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Over The Hills

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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
Two new McPherson County School staff were featured this week. Julie Goes-Correll is the new guidance counselor and Curriculum Instruction Assessment direction. Lana McCandless Swafford is the new speech, library and physical education teacher.

Mardel Dawn Connell and Robert Scott Manary were announcing their upcoming wedding on October 15, 2011 at Tallin Church south of Arnold.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 13, 2001
New arrival of Katelyn Grace Ellis, born August 31, 2001.

Avery Mae born August 29, 2001.

Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben started taking applications for a \$2,500 scholarship.

LaVerne Neal found a burned hay bale about a half mile from their home.

The McPherson County FCE clubs sponsored the Oldster Party, with the theme of "Sharing the Memories."

Mabel Hatch was honored on her 97th birthday.

"EMS Trends" Teleconference would be held the 18th of September.

There was a Health Clinic in Tryon on the 18th.

Nebraska cattlegrowers started looking at potatoes as a more affordable feed.

Stable flies were bad due to wet conditions.

The MCHS Junior class was selling magazines as a fundraiser.

PSC approved emergency outdoor grain storage for licensed Nebraska warehouse companies.

MCHS was to play volleyball and football at Arcadia.

Fall was a good time for ranchers and farmers to enroll land in CRP.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 12, 1991
Jim Gragg hosted the

foreign exchange student, Magnus Sjolander, from Sweden.

Homecoming games were to be played Friday against Cody-Kilgore.

The Nebraska Department of Roads would hold their annual District 6 Highway Program meeting October 1st in Broken Bow.

T-E Cattle Company of Bartlett won first place at the Stapleton Ranch Rodeo, the Paxton Ranch of Stapleton won second.

The Ranch Management Field Day would be held at the Nebraska Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory.

LaDonna Connell won the champion stylist trophy at the McPherson County Fair.

Deanne Correll and Brad Jenkins announced their engagement.

The McPherson County Fair had a good turnout for the livestock show. Good prices were recorded.

The Cooksley Hereford Ranch was the last stop for the NPHA tour.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 10, 1981

Parts off of a swather and John Deere tractor were reported stolen from Thursday night to Friday morning on Highway 92 and 97.

Hank Brown, grandson of Gloria Miller of Tryon, made trap-shooting history being the youngest trapshooter to have a perfect one-hundred in the sport.

The bank bags that were stolen from Gary's Conoco were found several miles east of Tryon.

A prairie dog control demonstration would be held at the Brosius Farm in Stapleton.

The *Thomas County Herald* had three hundred subscribers and growing to surrounding areas and to fourteen other states.

Funeral services for Mary Bollhoefer were held Friday morning, September 11.

Lois D. Hodges was

awarded with a certificate of service for twenty years of service to the ASCS.

An area at the Halsey Forest was designated to cut green firewood and included twenty five acres of Ponderosa Pines.

The Nebraska Games and Parks made changes to the waterfowl hunting dates and new dick zones at the Commission meeting in Lincoln, August 28th.

Rod Watson, of Arnold, joined the sales staff of Sandhills Cattle Services in Cody.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 9, 1971

Vernard Knoll died suddenly at his ranch at the age of sixty-five. Services were held on Tuesday.

Elden Meyer got the first pronghorn of the archery antelope season.

Squirrel and rabbit seasons opened on September 1st.

Army Private Francis Patch, of Mullen, completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

The Junior and Freshman classes had elected their class officers: Junior president, Kathy Arensdorf; vice president, Jean Kramer; Freshman president, David Hunn; vice-president, Berva Miller.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 14, 1961

The North Platte Production Credit would hold a meeting September 21.

Katherine Pinkerton and Marvin Grove announced their engagement.

MCHS football defeated Maxwell 47-0.

MCHS Longhorns had a new coach Elroy W. Pierce.

The seventeen seniors were given aptitude tests.

The next football game would be against Brady and it will be the homecoming game.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 13, 1951

New arrival of a baby boy, born on September 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Abdouch.

The Logan-McPherson County Agriculture Mobilization Committee would hold a meeting September 21.

All operators licenses would be due September 1 and would require date of birth.

Tom Simonson of Mullen was awarded the silver star for gallantry in action.

Custer Public Power would energize its new lines to Tryon on September 17.

Nebraska State Fair marked its 50th anniversary in Lincoln.

