



# McPherson County News

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*Incorporating The Tryon Graphic*

## Graphic Files

*From The Tryon Graphic Archives*

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2008**  
Jordan Lovitt and Tyrel Fischer were crowned Homecoming queen and king at annual festivities at the school.

Amy Stickney and Corey Keach were wed September 20 in California.

McPherson County Federal Credit Union received first place in the business division in the Homecoming parade. MCHS sophomores took first place in the school classes division.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 8, 1998**

Kyle McGuire, son of Lynn and Kathy Ritter of Tryon, was seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident September 27.

The Tryon Volunteer Firemen and McPherson County Rural Fire Board had set up a fund to replace the 1974 Dodge ambulance.

The McPherson County High School volleyball team played at Hildreth and lost in two. Erin Connell was good on 37/37 sets and five assists. Jennifer Moore was the coach.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 13, 1988**

Wilma Nicholson received her postmaster certificate on September 29 from Ron Tatman, director of field operations.

Coach Rick Hamilton's MCHS team hosted Arcadia and the Longhorns won 41-8. Craig Connell and Bill Finney did a good job of running the football.

Lloyd and Maxine Lovitt of Stapleton received the Grasslands Award at the Nebraska Association of Resources District annual conference for outstanding grassland management in the state of Nebraska.

Rusty and Rita Correll were advertising chemical free beef ready for

your freezer. They were marketing their beef under the OK Correll Beef brand.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 12, 1978**

McPherson County High School's Homecoming king and queen were Steve Miller and Patty Arensdorf.

Karen Lutes was the new welfare director at Tryon. She replaced Shirley Daigger who had been the local director for the past year.

Several improvements were made to the McPherson County Courthouse and included a new sidewalk and steps, new water well put down by Haney Well Drilling, and carpeting would be installed in the offices and hallway.

The Frontier Café in Tryon would close indefinitely effective October 31.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 10, 1968**

The Tryon United Methodist Church would serve a pit barbecue, bazaar, country store, bake sale and blue rock shoot as they planned their 14th annual fall festival.

This part of the country received the first freeze of the season October 2 when the temperature dipped to 27 degrees. Last year we received the first freeze September 27.

Homecoming queen and king candidates were Donna Stoddard, Clara Munson, Vicki Miller, Sandra Nicholson, Renee Ellis, Jim Neal, Rocky Nicholson, Bob Stevenson, Jerry Kemp and Cecil Bullington.

Deaths: Raymond W. Gross, 61, died September 21.

Several area feed dealers and their farmer customers joined more than 450 of the nation's top hog farmers attending a

conference in Illinois. Attending from this area were feed dealer, Herschel Ansel, and Harold Neal and John Neal, both hog raisers in McPherson County.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 9, 1958**

In their first home game of the season, the Longhorns won over Maxwell, 12-7, with Herb O'Connor scoring the first touchdown and Doug Smolik running it in from 18 yards out.

Tryon Community Methodist Church would host their annual Lord's acre festival October 18. The school band would open the morning program and there would be contests and games for everybody.

The *Graphic* was advertising "Whirl a Hoops" (known as the hula hoop) for \$1.25. This was the large 36" size. Also there was a sale on Christmas and all occasion greeting cards.

There were 1,000 to 1,200 head of cattle consigned for the October 11 special calf and yearling sale at the Tryon Sale Barn.

A bridal shower would be held for Mrs. Karl Kemp in the high school auditorium.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 14, 1948**

George Van Meter was elected chairman for the county at an organizational meeting of the Nebraska Friendship Train.

Hugh and Louelva Priest and daughter Audrey ventured to Denver and Orval Dornan took them on a 175-mile drive through Denver and the mountains. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett and Kenny stayed here and kept the home fires burning at the *Graphic* office.

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## McPherson County Sod Courthouse



TRYON GRAPHIC FILE PHOTO

McPherson County's Soddy Court House in 1896 showing also a group of county officials and Tryon residents. The picture was made the morning following the big County Official's oyster feed and dance. Shown in the picture from l-r: Landon C. Reneau, County Clerk; John Quinn, County Commissioner; Gail Patterson (the apron indicates that he was the cook); Elmer Waits; John M. Neal; Lew Dolph; Nate Trego, County Commissioner; Homer Patterson; Louise Wise; Percy Daly, now Mrs. Geo. Dolph; Geo. Dolph; Mr. Brookings, County Commissioner; and Will Daly, publisher of *The Tryon Graphic*. Picture was by Bowers and is the property of Mrs. Geo. Dolph. Engraving by Brown's Studio, North Platte.

The following story was taken from the Thursday, September 8, 1938 issue of *The Tryon Graphic*. It was the "Winning Entry in our Pioneer Picture Contest," in the anniversary edition celebrating the *Graphic* entering its 50th year of publication.

This picture of McPherson County's first courthouse taken in 1896 and showing some of the county officials and other people prominent in the community at that time was judged the most interesting picture entered in our pioneer picture contest. The picture was entered by Mrs. Geo. Dolph of North Platte, a former resident here, and one of the two ladies posing in the picture.

The picture was taken

the morning after the bi-annual oyster supper and dance, it being the custom in those days for the elected county officials to treat the entire county to an oyster supper and dance soon after the General Election. This picture was taken on the south side of the courthouse and judging from the hands in the pockets, it must have been a crisp day.

McPherson County's first courthouse was built in 1890, right after the county was organized. Like all other buildings in the county it was constructed principally of sod, but a good tight shingle roof was supplied and the building was built spacious enough that it was felt it would suffice

for office space for several years at least. The building was constructed by contract. Some contracting for laying the sod walls, others for building the roof. A separate contract for the building of the brick vault, which incidentally was a costly part of this pioneer capitol. Old commissioner meeting minutes reveal that the vault door was purchased from the State Journal Co. of Lincoln, which concern also got the first order for county printed supplies, record books, etc.

The old sod courthouse was divided into one large room, the courtroom, on the west, a store room, the vault and one large office

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## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



path, but not on the other pot's side?

That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' 'For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table.' Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own

unique flaw...

But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

To all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers, on your side of the path

"The world is changed by your example, not your opinion." Zig Ziglar

### BEHIND THE SCENES

Behind the scenes  
It's a busy place  
Hustle and bustle  
Just keep up the pace.

There's much to be done  
To make things seem  
Like everything's normal.  
It's part of the scheme.

Artifice and pretense  
Are part of the role.  
Actions misleading  
Make up the show.

Yes, behind the scenes  
Life isn't as it looks.  
Things are far different  
Than you read in the books.

When you don't understand  
How things come to be,  
Check behind the scenes  
For you influences you and me.

For behind the scenes  
There is God's love,  
Care and forgiveness  
Sent from above.

The way comes easier  
As we go day by day  
If behind the scenes  
Christ is the way!

J.R. Trumbull  
12 October 1997

### Did you know?

- ❖ 7 in 10 Baby Boomers say they have a fair or poor understanding of Medicare\*
- ❖ 1 in 5 Medicare beneficiaries describes Medicare as confusing\*
- ❖ Most can't identify what Medicare Parts A, B, C and D cover\*
- ❖ 62% of those eligible have never shopped for Medicare coverage to fit their needs\*

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