



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 14, 2008
The Ringgold Free Methodist Church was looking into the feasibility of purchasing a van or bus to be used to transport elderly residents in the Stapleton and Tryon communities for appointments in neighboring towns.

The Lady Longhorns suffered a disappointing loss to Mullen in their last regular season game of the season. Meka Melvin scored 12 and Molly Hinkle, 10. Nicole Fiechtner and Tasha Miller were aggressive on the floor.

A very belated surprise 60th birthday party was held for Mike Connell at the Fay Connell home. Fay Connell was also honored for her 97th birthday, which was Jan. 29.

The recently formed Nebraska Wind Working Group had scheduled a series of wind energy information workshops in five communities.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 19, 1998

Colleen D. Pettit of Tryon, was recently awarded the Accredited Record Technician (ART) credential. She was employed at Great Plains Regional Medical Center as a medical records analyst.

Ed Sowders, McPherson County Commissioner, completed a three-day workshop at Kearney.

Darla Arensdorf led scorers as the McPherson County Lady Longhorns played Mullen a very tough game.

Cattlemen for Christ honored Cliff and Bonnie Quick as cattleman and cattlegirl of the year at the National Western Stock Show.

Don and Sandy Barnum of Barnum Well Drilling announced they had sold part of their well repair business to former employee, Michael Engleman.

New Arrivals: Jeff and Kolter Smith of Okinawa were the parents of a son, Paxton Walker, born February 2.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 11, 1988

Officers installed at the Tryon Rebekah Lodge were Audrey French, noble grand; Jack Cotton, vice grand; Hazel Haase, secretary; and Mildred Ready, treasurer. Geneva Neal was seated as junior past noble grand.

The Longhorns boys basketball team had a 9-4 record. They hosted Big Springs and won that game with Casey Connell leading Tryon with 37 points and seven rebounds.

A team of eighth grade students from Tryon and Ringgold grade schools participated in Nebraska's Future Problem

Solving Program through Kearney State College. Students attending were Melissa Fisher, Mardel Connell, Brett Gosnell, Rusty Moore, Billy Munson and Mitch Musser.

Tryon Postmaster Larry Trumbull announced there would be new hours at the Tryon Post Office.

New Arrivals: Rod and Nancy Trumbull were the parents of a son, Matthew Dean; Doye and Vicky Miller were the parents of a baby girl, Cherry Christina.

Deaths: Friends and relatives here were saddened to learn of the death of Les Bay of Stapleton on February 3, at McAllen, Texas.

FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 16, 1978

Eva Haddy left by plane to go to San Francisco where she would spend a few days with Taft's brother, Tom and family.

Willing Workers Club met at the Lodge Hall. The club had become an extension club in 1951 and members honored with 25-year pins were Dorothy Kramer, Jennie Moore, Cleo Neal, Clara Power and Helen Waits. A shower was held for Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Neal.

United Methodist Women met and Jerry Neal reported she had ordered 100 more cookbooks.

Subscription rates were \$5.00 per year and Bradley A. Johnson was the publisher, editor.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 15, 1968

Genevieve Joyce Thompson and Dennis Jesse McKillip exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony in Hyannis on January 27.

Mrs. LeRoy Daly hosted Sunshine Extension Club and Rita Correll, Eunice Kramer and Elaine Miller were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Leu and Gifford hosted a group of 25 Japanese agricultural students from the University of Nebraska.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pettit were parents of daughters born February 7. Staci Sue Pettit was born at 5:21 a.m. and Lisa Chantel Kemp was born at 7:07 a.m. Maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodewald. Paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit.

Deaths: Rupert Apgar died February 8 at North Platte; Mrs. Jim (Lavina) McClain, 76, died at the Coulee, Washington hospital. She was survived by 12 children.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 13, 1958

Harvey Neal was among those listed on the honor roll of Miltonvale Wesleyan College at Miltonvale, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit were surprised with a party in honor of their 25th anniversary.

The Stapleton-Tryon basketball team chalked up another win as they defeated Hershey, 82-48. Karn topped the scoring with 27 points and Barner put in 22 for the winners.

Walter Daly and John Streiff were elected chair-

man and vice chairman of the McPherson County Reorganization Committee.

Doreen Allen and Lanny R. Brouwer were wed February 1 at Golden, Colorado.

Deaths: Ras Haney died Friday morning at his home in Tryon. He was a longtime resident and a pioneer of McPherson County.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 12, 1948

The marriage of Mrs. Anna B. Chamberlain to Rufus M. Howard was solemnized February 9 in Lincoln. A family wedding dinner was held at the Cornhusker.

