



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**  
 New teachers at MCHS were Robyn Dalton, English and Mark McClanahan new Resource teacher and head football coach. New McPherson County Elementary students were: Wyatt O'Brien, fifth grade; Garrett O'Brien, third grade; Camron White, Sean Moore and Trezna Moore, all in the second grade.  
 Patriots Day was held September 9 at McPherson County Schools. Students sang patriotic songs and speakers were Alecia Paxton, Kadee Cutler, Katee Daly and Kayla Goss.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**  
 Pauline and Vernon Waits and Don and Carol Moore were visiting the White House when the Trade Centers and Pentagon were hit. The Longhorns won their first game of the season against Herndon, Kansas. The score was 40-6.  
 Jim and Judy Gragg's Longhorn steer would appear in the homecoming parade again.  
 September 17, was the 214th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention Adjournment.  
 An EMS program was held in Arthur on September 26.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and four-day-old baby visited Don and Mabel Hatch on September 13.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 1991**  
 The Tryon Roping Club hosted the South Central Roping Club. Out of nine teams the Tryon team won. The Oldster's party had a turnout of 143 guests. Three horses from the Doyle Ranch placed second at the State Fair Team Penning. The horses were Driftbar Bonanza, Vaccaro Bar King and Poco Dell Duster. Homecoming royalty was Hallee Coffman and Billy Munson. MCHS opened their season by playing against Venango. The Longhorns won by a score of 44-6. The homecoming game

was against Cody-Kilgore, Tryon won 28-6.  
 The Lady Longhorns opened their season by playing Stapleton. The Longhorns lost to Stapleton in two sets.  
 The Lady Longhorns played Cody-Kilgore for homecoming. The varsity Longhorns won in two sets and the junior varsity lost in three.  
 Vernon and Ethel Thomson, 50th anniversary, and Don and Carol Moore, 25th anniversary, jointly celebrated their anniversaries.  
 NCIP judges would begin their visit September 23 for community improvements.  
 October became breast cancer awareness month in Nebraska.  
 A total of 160 hamburgers were cooked at the United Methodist Church supper.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 1981**  
 Changes had been made to the proposed improvement of Highway 97.  
 Over sixty workers were at the home of Mac Connell to help pick up bales. Dee Arensdorf won an Energy Essay Contest. The Tryon Rescue unit was called about 10 miles north of Tryon when Irene Kemp suffered an insulin attack.  
 A get-acquainted supper was held for Margaret Wilkie, the new teacher for District No. 7.  
 Birth: Mr. and Mrs. LeMoyné Farmer, Hershey, a baby girl.  
 Sophia Masters would celebrate her 93rd birthday on September 19.  
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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 1971**  
 A roping held at Tryon Sunday drew in 52 team ropers.  
 Births: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bitterman, a baby boy  
 Sam Connell had a head-on collision with Carl Rundback's children.  
 Ninety-three oldsters were at the high school gym and enjoyed a supper.  
 Hearings for the North-

western Bell Telephone Company for a rate increase would be held September 28, 29 and 30.  
 The MCHS volleyball team played Hyannis Friday. The first team lost in two sets straight and the second team won two out of three sets.  
**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 1961**  
 Reva Cotton had surgery on her back. She had a spinal fusion.  
 Births: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bullington, a boy, Jack Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cash, a daughter, Sally Ann.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hi Fisher had spent most of the summer haying and had killed 26 rattle snakes.  
 McPherrin and Allen exchanged wedding vows September 9 at Stapleton.  
 The Longhorn Homecoming was held the 22nd against Brady.  
 At the first home game of the season, Stapleton defeated Tryon, 27-6.  
**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 1951**  
 Officials for the student council were elected. Senior representatives were Velma Newberry and Robert Neal.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal of Tryon lost their twin sons at birth.  
 Harry Kimball was run into by a truck Saturday.  
 Due to a misunderstanding MCHS was unable to play the practice game against Stapleton.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 1941**  
 The annual 4-H Club Fair would be this weekend with it being the largest one held.  
 Cotton mattress making started Wednesday and cotton was being brought in from Stapleton. About 80 mattresses will be made.  
 Two young men will be inducted into the army from this county, Eldred Shepherd and Alfred Shimmin.  
 Donald Tyler, principal and coach had resigned to accept a better position in Kansas.  
 W.H. Majors of Imperial is the new publisher *The Stapleton Enterprise*.  
 A tractor started a stack of hay on fire at the Masters ranch.  
 MCHS boys were dismissed to go fight fire at the Shriver home.  
**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 1931**  
 There are 46 students enrolled in high school - six are seniors.  
 Class sponsors were chosen by the classes last week: Mr. Nicholas, senior class; Miss Link, junior class; Miss Birkofer, sophomore class; Mr. Kaufer, freshmen class.  
 Warren White upset his truck while hauling some cattle to North Platte.  
 An Arthur County resident was arrested for cattle theft, and was sentenced to three or four years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "We're so busy watching out for what's just ahead of us that we don't take time to enjoy where we are." Calvin n' Hobbes

