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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 26, 2009
Jency Starr was surveying the damage in Ms. Crow's room at McPherson County Elementary School following the annual visit by the Leprechaun on March 17.

Signs of spring are showing up around Tryon. A newborn stud named Latigo arrived last Sunday morning, March 15. Dale and Vivian Licking are the owners.

McPherson County Elementary Honor Roll students were: Jesse Paxton, McKenna Bessmer, Dane Daigger, Kandace Ward, Cailyn Bessmer, Alex Hinkle, Austin Starr and Ashley Starr.

Nicole M. Fiechtner was this week's MCHS Senior Spotlight.

Birth: Devannee Connell, March 3, 2009.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 25, 1999

Ben Schmidt, son of Doug and Pam Schmidt, will be traveling to Omaha April 9, 1999 to participate in the National Geography Bee.

Lois Connell called on Rev. John and Olive Neal Thursday evening and was a guest for supper. Susie Bond was also a visitor in the Neal home that afternoon.

Ty Melvin was this week's McPherson County High School Senior Spotlight.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 6, 1989

Shawn Bellow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Licking of Tryon, was selected by the American Legion to attend the 1989 Boys State at Lincoln. Mindy Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neal was chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State that year. Tylen Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Black of Tryon, was chosen as alternate.

Pete and Lela Pyzer were awarded the Fire Fighter's Award from the Eagles for thier dedication to the McPherson County Fire and Ambulance crews, Sunday

night, April 2.

Pearl Miller, Gloria Miller and Ada Allen accompanied Idris and Leo Snyder to North Platte, to Bayard, March 29 for the graveside services of Berniece Christianson Bigler.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 5, 1979

Todd Brown and Lesa Johnson of Tryon, will represent McPherson County at the District 4-H Speaking Contest on April 28 in Halsey. They were winners in the local contest held April 2 at Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Dukes of Whitman, were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Eloise Marlea, to David Frickson of Ogallala, son of Mrs. Esther Frickson and the late Richard Frickson of Milbank, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Anthony of North Platte, were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kimra, to Mark Schipporeit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schipporeit of Broken Bow. The couple planned a June 2 wedding in Kearney.

New arrivals included a baby son, Kevin Mikel, born March 26, 1979, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Snyder; and a baby son, James Benjamin, born March 26, 1979 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Neal.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 3, 1969

The senior class, sponsored by Mr. Knapp, presented their class play, "Feudin' Over Yonder," last weekend. The play was directed by Mrs. Beth Sharp. Students directors for the play were Randy Munson and Bobby Stevenson. Cast members were: Gayle Neal, Evelyn Neal, Donna Stoddard, Lynda Hallsted, David Bierma, Allen Kinsman, Clara Munson, Sandra Nicholson, Rocky Nicholson, Cecil Bullington, Jerry Kemp, Jim Neal, Judy Stevenson, Vicki Miller and Renee Ellis.

Mr. Spencer Anderson had been hired as Superintendent of McPherson

County High School for the 1969-70 school year.

The mothers and pupils of District 26 gave a birthday party for their teacher, George Jones, on Thursday afternoon.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 2, 1959

John Townsend came up to Tryon with Waldo Warren Monday to take in the sights of Tryon for the first time. He operates KJLT Radio Station in North Platte.

The Handy Wands 4-H Club met at the Rose Dobbins home with eight members present.

Little Monty Kemp was helping his Dad feed the cattle when he fell from the haysled between the sled and the wheel. He was taken to North Platte where he remained in the hospital overnight for observation. Monty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp. It was believed that he received only minor injuries.

After missing school due to snow on Wednesday, District 5, taught by Miss Lois Miller, held school on Thursday with only five pupils in attendance.

We had more measles victims this week - Wayne Melvin, Dale and Terry Pettit and Pamela Huffman.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 31, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Paul French drove to Sutherland Sunday to see their new grandson, Dannie LeRoy, born March 25, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson.

Miss Eunice Miller is doing practice teaching at South Ringgold this week under the direction of Mrs. Avis Schmidt; Mary Lou Rundback taught in District 25 under the direction of Mrs. Lee Waits; Rose Shimmmin under the direction of Doris Jean Thompson.

High school students earning high scores in our last two Junior Review tests were Arlene Bedker, Lyndel Cline, Billy Haney, Joan Haney, Ralph Johnson, Ramona Neal, Wilma Neal, Roberta Pettit, Esther Stoddard, Maxine Stoddard and Hazel Thompson.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 6, 1939

Forty-nine pupils entered the county spelling contest held at the high school last Saturday, which resulted in the crowning of Mary Ruth Cotton of the Tryon School as County Champion. Gaylord Wright was named winner of the little folks division, grades 2-3, after spelling down Doris Booze who had tied with him in the oral and written spelling. Franklin Tucker won for grades 4-5, with Eileen Munson winning second.

Ras Haney, who was injured on Monday of last week when kicked or struck by a horse, was taken from the hospital at North Platte this week and is reported greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Cash Sr. moved the first of the week to their farm six miles northwest of Tryon. We understand the David David family will occupy the Cash property here.

A real estate transaction took place recently whereby Pat Thompson became the owner of the Nels Nelson land northeast of Tryon. The Thompsons will move on the place, it is understood.

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Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Here is the test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't."

Richard Bach

I don't know who wrote this, but it is good.

"AND THEN IT IS WINTER - You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver -

Live happy in this year and every year!"

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS WHILE IT LASTS.

•Your kids are becoming you.....

•Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

•You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

•You realize you're never going to be really good at anything

•The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

•You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

•You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

•You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?" "... when?" ... "what?" . ???

•Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

•You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!!!!

•What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

•Everybody whispers.

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Experience

Life's cruisin' along
But something's not right.
There's an off cant to stuff
You can't ID by senses or sight.

Reassured that "all is fine"
When questions you ask.
"I don't know a thing."
From the rest of the staff.

You're hauled before judgment,
Not a chance for defense
Then out of the blue
Accused of a ludicrous offense!

Your word, backed by God,
Doesn't mean one bit.
"It's the principle of the matter"
Was meant as a killing hit.

Don't laugh now folks,
Snicker and say "it was due".
Weigh all of the facts
'Cause it can happen to you!

J.R. Trumbull
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