



# McPherson County News

~ Established 1889 ~

*Incorporating The Tryon Graphic*

## Graphic Files

*From The Tryon Graphic Archives*

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 9, 2009**  
After serving as the voice and legal newspaper of McPherson County for 120 years, *The Tryon Graphic* would merge with *The Stapleton Enterprise*, effective April 16, 2009. The paper was founded in 1889 as the *McPherson County News*. The name was later changed to *The Tryon Graphic* and it was the oldest business in McPherson County still in operation. Tryon was the smallest town in the state of Nebraska to still have a legal newspaper.

Allison Kramer, fifth grade student at Daly Elementary, received a letter telling her that her poster entered in the Nebraska Department of Agriculture - Agriculture Week in Nebraska poster contest would hang in Senator Deb Fischer's office in the State Capitol at Lincoln.

Deaths: Donald Robert "Dutch" Pearson died at his home at Mullen.

Randi Munson was inducted into North Platte Community College's Alpha Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 8, 1999**  
Girl's track team members were Rawnie Munson, Megan McNutt, Hannah Clinebell, Micki McNutt, Rebekah Gale, and Lynn Streiff. Jennifer Moore and Jennifer Keller coached them.

Gina Rae Fisher and Rebekah Gale were featured in this week's senior spotlight.

Tyler Neal was a member on the men's track roster at Dana College at Blair.

The McPherson County boys competed in the 13-team Sutherland Booster Club meet and finished fifth. Chad McNutt and Luke Connell placed first and second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:01.56 and 5:01.57. The 3200-meter runners placed first, second and third for the second meet in a row. Wayne McNutt was first with 11:05; Luke Connell, second in 11:07; and Levi Arensdorf, third in 11:22.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 13, 1989**

Four-H'ers participating in the County 4-H Speech contest were pictured. They were Melissa Fisher and Lori Gregg in the senior division; Darla Arensdorf, Amy Stickney and Dawna Arensdorf in the junior division; Angie Stickney and John Gregg in the intermediate division; and Jeremy Arensdorf, Tara Connell and Ty Melvin in the novice division.

Cast members in the junior class play, "Me and My Shadow," were Shawn Bellew, Tylene Black, Ellen Gosnell, Bridget Long, Sophia Masters, Mindy Neal, and Brad Whited. Two freshmen were included, Brett Gosnell and Billy Munson.

Kirk Neal and Barbie Jviden were being honored with a shower.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 12, 1979**

The Tryon boys track team placed second at the Lewellen meet with 84 points. Greg Daigger won the two-mile and mile events; Rod Sowders won the 440 yard dash; and Steve Miller won the 880.

The girls track team placed fifth at Lewellen with Gaylene Kemp winning the mile in 6:47.4.

Others placing were Deb Waits, Dee Arensdorf, Marsha Bullington, Betty Bryant, Hannah Doyle, Lesa Johnson, Kim Arensdorf, Jill Snyder, Kim Arensdorf, Teri Watkins, and Kerry Kramer.

Rocky and Pat Nicholson would sing and give a puppet show at the closing program of the west Joy Club.

Gail Rothwell was promoted to airman first class in the U.S. Airforce.

Crystal Pettit, sixth grader at District 26, won the McPherson County Spelling Bee and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pettit took her to Omaha where she participated in the World Herald's annual spelling contest.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 10, 1969**

Mrs. Audrey Bierma and Mrs. Irene Kemp took the high school adult living class and their teacher, Mrs. Gillette, to North Platte where they visited some mobile homes, which they found quite interesting.

Kenneth Kemp and Rocky Nicholson helped with the work at the Kahoe ranch during their vacation from high school.

Gifford Leu was involved in a one-car accident when his car went out of control and rolled over north of Ogallala. He was thrown some dis-

tance from the car and was transferred to St. Joseph Hospital in Denver where he would be in traction for some time.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 9, 1959**

Vonna Ilene Power and Walter Arthur Daly were planning a June 5 wedding. Miss Power was teaching at School District No. 7 in McPherson County, and Mr. Daly was engaged in ranching with his father.

The Dismal River 4-H Club held their organizational meeting at the Kermit Paxton home. Joining the club were Lora Connell, Anna Mae Paxton, Joan Paxton, Mike Connell, Colleen Paxton, and Wilma Connell.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 7, 1949**

A blizzard, which was almost equal to the January severe storms, moved into this area again and continued to pile up snow all day Wednesday. Schools in the Thune area had an enforced vacation due to blizzard conditions. The mail came by plane again. Carrier, Walt Lawyer, does not believe in missing taking the mail for which the residents were all really pleased.

Dicky Schmidt spent last weekend in Tryon as roads were drifted full.

Here is hoping this was the last blizzard of the season. We have had over 75 inches of snow up to date. 1949 will be long remembered.

