



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**  
Jesse Paxton exhibited two market steers at the Nebraska Sate Fair in Grand Island. Jesse received a purple ribbon in the FFA portion of the show with one steer. His 4-H Market Steer received a blue ribbon.

The SMC Cyclone football team lost on the road to Mullen on Friday, September 13 by the score of 14-54. Trevor Hanna scored a pair of touchdowns for the Cyclones.

The Lady Cyclones were 0-2 in volleyball action against Paxton and Brady. Seniors leading the team in stats were Kadee Cutler, Sammie Riedel and Kayla Klosen.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2003**  
The Tryon Fire Department was called out Sunday night, September 21, to a grass fire ignited by lightning at the Bill Thompson's. Approximately 100 acres of grass burned.

MCHS class officers elected for the 2003-2004 school term were: Seniors - Stacy Neal, president; Amanda Albrecht, vice president; Leah Christopher, secretary-treasurer; Beau Licking, spirit rep. Juniors - Raelyn Gilmore, president; Craig McNutt, vice-president; Megan Spurling, secretary-treasurer; Mike Connick, spirit rep. Sophomores - Ryan Mumm, president; Liz Licking, vice-president; Megan Suchy, secretary-treasurer; Morgan Miller, spirit rep. Freshmen - Talia Miller, president; Joe Christopher, vice-president; Taylor Lovitt, secretary-treasurer; Anna Licking, spirit rep. Letter Club - George Licking, president; Craig McNutt, vice president; Jennifer Albrecht, secretary-treasurer.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 1993**  
William Masters strummed old-time music as the 125 guests arrived for the 1993 Oldsters dinner and party at Tryon, September 19. Awards were given to D.T. "Si" Doyle for being the oldest man present, and to Eunice Raynard for being the oldest woman. The longest married couple were Edd and Janie Steel of North Platte, married for 64 years. Victor and Virginia Masters came the farthest distance from Long Beach, California, and four of the Masters brothers were present, Victor, Hollis, Willie and Bob.

A fried chicken farewell supper was held at the home of Chart and Wilma Nicholson Sunday evening, September 12, for thier grandson and

his new bride, Billy and Lori Munson, who have left for Fairbanks, Alaska, where Billy is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

Elaine Miller returned home September 7th from a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Roy and Doreen Kaiwa of Barstow, California. Those from this area who attended the Women in Agriculture Conference in Kearney on September 9th and 10th were Jacque Matthews, JoAnn Runback, Anna Rogers, Deanna Brummet and Linda Jacobson.

Funeral services for a former McPherson County resident, Helen E. Mathers, age 93, who died September 10, at Sutherland were held September 15 at the Sutherland Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a daughter, Joan (Howard) Stull of Woodland Park, Colorado; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 1983**  
Ted and Lois Correll entertained Saturday night, honoring Eva Correll for her birthday. Others enjoying the supper were Frank Correll, Eva Haddy, Helen Wendling and Evonnda Sharp.

With Vic, Virginia and Ben Masters coming this week for Sophia Masters' 95th birthday on Wednesday, a Masters family reunion will be held at the Youth Cabin in Cody Park on September 24th.

Funeral services for Nellie E. Newman, age 90, of Tryon Route, North Platte, who passed away September 19, 1983, following a car accident in North Platte, will be held September 22 at the First Christian Church in North Platte.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 1973**  
Rev. Richard Nixon of Michigan, will arrive the last week of September to pastor the Wesleyan Church in Tryon. He has graduated from Mount Carmel Bible School in Kentucky and plans to be married next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Bassett are enjoying a visit this week from two of their daughters, Ruby Hunt from Washington State, and Eva Railsback from Oklahoma, who will also be visiting in the Don and Herschel Moore and Bob O'Neill homes.

The MCHS Improvement Club elected officers for this year as follows: Shirley Aresdorf, president; Dan Nardin, vice president; Barbara Gragg, secretary-treasurer and Lois Corell, news reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gage were the parents of a new baby daughter,

Shannon Rae, born September 11, 1973, at North Platte.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 1963**  
Henry Alfred Seeley, age 50, passed away September 9, 1963, at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Mr. Seeley was born in Tryon and served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 until 1945 and moved to California in 1946.

Mrs. John Power, chairman, and Mrs. Don Pettit, co-chairman of the McPherson County Home Extension Council, are planning to attend the state meeting at Scottsbluff.

Miles Snyder has been named county ticket chairman for the Dave Martin Testimonial Dinner at North Platte September 28th. Chet Paxton of Thedford, is General Chairman for the affair.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 1953**  
Rural teachers in the county went to Arthur a week ago to attend institute there. Arthur County teachers will come to Tryon some time in October.

