



# McPherson County News

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## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or by imbeciles who really mean it."  
- Mark Twain

As time goes on, you will realize that everyone you meet has a role in your life. Some people will test you, others will use you, some will love you, and all will teach you at some level or another. The truly important ones will bring out the best in you. They are the rare and special people who will show you why it's worth it.

Remember that you come out the true winner every time you find some humor in a difficult situation. People may think that you are slightly cracked but that's okay because even a hard-boiled egg has to be cracked to become part of something good. Hot water (difficult situations) changes things. It will make a potato soft, an egg hard, and it allows coffee to change the water into something different. In each case the finished product has a purpose that is different from what it was when it started. Trials in life can do the same to a person.

Here are some random thoughts to keep in mind.

Never judge anyone by the opinion of others. Don't bring up the past of a person who is trying to change their future. Everyone you meet is fighting their own battle. People are allowed to sometimes be weak or make mistakes. People are allowed to be different. It doesn't make them "weird" or "wrong".

Some of the nicest people may have tattoos and piercings all over their bodies and some of the most judgmental people may be upstanding citizens and go to church every Sunday. Keep your mind open and always stay kind. If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we might set the world in the right direction.

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Is there someone you have wronged today  
In thought or word or deed?  
Someone you passed along the way  
And didn't pause to heed?

Is there something you could have done  
And neglected as your passed?  
Was there an opportunity to help  
But you just said "Alas!"?

Sometimes it's just the little things  
That can brighten one's day,  
A kind word or deed, a smile or two  
Makes a big difference along the way.

Just something to encourage  
Or help to ease the load  
Can make the travel easier  
On life's winding, harsh road.

J.R. Trumbull  
16 May 2010

## McPherson Co Ag Students Compete in MPCC SkillsUSA

McPherson County Ag Education Students competed in the Skills USA contest that was held on January 30. The Mid Plains Community College Career and Technical department hosted the event. Students could compete in drafting, building construction, carpentry, electrical, HVAC, novice welding and competitive welding. Competing in Competitive Welding were Kyon Neal, Caleb Goosey, and Jared Schultis. Each welder had to complete welds using SMAW (stick), GMAW (wire welding), and GTAW (tungsten inert gas) process during the contest. Kyon Neal placed second in this event.



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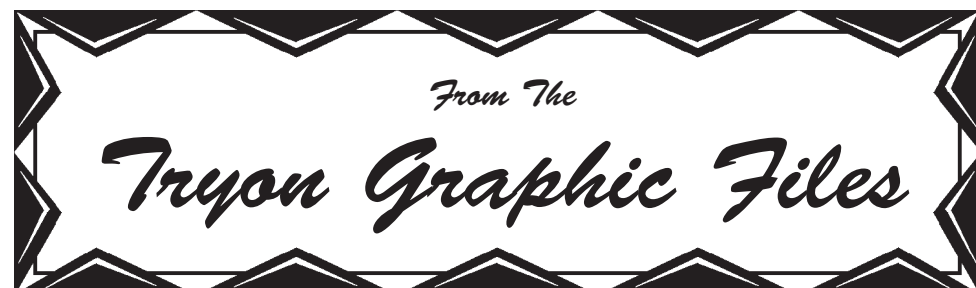
Kyon Neal is pictured competing in the MPCC HVAC contest. Neal took second place in Competitive Welding and third in HVAC.

Kyon Neal, Mason Ward, Jared Schultis and Caleb Goosey also competed in the HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) contest. Each member of the team completed a written test and lab practical. The lab practical included sweating and brazing copper tubing which was then pressure tested for leaks. Kyon Neal placed third, Mason Ward fourth, Jared Schultis 7th and Caleb Goosey 10th. Ty Johnson and Riley

Loughry competed in the electrical contest where they had a written test on electrical blue prints, and tool identification. They also had to complete a practical exercise demonstrating how to wire two lights with a single pole switch and the power source came into the switch. Ty Johnson placed 6th with

Riley Loughry placed 8th in this event.

After the contest, MPCC provided the students and instructors with a meal. During the awards ceremonies the president of the college welcomed the students to their campus and handed out metals to the top three individuals in each contest.



## Obituaries

### Shirley Ann Post (Adamson)

Shirley Ann Post (Adamson), 73, of Chesapeake, VA, passed away Thursday, January 5, 2017.

She was born in Kimball, NE, to the late Loren and Alida Adamson. She was also predeceased by her loving step-father, Hiram Fisher.

Shirley spent part of her teenage years on a ranch, about ten miles from Tryon, NE with her mother and step-father. Shirley graduated from McPherson County High School, class of 1961. She had many fond memories during her teenage years in Tryon. This also allowed her to make frequent trips to visit relatives in Mullen, NE. She then received a RN degree from

Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, MN. She touched many lives as a labor and delivery nurse for over 35 years.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her loving husband of 50 years, Mike Post; children, Robert Post (Judy) and Lisa Post; four grandchildren, Kyle, Emily, John and Aaron; and nephew Chris Galloway.

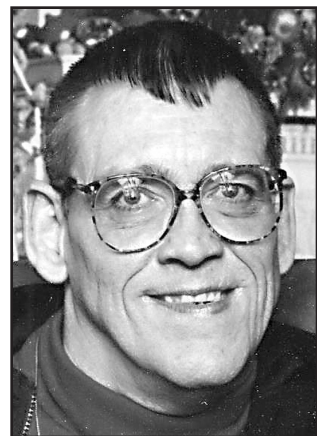
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, Norfolk, VA. Friends are invited to share memories and sign the online guestbook at [www.omanfh.com](http://www.omanfh.com).

