



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2009**  
Paige Connell of Stapleton and Rick Schweitzer of Arnold were united in marriage June 27, 2009 at the Arnold United Methodist Church.

Breast Cancer survivor, Becky Dailey, was cancer free for a year and hopes to raise awareness about the disease and early detection.

The Ringgold Free Methodist Church celebrated their 100th anniversary Sunday, September 27, 2009.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 7, 1999**  
Pictured in this issue are the homecoming queen, Lacy Abel; king, Todd Black; junior attendants, Trina Fisher and Cameron Powers; sophomore attendants, Sara Skipworth and Levi Arensdorf; and freshmen attendants, Chelsey McNutt and Cory Kelley.

The MCHS Longhorns played a good game at Arthur Friday, winning the game from the Arthur Wolves 38-18.

The Lady Longhorns traveled to Arthur September 24 and came home with victories in both the JV and varsity games. Lacy Abel and Jamie Fisher each contributed 10 service points.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 12, 1989**  
The Rev. John I. Neal called on Hazle Erickson, Jack Daly, Marion Miller and Lewis Lutes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Seifer drove to Grand Island September 29 to be with her father, Gerald Kugler, who was seriously ill at the VA Hospital there. Mr. Kugler passed away Tuesday morning, October 3.

The McPherson County Centennial Committee would like to hold several events throughout the year including a big celebration set for July 14-15, 1990.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 11, 1979**

Funeral services for Earl Miller, a lifelong resident of the Ringgold and Tryon area, were held October 4.

Last Friday night the Tryon Longhorns racked up another victory against Wallace. The scoring was led by Rod Sowers, Rex Kemp, Sam Haworth and Mike Miller.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 9, 1969**  
Barbara Thompson of Flats, an upper classman at the University of Nebraska, is the recipient of a scholarship for \$200, and a Unicameral Award for \$100, for the 1969-70 school year. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Dean Thompson.

Pamela Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Huffman of Tryon, is one of the 24 members of the 1969 fall class at Mary Lanning Nursing School.

Word was received from Dan Nicholson this week that he is now a Private First Class.

Extension Clubs of the county held their Achievement Day Program October 6 in the Fellowship Hall of the Tryon Methodist Church. Seventy ladies and girls enjoyed picture slides of New Zealand, Tonga and Fiji Islands, given by Ona Bassett.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 15, 1959**  
Mr. and Mrs. Marion E. Kautz of North Platte announced the engagement of their daughter Beverly June, to Leo Lindahl of Central City. Mr. Lindahl is a teacher at McPherson County High School in Tryon.

At the first meeting of the MCHS P.T.A. September 30, the group decided to dissolve and organize a new group. The same evening, the new organization was set up and they chose the name of the McPherson County Improvement Club.

The seventh annual church festival at the Tryon Community Methodist Church was

planned for Saturday, October 17, with the school band to open the morning program at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Earl Reed, Methodist Mobile minister, would be in charge of the afternoon program.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 13, 1949**  
Frank Cotton helped the Snyders drive cattle to Coker Friday and Saturday. Jimmie Snyder also helped his father drive. Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Snyder of North Platte, took lunch for the men and ate on the Mose Trego Triangle, as did Don Pettit and his men. Bob Daly helped Don drive cattle to Coker. Marion Quinn, Billie and Gerald met them at the Trego corner and helped on into Coker.

Bill Haney and daughter, Patty, visited at the home of C.D. Wilson Monday while Mrs. Mary Haney attended the Teachers' Institute in Tryon.

Dicky Schmidt and Miss Wilda McNutt were dinner guests at the Dick Schmidt home Saturday. The occasion was Dick's 18th birthday.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 12, 1939**

Mr. and Mrs. Veve Neal left Friday of last week for Washington D.C. where they will attend a national convention of postmasters. Mrs. Cotton will be in charge of the local post office during their absence.

Mrs. Ella Popham left last week for Marysville, Missouri, where she will visit for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Mann. She made the trip by train.

Mrs. A.B. Snyder, who exhibited quilts at the local 4-H Club Fair, entered several quilts at the Gothenburg Fall Festival last week and reports that she won a number of prizes and the Sweep-

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Remember, life is never a dill moment. Don't worry. In the end everything will be just brine! "Staying positive doesn't

mean you have to be happy all the time. It means that even on hard days you know that there are better ones coming." Unknown

### BARBED WIRE

The Wire had been stretched  
For the very last time.  
No give was left in the strand.  
It had survived wild fires  
And huge blizzard drifts,  
Hold true to the land stand.

Rusty and pitted by the years,  
Trying to keep a barrier in place,  
Separating the herds of man  
With twisted wires and barbs,  
Splices, post and gates  
Repaired and built by hand.

"You can judge a man  
By the strength of his fence",  
I have often been told.  
The story of that fence  
Is in the wire  
And some of it is old.

Fences can hold many kinds,  
Some I have yet to identify  
For its twists are obscure.  
I'd like to know the stories  
That it could tell  
And all that it has endured.

That old barbed wire  
Now lives a different life  
As an ornament on the wall.  
A reminder of the days gone past  
And the rigorous tests  
Before I face the Master's call.

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