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## Over The Hills

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2011**

A Tryon man was jailed Tuesday, October 11, 2011, after he attempted to burglarize a neighbor's home. McPherson County Sheriff John Haller responded to a 911 call from a residence several miles east of Tryon. The caller advised that a local man had forced his way through her front door while she was home. The man complied to Haller when he arrested him and was housed in the Lincoln County Jail.

McPherson County High School was one of several area schools participating in the 2011 Sandhills Conference Choir Festival held October 11 at Hyannis. Choir members were Remington Cutler, Alex Hinkle, Sam Ascherl, Alicia Paxton, Kandace Ward, Ashley Starr, Frankie Lewis and Katee Daly.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2001**

Lindy Nicholson, daughter of Dan and Penny Nicholson, was crowned Miss Rodeo Nebraska.

Frank the Longhorn was in the Tryon homecoming parade again for the 7th year.

MCHS boys won against Litchfield 31-29. Scoring were Levi Arensdorf and Tyler Abel.

Homecoming royalty was crowned. King was Levi Arensdorf and Hannah Clinebell was Queen.

Jason and Kellie Kava are the parents of a daughter, Brittany Marie. Lee and DanDee Wonch were the parents of a baby girl, Lorraine Diane.

News about Mary Bierma, who is living with her son in California, was she was doing well with new medications.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 17, 1991**

Rod Kaufman, former North Platte resident, will be honored at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's most

worldwide valued disabled employee.

MCHS boys stayed undefeated as they played Arcadia and won 40-36. Scoring were Rusty Moore, Doug Newport, Kevin Starr, Billy Munson and Brad Howery.

Over 100 residents and past residents attended the Logan County Oldsters Party. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lutes were honored as the couple married the longest. Mrs. Mabel Ruby, 95, was the oldest lady. Mr. Lutes was the oldest man, age 98.

MCHS girls lost to Arcadia J.V. in two 15-7 and 15-3. Heidi Brouwer led with three points. The varsity lost in two, 15-5 and 15-5, with Tanya Fisher leading with six points.

In May 1969, Nebraska became the first state to legally name a native state grass.

Airman Tyler R. Erickson has graduated from Airforce Base, Texas.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 15, 1981**

Approximately 175 people attended the annual 4-H Chuck Wagon Feed in Tryon.

Hermel and Phyllis Priest would be observing their 35th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 18.

MCHS girls downed Big Springs in two sets, 15-7 and 15-10. Kerry Kramer led scorers with 11 points followed by Nadean Daigler with seven points.

Jill Annette and Ronald Edward Sowders announced their November 7th wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dailey are the parents of a baby boy, named Warren LaVern.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian French are the parents of a baby boy, Steven Jerome.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Black are the parents of a boy, Todd Richard.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 14, 1971**

A good crowd turned out to help Mrs. Betty Rode-wald run the cement for

her new addition.

Dallas Neal entered Memorial Hospital and underwent surgery on his arm. Doris Neal and Kirk stayed at the Hermel Priest home.

A good crowd gathered at Hall Church to hear the musical program presented by the Schaffel family.

The McPherson County Home Extension Achievement Day was held and 58 members were present.

The MCHS volleyball varsity team won against Lewellen in two sets. The second team lost in two. High scorer was Jean Kramer with 11 points and for the second team Bonnie Lake had nine points.

MCHS boys lost to Lewellen 21-14 with Monte Nicholson and Steve Neal scoring.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 19, 1961**

Tryon lost to Sutherland 33-13, with Darrell Munson and Eldon Starr scoring.

Mr. and Mrs. James Snyder are the parents of a baby girl, named Jill Ann.

The Church Festival held in the Tryon Methodist Church was well attended.

About 85 people enjoyed the African pictures shown by Mr. Hoatson.

Grandma Neal celebrated her 92nd birthday.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 18, 1951**

Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Hunn celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Over 160 guests signed the register.

Ilene Munson and Gerald Hornback were married September 24.

The Longhorns were defeated by Venango 12-19. Tryon's only score came in the first quarter. They then lost to Arthur 13-6.

Fire destroyed the Oliver Mayfield farm home Monday around 5:00 p.m. Phone calls

brought a large crowd in a short time. Fire bombs and the bucket brigade helped to bring the fire under control. Mr. Spear was burned quite badly.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 16, 1941**

Alfred Shimmin and Eldred Sheperd, local draftees, are now stationed in Camp Callen, California.

Sheriff W.E. Neal was called to investigate the theft of about twenty turkeys and some chickens from the Don Betran farm near Ringgold.

Clean up at the Bender store was well under way. Orval Black was forced off the highway with his truck in the vicinity of Paxton, resulting in his truck overturning.

The cotton mattress project has closed and a total of 135 in Logan County and 100 at Tryon

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Quote: "People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable."

