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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 7, 2011

Pictured in this issue was a large bobcat taken with a game camera north of Ringgold.

Glen Gier, Mullen, was named to the 2011 Nebraska Sandhills Cowboy Hall of Fame.

In this issue four families were pictured with multiple generations. The first picture included Courtney Connell, Cat Vasquez holding Tatum Connell and Larry Vasquez. The second family pictured was Skeeter Connell, Kathy Connell, and Sam Connell holding Tatum Connell. The next generational picture included Larry Vasquez, Louise Houghtelling, and Courtney Connell holding Tatum Connell. The final picture included Skeeter Connell, Kathy Connell, Maybelle Dilsaver, and Art Dilsaver holding Tatum Connell.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 5, 2001

France Blanchard began her duties this week as Superintendent of McPherson County High School at Tryon. Mrs. Blanchard was originally from Bradshaw, Nebraska where she grew up and attended school in a farming community. She attended York College and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for undergraduate work. Her husband, Bruce was superintendent in the Mullen School System. They have three daughters, Amy, Kate and Emily.

Art and Audrey French were honored on their 49th wedding anniversary Friday, June 29, 2001, when they were guests of Doris and LaVerne Neal for dinner at Aunt Bea's Café in Tryon. Clyta West and sons, Kory Baker and Dalton West of Hershey, were Thursday visitors of Dorothy Kramer and helped her with some work at her home and at the apartment. While they were working at the apartment by the Hair Cabin, Richard and Carolyn Kemp stopped by to visit them for a while.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 4, 1991

Six members of the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo Club have qualified for the National Finals to be held in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Kelley Long brought home the saddle for girls cutting and will go to Nationals in that event. Shalee Paxton heads for the National Finals after ending the year in third place in barrel racing. Frank Harwager will be going to na-

tionals after ending the season third in bareback. Marty Gracey of Arnold went into the finals with his partner Barry Konicek. Angie Warren ended the year fourth in goat tying, third in breakaway and second in barrel racing, qualifying for Nationals, and Kisha Gracey won second in goat typing and 4th in cutting.

Joe and Faith Hanzal, Bonnie Sturtz, Lavada Rodewald, Grace Trumbull and Jacque entertained the senior citizens for the Lone Valley Club.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 2, 1981

Nancy Gragg, who is employed by the Hairloft in North Platte, was among hairdressers who attended the 24th annual competition of the Wyoming Hair Dressers and Cosmetology Association. The daughter of Art and Barbara Gragg of Tryon Route, North Platte, she won first place in the Hair Cutting Contest. The annual show was held over the weekend at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dick and Betty Schroeder and children, Krista and Dale, hosted a fish fry Sunday for the following guests: Kathy Fisher and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Childers, and the Jim Kemps, Butch Rodewald and the Eldon Starr families.

Dean Seifer spent Thursday and Friday at the Nebraska State High School Rodeo held at Ogallala this past week. He had qualified for State in steer wrestling.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 8, 1971

Tom Ellis of Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis of Grand Island graduated from Nettleton Business College and Computer Institute in Omaha on Friday, June 18. Miss Vivian Hoaglund, president of Nettleton, shared the following information at the graduation: "It's the Quality of work you do plus the Mental Attitude with which you do it, which will equal the Compensation and Credit you may

expect to receive in the business world."

Over 100 relatives and friends gathered at the Sam Connell home for a picnic June 27, 1971, for the annual Connell Family gathering.

At the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship at Sealy, Texas, Ronald Woodward of Broken Bow was recently named World Champion Auctioneer out of 52 competitors. Ronnie is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Red Mann of Tryon.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 6, 1961

The Rev. and Mrs. H.L. Robertson of Mullen, were calling in this vicinity last week. His talk this Sunday at the Tryon Community Methodist Church will be on the theme of "John the Baptist."

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown and son of Omaha, and Mrs. Audrey Wescoat and two children of Kearney, are visiting the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cash in Tryon. Donna Neal called at the Cash home Sunday to see Evelyn's new baby.

More people have been donating to the Ringgold baseball fund and include A.S. and H. Milling Co., Jack Daly, Tom Ellis and an unnamed baseball fan.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 5, 1951

Thirteen elderly men, all residents of Tryon, were pictured on the front page of *The Tryon Graphic*, having lived a total of 1,048 years. The eldest of the 13 was Cy Huff, who was 89. Others were Frank Hooker, 79; Ras Haney, 78; Homer Gibbs, 75; George Van Meter, 76; S.W. Warren, 75; Frank Doyle, 79; and Johnnie Miller 79, all standing. Seated were George Marvin, 85; Frank Dolph, 85; Jim Reynolds, 83; Cy Huff, 89; George Bush, 84; and Tim French 81.

