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TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 16, 2015

Ms. Connick will be retiring from her position teaching at McPherson County High School at the end of the 2014-2015 School Year.

Haley Munson, daughter of Tanya O'Brien and Jason Munson was in this week's Senior Spotlight

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 21, 2005

The MCHS Junior English class participated in the One Book One State Nebraska Reads My Antonia project. They were pictured during their visit to the Cather Childhood Home in Red Cloud. Those attending were: Liz Licking, Ben Schmidt, Ryan Mumm, Chris Seong, Roka Streiff, Taylor Waits, Alison Sowders, Megan Suchy, Cherry Miller, Sharon Christopher, Jasmine Higgins and Jared Mulder.

Two ranchers in the Tryon area received injuries during the past week in a 4-wheeler accident. Dewayne Melvin was injured April 15, near his ranch home while trying to round up a stray calf. The 4-wheeler over turned and pinned him beneath it. He had no broken bones. Don Moore was injured Saturday at the Moore Ranch during their branding. He was thrown off and sustained four broken ribs and a partially collapsed lung.

Christena Schultis of Tryon received third place in the Nebraska Mothers Association 2005 Literature and Arts Contest with her essay entitled "Family, Love's Deep Roots."

Senior spotlights featured this week were: Raelyn Gilmore, Sharon J. Christopher and Craig McNutt.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 20, 1995

Peg and Sandy Neal of Tryon will be taking over Aunt Bea's Cafe in Tryon on May 1, 1995, according to an announcement by Don and Mabel Hatch, who have owned and operated the cafe with the help of their daughter, Shirla, for the past three years.

From The Tryon Graphic Archives

Pictured in this issue were Randi Munson, Kayla Kemp and Rawni Munson, three 4-H'ers who participated in the county 4-H Speech contest at the fair building in Tryon.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 18, 1985

A cultural arts exhibit and a homemade garment style show were to be featured at the annual Spring Tea, at the Tryon Lodge April 22.

Tom Chohon of O'Neill, became the ASCS Director for Logan, McPherson and Arthur counties effective April 1, 1985. He replaced former ASCS Director, Vickie Vogel.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 17, 1975

Linda Mowers, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Mowers of Tryon, was selected as the 1975 Cornhusker Girls Stater by the American Legion Auxiliary at Tryon. Rochelle Rodewald, daughter of Mrs. Dick Schroeder, was chosen as alternate.

The Goldringers 4-H Club reorganized April 9, 1975 in the Pete Pyzer home. Rick Trumbull was re-elected president; Lynn Pyzer, vice president; Ron Trumbull, secretary and Hannah Doyle, news reporter. Council members are Roger Trumbull and Rex Kemp.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 22, 1965

There will be a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Turner in the Ringgold Church basement Friday, April 23. Everyone is invited to attend the basket supper.

Lester Wyckoff was run over a week ago Monday by a tractor at the Kermit Paxton ranch while feeding hay and broke his leg. A cast was applied at North Platte and he was able to return home.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 21, 1955

Tryon W.S.C.S. members who attended a conference in Lexington Friday, April 15 were Sally Bender, Cynthia Fisher, Mabel Ellis, Rose Kahoe and Virginia O'Connor. After the all-day meeting, the ladies visited the KRVN Radio

Station.

Those attending the Kearney District Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally at Broken Bow Sunday were Darlene Cook, Rev. Milton O'Conner, Katie and Herbie.

Ed Bullington had the champion bull at the bull sale in Alliance Friday, April 15. He gets to keep the trophy for a year.

"The Monkey's Uncle" was to be given April 22 and 23 by the MCHS senior class. Cast members included Peggy Miller, Karl Kemp, Martin Smolik, Betty Carol Neal, Molly Black, Marilyn Black, Genie Wade, Lois Miller, Pete Pyzer, Marie Jameson and Bessie Paxton.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 19, 1945

Miss Grace Dutrow has resigned her position with the Selective Service Board and Mrs. Frank Cotton has been appointed to fill her place.

Pfc. Alfred Shimmin and his sister, Mrs. Dean Kirk, who have been visiting their father, Bobby Shimmin, and other relatives, left for Ft. Morgan, Colorado Friday.

As the guns of America's fighting forces sounded ever closer to the doom of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died in Warm Springs, Georgia on April 12, 1945. Less than four months has elapsed since he had taken his historic oath of office for a fourth term. As the American people mourned the death of President Roosevelt, their prayers went up for his successor, Harry S. Truman.

