



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
MAY 29, 2008

Nicole Fiechtner had been selected for the Junior Law Cadet program.

Seniors on the MCHS honor roll for the fourth quarter were Ben Cochran, Meka Melvin (All A's), Jalyn Starr, and Amy Waits.

Tasha Miller medaled in the 3200 meter at the state track meet.

A farewell potluck supper was held at McPherson County High School for R. Todd and June Porter and family. Mr. Porter would assume the Superintendent duties at Wallace.

The special beef section featured a 91-year-old barn still in use at the Lovitt Ranch, west of Stapleton. The ranch, where several families of Lovitts still live, was once known as the Ambler place. In 1957, it was purchased at auction from Virgil Wells by the late Lloyd Lovitt, who had been in the U.S. Army during World War II. Lloyd and Maxine raised a family of five children there.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
MAY 28, 1998

The community mourned the loss of local teen, Brandon Lee Blake, at a special service Sunday, May 24, at McPherson County High School.

A very large crowd attended Memorial Day Services at Miller Cemetery. Jacquie Trumbull, program committee member, gave the welcome.

Ron and Lorna Dobbins and family and Rusty and Rita Correll and family were wishing their mother, Margaret Dobbins, a happy 80th birthday in this issue.

LeRoy and Donna Daly were featured in this year's Beef Supplement. A four generation Daly picture was included of Geo. R. Daly, LeRoy Daly, Rod Daly, and Jeff Daly.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
MAY 26, 1988

Tryon Postmaster, Larry Trumbull, would retire on June 5. Wilma Nicholson had been appointed the new postmaster.

A rain which lasted for five days and dumped five or more inches was very welcome as weather conditions had been dry for some time.

Memorial Day fell on the original date of May 30, which was observed from 1866 until 1971. It was changed and observed after 1971 on the fourth Monday of every May to coincide with the nation's work force desiring a long weekend for other celebrations.

Mary Ellen Griffith graduated from the College of Law at the University of West Virginia with honors on May 15. Bill Griffith and Susan Stickney and daughters traveled to Morgantown, West Virginia for the occasion.

Following graduation, Mary Ellen attended ceremonies before the Supreme Court of West Virginia to complete the final phase of her admittance to the Bar.

The sale of Flying L Ranch, belonging to Clayton E. and Dolores C. Huffman, had been permanently cancelled.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Baker were the parents of a baby boy, Kory Clay, born May 17.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
JUNE 1, 1978

Sam Connell, Miles Snyder and Miles McCullough retired as brand inspectors.

Kelvin Sharp was awarded a Copenhagen-Skoal rodeo scholarship. He was a member of CSC's top-ranking college rodeo team.

Several members of the Tryon High School Rodeo Club competed in area rodeos. Gordon Connell won first in the steer wrestling and fifth in calf roping at the Mullen High School Rodeo. Evonnda Sharp was fourth in the breakaway roping at Scottsbluff, and Bart Daly won fourth in steer wrestling there.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Munson were the parents of a baby boy, Jody Lee, on May 24.

The Class of 1928 graduates held their 50-year reunion at the Frontier Cafe in Tryon. All seven members, Eva Haddy, Mabel Ellis, Jack and Clara Daly, Ida Daly, Leola Allen and Mildred Doudna were present.

The 1978 annual MCHS alumni reunion was held with 90 people attending. Through the years, there have been 555 graduates from MCHS. Eight families are now represented in the group who have all members of their family as graduates. They were the families of Joe Daly, Jack Daly, Harold Neal, Don Hatch, Ray Dobbins, Bub McNutt, John Neal and Paul Hunn. The most recent of these is John and Wilma Neal, whose youngest son, Rex, was a member of the 1978 class.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
MAY 30, 1968

Miss Lila Coakley of Scottsbluff and James R. Snyder of Mitchell were wed May 5 in the Methodist Church at Oxford.

Errol Waits was the reporter for the Goldringer 4-H Club. Jim Neal gave a demonstration on "My Camera."

The first annual approved High School Rodeo to be held by the Stapleton Chamber of Commerce was set for June 9, 1968, according to Chamber president, John Beckius. Glen Dee (Red) Barner was the over-all rodeo chairman and the rodeo would feature six events for boys and three for girls.

New Arrivals: Mr. and

Mrs. Ron Dobbins were the parents of a baby girl, Cindy LuAnn, born May 20.

Kenneth Bassett arrived home from Omaha for a three-day vacation. He would return to Kearney where he would enroll for pre-session and summer school.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
MAY 29, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bassett and family were to be honored with a farewell party in the old store building.

A Mother's Day tea was held at the Tryon Community Methodist Church with 49 mothers attending. Mrs. Miles Snyder led the program and devotion service. Four prizes of china were presented by Mrs. Milton O'Connor. Mrs. Jenkins of Stapleton, age 91, was the oldest mother present. Mrs. Ella Connell and Mrs. Ella Popham tied for the prize for having the most living children. They each had 10.

Molly Mann would be honored with a bridal shower on June 4.

Corky Kemp reported in his 4-H Club news that the Flying Colts had changed their name to the Sandy Soap Weeders.

Quite a large donation has been received for the John Leeds family whose home was destroyed by a gas explosion. Donations could be sent to Harold Neal for the Explosion Family Fund at Tryon.

