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TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 14, 2013
McPherson County Clerk and election official, Judy Dailey, was one of 24 county election officials in Nebraska honored for their many years of service by Secretary of State John Gale.

Members of the Chadron State Community Chorus and the CSC Concert Choir combined to sing "The Girl I Left Behind Me," for a standing room only crowd at the Chadron Arts Center. Remington Cutler was a member of the choir.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 13, 2003
Kevin Starr of Tryon, was the successful bidder at the absolute auction of 160 acres owned by Carl Compton and located 13 miles south of Tryon. The building site and hay ground sold November 6 at the Lodge Hall in Tryon for \$410.00/acre.

The McPherson County Sheriff is continuing to seek information after vandalism and a suspicious fire that occurred in the county during the late hours of Saturday evening, November 1 and early Sunday morning, November 2. Sheriff Jim Scott reported he and the McPherson County Fire Department were called to a fire at approximately 10:30 p.m. at Maxine Lovitt's pivot located three miles east of Ringgold. The fire was started from an undetermined origin and 40 alfalfa bales were destroyed.

While firemen and the sheriff were at the fire someone spray painted the garage door and van owned by Tom and Mary Metcalf in Tryon.

Dan Albrecht, who lives 20 miles south of Tryon, reported that sometime late Saturday evening, November 1 or early Sunday morning, November 2, a 750-pound replacement breeding heifer was shot just east of their home.

Mr. David Thelen, music and speech instructor at McPherson County High School, has been named Governor for the State of Nebraska Optimists International group.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 18, 1993
Two accidents were reported near Tryon this week. Gina Streiff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Streiff, escaped serious injuries at about 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 14, when the vehicle she was driving went off a curve on icy roads 3.2 miles west of Tryon and landed on its top. McPherson County Sheriff Steve Waits said Gina was eastbound on Highway 92 at the time. The Sheriff's department in-

vestigated another accident about 1.5 miles east of the Jim Power place Monday morning, November 15, when Scott Steele of Tryon, hit a calf belonging to Melvin Buckley. There were no personal injuries in the accident and only moderate damage to the vehicle.

Bob and Marie Stevenson from north of Tryon, were among other friends, and relatives and neighbors who charivariied newlyweds, Shane and Barbara Musser, at their home south of Tryon, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton and their three children, Claire, Katy and Craig of Derby, Kansas spent the Veterans Day weekend with Carl's grandmother, Rose Kahoe.

FORTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 17, 1983
Hazel Haase, Ernestine Mann and Helen Wendling took Eve Haddy to the Ramada Inn in North Platte November 6 for Eva's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lake of North Platte were the parents of a baby girl, Susanne Renee, born November 7.

Carol Moore was inducted as the new County Extension Chairman for 1984 at the McPherson County Extension Council meeting held November 14, 1983. The group voted to pay a share in the plaque that was given to Terry Gompert as a farewell token.

Bruce and Elma Shimmmin of Livingston, Montana, arrived in Tryon Monday morning after spending the weekend at Ash Hollow with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Shimmmin.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 15, 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Dobbins, were to observe their 60th Wedding anniversary on November 18, at the Hershel Dobbins home near Stapleton.

Home Agent, Miss Deborah Langley, assisted with a meeting of the McPherson County Home Extension Council November 7 at Tryon. The meeting was called to order by County Chairman, Mrs. Bill Erickson. Mrs. Alma Stoddard, co-chairman and secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Veterans Day program at the high school Monday began with the "Star Spangled Banner" being played by the band and sung by the audience, which was followed by a song by the Swing Choir. Speeches and poems were given by Mary Miller, Merry Bullington, Kathy Neal, Shareen Nicholson, and

Shirla Hatch. There was a skit by the speech class and a song by Rodney Trumbull.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 14, 1963
Penny Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller of Ringgold, was awarded the 1963 David Trophy at the McPherson County 4-H Achievement Night in Tryon. The David trophy is presented annually by the David Store of Tryon to the outstanding 4-H Livestock member of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shimmmin of Backus, Minnesota, and Frank and Jessie Shimmmin returned from a ten-day trip to Idaho, where they had visited Roy Shimmmin, Mrs. Roy Bennett and other relatives.

The Helping Hand Club had their annual fun night at the Soddy Saturday night. Susan Jean Rothwell was crowned as the 1964 "Soddy Queen," by outgoing queen, Susan Tucker. Jean was the recipient of an Elgin wrist watch from Gould's Jewelry at North Platte.

Mr. Jack Popham, operator of the deer check station at Tryon, reports that 29 deer were checked in at Tryon during the deer hunting season, which closed at sundown November 10.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 19, 1953
Cpl. Gerald Moore, son of Bus and Dorothy Moore, arrived home Saturday morning to spend a 13-day furlough with home folks. He is stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado. Gerald was a Tryon visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Hazel Trego underwent major surgery in the Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, Tuesday morning. Her husband, Bill, returned home early Wednesday morning and reports that she is recovering well.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft Haddy and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Black left Friday for Lincoln. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gibson and family Friday night. They attended the football game in Lincoln on Saturday. Taft and Eva visited with Clay Wright at the hospital while there. Returning home on Sunday, they stopped and visited Mr. and Mrs. Woody Davis and family at Huntley.

