



# McPherson County News

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## Graphic Files

*From The Tryon Graphic Archives*

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2008**  
Rachael Kemp was pictured sitting on Santa's lap when he visited Tryon.

David Thelen, MCHS music instructor was honored at the 73rd annual fall conference and clinic of the Nebraska Music Educators Association in Lincoln.

Rhett Harper was pictured with the belt buckle he won at the Shane Larsen bull riding event.

Deaths: Hazel Irene (Tupper) Paxton, 89, died December 2 at North Platte.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 10, 1998**

New Christmas decorations and lights were added to the courthouse. A new Santa and reindeer were donated by Shirila Brouwer for the scene at the courthouse.

Over 100 attended the annual soup supper at Ringgold Free Methodist Church.

Luke Connell was appointed to the United States Military Academy by U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel.

Death Notices: Kevin Hernandez-Kugler, infant son of Joy Kugler and Juan Hernandez died December 4; Maxine Hornkohl, 70, died December 2, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center; William F. Hackney, 74, died December 3, at Bryan LGH East Medical Center, Lincoln; John George Elrod, 89, of Moore, Oklahoma, died November 18.

Ringgold ranchers, attending the Ringgold Free Methodist Church, were planning a mission trip to Rwanda in January.

New Arrivals: Bronc and Melissa Nicholson were the parents of a son, Jarod, born November 19.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 8, 1988**

Todd Hoatson, 20, of Mullen died December 3, after being thrown from the box of a pickup.

Deaths: Shirley A. Daigler, 48, of Tryon died December 4 in a Lincoln hospital.

Arlan Paxton was among the 108,600 students included in the 11th annual edition of the National Dean's List.

A large house was being moved from North Platte to the Carl Rundback place southeast of Ringgold, and held up traffic for awhile December 5 on Highway 97 from North Platte to the junction east of Tryon, and from there on Highway 92 to Ringgold.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 14, 1978**

Carl Rundback was honored at a retirement party in his honor. Rundback retired from the McPherson County ASC Committee. He had been with the committee since January 1970.

Word was received here of the death of Marie Miller of California.

A break-in was being investigated at McPherson County High School. An undetermined amount of cash was taken from the inner office.

Bob Forrester of Arnold delivered a new Dodge 4-wheel drive pickup to the Ray Trumbull ranch.

Staff Sergeant Donald C. Smolik, son of Mrs. Betty Smolik of North Platte, received the Master Crew Chief Award at Beale AFB, California.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 12, 1968**

A shower would be

given in honor of Mrs. Louie Siegel (formerly Polly Paxton) at Hall Church.

The Longhorn basketball team got off to a good start and the varsity turned in a feat that had not been achieved in the past six basketball seasons - that being an opening game victory. Rocky Nicholson led scoring with 24. Randy Munson had 15, Gary Correll, 12, Allen Kinsman, 10, Jim Neal, 9, and Bruce Huffman, 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kramer had moved from their ranch into their new home in Tryon.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 11, 1958**

To date a total of \$55.38 had been taken in for the lighting project. Lights would be up soon and more added as money allowed.

Friendly Workers Club met at the Lillian Coty home and preparations were made for the Christmas party in the old Black Store building. Maude Wade drew the mystery present.

Edward Bullington and Theta Cole of California were married in Carmel, California.

The senior class had sold over \$450.00 in ads for their annual and had sold several subscriptions.

The David Store had brought in many new items for Christmas. Decorations included lights, tinsel, icicles, tree tops, and bells. Trees were selling for .79 to \$1.59 as long as they lasted.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 16, 1948**

The double obituary of Mr. and Mrs. Mike David appeared in this issue. Mrs. David was killed instantly in a car accident as the couple traveled from

Tryon to Omaha to visit a daughter. Mr. David died 24 hours later, never regaining consciousness. Mr. David came to this country in 1886 and established a general store in Tryon in 1905. The Davids were highly respected and loved by everyone in the community.

All young men were reminded they are required to register with the draft board on their 18th birthday or within five days thereafter. The office was open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**DECEMBER 15, 1938**

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell were announcing the arrival of a baby daughter born last week at their home south of Tryon.

Plans were completed to change highway 16 across Nebraska to number 92; the changing making it to conform with a direct route across Illinois and Iowa and across Nebraska from Omaha to North Platte under that number.

A case of bold cattle theft was reported near Merriman. A yearling had been butchered within two hundred feet of the highway about 10 miles west of Merriman. Cattle stealing in the modern way was a serious problem to ranchers.

Nebraska's families will spend an average of \$62.93 each this year for Christmas as their share of the nation's forecast two-billion dollar total.

Coach Henry Railsback's high school basketball team lost an encounter with the O'Fallons team on the local court, 19-15.

The *Grant County Tribune* reported the election

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### McPherson County School District #90 Special Board Meeting Proceedings

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
December 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM

McPherson County High School Commons I. CALL TO ORDER for Special Board Meeting at 7:02 pm by Vice-President Rusty Kemp.

Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present: Vice-President Rusty Kemp, Secretary Lana Watson, Treasurer Toni Powers, & Member Christena Schultis, Superintendent Jeppson present.

Absences: President Trent Neal & Member Will Coffman absent. Kemp moves to excuse Neal & Coffman from the meeting. Watson seconds. All AYE. None NAY. Motion passed.

Open Meetings Law Posted. Recognition of Recording: All present deny recording.

Verification of Posting of Legal Notice of Meeting on 11/31/18.

