



# McPherson County News

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## From The Tryon Graphic Files

### TEN YEARS AGO MARCH 22, 2007

Tryon Rebekah Lodge members met to wind up their almost 54 years of meetings.

Dillon Daigger, an eighth grade student in McPherson County, is a state semifinalist for the Nebraska Geographic Bee.

McPherson County Track members were: Meka Melvin, Tasha Miller, Jalyn Starr, Margo McNutt, Nicole Fiechtner, Kate Seifer, Amanda Morgan, Ben Cochran, Chris Burch, Matt Fiechtner, Eric Trumbull, Jake Sowers, Joe Christopher and Dave Christopher.

Bret Daly was this week's Senior Spotlight.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO MARCH 27, 1997

The McPherson County High School Speech team placed second at the district contest. Members were: Darla Arensdorf, Sarah Schultheiss, Jeremy Arensdorf, Erin Connell, Ryan Correll, Lana Streiff, Kyle Correll, Tim Schmidt, Travis Beck, Justin Moore, Lacy Abel, Tara Connell, Arlis Blake and Tyler Neal.

Kari Daly qualified to compete in the Geography Bee in Omaha.

Amanda Jackson was this week's Senior Spotlight.

MCHS topped the Division IV in the Mid-Plains Inter-High Contest held at North Platte. Placing for Tryon were: Arlis Blake, Lana Streiff, Dan Schmidt, Ryan Correll, Matt Burch, Brandon Blake, Tim Schmidt, Tyler Neal and Luke Connell.

Death: Louelva Priest Hatch, Tryon, March 20.

MCHS Honor Roll students were: Justin Moore, Sarah Schultheiss, Lana Streiff, Jeremy Arensdorf, Ryan Correll, Luke Connell, Ty Melvin, Charlie Paxton, Lacy Abel, Kyle Correll, Renee Munson, Dan Schmidt and Lana Streiff.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO MARCH 26, 1987

Arlan Paxton was the

senior spotlight this week.

Death: Joseph Peter Lutes, March 24, 1987.

Eleven dozen eggs were dyed by members of the MYF group at the home of Mrs. Bob Heurman last Wednesday for the Easter egg hunt on Sunday.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 23, 1967

Gary Connell was the only student from MCHS who medaled at the Inter-High School Scholastic Contest held in Kearney. He placed third in General Science.

Since the new appointments of the Fair Board, the McPherson County Fair Board now consists of John L. Neal, Lois Correll, Marvin Munson, Leo Cash, Mabel Ellis, Hazel Haase, Max Rothwell, Donna Daly and Merlin Pettit.

Elzie Hatch purchased a 1962 Rambler in Mullen last week and drove it home.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO MARCH 28, 1957

Sunday, March 24, the day the snow storm was at its best, Von Hunn, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunn was taken seriously ill with an infected throat.

With the help of the neighbors, their tractors, jeeps and shovels, Dave McClintock and Paul Hunn, managed to get the boy to a doctor and a North Platte hospital where he received medical treatment.

One of Ted Daigger's sheep strayed to the Dewey Gragg ranch during the storm.

Carrie Jaye Wickham was born March 25 to A2C and Mrs. James Wickham.

Deaths: Mrs. Minnie Wisner Calhoun, 88, died March 24. She came to McPherson County in 1890, where she homesteaded north of Tryon; Dave Chessmore, passed away March 15. He ranched on a ranch at Dry Lake until 1940.

### SEVENTY YEARS AGO MARCH 27, 1947

Mr. M.R. Heldenbrand

who has been custodian at the county courthouse resigned his position last week and will go to Sacramento, California some time in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren of North Platte are the happy parents of a daughter born March 21.

Deaths: A.M. Wright, Maywood, March 25.

### EIGHTY YEARS AGO MARCH 25, 1937

John Newberry a prominent and well-to-do rancher of the south part of the county died Tuesday of an accidental gun shot wound while hunting rabbits near his home. For several years he served as a member of the county high school board of regents. He was a successful business manager and owned and operated a large ranch-farm. He was a director of the Tryon State Bank and has been a stock holder for many years.

Work will be started on the street north of the Tryon Bank some time soon. The street will be graded, and everyone hopes, will be surfaced.

