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Over The Hills

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TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 29, 2015
Shawlen Johnston and Brianna Powers attended the Oregon Trail Honor Band sponsored by Doane College and held at Gering High School.

McPherson County students who attended the 2015 Singing Youth of Nebraska concert were: Jade Paxton, Aubrey Schultis, Rainah Holm, Kristina Miller, Hollianna Watson, Katie Powers, Theresa Ascherl, Seth Sherwood and MyKaela Pettit.

Seth Sherwood was the top placer in the McPherson County Geography Bee. Kristina Miller was the runner-up.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 3, 2005

McPherson County High School student athlete, Ryan Mumm, earned SportQuest First Team All-American recognition as one of the top high school Christian student athletes in America. Berva Arensdorf, Mid-Plains Community College Career Specialist, has been named MPCC Employee of the Month for January.

Tanis Pettit, son of Clint and Kara Pettit, and a sixth grader at District #26, was the winner of the school level competition of the National Geography Bee.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 2, 1995

Brad and Deanne Jenkins were the parents of a baby boy, Reid Kent, born January 15, 1995.

The McPherson County Historical Society met January 30 at Aunt Bea's Cafe in Tryon. Those present were Dorothy Kramer, Harold Arensdorf, Bill Haney, Clara Daly, Grace Miller, Louise Kemp, Karl Kemp, Lil Anthony and Kathleen

Fisher. Jeffrey Don Moore had been named to the Dean's List for the first semester at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 31, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell, Jr., and daughter, Brenda of Tryon, traveled to Golden, Colorado, Monday evening, January 21, to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hall, and to get acquainted with their new granddaughter, Leron Danielle.

The local high school closed early Wednesday, January 23, because most of the students were absent with the flu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 30, 1975

Kathy Thompson spent the weekend with her mother, Mahala Thompson, Judy and Jim. She is doing her practice teaching at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Starr went to California last week to visit their daughter, Erma Summers and family.

Trent Neal visited Eddie Black Saturday while his folks took Geneva Neal to the hospital. Geneva returned home Monday.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 4, 1965

Delbert Schmidt, age 57, and his son, Dale, 17, died as the result of a car-train accident in North Platte Saturday evening.

The McPherson County Farm Bureau Ladies met Monday afternoon at the courthouse with President Mrs. Bruce Shimmin presiding. Mrs. Dean Thompson was appointed secretary.

Mrs. Leona Bassett was injured in a fall on the ice at North Platte last Thursday and is confined to Memorial Hospital with a dislocated shoulder and a cracked pelvis bone.

Word from Mrs. DeWayne Melvin is that they arrived in Portland, Oregon three hours late, but made it OK and are having a big time.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 3, 1955

Relatives here had learned that the Adolf Schmidt family were very fortunate in escaping with only minor bumps and bruises when they collided with a truck on a blind and icy intersection. The car was badly damaged however.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson moved February 1 to the Virgil Hawkins Ranch when they are employed.

Women of the community were being asked to send their favorite recipes to Helen Waits or Virginia O'Connor for a cook book being made for the W.S.C.S. of Tryon.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 1, 1945

T.W. Haddy received word the first part of the week, that his brother, George, had been seriously wounded in action.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw of Morrill, but until last fall were life-long residents of this community, received the sad news that their youngest son, David Gilbert Shaw, was killed in action January 6, 1945 on the western front in Europe.

Young men of the armed forces writing to their loved ones at home recently were: William K. Masters, aviation radioman, second, U.S.N.R.; Leonard, Smith with Patton's 3rd Army; and Staff Sgt. Dale F. Magnuson.

NINETY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 31, 1933

Members of the Willing



Quote: "To build a better world, start in your community."

I found the following story in my Facebook Memories. It applies to community as well as to your own home.

An old carpenter about to retire was telling his boss about his plans to stop working with construction and enjoy life with his wife and kids. He was so excited about retiring that he wasn't even looking forward to the paycheck for that month. All he wanted was to retire.

The boss was upset about losing a good worker and as a personal favor asked the man to work on the construction of one last house. The old carpenter didn't want to accept it, but he couldn't deny his boss one last favor. So, he took the job, but it was clear that his heart wasn't in it. He just wanted to get it finished and over with. Consequently, he was careless and ended up using bad quality material in the construction of the house. It was a sad way to finish such an excellent career with so many years of total dedication.

When the house was done his boss was there to inspect it. He gave the key of the house to the old carpenter and said "This is your house. It's a gift for you after so many years of hard work." The carpenter was

shocked! "What a shame," he thought. If he had known that it was his house he would have done things differently.

Remember that you are the carpenter of your own life. You construct

your life a little bit every day. You hit a nail here, build a wall there and so on. Life is a do-it-yourself project. Your acts and choices now will build the house you will live in later on. So do it right.

COMMUNITY

A community is something That money cannot buy. A hug when hugs are needed And a shoulder on which to cry. Laughter in its season And tears when times are sad. People who are there for you For things both good and bad. A community is family In its extended sense. A group of homes united Often in mutual defense.

Whether it be fire or flood, Bereavement or a common cause, They rally round the standard No matter what the cost. Communities are special For they are carried in the heart And though often quite scattered, You know you're still a part. For community is "home." It may be where you're born. It may be just a special place From which your heart can't be torn.

It may be all those special times With family and with friends. What 'err the place or the time, No one knows where "community" begins. Communities are people Who care about each other. Each life a special gift of God, Some closer than a brother. Communities can overlap Or even be a part Of the structure of another group. That's where the process starts.

But whether here or even there, The purpose is essential. The community is a place Where everyone is special. So whether church or club or school, Whether near or far, The members of a community Know just who they are. For they know within their hearts Where they truly do belong, For a community is a gift of God And community ties are strong.

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Special Valentine's Day Section

Here's how it works:

- > Have your mom or dad, grandparents, or any relative mail, e-mail, or drop off their favorite picture of you to *Creative Printers*, P.O. Box 98, Stapleton, NE 69163. Pictures may be e-mailed to: creativeprinters@gpcom.net
- > The picture can be color and can be any size. Snapshots are welcome. No computer printouts, please, unless they are of high quality. Pictures will be returned if there is a self-addressed, stamped envelope included.
- > Please include information on baby's birthdate, parents and grandparents names and where they live. Include the baby's name on the back of the picture if you are dropping it off.
- > This feature is open to all of our readers, wherever you live. Grandparents...this is your chance to present your bundle of joy!

Deadline to submit pictures is February 1!