NINETY YEARS AGO
APRIL 15, 1935

Contracts were read and signed by two of the present faculty in the high school for the coming term. H.E. Beatty was elected Superintendent and Miss Eva Coyners re-elected Principal. The contract for a third teacher has not been signed yet.

Teachers in the grade school for the coming year will be Billie Clifford, Primary Room and Glenn Gibson, Upper Grade Room.

Measles are still so thick in Tryon that it would be almost as easy to say who is not sick with them. Dr. Walker of Mullen was called to the Bobby Shimmin home Monday for Mr. Shimmin who was very ill with measles. The children are all ill with the disease as well as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Allen. She was brought to Tryon the first of the week and was under the care of the Doctor at the Billy Neal home. She has the red measles. Miss Bill Clifford was forced to dismiss school last week as she became very ill. The County Superintendent tells us that she recommended that many of the schools be closed for a short time due to the number of teachers and pupils being ill.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
APRIL 16, 1925

Forrest and J. Warren Snyder were in North Platte Saturday helping their father with the service station which he is building. Mr. Snyder will have one of the most attractive little stations along the Lincoln Highway when it is complete.

Bryan Heldenbrand left for Omaha Tuesday and will drive a new car home.

Miss Crawford, teacher of the Primary Room at District 4, was ill Tuesday.

Miss Verna Heldenbrand returned to school Monday after a couple weeks of illness.

Goosey Selected For Boys' State

The 2025 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 1-7, 2025.

Boys' State began in Illinois in 1935 and was later adopted nationally by The American Legion. Since becoming a national program, the Department of Nebraska has been proud to offer young boys throughout the state an opportunity to attend Cornhusker Boys' State at the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln.

The purpose of the program is to educate youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

This is accomplished through the creation of an imaginary 51st state which is then governed by the citizens of Boys' State.

Throughout the course of the week-long program, Boys' State citizens organize their own city, county and state governments and choose their own elected officials through the election process. They introduce and argue their own bills in a legislature, and justice is administered by law enforcement agencies and the courts.

At the end of Cornhusker Boys' State, two delegates are chosen to represent Nebraska at the American Legion Boys' Nation program in Washing D.C.

The American Legion Post 189 of Tryon has selected Levi Goosey of Tryon as their delegate to the 2025 Cornhusker Boys' State.

Goosey is a junior at Stapleton High School and the son of April Gaedke of Tryon.

He is active in Youth Worship Team in North Platte and is active in FFA, Play Production, football and Quiz Bowl in school. He has volunteered his help with surrounding farmers, ranchers and community members as needed and also ran chain gang for youth and middle school football.

When not in school or participating in school activities, Levi enjoys his time blacksmithing or woodworking. He also likes to sketch.



COURTESY

Blood Donor Goal Exceeded

The McPherson County Blood Drive was held in Tryon on Friday, April 4, 2025 at the McPherson County Fair Building.

McPherson County High School senior, William Anderson, was the only first-time donor this time.

The goal for this drive was 18 units and they were able to exceed their goal by three.

They had 19 people that gave one unit and one person gave Power Reds.

Stephanie Jaeger was awarded a five gallon pin and Nick Gifford received his one gallon pin.

Thanks goes out to Pam Schmidt for manning the check-in table. Also thanks to Dennis Licking for helping with set-up and Dan Arensdorf for helping with take down.



5 Gallon Donor
Stephanie Jaeger



1 Gallon Donor
Nick Gifford

The next blood drive will be June 13, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you would like to make an appointment contact Karen Licking at 308-650-2728.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



ity of our spirit, not by material success. A person's worth is reflected in the way they treat others, the values they uphold, and the courage they show in difficult times. Wealth and power may offer influence, but they don't define character. In a community, this means fostering spaces where kindness, honesty,

and resilience are valued as much as achievement. We can practice this by supporting those in need, choosing fairness over personal gain, and recognizing the strength in compassion.

When we prioritize these values collectively, we create a society where real greatness thrives.

Quote: "The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen."
Elizabeth Kubler Ross

Sometimes the object of the journey is not the end, but the journey itself. Anything you do, do it well. The last thing you want is to be sorry for what you didn't do.

Anne Frank wrote in her diary, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

True greatness is measured by the depth of our integrity and the generos-

It Will Be Worth It

When life seems unfair
As it sometimes will
And the road you travel
Seems all up hill

Think of the Savior
And the road He trod
On His way to Calvary –
To death, not glory and laud.

He chose the hard way
So that we might have life,
Eternal life in Heaven
No more grief and strife.

It will be worth it all
As we sit at His feet
And sing praise and glory
Around God's Holy Seat.

J.R. Trumbull
9 August 2005

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