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Over The Hills

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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011
Tyler Heerten and Alecia Paxton were crowned 2011 Homecoming Royalty. The rest of the court included Michelle Hunter, Austin Starr, Dane Daigger, Ashley Starr, Jesse Paxton and Kadee Cutler.

Members of the 2011-12 Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten class: Wyatt Reichenberg, Kaden Hansen, Colton Miller, Ani Aten, A.J. Starr, Syerra Moore, Corbin Miller and Noah Curtis. Mrs. Aten was their teacher.

Deaths: Vera June (Smith) Miller, September 18; Ruby Sophie (Jensen) Sailor, 80, September 19.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

MCHS girls played in the Maywood Tournament, losing their first game to Elwood in two sets, and losing their second game to Twin Valley in two sets. Scoring for the ladies were Leah Christopher, Chelsey McNutt, Stacy Neal, Heather Dowell and Jennifer Albrecht.

The MCHS boys traveled to Arcadia last Friday to take on the Huskies. MCHS won 44-0. Scoring for Tryon were Tyler Abel, Wyatt Arensdorf, Jake Christopher, Wacey Krull and Adam Johnson.

The Longhorn boys won against Arthur 48-14. Scoring were Wyatt Arensdorf, Wacey Krull, Tyler Abel, Jake Christopher and Josh Waits.

Cedar Top Ranch, Stapleton, owned two bulls featured in the 2001 Fall Sire Evaluation Report.

Death: Charles Bellew, 53, September 19.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 26, 1991

The MCHS football team beat Lodgepole in an important conference game 20-0. Scoring for Tryon were Travis Kemp, Kevin Starr, Doug Newport and Dusty Paxton.

The MCHS varsity girls beat North Platte's JV in two sets. Holee Coffman led with eight points; Kelly Long, six points; Gina Streiff, five points; Elke Melvin and Melissa Fisher, four points each.

About 150 people turned

out for the pancake feed to help raise money for delegates to go to girls and boys state.

Eithel Dahlin was honored on her 85th birthday.

Two seniors were nominated for national awards. Rusty Moore was nominated for the National Association of Secondary School Principals Leadership award and Bill Munson was nominated for the Outstanding Student in Math/Science/Computer Scholarship.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 24, 1981

A pickup accident west of Tryon claimed the life of Teana Bullington, at the age of 21. She lost control of the vehicle she was driving and it rolled several times.

Tryon's volleyball team lost to Sandhills in three sets. Michelle Trumbull scored eight points to lead McPherson County's scoring.

MCHS homecoming was set for Friday the 25th, against Theford. The days were: Monday - hat or tie day; Tuesday - sock'em day; Wednesday - grub day; Thursday - dress up day and pep rally; and Friday - red and black day, the parade, crowning of king and queen and the games.

Eva Correll was delighted with a surprise birthday party from her children.

Birth: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kemp, a baby boy, Everett Russell.

Peggy Gragg and Dale Dee Arensdorf announced their engagement.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 23, 1971

Kathy Thompson was selected for the Knights and Ladies, a singing group from the North Platte Junior College.

Leland Rodewald and Clair Kimball died in a plane crash about two miles from the Rodewald ranch.

Ella Leeds had completed her first six months of schooling at the North Platte Voc-Tech School of Nursing.

The final roping of the season for the Tryon Rop-

ing Club was held. Fifty-one team ropers attended with first going to Larry Trenary and Norm Cotton; second went to Wayne Melvin and Dave Hebbert.

The Longhorn boys lost to Oconto 27-16. The stars of the team were Monte Nicholson and Steve Neal.

The MCHS volleyball team won against Oconto in three sets. High scorer was Marg Shirley with 14 points; the second team won their match in three sets, high scorer being Mary Miller with nine points.

Senior officers were elected and are: president - Gary Connell; vice president - Monty Nicholson; secretary - Monte Kemp; treasurer - Connie Lutes; news reporter - Shirila Kemp.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 28, 1961

Tryon won their homecoming game against Brady 32-7. Scoring for the Longhorns were Tom Jameson, Eldon Starr, Doug Smolik and Tom Ellis.

Caroline Connell and Eldon Pritzel announced their wedding and reception.

County schools received fair premium money for the school exhibit works that were entered.

Homecoming king and queen were Doug Smolik and Karen Munson.

Jerry Snyder was done for the rest of the season due to a broken ankle he received during the Brady game.

Eighty-three were present for the second reunion of school district 15. They had a basket dinner.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 27, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cody are the parents of a baby girl, named Ellen Margaret.

