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Over The Hills

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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 26, 2011
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 189, District Five chose Mara Seifer as their 2010 delegate to Cornhusker Girls State. One of the many activities Mara Seifer participated in was a government test on which she scored the highest in District 5. She was awarded a certificate and her name was placed on a plaque that the Tryon unit will proudly display for a year.

J.R. Trumbull captured a picture of a large bobcat on her property from her game camera.

Two Tryon resident students were among those who qualified for the spring 2011 academic honors lists at Chadron State College. Ryan Mumm made the president's list and Jordan Lovitt made the dean's list.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 24, 2001
Joseph Cochran, valedictorian, and Dru Melvin and Chad McNutt, co-salutatorians, were among the nine MCHS seniors receiving diplomas at the 2001 Commencement Exercises Saturday, May 12, at the high school auditorium in Tryon. The six other graduates were Jared J. Arensdorf, Chaunci M. Beck, Katrina G. Fisher, Megan L. McNutt, Corey L. Neal, and Cameron L. Powers. Jennifer Moore was class sponsor, and other members of the faculty were Dennis Krominga, superintendent; Debora Britton, Sabrena Clinebell, Gary Johnson, Alan Miller, Gayle Neal, David Thelen, and David Yost.

Funeral services for a former high school teacher at Tryon, Richard W. Hawley, were held May 21, 2001, at the Berean Church in Lincoln. "Dick" as most people came to know him, taught at MCHS from 1952 to 1956.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 23, 1991
Kerri Lynn Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Moore of Tryon, received her Bachelor of Science, Language Arts-Social Science-Education from Nebraska Wesleyan University May 18th at Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium.

Harold and Maxine Neal, Don and Mabel Hatch and LaVerne and Doris Neal attended the 50th wedding anniversary for George and Anna (Neal) Crouse at Hyannis, Sunday.

A wedding shower for Steve Waits and Vickie Warren was planned for Sunday, May 26, at the

United Methodist Church in Tryon. Everyone was welcome, including men.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 21, 1981
Ernestine Mann was honored on her birthday May 13th with a party at the Helen Wendling home in Tryon. Those present, besides the honored guest, were Eva Haddy, Eithel Dahlin, Margaret Dobbins, Annabel Thompson, Eva Correll, Louelva Hatch and Matilda Haney.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pester of Wallace, were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Judy L., to Dallas G. Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Neal of Tryon. A July 11th wedding was being planned.

Four area towns were represented at the 63rd annual meeting of the Sandhills Rebekah District No. 26 meeting held May 15, 1981, at the Tryon Lodge Hall. About forty members from Tryon Lodge No. 415 and the Mullen Lodge No. 315, were present from Tryon, Stapleton, Mullen, and Thedford, Nebraska. Audrey French, District President for 1981, presided over the meeting and was seated as Junior Past President.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 27, 1971
Over 150 people registered at the Methodist pancake feed and hobby show at the fair building in Tryon, Sunday. Hand-crafts and hobby displays came from Mullen, Arthur, North Platte, Hershey, Ogallala and Tryon. Rev. Dwight Kemling conducted a worship service in the afternoon, which was well attended. David's Store, Johnson's Feed Store and many individuals donated coffee, pancake flour, eggs, pies, doughnuts, etc., which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bassett of Mission, South Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawyer of Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Connell and Mrs. Don Bullington,

Teana and Monte helped with the clean-up job at Eclipse Cemetery Wednesday morning and all had dinner with the Don Bullington family.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 25, 1961
Mr. T.L. Rudolph, Superintendent of the high school at Tryon for the past few years, has been elected Superintendent at Winside in Wayne County, Nebraska. We are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph leave Tryon, but hope they will be happy in their new job.

McPherson County's 4-H Sunday was observed at Tryon Sunday, May 21st. The day began with church services, after which a basket dinner was held at *The Graphic* building. Afternoon services were held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, featuring a long list of numbers presented by 4-H Clubs and individuals. Members of The Handy Hands Club were attractively dressed in white choir caps and white headband hats which were centered with the 4-H emblem. The High Flyers Handy Hands Club, and Nature Club were all represented, along with their leaders and helpers, including Wayne, Grace, and Elwin Miller, Mrs. Mabel Ellis, Violet Winkelman, Lorna Miller, and Von Paxton.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 24, 1951
County Superintendent Annabel Warren announced that Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises would be held at the Tryon auditorium May 27, 1951, with 17 pupils to receive diplomas.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet May 28 at the club rooms. Lunch will be served to the "Veterans on Farm Training Class" at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tiffany of Arcadia, arrived Sunday morning to

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Quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

I'm one of those people who enjoys walking among the graves and running the memories of people and places through my mind. It would be wonderful if we had a USB port that we could plug into and record the pictures and stories stored in our minds. That's not possible, but we should try to record our memories on paper or in some form for others. Dad and a friend of his would always have questions for each other when they visited. Not once did I think to slip a tape recorder behind the

chairs where they were sitting. I often wish that I had recorded those memories of times past.

