



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 12, 2011**  
McPherson County High School 2011 graduates were: Mara Seifer, Molly Hinkle, Austin Lewis, Gabe Ryland, Michelle Lopez and Ashley Bessmer. Gabe Ryland was valedictorian and Ashley Bessmer was salutatorian. McKenna Bessmer and Dane Daigger win the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 189 Essay Contest.

Kwencye Eyl of Tryon was awarded "Outstanding Theatre Technician of the Year" for her work as production stage manager for "Exit the King" at North Platte Community College.

Death: Nona Elsie Moore, 94, May 7, 2011.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 10, 2001**

Adam Johnson's pendulum cradle he made in Industrial Arts Class at MCHS received an Outstanding Craftman's Plaque at the Technical Fair portion of Mid-Plains Community College held April 29.

After months of diligent planning, a Society Meeting of the Ringgold Free Methodist Church was called to vote on adding on the present church structure. The proposal called for a 40'x100' sanctuary, and 18'x25' atrium connecting the present church to the new facility. Ron Alexander of Gothenburg was selected as the contractor.

Seven eighth grad graduates receiving diplomas at the high school in Tryon on May 3, 2001, were Dale Riley Arensdorf, Timothy A. Billingsley, Michael D. Connick, Jeff E. Daly, Craig R. McNutt, Nathan A. McNutt and Shaylee Nicole Powers.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 9, 1991**

Election of officers for the MCHS Improvement Club was held in the Home Ec Room at the school following Rural Field Day events April 30th. Those elected were: Patty Kemp, president; Clara Bercot, vice-president; Sandra Black, secretary-treasurer; and Cindy Johnson, news reporter.

County superintendent, Karen Hunn, was pictured with foreign exchange student, Rick Sorlin from Sweden. A beautiful handmade quilt she had made was presented to Rick on behalf of the high school faculty and students.

The Tryon Graphic was notified Monday that Tom Kemp, Sr. of Tryon was the winner of a 1991 Chevrolet pickup drawing

held April 28th during the last day of racing at Grand Island Fanner Park.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 7, 1981**

The Rev. Lisle Mewmaw was honored at a special program at Brady Sunday, May 3, for having completed 45 years in the Christian Ministry. Rev. Mewmaw was a former minister of the Tryon United Methodist Church. Birth: Kelly Rae Rundback, April 16.

The Home Ec Department of MCHS held a child development day to aid students in the study of children. The 3-5 year olds invited to attend were LaDonna Connell, Dan Dee Connell, Beau Huffman, John Gregg, Corey Siegel, Jenny Knott, Tanya Fisher, Lori Kemp and Angie Stickney.

Army Pvt. Daniel S. Mowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Mowers of North Platte, completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

The blood pressure clinic held at Tryon Friday proved to be very successful with 111 people having their blood pressures checked. The clinic, sponsored by the Heart Association, was conducted by Vivian Winters, Leah Black, Doreen Kaiwa, Maudene Sowers, Lela Pyzer and Jean Doyle.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 13, 1971**

About 170 guest honored Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith at their 40th wedding anniversary. Hosting the event at the Tryon Lodge Hall were their eight children, who were all present. Their 24 grandchildren also attended as well as one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Huffman, Mr. Orval Black and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett, all of Tryon, accompanied the MCHS seniors on their sneak trip to Denver and Colorado Springs. They visited many points of interest including the Wax Museum, Denver

Mint, Coors Brewery, Royal Gorge, the State Pen, Seven Falls, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, and Air Force Academy.

Darwin Munson and Danny Nicholson arrived home Monday night after having spent the past two years in the U.S. Marines.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 11, 1961**

The seniors of McPherson County High School and their sponsors, T.L. Rudolph and Mrs. Wesley Sharp, accompanied by Mr. Wesley Sharp, arrived home Tuesday from their three-day sneak trip in and around Denver. The seven seniors were Shirley Adamson Irene Rundback, Gary Neal, John D. Streiff, Francis Kemp, Ronald Stoddard and Terry Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen of Stapleton, were announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Kay, to Homer Darr Empfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer G. Empfield, also of Stapleton. The wedding date was set for June 4th.

A picnic supper was held in the Tryon Park Tuesday evening. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lindahl, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norvell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Popham, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sharp and Kelvin, Mr. James Wiberg and Miss Mary Green.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 10, 1951**

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Correll have moved their trailer house to Dora Wisner's north ranch where Ted is employed. Lois will join him there when her school is out next week.

Mrs. Sophia Masters reports that her son, Gene, is in a fine camp and getting along well. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri with the ARMD Division.