Bob Mills and family have moved to Mullen.

### NINETY YEARS AGO MARCH 24, 1927

A small crowd of progressive citizens from all parts of the county met at the courthouse last Friday afternoon and with the aid given by six members of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce organized the McPherson County Commercial Club. Elected as officers are Treasurer, F.S. Snyder; Directors, Dan Platte, N.E. Trego, Geo. Bush, L.A. Worden, F.A. Bender, Donald Stack, Geo. VanMeter, Bird Huffman, A.G. Waits, Tom Neal, John Power and Harry Trumbull. The Directors will elect officers this Saturday afternoon.

Ira Cumpston is having the plumbing put in his new house this week.

S.W. Warren drove out a new Ford truck from North Platte Friday.

discusses conversations with potential lenders. Kemp motions to obtain a tax anticipation note for up to \$600,000 with a maximum interest rate of up to 3.5% and a maximum cost to the district of up to \$18,000. Powers seconds. Discussion. Kemp AYE, Powers AYE, Coffman AYE, Watson AYE, Schultis AYE, and Neal AYE. Motion passed.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

Kemp motions to adjourn special meeting. Powers seconds. All AYE. None NAY. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Lana Watson, Secretary, McPherson County Board of Education Publish: March 23, 2017

Stapleton AD and meet with Stapleton AD prior to Stapleton's next scheduled school board meeting.

### III. ACTION ITEM

Discuss and take appropriate action on the discontinuation of livestreaming at board meetings. Kemp motions to discontinue routine livestreaming of board meetings, but livestreaming may be implemented at board meetings at the board's discretion. Watson seconds. Discussion. Kemp AYE, Watson AYE, Coffman AYE, Powers NAY, Schultis AYE, & Neal AYE. Motion passed.

Approve obtaining a line of credit for up to \$600,000. Supt. Miller presents general fund and

## Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

- Monday, March 27 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with tomato macaroni soup
- Monday, April 3 - Grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes and carrots
- Tuesday, March 28 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and corn
- Tuesday, April 4 - Steak-fingers, mashed potatoes and corn
- Wednesday, March 29 - Veal parmesan with spaghetti and green beans
- Wednesday, April 5 - Meatloaf, baked potatoes and peas
- Thursday, March 30 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and peas
- Friday, March 31 -

## Kitchen Cupboard Management

Spring is the perfect time to check foods stored in kitchen cupboards to see if they are still fresh or need to be tossed. Read on for tips to help decide whether to toss or save some common kitchen cupboard foods.

**Give Spices and Herbs the "Sniff" Test:** To see if a ground spice is potent, smell it. If its aroma is immediate, strong and spicy, it should still add flavor to foods. For a whole spice, such as a clove or cinnamon stick, break, crush or scrape the spice before smelling it. Do not smell pepper or chili powder as they can irritate the nose. For herbs, crush a small amount and smell it. If the aroma is still fresh and pleasant, it can still flavor foods. If there is no

smell or has an off smell, toss it.

**Baking Powder Freshness Test:** Mix 1 teaspoon baking powder with 1/3 cup hot water. If it foams vigorously, it still has rising power.

**Baking Soda Test for Freshness:** Place 1-1/2 teaspoons in a small bowl. Add 1 tablespoon vinegar. If it fizzes, then it will still help leaven a food. If it doesn't fizz, use it as an odor catcher in the refrigerator.

Now that food has been sorted or tossed, here are a few tips to take control of storing foods in the cupboard:

- If portions of expired foods are tossed, buy a smaller container next time.
- Keep a permanent

marker pen in the kitchen and put the date - month and year - the food was purchased on the food container.

• Practice "first in, first out" for foods. If several containers of the same type of food are purchased, arrange the containers so the oldest package is used first.

To learn more about food storage, ask for the handout "Cleaning the Kitchen Cupboard:

Toss or Save?" at your local Nebraska Extension Office or available on the Internet at <http://food.unl.edu/documents/CleaningCupboard.pdf>.

Source: Brenda Aufdenkamp, Nebraska Extension in Lincoln, Logan, McPherson Counties.



## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!" - Sitting Bull

Schools around the area have been having spring break at different times during the past few weeks. We had a bit different spring break here at the Trumbull Home-

stead. One great-niece was to come up to visit but that didn't work out so I asked if Mom could come since I felt she needed a break. Much to our surprise, my nephew agreed and Molly came to spend March 9-12 at the ranch. We had a good time and she got a much needed break from routine. It's a good thing she likes cats because all but one at least let her see them and over half of

them were friendly. I can't really say that she got a vacation because she did work at getting my place cleaned up. She got to meet a lot of people that she either knew from Facebook or had heard us talk about. Think about it, it doesn't hurt to give Mom a break once in a while.

The poem this week sort of fits the topic of getting a break although in this case I am talking about the cat-brats. They didn't bother me nearly as much since they had someone else to investigate. This was written when I was up in Wyoming so I actually had cats there, in

Chadron, and here at the ranch. It's nice to have them all in one place but they can get a bit bossy at times.

Spring is getting closer. I hear the Cardinals every day but today the male was really singing. Other spring birds are beginning to appear too. It seems like the bird feeders need refilled every other day. I tell the cats that they are well enough fed that they can leave the birds alone but they don't listen too well. Every once in a while I find a victim but for the most part the birds are keeping a close eye on the cats.

### TIME AWAY

I used to wonder why parents said  
That a night away from the kids was grand!  
But, I've hit a startling stage in life  
And I'm beginning to understand!

No, it's not children or even a mate  
That makes a motel room seem a joy.  
It's a night or two away from my loving cats  
The purring alarm creatures that annoy!

I do love those furry beings  
But time away is sometime needed  
If sanity I am to retain  
Least my humor comes unseated!

I've threatened them as future rugs!  
They look at me in scorn!  
Somehow they do not fear my threats-  
I've been THEIR servant since they were born!

A morning without constant purrs  
Or worse, a shrill meowal  
Allows me to return to them  
Without throwing in the towel!

Most times they are such company,  
Amusement on four paws,  
But other times they try themselves  
And I seldom know the cause.

I've learned to limit numbers.  
Thirteen was then too many!  
Even three each in two homes  
Can cost a pretty penny.

Oh well, no matter which home I go,  
There's always a cat to greet -  
"Now clean my litter box, water me,  
And give me food to eat!"

Cats don't have owners,  
They have servants well trained  
So you can see why sometimes  
The relationship is strained!

But, given my experiences,  
I still will take my cats!  
They're easier to deal with than most men.  
I'm just stating the bare facts!

Some time away and some rest  
Then home again I travel.  
They seem glad to see me back again  
And once waited on, tensions do unravel!

J.R. Trumbull  
6 April 2007



### Card of Thanks

I would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to all my very kind and generous friends and neighbors for all your support before and after my illness. The cards, phone calls, thoughts, prayers and monetary donations were all very thoughtful.

Thanks for the auction to help with medical bills, everyone who arranged and to everyone who managed it, the donors, the bidders, the auctioneer, everyone who set up tables and chairs, everyone who donated food, the great chefs who created the excellent supper, the dish washers and everyone who helped clean up, the Credit Union for setting up a special account where all your generosity is deposited and will go a long way on paying my medical bills. You have proven once again what I have always said, How very lucky I am to live and work in a place like this where you can call everyone friend and everyone is always ready and willing to help out a neighbor.

Thanks again for everything everybody has done for me.

May God bless you all,  
Nick Musser

## School Board Proceedings

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

McPherson County High School Commons I. CALL TO ORDER FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call at 7:07 pm. Present: President Trent Neal, Vice-President Rusty Kemp, Secretary Lana Watson, Treasurer Will Coffman, Member Toni Powers, and Member Christena Schultis. No absences. Superintendent Miller present.

Notification of Open Meetings Law Posted.

Legal Notice of Meeting Verification posted March 13 and March 15, 2017.

Recognition of Recording. Visitors deny recording. No active livestreaming.

Watson motions to approve agenda. Coffman seconds. All AYE. None NAY. Agenda approved.

### II. DISCUSSION ITEM

Cooperative Sports Agreement with Stapleton: Board reviews co-operative proposal submitted by Athletic Director Florea. Discussion. Board asks AD Florea to send the submitted co-operative proposal to the