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Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Trivia: "Even though they don't have wings, spiders can fly for hundreds of miles (across entire oceans) on long strands of silk using Earth's electric fields; it's called 'ballooning'. Spiders have been found 2 1/2 miles up in the air, and 1,000 miles out to sea."

Weird Facts

Traditional Halloween imagery usually involves pumpkins, bats, witches... and black cats. Here is some trivia about black cats and bats.

1. The Egyptians revered all cats as good luck. Today, many cultures worldwide view black cats as good luck.
2. Somewhere during the Middle Ages, Europeans got the idea that black cats were associated with witchcraft. The elderly, solitary women who often fed and cared for stray cats were also often (mis)identified as witches and the cats as their conspirators.
3. In England (except Yorkshire) and Ireland, should a black cat cross your path, it's good luck.
4. Speaking of Great Britain, giving a cat to a bride in the English Midlands is good luck.
5. Are you Scottish? A strange black cat arriving at your home means you may win the jackpot! (A stray black cat arriving on your doorstep signals prosperity).
6. If you're German, you have to pay attention. If the cat crosses your path from right to left, that's

bad; left to right is good. Directionally challenged? We can't help.

7. If you're a pirate, it gets even more complicated. If the black cat is walking toward you, it's bad luck. If it's walking away, that's good. If the cat walks onto the ship and then back off—get off the ship, it's going to sink. If you can get a cat to do any of those things on command, that's impressive.

8. Fishermen (and their wives) saw black cats as good luck, with many keeping them on their ships or in their homes. Black cats became so highly valued that some could not afford them.

9. In Japan, black cats are considered symbols of good luck, especially for single women. Owning a black cat is thought to attract potential suitors.

10. In Russia, all cats are viewed as lucky.

11. Black Cat Appreciation Day is August 17.

12. Black cats go with

every décor, and, best of all, you can't see their fur on your furniture!

Bonus round: It's bad luck to walk under a ladder that a black cat just passed. However, we would also suggest that it's just good common sense not to walk under any ladder, whether or not a cat of any color is nearby.

And then there are bats: There are more than 1,100 species of bats in the world.

- 70% of bats consume insects and small bugs for food. The other 30% consume various types of fruit.

- Bats seem to do very well living in various environments.

- Bats are found in almost every location in the world.

- The smallest bats are the Kitti's Hog-Nosed Bat.

- The largest bats in the world are the Giant Golden Crowned Flying Fox.

Schultis one of 24 CSC Health Professions students who visit UNMC

Aubrey Schultis of Tryon, was one of 24 Chadron State College students enrolled in the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) who toured the University of Nebraska Medical Center Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

During the visit, students learned about careers in the allied health professions, dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and public health. Students also met UNMC students in their declared health profession training programs and gained information about how to be academically prepared to thrive in professional school, according to a press release from UNMC. "The annual visit to

UNMC is an outstanding opportunity for our future students to visualize themselves in their health profession training program, and as a future health care provider," said Nikki Carritt, Director of Rural Health Initiatives. "It is also an opportunity for faculty and staff across UNMC to demonstrate our commitment to their success in becoming Nebraska's rural health care workforce of the future."

While at UNMC, the CSC students met with faculty, and attended presentations about leadership, inclusivity, well-being, and stress management.

The UNMC Rural Health Initiatives, the UNMC Office of Student Services, and the Nebraska Area Health Education Center Program coordinated the visit.

Oldsters Party Correction

The annual McPherson County Oldsters Party was enjoyed by present and former county residents.

Gloria Bryant, 95, was the second oldest lady in attendance. The oldest lady recognition went to Helen Brooks, 96. She was pictured with her daughter, Shirley Parsons, and received congratulations from Virginia Huffman. Helen writes she is not only a great-grandmother, but she is also a great-great-grandmother to a wonderful little girl.

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TEN YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 5, 2009

A farewell dinner for Matthew Daly was held at the home of his grandparents, Donn and LeRoy Daly, Sunday, September 25. Matt will begin military training in Fort Benning, Georgia.

McPherson County High School honor roll students were: Logan Krull, Eric Trumbull, Ashley Bessmer, Dillon Daigger, Gabe Ryland, Mara Seifer, Sam Ascherl, McKenna Bessmer, Alex Hinkle, Jesse Paxton, Dane Daigger.

Lone Valley Club met at the home of Daryl and Doris Starr north of Mullen, after the United Church of Christ dinner at Seneca. Officers were elected were: Julie Pettit, president; Carrie Woracek, vice president; Jessica Warren, secretary and treasurer; Jacque Trumbull, news reporter.

TWENTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Shirla Brouwer left Sunday morning for Columbia, Georgia to visit her son, Ross, who is stationed at Fort Benning.

