



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 1, 2009**  
Munson's Market closed its doors on December 31, 2008. Stanley and Shaheen Munson expressed hope someone would still take it over.

The Lady Longhorns competed in the Maxwell Holiday Tournament and lost to Brady 42 to 33 and won over Arnold 45 to 42. Scoring for MCHS were Ashley Bessmer, Tasha Miller and Kate Seifer.

The Longhorns competed in the Maxwell Tournament and lost to Brady 17 to 59 and lost to Arnold 19 to 66. Scoring for the boys were Shane Suchy, Matt Daly and Tyrel Fischer.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 7, 1999**

Roger Smith, age 54, of Rapid City, South Dakota, escaped injuries Thursday, December 31, when he was forced to make an emergency landing at 10:50 a.m. at the junction of Highways 92 and 97 four miles east of Tryon.

Ringgold Ranchers for Rwanda will be leaving the week of January 20 for a two week VISA trip to Central Africa to share the gospel of Jesus Christ while doing some basic animal husbandry training.

Steve and Vickie Waits of Tryon were the parents of a daughter, Alyssa Mae was born December 23.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 5, 1989**

The family of Jack and Clara Daly had their Christmas dinner and gift exchange in the Daly home at Tryon on December 26. Those attending were Lois and Ted Correll, Gary and Deb Correll, Allen, Ryan and Kyle; Doug and Marlene Correll, Erin and Sara; Bruce and Ginger Correll, Geoff and Bridget; Art, Ilene

and Mike Daly; Kevin and LeAnn Reichenberg, Krista and Bo; Linda Paxton, Dana, Dustin and Arlen; and Marty Moore.

Dean, Dora, Dona and Shane Valentine and Vera Boje arrived at the home of Wayne and Dorothy Kramer on Christmas Eve and stayed until Monday.

Ted Daigger Jr. and Dorothy Haney were dinner guests of John and Edith Ellen Gale, Esther and Rebekah at Wallace. Edith Ellen and girls returned Dorothy to Tryon as Ted was going to work that night.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 4, 1979**

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Kemp of Maxwell were the parents of a daughter, Tiffany Lea was born December 26.

Funeral services were held for lifetime Tryon resident, Fred A. Wendling, age 56, who passed away at his home south of Tryon on December 25.

New Year's guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pyzer, Lynn and Layne were Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Correll, Dallas Neal and Eva Haddy.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 2, 1969**

Mr. and Mrs. Edd James of Grants Pass, Oregon will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary January 3. They are former Tryon residents and were married in Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Hatch were Christmas Eve guests of the Gordon Bassett family.

Following a Thanksgiving Day wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Morris, Jr. are making their home in Fort Collins, Colorado where both are students at Colorado State University.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 1, 1959**

Mr. and Mrs. John A.

Streiff will be happy to have their friends and relatives accept their invitation to the wedding of their daughter, Peggy Lucille, to Charles W. Haskell on January 11 in the Community Methodist Church in Tron.

The Connell family held their Christmas dinner December 26 at the store building in Tryon with about 70 persons attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller and girls of Kearney were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Hunn and girls. They spent Christmas Day in the E.A. Miller home.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 6, 1949**

Due to the amount of snow and bad weather many Christmas plans did not materialize. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trego and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schick and daughters, Bill and Walter Schick and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kinsman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clifford.

About sixty-five gathered at Hall Sunday School December 19th for the morning service and a short Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodewald and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Paxton and children were Christmas day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Tupper of Ringgold. If the grandchildren don't become first class horsemen it won't be their grandparents fault as both families received children's saddles for Christmas.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 5, 1939**

Miss Susie Lockhart and Morris Bond, both of north Ringgold communities, were united in marriage at the County Judges office in North Platte on January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of the Ringgold community announce the arrival of a son, born to them last week at the home of Mrs. Miller's brother, Clifford Munson in North Platte.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Pyzer was released from the hospital at North Platte on Friday of last week and brought home.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 3, 1929**

Grandma Cash has been quite ill at the home of her son, Court Cash the past week. She suffered from an attack of the flu. Her daughter Mrs. Lee Dobbins of Flats was called last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Pyzer are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born December 29.

Rev. Van Buren had the misfortune to break the gasoline pipe on his car while on the road to Flats Sunday afternoon. He was forced to return to Tryon to make the necessary repairs and could not keep his appointment at the Flats Church that afternoon.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles, it empties today of its strength."

Corrie Ten Boom

If anyone could be considered an expert on going through the worst and coming out shining with her love of the Lord, this lady would be one of those people.

Her courage, example, patience and love should stand as an example for us all. She had some difficult choices to make and suffered much at a relatively young age. No one could have told her that the Holocaust didn't happen because this courageous woman lived through it. Through all of the hardships, losses and pain, she still praised the Lord and followed His Word.

We are all facing difficult times in the days ahead. We will have choices to make, some very tough decisions will

be in store, and none of it will be easy.

