



# McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 13, 2007

Meka Melvin, McPherson County High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program.

Less than two acres of grassland burned December 5 when a fire was ignited from a semi u-joint east of Ringgold.

A 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Dale Licking caught fire about a mile east of the Greg and B.J. Puttergills who live northwest of Ringgold. Licking was carrying the mail at the time and managed to get the mail and himself out of the pickup that was deemed a total loss.

Clarence E. Correll would be honored with a card shower and open house in honor of his 80th birthday.

Virginia and Bruce Huffman hosted the Helping Hand Club. Virginia thought of the older members and had the meeting at Susan Anderson's home.

New Arrival: Levi and Melissa Arensdorf were the parents of a baby boy, Bladen James, on November 25.

Deaths: Robert E. Hanich, 84, of Sutherland, died December 5; Dorothy E. Palmer, 95, died November 30.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 11, 1997

Kathleen Fisher was wearing her seatbelt and was not injured when her van left the highway and turned on its side due to icy road conditions.

MCHS's one-act play cast won the district one-act play contest and would compete at state. The cast was comprised of Ericka Albrecht, Jeremy Arensdorf, Tara Connell, Ryan Correll, Gina Fisher, and Mick McNutt. Lisa Phillips was the director.

Outstanding athletes selected for the Sandhills All-Conference football and volleyball teams were Luke Connell, Wayne McNutt, Tyler Neal, Ty Melvin, Toni Kemp and Darla Arensdorf.

Coach Rick Hamilton reported his girls basketball team won their first game of the season over Arthur. Gina Fisher scored 11 points, and Tara and Erin Connell each put in 10.

The MCHS boys won over Arthur in a close game 52-45 on the home court. Luke Connell led the way with 14 points and Kyle Correll had 15 points and seven rebounds.

New Arrival: Rick and Debbie Hamilton were the parents of a baby girl, Alexis Michele, born November 14; Rodney and Pamela Gage were the parents of a baby girl, Jessica Renae, born November 29.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 17, 1987

The Lady Longhorns boosted their record to 3-0 with a "come from behind" 29-23 score at Mullen. Ellen Gosnell led scorers for Tryon with 16 points. Leading rebounders were Ellen Gosnell and Marty Moore with 11 and eight, respectively.

Casey Connell led Tryon with 21 points and Brad Whited put in 15, as the boys varsity team won over Theford, 51-48.

Corey Thomas, 17, of Holdrege would be the special speaker at the Youth Fellowship Rally at the Tryon United Methodist Church.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 15, 1977

Funeral services for longtime Tryon area resident, Thomas J. Anway, 87, were held at the Wesleyan Church in Tryon. Mr. Anway had lived in the Tryon area for more than 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pettit went skiing in the Colorado mountains this weekend. Their children were weekend guests of their grandparents, Don and Helen Pettit.

The McPherson County Farm Bureau's annual Christmas party was held December 10 at the Tryon Lodge Hall. Nona Moore was awarded Outstanding Woman of the Year.

Louelva Hatch, Alice Bassett, and Eva Haddy went to Madrid to attend the beautiful wedding of Judy Hagan and Gary Correll.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 14, 1967

Donna Kramer and Jodeen Black were the hostesses of a Luzier Cosmetic Party at the Gary Neal home. Seventeen girls were present.

Mrs. Ronald Fisher announced that she had

taken over Avon in McPherson County and would not be able to take any more music students. She replaced Maudene Sowders as the Avon rep. Northern Plains Land & Cattle Agency of Alliance was advertising four large ranches for sale at public auction in December. Ranches included those of Wilbur Drybread, Wayne Leistriz, Mildred C. Neal, and A.G. Reynolds.

District No. 26 would hold their Christmas school program on December 22 at the Helping Hand Clubhouse (Soddy). All were welcome.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 12, 1957

The Stapleton-Tryon town team lost to Arnold, 104-52. High point for the home team was Bill Karn with 18. All Stapleton-Tryon games would be played at Tryon in the high school auditorium.