*Unknown*

A friend compiled this version of Proverbs 26 using various translations.

Proverbs 26...

1. Honor doesn't go with fools any more than snow with summertime or rain with harvest time!

2. An undeserved curse has no effect. Its intended victim will be no more harmed by it than by a sparrow or swallow flitting through the sky.

3. Guide a horse with a whip, a donkey with a bridle, and a rebel with a rod to his back!

4-5. When arguing with a rebel, don't use foolish arguments as he does, or you will become as foolish as he is. Prick his conceit with silly replies!

6. To trust a rebel to convey a message is as foolish as cutting off your feet and drinking poison!

7. In the mouth of a fool a proverb becomes as useless as a paralyzed leg.

8. Honoring a rebel will backfire like a stone tied to a slingshot!

9. A rebel will misapply an illustration so that its point will no more be felt than a thorn in the hand of a drunkard.

10. The master may get better work from an untrained apprentice than

from a skilled rebel!

11. As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.

12. There is one thing worse than a fool, and that is a man who is conceited.

13. The lazy man won't go out and work. "There might be a lion outside!" he says.

14. He sticks to his bed like a door to its hinges! 15. He is too tired even to lift his food from his dish to his mouth! 16. Yet in his own opinion he is smarter than seven wise men.

17. Yanking a dog's ears is no more foolish than interfering in an argument that isn't any of your business.

18-19. A man who is caught lying to his neighbor and says, "I was just fooling," is like a madman throwing around fire-brands, arrows, and death!

20. Fire goes out for lack of fuel, and tensions disappear when gossip stops.

21. A quarrelsome man starts fights as easily as a match sets fire to paper.

22. Gossip is a dainty morsel eaten with great relish.

23. Pretty words may hide a wicked heart, just as a pretty glaze covers a common clay pot.

24-26. A man with hate in his heart may sound pleasant enough, but don't believe him; for he is cursing you in his heart. Though he pretends to be so kind, his hatred will finally come to light for all to see.

27. The man who sets a trap for others will get caught in it himself. Roll a boulder down on someone, and it will roll back and crush you.

28. Flattery is a form of hatred and wounds cruelly.

### BE CAREFUL

Be careful how you joke  
"Cause some folk  
May misquote  
And rumor grows  
To a different tale.  
Even when you write,  
Criticism you invite  
Oft a strangely taken slight.  
That isn't what I said  
But, that's what they read!  
Give your words to God.  
He knows who He will prod.  
Discern His leading nod.  
Let them take it as they may,  
He will adjust on Judgment Day!

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## Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

*My head is really puffed up! I had a busy day Sunday and saw quite a few different people. Several - I believe I've reached a total of nearly ten now, say they read what I send to the papers. I also confess this was a prejudiced relative who said that what I wrote twenty years ago to publish in the Nebraska Fence Post was the best I had ever written. That too would go to my head except, "You don't think I've improved in twenty years?"*

*Annnnnnywaaaay, I haven't use that word in a while, that's what you're going to get the next few weeks. And do remember that I wrote this twenty years ago.*

### A Short Look Back

As a new century begins, what comes to your mind concerning the last hundred years? Most of us can't think back that far without relying on things we have read or heard. As I try to piece together that

century in the history of my family, perhaps you can relate to my story and insert names and dates locations and events that will make it your story. Realizing that much of what I relate will, of necessity, depend on memory and on stories related by others. Sit back, close your eyes, scratch your head and go back in time with me.

Just thirteen days into the new year of 1901, in Hancock County, Iowa a German farm family welcomed a little blond haired girl into their household. There she was welcomed by two brothers and two sisters besides the rather plump mother and the wiry, hard working farmer father. Had this family lived a couple states farther south they would probably have been referred to by the common term of

"share croppers", but here in the rich farmland of Iowa they fell into the category of "renters." March 1st of most years was 'moving day' for many of the families. Much of the land was owned by landlords, many of them bankers or other monied individuals, who had over the years secured perhaps several disconnected quarter sections of land that were rented out to those who could probably never hope to own land of their own. In exchange for a cash rent to cover pasture land and improvements, and a share, perhaps half of the crop on cultivated land and a third on ground producing hay, they were given the privilege of staying however long the agreement suited both parties.

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### Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Thursday, October 21 - Ham and beans, fried potatoes, fried bread, fruit cocktail

Friday, October 22 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced bread, pears

Monday, October 25 - Chicken fingers, fried potatoes, cooked carrots, peaches

Tuesday, October 26 - Beef and broccoli, rice, lettuce salad, biscuit, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, October 27 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, pineapple

Thursday, October 28 - Barbecue riblet sandwich, potato chips, potato or lettuce salad, pork and beans, apple sauce or slices

Friday, October 29 - Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sliced bread, peaches

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