



# McPherson County News

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### TEN YEARS AGO DECEMBER 27, 2007

Three school Christmas programs brought parents, grandparents, and others to Tryon three consecutive days last week. Pictured with Santa were Gracyn Bessmer, Brady Porter, Alyssa Waits, and Maggie Waits.

McPherson County gained several new businesses, remodeling projects were completed, and several new buildings and/or additions sprang up. North Platte Livestock began the new year with Holly Hulings-Roeser and Craig Blunck as the new owners.

Deaths: Orville Bellew, 88, died December 19, at the Sutherland Care Center.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 25, 1997

A record breaking crowd attended the elementary school Christmas program at District 4 in Tryon. Teachers were Miss Crow, Miss Shirley, and Mrs. Connick.

Deaths: Elsie L. Florea, 76, of Sargent, died December 15, at her sister's home near Tryon; Helen LaVerne VanWagenen Walker, died November 30, at the Pioneer Memorial Rest Home.

Superintendent Dennis Krominga reported a new policy to the board of education entitled, "Student Use of School Equipment." The policy was a check-out form when students wished to take lap top computers home for overnight or weekend use.

Area students would

graduate from Chadron State College. Those receiving degrees would be Dawn Streiff Haake, Bobbie Waltman, Scott Finney, and Kendra Haake.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 31, 1987

Jodee Coffman would reign as Miss Rodeo Nebraska and her crowning would take place January 3 at the McPherson County High School auditorium in Tryon.

A storm dumped 10-12 inches of snow over the holiday weekend.

Gary and Jerry Neal, Trent, Brett and Mindy, hosted a soup supper at their home following the candlelight services on Christmas Eve at the Tryon United Methodist Church.

Bill and Hazle Erickson, owners of the Lariat Cafe, were wishing everyone a happy new year!

The Logan County Sheriff's office was kept busy investigating three accidents during the Christmas holiday week. Freezing rain and 10 inches of snow were recorded in the county and among those involved in accidents were Kermit Paxton, Eric Farris collided with Leon Fischer, and Monti Swanson slid off the highway. Sheriff Jim Wonch and Deputy Don Keys said there were several other incidents of vehicles going off the road.

### FORTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 29, 1977

A large crowd of 62 people attended the very impressive candlelight

service at the Tryon United Methodist Church.

The 1977 Red Cross fund drive for McPherson County had been very satisfactory due to the efforts of Chairman Alice Lutes.

Rodney Trumbull of Lincoln, was home for the holiday.

Don and Geneva Neal spent Monday with Harry Lancaster at the hospital in North Platte. Troy and Brad Whited came home with them to spend a few days. They were joined by Brett Neal in the evening.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 28, 1967

The engagement of Sharon LaRae Thomas to Larry Dean Neal was announced. A February 4 wedding would take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Correll entertained for a Christmas dinner in their home with a large group of people in attendance.

Willing Workers Club met with Mr. and Mrs. John Power with 10 members and their families present.

The Tryon Graphic expressed deepest sympathy to Mr. Oren B. Winters in the loss of his wife. Mr. Winters was the publisher of the Hyannis Tribune and the Thedford newspaper.

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## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "“Rules can always be bent. Principles cannot.”

I've been thinking about "final words" and how often they reflect the principles of that person's life. This week's poem reflects some of the last words a long-time friend said to me. Some of Mom's last words were nearly identical. She asked to go home and she didn't mean home on this earth. The last time I visited with Aunt Ina, I said "I'll be seeing you." Her reply was "You will know where to find me." It didn't dawn on me until later what she was really saying. Yes, I know where to find all of them. They are with Jesus. Some people fear death. They don't have the assurance that

those of us who know think about what you Christ as our Savior and would like your last Lord have in our hearts words to be. I pray that and lives. Earth is just a they would be encouraging stopping point on our and uplifting. Going way to eternity. home to be with Jesus is As we get ready to cele- as special as any last brate another new year, words can be.

