



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 7, 2008**  
Becky Dailey was honored during the Nebraska State High School Rodeo finals. She was recognized by the organization's youth for her battle with breast cancer.

Dorothy Kramer released a balloon from Linden Court in North Platte. That balloon sailed almost 40 miles in about six hours before landing west of Tryon. Meka Melvin found the balloon addressed from Dorothy and the message attached read, "Have a Happy Day. Congratulations and God Bless. Dorothy Kramer." McPherson County Schools would hold an open house so the public could view their two rental apartments.

A nice-sized crowd turned out for the barbecue and games hosted by the Ringgold Free Methodist Church.

**Births:** Wayne and Amber McNutt were the parents of a baby boy, Brayden Andrew, born July 25; Chad and Julie Fisher were the parents of a baby boy, Jackson Daniels, born July 25.

**Engagement:** Tasha Chilcott Rydberg and Aaron Schroder were announcing their approaching September 6 wedding at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 6, 1998**  
Darla Arensdorf participated in the Junior Nationals basketball tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The Nebraska team ended the week in 9th place out of 24 women's teams from the Eastern Region.

The Franz family would be back by popular demand for the McPherson County Fair.

Jack Cotton observed her 80th birthday with a celebration at the Chadron State Park.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 4, 1988**

Mardel Connell won a very nice saddle and 12 belt buckles by competing in four Rodeo Bible Camps during the summer. The camps were held at Ringgold, Gordon, and Ekalaka, Montana and LaGrange, Wyoming.

Jim and Miles Snyder took Miles' old Buick car, which they recently restored, to Wahoo and entered an antique car show. Lorine Rothwell suffered burns over a percentage of her body while working in the hayfield. The radiator of a tractor became overheated and blew up. She was taken to the hospital in Ogallala.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 3, 1978**

Kim Arensdorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arensdorf of Tryon, was injured in an accident at the 4-H Horse Show at Tryon. She was treated for torn ligaments in her left knee and foot.

The Nebraska Brand Committee appointed Gary Arensdorf of Tryon to the position of brand inspector for the Tryon-Ringgold area. He replaced Miles Snyder who recently retired after over 20 years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Kugler and Linda made a short trip to western Nebraska, visiting Scottsbluff, Fort Robinson, Crawford and other points of interest.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 1, 1968**

Steve Dawson had been re-assigned to the United States after serving two assignments in Vietnam.

He was wounded in Operation Hastings on July 25, 1966 and was hospitalized in Da Nang where he spent a month recovering from his wounds and malaria before coming back to the U.S. He was again injured on March 24, 1968 as a result of a booby trap explosion. Steve received the Purple Heart on both assignments.

Orval Black of Tryon was the owner of a new International truck. Rocky Nicholson was now employed at the John Streiff ranch.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 31, 1958**

Willing Workers Club met with Morris and Susie Bond with eight members and their families in attendance.

The Come Double Club would meet in the Tryon Park for a picnic dinner. The club works as a group in cooperation with the Extension Division towards improving family and community relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith were the parents of a baby daughter, Diana Dee, born July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Popham were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Ramona, to Herchel Foster. The wedding would take place August 3 at the Methodist Church in Tryon.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 5, 1948**

A nice consignment of cattle and horses was reported at the Tryon Sale Barn. Considering the break in cattle prices at eastern markets, prices at the Tryon Sale Barn were very good.

Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Snyder and son drove here from Mitchell to attend the funeral of Ray Ready.

Home Builders Club met with Mrs. Lee Waits. Those present were Mrs. Erma Pyzer, Mrs. Frances Patton, Mrs. Vern Essley, Mrs. S.W. Warren, Mrs. Dessie Bellew, Mrs. B.D. Hunn, Mrs. Audrey McClintock, Mrs. Bob Pool and Mrs. Lena Traphagan. Visitors were Mrs.

Beryl Wendling, Lila Pyzer, Loa Moore and Mrs. Doran.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 4, 1938**

The Tryon Ladies Aid would serve lunch of ice cream, sandwiches and coffee on Primary Election Day.

