



# McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO  
MAY 27, 2010

Mary Lou Metcalfe, 60, of Tryon, passed away, May 19, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband Tom and her children. Services were held Saturday, May 22 at the Tryon Methodist Church.

Megan Nelson, of Ringgold, is set to be a reporter for the *McPherson County News*.

Sara and Taylor Weatherly are the proud parents of a baby boy. Ayden Michael was born Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

Winners in the 2010 Americanism Essay Contest have been announced by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #189. This year's theme was "What is My Patriotic Role as a U.S. Citizen?" First place in Class III is Cailyn Bessmer; Class IV: Shane Suchy. Shane Suchy's essay won 2nd place in State competition. He received \$15.00 from the Department of Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary.

Local News: Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon, and Ester Wester of North Platte accompanied Earl and Ila Dailey to Hershey, where they attended the high school graduation of Dove and Grady Phillips, and their reception, which was held at Butch's Cafe.

A special section on beef was presented in this issue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 25, 2000

Descendants of the A.M. Hatch family met for a reunion at the Tryon Lodge Hall Saturday, May 13, 2000. All of the living first cousins were in attendance. Bobo Hatch hosted the dinner which was catered locally by Lee Ann Paxton. Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Hatch came to Nebraska in 1900 from Kansas. Thier children who were well known in this community, were Edna Garrett, Rob Hatch, Elzie Hatch and Tone Hatch.

Chelsey McNutt brought home a runner-up medal from the Class D State Track Meet held Friday and Saturday in Omaha. McNutt, a freshman, placed second in the 300 hurdles in a time of 46.7,

scoring eight points for McPherson County High. Chelsey is the daughter of Mart and Cindy McNutt of Tryon.

A special section on beef was in this issue with a story and pictures of Grassland Feeds at Tryon featuring owners, Gary and Judy Connell shown with their helpers, Arlen Connell and Sue Morgan.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 24, 1990

The Centennial pageant for McPherson County was progressing well and would be presented to the public on Friday, May 25, with a lot of people participating. A large crowd is expected as many will be gathering for the MCHS Alumni reunion on Saturday and for Memorial Day on Monday.

Edith Ellen Gale, Heather and Rebekah, and Dorothy Haney attend the wedding and reception for Mary Daigger and Kevin Viasin, Saturday evening.

Members of the Tryon Rebekah Lodge were making plans to attend the Sandhills #26 meeting at Mullen on May 25th.

The Tryon Lodge was to be responsible for a skit and for seating district officers for 1991.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 22, 1980

Four McPherson County teachers planning to attend a science workshop during the summer were Kristine Christensen, Susan Alber, Rebecca Brown and Gayle Neal.

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises were held Wednesday evening May 14, for ten graduating MCHS seniors. They were Evonnda Sharp, valedictorian; Rex Kemp, salutatorian; Kim Arensdorf, Debra Connell, Greg Daigger, Peggy Gagg, Lesa Johnson, Gaylene Kemp, Shane Musser and Rod Sowders.

Four Tryon boys who qualified for the State Track Meet in Omaha May 23-24 were Greg Daigger, Mike Miller, Sam Hayworth and Steve Waits.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 21, 1970

Seven MCHS seniors bid farewell to MCHS, Tuesday night. They were Beth Black, Deena Kemp, Patricia McNutt, Gerald Correll, John Kramer, Doye Miller and Errol Waits. Their class sponsor was Spencer H. Anderson.

Gerald Correll was awarded the Valedictorian medal and a four-year regents scholarship from UNL, and John Kramer was awarded the Salutatorian medal and received a one-year Regents Scholarship from the University of Nebraska.

The Mixed Double Bowling League ended their season with a party Friday night at the Tryon Lodge Hall with everyone enjoying a basket supper. The rest of the evening was spent playing cards with Maxine Neal and Harold Arensdorf being the high scorers. Trophies were awarded to the top team of the League, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arensdorf. Second place trophy winners were Mr. and Mrs. Don Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Taft Haddy. Eva Haddy received a medal for high series for the ladies.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 26, 1960

The David Store and Don Neal Conoco Service Station at Tryon announced that they would close at noon, Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) and remain closed the remainder of the day.

Mae Schmidt, Superintendent of Daily Vacation Bible School at the Ringgold Church, announced that the school would be held May 31 - June 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. On Thursday, however, the children and workers were to bring sack lunches as there would be morning and afternoon classes.

The MCHS class of 1955 was to hold their five-year reunion on Sunday, May 29, in Cody Park at North Platte. The classes of 1953, 1954 and 1956 were also invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Paxton and family attended the 8th graders graduation.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 25, 1950

An RCA approved rodeo was to be held at Tryon one big day, Sunday, June 4, produced by Punk Scollin and James L. Calhoun. Charges for entry fee roping was \$15.00 with other events at \$10. Admission would be \$1.00 for adults plus tax, and 50 cents for children plus tax. Tickets could be purchased at either Black's Store or the David Store.

The Tryon Roping Club was sponsoring a dance in the Tryon Auditorium Saturday night, June 3 with music by Nick's Hill Billy Band. Lunch would be available at Nick's Cafe.

The marriage of Miss Eunice Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Miller of Ringgold, and Mr. and

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## Clyde Museum Curator offers insight on McPherson County's namesake

Clyde, Ohio museum curator, Gene Smith, has shared the following information about General James Birdseye McPherson. Smith is the curator at the Clyde Museum and General McPherson House in Clyde. The Clyde Heritage League owns the Clyde Museum, along with the childhood home of Gen. James B. McPherson, and the old City Hall building, which is now called Heritage Hall.

General James B. McPherson was born November 14, 1828, in Hamer's Corners, Ohio, which later was named Clyde, Ohio in the 1850's. He was born in a log cabin near the cemetery where he is buried. His father purchased a house, which is the house that we own; on what is now the corner of Maple Street and US 20 (McPherson Highway) in 1835. He lived in this house from



COURTESY

The McPherson family home was the boyhood home of General James Birdseye McPherson, for whom McPherson County, NE was named. He was the highest senior ranking officer killed in the US Civil War. The Clyde Heritage League owns Clyde Museum, the childhood home of Gen. McPherson and the old city hall building, which is now called Heritage Hall.

six years of age until he was 13 years old, at which time his father had become ill and he had to become the breadwinner for the home.

In 1841, he went to work

for a man by the name of Robert Smith in Stentown, Ohio, which is now Green Springs, Ohio. Mr.

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## Over The Hills



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to go. I'm glad that we still have this tradition even though I don't plan to go to any this year. Many good memories of branding time along with some scary moments and real adventures.

Advice from Dear Abby -

"This is maturity: To be able to stick with a job until it is finished; to do one's duty without being supervised; to be able to carry money without spending it; and to be able to bear an injustice without wanting to get even."

### BRANDING TIME

The camaraderie of branding, Range community at its best, Friendships and extended family, Memories that stand the test.

Although the branding fire has changed As generations span the years, So have the faces on the scene As we remember through the tears.

The stories and the escapades Grow as time flies past. We may be somewhat scattered now Pioneer spirit is what makes it last!

The ropes fly through the air, Snag those heels and dally right. Rope's under a horse's tail - Wow! What a sight!

Wrestlers scattering, Watch those irons now! Horse bucks through, "Hey, I'm not a cow!"

Things quiet down And the job is done. Now it's time for food And having some fun.

A time to visit, A chance to add to the lore, But, it's just not the same Without Hans or Joe or Leland or.....

For brandings past And friends we've known, May there be brandings in heaven When it's time to go home!

J.R. Trumbull  
5 May 2006



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