



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 22, 2009**  
Cailyn Bessmer, a 7th grader, won McPherson County elementary's geography bee.

MCHS lost to Arnold and Stapleton. Matt Daly scored seven and Joe Devitt scored five in the game against Arnold.

The Lady Longhorns won over Arnold and lost to Stapleton over the weekend. Molly Hinkle scored 12 points for MCHS, and Ashley Bessmer put in 24 in the Stapleton contest.

Twenty interested McPherson County High School students and five adults traveled to the Garden County High School to work with a Plasma Cam automated cutting torch.

The McPherson County Improvement Club would implement a special "Star Student" award.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 28, 1999**

Jeremy Arensdorf was among students listed on the fall 1998 Dean's List at Hastings College.

Tyler Neal was participating in a unique program at Dana College. Neal, a physical education major, was in a three-week interim term and in "The Olympic Games: History, Heroes and Controversy."

The Lady Longhorns won over Brady and the '99 season had been a productive one for Coach Kellner's team as they had yet to lose a game since the Christmas break. Gina Fisher scored 12 points and she had two assists.

An 80th birthday party was held for Lois Connell at the home of Don and Mabel Hatch.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 26, 1989**

The community plays that were held January 21 at the MCHS auditorium in Tryon were a great success. "The Laughing Ghost" was a mystery comedy with cast members including Teresa Schroder, Steve Waits, Karen Licking, Jean Doyle, Dan Connell, Jr., Kathleen Fisher, and Vicki Powers. The second play cast in "Comin' Round the Mountain," included Jean Tobiasson, Leland Paxton, Pat Ladely, Hazel Haase, Hannah Doyle, Casey Connell, Sam Connell, and Maudene Sowers. The free-will offering brought in \$660.00 and the pies made \$155.00.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 25, 1979**

The Drama Class of McPherson County High School presented their one-act play, "Next Move," at the District Contest at Kearney. Members of the cast were Pat Arensdorf, Gordon Connell, Ed Sowers, Pam Galey and Lesa Johnson.

The McPherson County High School band made a special appearance at the Brady-McPherson County basketball games. The band was under the direction of Professor G. Connelnsky, head of the music department at Funn University.

Seniors making the honor roll for the second nine weeks were Alisa Bullington, LeAnn Daly, Steve Miller, Jim Pinkerton, Jill Snyder, Ed Sowers, and Pam Galey.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 23, 1969**

With a foot or better of old snow on the ground, McPherson County and quite a bit of the state was practically paralyzed with some three or four inches of new snow and high winds. Telephone and power lines already heavy with frost went down like matchsticks. One REA man said there were 42 poles down between Ringgold and Tryon and that was early in the day.

The Civil Defense had taken up the job of finding a plane that was last heard from January 11 at North Platte. Larry Trumbull, Jim Snyder and Max Rothwell of McPherson County and Leland Rode-wald of Thomas County looked with their private planes. After the planes went up, the fog closed in again and Leland Rode-wald had to land at Larry Trumbulls and Jim Snyder had to land at Flats.

Gayle Neal was named 1969 Better Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for McPherson County High School on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude test on homemaking.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 22, 1959**

Local townsmen made a quick call to the home of Mrs. Maude Pierson in Tryon when an overheated furnace had caused some wallboard next to the furnace to start smoldering.

Miss Peggy Streiff and Charles Wells Haskell were married in a double ring ceremony with the Rev. Milton O'Connor officiating. Besides the beautiful day, baskets of blue and white flowers and candelabra provided

a background in the Community Methodist Church in Tryon.

A stork shower would be held for Mrs. Katie O'Connor Borland at the home of Mrs. George Kahoe.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 27, 1949**

Minnie Musser and family, William Haney and son, and Carol Farmer at the north edge of McPherson County, ran out of groceries and William (Bill) Haney and son, Billy started to Tryon on horseback. Arriving at the H.G. Lamb ranch, Mr. Haney decided the horses could not make the entire trip to Tryon and back home.

Mr. Lamb brought word to town where Mrs. Haney was teaching school. Arrangements were made with Clinch Flying Service to fly some supplies to these stranded people.

Joe Schmidt had the misfortune to tear the muscle loose in his back shoveling snow. His son, Adolph took him to North Platte to the doctor who taped his back and he is getting along as well as could be expected.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 26, 1939**

A loss from hog cholera was being reported in this area and some hogs had been lost in the Ringgold neighborhood. Many farmers were vaccinating their herds to prevent loss and further spread of the disease.

Sheriff W.E. Neal may be the sly sleuth around these parts, but last week when he was down in the neighboring county of Lincoln he was the victim of a gasoline thief. The Sheriff was taking basketball players to the game at Sutherland and some time during the evening the gas tank on his car was drained so near dry that his car went dead before reaching North Platte on the return trip.

Gusts by Gussie Gesshoo...

