



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2009**  
The Lone Valley Club met for the 2009 Christmas meeting at the home of Eldon and Kathy Starr on December 13. Eleven members were present.

Olive Neal is spending time with her son, Ron Fisher in Grove Oklahoma. Terry and Julie Correll of Tryon, were the parents of a daughter, Hope LouRae, born December 3, 2009.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 16, 1999**  
John and Kathie Wroot, Casey, Kylie and Cade of North Platte and Lloyd and Cleo Connell of Tryon, had supper together at Butch's Cafe in Hershey December 7 in

honor of Johnny and Lloyd's birthdays. Wayne and Grace Miller were to be honored with a card shower in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary December 24, 1999.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 21, 1989**  
The high school Christmas concert, set for December 21, is to feature numbers by both the band and choir. The Sandhill Craftique Club had their Christmas party December 14 at Pauline Shineman's home. The Friendly Workers Club had their Christmas party at the Orville Bellue home December 11.

Susu Bond was held Sunday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Neal.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 20, 1979**  
The Rev. Jerry Beltz of Arnold, was to bring the message at Hall Church on Sunday, December 23.

Sadie Bassett was dismissed Monday night from Great Plains Medical Center and was moving to Driftwood Manor. The MCHS Improvement Club voted to sell windbreakers again this year.

Art Daly and the Buckaroos were to play for a dance at the Fair Building in Tryon on December 22.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

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## Annual Thanksgiving Paxton Family Reunion



COURTESY PHOTOS

First cousins and in-laws. Bottom row, l-r: Floyd Haynes, Dan and Geneva Connell, Sam Connell, Shirley Eggers, Terry and Elnora Neal, Joan Farmer, Linda Paxton, Jessica and John Warren, Top row, l-r: Tina and Mike Connell, Laurie and Larry Paxton, Gayle Neal, Kathleen and Kent Fisher and Peggy Neal.



Second cousins and in-laws. Bottom row, l-r: Doug and Pam Schmidt, Deb and Tony Hall, Emory Haynes, Randy Connell, Trevor and Rovilyn Neal, Theresa Farmer, Sue and Nate Lukas. Top row, l-r: Jeremy Neal, Brittney and Corey Neal, Jamie Fisher, Stacy Neal, and Alex Paxton.



Third cousins: Bottom row, l-r: Tim Schmidt, Christine Tran, Cassidy Lukas, Carter Lukas, Minji Haynes and Foster Neal. Top row, l-r: Chloe Lukas, Cohen Lukas, Archie Fisher.



Fourth cousins: Zachary and Ethan Schmidt, Tyler, Kayla, Maddox and Brennan Tran.

The Paxton Clan met on a snowy, icy, and windy day at McPherson County High School in Tryon to celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28.

The Victor Paxton branch was in charge and set a beautiful table. People from Lincoln, Broken Bow, Arnold, Stapleton, Tryon, Minnesota, Kansas, and Wyoming, enjoyed the day.

Those in attendance were our hosts: Larry, Laurie, and Alex Paxton from Wyoming; Linda Paxton, Stapleton; Shirley Eggers, Nate, Sue, Cassidy, Carter, Chloe, and Cohen Lukas from North Platte.

The Connells were represented by Mike and Tina Connell, Dan and Geneva Connell, Tony and Deb Hall, Randy, Jesse and Lydia Connell,

Sam Connell and friends, Ken Hickey, Alice Lutes, and Travi Franssen.

John and Jessica Warren represented the Chet Paxton family.

Joan and Theresa Farmer were there from Kermit's line.

Floyd, Minji and Emory Haynes along with Tommy, Christine, Tyler, Kayla, Maddox and Brennan Tran were representing the Ivy Haynes family.

Cleo Neal's family included Terry and Elnora Neal, Trevor and Rovilyn Neal, Gayle Neal, Kathleen and Kent Fisher, Jamie and Archie Fisher, Peggy, Jeremy, and Stacy Neal, Corey, Brittney, and Foster Neal, Pam and Doug Schmidt, Tim, Zachary, and Ethan Schmidt.

The day was spent eating, socializing, and playing

*Christmas*  
*Candlelight*  
*Service*

Sun., Dec. 15  
5:30 p.m. CT

**Eclipse Church**  
Everyone Welcome!

## Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

of living that you can with what you have to work with. There are a lot of people in this world who would be thrilled to have that chance. Just remember the lessons learned. Anyone can hold a grudge, but it takes a person with character to forgive. When you forgive, you release yourself from

a painful burden. Forgiveness doesn't mean what happened was okay, and it doesn't mean that person should still be welcome in your life. It means that you have made peace with the pain, and are ready to let it go. It doesn't mean that you have to forget the lessons taught.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."  
C.S. Lewis

Today is the day you waited for yesterday, and it will likely be mostly forgotten tomorrow. So, what will we do with our today? Here are some ideas. If you stop chasing the wrong things, you give the right things a chance to catch you. Always remember to give thanks for all the blessing which have not yet been received but that are already on their way. You might not recognize them until after the fact, but they are on their way and may arrive at any time and, at times, through the strangest methods.

Some people grew up without positive role models. They grew up with people they didn't want to be like and seeing situations they never wanted to be in. Some of them chose to follow the example given them rather than trying to change the mold. Most of us aren't dealt all the right cards but that doesn't mean you can't reshuffle your deck for a better outcome. You can sit around moaning and groaning about how terrible your life is or you can get up and do the best job

### TIME AND NATURE

Mother Nature and Father Time  
Hatched a diabolical plan  
They thought quite sublime  
To make people think  
It was Judgment Day  
And watch them tremble  
In panic or kneel to pray.

Forgetting one thing-God's in control  
And only He can time  
When we come or when we go.  
He wasn't pleased  
That they presumed on His place  
But He sat back and waited  
To intervene by His Grace.

The earth trembled, with tsunamis fraught  
Rivers flooded and buildings fell.  
People wept and thought  
"Surely this is hell."  
Chaos continued and didn't abate,  
Destructive forces all held sway,  
It seemed life was over, it was too late.

A few folks responded with prayer,  
Asked the Lord for more time  
That friends and family be spared.  
God listened to these earnest pleas,  
Quietly waited a bit  
then all was at peace.  
Time and nature were in a pouting snit!

Some folks rejoiced and thanked the Lord,  
Others mocked in derision.  
Even on them grace was poured.  
They let Time heed their decision  
And let human Nature  
Define their condition.  
Man can be such a perverse creature!

J.R. Trumbull  
5 August 2009

**EVENING**  
**Specials**

**Fridays: Chicken Fried Steak**  
**Saturdays: Enchilades**

Served: 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: Filipino Lunch Special  
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