



# McPherson County News

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## Winners Announced In Coloring Contest



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Third through sixth grade McPherson County Elementary school winners in the Creative Printers Veterans Day coloring contest were, l-r: William Anderson, Klaire Ward, Cora Larson, Gage McNutt and Hannah Goosey, overall winner.

Over 200 entries were submitted for the Veterans Day coloring contest sponsored by Creative Printers in Stapleton.

A picture was published in the November 8 issue of *The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News* and *Thomas County Herald*.

Newspapers were distributed to students at Stapleton, Thedford, Sandhills and McPherson County Schools, and elementary students were

encouraged to color the picture and to read their newspaper that included information on Veterans Day.

Winners at McPherson County Schools were announced Wednesday, December 19.

Fourth grader, Hannah Goosey, was the overall school winner. She received \$30.00, a certificate, and a free one year subscription.

First place class winners were awarded a free one

year subscription and certificate, and second and third place winners received recognition certificates.

Class winners were: Kindergarten: 1. Ashlyn McNutt; 2. Hudsyn Gragg; 3. Archie Fisher.

First Grade: 1. Jailyn Miller; 2. Joe Larson; 3. Brody Connell.

Second Grade: 1. Alex Anderson; 2. Brek Jensen; 3. Bella McConville.

Third Grade: 1. Gage McNutt; 2. Carsyn Gragg; 3.



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Mazie Johnston.

Fourth Grade: 1. Cora Larson; 2. Tucker Kemp; 3. Devanee Connell.

Fifth Grade: 1. Klaire Ward; 2. Brayden McNutt; 3. Levi Goosey.

Sixth Grade: 1. Wm. Anderson; 2. Leyton Connell; 3. Colton Miller.

The overall and first place winners are reminded to call Creative Printers at 308-636-2444 with their address to start receiving the newspaper.

"Thank you teachers and students for helping make the contest such a great success," Marcia Hora said. "We wanted to not only have students honor veterans in this

way, but also to encourage students to read their hometown newspaper. Our judges had a difficult time selecting winners due to the quality and number of entries."

### Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile

January 25, 2019  
McPherson Co. Fair Building

## Graphic Files

### From The Tryon Graphic Archives

#### TEN YEARS AGO DECEMBER 25, 2008

The McPherson County High School band and choir performed at their annual Christmas program. Members of the MCHS band were: Logan Krull, Chris Burch, Clay Seifer, Cailyn Bessmer, McKenna Bessmer, Jesse Paxton, Dillon Daigger, Gabe Ryland, Tasha Miller, Molly Hinkle and Kate Seifer. Members of the MCHS choir were: Molli Sailors, Shane Suchy, Alecia Paxton, Tasha Miller, Molly Hinkle, Matt Daly, Eric Trumbull, Michele Lopez, Katee Daly, Ashley Bessmer, Kate Seifer, Gage Ryland, Dillon Daigger, Mara Seifer, Samantha Kramer and Angie Thompson.

Deaths: Barbara J. Melvin, 73 of North Platte, passed away December 17, 2008; Vada I. Anway, 89, of Tryon, passed away December 18, 2008.

Area businesses and individuals wishing their patrons and friends a Merry Christmas were: Barnum Well Service and Barnum Tree Cutting; First State Insurance; Main Street Market & Deli; Chart & Wilma Nicholson; Longhorn Motel; Aunt Bea's Cafe; Musser Well Drilling; Frey's Heating and Air; Jim Beckius; Duane McClain; Grassland Feeds LLC; J.R. Trumbull; Hollis Snyder; Sandhills Septic; Munson's Market; Neal Oil & Auto Center; Custer Public Power; The John Bryant Family; Arnold Insurance; Farmers & Ranchers Cooperative; Bank of Stapleton; Hild Propane Co; Tryon Post Office Families; L&D Trucking; Atkins Auction Service; Harold & Shirley Arensdorf; Ron & Maudene Sowers; Vinton Feed Store; Creative Printers; Doris Neal & Family; Iron Horse Steakhouse; The Sowers Family; Ag Valley Coop; and Gothenburg Livestock.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 31, 1998  
National American University at Rapid City,

South Dakota, completed the fall season with impressive finishes in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Todd Gragg of Tryon is setting 10th in bull riding in the region.

An anniversary celebration for Charles and Peggy Haskell's 40th anniversary was held Saturday, January 9 in Burwell. Rusty and Jennifer Moore of Tryon were the parents of a son. Lance Michael was born December 16 at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 29, 1988

A new veterinary practice was recently started in Stapleton by Tim Reitz, D.V.M. and will be known as the Logan County Vet Service.

Kent and Jenni Priest of North Platte, were the happy parents of a baby boy, Austin Brooks, born December 25.

Mark Trumbull of Tryon, was among approximately 1,300 graduates who received degrees during UNL Commencement Exercises December 22. Trumbull received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

On Monday of last week, Herschel, Nona and Don Moore attended the funeral of Herschel's aunt, Iva Anderson, age 96, at Hay Springs, Nebraska.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 1988, for Wesley Dean Wilson, 46, of North Platte, who died Dec. 8th enroute to Morocco, over the Sahara Desert in the country of Mauritania, Africa. Wilson was there as a humanitarian effort to spray locusts for the Africans, and was aboard a U.S. plane shot down in an anti-aircraft missile attack over the Sahara Desert. His funeral services were held at Odean Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Truman Bauer of the Ringgold Free Methodist Church officiating.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 28, 1978  
The 4th Sunday in Advent was attended by

about 35 persons December 24th at the Tryon United Methodist Church, as most country roads were blocked with snow. Rev. Harry Waller chose as his sermon topic, "Awesome Love." Out of town guests were Errol Waits of San Francisco, California and Mr. and Mrs. John Gale and Heather of Chadron.

Mr. and Mrs. Larrie Patterson of Ogallala were the parents of a baby boy, Corey Alan, born December 18, 1978. Great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cash of Tryon and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wescoat of Stapleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlin, Vera Gragg and Mr. Bob Cotton, all of Tryon, were among the many persons attending the reception for Les Bay at the Courthouse in Stapleton Sunday afternoon.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 26, 1968

The Tryon Longhorns won a thriller from Wallace Friday night by a score of 56-55. The game had three 3-minute overtimes before it was settled. The second team also won their game 54-36. Both basketball teams have won three games and lost none. The girls did not fair so well in volleyball and lost in two sets.

Mr. and Mrs. P.L. Haney arrived home Monday night from staying with their daughter, Joan Lambert, at Denver following her surgery.

Mrs. Don Pettit and Terry were snowed in at North Platte by the storm. They followed the snow plows out on Monday.

Mrs. Mahala Thompson, Kathy, Judy and Jimmy plan to go to Merna to spend Christmas with Mahala's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glouse.

#### SEVENTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 30, 1948

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Mike David were held in the Tryon Auditorium Monday, December

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## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Happiness is not the absence of problems. It's the choice to focus on the good in the middle of them."

#### Worst Preacher's Wife Ever

We are approaching the end of another year. Wow! Where has the time gone? Many of us "older" folks are amazed to find ourselves in the next century much less near the end of the second decade of the next century. I don't think we ever realized that we could really get in trouble for joking, but it seems to be "incorrect behavior" these days. I guess I am going to be in trouble a lot because I do tend to say what I think and I love to give people a bad time.

Save the Cowboy had some wise words that are good to ponder on as we go into a new year.

There's an old saying that says, "Good fences make good neighbors." Boundaries are good, but sometimes harder to accomplish than making a trail horse out of a barrel horse.

If you need some "starter" boundaries, here they are:

1. Learn to say no. The absolute quickest way to someone's heart is to see how they handle the word no.

2. Quit explaining yourself. You do not have to tell people why you made a decision. Strive for greatness in all decisions and give them...without explanation.

3. You're not responsible for other people's feelings. When someone says, "You made me mad," don't fall for it. They chose to get mad, or sad, or even happy. Once again, we should be honorable in all we do, but quit carrying around other people's baggage

just because they demand it.  
4. Be yourself. Quit doing things you'd rather not do just so people will like you. Also, quit doing things to avoid arguments or fights. I'm not saying start one (remember the honorable part?), but feeding the alligator in hopes that you're the last one eaten is not a life of

abundance. It's a life of slavery.

He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. Psalm 147:14

Keep true to the Lord and to yourself as we go into 2019 - the last year of the second decade of the next century for many of us.

### POLITICALLY CORRECT NEW YEAR

A new year lies ahead-  
Are you going to stand for Christ?  
Or are you going to be politically correct  
And lose Jesus from your sight?

Not being able to glorify my Lord  
Just goes against the grain  
Maybe I am offended,  
Maybe to me this is a strain!

What about my feelings?  
Doesn't my creed matter?  
Why is it that what I believe  
Is considered naught but patter?

As Christians we are commanded  
To give homage to our King.  
We are to spread His message  
And to Him our praises sing.

Another new year,  
A chance of new beginning.  
Tell the story of salvation  
And repentance from all sinning.

Popularity will not come to you  
As you walk this chosen path.  
Your stance will irritate some  
And others will greet you with wrath.

To go against the flow  
Is not an easy task.  
No one said it would be simple  
To do as our Savior asked.

God has granted us this New Year.  
He would that we use it best  
To honor and to do His work  
And by that we are blessed.

So have a blessed New Year  
Serving our Great Lord.  
Don't follow in the world's way,  
Work to achieve Christ's accord!

J.R. Trumbull  
18 December 2005