In grade school news it was reported those with perfect attendance were Danny Nicholson, Lynelle and Renee Ellis and Jimmy Neal in the primary room.

Word was received that Mike Musser underwent surgery in a Seattle Hospital and would remain in Seattle for several more weeks.

The Ringgold Store would hold an open house and give away a \$5.00 gift certificate. S & H Green Stamps were given with all sales.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daly of Brownlee were the parents of a baby girl on December 7.

Deaths: John Thompson died December 1 at Newcastle, Wyoming.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 18, 1947

A bridal shower would be given at the Robert Traphagan home in honor of Mrs. Eldred Sheppard.

Mrs. Leo Cash of Ringgold was confined in St. Mary's hospital where she underwent an operation.

Contest pictures of McPherson County featured in this issue included Tommy Ellis, Dennis Correll, Bobby Schmidt, and Glen Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike David were announcing the en-

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## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Every day is a story of patience, perseverance and faith because it is every day that we are faced with unknown tomorrow, uncertain fate and unsure future. Let us therefore conquer every day with optimism grounded on prayers." - Motivational Words of Wisdom

As I am working on this column it is a typical Nebraska day outside (12 6 2017). The weather can't make up its mind if it is going to snow, sun is going to shine, or what. The black Manx, Lynx, had quite a bit to say about it when he came back inside. None of it sounded very favorable. Yes, I do visit with my cats. They make more sense than a lot of people do.

During the month of November I posted something I was thankful for each day on Facebook. In December I have been posting "gifts" whether they be people I know or have known, moments in time, or just special things. It has been an interesting experience so far. What "gifts" have entered into your life? When you think about it, you will realize that most are priceless yet didn't cost you a dime.

I consider my cat herd to be a gift but it can be rather costly at times especially when it seems to

keep expanding. I always say "No more cats!" but then one will catch my eye or need a home or, as in the case of Murphy the Moocher, just move in. I checked and haven't found a "Cats Welcome" sign but they must have one hidden somewhere. The only mice I seem to have are up in the top cupboards and they do a good job of keep the gophers out of the yard plus

get their share of other mice, rats, voles, and shrews so they do earn their keep.

Word for the Day: Snollygoster - a person who is shrewd and despicable.

Don't be a Snollygoster. They make everybody miserable except themselves.

"A person who never makes a mistake, never tried anything new." - Albert Einstein

### CHRISTMAS PARODY

"Twas a few days before Christmas,  
Where does snow adhere?  
On huge feline snowball  
Snow dropping everywhere!

That was Garf as he hurried  
To get back inside.  
He's not into winter -  
But he wanted outside!

Felix jumped to the top of the car  
Discovered it snow also covered  
Much to feline disgust -  
He's inside checking out the cupboard.

Tweet took one look out the door,  
Turned tail and returned to her bed  
Sadie thinks she's so smart,  
Being a total housecat has gone to her head.

In case you're wondering, "What snow?"  
I started this poem last December you see.  
Maybe it was the year before last or even more  
There's never snow when you want it to be.

Again it's another snowy, blustery day  
Lynx came in cussing with feline disdain.  
He fussed a bit then found a nest,  
He doesn't like snow but he really hates rain.

Yes, my life is kinda ruled by cats  
But that's just okay with me.  
They are loving, cuddly and entertaining  
So a Cat Wrangler is what I will be.

J.R. Trumbull  
6 Dec 2017

### Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, December 18 -  
Hamburger patty with  
gravy, mashed potatoes  
and carrots

Tuesday, December 19 -  
Sloppy Joe, baked beans  
and French fries

Wednesday, December  
20 - Pork chops, baked potato  
and peas

Thursday, December 21 -  
Swiss steak, mashed potatoes  
and green beans

Friday, December 22 -  
Grilled ham and cheese  
sandwich with chicken  
noodle soup

Monday, December 25 -  
Closed for Christmas

### Christmas Candlelight Service at Eclipse

Eclipse Church has announced their Christmas Candlelight Service will be held Sunday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. CT. Everyone is invited to attend.



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