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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 15, 2014

The 94th graduation exercises at McPherson County High School in Tryon were held May 10. Jesse Paxton was valedictorian and Alexander Hinkle was salutatorian. Kadee Cutler and Clay Seifer gave the opening and closing remarks.

MPCC Nurse Educator, Lana Albrecht-Watson was presented with the 'You Rock' award for her service to the LPN program.

McPherson County third graders attending the "Progressive Agriculture Safety Day" in North Platte were: Jaxton Starr, Stephanie Viter, Annalee Starr, Isabella Arensdorf, Josie Coffman, Cash Kemp, Jaxon Holm and Kinnley Powers.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 13, 2004

Josh Streiff was valedictorian and Stacy Neal, salutatorian, of the graduating class at McPherson County High School.

The McPherson County track team competed in the Stapleton Invite. Taylor Lovitt broke Kerri Moore's triple jump record with 32' 2". Margo McNutt broke Angie Jameson's 800 meter record with a 2:51 run.

Robert William Long, 89, died on the home ranch.

Brent E. Kramer graduated in January from the U.S. Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Erin Connell was among students who graduated from Central Community College at Hastings.

Lenard and Rose Pyzer were requesting a card shower in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The May meeting of the Helping Hand Club was held at the home of Dorothy and Buss Pueppka.

Megan Suchy placed second in pole bending in the Panhandle High School Rodeo in Mitchell.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 19, 1994

Ed Black received a fire fighters award from the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Sue Masters paid the required filing fee and accepted the Democratic nomination for the position of McPherson County Board of Commissioners. Sue received the top write-in votes for the position in the May 10 Primary Election and would have her name placed on the general ballot with Harold E. Arensdorf, Hans Johnson and R. Edward Sowders.

Rev. Robert Barrick would be the new pastor at the United Methodist

Church. LaDonna Connell was named a United States National Award winner as a Scholastic All-American.

The Lady Longhorns traveled to Broken Bow and Megan Wilkie qualified for the state meet in the 100 meter dash by placing second in the 200 meter dash by winning that event. She was first in the 400 meter dash and qualified in that event.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 1984

Susan Thompson of Sutherland graduated from Hastings College.

Craig Dailey and Mark Trumbull were the two seniors named to the honor roll for the fourth nine weeks.

Services were held for Lulu Haney Wilson who died at Broken Bow.

Lorine and Max Rothwell hosted the Helping Hand Club in their home.

Mike and Ruth Shimin were the parents of a new baby boy, Benjamin Aaron.

An open house would be held to honor Clarence and Ethel Pinkerton on their 50th wedding anniversary and James and Anna Pinkerton on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Olive Fisher and Susie Bond accompanied by their sister, Nellie Swayze, returned after enjoying a tour to Hawaii.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 16, 1974

David Bierma graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture.

The annual 4-H Sunday service would be held at sunrise May 19. Gather at the football field for the program if the weather is fair. Rev. Nixon was the speaker.

All members except one, were present when the Friendly Workers Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Van Natta.

Cucumbers were .15 each and strawberries, three pints for \$1.00 at the David Store.

District #7 closed school with a picnic in Cody Park at North Platte.

The Tryon community was donating a saddle to the State High School Rodeo to be held at North Platte.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dobbins of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Morris of Denver were among those planning to attend the graduation exercises for Del Morris who would graduate from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Mrs. Del Morris was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul French.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 14, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmidt was surprised when their children gathered in with filled baskets to help celebrate Mother's Day and Dad's birthday.

Penny Miller reported on the Hi-Flyers 4-H Club meeting. The members carrying a cooking project judged cookies at the Huck Kemp home.

Paul Nathaniel Rundback, age 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rundback of Colorado, fell in a stock tank and drowned at the home of his grandparents. The boy was playing alone when he fell in the tank.

Baccalaureate services were held in the Tryon Community Methodist Church of the 1944 graduates of McPherson County High School. There was six seniors graduating - Tom Kemp, Jr., Lorna Miller, Diane Traphagan, Jim Paxton, Dale Pettit and Sanford Neal.

Advertising congratulating the senior Class of 1964 were The David Store, Tryon Telephone Co., Do Drop Inn Cafe, Neal Conoco, Lariat Cafe and The Tryon Graphic.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 20, 1954

Robert Boyd Cotton and Jannie Ann Stoddard were featured in the 1953-54 seniors of McPherson County High School in this issue.

Lois Hunn presented a piano recital at the Tryon grade school. Students participating were Tommy Ellis, Roger Neal, Shirley Hunn, Jimmy Power, Jerry Black, Douglas Smolik, Jerry Snyder, Judy Smith and Barbara Patchin.

There would be a double bridal shower for Karen McClintock and Richard Fisher at the high school auditorium.

Mr. Gene Hunsaker and some of the high school boys went on a fishing trip.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MAY 18, 1944

Pfc. Gaylon Garska was inducted into the Army and took his training with the Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft division at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was featured in the "Serving Uncle Sam" column.

About 50 pupils took part in the written spelling contest during rural school day activities. Winners were 8th grade - Wilma Winters, Alma Winters and three tied for third place, Pauline French, Lila Pyzer and Leona Cash and 7th grade - Nina Lee Waits and Eunice Miller, Douglas Hogue and Gaylord Wright.

Mrs. R.M. Howard and son Sgt. Robert Howard, spent a part of last week at their ranch at Flats.

Commencement week activities for the McPherson County High School class of 1944 would start with the Baccalaurean



Quote: "Never base your life decisions on advice from people who don't have to deal with the consequences." - Unknown

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know" prayer? It's very spiritual. You just go off somewhere quiet and hidden and you walk right up to the heart of God and you say, "I don't know."

