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Over The Hills

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TEN YEARS AGO
JUNE 16, 2011
The Blood Drive held in Tryon on Friday, June 3, 2011 was a success in the draw of 20 pints of blood. The goal was 19 so good job Tryonites!

The Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo drew large numbers of contestants to the Logan County Fairgrounds. Kali Blevins was the recipient of the Wayne Melvin and Dan Harwager Memorial Scholarships.

Fifty-six people attended the annual Connell dinner held Sunday, June 13, at the Jack Connell Ranch west of Tryon. The eldest attendees were Audrey French and Phyllis Priest. The afternoon was spent visiting, taking wagon rides with Jack and his Belgian team, Babe and Lady, and pitching horse-shoes.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 14, 2001

Dennis Krominga, is retiring as Superintendent of McPherson County High School and as county superintendent at the end of the week. Mr. Thelen, representing the teachers and staff at the high school, presented Mr. Krominga with a beautiful clock and he also received other cards and gifts. The new superintendent will be France Blanchard of Mission, South Dakota. Mr. Krominga and his wife, Elaine, plan to do some traveling before settling at North Platte. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Albert and Mae Schmidt and son, Duane Schmidt, drove to Flower Mound, Texas, Memorial Day weekend to visit Ken and Kim Schmidt and family. Lee and Errol Waits returned home Monday, June 4 from Montana where they had visited Mr. and Mrs. Craig Neal.

The new ambulance at Tryon will be dedicated at the Tryon Firemen's annual barbecue Saturday, June 30, at the fire station. Fund raisers and grants helped in the purchase of the 2001 4-wheel drive, Type III ambulance.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 13, 1991

A total of 163 contestants competed in the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo at Stapleton Friday, June 7th. Members of the Logan-McPherson Club who placed in events were Marty Gracey in boys cutting; Kelly Long and Kisha Gracey in girls cutting, and Kelly Long in poles; Angie Warren in goat tying and breakaway roping; Frank

Harwager, in saddle bronc and barebacks; Marty Gracey and Mike Daly in calf roping; and in team Roping Marty Gracey and Barry Konicek, 3rd, and Kisha Gracey and Brad Parliament, 4th. Marty Gracey was the Runner-Up All Around Boy.

About 45 children attended Vacation Bible School at the United Methodist Church in Tryon, June 5-7. Teachers were Jennie Prentice, Pauline Waits, Sally Arensdorf, and Carol Moore, aided by substitutes Kathy Fisher, Jeff Moore, Peg Arensdorf and Barb Gragg. In charge of crafts were Barb Neal, Brenda Cochran and Heidi Brouwer. Elnora Neal was in charge of music, and Toby Black was playground supervisor.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 11, 1981

Gary, Deb, and Ryan Correll hosted a cook-out Sunday, June 7, in honor of Allen Correll's third birthday. Those helping Allen celebrate were Ted and Lois Correll, Jack and Clara Daly, Frank and Eva Correll, Darrel and Mildred Ready, Florence Brown, Doug, Marlene, Erin and Sara Correll, and Bruce, Ginger and Geoff Correll.

Daily Vacation Bible School, held in May at the United Methodist Church in Tryon ended with a program at 2:00 p.m. Friday. Daily attendance was forty. Co-superintendents were Kathy Starr and Pauline Waits.

Michelle, Julie and Brad Lutes of Omaha, came for a three-week visit with their grandparents, Vernon and Pauline Lutes. Their aunt, Karen met their bus in North Platte Saturday.

A strong thunderstorm, accompanied by wind and hail, passed through an area south of Tryon Saturday night with damage reported at the Ted Correll and Orville Bellew farms. Hail could still be

seen on Highway 97 between Tryon and North Platte Sunday morning.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 17, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rothwell and family returned Saturday from the Stock Growers Convention to find a tornado had struck their ranch at about 3:30 a.m. CDT doing quite a bit of damage to trees, fences and buildings. The garage building between the two houses, used as a garage and airplane hangar, had the biggest amount of damage, not so much to the building, but to the vehicles inside. A large hangar door on the east was blown open, allowing the door to cross the road east about 100 feet and then counting on northeast for about 2000 yards, end over end, landing in a twisted ball of metal.

Maude Wade was released from the hospital last Wednesday, and staying in the Ray Coty home in North Platte until Sunday. Ray and Lillian brought her home to Tryon Sunday and she is feeling pretty well.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Storer of Flats are the parents of a son, born Saturday, June 12, 1971, at Memorial Hospital in North Platte.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 15, 1961

An invitation was being extended to all relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Melvin, to an open house in observance of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 18th at their home ten miles northwest of Tryon. The couple requested no gifts.

