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TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 26, 2015

The annual McPherson County Spelling Bee was held in Tryon on February 15, 2015. Theresa Ascherl, a seventh grader at McPherson County Schools was crowned the Champion speller. Jade Paxton was the runner-up.

The McPherson County Lady Longhorns ended their season in the D2-9 sub-district action. They lost to Paxton, 19 to 36 in first round action.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 2, 1995

Renee Munson, a seventh grade student at District No. 7, won the championship trophy at the 1995 McPherson County Spelling Bee.

The MCHS staff gave two awards to senior members of the student body who excelled in both academics and athletics, for the Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award. The recipients were Heidi Brouwer and Dustin Wilkie.

Sandra Black and Cindy Gregg were added to the list of certified volunteers. Others renewing certificates that year were Judy Gragg, Tom Burrell, Darrell Billingsley, Lowell and Lela Pyzer, Leah Black, and Vivian Licking.

FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 28, 1985

William Hackney, Brett Neal and Charles Bellew, all of Tryon, have been accepted at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte for the 1985-86 fall semester.

Hackney will major in drafting and Bellew in general studies.

County Commissioner E.L. "Tom" Kemp completed a three-day workshop in Kearney, February 20-22.

A baby son, Paul Michael, was born February 25, 1985, to Bill and Judy Kramer of North Platte.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 27, 1975

George W. Star, age 84, was found dead at his ranch home west of Tryon last Wednesday morning. He was born February 21, 1890, at Ithaca, and had ranched and farmed in the North Platte and Tryon communities all of his life.

The McPherson County High School will host the Great Plains Conference Speech Contest here next Thursday. Taking part from our school will be Teana Bullington, Merry Bullington, Berva Miller, Jo Fenster, Ernie Schmidt, Connie Lake, Bonnie Mowry, Karen Lutes, Linda Mowers, Sharlene Connell, Blaine Rodewald and Connie Lake.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 4, 1965

J.O.Y. Club met at the Orval Miller home February 13. The special was given to Patsy, Polly and Georgetta Paxton and the lesson by Janet Miller.

Chet Hawley, Logan-McPherson County Extension Agent, announced this week that a supply of bulletins on lawn diseases is available at the extension office in Stapleton.

McPherson County teachers and the County Superintendent, Helen L. Waits of Tryon, attended the Helpmobile program at the North Platte High School and Adams Junior High, Saturday. Subject areas at the Helpmobile were reading "Margins of Differences."

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 3, 1955

New arrivals included a baby girl, Janice Mabel, born February 23, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Hermel Priest of Tryon; and also a baby daughter, born February 28, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kugler have learned that their son, Forrest Jr., had a promotion and is now A/c Forrest Kugler.

District 15 School was closed Wednesday due to the funeral of Ray Miller.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 1, 1945

A good sized crowd attended the Hugh Priest sale northwest of Tryon on Tuesday and reported everything was selling at a good price. The Priests recently purchased the equipment and business of *The Tryon Graphic* and this was their first issue.

A new 4-H Club started this week in Ringgold known as the Cottonwood 4-H Club. Lila Chapman is president and Ray Huffmann, secretary. Other members are John Vreugdonhill, Dick Chapman, Albert Jividen, Arwilla Jividen, Doris Fattig and Betty Bertran.

Dr. Redfield was called to the Bullington home in Tryon Friday to see Don Bullington, who is ill, and pronounced the case scarlet fever.

NINETY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 28, 1935

Friday, March 1, is moving day on the farm and a number of folks in this part of the country will take up different locations about that time. Dell Clouatre will move to the Stack farm being vacated by Jim Kahoe who is moving to Dawson County near Oconto. E.E. Kyne will move to the Kahoe place being vacated by Clouatre. Clinton Waits will move to the Mike David farm in the southeast corner of the county while Court Cash Sr. will move his stock to a homestead west of Tryon. Pat Thompson will vacate the Cline place south of town to move on the place now occupied by Ben Neal, and Emerson Hogue of Flats will take up residence on the Cline farm.

