



# McPherson County News

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### TEN YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 22, 2007

A benefit account had been set up for Jan (Daley) Phillips, daughter of Stapleton residents, Chubby and Sharon Daley. She underwent brain surgery in Omaha.

The junior-senior play production of "Dead Man's Chest," was well attended November 17. Cast members included Amanda Morgan, Jordan Lovitt, Jake Sowders, Ben Cochran, Jalyn Starr, Amy Waits, Tasha Miller, Nicole Fiechtner, Duell Arensdorf, Meka Melvin, Kate Seifer, Tyrel Fischer, Peter Pavlovic, Matt Daly, and Chris Burch.

Selections for the 6-man coaches association football offense and defense All-State teams were announced. Named to the first team offense was Artur Bogo Borowicz, kicker at MCHS. Named to the first team defense team was Ben Cochran, linebacker.

MCHS Longhorn basketball players were Duell Arensdorf, Jake Sowders, Peter Pavlovic, Tui Borowicz, Chris Burch, Matt Daly, Gabe Ryland, Eric Trumbull, and Dylan Daigger.

Lady Longhorn basketball players pictured were Meka Melvin, Ashley Bessmer, Samantha Kramer, Amy Waits, Molly Hinkle, Mara Seifer, Nicole Fiechtner, Tasha Miller, Jordan Lovitt, and Kate Seifer.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 20, 1997

Airman John Gregg graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

McPherson County High School's one-act play cast won second place in the Sandhills Conference contest. Micki McNutt and Jeremy Arensdorf won honorable mention acting medals for their performances.

Results of questions concerning county government operations had been tabulated and the survey showed priority funding should go to the ambulance, fire department and roads.

Wayland Shelton of Tryon took first place in Division 2 in the Nebraska State Antique Tractor Pull at Columbus.

New arrivals: Toby and Tisha Black were the parents of a baby girl, Stephanie Jean Black. Grant Sawyer May was born November 13 to Kevin May and Tammy Black.

A public hearing was set for December 4 to decide whether or not to continue with the position of the McPherson County Superintendent of Schools.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 26, 1987

Jerry Swingle of Arnold, and Steve Frey, Jim Meyer, and Max Lovitt, all of Stapleton, checked in large deer at the Big Game Check Station in Stapleton. Don Keys was in charge of the check station.

The McPherson County Extension Council held their meeting in Tryon. Berva Arensdorf reported plans were being made to hold a home-based seminar with Extension Specialist, Janet Wilson, in April.

Jill Sowders of Tryon was honored with a baby shower at the Tryon Rebekah Lodge Hall with 16 present.

The junior class participated in County Government Day at the Lincoln County Courthouse. State Senator Howard Lamb of Anselmo stopped at the high school Monday and

visited the senior government class.

New Arrivals: Dennis and Karen Licking of Tryon were the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Emma, born November 10; Dale and Carmen Eimers of North Platte were the parents of a baby girl, Stephanie Marie, born November 23.

Deaths: Services were held for Flora Mabel Coty, 84, who died November 24.

### FORTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 24, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton were announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Jane C. Pinkerton to Joe S. Macomber. A December 19 wedding was planned.

The home of Sam and Phyllis Connell in Tryon was completely destroyed by fire. No one was home at the time.

George (Joe) Daly was taking care of the County Clerk's office for Ray Dobbins. Leo Cash was in the county treasurer's office for Vera Gragg, and John R. (Bob) Cotton was in the Judge's office. Sheriff Don Nicholson made the remark - looks like the old Courthouse gang is back, which prompted a picture of the three. Leo Cash retired after 16 years in the treasurer's office; Joe Daly had retired after almost 18 years in the Clerk's office; and Bob Cotton was to have 18 years in as Judge and Associate Judge in February of 1978.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 23, 1967

Tryon Rebekah Lodge met with 17 members present. Plans were completed for the annual Christmas supper honoring the Tryon oldsters. Election of officers was held with Jack Cotton elected Noble Grand.

