

Shades of Yesteryear

10 YEARS AGO—
November 10, 2010

The drive-through Flu Shot Clinic at the local family practice clinic took on a Western Kansas style when Connie Shafer got a flu shot while riding her horse in the drive-up line.

The Greeley County Health Department has flu vaccine available for anyone 6 months and older. There is NOT a shortage of vaccine at this time.

Plan to attend Tribune's Christmas Open House on Monday, November 29th.

Thirteen librarians from southwest Kansas paid their respects to their colleague, Lori Zerr, Greeley County Library Director, by attending her funeral on Tuesday, November 9th.

Shop Greeley County for Christmas! Shop at local participating merchants through the holiday season and enter to win one of four prizes of \$250 in Greeley County Bucks. Tickets will be discarded after each drawing, so keep shopping locally!

The Tribune Scouts attended the Santa Fe Trail 100th anniversary camporee at the zoo in Garden City. Attending were Cade Mangan, Tyler Albers, Axel Sanchez, Noah Ochsner, Tyler Blakley, Gavin Kleymann, and Garet Morman. Leaders were Ronda Gooch, Terra Mangan, Stacy Woods, Kirby Kleymann and Gus Ochsner.

20 YEARS AGO—
September 20, 2000

The Tribune Jackrabbits are Regional Champions as a result of their 54-36 win over the previously undefeated Jetmore Longhorns in a game played Saturday at Jetmore.

Christy Hopkins was crowned queen and Randy Williams king at Plainview's 2000 Homecoming ceremony. Tyler Harris was crown-bearer and the flower girl was Brittany Splitter.

The Dixon family had a run in with a deer after the football game Saturday between Ness City and Dighton. The vehicle wasn't hurt too badly, but Shirley received a bad break on her right arm when the air bag inflated. She ended up at the Hays Regional Medical Center and had some surgery done. She will be there for several days.

At the Tribune Rotary club meeting on Monday morning, Jim Myers discussed some of the tax changes for the coming year's income tax returns.

Winners in the 1-3 age group at the annual Halloween Costume Contest were Holly Myers, Morgan Crockett and Kade Kleymann. Winners in the 4-5 age group were Troy Wineinger, Mia Renee Wilson and Zeke Stone. Winners in the 6-7 age group were Reagan Kleymann, Chaz Schneider and Mackenzi Lehman. Winners in the 9-10 age group were Breanna Watson, Kelli Crittenden and Dustin Myers. Winners in the older age group were Haley Myers, Chip Schneider and Ben Pierce.

30 YEARS AGO—
November 8, 1990

A large crowd is expected at the Greeley County Centennial celebration of the first courthouse completed in November 1890. The centennial rededication of the old courthouse, which now houses the Greeley County museum, will begin Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Lyle Griffin, descendent of the Centennial family of Henry Lovett, will give the welcome. Vaughn Young, descendent of early settler Alburn Young, will give the invocation. Calvin Pringle, descendent of the centennial family of Robert Pringle, will talk about past

history.

Stephanie Harter, bride-elect of Kevin Wineinger, was honored November 3 with a shower at the hospitality room of the bank.

The Greeley County Farm Bureau celebrated its 60th anniversary at their annual meeting November 1. New officers elected were Walt Rauch, president; Jannifer Reynolds, vice-president; and Dwain Ingram, secretary-treasurer. Ben Stewart is the County manager of the insurance agency staff and Sandy Schultz the office secretary.

40 YEARS AGO—
November 6, 1980

The largest plane to ever land at the Tribune airport was here Wednesday morning, October 29. It was a Lockheed four-engine Jet Star plane out of Minneapolis, MN, which belongs to Cargill Seed Co.

Charlie Moser won first place in the state cross country race at Wamego Saturday, and Kreg Arnold, GCHS senior, came in second.

Mitchell Watson recently visited at home after serving overseas for two years on the U.S.S. Midway. He is now stationed in San Diego, CA, on the U.S.S. Constellation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dittmer spent two weeks in October touring the New England states. The foliage was at the height of color, and scenery was like a beautiful picture, reported Mrs. Dittmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bishop and Gilbert returned Wednesday night from a 14-day vacation into 15 states. The beautiful autumn colors are truly God's work of art, remarked Mrs. Bishop.

Judi Pringle has been inducted into Marymount College chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes of Logan, NM, spent from October 9 to October 13 in Tribune visiting with her sister, Zula Chapman, and with Jess Taylor and other relatives.

