



# McPherson County News

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## Over The Hills

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 4, 2013**

Nebraskan Olympian Jordan Larson presented a volleyball clinic, Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at North Platte Community College. Larson and fellow Olympian Curt Tomasevich are part of the Live Well Tour that began Monday in Scottsbluff. The five-stop tour is a joint effort between livewellnebraska.com, the Omaha World-Herald's health website, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Samantha Riedel and Kadee Cutler, senior members of the SMC Lady Cyclone Volleyball team were among ten girls from area schools that assisted Jordan with the clinic.

Kinley Madison Meyer was born on May 22, 2013 in Grand Island. Her parents are Tyson and Erin Meyer of Hordville, NE. Grandparents are Gary and Judy Connell of Tryon, and Deb Meyer of Hordville and Loren Meyer of York.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 3, 2003**

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Allison Sowers of Tryon, has been named an All-American Scholar. Allison is the daughter of Ed and Jill Sowers of Tryon. She was nominated for this national award by Mr. David Thelen.

Stacy Neal, an upcoming senior at McPherson County High School, has been named Academic All State for track for 2003. Stacy is the daughter of Sanford and Peggy Neal of Tryon.

Michael Connick, son of Ron and Diane Connick of Tryon, was selected to represent McPherson County High School at the Nebraska Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership HOBY Seminar.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 8, 1993**

Graveside services were held July 8 at Hillcrest Cemetery, Thedford, for Ida J. Spell Licking, 72, of Thedford, who passed away July 6, 1993 at Broken Bow.

Tryon Rebekah Lodge No. 413 met in regular session Thursday, July 1 with ten members present. Those in attendance were Judy Connell, Bonnie Bullington, Mildred Audrey McClintock, Sue Masters, Hollis Snyder, Hazel McCarthy and Jack Cotton.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 5, 7, 1983**

Graveside services were held July 7, 1983 at Miller Cemetery near Tryon for

Larry Douglas Smith, 39, of Torrington, Wyoming who died Saturday, July 2 in a crop dusting accident at Wheatland, Wyoming.

The McPherson County fair has received \$1,000 from Ak-Sar-Ben according to fair sources. The money is being used to build ringside bleachers at the fairgrounds with completion expected by mid-September.

The Tryon Roping Club recently reorganized for the year. Officers elected for the year were: Dan Arensdorf, president; Carl Runback vice-president; and Blaine Rodewald, secretary.

Berva Arensdorf of Tryon has been chosen as an Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the American Heart Association, Nebraska Affiliate. Arensdorf received her award at the annual meeting in Hastings.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 5, 1973**

Samuel Ralph Allen was born May 27, 1917 to Blanche and Florence Allen, in McPherson County. He departed this life June 24, 1973, at Mullen, at the age of 56 years old.

The old telephone office and Orval Black house has been moved the past week onto a new foundation just north of the old location.

Two fires were reported near the Clarence Arensdorf Ranch west of Tryon, Sunday. They were started by lightning with no rain to put them out, but only burned a few acres at each fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Doye Miller are proud parents of a baby girl, born June 27, 1973 at Memorial hospital in North Platte. The little lady has been named Candy Kay.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 4, 1963**

Funeral services were held July 2, 1963, for Carl A. (Dutch) Schick, age 62, who passed away at his ranch home west of Tryon, Saturday after a lingering illness of several months.

Donald Neal took suddenly ill and underwent an appendectomy at the hospital in North Platte Sunday.

Quite a group gathered here in Tryon Monday night to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neal.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 2, 1953**

Logan and McPherson Counties held their demonstration day in Tryon, July 1. Mr. Guy Davis, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader was in charge of the meeting.

Those giving demonstrations from McPherson County were: Phyllis Rundback, Marvin Rundback, Elmer McClain Jr., Jean Marie Collin, Robert and Wayne Hick, Roberta Pettit, Johnny Streiff, Gifford Leu, Merlin Pettit, Mary Jean Kjar, Elnora Waits, Velda Miller, Sandra Jameson, Sharon Cash, and Peggy Streiff.

The Tryon Roping Club held a roping contest here Sunday. Paxton took the trophy. They also had a jackpot roping with Ed Long coming up with first.

