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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 14, 2011

Jake Sowders, son of Ed and Jill Sowders of Tryon, has been named to the Vice President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2011 semester at Hutchinson Community College.

The 54th Daly Summer Picnic was held at the Dolores Daly home in Arthur on Saturday, June 9, 2011. After a roast beef and fried chicken dinner plus the other good food, the afternoon was spent visiting and taking pictures.

Births: Elise Olivia Eickhoff, daughter of Josh and Moriah Eickhoff of North Platte, June 1; Levi Benjamin Jacobson, son of Isaac and Heather Jacobson, June 22.

Deaths: Fern A, Lanham, 96, June 30.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 12, 2001

Matilda Haney of Tryon, celebrated her 101st birthday Saturday July 7, 2001, at her home. Ruth, Ray and Stephen Allen of North Platte, came with birthday cake, ice cream and lemonade for the occasion. The refreshments were served, along with coffee, to several of Matilda's friends who had gathered to wish her many happy returns of the day!

Tryon volunteer firemen answered a call at about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 4th, for a fire started by lightning just across the county line into Lincoln County. The fire was south of the Jack Albrechts and burned about an acre of grass and on the Albrecht ranch.

The 51st annual Neal family reunion and picnic was to be held Sunday, July 29, 2001, at the lodge hall in Tryon.

Dale and Carol Black and Pete and Odetta Letter brought cake, ice cream and strawberries to the Richard Kemp home Tuesday evening, July 3, to help Richard and Carolyn celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary. James and Christopher Kemp, grandsons of Richard and Carolyn, are spending a week with their Grandpa and Grandma Kemp.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 11, 1991

The Mullen and Tryon United Methodist churches will be the first charge for their new pastor, JoAnne Flora, who recently took over her duties here. Pastor JoAnne, as she prefers to be called, was raised in a Christian family, attended Sunday School and was an active member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Her church involve-

ment continued on through her marriage and raising her children. They had three daughters and one son. Her husband passed away in July of 1989.

An open house celebration will be held at the Ranch Store and Cafe in Tryon Saturday, July 20th, to welcome home Ira Masters who has been stationed in the Persian Gulf area since the beginning of the Gulf War. He left the United States the day after Christmas, 1990. The son of Gene and Sheryl Masters of North Platte, Ira has been serving abroad a huge aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt, in the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and later off the coast of Israel to help keep watch over the Kurds in northern Iraq.

Jay and Sarah Bessmer of Bloomington, Illinois, were visitors over the weekend of her parents, Truman and Vonda Bauer at Ringgold.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 9, 1981

Richard Haskell of Longmont, Colorado, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Winters of Tryon, will be conducting two 8-hour classes at Tryon, July 17th and 18th on the rescue of accident victims and extrication procedures. Haskell became chief of the Longmont Emergency Unit in Boulder County December 6th after serving on the squad for three years. He has had over 100 hours of working with professional people. Dick has also had 500 hours of firefighter training and extrication. No fee was to be charged for the classes. Maudene Sowders of Tryon, who is Mr. Haskell's sister, is helping to set up the classes at Tryon.

The University of Nebraska now has a 12,817 acre research site in the Sandhills, thanks to the gift of Elmer "Pete" Gudmundsen and his wife, Abbie, who presented their Rafter "C" Ranch to the NU Foundation in cer-

emonies June 26th at the ranch near Whitman. A working lease for the new Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center was then transferred the NU Board of Regents.

Births: A baby girl, Katie Lynn, was born Saturday, June 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Eatfinger of North Platte. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Byron Eatfinger of Thedford, and Mrs. Ed Useldinger of Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tucker of Oskaloosa, Kansas were the parents of son, Clayton Stephen, born July 4, 1981. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stephens, and Mrs. Emily Tucker of Oskaloosa, Kansas.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 8, 1971

Mrs. Maude Wade had the honor of having all of her children with her on Monday, July 5th, including Mr. and Mrs. Gilson James of Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Wade of Kearney, and the Alvin Wades from Oregon. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collier and girls.

Postmaster Maxine Neal reports that Postal Service Day was well attended with around 80 local patrons purchasing the souvenir envelopes Thursday, July 1, 1971.

Stockholders of the Federal Land Bank Association of North Platte and Ogallala recently approved a merger of the two Associations, which became effective July 1. The Headquarters will be in North Platte, while a field office is being maintained at Ogallala. George LeDioyt, former manager of the Ogallala FLBA, has been named manager, and Wallace Cline will serve as assistant manager. Serving on the Board of Directors of the new Association are Burton E. Smith, Chappell; Arnold McKeag, Arthur; Carl F. Schumacher, Grant; James V. Anderson, Sutherland, Paul Ogier,

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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

Thursday, July 15 - Philly cheesesteak, potato salad, pickles, carrot, celery, chips, pineapple

Friday, July 16 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuit, fruit cocktail

Monday, July 19 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, apple sauce, corn bread

Tuesday, July 20 - Beef enchilada, green beans, salsa, orange slices

Wednesday, July 21 - Pork chops, baked potato, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, pineapple

Thursday, July 22 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic toast, peaches

Friday, July 23 - Baked fish, coleslaw, cooked carrots, dinner roll, pears

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Cows may come and cows may go but the bull goes on forever."