Mrs. Lydia Neal entertained several young folks of the community to a weiner roast Friday evening. Those present were Harvey and Lydia

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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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Monday, July 12 - Chicken chef salad, peppers/onions/cucumber, egg, garlic toast, cantaloupe

Tuesday, July 13 - Grilled

ham and cheese sandwich, country potatoes, carrots, peaches

Wednesday, July 14 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, pears

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

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

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful. As long as you have God, anything and everything is possible. Amen!"

Message for Heart and Soul

Have you ever considered the importance of stillness? "Be still and know that I am God" means just that. Be still and listen for that still, small, inward voice! Sounds simple but it sure isn't. Remaining still and waiting for the Master's Voice is very difficult. Satan will throw all sorts of distractions your way and do everything he can to get you off track and keep you there. Every possible distracting thought will suddenly

float through your mind. Being still in mind and body takes tremendous effort!

"Happiness keeps you sweet. Trials keep you

strong. Sorrows Keep you human. Failures keep you humble. Success keeps you glowing, but only God keeps you going."

BE STILL

"Be still my child," the good Lord said
He didn't mean follow my own stubborn head.

"Be still" means to wait for His wise lead,
Not to go off on our own without heed.

"Be still" doesn't mean that you're on
the right path,
Doing what you want can bring its own wrath.

"Be still means to wait and to trust,
To be quietly still without any fuss.

It's so hard to be still when all seems right,
Doing your own thing doesn't rely on God's might.

Waiting on God teaches patience they say.
Sometimes that waiting can make a long stay.

"Be quiet and heed My Word" is the heart of it all.
We just have to wait for the Savior's clear call.

His Ways are not ours as He speaks to our heart.
"Be patiently still" and He will tell you
where to start.

J.R. Trumbull
1 Sept 2016

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I will try to put together my allotment of words this week in honor of July Fourth!

Perhaps there will be several instances of repetition in what I write this week. I trust you will forgive me. I also hope that there will be a considerable majority that will agree with my beliefs as stated throughout this collection of words, BUT if you have reasons, or particular points, of disagreement that's OK too, just be sure that you have a well thought out explanation of your opinions that you can peacefully explain to me.

"I" (see paragraph two above. It is a personal thing. I can't make this decision for you, anymore than I could say that 'we' believe in Jesus) "pledge" (a solemn promise or understanding) "allegiance" (loyalty or commitment to an idea or belief) "to the flag" (maybe I should have also placed THE in parentheses because it is a very definitive, descriptive word in this instance and not just any banner or piece of rag although there have been, and 'are' instances when it is treated this way in our own nation today) "of the United States of America" (here again, in my wordy way, I could break this down. THE, again, is very exclusive, there is no other USA in spite of all

the abbreviations being bandied around. The word 'United' might come under question today. It 'was' 'United' when that name was placed on our country but it has been questioned, and tested, at various times, and perhaps at no other time than what is known as the 'civil war' - which really stretched the definition of 'civil' - the famous 'Nation Divided' speech by Lincoln was delivered on June 16, 1858, 163 years to the day from when I started to put these words together, and much, much later than when Jesus was credited with these words in Matthew 12: 25). "and to the republic for which it," that flag we talked about, stands, or represents. One, and only ONE, nation, among all the nations of the world, stands, proudly!" "Under God" (this little phrase, so short and yet so essential was not added to the 'Declaration' until June 14, Flag Day, 1954, when Congress, representing 'We the People' placed it there.

"Indivisible" (how powerful do you think this word is? Some where between 620,000 and 750,000 soldiers, and countless civilians died during the 'uncivil' war. There seems to be no accurate breakdown between those fighting for

and against 'division'! Abraham Lincoln, in that speech said, "I do not expect the house to fall. But I do expect it to cease to be divided!" It was a long speech before that war but I will continue to pray that his words will still come true). "With Liberty (I only want to say that to me 'liberty means freedom' and it has come to be tossed around, quoted and misquoted until it's hard to pin it down. Let me quote two short and relevant phrases from the Bible, "I am the truth" John 14 and "If the truth shall make you free you shall be free indeed" John 8. These should answer any question about truth. The problem seems to be that we look in the last place for not only the best answers but the only answers) and "justice" (another word that is often seen as different for different people so we might be able solve our problem by adding the last word) "ALL" (do you, just offhand, know of more than one meaning of this word? Nuff said).

And that is just what we call the 'Preamble'. Wouldn't you like the Thompson version of the 'whole' constitution? When I started to 'kiddy

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