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**TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 17, 2013**
Archie McCoy Fisher was the first boy to be born in 2013 at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte. His mother, Jamie Fisher of Tryon, was very proud of her son.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 16, 2003**
Joe Christopher, an eighth grade student at District 4 in Tryon, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 8, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The top ten contestants in the final round were: Natasha Carr, Ben Cochran, Dave and Joe Christopher, Taylor Lovitt, Whitney Trumbull, Talia Miller, Jordan Lovitt, Margo McNutt and Meka Melvin.

Eric Mumm, a 2002 graduate of McPherson County High School, is among area students who made the President's List at Chadron State College. Eric is the son of Stan and Deb Mumm of Tryon.

Students on the honor roll for the first semester at MCHS were: Heather Dowell, Jamie Fisher, Chelsey McNutt, Amanda Albrecht, Jennifer Albrecht, Leah Christopher, Beau Licking, Stacy Neal, Brittany Pettit, Josh Streiff, Josh Waits, Sharon Christopher, Liz Licking, Ryan Mumm, Ben Schmidt and Megan Suchy.

Funeral services for Nadine Curry Powers, 65, of Oshkosh, were held at the Oshkosh United Methodist Church on January 10. Mrs. Powers died at her home on January 6, 2003.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 21, 1993**
Ron and Maudene Sowders returned home Monday night after attending the Western Wear International Market at Denver, Colorado January 15-18.

Dawn Streiff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Streiff of Tryon, was on the President's List for the first semester at Chadron State College. Among those on the Dean's List were Craig Connell and Pat Connick both of Tryon.

During the January 14, U.M.W. meeting at the United Methodist Church in Tryon. Pastor JoAnne Flora showed slides and gave a wonderful account of her trip to the Holy Land in 1989. She gave the lesson in the absence of Jerry Neal.

Funeral services for lifelong area resident, Cleo F. Neal, 79, of Tryon, were

held January 19, 1993, at the Tryon United Methodist Church.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 20, 1983**
A new extension club, known as the Ringgold Craft Club, was organized January 14, 1983, in the Jim Doyle home. Officers elected were Jean Doyle, president; Kathleen Fisher, vice president; Susan Alber, secretary-treasurer; Sandy Anderberg, news reporter and JoAnn Rundback, LAMP Chairman.

The McPherson County High School girls defeated Lewellen in the first round of the Oregon Trails Conference Tournament by a score of 45 to 38. Leading scorer for Tryon was Michelle Trumbull with 19 points.

In boys basketball action, a good team effort resulted in a 65-61 Tryon victory over Big Springs January 14. Scoring in double figures were Garth Bullington, Steve Waits and Trent Neal.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 18, 1973**
A miscellaneous shower for newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schmidt (Debbie Arensdorf) was held Sunday afternoon at the Helping Hand Club House. The couple plan to make their home on a ranch near North Platte where Debbie will finish her second year of Junior College.

Students listed on the honor roll for the first semester at McPherson County High School were: Kathy Arensdorf, Shelly Black, Wanda Connell, Doug Correll, Von Hunn, Jean Kramer, Steve Neal, Jane Pinkerton, Pam Rodewald, Ken Schmidt, Leora Waits, Kent Correll, Rod Daly, Shareen Nicholson, Billie Smith, Sharlene Connell, Karen Lutes, Berva Miller, Kelvin Sharp, Bruce Correll, Terry Correll, Rochelle Rodewald and Rodney Trumbull.

The Birdwood Busy Bee Club met with Mrs. John Welsh January 10, with 13 present. Mrs. Jim Fleece was a visitor.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 24, 1963**
Six members of the Homebuilders Club, Mrs. Steve Augustine, Mrs. Tom Ellis, Mrs. Gordon Bassett, Mrs. Frank Correll, Mrs. Ed Pullen and Mrs. Clay Wright, and also their guest, Mrs. John Dahlin, served a birthday party at the Bethesda Nursing Home Thursday afternoon. Residents honored were Mrs. Bertha Hardin and Mrs. Margaret Tucker of Tryon and two

other patients of the home.