### I WANT TO GO HOME

The old rancher sighed "I want to go home" –  
Over heavenly hills I long to roam  
With sisters and brothers, my folks and others,  
Oh Lord, "I want to go home."

Home where pain no longer exists,  
Where God in His Glory almighty persists.  
Feeble old bones, weak muscles are gone  
His voice rings eternal in heavenly song.

Flying with the eagles, running with the fawn,  
Eternity beckons the everlasting dawn,  
No troubles or sorrows, doubt has no sway.  
May our eyes be on Jesus in that final day.

He got his desire, a long passage home  
And he is there with Jesus never more to roam.  
He's waiting there for us to join him there  
On heavenly hills without worry or care.

J.R. Trumbull

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In Memory of Vernon Lutes



To Our Friends & Neighbors  
May 2018 Be Glorious!!

## West Central Cattlemen's Offered in Tryon Jan. 30

Nebraska Extension and Colorado State University Extension will be hosting a series of winter meetings for cattle producers in nine locations across western Nebraska and eastern Colorado. The program is designed to help producers evaluate management practices that could improve their bottom line. Extension Specialists and Educators will discuss a variety of topics including nutritional management to prepare for the breeding season, grazing management principles, implant strategies, lameness in cattle, fly research updates, methods to increase productivity of spring calving systems and more.

Dates and locations include:

· January 10th - Arthur, Veterans Memorial Hall, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. MT, (308) 284-6051

· January 11th - Minden, Kearney County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CT, (308) 425-6277

· January 11th - Oxford, Mulligan's Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. CT, (308) 268-3105

· January 15th - Imperial, Mid Plains Community College Campus, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. MT, (308) 882-4751

· January 16th - Curtis, NCTA Education Center, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. CT, (308) 567-4424

· January 17th - Ogallala, Open Range Grill, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. MT, (308) 284-6051

· January 23rd - Wray, CO, Wray Community Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. MT, (719) 346-5571

· January 24th - Culbertson, Hitchcock County Fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. CT, (308) 345-3390

· January 25th - Ster-

ling, CO, Sterling Livestock Commission, 1:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. MT, (719) 346-5571

· January 30th - Tryon, McPherson County Fair Building, 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. CT, (308) 532-2683

Please register at the local Extension office one week prior to the event for a meal count. Cost to attend varies based on location.

## McPherson County Schools is now accepting bids for a used activity/route school bus.

The specifications are listed below:

- 2012-2017 C2 or Flat Nose
- 77 passenger (minimum)
- Yellow in color
- Front diesel engine
- Under storage
- Overhead interior storage
- Front/rear A/C
- Air brakes

Bids must be submitted by mail before January 8, 2018. Please write "bid" on the outside of the envelope and mail bids to:

**Dana Jeppson, Superintendent**  
P.O. Box 38 - Tryon, NE 69167

**Happy New Year!**

Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful and peace-filled 2018.

**J.R. Trumbull**  
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**Garfield Table Pivot & Range** - 316 acres southeast of Stapleton; 131 acres pivot irrigated, 173 acres rangeland. Peaceful rural setting for home, upland game hunting.

**Cherry County Rangeland** - 1,360 acres Sandhills rangeland 18 north of Thedford. Cross-fenced into 2 pastures with 3 watering sites.

**North Platte 308/534-9240**

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## McPherson County Real Estate Owners

January 1st is the assessment date for all Real Estate. Please report any NEW buildings, ADDITIONS to current buildings, including ANY CEMENT FLOORS added to buildings, or the REMOVAL OF ANY STRUCTURES on your real estate during the 2017 year, to the McPherson County Clerk.

An Improvement Information Statement MUST be filed with the McPherson County Clerk for ALL new structures or improvements to existing structures PRIOR to the beginning of the project. This may be done at the time of obtaining a building permit, for those residential structures requiring a Building Permit.

Landowners will also need to report any land use changes which were made after January 1, 2017. This would include grassland converted to dryland or irrigated, or the conversion of any cropland back to grass.

This information is vital in helping maintain updated real estate records.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
McPherson County Clerk  
Judy M. Dailey

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