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TEN YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 11, 2007
Artur “Tui” Bogo Borowicz, left, and Petar Povlovic are the two new foreign exchange students this year at MCHS.

MCHS Homecoming Queen and King, Meka Melvin and Ben Cochran were crowned during the pep rally Thursday evening.
Nicole Fiechtner and Meka Melvin were chosen for the Four-Corners volleyball tournament all tournament team.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 8, 1987
Kim Trumbull and Clyta Kemp received their LPN diplomas during graduation ceremonies, September 15, 1987, at Mid-Plains Community College at North Platte.

Funeral services were held October 5, 1987, for McPherson County Commissioner, Clayton E. Huffman, 60, of Tryon.

Joshua Mitchel Gragg was born October 1, 1987, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gragg of Gothenburg.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 12, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. George Dickson celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Tryon on October 8, 1967.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neal of Tryon are the parents of a new son born October 9, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Chart Nicholson and family purchased a new 1967 Oldsmobile last Thursday.
Fred Smith and daughters attended funeral services on September 29, at Cassville, MO, for Dale Stapleton, former McPherson County resident.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 10, 1957
Karl Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kemp of Tryon still thinks an 80 mile hike can be done in one weekend, although an earlier attempt by Karl left him 28 miles short of the goal. It all started when Kemp, a pre-engineer student at Chadron State College took on a \$30.00 bet with Kenny Wasserburger, also a student at Chadron, from Lusk, Wyoming, that he could walk to Lusk from Chadron in one weekend. The journey started at 2 p.m. Friday at Chadron city limits and ended at Harrison, 28 miles from Lusk. King sized blisters and worn out shoes forced him to quit after he had walked 52 miles.

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Chart Nicholson and was held in the Don Nicholson home Monday night.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 9, 1947

Miss Phyllis Messick became the bride of Robert Insman on September 25, 1947, at the Presbyterian Church in North Platte. The bride was attended by Miss Marjorie Munsford, and Gerald Pyzer of Tryon served as best man.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell on October 4, 1947. The baby has been named Wilma Fern.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kemp are announcing a baby girl, born October 6, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuller of Indianola, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Maxine June to Kenneth D. Priest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Priest of

Tryon.
A Holstein steer sold for \$357.85 at the Tryon Sale Barn last Saturday, sold by Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Lamb. The bucket calf steer sold for \$21.30 per 100 lbs.

Frank Melvin, Schick Bros. and J.W. Trego were among those ranchers driving cattle to Coker last weekend.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 14, 1937

Mrs. Margaret Quinn, died at the home of her son, Thomas Quinn, in Hyannis, September 30. And in her passing one of the earliest pioneer-settlers of the Sandhills country of Nebraska is gone. When in 1884, she and her husband settled in northwestern McPherson County, she was the first white woman in that section, and so sparsely settled was the country that for three years she did not see another woman.

Miss Beulah Dutrow became the bride of LaVern Johnson, at a quiet ceremony at Julesburg, Colorado, on September 18, 1937. Mr. Johnson is a young rancher of the north Ringgold community in which part of the county the newlyweds will make their home.

A marriage of interest to people in this community is that of Miss Elsie Lee Gilliland of Independence, MO, to Virgil Graham of Hershey, but formerly of his community. The wedding took place at Carthage, MO, on September 23.

NINETY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 13, 1927

Miss Alice Fuller returned to Grand Island Sunday, where she has been attending school, after a short visit with her folks.

Mrs. Dan Platt and children have left the Flats to live in their new home at Sutherland.

Orval Thompson has purchased his mother's farm and they expect to move on it soon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Shepherd have left the Dikeman ranch.

Do you manage your ranch as a business? Do you have the information you need to do so?

Having information to make effective business decisions is important for ranch success. Enterprise analysis and unit cost of production (UCOP) are tools that can help ranchers identify where value is being created on the ranch, where costs are occurring, and what changes could be made to improve profit. For cow-calf producers, UCOP is figured as cost per pound of weaned calf. Knowing what it costs to develop a bred heifer, harvest a ton of hay or put a pound of gain on a stocker or a yearling are valuable information as well for the ranch business manager.

It takes time to set up and calculate a UCOP, but the benefits are:

Knowing what present costs are;

Projecting what unit cost of production will be in 2018;

Identifying opportunities to improve profitability;

Using information to make management and marketing decisions.

Two-day workshops will provide a hands-on learning experience for producers to learn how to calculate a unit cost of production for a cow-calf operation. Workshops will be held in Chadron, O'Neill, North Platte, and Kimball in November and December.

Participants in this workshop will work through a sample ranch to determine the profitability of four common ranch enterprises: cow-calf, stockers/breeding



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heifers, hay, and land. Participants will go through the steps of analyzing costs and calculating what it costs to produce a unit of product for each enterprise. Participants will also learn how to identify how changes could improve ranch profitability.