Leland Essary was the happy owner of a new 1968 Catalina Pontiac.

Musser Ranch Supply was holding a big sale with reduced prices on hedge posts, and 10% off the list price on all new saddles.

Jim Neal was crowned King of the Free Methodist Youth at the banquet held in conjunction with the Nebraska-Wyoming conference in the basement of the bank in Beaver City. The Ringgold Quiz Team of Duane Schmidt, Jim Schmidt and Jim Neal won the first match of the quizzing against the Beaver City team of girls.

Deaths: Mrs. Leona K. Bassett, 82, died November 22 in a North Platte nursing home.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 21, 1957

In the first six months of 1957, McPherson County showed a great increase in the population with a total of 10 births and a total of three deaths as reported by the Department of Health Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller of California were honored at a wedding reception at St. John's Lutheran Church parish hall. Howard was a grandson of Mrs. Lydia Neal.

Bradley Harvey, 5, received a bad cut on the index finger from a broken bottle. It took four stitches to close the wound.

Beryl Wendling hosted Friendly Workers Club. Hazel Stoddard and Sophia Masters received birthday gifts.

The annual Auxiliary Bazaar and card party was well attended. There were 16 tables of cards and Mrs. John Dahlin took high for the women and Corky Kemp, high for

the men.

In Thune News, reported by Mrs. E.E. McClain, the veterinarian from Ogallala was up to vaccinate cattle at Elmer and Randall Rundback's, Lewis Moriarty's, and Elmer McClain's on Monday.

### SEVENTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 20, 1947

The Ringgold Store was offering cranberries for .38 a pound and pineapple juice for .19 for a No. 2 can. Coffee was .47 a pound and cake mixes were .15 a pkg.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Neal were the parents of a 7 lb. 15.5 ounce son, David Loren, born November 19. This was the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Neal and also the grandson of your Editor and wife. Hugh M. Priest was the owner and publisher of the Independent in Politics publication - the only paper in McPherson County.

Lucille Wells arrived to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Danker.

A farewell dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins and children in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sack and Richard who were leaving for Oregon.

Dan Connell and Orville Haynes were business visitors in Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gragg, Vera and Arthur, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett and Kenny.

### EIGHTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 18, 1937

High winds lashed fields and roads and heralded the approach of severe winter weather in this part of the state. The wind brought a local dust storm that damaged fields and roads.

The general exodus goes on and perhaps the trek of families across and from Nebraska has been greater the past few years than even in pioneer days. The August Sultrup family left for Idaho. The Sultrups, the Browns, the Greens and the Joneses, staunch families from this community, went to the great northwest.

The Coates-Hoppe Lumber Co. of North Platte was robbed of about \$75 in cash last week, supposedly by a loafer round the lumber company's office.

Mr. Boyer of Mullen Sales Co. passed through Tryon to North Platte. He purchased several ton of hay to be trucked to Mullen.

In "Hi-Lights" published by the students of McPherson County High School under editor in chief, Maxine Clifford, it was reported, "A person who has a desire to read good books and broaden their knowledge of good literature is receiving a good mental education and prefers one.

Miss Mattie Shimmin recently became the bride of Buster Patchen of Hooker County. Miss Shimmin was now a teacher in one of the county's rural schools.

Johnnie Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Ringgold, fractured a bone in his leg when he fell from a swing on the school playground. He was brought to Tryon and later taken to North Platte for treatment.

The Ladies Aid Bazaar was set for November 19 with dinner served at noon for .30. Grab bags would be offered for .15 and .05.

### NINETY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 24, 1927

Robbers broke into the (Continued on page 9)

## Connell honored with 14 gallon pin

Twenty-two blood donors braved the cold blustery weather on November 10, for the McPherson County Blood drive. A total of 26 units were donated, which surpassed the goal.

Two first time donors were welcomed and Dan Connell was congratulated on reaching a 14 gallon donation mark.

Donors were treated to a meal of chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and home made jelly and two different kinds of cake. This delicious meal was provided by Wanda Waits.

