



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 14, 2008**  
McPherson County Schools purchased a new 14 passenger bus that would run south from Tryon to North Platte.

Megan McNutt Krein was among the 25 students earning their Licensed Practical Nursing degrees and pinned at a ceremony in North Platte.

Janelle Blake received a blue ribbon for her display of "Bells of Ireland" in the open class of the McPherson County Fair.

Dana Hinkle won the women's class in the horseshoe pitching contest at the McPherson County Fair.

Deaths: Ona Mary Troyer McCandless died August 6; William H. Moore, 81, of Trinidad, TX, died August 7.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 13, 1998**

Grassland Feeds at Tryon, owned and operated by Gary and Judy Connell, recently had a large, new storage unit installed.

Several new teachers were hired for the school term at McPherson County Schools. Jennifer Keller would be math instructor, Jennifer Moore would teach English, and Gary Johnson would be the new shop and Driver's Ed teacher. Gayle Neal would serve as technology coordinator.

Berva Arensdorf had been chosen as part of the staff of C.R.E.W. School-to-Work Partnership.

McPherson County participants at the Logan-McPherson Livestock & Horse Judging pictured were Lindsay Ritter, Bailie Reiser, Alisa Atchinson, Trista Reiser, Megan Morgan, Tyrel Fischer, Dalton Fischer, Eric Trumbull, Whitney Trumbull and Amanda Morgan.

DanDee Connell and Lee Wonch were married June 13 at the Presbyterian Church in Stapleton.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 11, 1988**

Arlan Paxton was awarded a \$500.00 Portia A. Goke Scholarship.

The McPherson County Fair had received \$500 from Ak-Sar-Ben and the money would be used for a chair caddy and double doors at the fair building. Shirley Arensdorf filed for the position she currently holds on the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 16.

The Mann family reunion was held at the Girl Scout Camp at North Platte with 89 relatives and friends attending.

Senior 4-H members participating in the horticulture judging contest

were Barbie Jividen, Corey Santo, Melissa Fisher, Mary Woracek, Roni Jividen, and Angie Wonch.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 10, 1978**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Correll would be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Bart Daly took the championship trophy in calf roping at the Fonner Park Nebraska 4-H Horse Exposition in Grand Island.

Brozy Wilkins III of Tryon was one of the 1,586 income freshmen and transfers enrolling at summer orientation at Kearney State College.

Hannah Doyle earned the right to represent McPherson County with her demonstration, "The Bite of a Bit."

Art Daly & the Buckaroos would be playing for the Friday and Saturday night dances during Nebraska's Biggest Little Rodeo at Stapleton.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 8, 1968**

The 19th annual Sandhillers Reunion drew a crowd of 185 at Cody Park. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Mart Mathers were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Edith Gilmore and Mrs. May Trego, both 90, were the oldest attending.

Rossell Haase and Robert Leland Kelly, Jr., were wed July 15 at North Platte.

Logan-McPherson County 4-H Range Judging took place August 2. The group traveled to the Lewis Halstead farm near Arnold. High individuals were John Kramer, McPherson County, and Julie Lanka, Logan County. Mrs. Myron Bakewell judged as an individual adult and received the high score of the contest.

The Busy Beavers 4-H Club met at the Vernon Lutes home and plans were made for the fair booth. Shirla Hatch was the reporter.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 14, 1958**

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Yates were the parents of a baby boy, Everett, born August 7; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marlin were the parents of a baby boy born August 6. He was named Donald Duane.

Ramona Popham and Herchel Foster were wed July 27 at the Methodist Church in Tryon.

Sincere sympathy was extended to the Art Nicholson family in the loss of their mother.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 12, 1948**

Winner of the 1948 photo contest was Davy, 8-

month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Neal.

Miss Vera Gragg underwent a major operation at St. Mary's Hospital.

Western Livestock Auction was advertising newly remodeled yards.

Wild 4-H Calf Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pinkerton. Marlene Mann gave a timely topic on "care." Rusty Correll and Bill Stoddard gave a team demonstration on how to groom a calf.

Residents of McPherson County purchased \$8,452.26 or 121 percent during the Security Loan Drive. The announcement was made by Mrs. B.C. Huffman, chairman for the county.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 11, 1938**

Lack of interest and an exceptionally light vote was announced in Tuesday's voting. Early returns indicated Clay Wright, Clerk and possibly Steve Clifford, treasurer, both candidates for re-election on the Republican ticket might be defeated, but complete tabulation of returns showed each to be leading their opponents.

The grasshopper population about town has rather thinned out and it was suggested that cleaning up streets and vacant lots of the growth of unsightly weeds should begin. The weeds were left uncut hoping the hoppers would stay out of yards and gardens.

Considerable improving and building had been done in Tryon that summer and some property owners were planning to paint and improve in the fall.

