



# McPherson County News

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## Over The Hills

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 22, 2015**  
 The McPherson County Longhorns boys basketball team dropped a pair of games. They lost to Mullen 30-52 and to Sandhills/Thedford, 29-56. Garret Ryland, Colby Crow, Kyon Neal, Cameron Fagan, Peyton Barner, and Dane Daigger were those scoring for the Longhorns.

The Lady Longhorns also lost to Mullen and Sandhills/Thedford. They lost the first game to the Broncos 18 to 58 and to the Lady Knights, 10 to 50.

Jared Schultis was the lone Longhorn wrestler. He competed at Dunning and was 0-2 on the day wrestling.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 27, 2005**

The McPherson County Sheriff's Office arrested Ms. Julie J. Wheeler of Big Springs, January 19, 2005, on a warrant issued by Clerk Magistrate Joan Rogers for a Probation violation.

The Tryon Rebekah Lodge No. 413 met at the Lodge Hall, Thursday, January 20, with seven members present. Officer installation was held for the 2005 year. Officers will be Judy Connell, noble grand; Wilma Nicholson, vice grand; Mildred Ready, secretary; Audrey French, treasurer; Jack Cotton, warden; Hazel McCarthy, conductor; Susie Bond, chaplain; and Geneva Neal, inside guardian.

Robert N. Dappen died January 21, 2005, at the age of 75.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 26, 1995**

Rick Trumbull of Tryon, had the Grand Champion Gelbvieh bull, known as "Cocoa," at the Denver Stock Show re-

cently. Lil Anthony, president of the local Historical Society, has announced there will be a Historical Society meeting at Aunt Bea's café on January 30, 1995. Progress on the restoration of the bank building will be discussed along with upcoming programs and work days.

Brad Howery of Tryon has been named to the President's List of Mid-Plains Community College, Phillip Picquet was named to the Dean's List.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 24, 1985**

Stacey Connell, son of Mike and Tina Connell, has been selected to participate in the annual High Plains Band and Chorus Festival at Chadron State College. He will be a member of the chorus.

Pastor Paul Kondy of Eclipse Church welcomed young people from eight churches to the Youth Fellowship Rally in Tryon Sunday afternoon.

The Sandhills Craftique Club held its first meeting of 1985 on January 17 at the home of Lorna Dobbins.

The Ringgold Craft Club met with Kathleen Fisher January 14 with seven members and one visitor present.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 23, 1975**

McPherson County High School won the trophy for the best one-act play at Wallace Monday. Merry Bullington and Berva Miller won medals as outstanding actresses. Others in the play were: Rochelle Rodewald, Linda Mowers, Karen Lutes and Bonnie Mowery.

Sam Connell of Tryon, was elected to head the

Logan-McPherson Counties Extension Board at its January meeting. Jerry Johnson of Gandy was elected vice president and Marilyn Parker of Stapleton was elected secretary-treasurer.

Funeral services for Nate Bassett of Tryon, were held Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Tryon. Burial was at Miller Cemetery.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 28, 1965**

Linda Daly has been named McPherson County High School's 1965 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow, having scored highest in a written homemaking examination taken by the senior girls on December 1. She is the daughter of Jack and Clara Daly.

Milton Starr, rancher in the northeast part of the county, was rushed to a North Platte hospital Monday after an accident on his ranch. He was operating a grinder when he apparently became caught in the power take off of the tractor.

Lester William Patton, age 64, of Sutherland, died Tuesday morning in a North Platte hospital. He had lived in Tryon for many years.

Lois Correll, Art Daly and Don Nicholson were to play music for a dance at the Helping Hand Club House (Soddy) Saturday, January 30.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 27, 1955**

Nine girls met at the home of Rose Dobbins January 10 to organize a 4-H Club. Officers elected were Barbara Patchin, president; Jerry Black, vice president; Mary Ess-

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Quote: "If you wait until tomorrow, you miss the opportunities of today."

Your mountain may be the same size as mine, it may even look the same, have the same nooks, the same slopes, be the same shape, but keep in mind it is not the same climb so don't compare yours to others. You may climb yours easier and faster but that doesn't make my mountain harder or yours easier, it just means we are different climbers. Don't judge others on how they climb, when they climb or how long it takes because other people's mountains may look the same as yours, but they have a different set of tools to get them to the top. - Author Unknown  
 Happiness is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to deal with it. Life goes on. It might not be easier, but it should seem easier if you do it with a cheerful spirit and look for the good in what is happening. For me, memories are a part of what keeps me going. Remembering the good times, how my parents and others handled the bad times as well as the good times, thinking about people who have been positive influences in my life and the lives of others, and remembering the mistakes as well as the victories. Memories are important.

### MEMORIES LINGER

Childhood memories long linger  
 Precious days when we were young  
 May we one day meet again  
 And share the precious Angel's song.

Some that we knew then  
 Have since passed beyond life's veil  
 Leaving us with only memories  
 That gives us solace still.

A word, a rhyme, a gesture  
 Sparks a memory so clear,  
 That brings thoughts of yesterday  
 And cherished times so dear.

Blessed be the memories given,  
 May we treasure every one  
 And know their precious gift  
 'Til our life's course is run.

J.R. Trumbull  
 5 March 2014

### Blood Drive A Success

The Red Cross Blood Drive was held Friday, January 10, 2025 at the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon. It was a cold day outside, but it was warm inside the fair building with people giving blood. The drive was a success with 18 units of blood donated. Two people gave power reds for a total of four. Fourteen others came and gave their life-saving blood.

Thanks to Connie (Lutes) Pascetti for

helping set up and to Dennis Licking helping take down tables after the drive.

Thank you to the community people for donating blood and making the drive a success.

The next blood drive will be Friday, April 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 at the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon. For an appointment call Karen Licking at 308-650-2728. But as always, walk-ins are welcome!

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No matter where you live, if you were born in 2024, you can be featured in

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 McPherson County News  
 Thomas County Herald*

**Special Valentine's Day Section**

**Here's how it works:**

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- > Please include information on baby's birthdate, parents and grandparents names and where they live. Include the baby's name on the back of the picture if you are dropping it off.
- > This feature is open to all of our readers, wherever you live. Grandparents...this is your chance to present your bundle of joy!

**Deadline to submit pictures is February 1!**