



# McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO  
JUNE 12, 2008

Renee Connell of Tryon was announcing she is a Community Representative of a high school foreign exchange student organization.

Liz Licking was named to the President's Honors List by earning all A's at Chadron State College.

Alyssa Waits was pictured with the awards she won at Rodeo Bible Camp. Alyssa won first in goat tail tying, third in barrels, and fourth in poles in the 8-9 year old age group.

Members of the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo Club were pictured in this issue. They were Meka Melvin, Matt Daly, Jamie Blevins, J.W. Harwager, Callan Connolly, Tyler Long, Brittany Kramer, Tank Buesing, Duste Kramer, Charlie Opela, Duell Arensdorf and Taylor Lovitt. Not pictured were Kali Blevins and Shaely Needs.

The family of the late Dan Harwager were honored with plaques at the rodeo. Jess Harwager, Dale Dee Arensdorf and Anita Harwager were pictured. The plaques were given in honor of Dan who worked diligently every year to make the LMHS rodeo a success.

The Bessmer family made a trip to Kearney to visit Truman and Vonda Bauer, and while there they saw the damage caused by the recent tornado that hit Kearney.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
JUNE 11, 1998

The MCHS Alumni Reunion was attended by 70-year-graduate, Clara Winters Daly. She was pictured with a group of her relatives who helped celebrate her 70th year.

The home of Mart and Cindy McNutt west of Tryon was damaged when a hail storm passed through around 8:30 or 9:00 a.m.

Lois Connell returned

home from Oklahoma after a four-week visit with Sharon and Melvin Smith at Kingston, Oklahoma.

Deaths: Elizabeth A. Smith, 83, of North Platte passed away June 4; Bennie B. Godfrey, 85, of Sutherland, died June 6.

J.R. Trumbull's quote of the week in Over the Hills was "For every problem, there is an opportunity."

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
JUNE 9, 1988

John Gregg, 10, participated in the third annual Tae Kwon Do tournament in North Platte and won first in sparring and first in forms.

Over 265 relatives and friends helped Larry and Helen Trumbull celebrate Larry's retirement as Tryon Postmaster. There were people from 30 different towns and six different states who signed the guest book.

Deaths: Charles D. Kramer, Jr. died June 6 at the VA Hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota; Kenneth L. Neal, 62, of Thedford passed away Monday at his home in Thedford. He was the owner of the Neal Lumber Company at the time of his death.

A rodent not common to this area was found in a small building at the Buford Schmidt farm. The porcupine was shot and killed by Buford with a 22 rifle.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
JUNE 15, 1978

Ken Bassett of Grand Island participated in the 14th annual Association of Nebraska Art Clubs exhibit and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence for his entry, a wax pencil drawing.

Deaths: Forrest E. Kugler, age 82, died June 8 at a North Platte hospital; Services for Mrs. Florene H. "Hank" Griffith, 64, of Tryon, were held June 9.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kemp were the parents of a baby girl,

Karmen Lee, born June 6; Gary and Deb Correll were the parents of a boy, Allen Eugene, born June 9; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keaton were the parents of a daughter, Megan Louise, born June 6.

Kelvin Sharp was named to the Dean's List with all A's, and Terry Correll, was named to the honor roll with a 3.5 average on a 4.0 scale, at Chadron State College.

A 4-H family trail ride for Logan and McPherson Counties would start at Betty and Dick Schroeders at 8:30 a.m. on July 1.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
JUNE 13, 1968

Death: McPherson County's oldest citizen, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen (Waits) Connell died June 8 at her ranch home at the age of 91.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gove and family moved to North Platte. Marvin was working at the hospital and will attend the Voc Tech school the next two years taking diesel mechanics.

Many McPherson County people were in attendance at the high school rodeo in Stapleton. Randy Munson and Bruce Huffman participated from Tryon. Denny Miller of Ogallala was a clown.

A work day was scheduled at the Methodist Church. Repairs were badly needed.

New owners were advertising a Special Opening Sale at Thedford Livestock Commission Co. Leland Johnston was the manager; Chet Youngs, Les Horn, and Harry Eiler, auctioneer.