50 YEARS AGO—
November 5, 1970

B.L. Anderson, attorney, was one of about 180 who received the juris doctor degrees Friday afternoon in the convention held at the university theater in Topeka. Mr. Anderson is a Washburn Law School graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Mentor Tucker returned home Sunday evening from a two-weeks' trip to California and Oregon.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the open house and reception Sunday afternoon honoring the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Taylor.

Ray Lee Helmbold left Thursday, October 29, after a two-weeks' visit at home. He was transferred from Ft. Lee,

VA, to Ft. Lewis, WA.

80 YEARS AGO—
November 7, 1940

Martin F. Trued attended the United States Navy Band concert in Garden City Wednesday night, November 1.

About 25 persons spent Tuesday evening, November 5, at the Robert Major home playing cards and listening to the election returns.

Melvin Kuder was injured about 6 o'clock yesterday morning when his gas in an oil tank on a truck at which he was working exploded.

A large crowd attended the Halloween party in the old high school gym Thursday night, which T.P. Tucker, Tribune City mayor, sponsored. Approximately 300 were present and this year's party was termed a success.

100 YEARS AGO—
November 1920

Albert Smith has returned from his trip to Texas, but says he "has nothing to give out," other than he had a royal time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Wray, CO, have taken over the boarding end of the Tribune hotel and are serving full meals and short orders.

Vird Garrison and family have moved on the old Ridlen place south of Horace.

The Wright feed store building and lots were bid in by Ward Lobdell for \$3,000.

120 YEARS AGO—
November 1900

Two coyotes were run to earth at T.P. Tucker's Sunday. The dogs were not much good, but Clair Chapman got one coyote, and the other boys the other one.

Hon. Geo. L. Reid is having his house painted and finishing the kitchen. We wish there would be more painting in town, for some of the houses need it badly.

Wesley, Ed and Oscar Hurt are in town this week to seed James Hurt's broom corn. He will have three or four tons from the twenty-acre tract north of town.

D.R. Beckstrom expects to study law after he is elected county attorney. He has a good foundation for it by being a good schoolteacher, and is able now to do all the work of the county attorney's office.

There was a wreck Wednesday. The freight for the west and an eastbound freight coming into the yards were unable to stop on the grade at the west end and a head on collision resulted. Five cars and one engine were badly ruined and the other engine damaged considerably.

E-Mail It!
Greeley Co. Republican
gcrnews
@gcrnews.com

Horace Greeley Museum Your History • Your Heritage



Gleanings from 1941 Greeley County Republican and the Greeley County News

Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas

Otto A. Epp, Editor and Publisher
Compiled by Nadine Cheney

20-Nov., 1941-Boy Scouts Get More Than A Ton of Paper.

The pioneers of Greeley County are rapidly leaving. Now is the time when a Greeley County Historical Society ought to be organized. R.S. Beall of Mount Ayr,

Iowa wrote, "The sooner you get this going the more of the early history of the county can be preserved". Mr. Beall has material he would like to donate such a society in Greeley County--nearly every issue of the Greeley County paper--if someone would pay the shipping.

27-Nov., 1941-Mayor T.P. Tucker began the organization of a volunteer fire department.

04-Dec., 1941-Twenty Join Fire Brigade—Siren has been ordered.

"Colorado Eagle" will be

the name of the Streamliner that will operate through Tribune and Horace next spring.

25-December, 1941-Christmas Day Menu--Turkey with Oyster Dressing---40 cents; Roast Beef and Brown Gravy---35 cents; Grilled Port Chops and Spiced Apples---35 cents. Served with snowflake potatoes, green peas in cream, cranberry jello, ice cream and cake, homemade Parker House rolls. Coffee, hot tea and milk. This served at "Best Cafe".



About 22,000 playas dot the landscape in western Kansas, with 85% of playa acres located in cropland. In this dry landscape, playas are the main source of water for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds, as well as resident prairie birds. (Playa Lakes Joint Venture)

Conservation project aims to restore Ogallala Aquifer through naturally occurring landforms

Kansas Reflector By AI Dome

The future of water availability in western Kansas is receiving support from a multimillion-dollar project aimed at using existing land formations to recharge a major underground water source.

Final details of the Groundwater Recharge and Sustainability Project, or GRASP, are being worked out within the offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Earlier this year the project received an injection of \$1.4 million from NRCS, and another \$1.5 million from multiple partnering conservation organizations, including the Playa Lakes Joint Venture and Ducks Unlimited.

