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TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 5, 2012
Pictured were eight little boys who were among the Christmas guests in the Jim and Joyce Snyder home on Saturday, the 24th of December. Janell and Kim Blake had an abundance of popcorn from a field. Janelle gave each boy a popcorn sheller to keep. They loved it and made short work of two big bags of ear corn. The boys pictured were Kaden Hanson, Brandon Blake, Zach Schmidt, Tom Connell, Ethan Schmidt, Nick Gifford, Ben Connell and Jack Connell.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 3, 2002
Clyta West, daughter of Dorothy Kramer, was the employee of the month for Premier Estates, Senior Living Community. Bandy Arensdorf and Crystal Morgan are the parents of a baby boy, named Cash David. The Come Double Club held their Christmas dinner on December 1.
THIRTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 2, 1992
The Gary Jameson family were all home for Christmas. Von and May Paxton's children took them to dinner in a North Platte restaurant for their anniversary. Ellen Gosnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gosnell, has been playing volleyball for Eastern Wyoming College and was recognized for her kills.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 7, 1982
Three new students enrolled at McPherson County High School, are Leah Long a freshmen, Craig Daly a sophomore, and Sarah Bauer. Tom Ellis entered a hospital at Papillion, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Johnson spent New Year's evening with Virgil and Pauline Shineman, the occasion was Virgil and Pauline's anniversary. Jill A. Alexander and Ronald E. Sowders were united in marriage at The American Lutheran Church in Gothenburg.
FIFTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 6, 1972
Frances Patton underwent surgery at the St. Mary's hospital. A covered dish dinner was held in the Elmer McClain home on New Year's day in honor of his birthday. Patricia K. Clyde and Stephen H. McBride were united in marriage November 27, 1971 at the United Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Art Gragg and family were Sunday

dinner guests in the Worth Haney home.
SIXTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 4, 1962
Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Miller are the parents of a new daughter, named Dixie Irene. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sharp were the winners of North Platte's Diaper Derby when their daughter was born January 2. They named her Evonda Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Taylor purchased the Woody Motel and Service Station in Sutherland. Kermit Paxton and Vernon Jameson put down a well for Vic Paxton.
SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 3, 1952
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lamb are the parents of a new baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Nelmeier are the parents of a baby boy. Miss Twila Heldenbrand and Peter Lutes were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church in Stapleton. The Ray Kemp's had the misfortune of having their picture window broken when a grouse flew into it. Randal Rundback had help with wells from Carl and Morton Rundback. Mr. Ed Traphagan was taken to St. Mary's hospital for medical treatment following a stroke.
EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 1, 1942
Clayton Heldenbrand

and Lew Evans were back to the Army. Don Hatch and Ellis Jones had enlisted in the U.S. Navy and would go to Omaha for final physical examinations. Pfc Robert Howard, Court Kyne and Leonard Smith were moved to a base on the west coast. Mrs. Marian Kugler returned home. She had been working in the Glen Kessler home for the past two months. Mrs. Geo. Spencer was surprised by her mother, brother and sister as they came to visit her at Christmas time.
NINETY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 7, 1932
Sheriff Ray Ready accompanied by M.R. Heldenbrand and Ira Cumpston with a search warrant for the old Bert Hudson farm discovered a still and mash. Mr. Stanley Kauer and Miss Edna Zoller were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Haffner. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Winters are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Beve Neal has been confined to the house for the past week owing to infection in his leg caused by a horse kicking him. Frank Dolph was struck by an auto driven by Jess Kahoe. Frank received a broken shoulder bone and some other minor injuries.

Snow For Alfalfa

Brad Schick
There hasn't been much snow yet this year across the state or at least any that has stuck around. For alfalfa, snow is a winter gift. Snow helps alfalfa survive the winter. Plain and simple. A warm fall has allowed some alfalfa to winterize very well and prepare for consistent cold temperatures. They do this by putting high concentrations of nutrients in the roots and crown to withstand temperatures down to 5 degrees. Air temperature is colder than soil temperature. So even if the air is well below zero degrees, the soil will not be. With a layer of snow acting as insulation on the soil surface, the soil and roots of the alfalfa will be much warmer than bare soil and the air temperature. This layer of snow also protects the moisture in the roots and soil from being lost to evaporation. This is especially important with new seedlings of

alfalfa or alfalfa and grass mixtures which need to maintain root moisture. If the soil does dry out, desiccation, frost heaving, and greater swings in soil temperature can result in higher levels of winterkill across a stand. Having some stubble at the end of the growing season is a great way to catch this much-needed snow. If a late season harvest is unavoidable, cut high to ensure snow trapping stubble can still function. In an ideal situation, this snow insulation, winter hardy variety selection, and this is so important, alfalfa given the chance to properly winterize in the fall, will keep winter kill to a minimum. Snow is a great insulator and can help alfalfa and grasses survive winters. Even if you aren't dreaming of a white Christmas, your alfalfa probably dreams for it every year.

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National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January since 1970 and recognizes the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need. The community is invited to help save lives by donating blood on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McPherson County Fair Building. One lucky winner will get an exciting 2022 Super Bowl LVI getaway to Los Angeles, California and the opportunity to experience the first Super Bowl in SoFi Stadium!* All eligible donors who present to donate Jan. 1-31, 2022, will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip package for two which includes: Two tickets to 2022 Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, California; Entry to the official NFL Tailgate; Tickets to Super Bowl Experience; Round-trip airfare to Los Angeles; Three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 11-14, 2022); A \$500 gift card for expenses. Plus, as an extra thank-you during National Blood Donor Month, those who come to give in January will also automatically be en-

tered to win the Big Game at Home package to enjoy an awesome viewing experience at home. This home theater package includes: A smart, short-throw laser projector; Projector screen; Sound bar; Subwoofer; \$200 gift card to put toward tech support with installation; A \$500 e-gift card to put toward food and fun. To schedule an appointment, please call Elaine Miller at 587-2446 or visit redcrossblood.org. The winter pass is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a Rapid-Pass online health history questionnaire found at redcrossblood.org/rapid-pass is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



It's approachable. Of course this wasn't a coincidence. Nothing about God's plan is. If He wanted to be born in the nicest 5 star hotel, in the most beautiful castle or palace, in the most gorgeous place.. He would have. But from birth, He's been showing us something: He wants all of us. Literally- every single one of us. And He made it oh so easy to get to Him. The message of Christ

gets convoluted and confused sometimes. But the manger? It was no coincidence. It's pretty simple. He is whispering, "come to me." And He made a way so we could. All of us. No one excluded. The manger represents a truth about Christ: He will welcome you, as you are, but you won't leave there the same. May 2022 be a year of hope, reconciliation, and refreshing of spirit, soul, and body.

BLESSINGS RECEIVABLE

There are blessings receivable, I'm sure they are out there. They just need the recipient To release them for my share.

When someone does a favor Or bestows on you a gift, Do you thank God for the blessing Or do you feel guilty and let it set?

You may well be denying a blessing To the person on the other end And they may need the encouragement That their share of blessing sends.

So, thank God for that blessing, Enjoy each and every part, Don't begrudge the other party Of the blessing they did start.

J.R. Trumbull
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