



# McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 25, 2011

Kadee Cutler and Ashley Starr, students at McPherson County Schools attended the annual Mike Trader, Mid-America Basketball Camp held at York Community College in York. Both young ladies were selected for the Girls Major League All Star team.

Many pictures from the McPherson County Fair Horse show are in this issue. Winners include: Mara Seifer, Senior All-Around; Mason Ward, Junior All-Around; Tabitha Viter won the Novice All-Around.

The blood drive held August 5, in Tryon was successful in meeting its goal with 23 units of blood collected.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 23, 2001

Carrot River Saskatchewan, Canada hosted the Canadian American Bowl V Six-Man Football game on July 7. Approximately 1,200 spectators, including family members for each of the 15 American players attended. Dru Melvin from Tryon, received the "Best Defensive Player" award. Other Nebraska players on the team were Spencer Parsen, T.J. Powell, Charlie Steel and Dam Freoref. They were coached by Scott Trimble from Arthur.

Corey Neal played in the "Down Under" basketball "Hoops Classic" in Australia.

PFC Marci M. Wilkins graduated from Army Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on August 2.

The Tryon Fire Department was called at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, August 18, for a grass fire about four miles east and north of Tryon on land owned by Buford and Lilas Schmidt. Approximately four acres of grassland was burned after sparks ignited from a welder.

The "Native Nebraska Grass Display," exhibited by Grace Miller, won a blue ribbon at the McPherson County Fair.

Funeral services were held August 17, for Russell Milton Bryant, 81, formerly of Flats.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 22, 1991

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

Friday, August 27 - Hamburger chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll and peaches

Monday, August 30 - Chili cheese dog, lettuce

Nebraska families were hosting through August 24th as part of the LABO program. LABO is a youth exchange program involving Japanese youth, ages 11-16 and 4-H youth. The program offers a unique global awareness opportunity to the LABO youth and 4-H youth and families. Host families in McPherson County include Cindy Gregg, Gary and Susan Jameson, Terry and Elnora Neal, and Dale and Colleen Pettit.

Fair booths from the McPherson County Fair were pictured in this issue of *The Tryon Graphic*. They included: The Goldringers 4-H Club booth with the theme, "4-H Rocks!"; The Sandhills Craftique Extension Club with the theme, "Take Steps to a Better Image"; The American Legion Auxiliary with the theme, "Associated Together Along the Pathway of Service"; the Tryon U.M.W. with the theme, "Use Our Freedoms, Reach out with Faith, Love and Charity"; the Tryon Rebekah Lodge No. 413 with the theme, "Friendship, Love and Truth; the Willing Workers Club with the theme, "Pot of Gold"; and the Friendly Workers Club with "Healthy Waves in Cooking."

FORTY YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 20, 1981

Anthony Rodewald, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Rodewald of Tryon, underwent surgery again Monday, August 17th, to repair damages to his hand which was injured last week in a grain auger accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burch of Curtis were the parents of a son, born August 12. He was named Matthew Thomas.

Graveside services for a former Tryon resident, James A. Caudel, were held Monday August 10 at Grand Island.

Honored for having birthdays in July at the July 21st Oldsters' party were Louelva Hatch, and Matilda Haney, both of Tryon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 19, 1971

Debbie Thompson Flats, topped the ten Demonstrators in the McPherson

County 4-H Demonstration Day Thursday at Tryon. Others competing were: LeAnn Daly, Janelle Snyder, Ilene Thompson, Shannon Fisher, Jill Snyder, Teana Bullington, Polly Kemp, Berva Miller, and Rochelle Rodewald.

The Tryon ambulance made a trip to the Mullen Hospital Friday for Billy Fisher, who suffered a heart attack. Gary Neal and Gordon Bassett operated the unit.

LeRoy Daly had the misfortune of having lightning destroy two haystacks by fire Thursday evening.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 24, 1961

There are fourteen rural schools opening in the county, with most of them starting school on Monday, August 28th.

Teachers and districts are as follows: Dist. 4, Audrey McClintock and Darlene Waits; Dist. 5, Gary Anderson; Dist. 6, Wanda Avery; Dist. 7, Phyllis Taylor; Dist. 9, Lilas Schmidt; Dist. 15, Annabel Bragg; Dist. 21, Dessie Bellew; Dist. 25, Helen Daigger; Dist. 26, Theta Bullington; Dist. 28, Ola Miller; Dist. 29, Susie Bond; Dist. 59, Karen Hunn, and Dist. 60 Carolyn Gant.

Voters of McPherson County met on August 15, to elect a County ASC Committee. Emerson L. Kemp was re-elected chairman for another year. Von Paxton was re-elected as vice chairman and T.R. Correll was selected as regular member. Vernon Jameson and Ed Pullen were selected as first and second alternates.

