



# McPherson County News

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## Between the Lines

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 7, 2010**  
Gracie Correll was the 2009 Western Nebraska Cutting first place youth rider year-end award winner. Faith Correll earned the WNC second place youth rider 2009 year-end award.

Molli Sailors was this week's Senior Spotlight. Tricia Murrish of Kearney would be the speaker at the Hall Church Spring Tea on Tuesday evening, April 15, 2010.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 6, 2000**  
MCHS musicians received eight superiors at the Conference Contest at Hyannis. Those participating were: Jake Christopher, Dru Melvin, Lacy Abel, Jamie Fisher, Mariah Nelson, Rawnie Munson, Erin Connell, Cameron Powers, Joe Cochran, Tyler Abel, Eric Mumm and Devin Burch.

Representatives from the Art Gray Post 189 American Legion and Auxiliary at Tryon, selected their representatives for Boys and Girls State. Megan McNutt, daughter of Duane McNutt and Jill McNutt, was chosen for Girls State and Joe Cochran, son of Jess and Brenda Cochran, was selected for Boys State.

Art and Audrey French learned last week that their grandson, Craig French, who is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas with the U.S. Army, suffered a broken wrist recently when the transmission of a vehicle fell on his arm.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 6, 1990**  
The Logan-McPherson Counties Extension Board has recently hired Penny Nicholson of rural Stapleton, as a 4-H aide.

Five McPherson County High School students recently attended the Nebraska Farm Bureau Safety Citizenship Seminar in Aurora March 18-20. The students attending the seminar were Trudy Dobbins, Bill Finney, Tonya Starr, Dana Paxton and Rusty Moore.

The Hair Cabin at Tryon will be under the new management of Sally Hilferty, starting April 10.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 3, 1980**  
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holway of Hastings, were snowed in over the weekend at the Albert Schmidt home. While here, Fred received word that his sister, Violet, had passed away at Phoenix, Arizona.

Alice Dobbins, who teaches at School Dist. No. 28 west of Tryon, escaped serious injury Wednesday morning, March 26, when the pickup she was driving slid off the highway about four miles west of Tryon and went over on its side. A high school student, Monte Bullington, arrived soon after the accident and took Mrs. Dobbins on to her school. Roads in the area were very slick at the time of the accident.

Church services were canceled at the Tryon United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, March 30, due to the blizzard.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 31, 1970**  
The Rev. Dwight Kemling of the Tryon United Methodist Church spoke to the high school students Thursday afternoon. He told how Easter is celebrated by the various religions and spoke about the proper attitude that should be used in the observance of Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul French, Ross Haase, Patsy Paxton and Rocky Nicholson were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson and Monte.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Haddy, Lynelle Ellis, Dennis Miller and Frances Patton were Easter weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis and Renee, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dickerson in Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Knapp and Garrett spent the Easter vacation at Madison with both Barb and Vernon's folks.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 7, 1960**  
Eugene Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Neal of Tryon, and a student at MCHS, has received a Scholastic Certificate for outstanding work in the Inter-High School Contest at Kearney. The certificate was for novice woodworking.

Mrs. Visa Stalnaker and Lois Hunn were visitors in the home of Dennis and Rose Barner Wednesday evening.

Junior Barnum and Pat Trumbull were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Trumbull and Nancy, Jim Boyer and Kay Trumbull were afternoon visitors.

Mrs. Miles Snyder attended a school of instruction for Rebekah Lodge secretaries held in North Platte Saturday evening.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 6, 1950**  
Pearle Irene Neal, daughter of Heber and Massie Newberry, departed this life March 30, at the age of 70 years. In 1888, at the age of nine, she came with her parents in a covered wagon to McPherson County where her father filed on a homestead nine miles south of Tryon.

The Busy Workers club met with Mrs. Kate Winters March 15 with the following members present: Mrs. Melvin Lake, Mrs. Warren Winters, Mrs. Veldon Bullington, Mrs. George Wade, Mrs. George Winters and the hostess, Kate Winters.

Arthur Gragg spent a few days last week at the Wayne Connell home helping Wayne with his work. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Connell and children have been ill with the flu.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 4, 1940**  
Donald Elwood Haynes, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Haynes of Tryon, passed away Friday in St. Mary's Hospital in North Platte. He had been stricken ill with an infection in his leg, above the knee, and was taken to the hospital Monday night of last week.

Gailand Garska received a broken jaw and other injuries to his face Saturday morning when he was struck on the chin by a pry being used in repairing a well at the Dahlin place. Gailand was helping Bill Griffith to pull rods from a well when the pry struck him under the chin, breaking his jaw, cutting a deep gash in his throat and knocking out several teeth. In an unconscious condition, he was rushed to North Platte. His face was put in a cast, and at present he is somewhat improved.