Cream testing equipment was now being installed at the Ringgold Store. The business would start buying cream when the work had been completed.

School District No. 26 students were pictured in this issue. They were Danny Traphagen, Stanley Pettit, Linda Daly, Pamela Huffman, Debra Traphagen, Diane Traphagen, Dale Pettit, Terry Pettit, and Wayne Melvin. Mr. J.D. Goedert of Sutherland had made bird houses for the students.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
MAY 27, 1948

Mr. Howard Pinkerton died quite suddenly at his home west of Tryon.

The Tryon Roping Club was announcing a big rodeo at Tryon. The RCA approved open show would feature five events. Rodeo committee members were Geo. Winters, John Power, Ken Renwald, and Harold Neal, secretary.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
MAY 26, 1938

Eighth grade students were honored at graduation exercises with Pearl Doyle winning highest honors.

A well had been put down and windmill erected at Miller Cemetery. Many trees set out last year perished during the long summer drouth.

## Antique Tractor Relay coming to Tryon

Tractor Relay Across Nebraska is coming to Tryon in June.

TRAN will be passing through Tryon on June 8, and they will be stopping for a noon meal at the McPherson County Fair Building. The antique tractors in the relay will be on display during the noon meal.

Wanda Jo Waits will be providing a meal for any who wish to come view the tractors, visit with the drivers, and eat a noon meal. Desserts will be provided by the Willing Workers Club.

Any veteran who has an antique tractor will be honored by being allowed to join this relay for a mile

journey as the relay leaves Tryon. They may pull out of the line at the Waits Ranch located one mile west of Tryon.

Tractor Relay Across Nebraska is a fundraiser for "Operation Comfort Warrior." All proceeds will go towards meeting the needs of wounded, injured, or ill military personnel with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. One hundred percent of the funds raised will go to OCV.

Funds previously raised by this event include, \$4,500 raised in 2014; \$10,766 raised in 2015; \$6,100 raised in 2016; and \$7,500 raised in 2017.

TRAN will begin June 2 in Blair. Nights will be spent in the following towns: Lindsay, June 4; Ericson, June 5; Taylor, June 6; Halsey, June 7; Mullen, June 8; Arthur, June 9; and ends in Ogallala on June 9.

The cost of the meal in Tryon will be \$7.00 per person. All proceeds over supplies will go to OCV.

If you plan to come for the meal, or would like to donate towards this meal, please contact Wanda Waits via email or text message so a head count can be determined.

Wanda may be contacted at 308-764-7095 or text her at mwwaits92@gmail.com

## Deadly 1933 Tryon Tornado

"A Large Black Cloud Appeared To Be Coming Our Way" - The Deadly 1933 Tryon Tornado has been featured on NET News.

Written by Mike Tobias, senior producer/reporter, the story features information taken from *The Tryon Graphic* in an issue published three days after the deadly May 22, 1933 tornado.

Alice Mae Larsen was a 25-year-old local school teacher at the time. After

the tornado she wrote an account, shared with NET by her son, Bob Gray.

*The Tryon Graphic* story started with this: "There is no grim tale in all the history of McPherson County of the whole sandhill country, that compares to that of the death and desperation of the cyclone that struck our county Monday evening a few minutes past six thirty o'clock."

At least 10 people died

that day or later from injuries, making it one of the 10 deadliest tornadoes in Nebraska. Six people, including three children, were killed when the storm struck the Pyzer farm.

Read the entire story by going to: <http://netnebraska.org/article/news/129995/large-black-cloud-appeared-be-coming-our-way-deadly-1933-tryon-tornado>

## Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Allow God to keep transforming you into the person he created you to be in the first place. I guarantee His plan is way better than anything you can imagine.

If you've made the choice to walk with Jesus, that's a good change. Embrace your new life and

don't look back. If a bad choice has caused some change in your life, quit feeling sorry for yourself. Just enjoy your new life and keep striving to improve the situation.

"Don't save things for a special time because being alive is a special time."

### BEYOND TODAY

A couple of guys were chatting  
Somewhere along the way,  
They were joking about the way they were livin',  
That they would meet on the other side someday.

I listened for a moment,  
They were talking about hell  
But when I made my comments,  
Things go awfully still!

"I hate to tell you this fellas  
But you have it all figured wrong,  
The way I understand it,  
Is you'll be there all alone."

"You won't see your buddies,  
And they sure won't see you.  
It will be eternal separation  
With no redemption in view."

"You think I speak harshly  
With words hard and cold,  
But for others to know Jesus,  
I have to be quite bold."

"I must speak out,  
I dare to take a stand  
And be there for others  
To give them a helping hand."

Lead them to Jesus.  
May they call on His name  
For once they accept Him  
Life is never the same. "

"So, take these words to heart,  
Study and think them through  
For this is the most important thing  
That you will ever do."

"Don't put it off,  
Don't cast it aside,  
Say 'YES' to Jesus  
And with Him abide."

"I can guarantee you one thing,  
You will see your friends in Christ over there  
As we eternally serve Him  
Without worry or care."

J.R. Trumbull 10 June 2006

**Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile**  
**GIVE BLOOD**

Give the gift that keeps on living  
Donate Blood

**Friday, June 1, 2018**  
**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!*