



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2011**  
McPherson County High School first semester and second quarter honor roll students were: Ashley Bessmer, Molly Hinkle, Gabe Ryland, Mara Seifer, Sam Ascherl, Alecia Paxton, McKenna Bessmer, Alex Hinkle, Jesse Paxton, Clay Seifer, Dane Daigger, Ashley Starr, Julia Hines and Ruth Licking.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2001**  
The MCHS Longhorns defeated Cody-Kilgore 59-45 in the Sandhills Conference Tournament at Mullen last week. Dru Melvin led the Longhorns with 15 points, followed by Joe Cochran with 12; Eric Mumm, nine; Tyler Abel, eight; and Chad McNutt, five. The boys lost the championship game 46 to 57. Eric Mumm led the Longhorns in this game with nine points; Wyatt Arensdorf had eight; Tyler Abel, seven; Jared Arensdorf, seven; and Chad McNutt, seven.

The Lady Longhorns played Hyannis Friday night for 5th and 6th place and won by a score of 33-23. Leading scorers were Stacy Neal, 12; Sara Skipworth, 11; Megan McNutt, six; and Chelsey McNutt, two.

Jared J. Arensdorf, son of Jeff and Shelly Arensdorf of Tryon, was featured in the MCHS Senior Spotlight for the week. He has been active in 4-H, the Nebraska High School Rodeo Association, and has had four years of football, four years of basketball and one year of track.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 31, 1991**  
Mass of Christian Burial was held January 23, 1991, for Theresa L. Arensdorf, 82, of North Platte. Survivors include her husband, Joe, of North Platte; four sons and five daughters and their families, including 32 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren. Burial was at Floral Lawns Memorial Gardens at North Platte.

The Sandhills Craftique Club met January 10 at the home of Pauline Shineman. Members decided to sponsor an Easter Egg hunt March 21 with a storm date of March 28. They also voted to send a care package each month to someone in Operation Desert Storm, starting with Ira Masters in January.

Larry and Helen Trumbull visited Wm. and Sue Masters January 22, and Helen and Sue finished preparing boxes to send to two servicemen in the Persian Gulf area.

### From The Tryon Graphic Archives

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 29, 1981**  
The Tryon boys basketball team dropped a 77-56 loss to Stapleton Tuesday night at Stapleton. Mike Miller scored 23 points to lead Tryon's scoring, and Lynn Pyzer added 18. For Stapleton, Brent Barker and Kyle Barner teamed up to put in 42 points.

Pearl Miller of Tryon visited in the Mart McNutt home a couple of days last week, helping to get her newest great-grandson off to a good start.

The Miles and Jim Snyders were helping out last week in the Bob Thornburg home in North Platte, where Bob and Billy Thornburg were ill with the flu, and Grandma Grace Snyder was also ill and in the hospital for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Arensdorf and small sons were Thursday evening visitors of Gary, Judy and little Tara Connell. The occasion was Tara's first birthday.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 1971**

McPherson County High School's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Cheryl Neal. Selected for her performance in a written knowledge and attitude exam administered to senior girls on December 1. Cheryl will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual education program. She will also be eligible for state and national honors, including one of 102 college scholarships.

Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Mann left Sunday morning by train for Los Angeles on their first part of a tour taking them to the Fiji Island, New Zealand and Australia, and returning by way of Hawaii. They will be gone about 30 days.

Dewey Gragg slipped and fell on some ice while doing chores Tuesday morning of last week and broke two ribs. On Friday, they returned him to the hospital with pneumonia. He is recovering now but is still in the hospital as of Wednesday night.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 1961**

The MCHS Pep Club was to sponsor a chili and vegetable soup supper at the High School auditorium Wednesday, February 8, followed by a movie, "Polar Bear Hunt," sponsored by the Band Booster Club. Price for the supper was 50 cents, and for the movie, 50 and 25 cents.

A shower in honor of

Mrs. Keith (Alice) Lutes will be held February 12 at the Hall Sunday School. Following will be a basket dinner and a short program at 2:00 p.m.

Manley D. Kramer of Tryon, has been named to membership in the American Hereford Association, the world's largest purebred registry organization, with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 1951**

A polio benefit dance was being planned for the night of Saturday, February 10, in the Tryon High School Auditorium, and in order to raise money, several articles will be offered at auction to the highest bidder. If you wish to donate items for this auction, turn them in to Tom Kemp, R.C. Conroy or Mrs. Annabel Warren. Sponsored by the "March of Domes," admittance will be 50 cents.

The Tryon Theatre, with Harold Neal as proprietor, would be showing "Dakota" starring John Wayne, Vera Ralston and Walter Brennan, on Wednesday night, February 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Leorice McNutt and daughter moved to their home southeast of Flats last week. The ranch was formerly owned by C.E. Daly.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 30, 1941**

Thursday morning, Tom Neal received a message telling him the sad news of the death of his niece, Mrs. Kenneth Noble and her husband, both of Big Piney, Wyoming. The Nobles met a tragic death when their car collided with a truck in a snow storm 11 miles east of Rock Springs, Wyoming. They leave behind four small children. Mrs. Noble was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jewett, old-time ranchers of our lake country, who moved to near Big Piney, Wyoming 27 years ago.

Thawing snow and ice has been a factor in causing several accidents which have resulted in injury to a number of people in this community. Some time ago, Allen Shimmin received a broken leg when a horse fell with him on frozen ground; and on Saturday, Mrs. M.A. Connell received a broken arm when she fell on ice at her home ten miles north of Tryon.

The Lisle Pyzer family is enjoying a new Chevrolet recently purchased at the Nielsen Chevrolet Company at North Platte.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 29, 1931**

The Ed James family who has been residing on the old Anthony farm north of Tryon, moved

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## Bloodmobile Reaches Goal

Blood donors of McPherson County stepped up on January 22 and with a steady flow, all day, the drive's goal was achieved. They had one RBC and 17

whole blood donors presenting with one RBC and 16 whole blood units processed.

A big thank you to everyone who rolled up their

sleeves and gave a gift that helps so many heal and in many cases live.

Mark your calendars for April 2, 2021, which is the next blood drive.

## Over The Hills



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loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, and hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it.

If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

### PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Precious memories long will linger  
Giving comfort to the grieving soul.  
Good times and loving laughter  
Help to heal and make whole.

In each who knew some special person,  
Their spirit remains alive in us  
As memories flit into our mind and heart  
Reminding us of joys and sorrows plus.

May it be that we learn from those memories  
And cherish them within our heart  
For true to what life expects from us,  
Words of wisdom never part.

A quick glimpse, a fleeting shadow  
Brings memories fast to the mind.  
Sometimes in comfort, sometimes in sorrow  
Yet solace in each we strive to find.

Precious memories long will linger  
Adding more each coming day.  
Record those memories as they come  
And share the blessings along the way.

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