



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 13, 2008
Gracie and Faith Correll were pictured singing worship songs during Cowboy Church for the Western Nebraska Cutting Horse Association.

Clerk Judy Dailey reported a 79% turnout for the general election. The Tryon community gathered for a clean-up day organized by the Committee for Community Involvement. The committee was headed up by Mark and Kelly Ward and came about after the World Café discussion in hopes of showing pride for Tryon, our county, and our schools.

The Lady Longhorns ended their season in sub district action. The team finished with a 17-11 record and there were four seniors honored for being leaders on the team including Nicole Fiechter, Kate Seifer, Jordan Lovitt and Tasha Miller.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 19, 1998
The Longhorns lost to Benedict in the semi-finals of the D3 state football playoffs. Wayne McNutt of Tryon scored on a 65-yard touchdown on McPherson County's first play from scrimmage.

Deaths: Christine M. Essley, 91, of North Platte, died November 9.

A number of tree branches were broken from over 6" of wet snow that fell November 4.

Deaths: Russell M. Abrams, 80, of Stapleton; Elmer Lamoine Hall of Arizona, died November 2 at the age of 83.

A grass fire was driven by strong north winds for a distance of four miles, burning land on the Waits ranch, Si Doyle's, Matilda Haney's vacated ranch buildings, and to the Bill Griffith place.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 17, 1988
Two Tryon fire trucks were called to the Peaceful Plans School north of Ringgold. A trash barrel had apparently become overheated and started some leaves on fire.

Helen Waits and Susie Bond went to Mullen to attend a Retired Teacher's Thanksgiving dinner.

Wayne and Eva Connell attended graveside services for Mrs. Leela Lawyer in Sutherland.

John Gale was the visiting pastor at Eclipse Church on November 20.

FORTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 16, 1978
Steve Miller and Steve Schmidt were named members of the all-conference west division football team of the Great Plains Conference. Miller was named to first team. He caught 14 passes for nearly 400 yards. Schmidt was honorable mention on defense making many tackles before breaking his left hand.

Due to bad weather and road conditions the picnic supper, which was to be held at the Lodge Hall on Veterans Day, was cancelled.

The senior class at Tryon would present their play, "Stop the Wedding." Microphones had been installed on the stage and would be used during the play.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 14, 1968
The MCHS junior class presented their play, "The Custer's Last Stand" with cast members being John Kramer, Deena Kemp, Beth Black, Errol Waits, Gary Correll, Pat McNutt, Doye Miller and seniors Evelyn Neal, Allen Kinsman, Clara Munson, and Lynda Halstead.

Deaths: Carl T. Carlsen, former McPherson County rancher. He was born in Denmark and married Clyta Worden in Chicago on November 26, 1930. She preceded him in death in 1962.

T-Sgt. And Mrs. James (Shirley) Wickham and family left for Phoenix, Arizona, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weave Wright.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 20, 1958
The American Legion Auxiliary entertained the Legion and their families at an oyster feed on their 39th anniversary at Babb's Store basement. Fifty-seven were present with legionnaire, Clyde Wilson cutting the birthday cake.

The junior class play, "Fuller's Fortune," directed by Bob Norvell, would be presented. The cast included four juniors, Sandra James, Evelyn Cash, Anna Mae Paxton, and Dave Shimmin. Sophomores, Gary Neal, John D. Streiff, Corky Kemp and Irene Rundback were recruited to help out, as there are only four students in the junior class.

Mrs. Mabel E. Newberry, 80, died in a North Platte

hospital November 16. She was a pioneer of McPherson County, making her home here for 40 years after homesteading in the southern part of the county.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 18, 1948
Mrs. Gladys Keesler manned the Ringgold Post Office while Mrs. Doris Schmidt went to North Platte to take the Postmaster examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kugler and Marian reported a good visit with their son and brother. Wesley was building a new home and was in better health since moving to Colorado Springs.

The W.M.S. met with Lavona Harvey with eight active members and one honorary member present. Pearl McNutt gave the devotions. Hall's Orchestra would be playing for a dance at the Tryon auditorium, sponsored by the Tryon Calf Roping Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Starr honored their daughter, Erma, with a birthday supper.

Senior normal trainers from the high school visited the primary room. Those visiting were seniors, Eunice Miller, Gaylord Wright, Rose Shimmin, and Mary Rundback. Juniors were Lois Daly, Wilda McNutt, and Phyllis Pettit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melvin and Mrs. Tom Clifford were called to Hershey by the serious illness of Mr. Geo. Melvin. He died Monday night.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 17, 1938
Ross and Ralph Allen of Stapleton came here to run a telephone line to the George Kahoe farm west of town.

Lawrence Bassett had such a good corn crop that a brand new Moline farm wagon had been seen in his yard with three bang boards, and a trucker brought in eight brood sows to his ranch.