Tome Rickett had the misfortune to overturn his car while on his way from Tryon to the Brady - Tryon basketball game. Thursday night. A young man accompanying him received a badly cut arm, but Tom was uninjured. The top of the car, a sport coupe, was badly damaged.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 26, 1925

Mrs. Mary Fuller and Mr. F.A. Bender were married at Denver, Colorado, Friday, February 6. The bride is quite well known here having taught in the high school at Tryon. Mr. Bender is also well known and will take charge of the Ringgold Store the first of the month.

W.F. Dahlin built a barn for John Crayne on his Tryon property this week. Mr. and Mrs. Crayne will probably move to Tryon soon.

D.T. Doyle was awarded the $50 damage for which he had sued R.E. Newman in county court. He had brought a replevin action against R.E. Newman, sheriff, for taking a horse belonging to Hiram Smith upon which Mr. Doyle claimed to have a $50 lien for a feed bill. The court ruled in favor of the defendant Mr. Newman.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "A single conversation with a wise man is better than 10 years of study."

Points to ponder:

"When things feel too overwhelming, remember: One day at a time, One thought at a time, One moment at a time, and One task at a time."

"Perfection is a myth. We stumble. We mess up. We say things we don't mean. We make wrong choices. But we rise. We reflect. We grow stronger. We keep going. We live and we learn."

"We're human. We falter. We misstep. We hurt and heal. Mistakes shape us, lessons guide us, and resilience carries us forward. Life is about progress, not perfection."

"Imperfections make us real. We fall, we fail, we learn, and we rise again. Life isn't about being flawless — it's about growth and the courage to keep moving forward."

Life goes on. Keep on keeping on and remember: "It is what it is." The price of eggs may be high but I wouldn't be a bit surprised that the price will go down as soon as the next brood of hens start laying eggs.

CHICKEN FEED

I may not be a spring chicken
But I'm sure a well-seasoned hen.
You wouldn't want to follow
On the paths that I have been.

Never hatched an egg
But I've helped raise a few.
They've turned out quite well
Thanks to me and you!

I've been quite bedraggled
And molted before my time,
Even learned to cackle
Since laughter's not a crime.

I've had to scratch out a living
From some rough and rocky places
But through it all I've learned
That God's in control of the basics.

In the chicken yard of life
There is a pecking order.
Don't let the bullies get you down
'Cause in the end they're sorted.

Just keep on scratchin'
And fluffin' in the dust.
Do your best each day
Leaning on God's strong trust.

J.R. Trumbull
28 Sept 2012

Prepare Now In Case of Drought

By Jerry Volesky

Last fall and this winter has been dry leaving most parts of the state in some level of drought. We are a few weeks away from another growing season and who knows how much moisture lies ahead. Today I'll suggest some ways you can limit the forage problems drought could cause.

Drought is likely to be a problem again this summer, at least somewhere. Because hay can be costly when pastures are short, we need to consider ways to minimize damages if we receive less than average rainfall. Fortunately, early spring is a time you can take action that can minimize some of drought's problems.

For starters, prepare a strategy for using any remaining hay. One of the better options is to feed hay a bit longer into spring before turning cows out to permanent pasture. I know this action is exactly opposite of my usual recommendation to graze more and feed less hay. But, allowing pastures to accumulate a bit more growth before grazing begins will provide more total grazable forage if drought prevents much regrowth later on. Leftover hay also can be used later during the grazing season to give pastures more time to recover between grazings.

Another strategy is planting annual forages for pasture or hay. Some excellent choices are oats planted as early as possible or summer annual grasses like sudangrass, sorghum-sudan hybrids, and pearl millet planted once soils are good and warm. Late May or early June usually is best for these grasses. So, reserve some ground now for these drought-insurance grasses, before you plant everything to corn, beans, and other crops. And don't forget about possibly planting these grasses or even some fall cover crop forages into wheat stubble as a double crop after harvest.

If the rains don't come, planning and acting now to reduce potential forage losses from drought will pay big dividends.

