



McPherson County News

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January
Jared Schultis, the lone McPherson County Longhorn wrestler competed in Oshkosh.

McPherson County Improvement Club hosted their annual dinner. Cathy Ascherl and Tammy Harris were pictured serving the students.

Brianna Powers and Gentry Barner represented McPherson County High School at the 2016 Oregon Trail Honor Band.

Dane Daigger, Haley Munson and Tanis Pettit were named to the UN-K Dean's List. Ashley Starr and Kandace Ward were named to the Mid Plains Community College President's List.

Wanda Waits was honored by Red Cross Blood Drive coordinator, Elaine Miller, for her countless hours of work on area blood drives.

Kandace Ward was named Business Student of the Month by the North Platte Community College Business Division.

McPherson County youth who attended Sing Around Nebraska were Izabella Brown, Josie Coffman, Kaden Blake, Cash Kemp, Stephanie Viter, Kinnley Powers, Katie Schmidt and Katherine Anderson.

February
The Eclipse in the Sandhills group met with 12 members present to begin planning for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse. A "Night of the Stars" was one of the events talked about.

Caleb Goosey and Garret Ryland medaled at the MPPC technical skills contest.

The McPherson County Sheriff's office was announcing it would host their 3rd annual National Night Out Event on August 2 in Tryon.

McPherson County FFA members, Kyon Neal, Garret Ryland, Peyton Barner and Jared Schultis, qualified for state.

March
Joyce Snyder had a great memory book planned for the 2017 Eclipse in the Sandhills. She reported at the Eclipse group meeting that it would tell history and geography of the Sandhills and interesting trivia facts.

Members of the McPherson County junior high quiz bowl team were ready for competition.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, January 16 - Ham steak, baked sweet potato and hominy

Tuesday, January 17 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and corn.

Wednesday, January 18 - Veal parmesan with spaghetti and green beans.

Thursday, January 19 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and peas.

Friday, January 20 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with tomato macaroni soup.

Members were Megan Coffman, Theresa Ascherl, Jade Paxton, Jency Starr and Hollianna Watson.

Jade Paxton and Samantha Bryant were top spellers at the annual McPherson County spelling bee.

Michaela Schultis was the conference champion in the persuasive speech contest.

McPherson County's golf team would consist of one member, Kyon Neal. He was the returning Class D state champion and the Nebraska Coaches Association named him to the 2015 Nebraska High School Super State Boys' Golf team.

Michaela Schultis brought home the District Championship in Class D2-5 in the persuasive speech contest. She would represent McPherson County at the state meet.

Larry Trumbull was awarded the 60 year membership certificate to the American Legion during the March meeting of Post #189 of Tryon.

April
The McPherson County

music students competed at the Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference music contest and the choir received a superior rating.

This year's prom theme was "A Lil' Bit Country." Seniors pictured were Garret Ryland, Cole Garner, Peyton Barner, Kindra Smith, Michaela Schultis, Chyanna Bryant and Ruth Litcking.

Roxane Munson was working on the mosaic mural of Louie the Longhorn that would welcome students, faculty and guests to the high school.

Kandace Ward was among Phi Beta Lambda members from North Platte Community College who claimed 11 awards at the 2016 State Leadership Conference in Kearney.

New National Honor Society members at MCHS were Brianna Powers, Gentry Barner and Jared Schultis.

Members of the McPherson County FFA brought home state honors in the welding contest at Southeast Community College. Team members were Garret Ryland, Kyon Neal, and Peyton Barner.

May
McPherson County Schools kindergartners were delighted to see baby chicks emerging from eggs.

Kyon Neal brought the Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference top golfer title home to McPherson County.

Ashley Starr and Jessica Lovitt were among those recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa at a ceremony held in April at NPCC.

Newly elected MCHS FFA officers were installed and would be Kyon Neal, president; Mason Ward, vice presi-

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New year, new masthead

(Continued from last week)

I soon found by looking at maps that it was necessary to go to North Platte.

I arrived in North Platte on Tuesday night, February, 1895, and the next morning made inquiries as to how to get out to Tryon. The livery stable wanted more to take me out than I cared to pay, so I inquired around to find if there was anyone in North Platte that morning that I could ride out with and ran across G.A. James, who lived 14 miles northeast of Tryon. He said I could ride out with him to his place and he would take me over to Tryon. I had never met him before, but it was a ride. We left North Platte about 9:00 and at 6:00 that evening reached the Ben Harrison place where we stayed overnight. The Harrison home was the first sod house that I had ever seen or been inside but they were royal entertainers.

The next morning we went on to the James home and after dinner went to Tryon. The paper then called *The McPherson County News* was being published by Ernest Wisner, a son of the late W.E. Wisner on a lease. At that time there were no other buildings on the town site, but the buildings the paper was being published in and the Courthouse, both being built of sod. Ben F. Wilson was County Clerk and lived in a part of the courthouse. J.M. Patterson had a homestead adjoining the townsite on the east and Mr. Patterson was the Postmaster. At that time mail service was meager. Mail was carried everyday

from North Platte to Gandy and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Gandy to McPherson county through Tryon to Omega, which was at the end of the route and the Postmaster was W.E. Wisner.

After Ernest Wisner, who had been publishing the paper moved out I had nothing to get along with, except a cook stove. At that time S.E. Clothier County Treasurer who had a homestead in the east end of the county was batching in a house a mile or so south of Tryon and I persuaded him to move in with me and we batched together. Shortly after I had been there, in partnership with my oldest sister, we bought the paper from my father and we changed the name to *The Tryon Graphic*. That summer my two sisters came out from Howard County and lived with me.