New Arrivals: A baby girl was born April 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Traphagan; a baby girl, Mary Ellen, born April 4, to Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith; and a baby boy, Leslie Parker, born April 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Barron McIntosh.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 13, 1939**

Floyd James has moved a small building into Tryon from the Steve Clifford place and would remodel it into a home. The building had been placed on lots in the east part of town.

Mrs. Esther Black bought the Mahaney property at the Administrator's Sale, Tuesday afternoon. The property was sold to settle the estate of the late Joseph Mahaney. Harry Lamb purchased the rangeland. Before the sales are final the District Judge must approve them.

Miles Snyder drove a new Farmall tractor up from North Platte. Tractors are proving more and more popular on farms and ranches.

A large crowd gathered at the Harry Lancaster home to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neal who were married April 8.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 11, 1929**

The McPherson County teachers were planning a picnic at Shicks Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hill Jr. and children were leaving for a visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state and would be gone two weeks. Aubrey Warren would help with the work at the bank while Cliff was away.

The following article was published entitled, "Blessed Are They."

"Blessed are the merchants who advertise because they believe in it and in their businesses, for their prosperity shall increase many fold.

Blessed are they who get their copy in early; for they shall occupy a warm place in the editor's heart.

## Ladies Spring Tea Planned

Plans are coming together for the annual ladies tea at Hall Church.

This year's speaker is Becky Wolfenden who hails from north of Mullen, where she shares life on the ranch with her husband, Cyrus, and their children.

She leads a busy life doing the usual cooking, baking and activities on a ranch and raising a family.

She plays the piano and sings in her local church and does other activities when called upon. Her cheerful personality and insight into God's Word will bless you as she shares with us on Monday, April 22. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a delicious salad luncheon and shared fellowship in the church basement.

An inspirational meeting will immediately follow. All ladies near and far are invited to come and share this fun evening with us. The Hall Church is located 11 miles north of Ringgold.

## Munson & Crew assist with flood clean-up



COURTESY PHOTO

Misti Munson and her Nebraska volunteer work crew from the Minneapolis area of Minnesota are pictured above. They are Austin, on the right, and his buddy, Max, on the left. These two have been complimented on their great steer-loader operations while helping unload several trailers of fence materials, feed, and milk replacement. They have been helping in the flood damaged areas of Nebraska.

Misti is the daughter of Darrel Munson of Ogallala and Ringgold, and Nancy Munson of North Platte.

## Schultis receives CSC Scholarship

Chadron State College is pleased to announce that Aubrey Schultis of Tryon, is the recipient of the Board of Trustees Scholarship, Leadership Room Waiver, Jose and Rosy Morell Endowed Scholarship, and Earl and Tillie Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship for the Fall 2019 semester. Schultis is studying Health Sciences at CSC.

Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the only four-year,



regionally-accredited college in the western half of

Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability. Nearly 3,000 undergraduate, graduate and online students currently attend Chadron State and its curriculum has grown to offer programs and courses in more than 50 majors and endorsements and eight master's degree programs.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



worth it. I recently read that if you think about 3 positive/joyous things that have happened every day for 21 days, you will revitalize your mind. The important thing is to stop hating yourself for everything you aren't and start loving yourself for everything positive that you are! Seeing the snow melt has been a positive thing for sure. The mud is sometimes not so positive but we have it far better than others in our state and adjoining states. Spring flowers and green grass will bring joy! If the

weather lore is correct, 90-100 days from a fog is supposed to be wet. We should have a wet summer if that's the case!

Be too blessed to be stressed and too grateful to be hateful. When life gets you down you need to smile a little bigger, laugh a little louder, give a little more, forgive a little quicker, love a little deeper, and go through life a little slower.

"Sometimes you don't feel the weight of something you have been carrying until you feel the weight of its release."

Positive Energy

### WEATHER

We talk about the weather,  
Be it rain or be it dry.  
We talk about the weather  
And we wonder why  
Is it so dry one year  
And then so wet the next?  
Are we blessed beyond belief  
Or suffering from a hex?  
So, we talk about the weather  
No matter where we go  
And call back home to ask  
"Has it rained?" or "Is it 20 below?"

J.R. Trumbull  
13 June 2010

**NORTH PLATTE**

**STOCKYARDS<sub>LLC</sub>**

**April Sale Schedule**

**Tuesday, April 16**  
**Calf Special**  
*Weigh-Ups start selling @ 9:00 a.m. CT*  
*Calf Sale starts @ 1:00 p.m. CT*

**Tuesday, April 23**  
**Pair Special**  
*Weigh-Ups start selling @ 9:00 a.m. CT*  
*Pair Sale starts @ 1:00 p.m. CT*

**Tuesday, April 30**  
**All Class Of Cattle & Monthly Horse Sale**  
*Weigh-Ups start selling @ 9:00 a.m. CT*  
*Afternoon @ 1:00 p.m. CT; Horse Sale @ 6:00 p.m.*

**Horse Sale Last Tuesday of the Month**

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