



# McPherson County News

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## Incorporating The Tryon Graphic

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##### TEN YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

The 2013 McPherson County High School Homecoming King and Queen were Jesse Paxton and Kadee Cutler. The rest of the Homecoming court included juniors - Ashley Starr and Dane Daigger; sophomores, Peyton Barner and Michaela Schultis; and freshmen, Kyon Neal and Arika Starr.

The annual McPherson County FCE Oldsters' Party was well attended with 91 signing in. September 8 turned out enjoyable with Kermit Paxton given the oldest man honor and Jack Cotton was the oldest woman. The longest married couple honors went to Vernon and Pauline Lutes.

##### TWENTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2, 2003

Monetta C. Hogue, 87, passed away September 24, 2003, at the Sutherland Care Center.

The McPherson County Lady Longhorns were in action in Maywood and lost their first game of the season. They turned around and won the Maxwell Tournament winning over North Platte St. Pat's JV and Maxwell. Leading the Lady Longhorns were Mike Connick, Josh Waits, Daniel Hozbauer and Craig McNutt.

The Longhorns defeated Taylor 32-18 in football action. Leading the Longhorns were Mike Connick, Josh Waits, Daniel Hozbauer and Craig McNutt.

Angela Johnston and Tyler McBean of North Platte were the parents of a son, Josiah Luca who was born September 14.

Tim and Rebekah Dohrenwend were the parents of a daughter, Brooklyn Elisabeth was born September 16.

##### THIRTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

An auction which was held at the Harold Neal home on Sunday, September 26, was attended by a fair-sized crowd and most of the items sold fairly well.

McPherson County High School went to Arthur to take on the fourth rated team in the state Friday, September 24. It was a long day and they lost 50-0. Dustin Wilkie took a hit to the ribs and was taken to the hospital. At that point, things went from bad to worse.

The Lady Longhorns defeated the Lady Wolves of Arthur in volleyball, 15-5, 12-15 and 15-11. Tanya Fisher and Lori Kemp led Tryon with 11 points each.

Don and Helen Pettit and Clara Daly attended

##### Al Knott's birthday open house at the Legion building in Arthur, Sunday, September 26.

##### FORTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 29, 1983

Helen Pettit and Emma Melvin left Wednesday on the bus for Oregon City, where they attended the 50th anniversary of a cousin. They also planned to visit another cousin, Emerson Houge and his wife, at Santa Rosa, California, before returning home.

Twenty-eight people went on a trail ride from the Bob Rodewald ranch into the Dismal River hills.

Their destination the river, the Seneca bridge and "millions" of hot dogs. Dan Connell Sr. received the prize for being the oldest gentleman on the trail and Alice Lutes received a prize as the oldest lady to make the ride.

Chad Wilkins and Carolee Connell received prizes for being the youngest boy and girl.

Helen Haney, Marjorie Finley and Eva Correll went to North Platte with Helen Wendling last Thursday to help serve at the Bloodmobile. New arrivals included a baby girl, Jennifer Holly, born September 26, 1983, to David and Rita Thie-

man of Cozad.

##### FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 27, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Connell of Tryon are the parents of a son, Zane Allen, born September 17, at the Mullen hospital.

Si Doyle and Matilda Haney went to Wray, Colorado last Monday to attend the funeral services for an uncle, Base Doyle, who was a half-brother of the late Frank Doyle.

Enid Allen had a new trailer house moved into Tryon Monday evening, in which she will make her home. She has it parked in Larry Trumbull's trailer park.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wendling and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins surprised Ethel Dahlin Thursday evening with ice cream and cake for her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Farmer and children left September 15th to spend a week visiting Joan's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wycoff and daughter at Barron, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Paxton and sons of Mt. Auburn, Idaho, also visited the Wycoff's on the 21st.

##### SIXTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 26, 1963

The farewell party for the Walter Avery family was well attended Saturday night with about 75 people there. The Averys have lived here for a long time. Mrs. Avery as born in McPherson County

and they raised nine children, putting them all through McPherson County High School at Tryon. The family will be moving to Brady in the near future.

A benefit dance, sponsored by the American Legion, will be held at the 4-H building in Tryon September 28th. Proceeds will be used to buy a heating unit for the 4-H building.

The Reynolds family reunion was held at the home of Rev. Dale Brown in Tryon the evening of September 18th. All living members of the family were present, with the exception of Mrs. Mary Lutes, who is at the Linden Manor Nursing Home in North Platte.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Saul and son, Victor, from Montana, and Mrs. Saul's mother, Mrs. Linderman, stopped in Tryon Wednesday to visit relatives and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leeds took Delles and Kindy to Lincoln September 13th where the children entered the hospital. Both underwent minor surgery there on Monday the 16th.

