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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
McPherson County youth pictured at the fair were: Colt Lewis, Kindra Smith, Malaky Johnston, Mara Seifer, Jade Paxton, Kyon Neal, Jesse Paxton, Julia Hines, Kaylee Hemmingway, Garrett Neal, Mason Ward, Ayden Konken, Klaire Ward, Kristina Miller, Corbin Miller, Tabitha Viter, Alyssa Magana, Colton Miller, Stephanie Viter, Montana Harper and Alecia Paxton.

Birth: B.J. and Jessica Wilson of North Platte, a daughter, Josie Lynn Wilson, August 6, 2011.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 30, 2001

Eleven girls were out for volleyball this year. They were: Kayla Kemp, Hannah Clinebell, Heather Dowell, Chelsey McNutt, Megan Morgan, Jennifer Albrecht, Leah Christopher, Amanda Albrecht, Emily Krull, Brittany Pettit and Stacy Neal.

Eighteen players were out for football at MCHS. The senior members were: Levi Arensdorf, Wacey Krull, Adam Johnson, Tyler Abel, Jake Christopher, Wyatt Arensdorf and Eric Mumm.

High Point senior boy at the 4-H horse show was Bryce Rundback. Megan McNutt was high point senior girl.

Brett Bullington, 13-year-old son of Edwin and Sheree Bullington of North Platte, and his 10-year-old quarter horse gelding won the junior pole bending reserve championship at the State 4-H horse competition.

Bruce and Lori Estep of North Platte, were the parents of a son, Eric Ryan.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 29, 1991

Dale Dee Arensdorf and Larry Trenary had the fast time in the first go at the draw pot roping held at the Tryon arena on August 21.

Services were held August 27 in Tryon for Lamar James Kemp, 28, who died at his home in Tryon.

Winner of the team penning contest held during the McPherson County Fair was the Ron Paxton team consisting of members Ron Paxton, Leo Dai-

ley and Gary Jameson. MCHS welcomed three new teachers to the staff. They were Barbara Baker, Chrysanne Bailey and Rick Titus.

FORTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 27, 1981

Anthony Rodewald, small son of Blaine and Sharlene Rodewald of Tryon, underwent skin and tendon grafting on the hand which was injured recently in a grain auger accident.

Trevor Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Neal of Tryon was grand prize winner of the turtle races held at the McPherson County Fair in Tryon.

Hannah Doyle topped the stylists at the McPherson County Style Revue held in conjunction with the 1981 McPherson County Fair.

Tonya and Scott Starr showed the top steer and heifer at the McPherson County Fair.

Trophy winners at the McPherson County Fair in Tryon were John Daigger with his pen of three cattle; Ben Neal with his pen of three hogs; and Kevin Starr for top individual cattle.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 26, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Farmer of Tryon are the parents of a baby girl.

Over 400 enjoyed the barbecue at the McPherson County Fair.

A team ropers extravaganza was being held at the Gregg Arena six miles west of Tryon.

Miss Wilma Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell, Sr. and Larry Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith of Colorado were wed recently at the Hall Church north of Ringgold.

Leonard Kramer combined rye and vetch for Virgil Shineman and Von Paxton Saturday and Monday.

Russell McCoy was superintendent at McPherson County High School that would open for the year August 30. The teaching staff included Mr. Dan Nardin, Mr. Ted Daigger, Mr. Kenneth Hindenshield, Mrs. Frances Fisher, Mrs. Judy Johnson, Mrs. Etta Neunaber, Beth Sharp and Mr. Van Natta.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 31, 1961

vegetables, pineapple.

Monday, September 6: Closed. Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 7: Tacos, cucumber salad, tator tots, mandarin oranges

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arensdorf were the parents of a new son born August 27.

Karl M. Hunn of Tryon received a degree of master arts at the summer quarter commencement of Colorado State College.

After being there only one year, the McPherson County High School coach, Mr. Rossmiller was forced to resign due to ill health. To replace him the Board of Education was able to hire Mr. Elroy Pierce of Kearney State. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce moved to one of the cabins at the restaurant.

Lorraine Streiff and Linda Daly would enter the Style Revue at the Nebraska State Fair. John Streiff and Wayne Melvin would enter the 4-H horse show and Bobby Gregg would present his 4-H demonstration on "Fitting a calf for show." Judy and Georgetta Paxton would exhibit their 4-H market steers. Other exhibitors at the show would be Darwin Munson's "Insect display" and Lorna Miller's "grass book."

John Streiff lost a stack of hay by lightning and Wayne Connell lost a mare and colt.

The Ringgold Store with L.H. Babb, owner, was booking Dannen Feeds for fall delivery.

