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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 14, 2011**

McPherson County High School Prom was held Saturday, April 9. Senior class members were: Austin Lewis, Gabe Ryland, Ashley Bessmer, Molly Hinkle, Michelle Lopez, Mara Seifer and Kandi Barnhill.

Mara Brittney Seifer was this week's Senior Spotlight.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 12, 2001**

Lana Streiff has been named an All-American Collegiant Scholar.

Due to an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition, Levi Arensdorf has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival in Atlanta, Georgia.

Wacey Krull has been selected to attend the 2001 Cornhusker Boys State at Lincoln.

Cameron Powers was in this week's senior spot-

light.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 11, 1991**

Pictures of a new business in Tryon, to be known as Grassland Feeds would possibly be in operation by the next fall, according to Gary Connell of Tryon and his father-in-law Delbert Hagan of Elsie.

Lori Gregg and Mitzi Pettit of Tryon were the McPherson County Farm Bureau's representatives at the 1991 Nebraska Farm Bureau Youth Citizenship and Safety Seminar in Aurora.

Tonya Diane Starr was in the MCHS Senior Spotlight.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 9, 1981**

The Junior Class Play, "Keep Moving" was to be presented at the McPherson County High School April 10-11.

Carmen Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long, and Hannah Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doyle, both of Tryon, were selected to attend

the 8th annual Citizenship Seminar at the Nebraska Youth Leadership Development Center at Aurora.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 15, 1971**

McPherson County representatives for 1971 Boys and Girls State at Lincoln were Gary Connell and Connie Lutes.

A large crowd turned out for the annual McPherson County Spelling Contest at Tryon. Berva Miller, an 8th grade student from Hall School, won the championship trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dobbins and family of Fort Morgan, Colorado were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins. They were on their way home after spending Easter with relatives in South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Power were the parents of a baby daughter, born April 13, 1971. She was named

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## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." -Albert Einstein

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, "If I could see the world, I'd marry you".

One day someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend. He asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?"

The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked

her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at him for the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left her in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying, "Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine."

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what our life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - Think of

someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children - Think of someone who desires children but they are barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep - Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another - Remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one MAKER.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive.

### BE A DANIEL

Dare to be like Daniel  
From the pages of God's Word,  
Stand firm in faith and conviction,  
Make sure the story is heard.

Stand against the pressure  
As the world would have its way.  
Defy unethical authority,  
Don't surrender to its sway.

Look to God for provision,  
Guidance, and for wisdom.  
Search His Word daily  
Diligently in His freedom.

We all face our lions  
As we go along the way.  
We need to stand with Jesus  
And not let the world hold sway.

God is ever with us  
No matter how it may seem.  
He has promised His assurance  
Though worldly temptations teem.

So, stand firm like Daniel,  
Stay true to God's Word.  
Stand fast in faith and conviction,  
Make sure the story is heard.

J.R. Trumbull  
10 Oct 2018

### Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

**Dining Room Open:**

**9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Mon.-Fri. - Call 308-587-2201**

Monday, April 19 - Philly cheesesteak, chips, macaroni salad, pickle, mixed fruit

Tuesday, April 20 - Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, April 21 - Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches

Thursday, April 22 - Barbecue riblet sandwich, potato salad or lettuce, chips, applesauce.

Friday, April 23 - Pork chop, baked potato, beets, dinner roll, pears

Monday, April 26 - Barbecue ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, pineapple

Tuesday, April 27 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pears

Wednesday, April 28 - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, slice bread, apple slice

Thursday, April 29 - French dip, lettuce salad, chips, mandarin oranges

Friday, April 30 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, peaches

## Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I know I've mentioned several things and several times about the time Doris and I spent in Haiti in the late 1990's and into 1991, but you all have to admit that you were warned at the beginning of the year that this might happen. You probably have heard that I can hardly see to read anymore. My daughter, Sandi, spent most of March with me and read a lot of stuff, like you would to any little child. Among that information was some of my old diaries (I have kept a continuous diary since January 1, 1984 and I recommend that, with some changes, you all do that task). The one starting on October 9, 1990, was mostly written by hand and on a borrowed, 'needs a new ribbon' portable typewriter. It contains snippets of information that you are going to get this week. Probably rather disconnected and of more interest to me than to most of you. Does it help for me to apologize for selfishness?

Do any of you more mature folks remember the name Harold Curtiss in connection with some research and telephone work in our area back in the Eighties? At that time his daughter, Bernice,

and her husband, Herb Rogers, were Baptist missionaries in the island country of Haiti and Doris and I had visited with her at state conventions (she looked like a normal American lady here in Nebraska, but by the time we made connection with her at the Limbe, Haiti 'international airport' where our 8-passenger Cessna landed on October 18, 1990, she had sprouted wings and had a large, glowing halo around her face). If you ever step from any means of transportation among literally hundreds of strangers, all talking in an unfamiliar language, and see one familiar person, not battling the crowd but standing expectantly at the edge of the mob, you'll get the picture. I had made some mistakes in my itinerary and we had one extra flight in Florida.

Oh, how we looked forward to that little plane every week. You, our church family, sent mail, up to 19 one week, care packages and even a saddle for the pastor's horse (we need to accept the fact that he probably didn't use it much because those Haitian horses weren't

shaped just like ours here at Arthur). We received some money also and it went to buy insulin for diabetics at the hospital in Haiti. We paid our own room and board at the hospital compound, where the fence enclosed a large variety of buildings and enterprises.

Perhaps I need to tell you part of what I learned about missionary life in the first few days of a short stay in this country. Doris had a harder life in Haiti than I did. True, she spent about half her time teaching in the school which was maintained on the compound for the children of couples working there, and she did this under the supervision of that same creature that had met us at the airport, but the other half of her time was spent at the pharmacy that was connected to the hospital. She was working in a new environment where she had much to learn under the supervision of a much different type of individual. I, on the other hand, was working at tasks I was familiar with - wood, metal and paperwork, under about four different bosses, all of whom I interacted with well. But the fact that hit me about "mission" work was brought home the first week by my 'predominant' boss, one of the Smith boys. We had taken an old 'Dihatsu' pickup, a two wheeled trailer and

about four native workers to go out in the rural area to get a tree for our sawmill (world Vision had given us a 'Woodmizer' sawmill almost identical to the one Wilbert Sizer used to have here). If you start a chainsaw in an area like that you'll soon have a huge group of spectators, and Ron hired four more willing workers. It took all those guys with ropes, pry bars and a continuous flow of unintelligible talk to get the tree we had just cut loaded, precariously, on our conveyance for transport. Ron paid his temporary help each a Haitian dollar, and with our permanent crew now riding on the log we returned to the saw! I had watched, with curiosity, the proceedings and being just a simple American volunteer I told Ron, "I'll write to my son at home the next time the mail flies. He will send me a 12 volt winch that I have at home and when I get it mounted I can go alone and get a tree." The Lesson! Mr Smith replied, "Dean, you have it all wrong, those men I hired can feed their family on rice and beans for a week. That's mission."

I don't know when Ron had bargained for that tree, but when our native 'Sawyer' cut it we saved everything down to 1 x 2 two foot long and Ron paid on bd/foot basis! Before I left Haiti (I'm going to bore you farther) I used all those scrap pieces and with glue and nails I laminated a 2 x 6-17 ft long and put it in the woodshed hoping it would replace one expensive imported timber!

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