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Over The Hills

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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 1, 2014

James Paine was in this week's MCHS Spotlight. The April Red Cross Blood Drive in McPherson County met its goal with 22 people presented with 21 units being collected.

The McPherson County School's FFA team competed at the state convention, April 9-11 in Lincoln. The Livestock Management Team with members Kadee Cutler, Ruth Licking, Jesse Paxton, Clay Seifer, Kindra Smith and Kandace Ward received a blue and were second place in swine.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 29, 2004

A 275-foot tower for high-band radios was installed on Russell Hill just northwest of Tryon last week by Custer Public Power District.

A liquor license for the new Iron Horse Steak House at Tryon was approved Friday, April 23, 2004, by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission in Lincoln.

Lydia W. Smolik, 62, of Lincoln died Saturday, April 17, 2004 at her home in Lincoln.

Births: Milan and Terri Kugler of Oshkosh have a new great-granddaughter, Alison Renae Schance, born April 25 to Chris and Starita Schance of Boise, Idaho. Craig and Hillary Cotton of Omaha were the parents of a son, Robert Jack, born April 8.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 5, 1994

The Junior Class Play, "Aladdin," was presented Friday evening in the MCHS Gym. The play, which was directed by Lisa Phillips, was put on by: Dustin Wilkie, DanDee Connell, Justin Moore, Dawna Arensdorf, Allen Correll, Lana Albrecht, Lori Kemp, Heidi Brouwer, Chad Fisher, Megan Wilkie, Jay D. Powers, Theresa Bryant, LaDonna Connell, Jody Munson, Tammy Black and Amanda Jackson.

Memorial services for the Rev. JoAnne Flora, 62, who died April 27, 1994 as the result of a car accident near Brule, were held May 2 at the United Methodist Church in Mullen.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 1984

Lois Connell hosted a birthday supper at her home for the birthdays of Don Hatch and Dorothy Haney.

Crystal Pettit, a junior at McPherson County High School, won the American Legion Auxiliary Art Gray Unit #189 Americanism essay contest. There were 26 entries, all from the high school group.

Susan Kowalski of Grand Island would start work as an extension assistant for the Central Sandhills Extension Area. Mike and Ruth Shimmin were the parents of a baby boy.

Class of 1984 graduates were Mark Richard Trumbull, Craig Leon Dailey, Randall Dean Connell, Shari Michelle Musser and Orval Edward Black, Jr.

Quilting was the main topic of discussion at the Ringgold Craft Club when they met at the Kathleen Fisher home. Four members and two guests worked on a baby quilt for Rochelle Kemp.

Johnson-Vinton Feed Store in Tryon was announcing new store hours beginning May 15.

Kerri Moore placed third in the long jump; third in the 200 meter dash; fourth in the 100 meter dash; and ran a leg of the second place 400 meter relay as the

McPherson County girls track team placed fifth in the Oregon Trails Conference Track Meet.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 2, 1974

Vera Gragg attended the Nebraska Bank Women's Convention in Lincoln over the weekend.

Ribbon winners at the Great Plains Conference track meet at Ogallala were Bonnie Mowry and Nancy Gregg. Mowry received a fourth place in the 880 yard run.

McPherson County's spring tea was held and well attended. Mrs. Jean Hora and the sextet performed a song and the special program was a cake decorating and figure piping demonstration.

The Joyful Generation youth group met at Hall Church. A Bible quiz was followed by games led by Rick and Roger Trumbull.

Improvement Club officers would be Donna Daly, president; Beth Sharp, vice president; Helen Trumbull, secretary-treasurer and Elaine Miller, news reporter.

Smokey Allen had been transferred to the rest home at Mullen and would welcome visitors.

The Clarence Arensdorfs held their branding with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Seifer and Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hoatson and family.

Dale Rundback had the misfortune to be hit in the eye by a ball at school. His parents took him to the doctor at North Platte and he stayed overnight in North Platte with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rundback.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 7, 1964

Clyde Wilson was honored with a basket dinner at Hall Church on his retirement from 35 years on the Rural Mail Route. Over 150 people attended.

Maretta Schmidt was awarded a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond as second place winner in the Custer Public Power District essay contest.

Services were held in California, for Walter Alfred Pyzer, 75. He had homesteaded in McPherson County and married Nellie Dobbins on June 1, 1911.

Robert J. McPherrin of Stapleton and Chester Paxton were candidates for Legislature in the 40th District.

The David Store was holding a "Rural School Day" sale and the Helping Hand Club would hold their annual bake sale. With any purchase at the bake sale, you would receive a coupon that entitled you to purchase many items in the David Store. Two items for the price of one!

Jean Snyder, a member of the National Fraternity of Musicians and Piano Hobbyists of the World, recently won a National Audition award. Each student was required to play 10 pieces from memory before a judge. This was Jean's second award.

Polly Paxton, presided over the business meeting of the Hi-Flyers 4-H Club. Girls taking "Groom Your Room" learned how to make a bed correctly at the meeting held at the Von Paxton home.

L.H. Babb, owner of the Ringgold Store, was advertising garden seed, onion sets and plants. Golden Cross Sweet corn, Dekalb seed corn and seed potatoes.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 6, 1954

Don Nicolson and the Nebraska Ramblers would be playing for a dance at Tryon on May 8. Helen Harriett Wilson was featured in the 1953-54 senior of "McPherson County High School" news. Her immediate plans were to teach school.

