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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

Derick Sowders of Barrington's Troop 21, performed July 20 at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in front of 50,000 people. He is the grandson of Ron and Maudene Sowders of Tryon.

Members of the SMC football team were Jesse Paxton, Ross Johnson, Luke Walz, Laramie Fowler, Drew Schaeffer, Jonathon Sonnenfeld, Brett Benell, Clay Seifer, Alex Hinkle, Dane Daigger, Clancey Barnum, Brock Alexander, Trevor Hanna, Justin Cosler, Tanner Donohoe, Peyton Barner, Logan Paben, Garrett Ryland, Will Stickney, Cole Garner, Brandon Klewein, Bryson Phillips, Kyon Neal, Ryan Fillmore, Payton Frey, Cade Pokorny, Sid Simants, Justin Brown, Colby Crow, Brady Baumgartner and Zach Hasenauer, student manager. They were coached by Coach Paben, Coach Shaw, Coach Jones and Coach Sherwood.

McPherson County 4-H'ers competing in the McPherson County Fair Horse Show pictured were: AJ Starr, Aubrey Schultis, Michaela Schultis, Alexx Starr, Kindra Smith and Arika Starr.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

Kasey Dailey was the winning senior beef showman. Other 4-H'ers pictured with their winning exhibits were: Shane Suchy and Miles Creel.

Five foreign exchange students from Germany were enrolled in classes at McPherson County High School in Tryon for the 2003-2004 school term. They were: Martin Doring, Daniel Hozbauer, Nele Hansel, Stefanie Allritz and Jennifer Bigalke. All five were members of the MCHS Junior Class.

Angens Mary Kelley, 81, of Gering, passed away August 30; Funeral services for Fern Mann Allen Morrow Salmon, formerly of Tryon, were held September 10, 2003.

Kenny Kemp and his construction crew, Double KP Construction Co. were hard at work Monday Morning, September 8th removing the roof from the west part of the Tryon Lodge Building. Some much needed repairs and remodeling will take place.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 9, 1993

Tony and Deb (Connell) Hall and children recently moved to the home of her parents, Dan and Geneva Connell, who live north of Tryon. Tony is attending classes at Mid-Plains Community College for pre-physical therapist assistant

courses. Their children, Leron and Taylor, are in third grade and kindergarten at District #4 in Tryon.

Leah Black, Jerry Neal and Shelly Arendorf and son, Jeremy, attended the wedding of Amanda Madrigal, daughter of Beth Ehrbar, in North Platte on August 27.

Gayle Neal returned to her teaching position at Red Mill School north of Hyannis on Tuesday.

Dorothy Kramer attended the wedding of Lori Gregg and Billy Munson in Tryon, Saturday, September 4, and reports it was a very pretty wedding. She also attended the reception and dance that followed.

The Helping Hand Club

met September 1st with Clara Daly at her home in Tryon. Ten members were present as well as three guests, Wayne Connell, Don Pettit and Linda Paxton.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 8, 1983

Sam Connell of Tryon, with his horse Shea, won the All-Around Champion trophy at the 1983 Open Class Horse Show, held August 19 at Tryon. Sarah Bauer won the trophy for Grand Champion Halter division with her gelding, Prince. The Grand Champion Halter trophy went to Holee Coffman and her horse, Daisy.

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



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

Joshua J. Marine

This article about a common item found in most farm and ranch shops is quite interesting. It is going to be a 2 part series but it does have some very useful information. WD-40 - Who knew! I had a neighbor who

bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason).

I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open.

Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I was impressed!

WD-40 who knew? "Water Displacement #40". The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts.

WD-40 was created in 1953, by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'Water Displacement' Compound. They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt,

thus WD-40. The 'Convair Company' bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It's a miracle!

Then try it on your stove-top. It's now shinier than it's ever been.

You'll be amazed.

WD-40 Uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floor that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps the flies off of cows, horses, and other farm critters.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.

Between the Lines

Walz Family

I plan to share a few memories of the Walz name this week. As you, who live in the Sandhills of Nebraska know, we are closely connected and related and one name always blends with another, and records and memories often mix. I plan to just stir your sense of curiosity, because many familiar names will surface.

Selfishly, I plan to just write a two pronged story of familiarity with the Harlen Walz family starting first and then a few memories of the next generation ending with Marv.

John and Mae Walz, and a brother of John, named Nick, came to Arthur County from the Stapleton area and took Kincaid sections in 1913. When Nick went to the service, in WW I, he sold his land to John. Another two sections has been added to the land of John and Nick, which includes land which had been owned by Alfred. An interesting note to me is that when the well quit, near the house on this land in the dead of winter, brother Don and I chopped through a patch of ice to drill a new well, and hooked the mill up with a rocker arm to avoid moving the tower.