This is neither philosophy nor humor, but it is supposed to be true. A man was driving to Denver at the rate of seventy-five to ninety-miles an hour. He turned on the radio and someone was singing, "Nearer my God to thee. Nearer to thee." And the driver reduced his speed to 30 miles an hour.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 24, 1929**

H.E. Waits called at *The Graphic* office and showed the editor an older *Graphic* than the one on file at the office. The paper he brought in was a "baby" in size, being only about the size of the pages of a story magazine. The paper was published in February 1899. Mr. Waits tells us that he has another copy

what you want. What you want may not be what you need.

\*Doing the same thing every day hinders growth. Try something new.

\*Life isn't easy. Life is tough and for some it is even tougher.

\*You get what you put in or at least you should. Don't pout if you don't.

\*There will always be people who don't like you. That's their problem.

\*You will never feel 100% ready for something new.

## Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Be the best version of yourself in anything you do. You don't have to live anybody else's story." *Stephen Curry*

16 Harsh Truths (J.R.'s Version)

\*You can't change the past. Don't let it destroy the future.

\*There's a lot you don't know. Never stop learning.

\*You'll fail sometimes. Learn from your failures and mistakes.

\*There may not be a tomorrow. Yesterday is past. Make today count.

\*There's a lot you can't control. Don't worry about it.

\*Information is not true knowledge. Knowledge isn't necessarily wisdom.

\*You can't be successful without providing value. Even then you may not succeed.

\*Someone else will always have more than you. Make what you have count.

\*The only person who can make you happy is you. You won't be happy without God.

\*You won't always get

That's okay, do your best.

"The best things in life are free. And it is important to never lose sight of that. So look around you. Wherever you see friendship, loyalty, laughter and love...there is your treasure."

*Neale Donald Walsch*

There comes a time when we need to stop looking back and trying to figure out "why" ...at some point we need to shift our attention to "What's next?".

### It Will Be Worth It

When life seems unfair  
As it sometimes will  
And the road you travel  
Seems all up hill

Think of the Savior  
And the road He trod  
On His way to Calvary –  
To death, not glory and laud.

He chose the hard way  
So that we might have life,  
Eternal life in Heaven  
No more grief and strife.

It will be worth it all  
As we sit at His feet  
And sing praise and glory  
Around God's Holy Seat.

J.R. Trumbull  
9 August 2005

## West Central Cattlemen's meeting In Tryon

West Central Cattlemen's meetings will be held in the area during the month of January. The topics covered will address reducing cow costs. The locations and times are as follows:

• January 24, Community Center, Brady 6:00 p.m. CT

• January 31, McPherson County Fair Building, 6:00 p.m. CT

Speakers and topics are as follows:

• Seeded Forages for Complementary Grazing

by Troy Walz, Nebraska Beef Extension Educator

• Managing Feed Costs by Randy Saner, Nebraska Beef Extension Educator

• Cow Size and Efficiency by Travis Mulliniks, Range Beef Nutrition Specialist, West Central Research & Extension Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

• Benchmarking as a Management Tool by Robert Tigner, Agricultural Systems Economist Educator

• Grazing Management

Principles that Make a Difference by Jerry Volesky, Range and Forage Specialist, West Central Research & Extension Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

To register contact your local Extension Office or Randy Saner by e-mail [randy.saner@unl.edu](mailto:randy.saner@unl.edu) or by phone at 508-532-2685.

The cost is \$15 per person if pre-registered or \$20 at the door. An evening meal will be served at all locations.

## Legislative News

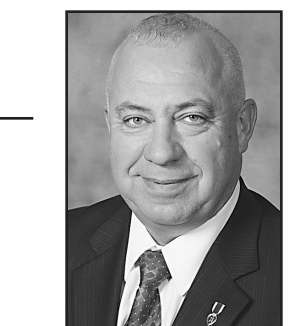
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### Second Amendment

I am a defender of the Second Amendment. I firmly believe it is the one constitutional amendment which guarantees all the others. The first role of government is to defend our rights, not pass laws that further infringe upon them. The Second Amendment is already the only constitutional "right" we have to ask permission to use.

With this in mind it is no surprise that I am opposed to LB 58, a bill introduced by Senator Morfeld of Lincoln. It is called the "Extreme Risk Protection Order Act" also known as a "Red Flag Law."

This bill would create a new process for taking guns away from lawful gun owners. This isn't a Nebraska solution to a Ne-



braska problem. Much of the language in the bill is taken word-for-word from Florida and Washington laws, and a bill currently pending in Colorado. LB 58 would allow law enforcement to file a petition for an order to take guns away from people, but what is particularly troubling, is the bill would also allow other people to file a petition. Any family member, no matter how distantly related, current and former spouses, anyone the subject had ever dated, or anyone who had ever been a roommate of the subject. All of this takes place without any due process. The gun owner's first indication there is a problem is the police showing up with a court

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## BLOOD DRIVE

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**Tryon Community**

**Friday, January 25, 2019**  
**McPherson Co. Fair Building - Tryon**  
**8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**For appointment please contact**  
**Elaine Miller - 308-587-2446**  
*Walk-Ins Are Welcome & Needed!*