Sounds difficult? Hands-on, group activities, and examples of how to calculate key numbers will help participants through the process. Participants will receive access to Excel spreadsheet templates that can help them analyze cost of production for their own operation. Extension Educators Berger, Jenkins, and Johnston will be available for follow-up after the workshops.

Below are dates, locations and contact information for pre-registration with the local host.

*November 3 and 4 at Chadron: Chadron State College, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00

p.m. MST; contact Jack Arterburn at 308-327-2312 or jack.arterburn@unl.edu;

*November 13 and 14 at O'Neill: O'Neill Community Center Room C, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST; contact Amy Timmerman 402-336-2760 or atimmerman2@unl.edu;

*December 4 and 5 at North Platte: West Central Research and Extension Center, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST; contact Randy Saner at 308-532-2683 or randy.saner@unl.edu;

*December 14 and 15 at Kimball: 4-H Building, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. MST; contact Aaron Berger at 308-235-3122 or aberger2@unl.edu.

Cost is \$50 per person and covers meals for both days. Please pre-register one week prior for a meal count. Payment is due the day of the workshop. Workshops are limited to 30 people per location. Contact Aaron Berger at 308-235-3122 with questions about the workshops.

Wyoming hosts 2017 Range Beef Cow Symposium Nov. 28-30

Dates for one of the premiere production beef cattle symposiums in the country have been set.

This year's XXV Range Beef Cow Symposium (RBCS) is Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 28-30, at the Little America Resort and Convention Center in Cheyenne, said Steve Paisley, University of Wyoming Extension beef cattle specialist.

More than 25 speakers will address beef production topics such as nutrition, marketing, health, reproduction, consumer demand and current industry issues.

"The Range Beef Cow Symposium is a great opportunity to listen to nationally recognized speakers on a wide variety of topics," said Paisley, who is also an associate professor in the Department of Animal Science in UW's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Started in 1969 at Chadron, NE and held

every other year, the RBCS is organized by the animal science departments of Colorado State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, South Dakota State University and UW. The event rotates between Colorado, western Nebraska, western South Dakota and Wyoming.

The event focuses on beef production issues in the western states.

"The symposium has continued to grow in popularity and is now recog-

nized as one of the premiere production beef

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American Legion Pancake Feed October 13

The American Legion, Post #189 of Tryon, will hold their annual Pancake Feed on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Fair Building in Tryon. They will serve from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with all proceeds going towards sending a McPherson County student to Boy's State.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, October 16 - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes and green beans

Tuesday, October 17 - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and corn

Wednesday, October 18 -

Barbecue beef sandwich, baked beans and French fries.

Thursday, October 19 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and peas

Friday, October 20 - Fish sandwich, Au Gratin potatoes and beets

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything." - Unknown

It seems like you can't even crack a joke, use sarcasm, or even state your opinion these days without someone taking offense. The onslaught of "political correctness" has gotten to the point that a sense of humor and just plain common sense are rarely seen.

On a more facetious note, a friend questioned whether the term "Oldsters" is appropriate for the Oldster's Party. Shouldn't it be "Seniors" or "Elders"? I've been pondering this and came up with a few more prospective titles: "The Over the Hill Bunch," "Old Farts and Fannies," "Recycled Teenagers," "Old Enough to Know Better," and I'm sure you readers can come up with some other suggestions. This is all in fun so keep that in mind.

It is a privilege to live long enough to be considered an "Oldster". Many of our family, friends, and acquaintances never got that chance. Those who were needlessly slaughtered in Las Vegas and elsewhere were quite possibly cut short of their potential. Those who were wounded or who were even part of the mayhem will forever be changed. Where was God during these events? He was there. He didn't cause the evil, but humans have al-

lowed the evil to be a part of our world. God is always there for any of us. All we have to do is to honestly call on His name and accept Him as our Savior and Lord. His plans may not agree with our plans, but He can see the big picture.

"As much as you want to plan your life, it has a way of surprising you with unexpected things that will make you happier than you originally planned. That's what you call 'God's Will'" - Godvine

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

Political correctness gone awry,
You can't make a joke, "Oh sigh!"
It will be misrepresented or misread,
You'll wish you'd have kept it all in your head.

What happened to a good sense of humor?
Did it exist or was that just a rumor?
What is funny to me may offend another.
I really don't care, I can joke with my brother.

Be my brother or sister black, red, tan or white,
A sense of humor is a true delight.
Common sense plays a factor in how you discern
'Cause that's a key ingredient in how you learn.

So give it a rest folks,
Lay off the jabs and pokes.
Don't think it's all about you,
We each have our own point of view.

J.R. Trumbull
1 October 2017

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