Wise Old Rancher

Animal caregivers need a special touch. Granted there are some who don't have that touch and still do the job, but the bond is not quite the same. My poem is about reading a cow but the same applies to any other type of animal. Over the years I have developed a certain "catty" attitude and I have been known to hiss and growl back at them when they get too bossy. It's bad enough that my heart murmur has started to purr like a cat! Enough about cats! Dad and I could look at a cow and know what was happening whether calving problems or otherwise. Others could look at the same cow and have no idea what we were seeing. It was something in the eyes or the way they were standing or walking, etc. It's a cow person thing!

Cows are actually easier to read than most humans. We have found that cows who are used to a certain summer pasture rotation know that they are supposed to go to that set of pastures and you aren't going to tell them differently without a lot

of fuss and bother. One time we tried to get cows to cross a fence in a different place than traditionally used. They stood at the top of a hill where the old let-down was located and just looked at us until someone let the fence down so they could go over at that point. The interesting thing was that this particular bunch of

cattle had never gone over that let-down nor were there any cows in the bunch who had used it. They instinctively knew that was where they were supposed to cross. Don't try to convince a cow otherwise when she has her mind made up. Hummm...I know some people like that too!

BOVINE BODY LANGUAGE

Some people look at you mighty strange
When you comment that a cow has "that" look.
Not everyone can read a cow, it takes a
certain knack.

If I could fully explain it, I'd write a book!

Bovine body language isn't for the faint at heart
Because reading a cow is kind of tough-
The expression of her eyes & how she
holds her ears,
How is she standing and is her hair coat rough?

Is she stomping & twisting her tail?
Or is her head hanging low like she doesn't care?
Maybe she has a contemplative expression.
Is there pain in her eyes she can't bear?

They can't tell you, you have to figure it out,
Study the signs that you see or feel, gut instinct
counts too.
You have to have a certain gift and learn
along the way,
Then you just might know what to do.

That's why God created cattle folk,
Those who instinctively know at glance,
They can usually tell by quick deduction
And don't leave much of anything to chance.

So, appreciate those with this special gift
For they are the bedrock of cattle industry,
They are the ones who are the standard
But how they do it remains a mystery.

J.R. Trumbull
23 March 2017

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

This morning, June 24, 2021, Deb took me to Bible school to talk for a few minutes about Haiti. At the last few minutes of the closing, I was standing just in the arch of the annex where I could see the Center Valley memorial wall, or whatever you think it should be called, and remarked to Pastor Blake that I was probably the only one left that knew the story behind the Bob Grieves plaque and some of the other contents of the case that Don and I built when the old church was moved and attached to the Arthur church in 1992. I don't know that anyone cares, but I thought I should, like the writer of the Gospel of Luke "write an accurate (?) account for you."

In my wordy way and mostly from memory let me give you my version of that story.

In about 1939-40 a young man showed up during the summer at the

George Reichenberg home. I believe he had hitchhiked from Detroit to Sutherland and rode out with the mail. I suppose he wanted to get as far from civilization as possible, but I don't know all the details. George was a good mentor and let him stay through the summer and he learned the bare essentials of horses, cows and general ranch life, such as haying. I can't put dates on some things, but will generalize. Bob was an artist and he either went back to Detroit that fall or worked around the community for a year before going back. I'm only looking back from a lot of experience myself, but I suspect he more or less 'ran away' from home the first time and got homesick, or perhaps shared some concerns and frustrations with Uncle George and was persuaded to go home as a prodigal!

I was working for half my board as a junior in

high school and in the fall of 1941 was pumping gas for Lloyd Hath out of the 'old cowboy rest home' on the east side of the street in Arthur, 19.9 cents per gallon, when this crazy Model A coupe all decorated with painted signs reading, "Arthur or Bust", pulls up to my gas pump. It was Bob! I don't remember how much gas he bought but he gave me a 'rare' \$20 bill. I went every place in Arthur before I found that much change at George Becker's liquor store on the west side of the street!

Bob worked around the community, at least at Three Mile, Triangle and Crouse, bought his own horse and saddle, using George and Iva as home base. Bob attended the Center Valley church with Reichenberg's, accepted the Lord there and gave the gold leaf sign as a memorial of his time at our

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