Jim Neal, Dan Mowrer, and Randy and Kent Fisher were among those 4-H youth taking part in the livestock judging at Thedford. Jim received a blue ribbon.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
JUNE 12, 1958

The marriage of Annabel Warren to Paul See Graphic Files Page 10

## New Sign Installed In Memory Of Jo Long



COURTESY PHOTO

New signage has been added to the McPherson County Fire & Rescue Station in Tryon. The sign was donated in memory of Jo Long by her family and installed in front of the station. An "in memory" plaque will be added to the sign at a later date.

## Connell Reunion Highlights

Once again the gang gathered for the annual Connell reunion. The group met June 3 at the North Platte Senior Center and enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by those in attendance.

"We talked as fast as we could, to as many as we could, as we hadn't seen some since last year - and some even longer ago than that. There was a lot of catching up to do."

Some brought pictures and some brought other memorabilia to share. There was even a "doodle book" from 1968 when Grandma Ella Connell was close to the end of this life, and we took turns staying with her. It was interesting to go back

and see if you were among the ones who had written something or drawn a picture in that book.

Evelyn Pettit also played beautiful piano music for everyone's enjoyment.

The Dan Connell branch

of the family hosted the event this year and handed it over to Lloyd's family to host next year.

By our count there were 51 attending and each one added their part in making it a fun day.

Thanks for coming!

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## Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "With rights comes responsibility. Just because you "have the right" to do/say something, doesn't necessarily mean you HAVE to exercise that right in every instance" Anon

Science says that we need at least water, air, food, and light to survive. Isn't it wonderful what the Bible says about Jesus? Jesus is the Living Water, He is the Breath of Life, He is the Bread of Life, and He is the Light of the World. Jesus provides everything we need to live a fruitful life.

A child cannot learn and grow from their mistakes if the parent doesn't allow them to feel the discomfort of suffering the consequences of their actions. So it is with we adults, we would never learn and grow if our Heavenly Father didn't allow us to feel the discomfort of suffering the consequences of our ac-

tions.

Abundance isn't about how much money or how many possessions you have, it's about how you feel about what you have.

How do all these thoughts fit together? We need water, air, food and light to survive but, most of all, we need Jesus as our Lord and Savior in order to survive in eternity with Him. There is a reason that God does not keep us from making mistakes, taking risks, and sometime just plain disobeying Him. We were

created with a free will so we have to face the consequences in order to grow and to learn to rely on Him for guidance. Last of all, do we appreciate what God has provided for us? Do we freely share with others as well as enjoy what they share with us? Being satisfied with the little things is one of the most important things in life. We also have to be responsible for our actions and for whatever has been entrusted to us during our life here on earth.

### WISHES AND WANTS

Wishes and wants vs. have to's and needs, Comes down to separating grain from the weeds. It can break up a community once strong When people think that the other side is wrong.

Compromising isn't easy no matter the case, Having your way doesn't always mean first base. Sacrificing the geese that lay the golden eggs Can end up with all struggling on their last legs.

Bigger may not be better when in the plan You have bankrupted the folks on the land. You can import problems along with numbers And end up with nothing but lots of fumlbers.

I don't know the answer, I wish that I did Sometimes you must search for something that's hid.

Examine all side of the coin in the toss Make sure that you haven't lost win in the loss.

J.R. Trumbull 12 March 2015

**REPORT UNDERAGE DRINKING**  
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TOILL FREE 1-866-687-8221

It's Anonymous, and it's the Right Call.

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It is illegal for anyone

- Under 21 to purchase, or attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcohol
- To provide or sell alcohol to persons under 21
- To permit property owned, rented or otherwise controlled by them to be used for the consumption of alcohol by minors

It's their life. Make the right call.  
**1-866-MUST-B-21 (It's anonymous.)**

Region II Human Services would like to remind parents to send a clear message to youth that underage drinking is not merely illegal and unhealthy, it is unacceptable.

**To reduce the likelihood of underage drinking:**

- Set clear rules against underage drinking
- Consistently enforce those rules
- Monitor behaviors

**REGION II HUMAN SERVICES**

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