Renee Joyce Black, H.A. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Black and family on a 17-day leave. She will report to Memphis, Tennessee for hospital duty on October 4th.

Rev. (Pop) Fabre will show a movie named, "On Common Grounds," at 8:00 o'clock Thursday evening at the Tryon Community Church.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 1943**

Master Sgt. Theodore Johnston, 40, of North Platte, died at a Japanese prison camp at Osaka, Japan, according to word received in North Platte by relatives from the International Red Cross through the war department. Johnston who was reported missing since the fall of Corregidor in May 1942, had later been reported a prisoner of war of the Japanese. No details were learned of Johnston's death or when it occurred. Sgt. Johnston was the son of Mrs. Mary Johnston of Sutherland, and in Kinkaid days a resident of Tryon and McPherson County. The Johnstons were Kinkaid settlers in the community southwest of Tryon and later lived in Tryon.

Bill Patton recently landed at a west coast port after several weeks on the Pacific and he says the first fellow he ran into when he was going to his barracks was Bill Masters. Wonder if the boys could find anything to talk about? Both Bills are aviation radiomen.

Leonard Brooks, son of Carl Brooks, who has been in England for several months, writes his folks that the country over there looked a lot different then he had expected. Before going to

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## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Your worth is measured by your word. If your word is no good then you ain't worth a diddlyquat."

James Hilton (cowboy)

### ATTITUDE

by Charles Swindoll  
"The longer I live the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the atti-

tude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... We are in charge of our Attitudes." "Every test in our lives makes us bitter or better, every problem comes to make us or break us. The choice is ours whether we become a VICTIM or a VICTOR."

### WISHES AND WANTS

Wishes and wants vs. have too's and needs, Comes down to separating grain from the weeds. It can break up a community once strong When people think that the other side is wrong.

Compromising isn't easy no matter the case, Having your way doesn't always mean first base. Sacrificing the geese that lay the golden eggs Can end up with all struggling on their last legs.

Bigger may not be better when in the plan You have bankrupted the folks on the land. You can import problems along with numbers And end up with nothing but lots of fumlbers.

I don't know the answer, I wish that I did Sometimes you must search for something that's hid. Examine all side of the coin in the toss Make sure that you haven't lost win in the loss.

J.R. Trumbull  
12 March 2015

## Lake Ogallala fishery to be renovated this fall

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has announced plans for a fall renovation of the Lake Ogallala fishery. Deteriorated aquatic habitat conditions and declining sportfish populations have prompted this renovation. To ensure safety, some temporary closures will be implemented.

In late September, the lake water levels will be lowered and an approved fish toxicant will be applied to eliminate the existing fish population. The Lake Ogallala East and West campgrounds will be closed from Sept. 22 to Oct. 23. Boat docks and the fishing dock also will be removed as the water levels drop.

Once the renovation is completed, there will be stocking of rainbow trout, tiger trout, and yellow perch in the fall, with additional rainbow trout stocked in 2024.

Collaboration with the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District and Nebraska Public Power District is underway to coordinate dewatering and water releases. Throughout the renovation, water discharge from Lake Ogallala will be prohibited while the chemical is active. NPPD also plans to perform inspections and minor maintenance on dewatered downstream canals.

Dean Rosenthal, Game and Parks Fisheries Administrator, expressed the importance of managing the fishery to improve aquatic habitat and fishing opportunities. Lake Ogallala's cold-water fishery is unique to Nebraska, facilitated by low-level water releases from Lake McConaughy's

Kingsley Dam. Ideal conditions, such as clear water, abundant aquatic vegetation, and thriving invertebrate communities, ensure exceptional growth rates and angling experiences for trout. In addition to trout, species like yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and channel catfish have also found success in the lake.

Over time, habitat conditions have deteriorated and the sportfish fishery has declined due to an increase in common carp, white sucker, gizzard shad, and alewife popula-

tions. Previous renovations in 1969, 1997, and 2009 were followed by rapid improvement in the fishery and angler surveys have documented marked increases in fishing participation.

This renovation project was first announced in 2022, with additional details shared in March 2023 during Game and Parks' regional fisheries public meetings. Funding is provided by the Aquatic Habitat Fund and Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration.

### Senior Lunch At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Serving Begins @ 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 21 - BBQ riblet sandwich, potato or broccoli salad, French fries, mandarin oranges

Friday, September 22 - Fish patty or sandwich, coleslaw, cheesy broccoli, peaches.

Monday, September 25 - Meat loaf, baked potato, carrots, dinner roll, peaches

Tuesday, September 26 - French dip, French fries, green beans,

pears Wednesday, September 27 - Chili burger, fried potatoes, pineapple

Thursday, September 28 - Pork Loin roast, Au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, wheat grain dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Friday, September 29 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, dinner roll, apple slices/sauce

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