The Pioneer Market at Ringgold offered Texaco products, general merchandise, fresh fruits and vegetables and a new line of custom jewelry. They were expecting a shipment of Colorado peaches on Monday.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 30, 1951

W.E. Neal was the owner of the Tryon Sale Barn and Jimmie Martin was the auctioneer. A regular cattle sale was to be held September 6, with 20 head of two-year-old steers, 50 head of cows, and a nice run of mixed cattle consigned for the sale.

Mrs. Robert Sizer entertained a number of girls at a slumber party August 25 for her daughter, Susan. Those attending were Florence Crouse, Karol Knott, Lois Anway and Sharon Cash.

Emory Daly was promoted to Corporal. Corporal Daly is the son of C.E. Daly of North Platte.

The annual 4-H and extension picnic would be held in the Neal Grove at the sale barn on September 9.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 28, 1941

Frank Herriman, who had been confined to the St. Mary's Hospital at North Platte for nearly three weeks suffering from sleeping sickness, was released from the hospital.

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Sometimes all you need is for someone to be there, even if they can't solve your problems. Just knowing that there is someone who cares makes the difference."

What were you doing the morning of September 11, 2001? I had just called a colleague on the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition. He asked if I was watching TV? No, I wasn't. He told me to turn it on, which I did just as the second plane hit the Twin Towers of the Trade Center. It was such an unreal sight. Unbelievable that this could actually be happening here in the USA but it was happening and many innocent people gave their lives that day and in the aftermath that has followed.

I look around at the political field today and wonder "How can we

have forgotten?" It seems that many have forgotten, been brainwashed, or just don't care.

9/11

That day in September
When the world held its breath
When the atmosphere was filled
With conspiracy and death—

That day in September
When the towers fell
And time stood still
As we watched the hell—

That day in September
There were no jet trails
The skies were clear
And life slowed as a snail—

That day in September
Has changed us all
For none of us know
When comes the final call—

That day in September
'Lest we forget
A call to defend freedom
And to even the debt—

That day in September
God's still in control
Ever vigilant, consoling
His frail humans below—

J.R. Trumbull
11 September 2009

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I told you that I made contact at the reunion with an address for the owner of the "canned house" in Arthur. Let me take you back eighty plus years and tell you more of that story from different points of interest. I didn't, yet at least, get a response from the current owner of that building so will try to confine my story to what anyone (if they are 95 years old) could claim as common (or uncommon) knowledge.

Can anyone put a date (I use the word "put" there instead of the word "remember" because it will have to be a matter of "record" or "heresay." In the thirties the north garage, owned by Chauncey Hayes burned down, the old 'county owned' caterpillar 60 burned with it, but was salvaged enough to be used again. Chauncey cleaned up the mess and with what little help he could manage built the present building at the north end, on the west side of Main Street, in Arthur. Chauncey made every one of those cement blocks individually and as soon as they 'cured' sufficiently he laid as many blocks each day as he made.

Every car that I knew about that was dated back to 1920 (and most of them

were) had a tendency to consume some oil and most of the oil was packaged in quart cans. Almost everyone carried some of this oil with them and checked their 'dipstick' quite often, and the garages or filling stations collected a lot of these quart cans (some of the time the 'consumers' even returned the empty cans when they restocked. Even the ladies among my readers can experiment and conclude that every can, and bottle, still has a few drops of liquid when you trash it. Chauncey salvaged all these drops and got enough oil collected to supply the motor that pumped all the water he used at the house where Dee Daly lives now.

Chauncey transported all these empty oil cans up west of his house where the well was in a shallow pit topped by a small roof that protected a pump Jack and gas motor that forced the water into a tank in the attic of the house where it gravity fed the house. Due to Anna's disability they had an indoor bathroom, we renters had an outhouse!

Chauncey had made him two special tools to work on the oil cans. He cut the opened end out

and drained the last drops of oil, then cut the other end out. He was careful to cut the can, with one cut next to the seam before flattening it with a fairly large faced hammer. I don't have any idea how many of these tin shingles Chauncey made and nailed on. We can guess by the 'canned Porter house.' Does anyone remember anything more than me? I believe the roof of the north garage, the roof and sides of Dee's house, countless roofs and sidewalls on the well pit and cattle barns, and of course the Porter house. I batched the 1942-45 school year in a one room government granary that sat between the Porter house and Dee's place. I believe it had at least a tinned roof.

I want to stick in one short paragraph that seems kind of relevant to me. As far as I ever knew, although Mr Hayes serviced all the cars that came to his garage, he never drove one of them. I rode a short distance with he and Anna in their Model Tee Tudor, just out west of town to plant some trees, and Anna drove. Chauncey may have moved any number of ve-

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Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Thursday, September 2: Fish planks, fried potatoes, pork & beans, bread, applesauce.
Friday, September 3: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed

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