The Arch Leus gathered with other members of the family in North Platte Sunday to help Granddad (Frank Leu) celebrate his 86th birthday.

##### SEVENTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1, 1953

The home of Rev. E.E. Jackman of North Platte was the scene of a wedding on Saturday, September 26, 1953, when Phyllis Marie Pettit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit of Tryon, became the bride of Ralph Eugene Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Taylor of Mullen.

Along with the Lord's Acre Program October 10, there will be a ground breaking for the new Tryon Community Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haney and family, Mr. and Mr. Hank Halstead and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shimmin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shimmin and boys attended the welcome home for Jacque Jeffers P.O.W. on Saturday. Jacque was presented on Oldsmobile from relatives and friends of Mullen and Sutherland. A 4-H Club fair was being held also, and in the evening, a barbecue. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Starr donated the beef to be barbecued and it was enjoyed by hundreds of people.

##### EIGHTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 30, 1943

A deal was closed last week whereby L.H. Babb became the owner of the Ringgold Store, building, equipment and stock. The store has been operated for several years by Ray Dobbins who held an interest in the stock of



Quote: "The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said."

##### Cool Facts About The Human Body

Scientists say the higher your I.Q. The more you dream.

The largest cell in the human body is the female egg and the smallest is the male sperm.

You use 200 muscles to take one step.

The average woman is 5 inches shorter than the average man.

Your big toes have two bones each while the rest have three.

A pair of human feet contains 250,000 sweat glands.

A full bladder is roughly the size of a soft ball.

The acid in your stomach is strong enough to dissolve razor blades.

The human brain cell can hold 5 times as much information as the Encyclopedia Britannica.

It takes food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

The average human dream lasts 2-3 seconds.

Men without hair on their chests are more likely to get cirrhosis of the liver than men with hair.

At the moment of conception, you spent about half an hour as a single cell.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

Your body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring half a gallon of water to a boil.

The enamel in your teeth is the hardest sub-

### Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull

length of your nose.

At this very moment I know you are putting this last fact to the test...

...now remove your thumb from your nose and pass this on to the friends you think might be interested in comparing their thumbs to their noses as well.

#### REAL WISDOM

When I was at the "U" back in '82,  
Down Lincoln, Nebraska way,  
Some professors asked a question  
That really made my day!

"What have you learned while with us?"  
These men of letters asked.  
They thought that I would praise them  
Instead of leaving them aghast---

"Why, Sirs, I've figured out one thing  
While in these hallowed halls.  
My dad, with eighth grade education  
Is much wiser than you all."

"He knows how to use common sense  
And how to think things through.  
What he does will work and last  
Which is more than I can say of you."

"For practical application seems  
A stranger to your realm.  
Just give me an old rancher any day  
To be steering from the helm."

A few of them could understand  
The truth that lie in my words  
But the others were plumb baffled.  
I don't think they even heard!

The wisdom of the ages  
Can be found in just one book  
And in nature all around you,  
Everywhere you look.

It's not a complex issue,  
Just a simple one of faith  
And studying what's around you  
That helps you make that grade.

J.R. Trumbull  
22 February 2006

### Between the Lines

#### Shepherd Cow

Dean Thompson

Someone recently questioned my memory, but because of my age, I claim immunity to both repetition and falsehood. Some, although it can't be many, will remember some facet of this story but may forgive me, or not.

Dave Shepherd, and his wife, Nan, lived about four miles north of me on three quarters section of pretty rough land with the buildings in the northeast corner on the south edge of Philbrook Valley when I was about seven years old. Dad sold "Uncle Dave" a milk cow and agreed to "bring 'er over." If any of you lived close to this land, Philip Crouse owned it for a long time and Dale Arensdorf owns it now. Les Anway lived on this land

in 1949 and I remember, and enjoyed, his telling about crawling out of the upstairs window to start scooping snow. Wes and Lorna Reichenberg lived there some and I baled alfalfa for them.

I've written before about our Shetland ponies, Bill and Stink.

Come Saturday and no school ahead. Dad said on Friday night "let's get up a little early and get the chores done and Ham and I will take Uncle Dave's cow over to him." I was ready, but had I seen

the next twenty-four hours maybe I wouldn't have been so willing.

Anyway, I rode Bill. My memory says Stink was pregnant and had to be ridden with a crupper.

We went as directly as we could, there wouldn't

have been buildings yet where Shane Storer lives, but Charlie and Margie Palmer would have lived in a sod house where the scraggly trees still stand to the south. We would have hit, and followed, the south Philbrook fence just a mile west of where Aunt Nan had a late lunch on her oil cloth.

Going or coming, home was about four miles farther because we had to come past Flats, for some forgotten reason, and I was already tired enough that a free sucker from Hal Proffitt was a real lifesaver. Boy, was that twenty miles something I'll remember.

Rosa and Rufus (Rusty)

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