The Omaha Livestock market had thirty six thousand cattle.

The second week of school started with per-

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Quote: "Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely."

— Roy T. Bennett

These are like the ten commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.

5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, my child, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your

abilities.

8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

DO AND DON'T DO

If you do do what you should do
And you don't do what you shouldn't do,
Then you'll be OK.

But if you do do what you shouldn't do
Then you'll have to pay.
The cost may be small
Or the price may be great
But if you have done
What you shouldn't do
Then it's now too late!

You can't undo what's already done
Even if when you did it,
It seemed like fun.
All you can do is straighten up your act
And from now on
Behave with some tact
And do do what you should do,
Shun what you shouldn't do
And life will be better,
That's a fact!

J.R. Trumbull
12 May 2006

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Most of you won't make a connection between the thoughts I have this week, but in 80 years you might be able to appreciate where I am coming from. Let me 'spin a yarn' in only generalities.

Derrill Fransen was born in McPherson County, north of Tryon, in a sod house, on January 7, 1924. That makes him pretty darned old, right? I'm near enough his age, only two years younger, that I want to mention some of the things I recently learned about his life and compare them with things in my own life to give you more things to wonder about.

There were five of the Fransen children and although they lived in the same area as we four did, we never interacted with them because of the travel methods, distances and relationships, but let me mention just a few of the similarities and coinciding experiences we shared even though we never really knew about them.

They lived for a while on the Trembly place north of where I now live and went to school at the Palmer place, land now all owned by Storer's, the

same school that was later moved east and where my wife taught and my kids attended.

Fransens later lived on the Hossick place and attended the Diamond Bar school where I taught in 1947 and 1948. Attending with them at this school were Gerald and Geneva Lancaster. Geneva and Maxine later married Neal brothers who still have descendants in our area. When they went to this school they rode horses when the weather was nice or drove a team hitched to a cart so all except a driver could stay covered up. The driver could be changed frequently. I wonder if some of the families sometimes shared rides? I know others that did this even without permission part of the time. My wife used to tell me stories of this in her education. I probably shouldn't go any farther afield with that story. Attending this school at that time were the Magnuson boys who lived at a hunting and fishing lodge at the east end of the big Diamond Bar lake. Oran lived in Arthur later and Buster ran a sports shop in Ogallala and sold my

son Brian his first rifle that is still in my closet.

Humans are like other animals in seeking mates and one of Mrs. Fransens' brothers became a doctor who married Orilla Shaw who was raised in the Center Valley community with both my parents.

Fransens left the local area. I'm glad that, like me, they still have enough sandy roots that they return. They moved to Washington state, via a stop in Idaho, in a home-made travel camper, in 1934. My grandmother hitched to a cart so all except a driver could stay covered up. The driver could be changed frequently. I wonder if some of the families sometimes shared rides? I know others that did this even without permission part of the time. My wife used to tell me stories of this in her education. I probably shouldn't go any farther afield with that story. Attending this school at that time were the Magnuson boys who lived at a hunting and fishing lodge at the east end of the big Diamond Bar lake. Oran lived in Arthur later and Buster ran a sports shop in Ogallala and sold my

While I was thinking of the rural schools that Derrill and I attended, and even the ones I taught, I was comparing, in my mind, other things of the two eras. How about the room we had in our schools and in our homes. Two different building projects have taken place in our area recently and I'm not going to comment on them because I would

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Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Friday, September 17 - Closed

Monday, September 20 - Barbecue riblet sandwich, potato salad or lettuce salad, potato chips, mandarin oranges

Tuesday, September 21 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, garlic bread, peaches

Wednesday, September 22 - Hamburger chicken fry, mashed potatoes and

gravy, corn, dinner roll, apple sauce

Thursday, September 23 - Ham and beans, fried potatoes, fried bread, fruit cocktail

Friday, September 24 - Pork chop, baked potato, dressing, mixed vegetables, pears

Monday, September 27 - Philly cheesesteak, potato salad, peppers/ onions, peaches

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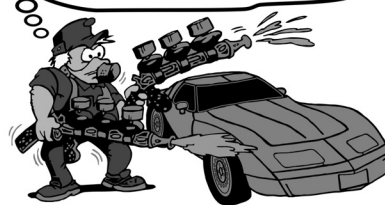
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