S.A. French reported when Mrs. French cleaned a young chicken for Sunday dinner she found 112 hoppers in the chicken's craw.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 9, 1928**

Mr. and Mrs. John Crayne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 2 with a picnic at their home.

J. Warren Snyder, editor, wrote in his editorial column that week there were at least four or five clubs made up of ladies of the various communities, and which sponsor most of the social entertainment of the community along with social work. Much community improvement and many social events have been promoted by these clubs. Why, we wonder, has no one ever thought of combining these and establishing a federation of McPherson County clubs, and in that way strengthen themselves by taking a hand in county-wide movements and questions.

The editor also lamented that the Sandhills are prosperous so why do large dailies or national magazines, whose writers have never seen the country, will rave to show it up as a desert waste where people live in shanties and strive unsuccessfully to gain a living from sand dunes and scrawny ill-fed cattle. Sandhillers know that the country is prosperous; that the grass is abundant; that the land produces a crop nearly equal to that of any land in the state elsewhere. They think of the many thousand purebred and excellent stock in the hills; and well might they grin at the poor unfortunate person who has to live away from the hills.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "A bar of iron costs \$5, made into horse shoes its worth is \$12, made into needles its worth is \$3500, and made into balance springs for watches its worth is \$500,000. Your value is determined by what you are able to make of yourself."

*12 Truths about life that nobody wants to admit:*

1. There's a lot about life that you can't control. You can't control everything that happens in your life, but you can control your response. Your greatest power is in your response.

2. Our response is often what causes great unhappiness. Happiness is letting go of what you assume your life is supposed to be and sincerely appreciating everything that it really is.

3. We will always be incredibly imperfect. If you wait until you are "perfect" to share your story, your talents, gifts, and ideas, no one will ever hear from you.

4. A moment spent worrying is a moment wasted. Worrying will never change the outcome. Train your mind to see the lesson in every situation and then make the best of it.

5. The best lessons often come from the hardest times. Sometimes you have to experience a low point in life to learn a needed lesson you couldn't have learned any other way. Stand strong and persevere.

6. Success often goes to our head while failure goes to our heart. The highs and the lows often reveal our character. Be humble at the mountain tops, steadfast in the valleys, and faithful in between.

7. We often confuse being busy with being productive. Pay attention to what grows, focus on what really matters, and let go of the rest.

8. Money left unmanaged just creates more problems. Yes, we do need money to live, but earn it, spend it on the necessities, save it, and invest it whether in your life or in tangible investments. Avoid spending money on things you don't need to impress folks you don't know and who probably could care less anyway. Don't let your money manage you.

9. Most of us need less, not more, to make us happy. When things aren't adding up in your life, start subtracting. Life gets a lot simpler when you clear out the physical and mental clutter.

10. Our fancy gadgets often get in our way and dehumanize us. We need to learn to be more human again. Don't avoid eye contact. Don't hide behind your gadgets. (Cell phones are a good example!) Smile often. Ask about other people's stories. Most of all, LISTEN!

11. We don't always get what we give. You will be disappointed if you expect people to always do the same for you as you have done for them. Not everybody has the same heart as you.

12. Most of the arguments we have with one another are pointless. Be selective in your battles. Peace is usually better than being right. So much the better if you can convince them that the right way was their idea. You don't need to have the credit for being right. Remember that you do not have to attend every argument that you are invited to.

### PERSPECTIVE

Winning may mean losing,

Losing can mean gain.

It's all in how you look at things  
When dealing with life's game.

If you have a solid foundation  
And you deal with what is true,  
Even when others try to cheat,  
The Lord will see you through.

If you stand up for what is right  
And do not waiver in your stand,  
You don't have to sneak or tell lies,  
You can hold your head up to any man.

My dad was a steward of the land  
Which bears testimony to that care  
For without his training and legacy  
It could be hurt beyond repair.

People who really know the hills  
Can see that solid base  
And their word is worth a lot  
No matter what the case.

Believing without knowing facts  
Is not worthy of the cause  
So take some time and think it through,  
It doesn't hurt to pause.

The truth will always bear you out  
No matter what others say  
For you can stand before the Great Judge  
In honesty on Judgment Day.

J.R. Trumbull 24 December 2005

**McPherson County Fair**

CONCESSIONS

2018 FAIR DATES: AUG. 9-11

**Grill**  
**Sergeant BBQ**

and

**Ice Cream**  
**Coach**

I HAVE  
A CONCERN  
AND THE FREEDOM  
TO PETITION  
MY GOVERNMENT.

Understanding the First Amendment is key to protecting our free society.

Freedom of Speech • Freedom of Religion • Freedom of the Press  
Freedom to Assemble Peacefully • Freedom to Petition the Government

THINK  
FIRST

KNOW YOUR 5 FREEDOMS

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