Taking time to visit, spending time together, or even just emailing or

texting are important. Another form of visiting is writing letters which seems to be a lost art.

Spend some time visiting with others in whatever form you choose.

VISITING

I was walking through the graves today,
Visiting with old friends,
Thinking of the memories
And the joys that never end.

Someone asked "Do they talk back"?
Some with a breeze whisper in my ear,
Others with stories oft told,
And others through a tear.

As long as memories & stories linger,
Sandhillers never truly die.
They are a part of each life they touched
Until we meet them in the sky.

So, I will continue visiting my friends
As I walk among the graves
Taking time to think of them
And the memories they gave.

J.R. Trumbull
31 May 2016

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

The Stapleton Enterprise on April 22nd in the *Graphic Files*, dated April 16, 1951, stated that "a crowd" of businessmen and citizens met to discuss the possibilities of sponsoring another county fair. I was born in 1926, so most of the 'kid' part of my story took place in about the next nine years after this news item was published!

Would you like to go there this week? Might be some memories for each of us and I don't know what of this I've already written, but think of the valuable time you'll save if you decide right away that you've already read this. Another lady told me to keep writing, but of course that was before this week and I fully respect her right to change her mind!

When I was a kid, and what I'm going to write happened several years ago, the Arthur fair was a big deal for my age group. I don't know if any records have been saved but it seems like it was just plain better eighty five years ago. There was quite often a little carnival provided, I remember a Ferris wheel, some shooting galleries and the usual food places, I remember trained ponies and vaguely remember one year there was a camel, of course a lot of families, mine included, had to concentrate on FREE. We'd be lucky to get a dime to spend all on ourself. We took our own picnic lunch and gener-

ally played around with the kids we knew from our own community. It seems like Dad bought our ticket, besides the dime, and that allowed us to see everything such as the rodeo, horse races and some games and competition. We could look at the exhibits free and if I remember right there were always some machinery exhibits. I especially remember a balanced head mower that ran all day without shaking coins off the bar and I'll always remember the grumpy old rancher that allowed it wouldn't mow hay because whatever did get cut would never slide off the bar. My family never stayed for any evening events because we needed to get out of what decent clothes we had donned for the day, get back into those overalls and milk the cows. But we had a satisfying day, we were tired, and just maybe had gotten a couple cents worth for our dime that would provide memories for a few days!

I haven't been to the fair and rodeo at Arthur for several years now and it has probably been just as long since I've checked in to my own county fair at Tryon. It's also been several years since I've been to the rodeo and barbecue at Stapleton which used to always be on our calendar because we could meet with my wife's family at that one. Do you agree with me that eighty

five years makes a lot of difference in priorities? And another thing that is probably a practical decision, but hasn't fit in with my program, is spreading the many events over several days which means putting on better clothes and driving a lot of extra miles on several days.

I can only remember going one time to a fall rodeo at the Flats store. Just northwest of the Flats store, on Rufus Howard's homestead section, now owned by Storer's, was a set of cattle facilities with a set of scales! I don't remember a large arena being fenced out, but there may have been a wire gathering pen, or perhaps what cars and wagons showed up were "circled" as an enclosure (what all do you expect me to remember, this isn't recent reporting). Again we had taken a lunch and I believe we shared with another large family named 'Waller.' Homer Waller and his oldest son John had worked for Dad that summer at Stoner. They had no car and we had only recently gotten the Ford Panelwagon that I've written about before. Homer had ridden his horse to our place the day before and gotten our car so his family could come and join us at the rodeo). I'm sure this rodeo was an annual affair but this

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Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

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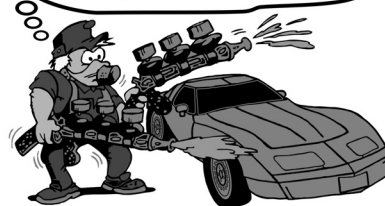
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