"All endings are also beginnings; we just don't know it at the time."

Mitch Albom

"The path you choose to follow through life is

yours, and yours alone. When you look back on the steps you've taken, don't do so to try to see where you should have gone. Instead look at how far you've come."

Doe Zantamata

### CHOICES

Another New Year  
With choices each day.  
What will you choose  
As you go on your way?

Will you, with loving heart,  
Choose to serve the Lord?  
Or, will you follow the world  
And the things He abhors?

Will you offer a hand  
To those who are in need?  
Will you take time  
To do a good deed?

It's a clean slate!  
A new story to write.  
Will your decisions  
Keep Jesus in sight?

It's up to you  
To choose the path you trod,  
Make the right choice,  
And go with God.

J.R. Trumbull  
24 December 2006

### Letter To The Editor

#### NPPD Chooses to Ignore .....the truth

NPPD has recently released an eight page insert included in many Nebraska newspapers regarding the NPPD R-Project. They seem to be intent on restoring their tarnished public image. This insert contains many statements that are misleading or not factual.

The R-Project will tear through the heart of the Nebraska Sandhills. The Sandhills are a unique and environmentally sensitive area that supports a vast array of wildlife including a number of endangered species. They are unique only to Nebraska and most would agree they are our states most magnificent natural resource. Size does matter! NPPD belongs to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a fourteen state consortium that oversees electrical transmission. SPP planning documents from 2012 reveal that the R-Project "...has been chiefly proposed to provide access for wind (energy) development in Cherry County..."

The cumulative impact of wind energy development in the Sandhills will be devastating both to the fragile environment and to the wildlife. Of great concern is the impact to the Whooping Crane. NPPD's data set, created by their Idaho consultants who focus on promoting these types of projects and paid by NPPD, supports the idea of minuscule risks to Whooping Cranes. However, other experts using more recent telemetry data have shown significant risk to this critically endangered species while

engaged in daily low level foraging flights. Indeed, power line impacts are the main cause of Whooping Crane mortality. NPPD chooses to ignore this better science.

The Sierra Club, an environmental organization that strongly supports wind energy, has publicly strongly opposed both the R-Project and wind energy development in the environmentally sensitive Nebraska Sandhills. NPPD chooses to ignore these environmental concerns.

NPPD has again touted their public meeting process for the R-Project. What they have failed to disclose is the strong and vocal public opposition to this project by the public as well as multiple State and Federal agencies and private organizations. NPPD chooses to ignore the public.

NPPD states that the SPP would have another entity build the project if they did not and that Nebraskans would rather it be built by NPPD. The misleading point here is that the SPP wants NPPD to build because they have eminent domain authority. This gives them almost unlimited condemnation authority leaving landowners with significant line related liability and minimal options. After 5 years of efforts at easement acquisition over 80 miles remain to be acquired and many of these will be acquired by condemnation. NPPD frequently states that the majority of easements are obtained voluntarily. This is an untruth.

These are not willing seller/willing buyer scenarios. There is nothing "voluntary" about easements acquired under eminent domain. NPPD chooses to ignore this truth.

Siting of the R-Project through the pristine Nebraska Sandhills is not a necessity to achieve the goals of enhanced reliability, congestion relief, and weather protection. The only goal that requires this siting is that of wind energy development in the Sandhills with its compounding damage to this vital and fragile ecoregion. Other siting options are available. NPPD chooses to ignore this truth.

NPPD does have an elected Board of Directors. Like many bloated bureaucracies with lay boards, their well intentioned Board of Directors are spoon fed what NPPD wants them to know. This Board has not done a good job of representing their constituents. NPPD chooses to ignore this truth.

The R-Project is now 5.5 million dollars over budget for the pre-construction phase and projected to be 50-100 million dollars over budget for its construction. NPPD and other Nebraska utilities already produce energy in excess of the needs of our state. NPPD is functioning as a minion of the SPP which does not focus on the best interests of Nebraska. Taxpayer dollars could be better spent. NPPD chooses to ignore this truth.

NPPD and their Board of Directors need to listen to and serve the public, but...NPPD chooses to ignore this truth!

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### McPherson County Real Estate Owners

January 1st is the assessment date for all Real Estate. Please report any NEW buildings, ADDITIONS to current buildings, including ANY CEMENT FLOORS added to buildings, or the REMOVAL OF ANY STRUCTURES on your real estate during the 2018 year, to the McPherson County Clerk.

An Improvement Information Statement MUST be filed with the McPherson County Clerk for ALL new structures or improvements to existing structures PRIOR to the beginning of the project. This may be done at the time of obtaining a building permit, for those residential structures requiring a Building Permit.

Landowners will also need to report any land use changes which were made after January 1, 2018. This would include grassland converted to dryland or irrigated, or the conversion of any cropland back to grass.

This information is vital in helping maintain updated real estate records.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
McPherson County Clerk  
Katherine E. Hoberg

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**Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile**  
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McPherson Co. Fair Building  
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