The Willing Workers Club met March 21 at the home of Mrs. Beulah Kinsman.

The shower given at the Mart Mathers home Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Triplett by Mrs. Buster Magnuson and committee was attended by about 70 friends who enjoyed a program of reading and games.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 3, 1930**  
The County Spelling Bee will be held at the Tryon School Building Saturday afternoon.

Grandma Hyland is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S.A. French. Mrs. Hyland is over ninety years old and for the last week has been confined to her bed with paralysis.

Boys and girls from the local high school won three cups in the Tri-County Declamatory Contest held at Tryon. William Griffith and Dale Keesler each won a cup for McPherson County High School.

I've been doing a little thinking, remembering and considering stories that I heard many years ago to come up with this article.

On the hill about a half mile south of the Whitewater stockyards at the County Line on Highway 92, there was one forty acre piece of land (NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 6-18-35) that for some reason was not deeded to anyone at the time Homesteads were being taken and recorded. The first record that I could find says that Harry Cullinan got the patent and title to this little piece of real estate in 1954.

Back when I was four years old there was a middle aged bachelor, a Mr Love (no, one ever told me if they even knew, what his given name was, but he was known by everyone as 'Slim') that lived there for a period of time. I have no idea what buildings would have been there or if he was simply a 'squatter' or if he had a government lease on the little property. I do know, from reliable sources of the past, that Slim owned at least a truck (more about that), an old topless touring car with a homemade trailer and a rather small racehorse he called "Shorty"!

Let me tell some different stories about Slim, his vehicles and Shorty. Slim's truck was an older model, I think a Reo. And he did the trucking for the Flats Supply Company, probably while my Dad was working there, and for other community needs. The only other regular customer that I heard about was the Milldale Livestock Improvement Co, (a forerunner of Whitewater and Coyote Lake). Slim was gone for a few days and came home with a new Chevy truck. My Dad asked him about his new truck and the reply he got was probably not entirely true. Slim said, "I went to Omaha and there, up on a platform atop a pole by the dealership was this new truck. I asked if this was some special promotion and the dealer told me it was and if anyone could climb the pole and drive it down they would own it. So I did!" Slim took that new truck to Gandy to the Milldale headquarters and loaded it with oats for the ranches up on this end. He was not used to the power of the new truck and certainly wasn't familiar with hydraulic brakes (the Reo only had very poor mechanical

brakes) and when he came up to one of the sharp corners down in the farming country he was driving too fast, hit the brakes too hard and slipped off into the ditch, upset his new truck and rammed the front into the opposite bank for a sudden stop. Slim being a rather reckless individual, as you may have guessed, jumped out just before the truck plunged into the bank. Slim said afterwards, "The motor was racing laying there on its side and I was afraid it wasn't getting oil so I I jerked the hood up and pulled all the wires off the distributor." The story was that the sudden stop drove the oats through the rear glass and packed them into the cab so tightly that they just stood up like a wall when the truck was set up and the door opened!

Another time, as I was told, Slim loaded a couple rather unbroken horses and tied them in his rack. The next day the rancher noticed the horses back in the pasture with the hair cut off their tails. When he contacted Slim he was told, "I got stuck in your

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## Over The Hills



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a big gathering to show support. We need to be there in our thoughts and prayers for all of the families involved in the acci-

dent south of Tryon and we need to remember that this could have happened to any of us.

### COMMUNITY

A community is something  
That money cannot buy.  
A hug when hugs are needed  
And a shoulder on which to cry.  
Laughter in its season  
And tears when times are sad.  
People who are there for you  
For things both good and bad.  
A community is family  
In its extended sense.  
A group of homes united  
Often in mutual defense.

Whether it be fire or flood,  
Bereavement or a common cause,  
They rally round the standard  
No matter what the cost.  
Communities are special  
For they are carried in the heart  
And though often quite scattered,  
You know you're still a part.  
For community is "home".  
It may be where you're born.  
It may be just a special place  
From which your heart can't be torn.

It may be all those special times  
With family and with friends.  
What 'err the place or the time,  
No one knows where "community" begins.  
Communities are people  
Who care about each other.  
Each life a special gift of God,  
Some closer than a brother.  
Communities can overlap  
Or even be a part  
Of the structure of another group.  
That's where the process starts.

But whether here or even there,  
The purpose is essential.  
The community is a place  
Where everyone is special.  
So whether church or club or school,  
Whether near or far,  
The members of a community  
Know just who they are.  
For they know within their hearts  
Where they truly do belong,  
For a community is a gift of God  
And community ties are strong.

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