Mr. Nielsen, Caleb Goosey, Cecil Bullington and Doug Schmidt helped with the reloading of Red Cross equipment and clean-up. Their help was very much appreciated as was the time our donors take from their busy lives to donate life saving blood.

See you in January.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dan Connell was presented with a 14 gallon pin.

## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Trust your hunches. They're usually based on facts filed away just below the conscious level." Dr. Joyce Brothers

Have you had times when you wished that you had followed your gut instinct or your first impression? I know I sure have had those times. Hindsight is 20/20 I've heard said many times and I believe that to be very true. If you don't feel right about a situation, a person, or something else, maybe it's time to step back and consider it for a bit instead of just going with it.

### DO AND DON'T DO

If you do do what you should do  
And you don't do what you shouldn't do,  
Then you'll be OK.  
But if you do do what you shouldn't do  
Then you'll have to pay.  
The cost may be small  
Or the price may be great  
But if you have done  
What you shouldn't do  
Then it's now too late!

You can't undo what's already done  
Even if when you did it,  
It seemed like fun.  
All you can do is straighten up your act  
And from now on  
Behave with some tact  
And do do what you should do,  
Shun what you shouldn't do  
And life will be better,  
That's a fact!

J.R. Trumbull  
12 May 2006

## Cook Attends Training For Logan & McPherson Counties

Richard Cook, Logan and McPherson County Weed Superintendent, recently attended the Nebraska Weed Control Association Fall Training held at the Ramada Inn, Kearney. It was held on November 8-9, 2017, with the theme "Year In Review."

Wednesday's topics included: Harlan Reservoir's Invasive Weed Control Story, Tom Zikmund - Army Corps; Twin Valley Weed Management Area Update, Merle Illian - TVWMA Coordinator; Winterizing Equipment, Sara Sivits - Dawson County Extension Educator; Factors to Build and Maintain Ecological Resilience, Chris Helzer - The Nature Conservancy; 2017 Year in Review Panel, Charles Brooks - Phelps County Weed Superintendent; North American Invasive Species Management Association Update, Rob Schultz - Hall/Howard County and Todd Boller - Fillmore County Weed Superintendents; Regional Year in Review, Region I, John Bebout - Otoe County; Region II, Terri Krysl - Boyd County; Region III, Mike Smith - Washington County; Region IV, Mark Goebel - Franklin County; Region V, Dan Wordekemper - Dawes County; Region VI, Ridge Horkey - Custer

County.

Thursdays topics included: Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Year in Review, Mitch Coffin, Tim Stortz, Paul Moyer, David Boschult and Jeff Lampmann - NDA Noxious Weed Staff; Drift Watch - Bee Watch, Craig Romary - Nebraska Dept. of Ag; High Plains Weed Management Area Update, Cris Burks - Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden County Weed Superintendent; Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force Update, Brent Meyer - Lancaster County Weed Superintendent/Task Force Chairman; Nebraska Invasive Species Program Update, Allison Zach - University of Nebraska; Platte Valley Weed Management Area

### Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, November 27 - Ham steak, baked sweet potato and hominy.  
Tuesday, November 28 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and beets.  
Wednesday, November 29 - Veal parmesan with spaghetti and green beans.  
Thursday, November 30 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and peas.  
Friday, December 1 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with tomato macaroni soup.

Update, Rich Walters - The Nature Conservancy; Fire Effects / Weed Management, Doug Whisenhunt - NRCS North Platte State Burn Specialist; 10 Day and 15 Day Individual Notices, Rod Stolcpart - Rock County Weed Superintendent.

NWCA Fall Training was the third opportunity of 2017 to obtain required continuing education, as defined in the Nebraska Noxious Weed Act. Each superintendent must answer roll call twice a day, complete and pass the exam at the end of each day to receive his or her 10 hours of continuing education credit. The final opportunity for 2017 is the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference in Kearney on December 13-14, 2017.

McPherson County Courthouse will be CLOSED Nov. 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday