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TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 24, 2011
Kermit Paxton spent his 96th birthday transporting mail. Kermit celebrated his birthday on February 17.

The resignation of David Thelen, MCHS teacher, was accepted with regret, at a special School District #90 Board of Education meeting held Friday, February 18.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 22, 2001
McPherson County Commissioners voted to furnish a used vehicle for County Sheriff Barry Hinkle at their regular meeting February 14, 2001. Several options and signatures from county residents were reviewed, and following a recess for lunch, Commissioner Sowers moved to purchase the 1996 Ford Crown Victoria from Custer County Supervisors for \$4,500, subject to inspection.

Katrina Fisher, daughter of Wiley (Kent) and Kathleen Fisher, was featured in the "Senior Spotlight" for the week. She was active in many organizations and activities during her high school days including sports, plays, music, Bridging the Gap and 4-H.

Births: Michael and Shannon Dickman of Maryland, were the parents of a baby daughter, Emily Elaine, born February 6. Great-Grandparents include Lloyd and Cleo Connell of Tryon, and grandparents were Kenneth and Ruth Gage of Maxwell.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 21, 1991
Gary and Jerry Neal drove to Kearney Friday evening where they met Brett, Cindy, Kristin, and Mindy Neal from Lincoln, and all attended the Kearney-Chadron basketball game. Brian Hope, a friend of Mindy's, plays ball for the Chadron team. They were also joined by Joyce Wilkins and grandson, Shea.

The MCHS varsity boys turned in a fine performance in a 67-51 win over Maywood in their last regular season game February 15th. Mike Daly led Tryon with 17 points, Rusty Moore had 15, and Zane Connell, Dusty Paxton and Travis Kemp each had eight points.

After church Sunday, Wm. and Sue Masters had dinner at the Stockman Inn in North Platte then went to the theater to see "Dances with Wolves."

Robert Long, Judy Daley and Donald Thompson attended the West Central District meeting

for County Officials at the North Platte Holiday Inn, Thursday.

FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 19, 1981
Hannah Doyle and Layne Pyzer from the local high school were members of the select band at the High Plains Music Festival at Chadron last week, and Marsha Bullington of MCHS, was a member of the select chorus.

The Woman of the Year title for 1980 was awarded to Mrs. Carol Moore of Tryon, at the 62nd Farm Bureau State Convention held in Kearney. Carol and her husband, Don, who is currently a state board member, live on a ranch northwest of Tryon.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lutes of Tryon, received word that they have a new grandson, Elliott Thomas, born February 10 to Tom and Esther Harmon of Pierre, S.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Joe Smolik Jr. of Bethany, Oklahoma, are the parents of a baby daughter, Audra Renee, born February 7, 1981.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 25, 1971

There were several overnights in the Tryon vicinity Thursday night, due to the storm and slick roads with visibility being very poor. Dr. and Mrs. Early Walker of Mullen, were at the Hank Halstead home; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Runner of Mullen, at the Harold Neal home, and Marion Miller at the Gene Evans home. Dave McClintock had the misfortune of getting stuck on the big hill north of Tryon, so he walked to the Melvin Waits home. Everyone was home safe and sound by Friday afternoon.

Word was received February 22 of the marriage of Eileen James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Babb of Ringgold, and Elfred Young. The couple was married at Reno, Nevada and will live at Central Point, Oregon.

Mrs. Linda Neal and family and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Neal and family received word that David Neal has been promoted to SP5. Dave is still a clerk-typist and his address will still be the same, except for the SP5.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 23, 1961

At a recent family gathering, the four great-grandmothers of little Janelle Sue Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder, were pictured with the new baby. They were: Mrs. M.A. (Elisabeth) Connell, 84, of

Tryon; Mrs. A.B. (Grace) Snyder, 79, of North Platte; Mrs. Harry A. (Nora) Blackstone, 82, of Maywood; and Mrs. Lawrence (Leona) Bassett, 75, of Tryon. Harry Blackstone, 84, was Janelle's only living great-grandfather.

Local well driller, Tom Kemp, returned home Wednesday from an all-expense paid trip to Madison, Wisconsin where he was a guest of the Baker Mfg. Company.

The American Legion's training school for citizenship and state government, will be held again this year on the campus of the College of Agriculture in Lincoln in June, with 360 boys from junior classes of Nebraska high schools as the citizens of this mythical state. Ron Daly, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Daly of Tryon, has been chosen by the Art Gray Post No. 189 of Tryon, as the delegate to Boy's State, and Jerry Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Snyder of Flats, will be alternate.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 22, 1951

Fred Wendling has been moving Orval Bellew's machinery to a place south of Tryon where the Bellew family will live after May 1st.

The Helping Hand Club met with Mrs. Florence Huffman and Henrietta at their home in North Platte, February 7th.

Those who helped Bob Jelden celebrate his birthday Sunday evening at the Tom Ellis and Taft Haddy home were, Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins, and son, Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cotton, Carolyn and Reva, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Streiff and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis and children, and Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Haddy. The evening was spent looking at the movie pictures that Eva and Taft had taken. Mr. Jelden teaches at McPherson County High School.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 20, 1941

On Saturday morning, February 15, 1941, at the church parsonage at Grant, Nebraska, occurred the marriage of Myrtle E. Bedker of Hershey to Charles E. Daly of Flats, the marriage lines being read by Rev. Floyd Price, pastor. Accompanying the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Daly, brothers of both bride and groom.

The MCHS basketball team dropped a close game to the Platte Valley team 25 to 27 at Sutherland Tuesday evening in a game in which local fans expected the MCHS boys to come out on top.

Ed Highland of Denver, brother of Mrs. S.A. (Julia) French, was a guest at the

French home, here last week.

Joe Schmidt was busy grinding feed last week. On Monday he ground rye for V.W. Hora. On Tuesday he ground rye for Frank Gillard, rye and ear corn for John Leeds and Floyd Allen, and on Saturday he ground rye for Leo Cash and V.W. Hora. He also threshed some cane last week.

NINETY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 19, 1931

A number of people from the northwest part of the county, and also Hooker County, residents of that vicinity, will give a

play at the Eclipse Church entitled "Her Step-Husband." Proceeds from the play will be used to repair the Eclipse Church. The Helping Hand Club of that neighborhood, plan to serve lunch.

Legion men of this part of the country, their mothers, sisters and wives with their families, plan to meet Sunday, February 22, at the Legion Hall in Tryon for an all-day reunion meeting. At that time, they will organize an American Legion Auxiliary.

Joe Minor used to ride over his Grant County

ranch on a cow pony. When his holding increased, he turned his horse out to range and negotiated the sand roads in an automobile. Even that is too slow a manner of getting over 100,000 acres of ranchland. So, Minor recently purchased a plane employed a pilot, and moved ranching up a few degrees in the scale of development. When Joe Minor arrived in the sandhills country about 50 years ago, his sole possessions were a horse and saddle. His earnings as a ranch hand went into cows.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



up there!
I unintentionally procrastinated on this column, but Kendra was

good enough to remind me that I hadn't sent it to her. I've frozen up - what more can I say?

PROCRASTINATION

It's so easy to procrastinate,
To put things off until it's too late,
Using tomorrow as a convenient bait
And leaving consequences up to fate!

Why do we keep putting off stuff?
We know when the going gets rough
That putting it off just isn't enough
And we have to get up off our duff!

Procrastination isn't a real excuse
So putting it off is really no use.
It just leads to more self-abuse
And no way can we declare a truce.

On occasion there are reasons
Where putting off completion
Of a task to another season
Has justifications legion.

For the most part, procrastination
Is something we should ration,
As it leads to much frustration
And eventual stagnation.

J.R. Trumbull
27 June 2016

Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Dining Room Open 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
308-587-2201

Thursday, February 25 - Spaghetti and meat sauce; lettuce salad; green beans; pears

Friday, February 26 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, peaches

Monday, March 1: Philly cheese steak, potato chips, peaches

Tuesday, March 2: Taco, lettuce salad, Spanish rice, oranges

Wednesday, March 3: Hamburger chicken fry, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, apple sauce

Thursday, March 4: Runza (cabbage roll), hashbrowns, pineapple
Friday, March 5: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, pears

Next Tryon Red
Cross Bloodmobile
April 2, 2021

For Sale

Lodi Rangeland - 181 acres, two reservoirs at Road 876 Callaway/Oconto. Excellent condition, hunting. Just off NE#40 at Lodi Cemetery. \$290,000

Oakley Farm - 164 acres six miles west of Sidney. Expired CRP with good grass, livestock well. Soils could be broken to crop production. \$160,000

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