Karol Knott attended 4-H Camp at Mitchell last week. While there she had the misfortune to break her arm.

A horse fell on Marvin Tucker's leg injuring it. He was in Sutherland Wednesday morning.

Ora Magnuson is in St. Mary's Hospital with a broken leg which happened at his home when he jumped off a horse when something with the saddle went wrong.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 8, 1943**

Funeral services for David A. (Bert) Miller, 58, North Platte, who died Friday at an Omaha hospital were held Sunday at Miller Chapel with Rev. B.D. Hunn officiating.

Lloyd French of the Thune community was declared "Not Guilty" when he appeared before Judge Ed L. Traphagan in county court here Monday in answer to the charge that he struck a neighbor, Roy Dancer, "with intent to do great bodily injury."

Lisle Pyzer is working at the Shimmin place in Hooker County this week completing work on a new dairy barn.

Jess Anderson did some work at the Tryon garage last week putting a cement cap on the block wall of the building. The walls had never been properly capped and water entered the building. The caps also improve the appearance of the building.

Plans are being made to move the Tryon telephone exchange to one of the Lamb properties located on the highways. If wire can be secured the switch will be moved to the building occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lamb the past two years.

Recently a house raising bee was held for Mrs. Minnie Musser. Friends and relatives came in to help build a fine sod house to replace the home recently destroyed by fire.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 6, 1933**

Art and Ted French are working at the Walter Winters place this week repairing the barn and sheds damaged there by

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Quote: "Some things are a whole lot easier to get into than out of."

*Unknown*

Most people who know me know that I like cats. A cat, a colt, and I were born about the same time after the winter of 1948-49. Tommy the cat was my companion for 15 years or so. I've had many cats over the years. Some more favorites than others so I won't bore you by naming them. Ms. Sadie Possum spends most nights curled up in my left armpit. She was a feral that a friend rescued and the only person she has bonded to is me. Felix had a few encounters with an old bobcat and apparently did the bobcat mortal wounds. He had a big wad of coarse fur in the back of his mouth, numerous wounds, and had a big chunk of fang eventually

work out of his jaw. The bobcat was down to one fang according to bite marks and Felix took care of that one. No sign of the old bobcat since that time. We weren't sure if Felix would recover but he did and is hanging on to his remaining lives at age 11. Cats have been my companions and beloved friends through many trials and tribulations. They have also been the cause of more than a few mishaps too.

They have tripped me a few times and I don't think my brother will ever forget the time I roped old Tommy and he had to get the cat out of the loop! The preacher was there so neither Dad nor Charles could say what they were thinking.

Enough about cats. I could probably write a book about my cats and our adventures. Morris the chocoholic cat could have his own book.

### CATAWAMPUS

Tripped over the cat,  
Went down – KERSPLAT!  
Cat's doing great,  
I'm one big ache  
For muscles seldom used  
Now feel quite abused.  
Cat watches me wary,  
One life less is scary!  
This now cautious feline  
Best keep that in mind.  
She keeps close track  
Of where my foot's at.  
Better wise than too late,  
Her lives now number eight!

J.R. Trumbull  
9 April 2010

## Letter To The Editor

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June 12, 2013

We, the commissioners of McPherson County, wish to express our public thanks to the Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust and the administrator, Adams Bank, for the recent receipt of \$100,000.00 per year for the last three years and the pledge of the same for the next two years. This is for the benefit of the citizens of our County. This money has been used for badly needed road improvements that might not otherwise have been possible, including enhancement to the safety of Soddy Road. The generosity of the Trust is gratefully acknowledged as we continue to anticipate further endowments that will make possible continued road and safety improvements in our County, made possible by the gift of this generous family.

*Jeffrey J. Arensdorf*  
Jeffrey J. Arensdorf

*John E. Bryant*  
John E. Bryant

*Brett W. Nason*  
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### Senior Lunch At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Serving Begins  
@ 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 29 -  
Pork tenderloin sandwich, broccoli salad, carrots, fruit cocktail.

Friday, June 30 - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, cantaloupe.

**Tryon Bloodmobile**  
**Fri., August 25**  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
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