Grading on the Arthur-Tryon road had been competed and the last of the equipment had been moved on to their next job. Oiling had been slowed up by the winter weather.

The Eany, Meany, Miny 4-H Club met at Bill Haney's. Officers elected were Marla Connell, president; Patti Haney, vice president and secretary; and Pat Hallsted, news reporter.

Max Allen Connell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Connell, died April 23.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MAY 4, 1944

Private First Class Clayton Heldenbrand, son of Mrs. Cinda Heldenbrand of Tryon, was featured in this issue of *The Graphic*.

Hermel Priest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Priest, was among a group of young men who recently left Hooker County for pre-induction physical exams for the armed forces.

Nina B. Lambkin of the state department of health would meet with project club presidents and club health leaders in Tryon to plan for further immunizations in the county.

Leon Anderson left for Farragut, Idaho to begin his boot training in the U.S. Navy. Leon is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, now of Missouri, but recently of Tryon, to enter the service of Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Ed Daly was happily surprised last Saturday night when her brother, Harold Johnson, U.S. Navy, turned up for the house-warming.

A new 4-H club had been organized in District No. 48 with Mrs. Virgil Shineman as leader.

Wilma Neal reported that the Junior Home-maker Club met at the home of Ruth and Rose Hunn.

In grade school news, it was reported the following pupils were on the A-B honor roll in the Primary Room: Ina Smith, Janis Black, Neal Smith, Yvonne Gressley, Martin Smolik, Raymond Dancer and Marcia Gideon.

Lois Jameson, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jameson, had been ill in St. Mary's hospital in North Platte where she has been treated for mastoid.

The Graphic had received several hundred birthday and get well cards. They were selling for 5 cents each.

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Quote: "Be very grateful for the small pleasures of life."

Monica Harvey shared this several years ago. When I saw it in my Facebook memories, I thought it needed to be shared again.

Seven STEPS TO STRENGTHEN PRAYER: PRAYERS ARE LIKE ARROWS: ..strong ones that change lives, bring healing,..

It is not the ARITHMETIC of our prayers—how MANY they be; nor the RHETORIC of our prayers—how ELOQUENT they be; nor their GEOMETRY—how LONG they be; nor their MUSIC—how SWEET their VOICE may be; nor their LOGIC—how ARGUMENTATIVE they be; nor yet their METHOD—how ORDERLY they be; nor even their DIVINITY—how GOOD their DOCTRINE may be, which God cares for: but it is the FERVENCY of SPIRIT which AVAILETH much.

(Bishop Joseph Hall, 1808)

Prayer is not a formula or something that only "works" if we do it perfectly, in just the right way. Careless prayers are like arrows that fall hazardingly at our feet. Prayers that we offer with little care or effort typically will do little after leaving our mouths (but be careful about underestimating God). On the other hand, when shot with strength and desire and fervor, our prayers fly swiftly toward heaven to the throne of God himself (Revelation 8:4)

God loves to make his

people into skilled archers in the discipline of prayer, with prayers like arrows—fervent and strong ones that change lives, bring healing, impact our nations, alter history, unite the church and above all display God's glory.



BE A DANIEL

Dare to be like Daniel
From the pages of God's Word,
Stand firm in faith and conviction,
Make sure the story is heard.

Stand against the pressure
As the world would have its way,
Defy unethical authority,
Don't surrender to its sway.

Look to God for provision,
Guidance, and for wisdom.
Search His Word daily
Diligently in His freedom.

We all face our lions
As we go along the way.
We need to stand with Jesus
And not let the world hold sway.

God is ever with us
No matter how it may seem.
He has promised His assurance
Though worldly temptations team.

So, stand firm like Daniel,
Stay true to God's Word.
Stand fast in faith and conviction,
Make sure the story is heard.

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10 Oct 2018

Early Season Alfalfa Irrigation

Todd Whitney

Alfalfa is a tough perennial with established rooting depths down eight feet or more. Depending on deep soil profile moisture, some varieties can extend Spring dormancy and survive up to 45 days without rainfall. However, forage yields drop dramatically; since alfalfa requires about 6 inches of root available water to produce 1 ton of forage per acre.

So, what irrigation strategy is recommended for alfalfa during the early Spring season prior to the first cutting? Remember that once perennial alfalfa plants experience moisture deficiency, soil moisture storage catch up through irrigation is difficult especially during the hot summer season due to high ET (evapotranspiration) water needs. Also, stressed plants may drop leaves prematurely; even if the alfalfa cutting is har-

vested before the recommended one-tenth bloom alfalfa development stage to salvage yield. This timing disruption may impact target irrigation just prior to the first cutting to increase regrowth tonnage for the succeeding crop.

Early season irrigation linked with first cutting alfalfa can potentially lower water use sharply; because transpiration is lower when the leaf foliage is removed. Following first cutting, irrigation might be delayed slightly in fields where weeds could respond quicker to the moisture than alfalfa regrowth.

Otherwise, full water irrigation or rainfall target amounts will be typically six to seven inches of water for each subse-

quent cutting. Spring water usage may only be one-fourth inch per day but will rapidly increase as summer temperatures rise. Peak water alfalfa usage in July and August can extend beyond the normal one-third inch per day (or two inches per week) to half inch per day during extreme stress times.

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