I don't know where to go from here.

I don't know what is happening or why this is happening.

I don't know how to process this.

I don't know what to do with these emotions.

I don't know how to handle this situation.

It covers a lot of I don't knows.

And then with whatever dusty little sand grain of faith you have left, you say, "But You know."

And you leave it there. God most certainly hears that prayer. Found on Facebook

BE STILL

"Be still my child," the good Lord said
He didn't mean follow my own stubborn head.

"Be still" means to wait for His wise lead,
Not to go off on our own without heed.

"Be still" doesn't mean that you're on the right path,
Doing what you want can bring its own wrath.

"Be still means to wait and to trust,
To be quietly still without any fuss.

It's so hard to be still when all seems right,
Doing your own thing doesn't rely on God's might.

Waiting on God teaches patience they say,
Sometimes that waiting can make a long stay.

"Be quiet and heed My Word" is the heart of it all,
We just have to wait for the Savior's clear call.

His Ways are not ours as He speaks to our heart.
"Be patiently still" and He will tell you where to start.

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1 Sept 2016

McPherson County High School Alumni to gather May 25

The 2024 executive committee of the McPherson County High School Alumni has been putting finishing touches on the event that will be held Saturday evening, May 25, at the school in Tryon.

The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and reservations are required by May 20. Kathleen Fisher will prepare the chicken fried steak meal at a cost of \$15.00 per meal. Any profit from the meal is donated to the scholarship fund. A business meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m., grand march at 8:00 p.m. and dance from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. by Doug Powers and Top Shelf Country. The dance is open to the public.

A Texas Hold 'Em and pitch tournament will be held at MCHS at 5:30 p.m. with an entry fee of \$10.00.

Stanley and Shareen Munson are hosting a Class of 1974 get-together starting at 5:00 p.m. at The Lodge. Dinner will be covered and you can purchase your favorite drink at the bar. This is your chance to relive the good old days and catch up with old friends. Be prepared to laugh, smile, and share your fondest memories and craziest stories.

Honored Classes are:
Class of 1944: Vera Winters Butrick, Twyla McNutt Dancer, Emily Stoddard Tucker and deceased members Jo Clifford Dawson, Ruby Moore Grubb, Dixie Babb Hiner, Betty Babb Lange, Wanda Bellew Losh, Gerald Pyzer, and John Wilson.

Class of 1954: Rita Dobbins Correll, Lois Jameson Holton, Betty Smith

Hunn and deceased members Bonnie Connell Bullington, Bobby Cotton, Tom Hora, Jannie Stoddard Matzen, Janis Black Nielsen, Rose Paxton Pyzer and Helen Wilson Trumbull.

Class of 1964: Lorna Miller Dobbins, Diane Traphagan Groff, Tom Kemp, James Paxton, Dale Pettit and deceased member Sanford Neal.

Class of 1974: Dan Arensdorf, Jeff Arensdorf, Billie Smith Burch, Kent Correll, Rod Daly, Kathleen Neal Fisher, Kent Fisher, Jim Kemp, Mary Miller McCormick, Shareen Nicholson Munson, Stanley Munson, Brozy Wilkins and deceased members Shirla Hatch Brouwer, Edwin Bullington, and Colleen Schraeder Miller.

Class of 1984: Edd Black, Randy Connell, Craig Dailey, Shari Musser, and Mark Trumbull.

Class of 1994: Toby Black, Jake Bryant, Theresa Bryant, Brad Howery, LaDonna Connell Jackman, Jason Munson, and Tanya Fisher O'Brien.

Class of 2004: Troy Connick, Jennifer Albrecht Dalrymple, George Licking, Beau Licking, Megan Morgan, Stacy Neal, Britany Pettit Pittet, Leah Christopher Ramsey, Amanda Albrecht Shilling, Josh Streiff and Josh Weatherly.

Class of 2014: Isaac Ascherl, Elizabeth Barnhill, Levi Brott, Mary Drake, Alex Hinkle, Melinda Rios Lucero, Kadee Cutler McVay, James Paine, Jesse Paxton, Clay Seifer and Ty Waits.

Class of 2024: Katherine

Anderson, Kaden Blake, Tara Phelps and Braden Sellers-Powell.

Deceased since last newsletter are:

Class of 1944: Betty Babb Lange, died August 28, 2015

Class of 1950: Lawrence Courtright, died March 22, 2020

Class of 1972: Ranold "Randy" Fisher, died May 11, 2023

Class of 1987: Troy Whited, died July 4, 2023

Class of 1965: Vivian Bierma Licking, died July 18, 2023

Class of 1955: Pete Pyzer, died August 22, 2023

Class of 1974: Shirla Hatch Brouwer, died September 27, 2023

Class of 2007: Matthew Fiechtner, died October 2, 2023

Class of 1945: Alice French Dobbins, died November 2, 2023

Class of 1957: Roger Neal, died November 10, 2023

Class of 1945: Cleo Avery Connell, died November 14, 2023

Class of 1957: Lois Elaine Anway, died February 27, 2024

Class of 1954: Rose Paxton Pyzer, died March 20, 2024

Class of 1945: Ruth Dancer Stephenson, died April 2, 2024

Class of 1957: Charles Trumbull, died April 13, 2024

Serving on the executive committee are Bruce Huffman, president; Ed Sowders, vice president; Linda Kemp, secretary-treasurer; Pam Schmidt, co-secretary; and Gayle Neal, newsletter and address chairman.

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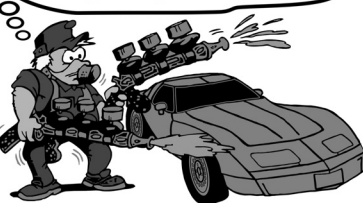
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