Judy, Brian, and Karla French stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul French, over the weekend while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur French attended the graduation for Burrell French from the University of Nebraska State College at Lincoln, Nebraska.

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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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Thursday, June 17 - Chili cheese dog, lettuce salad, potato salad, pears

Friday, June 18 - Chicken drummies, carrots, scalloped potatoes, corn bread, peaches

Monday, June 21 - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, apple sauce

Tuesday, June 22 - Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, June 23 - Chicken strips, mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, pineapple, corn bread

Thursday, June 24 - BBQ riblet sandwich, potato salad, chips, pears

Friday, June 25 - Pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches

Monday, June 28 - Steak fingers, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, pears



Quote: "A skeptic is a person who, when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims that it is a forgery." *Anonymous*
I found these "hints" given by someone who had crossed the line of 70 and was heading towards 80.

1. After loving my family and friends, I learned to love myself.
2. I realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I leave my waitress a nice tip. The extra money might help out more than I realize.
4. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane and relive their past. This applies to myself as well.
5. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. It isn't my job to make everyone perfect. Peace is more precious than perfection.
6. I give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer for not only the recipient as well as for myself.
7. When I receive a com-

pliment, I never turn it down. I just say "Thank You".

8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my clothing. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

9. I have learned to walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do!

10. I remain calm and collected when someone plays dirty trying to outrun me in the rat race. I'm not a rat and I never did like racing.

11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions or those of others. Emotions are what make us human.

12. I've learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. Ego will keep you by yourself while you are never alone with good relationships.

13. I have learned to live each day as if it is my last. After all, it might be the last.

14. I do what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time so choose to be happy.

Why do we have to wait to be 60, 70, 80 or older to practice these "hints"? Why can't we practice them at any stage of life and at any age?

A SEASON

Everything has a season,
A time under the sun,
A time for sorrow,
A time for joy and fun.

There is a time for mourning
For those who have passed,
A time to ponder and consider
Memories made to last.

When our time is over
Here on this earthly realm,
Will others stop and notice
That Jesus was at the helm?

Does our life have meaning
To others as we live?
Or will we be a ripple
With nothing significant to give?

We don't know the measure
Of the time span given each
But we should know the Savior
And the lessons He does teach.

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22 April 2012

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Perhaps as we think together about the "Jumping off places in our lives," I can use one week of jumping again and again. Confess that you need the exercise, perhaps only mental, to run and jump with me! I may comment, more or less, and I hope your memory will be jogged as well.

"April 5, 1924 - From *The Tryon Graphic* - instead of two parties on the sample ballots published this week there were also progressives and Prohibitionists." One wonders, if 100 years later, it is even possible to sort between two parties and certainly not four, but those Prohibitionists must have been pretty well grounded because - "March 18, 2004 - from *The Tryon Graphic* - First liquor license approved in McPherson County since its inception 114 years ago in 1890. Grand opening on June 14, featured a special mug of beer being offered at auction."

Just a week later there

was a news item in the *Graphic* about all "the talk about the railroad coming through Tryon." The talk must have died down because the steel rails never did get closer than Stapleton to the east and that has since been abandoned and removed for quite a ways east. A little personal story about that.

Clyde and Hazel McDonald, Ed and Cathleen were living southeast of Arthur, on Section 19-19-38, land that was sold to Kenneth White and later to Packard's. This section of land had been taken as a homestead, or more specifically a Kincaid Claim by Clyde's dad. McDonalds were holding a farm disposal auction on April 5, 1955 and I was there, I don't know why! One of the ladies that was serving lunch came out to summon me to the phone in the house, guess I wasn't carrying my cell phone yet sixty years ago. I don't know where Art

Johnson of the Milldale was calling from, but he was putting out a call for help.

My brother Jack had the old gas burning Caterpillar '60' and it was parked at my place. I don't remember where Jack was that day or what Milldale had used to pull it this far, but they had bought the Gandy Depot and were moving it to Sunnyside to become a storage building and knew they would have to have help to get it over the last hill and get it located in the ranch yard. That might have been the nearest Tryon would ever get to a railroad, just to see a depot go through town.

In trying to find enough facts to follow up on that news item from 1924, I came across several interesting, to me, bits of information!

When the railroad was removed east of Staple-

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