



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2009**  
Maggie and Alyssa Waits performed with their violins at three different nursing homes.

Mr. Johnson was pictured with Wadim Leontiev and Samantha Kramer with the cedar chest the third period students made in industrial arts class.

**Obituary:** Billie L. Thornburg, 96, died February 14.

Jake Sowders was featured in this week's senior spotlight.

The Lady Longhorns moved on to district play with wins over Cody-Kilgore and Mullen in sub-districts. Weekly game stats showed Tasha Miller scoring 45 points, and she had eight rebounds, five assists and four steals.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 1999**

Don Moore and Ed Sowders, McPherson County Commissioners, completed a three-day workshop in Kearney.

Ross A. Brouwer joined the United States Army and would report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia, for basic training.

Ringgold Ranchers for Rwanda would hold an open house to share information on their recent missionary trip.

This week's senior spotlights included Ross Brouwer and Ericka Dawn Albrecht.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 2, 1989**

The McPherson County High School girls were the number one seed going into the tournament and drew a bye in the first round. They played Lyman in the second round and MCHS won that game. In the championship game, MCHS lost to Sidney St. Pat's by a score of 42 and ended the year with a 13-4 record.

Eight members of the McPherson County High School speech team traveled to Ogallala for an invitational meet.

Competing were Tylene Black, Trudy Dobbins, Melissa Fisher, Ellen Gosnell, Bridget Long, Sophia Masters, Mindy Neal and Melissa Power. Medaling were Ellen Gosnell, Mindy Neal and Melissa Power.

Kayla Kemp, small daughter of Jim and Rochelle Kemp, was taken to the hospital after becoming very ill from a flu virus.

Kathlina Newport, a senior at Doane College, Crete, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 1, 1979**

Alvin Miller and Scott Nicholson were honored at a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller. Those present for dinner and supper were Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Miller and boys of Stapleton; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nicholson and boys of North Platte; and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Arensdorf and daughter of Tryon.

Marvin Munson, President and Ilene Daly, Secretary, of the McPherson County Fair Board, are seeking the identity of local pioneer farm families.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Miller of Ogallala are the parents of a son, David Jonathan, born February 27.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 1969**

Several folks around the area have been having the flu quite bad lately.

The Gordon Bassetts took Sandra to the doctor. She has been real sick with flu for a week.

On Friday evening, Halsey-Dunning came to Tryon for basketball games, and the Longhorns were able to defeat them with the varsity victory score of 85-71.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**

**FEBRUARY 26, 1959**

The Neal Oil Company of Tryon, owned and operated by John Neal, changed owners this week when Donald Neal, who owns the Conoco Service Station in Tryon, purchased the tanks, truck and business. The Neal Oil Company carried Mobil products and ran a tank wagon service to rural areas. The two Neal brothers had been giving each other competition in the gas business since about a year ago when Donald purchased the Conoco Service station in Tryon.

Relatives, neighbors and friends gathered at Swan Lake Friday night for a Charivari for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskell. A nice sized crowd attended.

Mrs. Florence Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Meter attended the pretty wedding of Joyce Connell and Jim Snyder Sunday in Tryon. A large crowd attended.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 3, 1949**

In the last Junior review quiz the following students made perfect scores: Wanda Allen, Joanne Black, Lyndel Cline and Joan Haney.

The eight girls in home-making class having completed their blouses were Wanda Allen, Lila Avery,

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## Over The Hills



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wasting your time.  
10. You put yourself here. You need to fix you.  
11. Shut your mouth. Open your ears.

*8 things to remember when going through tough times*

1. Everything can, and will, change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.

5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. There is always something to be thankful for. "Struggles are required in order to survive in life, because in order to stand up, you have to know what falling down is like."

Anonymous

### WE AREN'T PROMISED

We aren't promised tomorrow  
Or even the rest of today.  
We don't know the future  
Or God's plans as they lay  
The foundation unknown  
As it builds day by day.

Though it be meant for evil  
God uses it for His gain  
And we are all parts and pieces  
Of an eternal game.  
Not one of chance  
But for Heavenly claim.

