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**TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

The McPherson County High School board of education voted 4-2 to enter into a coop with Stapleton in all sports for a two year period beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

The MCHS boys lost to Sandhills-Thedford in first round of the Sandhills conference tournament. Tyrel Fischer led Tryon with eight points.

The Lady Longhorns downed Brady, 50-47, in first round action of the Sandhills Conference tournament. Tasha Miller led the way.

Obituary: Marie A. Hokens died January 8.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cochran were the parents of a baby girl, Candence Faith, born January 5.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 4, 1999**

Nancy Neal, daughter of Steve and Sharon Neal, was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Longhorns defeated Arthur in the Sandhills Conference basketball tournament with Luke Connell scoring 16 points, Joe Cochran, 12, and Eric Mumm, eight.

The staff at Creative Printers wanted to update everyone on what was going at the newspaper since Art French returned home from the hospital. Traci Frey would now be going to Tryon three days a week to obtain news and mail *The Tryon Graphic*. The other three offices would continue the same schedule as in the past.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 2, 1989**

McPherson County High musicians would be among 160 outstanding students participating in the annual High Plains Band and Chorus Festival at Chadron State College. Selected for band was Bridget Long, and for chorus, Brenda Connell and Ira Masters.

Judd Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Nicholson, and a sophomore at Hershey High School, participated in the City Speech Meet at Kearney.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 1, 1979**

Several students from MCHS attended the Nebraska High School Rodeo Association meeting including student

president, Bart Daly, Gordon Connell, Evonnda Sharp, Lesa Johnson, Dale Dee Arensdorf and Todd Brown, along with several parents.

Terry Correll was among Chadron State College cowboys and cowgirls placing in a rodeo at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Terry won the bareback riding with a score of 69.

Tryon Longhorn players competing in a make-up game on the Stapleton were John Arensdorf, Rod Sowders, Rex Kemp, Mike Miller, Rod Brown, Ed Sowders, Greg Daigger and Steve Miller.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 6, 1969**

Jean Snyder and Reva Cotton were attending Junior College in North Platte and received second semester scholarships.

Custer Public Power reported the power company had some 1,200 to 1,300 poles go down in recent storms. About 700 were down in McPherson County. Custer Public Power was able to get all of their customers restored to power in about 7 or 8 days after the lines went down in spite of the bad weather and deep snow.

Mrs. Allen Shimmin fell and broke two bones in one of her legs above the ankle.

Gary Correll and Rocky Nicholson were selected to the all-tournament team selected by the coaches and superintendents of the participating schools.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 5, 1959**

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to D.T. Doyle of this community by President Eisenhower in recognition of 10 years of service as a member of the Selective Service local board of McPherson County.

Chester Hawley, County Agent, announced that the annual McPherson County Extension meeting would be held February 16.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 3, 1949**

Our mail is arriving quite regular by plane which our carrier, Walt Lawyer believes is a better mode of traveling during the blocked condition of the roads.

Here it is still sub-zero weather, reaching 26 below, but how glad no

wind with it.

Jake Popham received a painful accident when he was thawing ice from an oil barrel. The fumes in the barrel caused an explosion and both ends of the barrel were blown out. The stopper hit his foot, tore a hole in his overshoe and shoe, and injured his foot.

Miss Anna Arensdorf was overcome by carbon monoxide gas from a butane heating stove. She was unconscious when found by her brother, Harold, who was also sick from the gas. Anna was taken by plane to the North Platte hospital and placed in an oxygen tent.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 2, 1939**

Joe H. Schmidt of Ringgold has billed a sale to be held at the farm one half mile north of Ringgold on February 7. He was offering 75 head of fine white face cattle and some work horses and mules.

Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Miller named their baby daughter, Lois Elaine.

A party was held at the Roy Black home and a large crowd attended. A good percent of the crowd charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bond after the party.

R.C. Ready of Tryon was appointed County Commissioner for the second term to fill the vacancy created by the death of Geo. Wendling. Mr. Ready at one time was county sheriff.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 7, 1929**

Mrs. McMurphy, District 5 teacher, purchased a new Columbian phonograph with box supper proceeds.



Quote: "Cats are connoisseurs of comfort."

James Herriot

Anybody who knows me probably knows that I like cats and that I have a whole herd of them around here. Nothing like the person in Lincoln who surrendered 84 (?) cats and kittens to the humane society, but there are enough around here to keep me entertained and occupied. I found this post about cats on Facebook and altered it to fit "cats" instead of "cat" as it was originally written.

It just hit me!

My cats sleep about 20 hours a day.

They have their food prepared for them.

Their meals are provided at no cost to them.

For this they pay nothing, and nothing is required of them.

They live in a nice area in a house that is much larger than they need, but they are not required to do any upkeep.

If they make a mess, someone else cleans it up.

They have their choice of luxurious places to sleep.

They receive these accommodations absolutely free.

They live like royalty and have absolutely no expenses whatsoever.

J.R. Trumbull

All of their costs are picked up by others who earn a living.

I was just thinking about all this and suddenly it hit me like a ton of bricks.....

My cats are members of CONGRESS!!!!!!

Well, maybe they don't represent all members of congress. I do have one who has a real attitude. Maybe he should run for speaker? I don't think he belongs to that political party though. More than likely he is an "Independent"!

The poem isn't about my cats, but it could be. Cousin Darrel loves cats as much as I do. His might even be a tad bit more spoiled than mine. The two mentioned are grown cats now and another cat has joined them to keep life interesting for him.

"If animals could speak, the dog would be a blundering outspoken fellow; but the cat would have the rare grace of never saying a word too much."

Mark Twain

Catnaptions

Bo and Luke watched
and thought it quite funny
As Bones chased after
That darn little bunny

Round and around
Back and forth, to and fro
Then under the sofa
That bunny did go.

Bones hunkered down,
Caught a glimpse of a tail,
Said, "I'll catch that critter
and I'm not going to fail!

The boys were disappointed
Bones let their prize go.
One prior adventure involved
Scattered black feathers & crow!

In explanation,
Bo and Luke are teenage cats
and Bones is their human,
There's no doubt about that.

They keep him a'wonderin'
Just what they'll do next
Whatever the motive,
Bones gets to clean up the mess!

J.R. Trumbull
24 July 2009

Dedicated To Darrel Munson & his "Kids"

The logo for North Platte Stockyards, featuring a circular emblem with a horse and rider, surrounded by the text "NORTH PLATTE STOCKYARDS, LLC".

NORTH PLATTE STOCKYARDS, LLC

February Sale Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Calf & Yearling Special
Weigh-Ups start selling @ 9:00 a.m. CST
Calves start selling @ 1:00 p.m. CST

Tuesday, Feb. 19 - All Class Cattle Sale
Sale starts @ 9:00 a.m. CST

Sat, Feb. 23 - Bred Cow Special
Sale starts @ 1:00 p.m. CST (No weigh-ups)

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Calf & Yearling Special
Weigh-Ups start selling @ 9:00 a.m. CST
Calves start selling @ 1:00 p.m. CST

Horse Sale Last Tuesday of the Month

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Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/northplattestockyards
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41ST ANNUAL MATERNAL EMPIRE BULL SALE

**FEBRUARY 19, 2019
12:30 PM • BURWELL, NE**

**SELLING 200 COMING 2-YEAR OLD
BALANCER, ANGUS
& RED ANGUS BULLS**

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