A couple little updates for Arthur people, part of which will soon be history and forgotten. When Henry Swanson, father-in-law of Harlen, spearheaded the drive to build a nicer fence around the cemetery, he recruited Jens Pihl to lay the brick posts for the front gate. When Mae Walz died in

1967, the family recruited my brother Don to build the sign over the brick corners and, as of now, it still has the plaque with that information. In 2023 with some changing and repair of Highway 62 and 92 the gate has been moved farther north along the east side of the cemetery.

During my junior year of high school I worked for Lloyd Heath for half of my room and board for the first semester. Lloyd had a repair shop about where the post office is now and he had the 'Old Cowboys Rest Home' where I pumped gas for 19.9 cents a gallon. When Lloyd left Arthur at semester, Harlen moved to town and ran a repair shop in Lloyd's building until he began to work for the state in 1952. He started in November working for \$1.25 per hour and using his own truck for repairing Highway 62. Harlen married Lois Swanson on February 15, 1948 and raised his family of four in Arthur.

Harlen was the youngest of his five siblings, children of John and Mae.

The only girl, Elizabeth, married Ben Fulcher who was a barber in Arthur until they moved to be near army bases where he was able to manage a GI haircut, which could have been a substitute for a 'scalping', in about three minutes.

Alfred married Nellie Wheeler and died quite young in 1965. Nellie later married Al Knott and lived with him, in Arthur, until 2005. One of Alfred and Nellie's sons was Marv, whom I promised to use the rest of my words about this week.

Marvin was born as the third child of Alfred and Nellie in December of

Dean Thompson

1941, married an Arthur County girl, Theo Wilson, and the rest of my words are at random about Marv.

Marv purchased the home place in 1968 and lived there until his death May 20, 2020 of pancreatic cancer. He, and Theo raised their two children, Troy and Del Rae here. Del Rae was killed in a tragic car accident and Troy has raised his family of boys and served as Custer County Agent in Broken Bow.

Marv graduated from High School at Arthur in 1960 and was drafted into the Army in 1964. He served in Vietnam, contacted Malaria and was discharged in December of 1965. He married Theo in June of 1966, and moved back to the home place in 1967.

Marv was an accomplished horseman and cattleman. I once bought a good 'old' horse from him. Due to some dietary requirements of Troy, Marv raised buffalo among his cattle. He was a skillful worker of iron and I often shared delivery of a load of steel with him. Perhaps I should have made some reference earlier, but I like to be grouped with Marv, and Harlen too, in our mutual connection to the church at Arthur. I have to admit to a little jealousy in confessing my envy to their earlier arrival at heaven's gate where anything I have written will be negated by a booming, or perhaps only a whispered, "Well Done."

There is much more mention of the Walz name in other places, including the Arthur history book and I hope some of my personal references will encourage others to bring some thoughts to the surface.

DO AND DON'T DO

If you do do what you should do
And you don't do what you shouldn't do,
Then you'll be OK.

But if you do do what you shouldn't do
Then you'll have to pay.
The cost may be small
Or the price may be great
But if you have done
What you shouldn't do
Then it's now too late!

You can't undo what's already done
Even if when you did it,
It seemed like fun.
All you can do is straighten up your act
And from now on
Behave with some tact
And do do what you should do,
Shun what you shouldn't do
And life will be better,

J.R. Trumbull

NE Stockman's Tour to be held at Ogallala Livestock Auction Market, Sept. 7

You are invited to the Nebraska Stockman's Tour. The program will be held at Ogallala Livestock Auction Market, 1507 W 1st St., Ogallala NE. Check-in September 7th at 12:30 Mountain Time with the program starting at 1:30 p.m. This is your chance to get Beef Quality Assurance certified as well as gain knowledge on beef production and handling.

Topics and speakers for the tour are:
Controlling Flies and Lice on Livestock by Dave Boxler, Nebraska Extension Educator

Livestock Behavior Principles by Ruth Woiwode,

Nebraska Extension Animal Behaviorist

Livestock Handling Techniques and Tips (Demonstration) by Randy Saner Extension Educator and Ruth Woiwode Nebraska Extension BQA Training and Certification by Jesse Fulton, Director of Nebraska Beef Quality Assurance, NE Extension

For more information and to register for the program contact Randy Saner by phone 308-532-2683 or by e-mail to rsaner2@unl.edu The cost is \$20 per person payable at the event which includes your BQA certification.

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