



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2010**  
Local students that were named to the Dean's List at Chadron State College were: Kate Seifer, Jordan Lovitt, Ryan Mumm and Roka Streiff.

Brigitte Ascherl was named to the UNK Dean's List.

Boone and Nadene Huffman of Chadron were the parents of a son, Brody Coyote Huffman, born December 16.

Lena "Fay" Connell, 99, of Stapleton, passed away February 5, 2010.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2000**  
Several more MCHS students were pictured with projects competed in their shop class. Todd Black designed and built a mantle clock; Jake Christopher made two table lamps and an advent calendar; and Jared Arensdorf made a lamp he turned on the lathe and a clock.

Several relatives of Phyllis Priest gathered at Aunt Bea's Cafe in Tryon February 4, to help her celebrate her birthday.

The McPherson County Longhorns picked up a big win at home February 4, over Cody. The final score was 68-66. Kyle Correll hit the winning shot with two seconds to go, and led the team in scoring with 21 points. Others adding to the score were Wyatt Arensdorf, Joe Cochran, Tyler Abel, Dru Melvin, Chad McNutt, Eric Mumm, Corey Neal and Jared Arensdorf.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 1990**  
Come Double Club met Saturday night with 34 in attendance. Get-well cards were signed for Bob Stevenson, Dan Albrecht and Ted Daigger, Sr. Having high scores in the card games were Tom Kemp and Audrey McClintock. Low scores went to Billy Haney and Jean Shimmin.

Committees appointed at the February 1st meeting of the Tryon Rebekah Lodge by Noble Grand Jean Doyle were Lottie Herbaugh to be on the visiting committee for Stapleton and Helen Waits on the visiting committee for Tryon. Maxine Neal and Jean Doyle will be on

the kitchen committee. Leo and Judy Dailey traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota Thursday where they attended the Stock Show. They called on Earl and Ila Dailey and Dorothy Dailey at Arnold as they returned to their home in Tryon Saturday evening.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 1980**  
Deb Waits and Hannah Doyle of Tryon will be two of 600 students from 36 schools auditioning for places in the 80 voice choir and 80 piece band at the High Plains Music Festival at Chadron. Deb will be in the clarinet section and Hannah will be first alto in the choir.

Archie and Cleo Neal learned Saturday of a new great-granddaughter, Toni Lynn Kemp, born on their birthdays and wedding anniversary, February 2. The parents are Jim and Rochelle Kemp.

The MCHS boys at Tryon gave the tall Tigers of Maywood a fight before falling 53-43 Monday in the boys Great Plains basketball tournament at North Platte. Greg Daigger of Tryon was the only scorer for the Longhorns in double figures with 19 points.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 1970**  
The issue to add Junior High to McPherson County High School failed by a close margin with 220 voters turning out to cast their ballots Monday evening.

Roger Evans has enrolled in the ninth grade. He has moved with his parents to a home in this district. He attended the Adams Junior High School in North Platte during the first semester. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal and Roger visited Donna Neal, Gertie Daigger and Pearl Elrod all in the Pioneer Hospital in Mullen. Mrs. Daigger had the misfortune of falling Saturday afternoon and breaking a bone in her ankle. The doctor could not cast her leg until Tuesday due to the swelling.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 1960**  
Lorna Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval

Miller of Ringgold, received the David 4-H Award from Chester Hawley, County Agent. McPherson County Judge Frank Cotton, passed away in a North Platte hospital Saturday morning, February 6 of a heart attack, at the age of 75 years.

The Tryon Rebekah Lodge has been invited to Gandy Tuesday night, February 16, for a joint meeting with the Gandy and Stapleton Rebekah Lodges.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 1950**  
Mrs. Nate Bassett and Reta came home with Mrs. Annabel Warren from Mullen Tuesday night, going on to North Platte to see Mrs. Bassett's daughter, Mrs. Herschel Moore, who we understand, was to be flown to the Mayo Brothers Clinic for further treatment.

The Helping Hands Club met February 1 with Hazel Trego, with 25 members and several visitors present to enjoy a lovely roast beef dinner.

Mrs. Walter Winters, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Daly, Vera, Arlene, Mona May and Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Priest and Audrey, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett and Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Daly, Mr and Mrs. LaVerne Neal and Davy, and Arthur French all drove to the Hermel Priest home Saturday evening where they surprised Phyllis Priest on her birthday.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 1940**  
Leonard Callendar and his staff of Stapleton came to Tryon Monday evening to install officers at the Tryon I.O.O.F. Lodge. Those installed were F.S. Snyder, Noble Grand; S.W. Warren, Vice Grand and F.G. Herriman, secretary.

The family photo featured in this issue was of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Path and children, Clara and Merle Rose, who live about 12 miles south of Tryon. Clara and Merle are attending school in Tryon this winter, Clara at the high school and Merle in the grade school.

