



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 2, 2009**

Ron and Maudene Sowers of Tryon, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, June 14, at the site of their original wedding reception, the high school auditorium in Tryon. One hundred eighty-five attended the wedding on June 4, 1959, and there were one hundred seventy-five attendees at the anniversary celebration.

Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon attended the Logan County High Alumni, which was held in Stapleton, Saturday night. They also visited Donny Dailey later that evening.

Merle and Leron Bierman of Arnold, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born June 12, 2009. Addison Rose was welcomed home by big brother, Paxton. Her grandparents are Roger and Rose Bierman of Arnold and Tony and Deb Hall of Grand Island. Great-grandparents include Bill and Linda Bierman of Riga, Michigan; Jack and Lorna Ganun of Blissfield Michigan; Bill and Linda Hall of Fountain Colorado; and Dan and Geneva Connell of Tryon.

Wacey and Chevis Krull of Kearney are the proud parents of a son, Grayson Michael, born June 9 at Kearney. He joins a brother, Sean, at home. Grandparents are: Milard and Michelle Gustafson of Beatrice and Mike and Nancy Krull of Tryon.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 1, 1999**

Wayne Connell celebrated his 94th Birthday Thursday evening, June 17, 1999, with a party hosted at his home by Jack and Charlene Connell. Dinner and a birthday dessert were served to over 30 guests.

Luke Connell, son of Sam and Phyllis Connell of Tryon, left Sunday, June 27th, for West Point Military Academy, West Point, New York to begin his basic training on June 28th. All his family and several friends came to see him off at the North Platte Municipal Airport.

Five area youth participated in the Broken Bow Junior Rodeo on Sunday June 20th. In the 0-6 year age group, Justy Bullington was first in goat tail untying, third in poles, and third in the barrels.

Shane Suchy was first in poles, second in barrels

and tied for first in the dummy roping. Shane also won the 0-6 Boys All-Around Buckle. In the 7-10-year age group, Cortney Bullington was first in poles and fourth in goat tying. Lindsay Ritter was first in barrels, third in goat tying and third in poles. In the 11-14-year age group, Megan Suchy was sixth in barrels.

Jake Christopher, son of Mark and Candi Christopher, left the familiar surroundings of the Sandhills to spend the summer in an unforgettable way; backpacking Mt. Kilimanjaro. Jake and 1,700 other teens will visit remote villages in Tanzania, East Africa.

David and Jennifer Kellner of North Platte, are the happy parents of a baby girl, Mackenzie June, born June 23, 1999. Mrs. Kellner taught mathematics at McPherson County High School this past school term and was the girls' basketball coach. She also assisted with girl's track.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 8, 1989**

Ethel Pinkerton attended the wedding of Mike Dailey and Kelley Carpenter at the Methodist Church in North Platte Saturday afternoon. Mike, who is the son of Chub and Sharon Dailey of Maxwell, is a great nephew of Mrs. Pinkerton.

Alison Sowders of Tryon, modeled her western wear attire from the Ranch Store at Tryon, during the Nebraskaland Days style show at the North Platte Holiday Inn, June 19-20. Alison is the 16-month-old daughter of Ed and Jill Sowders of Tryon.

The 1989 Bible School at Tryon had a total of 47 students enrolled. Carol Moore and Shareen Munson served as joint superintendents. Elnora Neal and Sherry Gosnell were pianists, and Kathy Fisher and Sally Arensdorf were craft leaders. Serving as teachers were: Jennie Prentice and Tanya Fisher for pre-school; Peggy Arensdorf, Ellen Gosnell and Melissa Fisher, Kindergarten; Shirila Brouwer and Elke Melvin, for second and third grades; Shareen Munson and Tylene Black for fourth through seventh grades.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 5, 1979**

Lesia Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans

Johnson of Tryon, earned a trophy, medal and a purple ribbon at the District Horse Show at Mullen, June 26th. Lesa was top in the Barrel Racing Class with a time of 17:36. Deanna Uphoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Dobbins of Stapleton, received a trophy as top Senior Individual in the Reining Class at the show and was awarded a medal as top Senior Girl.