Services were held at the Tryon church for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Connell, who died at North Platte. Roger Blaine was born November 2 and departed this life November 13. In addition to his parents he was survived by one brother, Hartward, his grandparents, and many

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McPherson County Play Production Troupe to perform November 16



MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTO

Cast and crew of the McPherson County High School One-Act are, back row, l-r: Abigail Goosey, Hollianna Watson, Theresa Ascherl and Jency Starr. Middle Row, l-r: Rainah Holm, Alexx Starr, Aubrey Schultis, and Tabitha Viter. Front row, l-r: Garrett Neal, Malaky Johnston, Alyssa Magana, Addison Starr and Lane Watson.

McPherson County High School students will perform their competition play on Friday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m., with dessert to follow in the McPherson County auditorium. Admission for the play and the dessert will be \$5.00. Tickets will be sold at the door and all proceeds will defray the cost of the play production expenses.

This year's play "Dark Road" by Laura Lundgren Smith, tells the story of Greta, a guard at Ravensbruck, the all-female Nazi camp. Early in the play she announces that she gave "everything" to the Reich. But what exactly is "everything"? Through a series of flashbacks and interviews, the audience learns the full extent of Greta's loyalty and the answer to this question.

Historically, Ravensbruck was where the doctors performed vile experiments on young girls. In these experiments, the doctors would deliberately cut into healthy leg bones and muscles only to purposely infect the leg with bacteria, pieces of wood or pieces of glass. The objective of their experiments was to test the effectiveness of sulfonamides on the human body.

The post WWII Greta is played by Jency Starr while the Greta in the flashbacks is played by Theresa Ascherl. Hollianna Watson plays Lise, Greta's sister. Katelyn

Powers, Rainah Holm, Garrett Neal, and Mason Ward act as guards, while Alexx Starr, Addison Starr, Tabitha Viter, Alyssa Magana, and Aubrey Schultis are women prisoners. Malaky Johnston and Lane Watson will be the doctors of the camp. These actors are supported by the tech crew of Alissa and Ashton Apperson, Megan Coffman, Nick Gifford, Kadie Ascherl, and Camron White. The play is directed by Robyn Dalton and Melissa Sandager. Tuesday, November 20th, the cast will com-

pete in the conference contest in Cody, Nebraska. The conference performance will be in the afternoon.

On November 27th, the District contest will be held at Hyannis. Here "Dark Road" will be the first play performed at the contest; however, the tournament director has not announced a specific time.

McPherson County's play will need to place first at this contest if they hope to return to the State competition in Norfolk. In 2017, MCHS placed 3rd in the D-2 Competition.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Be so busy improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others."

Anon
Some thoughts to ponder:

Faith is not about everything turning out okay...it's about being okay no matter how things turn out.

Quit waiting for everything to be perfect before you start.

Don't be afraid of change. You may end up losing something good, but you'll probably end up gaining something so much better.

Never feel bad about making a decision about your life that upsets other people. You are not responsible for their happiness. You are responsible for your own happiness. Anyone who wants you to live in misery for their happiness should not be in your life to begin with.

Sometimes the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly in the path of the best things that will ever happen to us.

We may not understand how everything will work out, but we have to trust in God. We may not see the way but He will make a way. We need to have faith that at this moment He is touching hearts, opening doors and lining up the right breaks and opportunities. Things

may look dark and bleak now, but we must have faith that dawn is coming. In this Thanksgiving season, we should be grateful that we live in an area where we can openly practice and declare our faith. There are places where this isn't possible. When I was younger, we would never have heard of churches and synagogues being plagued with the fear of someone opening fire on their congregation. We had heard about it distantly from WW II stories but we didn't think it would happen

here. Pray that America can once more become a land where people are free to worship according to their faith. Pray that each of us is more understanding of others even when we really don't comprehend how they believe. Let us live our lives in such a way that others will ask us what is different about us.

"Everyone is important according to his/her own unique purpose...never look down on anyone unless you are admiring their shoes or helping them get up." Unknown

FAITH

True faith means
Accepting the impossible,
Believing without seeing,
Understanding the incomprehensible.

The world mocks the believer,
"God is a crutch", they say
But I don't want to be in their shoes
Come that final judgment day!

To believe in God is one thing,
To follow Him another story
For the walk of faith is not easy,
At times it gets down right gory.

It means going on
When the world says "Go back!"
You know He is by your side,
Press onward and don't slack.

Faith means simple strong belief,
Standards the world does not comprehend,
It means unswerving devotion
And a spirit that does not bend.

J.R. Trumbull
19 July 2005

You're invited to an
Open House Reception
to celebrate the
60th Anniversary of
Charles & Peggy Haskell
Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
83 Grand Event Center
Burwell, NE

Located on the SE Corner of the
Downtown Square

Hosted by their children - Please, let your presence or a card be your gift to them.
They may be sent to them at:
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