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Agenda: Powers moves to approve agenda. Watson seconds. Powers AYE, Watson AYE, Schultis AYE, & Kemp AYE. None NAY. Agenda approved.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitor Kevin Starr voices concerns of employing two administrators, a principal and a superintendent, in relation to our McPherson County school system student census. Starr proposes having one part time administrator and one full time administra-

tor. Concern that we are paying two administrators when we only need one.

Belinda Miller voices thank you to superintendent and his father for the work done to the grade school and outdoor improvement to the school grounds. Also agrees that one administrator may be enough for our school system.

President Neal arrives at 7:07 pm and Starr reiterates his concerns about administration to President Neal.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Housing/Facilities/Transportation - Neal, Coffman. Powers: No new reports.

Negotiations/Finance - Kemp, Schultis: No new reports. Currently in negotiations.

Americanism/Multiculturalism/Curriculum/Policy - Powers, Watson, & Coffman: No new reports. Marketing Committee - Kemp, Watson: No new reports.

Sports Coop Committee - Neal, Powers, & Kemp: No new reports.

Superintendent's Report: No new reports.

V. POLICY: No new policy introduced.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: Teacher's Negotiations: Powers

Superintendent Contract: Neal

VII. DISCUSSION

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Powers moves to go into executive session at 7:10 pm to discuss action items of teacher negotia-

## Grant County Farm Bureau to Host Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Tom Brewer

The Grant County Farm Bureau will host a town hall meeting with Sen. Tom Brewer of District 43. The town hall meeting will take place Tues., Dec. 18, at 6:00 p.m. MT at the Winter's Building in Hyannis. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Senator Brewer will answer questions from constituents and give an

update on his work at the Legislature and what to expect during the upcoming legislative session. The meeting will also allow District 43 constituents to meet and visit personally with Senator Brewer.

"We are excited to hold a town hall meeting for Sen. Brewer and the constituents in District 43," said Matt Cover, president

of Grant County Farm Bureau. "The town hall meeting will allow citizens to ask questions that matter to them and hear responses from Senator Brewer."

For questions please contact Matt Cover, president, Grant County Farm Bureau, (308) 458-7455 or Carolyn Cover, northwest regional manager, (308) 280-0067.

## Starrs Compete In Northeast Community College's Livestock Classic

Four hundred head of livestock were shown during the 34th Annual Northeast Community College Livestock Classic held over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Mike Roeber, Northeast agriculture/livestock judging instructor and event organizer, said exhibitors from five states (Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota) took part in the two-day event at the Chuck M. Pohlman Agriculture Complex.

Roeber said that despite lower attendance than last year, the exhibitors still had a strong showing. "While the total numbers for the weekend

were down nearly 50 compared to a year ago, the quality of cattle was exceptional. I attribute the lower numbers to two things - a couple other shows in the region which have started up in the past few years and the weather forecast for snow and wind, especially to the south, which either kept some exhibitors away or had some who went home after Friday's show to get ahead of the weather."

The Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer was a Red Angus shown by Hadley Hartman, Tecumseh. The Reserve Supreme Breeding Heifer was a Maine Anjou shown

by Ashtyn Danker, Avoca, IA.

The Supreme Champion Market Animal was a Chianina shown by Cade Stratman, West Point. Ansley Maronde, York, showed the Reserve Champion Market Animal with a Crossbred.

A total of 214 head were exhibited in the Breeding Heifer Show, judge by Scott Schaaque, Westmoreland, KS.

Champion Balancer Heifer: Annalee Starr, Stapleton

Reserve Champion Balancer Heifer: Alexx Starr, Stapleton

Fourteen "peepees" also participated in showmanship.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "The biggest disability is a negative attitude."

Anon We live in a crazy world today. Political correctness or whatever it is called is out of control. When a song like "Baby It's Cold Outside" gets banned from radio stations because it is sexist and demoralizes women or "Rudolph the Red

Nosed Reindeer" supposedly encourages bullying...well, common sense is a very rare thing now days. If you want to talk about someone being bullied and treated most unfairly, consider our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All that He went through yet He was able to say "Father, forgive them" from the cross.

Hate has 4 letters, so does love. Enemies has 7 letters, so does friends. Negative has 8, so does positive. Under has 5, so does above. Cry has 5 letters, so does joy. Anger has 5, so does happy. The same goes for right and wrong. Hurt and heal both have 4 letters. It means that life is like a double edged sword...so transform every negative side into an aura of positivity. We should choose the better side of life.

People talk about difficulties in their lives all the time. One common theme is the comment, "I

just don't know what to do."

That's not true! They do know what to do. They just don't want to do what they know they should because it'll be hard.

The same goes for you and me. We know the answer. We just don't like it. We are torn between the truth and what is easy. We want both, but they rarely travel together.

If you're out of shape, you know the answer.

If you're in an abusive

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### UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

An upside down world we live in today. Stand for what's right and you're made to pay. Be true to God and your country I say But the evil old world says "Nay, Nay!"

What was once proper is now treated with disdain And those who love Jesus are told to refrain From saying what's right and living the same, It's an upside down world and they say "retrain".

We are the ones who decide how we live. It's not up to others to make our own rules For if we don't stand for our beliefs, Then we are the fools!

Turn upside down into right side up, Pray for God's guidance into the light. Make your decisions based on His Word. Stand on His promises all through the fight.


God said He would be with us If only we would seek His face and his leading Don't stand there like so meek.

There's light in the future If only you'll look And the answers are given Right there in the Book.

J.R. Trumbull  
19 Nov 2016

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*Christmas  
Candlelight  
Service*



Sun., Dec. 16  
5:30 p.m. CT

**Eclipse Church**  
Everyone Welcome!