against a strong Lexington team. Tryon had everything their way all the way, scoring three runs in the first inning. Don Nicholson started pitching the game for the Longhorns and was relieved by Russell Miller in the top of the fifth.

W.E. Neal, owner of the Tryon Sale Barn, was announcing a sale for Thursday, July 30, 1953. Jimmie Martin was the auctioneer.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JULY 29, 1943

Arthur Gragg, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gragg who live north of Hershey, was injured internally last week when he was kicked by a horse. Later in the week, he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in North Platte where an emergency operation was performed.

The sight of a complete threshing outfit on the street Wednesday afternoon is ample proof that the threshing season is at hand. Some combined rye is turning out better

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled." - Mark Twain"

FENDER SKIRTS AND SUPPER

I know some of you will not understand this message, but I bet you know someone who might.

I came across this phrase yesterday. 'FENDER SKIRTS'

A term I haven't heard in a long time, and thinking about 'fender skirts' started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice like 'curb feelers' and 'steering knobs.' (AKA)...'suicide knob,' 'neckers knobs.'

Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first.

Any kids will probably have to find some older person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember 'Continental kits'?

They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them emergency brakes? At some point 'parking brake' became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with 'emergency brake.'

I'm sad, too, that almost

all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the 'foot feed.'

Many today do not even know what a clutch is or that the dimmer switch used to be on the floor. For that matter, the starter was down there too.

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the 'running board' up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - 'store-bought.'

Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a

store-bought bag of candy.

'Coast to coast' is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing.

Now we take the term 'worldwide' for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, 'wall-to-wall' was once a magical term in our homes.

In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting.

Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

If you aren't of a certain age, you must know someone who is.

APRON STRINGS

Blest be the ties that bind
My heart to days long past,
Grandma's apron strings
And memories made to last.

That apron was multi-purpose,
Protection from splatters and stains,
A container for eggs or produce,
Even a head cover when it rains.

A catcher of tears, quencher of fears,
Basket of flowers, a handy dust rag,
Signal for dinner or help is needed,
A multi-use apron with reason to brag.

It sure wasn't fancy with lace and all,
Usually plain old gingham, a flour sack I'm told.
That apron was a blessing to all it came near.
It even bundled up chicks when they were cold.

Trends just pass on or so some say,
Aprons are rarely seen these days,
They were used for ages
So they weren't just a phase.

You find them carefully tucked away
And each has a story to tell.
Look for an apron comeback some day
And the famous old apron will be saved by the bell!

J.R. Trumbull
8 Oct 2015

Water Quality

By: Ben Beckman

When cattle are on pasture, both forage and water quality are important for healthy animals. Surface water is particularly prone to quality issues, such as blue-green algae, salinity, mineral concentrations, or nitrate.

Several factors can cause livestock water to be less than ideal for quality, which can impact animal productivity and health. While not common in Nebraska, salinity or minerals can cause animals to limit or refuse consumption in some locations. In some circumstances concentrations can become high enough to be toxic. Dissolved salt and mineral concentrations increase with dry conditions as water evaporates.

Another issue more common in Nebraska surface water is high nitrates. While elevated nitrates from groundwa-

ter sources feeding a pond may be a cause, more common is runoff from other sources of nitrate contamination. Cattle can deal with nitrate levels in water that are unsafe for human consumption, but the real

danger comes from elevated nitrate levels in water coupled with feed sources that are also high in nitrates. The compounding effect can push

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Senior Lunch At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Serving Begins
@ 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 20 - Philly cheesesteak, potato salad or lettuce salad, pears

Friday, July 21 - Fried chicken (breast or thigh), mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches

Monday, July 24 - Biscuits and sausage gravy, sausage links, hashbrowns, orange slices

Tuesday, July 25 - Taco or taco salad, tortilla chips/salsa, apple

slices
Wednesday, July 26 - Shrimp, baked potato, corn casserole, hush puppies, peaches

Thursday, July 27 - Runza casserole, carrots, pineapple

Friday, July 28 - Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, wheat grain dinner roll, mandarin oranges

Monday, July 31 - French dip, French fries, cheesy broccoli casserole, mandarin oranges

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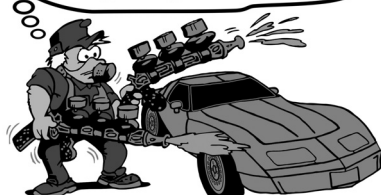
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