Later my oldest sister and S.E. Clothier were married and moved to his homestead in the east part of the county. Percy and I continued to live in Tryon until she married George Adolph and they moved to his homestead a few miles east of Tryon. About that time Landon C. Reneau was elected County Clerk and he and I 'batched' until he was married to Miss Lillie Newberry. Then I moved the plant down to Clothiers place and boarded with them until the spring of 1897 when I was married to Miss Susie A. Phillips of Logan County. I had a house built just east of Clothiers in which I lived and published the paper for a couple of years and then moved back to Tryon. The only political job I ever held was Census enumerator in McPherson County in 1900. Shortly after finishing that job I left McPherson County."

The Clothier family apparently published the paper until 1912 when H.E. Roush of Callaway leased the plant from the Clothiers and sent Will M. Dunn here to publish it. Equipment was added and the plant brought up to date. The Dunns moved to Sutherland in 1919 where they purchased the *Sutherland Courier*.

Clothiers again operated the plant until it was sold to Mullen B. Snyder in 1922. Since 1922 it has not missed a single issue, coming out pretty well on time except for two weeks in November 1926 when part of the plant was destroyed by fire. Forrest Snyder took charge of *The Tryon Graphic* in June of 1926 and he purchased the plant from his father, M.B. Snyder in 1934. At the annual meeting of The Nebraska Press Association in February 1938, *The Tryon Graphic* was judged third in the contest for weekly newspapers having the best front page in towns under 1,000 in the state.

Like all small town weeklies, *The Tryon Graphic* was a "hand-set" sheet until 1927, when a Linotype machine was installed.

In December 1941, work started on a new *Graphic* office at the F.S. Snyder residence and it was moved there in April of 1942 from the old I.O.O.F. building where it had

been located for 15 years. Before being located in the I.O.O.F. building, the plant was located in a building across the street from the Courthouse. This building was destroyed by fire in 1926.

In December 1944, Forrest Snyder sold *The Tryon Graphic* to Orin B. Winters and Snyder moved to Mitchell, Nebraska. Hugh Priest purchased *The Tryon Graphic* in 1945 from Orin B. Winters of Mullen, who had printed the paper for a short time. Hugh and Louelva Priest printed the newspaper in their basement until the spring of 1952.

The Graphic was printed by Don and Pauline Nicholson from June 1, 1952 until November 25, 1956.

Arthur M. French was editor and publisher from January 1, 1957 until September 1, 1960, when the business was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett. It was during that time, in October of 1959, that *The Graphic* was moved from what was the Louelva Hatch residence to the building formerly known as Black's Store Building.

On May 1, 1969, the newspaper was purchased from Gordon and Alice Bassett by Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson who published it until May 1, 1975. It was then sold to Brad Johnson who moved it from the Nicholson residence to the David Store building.

On March 8, 1978, *The Tryon Graphic* was sold by Brad Johnson to Art and Audrey French of Stapleton, who also published *The Stapleton Enterprise*.

During the first week of October 1979, *The Graphic* office was moved to one of its former locations, the west office space of the Louelva Hatch residence and for the next 28 years, Audrey French traveled from Stapleton to Tryon, three or four times a week to serve as editor. In January of 2006, she asked her daughter, Karla Janecek, to take over her duties, as Art had suffered two strokes and underwent physical therapy treatments.

Susan Harbur became editor of *The Graphic* after Mike, Karla and Alek Janecek moved to their home near North Platte in September of 2008.

After the death of Art French in November of 2008, plans were made by the French family to combine *The Tryon Graphic* with *The Stapleton Enterprise*.

The final issue of *The Tryon Graphic* was published April 9, 2009.

The Tryon Graphic was the oldest business in McPherson County still in operation and Tryon was the smallest town in the state of Nebraska to have a legal newspaper.

The McPherson County News masthead was revived in the April 16, 2009 issue of *The Enterprise* and continues to this day. Marcia Hora purchased Creative Printers and *The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News* on November 1, 2016.

On January 5, 2017, the *McPherson County News* section of the paper debuted with a new masthead featuring the McPherson County Centennial logo.



Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

"Eventually you realize that the reason God didn't always answer your prayers is that He was answering your mom's prayers." - Robert Brault
He might have even been answering your grandmother's prayers or the prayers of someone else who felt concern for you. One never knows

the full influence of prayer on our lives. There have been times when I have felt the urge to pray for a certain person or situation without knowing the circumstances at the time. There are times I don't even know who I am praying for or about. Sometimes I find out why

I had been praying or what I had been praying about, but sometimes I don't. That doesn't matter. What matters is that I was obedient. It has been a privilege to know some devote prayer warriors. I often think of the time my cousins and I were visiting Aunt Ina in Sargent and it seemed like every prayer chain in town called her that day with one or more requests. Her attitude was that she couldn't do a lot of things she used to do in the church, but she could still pray and prayer knew no denomination. You might be surprised who has been or is praying for you and why. Just remember to take time and say a little prayer when God brings someone to mind. Just "God, you know what is going on. Be with them," is enough to cover the bases. People who know me well have found that when I say "Oh God!", it is a prayer, not using the Lord's name in vain. It means "God, I need help now!" and that usually is the case. God is there for us if we call on Him. The answer may not always be what we expect, but He is there.

"If you're following Christ and experiencing some bumpy times, take heart - you're on the right road." David Roper
In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

UNDER HIS WINGS

Under His wings
Like a chick under a hen
Covered over, protected,
Absolved of all sin.

Under His wings
Comfort and warmth,
Not out in the world,
Protected from storms.

Under His wings
Not above but below,
Under His guidance,
The way He will show.

Under His wings
There you must stay
Eternally protected
Against judgment day.

Under His wings
Peace ever more
For He knows the truth
And all that's in store.

J.R. Trumbull
22 January 2006

Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile
Friday, January 13
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
McPherson County Fair Building, Tryon
Walk-Ins Welcome!