Livestock values, sharply down last week, took further battering on the Omaha market.

Ringgold Community Club met with Mrs. Merold Chapman on January 28. The club voted to donate \$25.00 to the March of Dimes.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Smith of North Platte were the parents of a baby boy, David Donald, born February 3.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 17, 1938

A searching party found the body of John McNamara, 60, veteran Thomas County trapper six miles south of Thedford.

The surveying party which had been working on Highway 183 south from the short extension from the Doty corner, had left for Butte.

Misses Mary and Mary David were hostesses at a post-nuptial shower in honor of Mrs. Roger Gibson, formerly Miss Billie Clifford.

The small building at the Mary Pyzer place occupied by Sam Woods was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening.

Florence Bender became the bride of Mr. Wayne Adams at Jerome, Idaho on February 9.

NINETY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 16, 1928

A large crowd attended the sale at George Embree's and everything sold for a good price.

A number of young folks gathered at the M.R. Heldenbrand home and enjoyed a Valentine party.

Mr. and Mrs. William Swancutt of Pecham precinct met a tragic death when their big sedan plunged from the old wooden bridge over the Platte river south of Gothenburg. The old bridge had wooden planks laid lengthwise as treads for the car and marks in the snow indicated that the auto had skidded and crashed through the railing. Their death was one of the most tragic in recent years in that community.

George Embree was kicked by one of the horses as he was leading a team from the sale ring at his sale. The blow struck him over the heart, cutting and flesh and breaking three ribs. He was still in critical condition and may have sustained internal injuries.

Harry Trumbull was hauling corn to the Power Ranch and Wayne Connell was husking corn for his father.



Quote: "Of all the choices we make in life, few affect us more powerfully than our choice between gratitude and grumbling."

Joanie Yoder The 3 C's in life are choice, chance and change. You must make the choice to take the chance if you want anything in life to change.

There are a few simple rules that will make your life much easier. Free your mind and heart from hatred and worries, live simply, expect less and give more, and, most importantly, enjoy your friends! Keep your eyes on God and celebrate the little things in life.

It's Valentine's Day or thereabouts. It was my Dad's favorite holiday. I used to think it was the candy, but his last Valen-

11th Annual Polar Bear Tank Race Planned

The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway is excited to announce the upcoming 11th Annual Polar Bear Tank Race. This unique fun-filled event will be held March 2 and 3, 2018, on the Middle Loup River north of Mullen. Teams of at least four members race down the river in metal stock tanks with winning teams determined by time. The event kicks off on Friday evening with team registration and a soup cook-off. Soup entries from communities along the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway are taste-tested by tank racers and winners selected in the categories of taste, theme, and decorations. Communities and/or individuals are encouraged to enter the soup cook-off contest and help welcome visitors to our area!

Tank race teams meet for breakfast on Saturday morning and load buses to be transported to the river where they are launched in a staggered order. For those teams wishing to enjoy a relaxing float down the river, a non-competitive category is also available. And there is even a race category for teams of women. A prime rib awards ban-

tine to Mom was a white Christmas cactus so maybe it was the sentiment of the season more than anything else. That was 33 years ago. I thought I had lost the plant but it looks like

there may be a white one blooming now. I hope you haven't forgotten your Valentine! "Don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty." - Corrie Ten Boom

CUPID'S REVENGE

The future Queen of Hearts
Had baked some tarts
Especially for her Honey.

The King of Hearts
Hit on the mark
And declared them quite yummy!

Cupid gazing on the scene
Vowed the Queen had met her King
And decided it quite funny!

Now were the tarts cherry
Or were they just berry?
That knowledge they didn't impart.

With Cupid's arrow aimed well
The memory of lovely tarts dwell
And romance began to start.

So be wary of tarts,
Examine affairs of hearts
As the season of Cupid arrives.

Cupid's revenge can be great
If you've met your true mate
Otherwise only the strongest survive!

J.R. Trumbull 5 Feb. 2009



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above are some contestants from a previous year finishing up the Polar Bear Tank Race. Get your entry ready this year for the 11th Annual Race.

quet will be held Saturday evening to conclude the event. The Polar Bear Tank Race offers a truly one of a kind and out of the ordinary winter experience with teams coming from across Nebraska as well as several other states. This annual event is held to create awareness of the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway, and to allow people to participate in this unique experience of Tanking on the Middle Loup River in the

winter... and as the major fundraiser for the non-profit Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway. Registration is on a first come basis so teams are encouraged to register early, as the number of team entries is limited. For more information and registration forms, please contact event organizer Mitch Glidden at 308 546-2206 or visit the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway website at www.sandhillsjourney.com.

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