Gail Nason of Tryon, was pictured on the cover of the November 1999 issue of the *Nebraska Farmer Magazine*, and her ranch story and pictures of her cattle herd were on pages 12-14 of the magazine. Gail lives on the family ranch northwest of Tryon, along with her parents, Max and Lorene Rothwell, who turned the ranch management over to Gail 11 years ago.

Lawrence E. "Larry" Bierma, 82, of Tryon, passed away October 28 at his home.

THIRTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1989

George R. (Joe) and Ida Daly of Tryon, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, November 5th, with 150 friends and relatives present for the event, hosted by their children. The couple was married November 27, 1929, near Ringgold by Pastor L.E. Johnson. Their attendants, Jack and Clara (Winters) Daly, were present for the occasion.

Bill Erickson of Tryon, is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital at Grand Island. He was taken to the hospital, October 31, by Greg Wade of Tryon.

Congresswoman Virginia Smith was a special guest at the Tryon United Methodist Church, Sunday morning, November 5th, during the morning worship service. Special music during the service was provided by a group of young people from the McPherson County High School including Ellen and Brett Gosnell, Jeff and Rusty Moore, Billy Munson, Tylene Black and Melissa Fisher. They were accompanied by Sherri Gosnell at the

piano.

FORTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 8, 1979

Eva Haddy was pictured with a plaque that had been presented by Jean Doyle, president of the 4-H Council, for Eva's 22 years of service to the 4-H program in McPherson County. Gaylene Kemp received the David award trophy from Mrs. Haddy.

Rev. and Mrs. David Lux, who pastored at the Tryon and Mullen United Methodist churches, were the parents of a baby boy, Joshua David, born November 2 at North Platte. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Arendorf of Tryon were the happy parents of a baby girl, Darla Rae, born Friday, November 2, at North Platte.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 6, 1969

Come Double Club met November 1 with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. John Power as hosts. Twenty-two members enjoyed cards with Dave McClintock and Bernice Fattig winning high scores, and Russell Fisher and Lucille Kemp receiving the low prizes.

Machinist's Mate third Class Roger Neal, U.S. Navy, assigned to the U.S.S. Hancock, has been presented a certificate of achievement as Petty Officer of the Month. Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal of Tryon.

Word was received from Mrs. David Neal that Dave has finished his basic Training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and has been moved to Fort Gordon, Georgia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Neal of Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pettit are the parents of a baby son, Clint William, born October 31, 1969.

SIXTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 12, 1959

A full house thoroughly enjoyed the KJLT Booster program given Saturday night, November 7, at Hall Church north of Ringgold, by Ward Childerson and others. Dick Miller, one of the announcers on Radio Station KJLT at North Platte, gave several musical numbers on his horn, accompanied by Mary Ellen Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Yellowhawk from the Brainard Indian School, sang "He's the One." Mr. Yellowhawk accompanied them on the guitar. Mr. Childerson explained at length some of

the technicalities, finances, problems and joys of operating a purely religious station. Mrs. Orval Miller and Miss Carolyn Connell were the winners of two contests conducted during the evening.

Mrs. Julia French of Tryon, observed her 89th birthday Saturday, November 7. Mrs. French who was born in 1870, has been a longtime resident of Tryon and McPherson County.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 10, 1949

A county committee was elected for a school district reorganization for McPherson County. The law requiring counties to reorganize their school districts, was passed in the last legislature and went into effect August 17, 1949. The following were elected and notices sent: Vernon Jameson, District 7; Merald Chapman, District 15; Frank Correll, District 11; Miles Snyder, District 58; Ross Kahoe, District 4; Tom Kemp, District 24; George Daly and Bill Trego tied for District 26; John Streiff, District 37; and E.E. McClain, District 15. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Miller are the proud parents of a baby boy, born October 26.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1939

Mrs. Emerson Hogue entertained the 16 little folks of her Sunday School class on Monday evening from 4:00 until 5:30. Various games were enjoyed by the group. Refreshments of cake, apples, and candy was served.

Mrs. David David entertained at a birthday party November 3, for her daughter, Yvonne's second birthday. Those attending were Mrs. F.S. Snyder and Jimmie Ray, Mrs. Chas Bellew, Lois and Russell, Mrs. Harold Neal and Larry, Mrs. Lee Waits, Wayne and Vernon, and Miss Helen David.

A prayer service for the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Wade of Tryon, was held Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Miller Cemetery, where burial was made. Rev. and Mrs. Neille VanMeter, officiated. The premature twins died Monday afternoon shortly after birth. Mrs. Wade is still in the St. Mary Hospital at North Platte.

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