Stephen Lee Allen, age 66 of North Platte, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2017 at home with his devoted mother by his side.

Stephen was born on November 11, 1950 in North Platte to Ray William and Ruth Viola (Haney) Allen. Stephen attended school in Thermopolis and Worland, WY. In 1983 when his father retired the family moved back to North Platte to be closer to extended family and friends. He enjoyed making cards, writing letters and working on his computer, but he was never happier than when he was spending time with friends and family. He had a great sense of humor that could light up a room and make everybody laugh.

Steven is survived by his mother Ruth of North Platte; cousins Pam (Kevin) McClary of Benton City, WA and Jeffrey Lambert of FL; Uncle Wilbur of Stapleton; cousins Fred and his daughters Candi and Tammy, Bobby and family, Bruce and his children Mitch and Brenda, Hannah and Jan Doyle; as well

### Stephen Lee Allen



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as many other cousins and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Ray; and his grandparents.

"After the storm, a haven. After the pain, sweet peace. After the days of illness, came a sweet release. His work on earth is ended, "Not lost, but gone before". His Savior gently beckoned, and he entered heaven's door. He was kind and gentle, unselfish to the end. A peerless son and brother, an ever faithful friend. We shall miss him greatly, but may God ease the pain, as we accept the blessed hope and prepare to meet again." By Ernestine Lutes.

Memorials are suggested in his name and online condolences may be shared at [www.adamsswanson.com](http://www.adamsswanson.com). Funeral services were held Monday February 6, 2017 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Daniel Hitch officiating. Burial followed at Miller Cemetery near Tryon. Adams and Swanson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### TEN YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 8, 2007

A nanny goat belonging to Kermit Paxton and being tended by the Dirk Stryker family gave birth to a set of quints on January 16.

at the regular meeting of the Tryon Rebekah Lodge #415 on Thursday, February 1, two sealed bids were opened to determine who would become the owner of the Lodge Building and its contents along with five lots of Block 33 in Tryon. The winning bidder was Shaheen Munson, who along with her husband, plan to open a grocery business in the building.

Talia Miller of Tryon has been named to the McDonald's All American High School Basketball team. Only 2,500 high school basketball players nationwide are named to this list.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 6, 1997

County Government Day was held January 29. Students in attendance were Travis Beck, Tammy Black, Chad Fisher, Amanda Jackson, Justin Moore, Darrin Munson, Sarah Schultheiss, Lana Streiff, Darla Arensdorf, Jeremy Arensdorf, Arlis Blake, John Bryant, Tara Connell, Ryan Correll, Toni Kemp, Rob Mauer, Tyler Neal, Mike Popham, Tim Schmidt and Todd Schroder.

Deb and Terry Olson of Lincoln are the parents of a baby boy, Wyatt Alexander Olson, born January 31.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 9, 1987

Candidates for the Heart Fund Jamboree royalty are Theresa Black, Jean Masters, Becky Schmidt, Jackie Snyder, Rob Anway, Will Coffman, Casey Connell, Craig Neal, Trevor Neal, Clint Pettit and Scott Starr. Casey Connell led the Longhorns with 26 points in a win over Venango. Services for Elizabeth

Shimmin, 69, of North Platte, were held February 2, 1987.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 2, 1967

Wilma A. Neal was appointed acting postmaster of the Ringgold Post Office, December 30, 1966. This was done to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Wilma Mayfield.

Graveside funeral services were held January 27 at Miller Cemetery for Cinda H. Hildenbrand, 94.

Susan Tucker was home from her college work in Kearney during vacation.

#### SIXTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 7, 1957

Word has been received here that Henry Broeder was released from memorial hospital Friday. He has been confined there since the auto accident seven weeks ago.

Wade Robert Zersen was born January 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zersen.

A house warming party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bullington Saturday evening.

A nice group gathered at the home of Mrs. Jim Reynolds Friday to help her celebrate her 84th birthday.

#### SEVENTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 6, 1947

The shower given for Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatch on Tuesday evening was attended by a large crowd. A program led by Mrs. Hunn was given and Ruth Doyle was asked to give a history of her 25 years of married life. She con-

cluded her story by saying Si was in good health and she was still here to tell the story.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Neal are the proud parents of a baby son, born February 5.

#### EIGHTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 11, 1937

Plans are being completed for the greatest rabbit hunt ever scheduled in western Nebraska which will take place in Lincoln county.

Red Mann is driving a new Ford V-8 pickup these days. Red is making plans to move to the eastern part of the county sometime soon.

A few cases of chicken pox are reported in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Seiler will be moving to North Platte, being compelled to leave the farm due to Mr. Seiler's health. They will have a farm sale on February 24th.

Several from this neighborhood attended the farm sale south of Stapleton Tuesday. Sales these day draw big crowds as there seems to be a demand for livestock and of course good farm machinery.

The junior class will be presenting "A Ready-Made Family," a comedy in three acts. In the play are LaVada Tupper, Jim Wilson, Maxine Lancaster, Gladys Hill, Hazel Tupper, Marrion Pinkerton, Louis Hatch, Harold Neal, Ona Dobbins and Willie Masters.

### Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, February 13 - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes and green beans.

Tuesday, February 14 - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and corn.

Wednesday, February 15

- Barbecue sandwich, baked beans and French fries.

Thursday, February 16 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and peas.

Friday, February 17 - Fish sandwich, Au Gratin potatoes and beets.

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