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Tryon Bloodmobile

Friday, April 4, 2025

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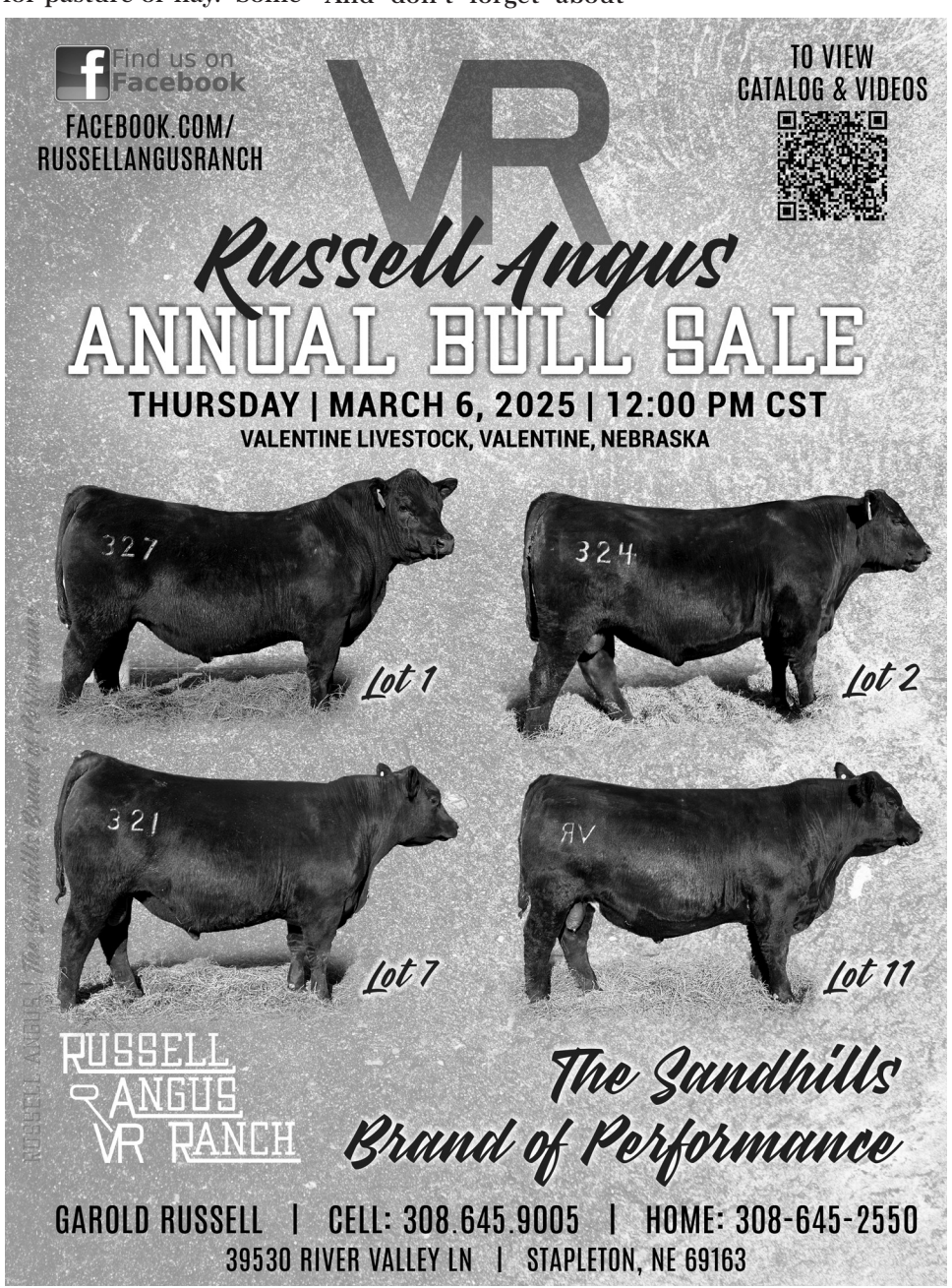
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