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TEN YEARS AGO
APRIL 21, 2011

Sam, Theresa and Isaac Ascherl were pictured welcoming home their big brother, Staff Sergeant Zach Ascherl at an assembly Monday, April 11, at McPherson County High School.

New teachers welcomed at MCHS were: Mark McClanahan, resource teacher and Special Education Director; Mark Wilson, music, Spanish and theater; Lana Swafford, speech, physical education and librarian.

Michelle Lopez was in the Senior Spotlight.

Death: E. Lavelle 'Bally' Stoddard, April 14, 2011.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 19, 2001

MCHS girls placing at the Arnold Track Meet were: Chelsey McNutt, Sara Skipworth and Megan McNutt.

Geneva Neal went to North Platte April 7, where she attended the Golden Wedding celebration of former neighbors, Curtis and Ruth Parker, at the Stockman Inn. Geneva then went to Burger King for a birthday party for her great-grandson, Kyon Neal, son of Trent and Shela Neal of Tryon.

Births: Kaitlyn Marie Baker, February 13; Cauy Therin Golter; Hayley Jenae Janecek, February 10; Ethan Alexander Munson, April 6; Jayden Thomas Fowler, April 12.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 18, 1991

High winds in the area left a lot of damage and cleanup April 11. A Taylor Craft airplane was estimated as a total loss on the Carl Rundback ranch south of Ringgold. It came to rest in some trees after the hanger was completely destroyed. Roger and Jackie Herrick, who live 17 miles south of Stapleton, lost a 1,000 head hog finishing confinement custom feeding building. The structure housed 800 head of livestock. Two semi-loads of unfinished pigs were taken to another finishing building and a load of fat hogs were loaded onto a Farm-land semi and sold, seven head were destroyed, and 40 were injured.

Lois Connell and Gloria Miller drove to Ainsworth Monday to see the new baby son of John and Edith Ellen Gale.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 16, 1981

Clayton Dobbins, Superintendent of McPherson County High School for the past five years, submitted his resignation to the Board of Education

Monday. His resignation will climax twenty years of service in the field of education.

MCHS boys and girls competed in the Venango track meet. Those competing for Tryon were: Mike Miller, Dean Seifer, Steve Waits, Sam Hawthorth, Todd Brown and Mark Trumbull. Placing in the girls events were Hannah Doyle, Dee Arensdorf and Betty Bryant.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 22, 1971

Wes Sharp won a trophy for the champion roper at the Clark Brown Roping Arena last Sunday. He won first and second in the average and two firsts and two seconds in the go-round.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Correll, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Correll and Mr. and Mrs. Taft Haddy were supper guests in the Ted Correll home last Thursday evening. The occasion was Frank's birthday.

The David and Frank Hora families spent Easter Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hora. Mrs. Hora went home with Frank to spend a few days, and Vincent went after her on Wednesday and they returned home Thursday.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 20, 1961

The Industrial Arts and Commercial Teacher of McPherson County High School, Mr. Leo Lindahl, has signed a contract with Brainart High School for the coming school year. Mr. and Mrs. Lindahl plan to move there soon after school is out.

Miss Mary Green, home economics and science teacher at MCHS, has accepted a position in Sioux County High School at Harrison, for the ensuing year. She will teach Home Economics and Science.

A large crowd attended the choir program presented by the Nebraska Christian High School at Hall Church north of Ringgold April 16th. A very nice program was presented with 19 students in a mixed choir accompanied by Karen Oswald at the piano, and trumpet music by Judy Grantham, Warren Edger and Stephen LeBarr. Also enjoyed was a girls sextet and a boys quartet.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 19, 1951

A contract for construction of 12 miles of new highway from Tryon north to the Hooker-McPherson county line was awarded Wednesday by the State Highway Department. Also two contracts for construction to

complete the highway between Thedford and Stapleton were awarded Wednesday by the State Highway Department.

The Evergreen 4-H Forestry Club met at the Clyde Wilson home after school Monday and officers were elected. Clyde Wilson gave a demonstration of planting a shrub. Lunch was served by Mrs. Wilson.

Word was received from Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wright that they have moved to Altamont, Missouri, and they send their best wishes to all their friends here.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 17, 1941

Easter weekend storms struck in many parts of the state, bringing high wind damage to some, and important moisture to others. One woman met death in a violent windstorm near Stanton Saturday evening when a blood vessel in her arm was severed by broken glass when wind blew in a window at her home. A violent hail storm struck near Flats, located west of Tryon, Sunday afternoon while other parts of the county received from heavy to light showers.

Bryan Heldenbrand of North Platte, who is well known here, having operated a garage here for many years, has taken over the repair department of a large Valentine garage it was learned here this week. His wife and children are still in North Platte, but will go to Valentine after the close of school.