Coach Railsback's basketball team took a close game from the Baker Rural High team by the score of 22 to 17.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 1930**  
S.W. Warren returned home from Seldon, Kansas the last of last week where he has been helping his son, Waldo, with work on the "Seldon Observer."

Misses Mabel and Eva David and Mrs. Jennie Barta were Stapleton callers one day last week. Mabel had dental work done.

Advertisers in this issue included the Tryon State Bank; Punk's Repair Service with O.J. Warren as proprietor; Mathers Chevrolet Co.; S.W. Warren with real estate, farm loans and insurance; the H&H Service station that was advertising Goodyear tires; the Mike David Store at Tryon which had groceries and general supplies; the Platt Mercantile Co., and the Greenslit Lumber Co. at Stapleton.

Art and Ted French moved the old coal house building from the old Courthouse site to the R.L. Herriman residence the first of the week. Mr. Herriman bought the building several years ago, but just moved it from the court house property.

## Smith Announces February Mobile Office Hours

Constituents of Third District Congressman Adrian Smith (R-NE) are invited to meet with a representative of his office at February mobile offices in Sidney, Chappell, Mullen, North Platte, Valentine, Imperial, Tryon, Ogallala, Taylor, Fullerton, Bridgeport, and Brewster.

At mobile offices, Third District residents can meet with one of Smith's staff members who can assist with federal agencies such as the USDA, FEMA, VA, Social Security, Medicare, USCIS, or the IRS, relay concerns about federal issues, or get assistance in taking advantage of the services available through his office.

Smith, who has offices in Grand Island and Scottsbluff, will provide his mobile office and a staff member at the following times and locations:

**Thursday, February 6**

Hooker County Courthouse - Courtroom, 303 NW 1st Street, Mullen, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. MST

**Monday, February 10**

North Platte City Hall - City Council Chambers, 211 West 3rd Street, North Platte, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CST

**Tuesday, February 11**

Cherry County Courthouse - Sheriff's Department Conference Room, 365 North Main Street, Valentine, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CST

Chase County Courthouse, 921 Broadway, Imperial, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MST

McPherson County Courthouse - Courtroom, 500 Anderson Street, Tryon, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST

**Wednesday, February 12**

Keith County Courthouse, 511 North Spruce Street, Ogallala, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. MST

Loup County Courthouse - Courtroom, 408 4th Street, Taylor, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - CST

**Tuesday, February 25**

Nance County Courthouse, 209 Esther Street, Fullerton, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CST

Morrill County Courthouse, 606 L Street, Bridgeport, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. MST

**Wednesday, February 26**

Blaine County Courthouse - Meeting Room, 145 Lincoln Avenue, Brewster, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CST

For additional information, please contact Smith's Grand Island office at (308) 384-3900 or his Scottsbluff office at (308) 633-6333.

## Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

tion overload and shortened attention span. The quality of our listening determines the quality of our influence. People want to be heard and they want to be respected. Listening transmits that kind of respect and builds trust. We tend to confuse empathy with sympathy;

empathy is really being able to understand the emotions and needs of others. It's putting yourself in their shoes.

"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Theodore Roosevelt

Quote: "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

Anonymous

There are times when what you consider an obstacle is actually a tool to help you focus. You never know what's around the corner. It could be nothing or it could be everything even if you don't realize it at the time. Keep putting one foot in front of the other and one day you will realize that you climbed a mountain or crossed a desert and achieved a goal. You will find that your life will be much happier if you stop complaining and worrying about your problems and start being grateful for all the problems you don't have. Just take a moment to look around at all the blessings in your life instead of looking at the obstacles. Choose to be blessed rather than depressed. The little bits of brightness add up to a light that will warm your day.

Ungrateful people complain about the one thing someone hasn't done for them instead of being thankful for the many things that have been done for them. Don't be an ungrateful person. Being kind is more important than being right. People often need a special heart that listens more than they need a brilliant mind that speaks. Empathy and listening go hand in hand. Listening shows you care. You can't show empathy if you don't listen. Good listening skills is fast becoming an endangered species due to informa-

### LITTLE THINGS

Be careful of the little things  
In acts or words or deeds  
For it is those little things  
That often plant a seed.

That seed could be a flower  
With beauty to share  
Or it could be a noxious weed  
With results horrible to bear.

Little things soon mount up  
To form mountains full of dread  
Or cheery, fruitful gardens  
From which many can be fed.

Be mindful of the little things,  
Always pay clear heed  
And multiply the good and true  
And only plant those seeds.

J.R. Trumbull  
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*A sincere thank you to all who sent cards, made phone calls, attended the service, or otherwise joined us in commemorating the 101-year life of Jack Cotton. Our gratitude to the ladies of Tryon for the terrific lunch, and to Mike at Adams & Swanson for his welcomed help and guidance.*  
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