The Tryon Improvement Club was sponsoring a welcome picnic supper at Miller Park in Tryon for the high school teachers on August 30.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO  
AUGUST 23, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shirley of North Platte were the parents of a baby son, born August 13, in North Platte. The baby has been named William Clarence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stevenson of Tryon, are the parents of a baby girl, Judy Marie, born August 20, in Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Indra of Stapleton were the parents of a daughter, Mary Ann born August 15 in Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller of Ringgold were the parents of a baby girl, Vickie Lynn, born on Friday August 17, in the Sutherland hospital.

A freak storm hit parts of the Hall neighborhood last Saturday evening when hail the size of baseballs fell at and near the Virgil Shineman ranch accompanied by about three fourths inch of rain.

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## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Confidence isn't thinking you are better than anyone else, it's realizing that you have no reason to compare yourself to anyone else."

Maryam Hasnaa

The following came from The Daily Word for Cowhands by Donald R. Stanton.

Reflections - If you were born before 1953

We all are survivors, I was born March 5, 1952. Consider some of the changes we have witnessed. We were born before TELEVISION, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lens, frisbees, the pill, the day after pill, radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, ball-point pens, pantyhose, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes computers, mobile phones or anyone Walked on the Moon!

We got married first then lived together!

In our time, closets were for hanging clothes, not for "coming out" of.

Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagons.

Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with your cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during LENT, and outer space was the back and balcony of the local theater.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, day care centers, group therapy and nurs-

ing homes. We never heard of FM Radio, CDs, computers, cellular or apple phones, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings.

For us time sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums, a "CHIP" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant screws and nails, and software was not even a word! In the 1940's "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you made out on an exam.

Pizza hut, McDonald's, Burger King and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene at the local five and dime store, where you could actually purchase things for a nickel and a dime.

Washburn's Dairy sold ice cream cones for a nickel, double scoops for a dime.

Speaking of a nickel you could ride the bus, buy a Coke or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards all for only 5 cents!

You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but few could afford to, and it was a pity as gas was 11

cents a gallon!

In those days grass was mowed not smoked, Coke was drank, not shot in the arm. Pot was something you cooked in.

We were certainly not before the differences between the sexes was discovered, BUT we were surely before the sex change. WE had to accept and make do with what we had! And as a member of the last generation that was dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

GOD WAS IN OUR HOMES, SCHOOLS, PRAYER WAS SAID DAILY, WE KNEW THE VALUE OF LIFE, NO MATTER WHAT THE COLOR OF THE SKIN.

NO WONDER WE ARE SO CONFUSED AND THERE IS SUCH A GENERATION GAP TODAY!

BUT WE SURVIVED! WHAT BETTER REASON TO CELEBRATE?

Benjamin Disraeli said "When a man falls into his anecdote, it is time for him to retire."

Psalms 39:5, YOU have made my days a mere handbreadth: the span of my years is nothing before YOU. Each man's life is but a breath.

I'M NOT THAT OLD  
Who are all these old people  
Come to celebrate with me today?  
Gray hair, no hair, glasses -  
They haven't aged well I'd say.

Some still should be kids  
Or so it seems to me.  
Why it was only yesterday -  
I think - maybe?

Time has slipped away  
Alas, golly me,  
I'm just not as young  
As I once used to be.

J.R. Trumbull  
30 Jan 2011

## Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I get lazier all the time! Those of you who have known me very long probably think I reached the max some time back. This week I'm going to follow last week's story, as I almost promised I would, with just a name, as memories kick in from those many years ago.

There are so many names out there, but I remarked last week that I believed the name 'Graham' was gone now because of death, but because of marriages and births the family lives on in our midst. Let me tell you my memories dating back to 1941. I know that's not so long ago, but neither was it yesterday.

Leander Graham took as a Kincaid in 1913, three fourths of the section 18-17-39 check that. This

piece of land had been part of what was known as 'the reserve' in Arthur county. Lee had already gotten a 160 acre homestead in Colorado to make his full section. I don't know enough facts to know if he ever got trading done for the rest of his section in Arthur County. I only go back as far as 1941 in that area so am going to try to build my story back that far. There are all kinds of references just like for almost every family in the sandhills area. I think our Arthur County history book paints a fairly accurate picture of this era, but I can personally only remember back eight decades in this story. I know all the roads have

changed, but in 1941 I believe the road, either the one to Melvin Adkins where my sister boarded to teach the unruly Wilson, Johnson and Lanka kids, or the road to the Bill Simon place where my cousin boarded and taught, among others, the McKeag kids, crossed the Graham section. Lee had suffered a stroke and I believe still lived on his Kincaid then with his daughter, Alma, while his wife, May, had moved in to Arthur to "May's Place" (where else would she live?) to provide a home for Harold, Edgar and occasionally Millie. The first child, Irene, had

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