The plan calls for the restoration and enhancement of playas — natural wetlands that dot the state. There are more than 22,000 playa lakes in Kansas, with 85% of that playa acreage in cropland. The remaining 15% are part of natural grasslands, with the average size of a playa being 3.7 acres.

"If you didn't know what you were looking at, you wouldn't think there was something there," said Matt Smith, the conservation delivery manager for Playa Lakes Joint Venture. "Wetlands on the high plains are a source of groundwater recharge. All western Kansas water issues make these important."

Smith said his organization's idea was to restore those wetlands, especially near municipal and domestic water wells, allowing water to trickle down and recharge those wells and the depleting Ogallala Aquifer. The GRASP project will help landowners and ag producers with voluntary efforts to restore those playas, as well as improve their irrigation systems, reduce pumping, retire old wells, and help transition toward dryland crop systems where applicable.

"It depends on the situation — some folks understand what's coming and see this is obviously an unsustainable use of water in some areas," Smith said. "They see that something has to change."

The project is focused on Wichita and Greeley

counties, which have seen a rapid decline in water availability. The two counties combined have about 600 playas. Smith said the depth of the aquifer varies in different locations but estimates some parts of these counties could experience water issues within 10 to 50 years.

According to the Kansas Water Office's State of the Resource Report from August 2018, from the years of 2007 to 2016, water measurements taken across 158 wells in the Upper Smoky Hill region by the Kansas Geological Survey and the state Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources showed an average groundwater level decline each year of 0.60 inches, with a 10-year cumulative decline of nearly six feet.

"Water is our most vital resource," said Katie Patterson-Ingels, communications director for the Kansas Water Office. "Water and our Kansas economy are directly linked."

Patterson-Ingels said the KWO learned during public input for the Kansas Water Vision that most Kansans do not understand where their water comes from.

"Water is a finite resource, and without planning and action we will no longer be able to meet our state's current water needs, let alone state growth," Patterson-Ingels said.

Abe Lollar, a biologist with Ducks Unlimited, said his organization has provided \$100,000 of financial support, and another \$50,000 for technical assistance toward GRASP. The technical aspects involve Lollar providing education and outreach to local landowners and ag producers on the details of the project and its potential benefits. The \$100,000 will be put toward the purchase of native prairie shortgrass seed, which Lollar said runs from \$150 to \$200 per acre.

"It's not the cheapest seed mix in the world," said Lollar. "The mixes are so expensive because it's hard to get some of these annual plants that have high seed production in the mix."

Lollar said the seed mixes are a necessary part of the playa restoration process. The planted grass

buffer acts like a natural water filter. Rainwater from surrounding fields runs into the playa and carries sediment and contaminants with it. The shortgrass will stop much of the sediment from entering the playa and improve the quality of the water entering the aquifer. It will also provide habitat and a food source for birds and pollinators.

"A healthy, functioning playa would be one with little sediment on the bottom, no pit, and surrounded by that native shortgrass buffer," Lollar said.

Before any seed is planted, conservationists will go look at the soil in the playa region and take samples to determine how much sediment has built up along the bottom of the playa. Too much sediment could interfere with the shrinking and swelling of the clay layer, acting like a cork and keeping water from trickling down through fissures in the ground. Lollar said a good playa lake has a bottom comprised of clay soil, and more than four inches of sediment would make the playa too shallow, therefore limiting how much water it could hold — and how much water filters down into the aquifer.

Lollar said restored playas have the best recharge value, and the recharge process takes longer than depletion, as nature cannot keep up with the amount of water being pulled by irrigation.

"There's a lot of different factors in how long it takes to restore a playa," Lollar said. "A fast turnaround in western Kansas would be three years. A key factor in the final restoration is getting that native grass to take hold and grow. It could take several years, start to finish."

Lollar said one does not want to rush Mother Nature when it comes to providing water for future generations.

"We only have one Planet Earth, why wouldn't you want to take care of it?" Lollar said.

A workshop on playa lakes is being held Jan. 12 and 13 at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. The event is free for landowners and tenants interested in learning more about the benefits of playas.

Ready or not.....
Winter is on its way!
Pierce Lumber Company
has many quality products
to help you get ready for those
cold winter days!

Pierce Lumber Company

201 W. Greeley Ave
Tribune, Kansas
620-376-4641

Store Hours:
M-F 7:30 - 5:00
Sat. 7:30 - noon, Closed Sundays