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Graphic Files

TEN YEARS AGO
JUNE 5, 2008

Shane Suchy was pictured with some of the prizes he won at the state finals at Curtis. Shane was named all-around cowboy for the Nebraska State High School Rodeo finals. He would be going to the national finals in New Mexico in four events.

Eighty-four guests enjoyed alumni festivities at McPherson County High School.

Alice Bassett celebrated her 87th birthday on May 27 with a party in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Henrietta Pfeiffer celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her daughter, Kay Boyer in North Platte. Henrietta had fractured her hip in April and was staying with her daughter.

Don and Pauline Nicholson would be honored on their 60th anniversary with a party at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds hosted by their sons, Danny, Rocky and Monte.

The annual Connell reunion was held Sunday, June 1. Eleven children were born to Michael Anthony Connell and his wife, Elisabeth Ellen (Waits) Connell, beginning in the late 1800's. Their oldest son, Willie, died as a young man. Their other 10 children included five sons and five daughters, Eva, Louelva, Bernard, Wayne, Myrtle, Dan, Martha, Dorothy, Malcolm and Lloyd. Fay Connell was the oldest relative present at this year's reunion.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

JUNE 4, 1998

Devin Burch, 13, won first place in the boys' mile run in the Lake Maloney Challenge.

A new study of patterns of population change in

Nebraska showed of the 29 counties that experienced both positive natural growth and positive net migration only four, Cherry, Dawes, Logan and McPherson, were in the western two-thirds of the state and not on I-80. Four of the 10 smallest counties gaining population were Logan, Loup, McPherson and Wheeler.

Arlis Blake won third in the bull riding at the Madison high school rodeo with a score of 67. Ty Melvin won fifth place in the calf roping and 10th in team roping at Madison.

DanDee Connell was among students honored for high academic achievement during the spring semester at Chadron State College.

Deaths: Henry I. Jones, former McPherson County resident, died April 15 in Milford.

Norris and Lorana Carter of Sandy, Utah, visited with their cousin, Eva Connell, at the Centennial Retirement Center in North Platte.

Seniors on the second semester honor roll at MCHS with all A's were Jeremy Arensdorf and Ryan Correll.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

JUNE 2, 1988

Ira Masters was seriously injured in a one vehicle accident on the narrow strip of oil road which leads to Miller Cemetery. Masters was thrown from the vehicle during the accident and the pickup rolled.

Those attending Memorial Day services at Miller Cemetery were met with extremely high winds and overcast skies. Dust rolled throughout the day.

Midnight Flyer would be playing for a public dance for entertainment at the fairgrounds for the Sta-

pleton Alumni reunion.

New Arrival: Rod and Gail Daly were the parents of a baby boy, Bret Elliot; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bauer were the parents of twins, Amanda Janelle Ruth and Andrew Timothy Sterling. Three sisters, Angela, Amy and Andriana, welcomed the twins home.

Cindy Dobbins of Tryon was one of 12 UNL collegiate 4-H members to receive a scholarship at their May 1 spring tea.

Shirla Brouwer was among a dozen Chadron State College students spending four days in the Denver area last week. The trip emphasized fashion merchandising and housing and interior design.

FORTY YEARS AGO

JUNE 8, 1978

Nebraska would create a state solar office to speed commercial use of solar energy.

Mrs. Vernon Waits of Tryon and Mrs. Rod Pooschke of Stapleton would be among those presented with a special leadership award to Nebraska county family life chairpersons.

Daily Vacation Bible School was being planned at the Tryon United Methodist Church, and Hall Church would hold their closing VBS program that week.

Tom Arensdorf and Harry Haythorn won second place in the team roping event at the Hyannis high school rodeo.

The McPherson County Chapter of the American Red Cross would again sponsor swimming lessons this summer at Mullen. Alice Lutes, Helen Trumbull and Lela Pyzer were registering McPherson County swimmers.

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Annual Alumni Reunion Held May 26 At MCHS



JILL SOWDERS PHOTOS

The MCHS Class of Class of 1958 had six members present. They were, front row, l-r: Maudene Haskell Sowders, Charlotte Hora Leeds and Peggy Streiff Haskell. Back row, l-r: Bob Wilson, Dick Haskell and Ted Daigger.



The Class of 1968 had a nice turnout at the Alumni reunion. Those present were, front row, l-r: Doug Neal and Susan Kinsman Johns. Back row, l-r: Lynelle Ellis Miller, Terry Pettit and Reva Cotton Coulter.