your ability.  
 6. God won't ask you how many friends you had; he will ask you how many people considered you as their friend.  
 7. God will not ask you which area you lived in; he will ask you how you treated your neighbors.  
 8. God will not ask you about the color of your skin; He will ask you about the purity of your heart.  
 9. God will not ask you why it took so long to seek salvation; He will take you with love to His home in heaven, not to the gates of hell.  
 10. God won't ask you how many people you have shared this message; he will simply ask you if you were embarrassed to do so.....  
 Jesus Christ said, "If you deny me before friends, I will deny you before my Father. Today is the day to bless you, I bless you, I bless your heart your life your life, your home your family your projects and dreams, in Jesus name."

### BE CAREFUL

Be careful how you joke  
 'Cause some folk  
 May misquote  
 And rumor grows  
 To a different tale.  
 Even when you write,  
 Criticism you invite  
 Oft a strangely taken slight.  
 That isn't what I said  
 But, that's what they read!  
 Give your words to God.  
 He knows who He will prod.  
 Discern His leading nod.  
 Let them take it as they may,  
 He will adjust on Judgment Day!

J.R. Trumbull  
20 Feb 2014

## Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

The school term of 1942-43 my sister was teaching the Charlie Kramer school in Arthur County. I was a senior in high school, Jack was home with the folks picking up some day work with some mechanic work and an occasional day of cowboy work besides helping Dad. Evelyn was boarding at Kramer's and usually walked to the schoolhouse on the north side of the valley. My Sis had her old Model A car. Sis would drive it to Kramer's on Monday morning, and maybe occasionally to school and home on Friday night. Part of the time, especially in the winter, Dad or Jack would take her to school and I would drive her car to Arthur where I was batching in one of Chauncey Hayes' granary cabins and going to school. The only relevant statement in all of that was that Jack sometimes took Sis to her boarding place at Kramer's. One of Charlie's female hounds had had a large litter of pups that reached the weaning age sometime during that school year. I doubt that it took a lot of begging, but Charlie talked Jack into taking four of the pups, all males, with the promise that when the pups were old enough he would loan one of his older dogs to help train them.  
 Jack was helping Dad

milk several cows and they could always spare a little skim milk for the pups and Jack baked a lot of cornbread and salvaged all of the table scraps. He may have bought some odd supplies too. The pups grew and wrestled with each other and Jack encouraged them to follow where ever he rode on horseback.  
 World War II was being waged on both sides of the world. My schooling ended and I hired out to teach the home school and registered for the draft. Sis went to Denver and joined the Nurses Cadet Corps to become an Army nurse. Jack was talking about Charlie's agreement to loan a mature dog, the pups followed everywhere a saddle horse was ridden and I think Jack even rode more than necessary.  
 One Sunday afternoon, Jack suggested we both go for a ride. He was on a little roan horse we called Rusty and I was riding a big bay gelding we called Snort. We just rode along together watching the pups cover a wide swath as they ranged ahead of us and to both sides. We were about three miles from home when we came to the big hill called 'Jewett peak' and we split with me going around the

south side and Jack and the dogs going straight up the hill. I was probably halfway along the south side of the hill when I heard a yell and I turned straight up the hill and yelled and kicked old Snort. I suppose it was a half mile to the peak where I came to a very excited, speechless Jack standing there alone, fence pliers in his hands with a dead coyote at his feet.  
 Those dogs were bred to hunt. Jack had planned to get an older dog, but when that coyote rolled out of the tall grass the fate of many was sealed. Jack didn't want that first fight to turn out bad so he jumped off Rusty with his fence pliers to help. Rusty wasn't trained to ground tie and when he left, the dogs went with him thinking, if a dog thinks, that there was more fun ahead. I went to the first fence corner next to the Lute, Dahlke place and brought the whole bunch back to the mighty hunter. The dogs had learned to kill, Jack had learned not to drop his bridle reins and years of hunting loomed on the blue horizon.  
 That was the first catch, there were many. Let me tell you about one more!

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

Friday, September 24 - Pork chop, baked potato, dressing, mixed vegetables, pears  
 Monday, September 27 - Philly cheesesteak, potato salad, pepper and onions, peaches  
 Tuesday, September 28 - Chicken or beef fajita, lettuce salad, peppers and

onions, pears  
 Wednesday, September 29 - Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches  
 Thursday, September 30 - Grilled ham and cheese, hashbrowns, carrots and fruit cocktail

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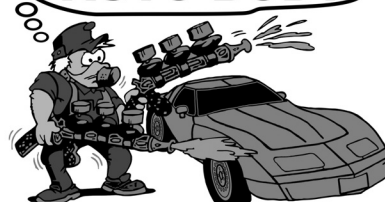
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