Satan was defeated  
That day on the cross  
Though he won't admit it,  
He lost that big toss.  
The final day is coming,  
Jesus says "God is Boss".

No, we aren't promised tomorrow  
For life on this earth  
But we're granted life eternal  
Through the dear Savior's birth.  
Just accept Him and serve Him  
For His promise holds worth!

J.R. Trumbull - 1 March 2014

## Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

### Bootlegging...or not...closer to home

A recent issue of the 'Stapleton Enterprise' had a picture and an article about the raiding of a plant for the manufacture of alcoholic beverage in 1922 in Douglas County - note that location- (I guess the reason these 'cooking' contraptions were designated as 'stills' is that it was short for 'distillery' even if it was on a very small scale and arranged in a very simple and/or disorganized fashion, but they were called that on both sides of the law) during the early days of prohibition. I think that the word 'prohibition', and perhaps if you like to play with words you could here add other little "p" words like 'production for profit' or 'pursuit by police' (what day lately have you not heard the words 'packing pot' along the interstate corridor across Nebraska) applies to many things besides alcohol! The reason I suggested you 'bookmark' Douglas county is because that's Omaha and a lot of

corruption seems to collect wherever people collect (and as I write this story, on January 25th, I am in California where a lot of good, and bad, people have collected). Anyway this picture showed the proverbial 'everything but the kitchen sink', and even that might have been in the pile except I don't think, in 1922, most of this cooking was done in the kitchen!

I suppose some self righteous person might say, "yeah, down east by the big town," but let's get closer to home. The only reason I can use a name like 'Russell Goslin' is because the last two words I read in the old court files said, "found nothing!"

Russ lived out northwest of Arthur on Section 5-19-39, some of my readers probably know exactly where this is, which was a little before I got big enough to remember him (aren't you surprised that I remember anything). Mr Goslin, we sometimes

referred to him as 'Goose Goslin', was married to Julia Hurlburt whose folks homesteaded section 22 about four or five miles from the Goslin place and probably the only reason I knew him as well as I did was that Julia's sister, Esther, was married to Henry Reichenberg who was a close neighbor of my folks from around 1907. I went to school with their kids until they left Arthur county in either 1942 or 43. Another little insert, of interest to some, might be that I recently talked, on the 'ringy-dingy', to Robert Reichenberg (I once mentioned him as the pitcher on Arthur's baseball team in 1938-39) who seems to be doing pretty well even though he's getting old, yeah he was a senior when I was a 'lowly' freshman!

I came to a fork in the road there and in my confusion I don't know which

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### Morning Glories

In Memory of Lucille Kemp

May 17, 1923 - February 22, 1979

As we drive by a country mail box  
The morning glories fair  
Remind us of a neighbor  
Whose hands planted them there.  
She loved grace and beauty,  
And shared it thus with others.  
She was a kind and helpful wife,  
And surely the best of mothers.

We remember dear Lucille  
And miss her friendly smile.  
We trust we'll meet with her again  
In heaven after a while.  
God needs kind ones to help him,  
So he called her away.  
Perhaps she's planting flowers  
Beside the King's Highway.

Ernestine Hanna Lutes

### McPherson County Schools



Tuesday, March 12, 2019 • 8 a.m. - noon

Any child who is age 5 on or before July 31 is truly

-- WELCOME --

Please bring the following:

- Original birth certificate and child's Social Security card
- To begin Kindergarten, students will need to provide a Kindergarten physical examination record which has occurred within six months of the first day of school and a current vaccination record which includes 3 polio, 3 DPT, 2 MMR, 2 Hepatitis B, 2 Varicella - Chickenpox

For more information contact Deb Brownfield at 308-587-2262. March 15 is the last day of option enrollment for students who do not reside in the district.



Arthur County Schools Student Council presents

## DONKEY BASKETBALL

Join us for an evening of wholesome, side-splitting, family fun tournament action!!

Friday, March 8th @ 7:00pm MST  
Arthur County Schools Gymnasium

Advance tickets available at the Arthur County Schools Office - \$7  
Regular tickets available at the door on the 8th - \$10  
(Preschool Free)