Rusty Correll came home from the hospital Sunday. He spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Correll in North Platte.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 18, 1943
Walter Avery lost nine head of yearlings and cows from corn stalk poisoning last week. The herd had been turned in on bunched hay near a small corn patch on which the stalks had been mowed down some time before. The loss is a

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say any words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in the world and the life to come."

Henri Nourwen
"In the wee hours of the morning, my mind went wondering. Down old roads, with old dogs, old folks, and old ways. Those things still have a lot to offer in this sped-up world we live in. Isn't it a shame no one has the time to enjoy them? I went back to when I was a little girl in the '50s. With bellies full from Sunday dinner, the men visited with each other on the porch as the women ate, cleared off the tables, shoed away unwelcomed flies, and covered the leftovers with tablecloths. No need to refrigerate. The kitchen was humming with chatter as they washed and dried dishes then settled into the living room for more visiting.

Outside, the boys played horseshoes as the elders looked on. Handkerchiefs work overtime dabbing beads of sweat that glistened the foreheads. The little girls jumped rope and others play with their dollies on the steps. While inside, with no air conditioning, the visiting ladies fanned themselves while boasting of the latest successes of their

grown children.

The men turn their attention to the coming harvest or perhaps the stories from the battles of the Great War. Peppered in between is the mention of the lucky family who proudly own a new car or truck. Of course to make it a perfect day, the humming of the cranks, turning in ice cream freezers, and perhaps an ice cold watermelon was sliced. All was right with the world.

What might have been on any particular Sunday is only left to my imagination now. One thing is certain, silence rules today. The best of days has passed for that old homeplace. A beautiful home it was. Now forlorn and awaiting an inevitable end. Slowly, nails rust and wood buckles. Only time can name the hour when she'll stand no more, but the memories will live as long as there is one of those family members left to take in breath.

Today, it is painful to watch children trying to show off for parents who are engrossed in their cell phones. Children are nos-

talgie for the 'good old days' when parents used to read to them without the cell phone by their side. To watch football games or Disney movies without having the Smartphone handy.

Everything has become so easy. It's great that it's at our fingertips, and we're connected, but it can also be very alienating. There is this distance between all of us because we're speaking to each other through cameras and monitors and icons and Emojis.

I miss those good old days, when even though my body was faster, the pace was slower. Sometimes, we need to go where we can hear a screen door slam, echoes of our parents calling our name, catch lightning bugs and put them in an old Mason fruit jar and hoping for the opportunity to wish on a falling star.

Sometimes, I wish I could just rewind back to the old days and press pause...just for a little while." *from Giggles & Mustard Seeds Knits & Pearls by Jane Fowler Whitehead*

HARD LESSONS

Many hard lessons have I learned
As I've journeyed on life's trail.
Words are cheap and flattery vain,
Honesty and integrity never fail.

Romance isn't worth all the fuss,
Time will show what's true.
Don't get the cart before the horse
Or you'll be done before you're through!

Take time to know the field
And how it's best to be played.
Rushing can make a mess of it all
Even when the best plans were laid.

Dreams can be deceiving
With thoughts of what might be.
The person you think that I am
Might not even be me.

J.R. Trumbull
4 Oct 2012

Corn Stalk Nutrition

Todd Whitney

Many cattle producers acknowledge that corn stalks grazing is not meeting the needs of their cows compared to past decades. So, what are those contributing factors?

First, average cow size is now larger resulting in higher daily forage intake per cow. This has led to stover stocking rates needing adjustment; and/or nutrient supplements being used more frequently when grazing corn stalks.

Secondly, combine efficiency has improved, so less grain remains in fields after harvest. In the past, grain content in harvested stalk fields was estimated to be 4%; today grain losses are below 2%. Exceptions might include corn fields where hail, high winds or other adverse weather increased stalk lodging.

Finally, overall corn stalks nutrient are likely lower compared to his-

toric book values such 4-7% crude protein corn stalks content estimates. Current corn hybrids are bred to move more plant stored nutrients into the grain at the end of the growing season. So, plants may cannibalize carbohydrates from stalks if nutrients are lacking in the plant to complete ear filling and plumping corn kernels.

In some cases, nutrient deficiencies may simply have resulted in lower yields such as a flex-hybrid corn producing 30 bushels less per acre. However, severely cannibalized stalks may have poor stalk quality and higher lodging and breakage. The upside for the livestock grazers, lodged fields may have more grain remaining in the fields; thus, potentially providing more energy for the grazing animals.

Corn pest resistance breeding has also improved insect and disease resistance. These im-

proved genetics have reduced lodging and led to stalks that break down or digest less rapidly; leaving behind stalks that may be less palatable for livestock and fewer digestible nutrients.

Senior Lunch At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Serving Begins
@ 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 20 - Meat loaf, roasted potatoes, carrots, peaches, wheat grain dinner roll

Nov. 21 - Grilled ham and cheese, tomato or chili soup, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges

Nov. 22 - Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, apple slices or applesauce

Nov. 23 - Closed
Nov. 24 - Closed

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