Kenneth D. Schmidt, son of Albert and Mae Schmidt of Tryon, is nearing completion of a four-week summer training program with the Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District in the Pacific Northwest. Schmidt, a graduate of McPherson County High School, is a third-year cadet at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlin visited friends at the hospital Friday afternoon, including Mrs. Ila Black, Loren Pyzer, and Melvin Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Simonson and her sister, Vicki Moran were Friday overnight visitors of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Melvin, and helped with the branding on Saturday.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 3, 1969**

Ed Cook will assume his duties as County Extension Agent for Logan and McPherson Counties on September 1, 1969. Mr. Cook is currently working with the Wyoming Extension Service and lives at Pine Bluffs, Wyoming. He is 33 years old, is married and has a seven-year-old daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waits and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bierma attended the Logan County High School Alumni banquet in Stapleton Saturday night. It was the 40-year celebration of the Gandy Alumni.

Randy Kramer was the top 4-H Livestock Judging Contest for Logan and McPherson counties. Bruce Kramer with a score of 284 out of a possible 300 points was the top judge in the under 12 age group. Other top judges were Vanessa Lanka, Janice Rothwell, Donnie Barner, Billie Kramer, Rex Lanka, and Kelvin Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder and girls attended the wedding of his cousin, Ann Blackstone, in Bridgeport Saturday evening.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 2, 1959**

The Community Methodist Church in Tryon was the setting for the Sunday wedding of Miss Maudene Haskell and Ronald E. Sowders. The double ring services were read by the Rev. Milton O'Connor before 160 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday evening, June 20, 1959, at the Hall Church north of Ringgold. About 80 friends and relatives were present for the occasion.

According to Chet Hawley, County Agent, plans are well underway for the annual University of Nebraska Tractor Power and Safety Day July 23rd. The special day for farmers, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture Engineering, annually draws the largest number of per-

## Winners Named In Blood Drive Drawing

The June 7, 2019 McPherson County Blood Drive met their goal plus one. They had 13 whole blood and five power red donations. It was a good day and they appreciate each one who took the time to come and donate. A lunch of hot dogs with all the fixings, baked

beans, lettuce salad and chocolate cake, was provided by Wanda Waits. Extra treats of oatmeal bars and snacks from the Red Cross were available for donors.

Two Gallagher Multi Power Fence Energizers (60 acres) valued at \$150 were donated to the Red

Cross and everyone presenting had their names placed in a drawing for the fencer.

Richard Chapman and Tammy Delatour were the winners.

The next blood drive will be August 23, 2019. Mark your calendars and plan now to attend.

## Over The Hills

*J.R. Trumbull*



Quote: "I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence."

*Abraham Lincoln*

The Fourth of July and the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence, as written by Thomas Jefferson, was subjected to lengthy and to Jefferson personally difficult debate in the Continental Congress. Congress had already approved the Virginia resolution of Independence, it was the wording of the document which caused so many issues with the representatives of the different states. Independence was approved on July 2, 1776, and a revision to the wording of the document was approved on the fourth, mostly in the areas of the list of grievances against King George III. The final version was not publicly read until July 8, and it was weeks before all of the signers affixed

John Adams, who like Jefferson would die on the Fourth of July fifty years later, believed that Independence Day in the United States should be July 2, the date on which

the motion was approved by Congress. He suggested the means of celebration, including, "Pomp and Parade with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations," though the nation as a whole selected July 4 - the date on the revised copy - rather than July 2 as Independence Day. By the way, another Founder and former President, James Monroe, also died

on the Fourth of July, five years after Adams and Jefferson succumbed on that date.

"Some people could be given an entire field of roses and only see the thorns in it. Others could be given a single weed and only see the wildflower in it. Perception is a key component to gratitude and gratitude is a key component to joy."

*Amy Wentherly*

### The Plumb Line

*(Book of Amos)*

As use of a plumb line  
Helps build a straight wall,  
So following God's precepts  
Will strengthen us all.

He provides us a standard,  
Rules which we should heed,  
Guides we must follow  
In both word and deed.

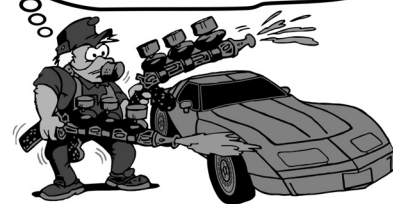
Over and over in His Holy Word  
He warns of the danger!  
The rules are the same  
For both you and the stranger.

He means what He said  
Both now and back then  
For what's right, is right  
And what's wrong, is sin.

J.R. Trumbull  
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