A contract for maintenance gravel resurfacing of 6.5 miles of highway between Tryon and North Platte was awarded by the State Highway Department.

Ms. Loa Doyle enrolled for St. Francis School of Nursing in Grand Island.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 25, 1941

Mrs. Ida Musser received a broken leg when she slipped and fell at her home.

Eight men had been sent to the Army from McPherson County under selective service. They were Albert Schmidt, Ray Allen, Robert Howard, Leonard Wood, Clayton Heldenbrand, Court Kyne, Eldred Shepperd, and Alfred Shimmin.

Fred Wendling received a shock during an electrical storm. He was feeding a calf across the fence with one hand on it when it was struck.

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Quote: "You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret to your success is found in your daily routine."

John C. Maxwell

Never Squat With Your Spurs On!" - Will Rogers
Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political/country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.

Some of his wisdom includes:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men:

The ones that learn by

reading.

The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still

there.

11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n than puttin' it back in.

12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

COWBOY SIMPLE

It's "Cowboy Simple" some folks say
That just means it's done the cowboy way.
Plain and easy with no fuss or frills,
Work everlasting as the hills.
Done to last 'til the ending day
For it was done the Cowboy Way!

"Cowboy Simple", do you understand
That this is the philosophy of the hills of sand?
We live our lives the Cowboy Way
In work or dealings from day to day.
It isn't easy to live this life
But the joys far outweigh the grief or strife.

It's "Cowboy Simple", God's Holy Word
The story of our gracious Savior and Lord.
The words of salvation all so true
Prophecy, Psalms, comfort all through.
Words of wisdom and admonition
Can bring us all to a saved condition.

And when we've ridden that final trail
I hope that our legacy will entail
The stories of the Savior that we've told
And that our witness was bold
For it was "Cowboy Simple" and you understood
That we lived and believed every word!

J.R. Trumbull
1 August 1995

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

When wondering what to bore you with for another week my mind, assuming you would still call it that, often uses what I have repeatedly called 'A jumping off place'!

This week I was 'working' (?) on an update of some genealogy and late on Saturday night was copying something from the paper from Leon, Iowa, about 180 years ago and I thought, yes I still think, "I can 'jump' from here." What isn't a direct quote will be in parenthesis.

"F. M. Thompson (Francis Marion, my great grandpa) farmer and stock raiser resides on section 13; Long Creek Township, where he owns 307 acres of land.

He was born in Macoupin County, Illinois August 9, 1850, a son of Andrew and Sarah Woodring Thompson. His father came from Illinois to Iowa in 1854 where he remained for six years thence to Dakota for the same length of time, then to Decatur County, Iowa, where he still resides. F. M. Thompson when seventeen years

old was bound to a farmer in Morgan County, Illinois, remaining with said farmer until of age, and was to have two suits of clothes and \$100.00 for his labor, also sixteen months of schooling. He received the \$100.00, but only one suit of clothes and about twelve months of schooling scattered through the four years, going to school in bad weather and when there was no work to do on the farm.

I feel like this is a good place for me to comment on some things. I'm sure my great grandpa was eating his share at three meals a day and probably carried a lunch to school some days but doesn't being paid \$25 a year seem rather meager? At least he, apparently, actually was paid. And great grandpa probably had some clothes on when he went to work, and the 'lady of the house' probably got embarrassed enough, especially if she had a daughter, to either do some mending or loan Marion a needle and furnish him some thread.

And, oh yes, do I have any farmers or ranchers for readers? I think grandpa was pretty lucky to find that much time for school when, there was NO WORK to do on the farm. He was married in his native state, remaining there until 1859. Then he came to Decatur County, Iowa and settled near his present home. He rented land for two years, and then made a purchase of some land and began to enter vigorously upon the work of improving the same. When he came to Decatur County his objective point was Kansas, but running short of money he was compelled to stop here and make a crop. Yes my grandpa was forced to stop, but only God could 'make' a crop, and doing well he concluded to remain. (Part of this is a repeat) He was married in Marion County, Illinois to N. L. McDaniel, daughter of Eli and Mary McDaniel of Scotch-Irish ancestry. She was born in Sangamon County, Illinois in

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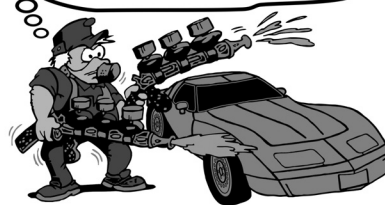
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