GAYLE NEAL

Ninety-one members and guests enjoyed a meal Saturday, May 26, 2018, at the annual Alumni Reunion of McPherson County High School held in the high school gym in Tryon. The meal was chicken fried steak with all the trimmings and a cream cheese apple dessert. The meal was catered by Kathleen Fisher, a 1974 graduate. Every year the members ask for the chicken fried steak and every year it is a hit. Proceeds from the meal went to the scholarship fund. Several members who do not attend the reunion sent in dues anyway. This is very much appreciated. Several guests from the public came to enjoy dancing later in the evening also.

Before the supper, a group of members joined in two card tournaments, Pitch and Texas Hold 'Em. Doug Neal was the winner of the Texas Hold 'Em. Doug Correll was high for pitch. Bruce Correll and Phyllis Taylor split low.

A silent auction of donated items was held throughout the night. There were many varied donated items. Some were new and homemade, and others were vintage treasures. The silent auction netted \$541 for the general fund. Also a 50/50 raffle was held and the general fund received \$55 from it. The winner of the 50/50, Rochelle Kemp, donated her winnings to the scholarship fund.

A business meeting was held after the meal. Errol Waits will be the new president for 2019, Rochelle Kemp steps into the Secretary-Treasurer



Clyta Kemp Alexander was the lone member of the Class of 1978.

position. Joyce Snyder was elected as Vice President and Nancy Munson was elected co-secretary. Gayle Neal will continue as newsletter and address chairman. Gayle was honored with a gift blanket for her years of service to the alumni association. She has been the address chairman and newsletter editor for many years and also had served in other offices many times.

Gentry Barner, 2018 graduate, was the recipient of this year's scholarship in the amount of \$1,100. Any senior or graduate of MCHS is eligible to apply for the scholarship to further their education. The scholarship fund is managed by Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation. A jar was put out for donations and this year \$2,133 was collected alumni night and as dues were sent in



Class of 1948 was represented by Alma Winters Bullington.

before hand. Donations collected include memorials in honor of John D. Streiff 10/17/1943-6/28/2017, Sanford K. Neal 2/5/1947-6/10/2017, Lloyd Alden Connell 12/7/1919 - 2/20/2018, Kermit Leland Paxton 2/17/1915 - 11/1/2017, Alfred Earnest Miller 1/26/1933 - 12/12/1995, Wilma Ruth Hunn Miller 4/19/1934 - 5/10/1988, Robert Boyd Cotton 6/10/1937 - 10/12/2002, and Merlin Dean Pettit 5/4/1941 - 3/30/2012. These names will be inscribed in the Foundation's "Book of Life".

The evening was spent visiting and dancing to Doug Powers and Top Shelf Country. Everyone dancing seemed to keep the floor hot and stayed until the last dance.

Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

about effort. When you bring effort into every single day, transformation happens. That's how change occurs.

Use FAITH-FILLED instead of faithful. You can be faithful to God but being faith-filled enough to step out in faith, to do what He's asking you to do. That's where we have trouble, so stop asking God to make you faithful, and instead ask that he makes you faith-filled!

Some good advice from Save the Cowboy: "Courage isn't the lack of fear, it is the lack of fear's

control over what you say and do.

Kindness is the opposite of being nice. Being nice costs nothing, but expects a reciprocal price to be paid. Kindness costs everything with nothing expected in return.

Riding for the Lord is giving it all up so you can receive everything."

"Be more concerned about your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

Unknown

Cup of Faith

My cup of faith
Sometimes grows weak
When I don't feed it
From the Word and seek
To find the wisdom
That I need
And take the time
To ponder and heed.

The tea bag of life
Needs time to steep
Through trials of life
And woods dark and deep
As life's lessons
We learn and apply
Thru struggles and joys
As the days go by.

A cup of faith
God provides for us.
Accept it now,
Do not fume and fuss
For God is in control,
He does know best.
Drink from this cup
And be blessed!

J.R. Trumbull 12 January 2012

Quote: "No matter how many times a snake sheds its skin, it's still a snake. Remember that before allowing people back into your life." Unknown

Forgiving is required of us as Christians, but I don't think we are also required to forget. We need to remember the lesson learned along the way and pray for discernment as to who or what situations to trust. God knows the big picture. We don't. He also knows our hearts. He knows the heart of each and every one of us and knows if repentance is true or not. He can move the hardest of hearts if that person is willing to repent and change. That change involves things that we, as humans, don't want to do such as apologize and make restitution when applicable. That's not my idea, it's what the WORD says.

If you allow people to make more withdrawals than deposits in your life, you will be out of balance and in the negative. Learn when to close the account. Life is not about being perfect. Life is



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