Ruth Ellen Connell is the 1963 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at McPherson County High School and will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills.

Students listed on the semester honor roll were Jeroldine Harvey, Linda Daly, Colleen Paxton, Ruth Connell, Don Moore, Loraine Streiff, Lorna Miller, Violet Winklemann, Robert Gregg, Maynard Lutes, Nancy Trumbull, Twyla Avery, Eldon Starr and Dale Pettit.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 22, 1953**

Quite a large crowd gathered at the Rev. Pederson home Friday for the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Lyvene Kugler. To conclude the evening Ramona opened the gifts and a lunch was then served.

Miss Joyce Black left Sunday for her physical for induction into the U.S. Navy Waves.

New arrivals included a baby boy, Richard Arthur, born Friday, January 15, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholson; and a baby boy, Dennis Dervon, born January 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Barner.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 21, 1943**

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Makes Trip To Birthplace

Derrill Cline Fransen passed away November 7, 2022 at the age of 97. He was born January 7, 1925 to Fred and Lora Fransen in a sod house near Tryon. Four years ago, Derrill was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was able to travel back twice to Tryon with his son, Craig, where he rediscovered his birthplace, known as the "Harris" place.

He was also able to visit his nephew Arlen Connell and made many new friends including Wanda Jo, Mike, Vernon and Pauline Waits, Linda Kemp, Leon and Linda Penny, the Neals, Huffmans, Bill Haney, the Kellys, and many others in and around Tryon. They all meant a lot to Derrill.

In August of 2021, Wanda and Mike Waits hosted an open house for



Quote: "A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal... Compassion is an action word with no boundaries." *Unknown*
There are times that it is good to have something to laugh about, groan over, or just plain shake your head at the nonsense. Here are a few plays on words for you to ponder.

GROANERS

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
6. Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
7. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
8. I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
9. Never buy flowers

Derrill at their home and invited many of the older residents in the county to visit with him.

After researching where he had been born, Derrill and son Craig determined it is where Bob Ryland lives today. This is the homestead the family lost during the depression. His other grandparents were the Cline's, hence his middle name, and that place is where Matt and Hannah Burch live today.

Derrill was the second youngest of five children, Pete, Virgil, Rosa Lee, and Byrdene, and he spent the first years of his life going to school while his family worked on ranches around Tryon.

A complete obituary may be found in the January 12, 2023 issue of *The Stapleton Enterprise/ McPherson County News*.

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull

from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.

10. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

11. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

12. My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.

13. I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.

14. Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.

15. Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.

16. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.

17. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."

18. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.

19. Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

20. I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.

21. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

22. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.

23. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

24. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.

25. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

DOES IT MAKE SENSE?

There is common sense and horse sense
Putting things in the present tense
You can find that you have won by appearing to lose.

So, if you have thought things through
And remain to God and yourself true
Then it doesn't matter what others accuse

Because you know the truth
And you're really not too obtuse
So, you will find it can amuse.

For a sense of humor wrought
Can help steer you as you ought
In traveling life's road at a cruise.

So don't be afraid to stand
And lend a helping hand
But take care to never abuse.

It's not just the one you wrong
But all who happen along
Who are affected by the news.

Just keep your eyes on God
And when you're beneath the sod,
Your spirit flies on rainbow hues.

What really matters is beyond
The bounds of earthly bonds
And God is in charge of all that's due.

The choice is yours upon this earth,
Heaven's glory or hell's dearth,
The final decision is up to you.

*J.R. Trumbull
5 January 2006*

Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Thurs., Jan. 19 - Lasagna, lettuce salad, garlic bread, pineapple

Fri., Jan. 20 - Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, whole grain dinner roll, strawberry crunch

Mon., Jan. 23 - Chili burger, French fries, broccoli salad, apple sauce

Tues., Jan 24 - Spaghetti/meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic bread,

pineapple
Wed., Jan. 25 - Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, peaches

Thurs., Jan. 26 - Beef enchilada, refried beans, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges

Fri., Jan. 27 - Chicken fried hamburger, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, whole grain dinner roll, pears

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