County Agent, Fred Blummer was in Tryon Tuesday afternoon teaching boys from high school the use of a farm level, an instrument used in contouring farm and pasture land.

NINETY YEARS AGO
APRIL 16, 1931

A crowd of businessmen and citizens met at the courthouse in Tryon Monday night to talk over the possibilities of sponsoring another County Fair. All present seemed to be in favor of the undertaking. A vote was taken by ballot and the following persons were elected as officers: F.S. Snyder, president; A.L. Fuller, Vice president; Ray Ready, treasurer, and Fred W. Smith, secretary. Ira Huffman was a business visitor in Tryon Monday afternoon. He attended the land sales at the courthouse.

Tryon's streets need their annual strawing quite badly. Perhaps the commissioners will order the work started when they meet for the monthly meeting next Monday.

Most of the eighth grade pupils from the west end of the county took their examinations at the Diamond Bar School Thursday and Friday.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "You can't change the past but you can make adjustments for a better future."

Unknown

Have you ever had one of those senior moments where you manage to do something and don't know how you did it? I just deleted a whole column that I had written and have had no luck retrieving it.

What I had copied originally was some wise quote from grandparents or something like that. Reading through this, I decided that it is pretty close to the same "wisdom."

Today's reading is from the Book of Corporate Life, Chapter 1, verses 1-15:

1. In the beginning was the Plan.
2. And then came the Assumptions.
3. And the Assumptions were without form.
4. And the Plan was without Substance.
5. And darkness was upon the face of the Workers.
6. And the Workers spoke among themselves saying, "It is a crock of crap and it stinks."
7. And the Workers went unto their Supervisors and said, "It is a crock of dung and we cannot live with the smell."
8. And the Supervisors went unto their Managers saying, "It is a container

of organic waste, and it is very strong, such that none may abide by it."

9. And the Managers went unto their Directors, saying, "It is a vessel of fertilizer, and none may abide its strength."

10. And the Directors spoke among themselves, saying to one to another, "It contains that which aids plant growth, and it is very strong."

11. And the directors went to the Vice Presi-

dents, saying unto them, "It promotes growth, and it is very powerful."

12. And the Vice Presidents went to the President, saying unto him, "It has very powerful effects."

13. And the President looked upon the Plan and saw that it was good.

14. And the Plan became Policy.

15. And that is how crap happens.

I'M NOT THAT OLD!

Who are all these old people
Come to celebrate with me today?
Grey hair, no hair, glasses -
They haven't aged well I'd say!

Some still should be kids
Or so it seems to me.
Why it was only yesterday -
I think - maybe?

Time has slipped away
Alas, golly me,
I'm just not as young
As I once used to be!

J.R. Trumbull
30 Jan 2011

Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Dining Room Open:
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. - Call 508-587-2201

- 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, sliced bread, apple slice
- Thursday, April 29 - French dip, lettuce salad, chips, Mandarin oranges
- Friday, April 30 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, peaches

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Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Yes it's me again, and I would honestly like to know how many, if any, enjoy me writing about whatever rings my own bell, triggers my own memories or seems to only be of interest to me. I want to selfishly recall the time again that Doris and I spent in Haiti back in 1990 and 1991.

A couple of the Hodges family, not knowing the future any better than me, had purchased small plots of ground not real far from the hospital compound and were erecting homes on them. They had native builders doing the work but some of the material procurement was their own responsibility and the construction of windows, both a wooden lattice inner framework and a supposed burglar proof outer metal window, on Ron's house became my per-

sonal challenge and responsibility. I don't believe, because of the climate, that any glass was involved. I enjoyed that!

We had a real nice, large wood shed with separate compartments for different sizes of wood. I don't know how long since, or if ever, there had been any semblance of order to this 'mess', if you wanted a certain dimension of lumber, go look for it.

It became my challenge to organize and categorize this jumble. I enjoyed that too!

I brought several sets of books up to date, balanced some, and after I organized the lumber shed I had a 'running' inventory of it all. I'll bet that ended when I left.

The Baptist Mission hospital was really a part, probably the most impor-

tant part, of a compound of several entities and as I had no medical training I spent my time at these other projects

We were located at Limbe in the northern part of the island, quite near the point where Columbus had landed about 500 years earlier. He had probably wintered in a sheltered cove and where he had lost one of his ships. I don't know what kind of estimate could be arrived at, but Limbe's was/is population was around thirty thousand. Since we were on an island, and on a lower part, it wasn't far to water. The public electricity was, at best, very poor and unreliable. Our compound was supplied by our own diesel pow-

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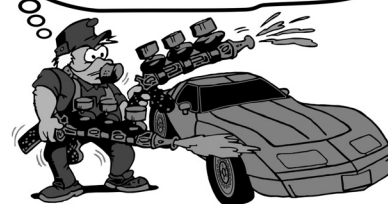
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