Senator R.M. Howard of Flats, who is a candidate for nomination for the Unicameral Legislature, was a Tryon visitor. Mr. Howard had made a complete trip over the district the past few weeks and reported crop and pasture conditions much improved over a year ago.

Mike David purchased a new Chevrolet truck and installed gasoline tanks on it.

Orien B. Winter, publisher of the *Thedford Herald* and owner of the *Dunning Booster*, purchased the *Hooker County Tribune* from Ross Welton last week and assumed charge of Hooker County's only newspaper. Due to poor health, "Ross" as all his friends knew him, has been unable to do any work in the shop at Mullen since early May and was forced to sell his plant and large building.

The annual 1938 school census for McPherson County indicates 5 to 21 years of age there are 182 boys and 174 girls, making a total of 356. This is considerably less than last year's census of 409. There are 127 boys and 116 girls of compulsory school age, 7 to 16 years. Mrs. Harriett Hogue, County Superintendent, has prepared this interesting information. The total cost of financing the schools in the past year was \$20,227.96. Of that amount \$12,712.75 was expended for teachers' salaries, making an average of \$54.00 per month. The total indebtedness of all the rural districts is \$1,945.48, while last year it was \$3,192.50, indicating that the financial situation of the schools is on the upgrade. There were 26 schools in session the

past term, employing 27 teachers.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 2, 1928**

Robert Davis, who deserted the standing army in June, was being held in jail here as a suspect in the murder of his uncle, Stephen Davis. Sheriff Shriver arrested Davis after Davis caught a ride to Tryon from North Platte and went north on the mail route with F. Allen, mail carrier, as far as Walter Avery's where the arrest was made. Davis stated he had been working in a garage at Hastings, but investigation failed to verify that statement.

John Dahlin Sr. completed a new milk house for Ed Holloway. Mr. Holloway had purchased a new milking machine and engine for power and would increase his already large dairy business.

An Epworth League Social would be given at the Marple home and all young people were welcome.

## Neal Reunion Set

The annual Neal Reunion will be held in North Platte Sunday, August 5th. They will meet under the gazebo in Memorial Park on East 4th Street.

Carry-in meal at 1:00 p.m. Dinner service will be provided.

This is a reunion of all Neals descended from the original Neals who came to McPherson County in the late 1800's. We invite friends and family to come out and get reacquainted.

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**August 8 - 11, 2018**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 • 9:00 A.M.**  
Clean-Up Day & Tent Set Up  
All 4-H families are encouraged to help

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**  
4-H Static Exhibit & Interview Judging.....9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
Interviewing is optional, but encouraged  
4-H & Open Class Entries  
(Fair Building).....11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
4-H Modeling & Interview Judging  
(Not open to public).....11:00 A.M.  
Open Class Judging  
Style Show.....2:00 P.M.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**  
4-H Horse Show.....8:00 A.M.  
Enter Rabbits & Poultry.....2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Rabbit & Companion Animal Show (at tent).....3:00 P.M.  
Companion Animals.....3:15 P.M.  
Rabbits.....3:30 P.M.  
Poultry.....4:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**  
Weigh Market Animals.....7:00 A.M.  
4-H Livestock Show.....8:30 A.M.  
All Poultry & Rabbit Entry Pick Up.....2:00 P.M.  
Kid's Games: Turtle Races & Other Games With Prizes  
Sponsored by 4-H Council.....2:00 P.M.  
Round Robin Showmanship @ Livestock Ring.....3:00 P.M.  
All other 4-H & Open Class Pick-Up.....4:00 P.M.  
4-H Livestock Sale.....5:00 P.M.  
Barbecue.....6:30 P.M.  
Gospel Group - Carr Family Cowboy Band.....7:30 P.M.

All State Fair eligible exhibits are due in the Lincoln/Logan/McPherson County Extension Office NO LATER than Monday, August 20, 2018 by 5:00 P.M.  
All 4-H Static Exhibits that qualify for Sate Fair will receive a detailed letter.

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