The Junior Class of McPherson County High School gave a banquet in

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### Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

**Dining Room Open:**

**9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Mon.-Fri. - Call 308-587-2201**

Thursday, May 13 - Sauerkraut and polish dog, cheesy potatoes, sliced bread, applesauce

Friday, May 14 - Fish sandwich, baked potato, coleslaw, fruit cocktail

Monday, May 17 - French dip, coleslaw, French fries, pears

Tuesday, May 18 - Taco, refried beans, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, May 19 - Pork chop, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, peaches

Thursday, May 20 - Patty melt, potato chips, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail

Friday, May 21 - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, strawberries and bananas

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Observe and learn instead of react and respond. Everything doesn't need your reaction. Conserve your energy for what matters."

*Unknown*  
Show respect to people even when they don't deserve it. Respect is a reflection of your character, not theirs. We all have a past. We have all made choices that weren't the best ones. None of us are completely innocent, but we all get a fresh start every day to be a better person than we were yesterday.

I've always wondered how we would know when helping crosses over to enabling and THIS says it best. What is the difference between enabling and helping? Helping is doing something for anyone, addict or not, who is UNABLE to

do it for themselves. Enabling is doing something for an individual, again addict or not, who COULD and SHOULD be doing for themselves. Think about it - are you helping? Or are you enabling when you should

stand back and help them do it for themselves?

PAUSE - Practice the pause. When in doubt - Pause. When angry - Pause. When tired - Pause. When stressed - Pause. And, whenever you Pause - PRAY!

### BE STILL

"Be still my child," the good Lord said  
He didn't mean follow my own stubborn head.

"Be still" means to wait for His wise lead,  
Not to go off on our own without heed.

"Be still" doesn't mean that you're on the right path,  
Doing what you want can bring its own wrath.

"Be still means to wait and to trust,  
To be quietly still without any fuss.

It's so hard to be still when all seems right,  
Doing your own thing doesn't rely on God's might.

Waiting on God teaches patience they say.  
Sometimes that waiting can make a long stay.

"Be quiet and heed My Word" is the heart of it all.  
We just have to wait for the Savior's clear call.

His Ways are not ours as He speaks to our heart.  
"Be patiently still" and He will tell you where to start.

J.R. Trumbull  
1 Sept 2016

## Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

The MOM Cup.  
By Barbara Smallwood and Glenn Taylor

How beautifully everything is arranged by nature. Just as soon as a child enters the world it finds a mother ready to take care of it. Luckily mothers have been relieved of such duties as milking cows and making butter so they've been able to move up to family economist, child psychologist, career person and still cook, too.

Mothers are the most unselfish, the most responsible people in the world.

Motherhood is not a matter of bearing children; that is a biological event. Motherhood is diapers and bottles; clinging hands and endless questions; joyful tears and foolish fears. But most of all motherhood is an opportunity to influence the transformation of a child into a remarkable human being. Just as breast milk cannot be duplicated, neither can a mother. No one like one's mother ever lived.

Mothering is an art which demands affection, gentleness, and understanding; firmness, restraint and sacrifice. At the heart of a mother's sacrifice is the knowledge that one day she must set her child free. A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make

leaning unnecessary. A mother achieves more than a hundred teachers. Where do mothers learn all the things they tell their children not to do?

What on earth would children do if they didn't have mothers to help them through their troubles? A mother understands what a child does not say. Oh the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe, of being able to pour out words and thoughts and knowing that she would take and sift them, keeping what was worth keeping and parting with the rest. Of all the home remedies, having mother there is the best.

As a mother you serve much longer than you expected. Now, as always, the most automated appliance in the house is you. After all, who wants to try to make pies like mother when it is so much simpler to let her make them in the first place! To bear and rear; to cook and clean; to be instantly available without being underfoot; no wonder the profession is free of male competition!

It is such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother that the world calls you a grandmother. And, just about the time a woman thinks her work is done, she becomes both a grandmother and a grand babysitter. A

mother never realizes her children are no longer children. No matter how old they are, a mother still watches for signs of improvement. In the eyes of its mother, every beetle is a gazelle.

Mom is a much more magical word than mother. It holds memories of sunlit rooms and laughter and love beyond the dreams of anyone. Memories, too, of the push and tug it took to keep you up to par, to make you more than you thought you could be. And memories of advice that did not fall on deaf ears. I heard you then, and I hear you now. And I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, I love you, Mom.

I want to use the rest of my words this week. I know I'm 'wordy', and I think, although I don't know this, that a lot of you realize, or think, that I use too many words, to make some comments on the above article, without changing them.

I copied, let me rephrase that, this was copied from the surface of a mug that has shown up in my house and reminds me of Doris Jean, my wife that I still refer to as Mom just as I do my mother. I can still see well enough to

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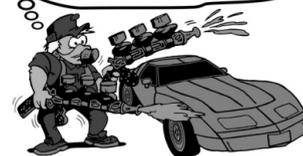
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