



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 24, 2008**

The 10th year anniversary of Earth Day in Tryon was observed at McPherson County High School on April 22, 2008. The program began in the community in 1998 and was initiated by Dennis Krominga, superintendent of MCHS at the time. Tasha Miller won the 3200 meter run at the Wallace track meet. MCHS returned home with five superior ratings from district music contest at Grant. Kate Seifer and Ashley Bessmer had 1's on their vocal solos. The vocal boys octet of Duell Arensdorf, Ben Cochran, Dillon Daigger, Tyrel Fischer, Petar Pavlovic, Gabe Ryland, Jake Sowders and Eric Trumbull also received a I.

Ashley Bessmer received a second place award on her pencil drawing of a colt and second on her watercolor painting of a purple flower at the Mullen Art Show.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 30, 1998**

Jacque Trumbull was one of two board of directors elected at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Singles in Agriculture held in Columbus.

The MCHS boys track team competed at the Wallace Invitational. Wayne McNutt broke the 1600 meter meet record with a Class D state leading time of 4:40. Luke Connell won the 3200 meter race in 10:36.2. McPherson County High School's junior-senior prom went under the theme, "Twisted Over You." Gina Fisher, a junior, introduced Sgt. McKee, who spoke at the dinner.

This week's senior spotlight featured Todd Schroder.

New Arrivals: James (J.C.) and Stacey Calhoun were the parents of twin daughters, Kelsey Jae and Cassie Reed, born April 4; Kyra Mackenzie Platzek arrived April 2 and her parents were Paula and Lowell Platzek.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 21, 1988**

Memorial wreaths for deceased veterans and Auxiliary members were made when the American Legion Auxiliary members met in the Eva Correll home with 11 present.

Amy Jo Ladely and Charles Bellew were married March 27 at Lake-wood, Colorado.

William Coffman was featured in this week's senior spotlight.

An all-day meeting of Tryon Rebekah Lodge No. 415 would be held to prepare for initiation of new members on April 28. Members working on the committee were Jack Cotton, Audrey French, Hazel Haase and Maxine and Geneva Neal.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 27, 1978**

The engagement of Cheri K. Secor and Timothy E. Bauer was announced. An August wedding was planned.

Justy Hill and Jim Gragg would wed June 16.

Deb Waits received a I rating on her clarinet solo at the state music contest.

The McPherson County High School rodeo team would start out the season at Rushville, Gordon and Broken Bow. Team members were Tom Arensdorf, Bart Daly, Gordon Connell, Jill Snyder, Evonnda Sharp, Kim Arensdorf, Lesa Johnson and LaRae Daly.

The Ringgold Sunshine club of Tryon was awarded a community pride grant from the Ak-Sar-Ben Agricultural Youth Foundation for community improvement activities.

New Arrivals: Ronald and Katherine Stoddard were the parents of a boy, Nathan Lee, born April 19.

Johnson Feed Store of Tryon would host a spring open house and appreciation day in May.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 25, 1968**

Vera Gragg attended the Business and Professional Women's State Convention in North Platte.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trumbull were the parents of a baby boy, Kent Ray, on April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen, former McPherson County residents, were pictured in this issue and were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Construction of 4 new transmitter towers and a transmitter building for radio station KRVN would begin within a few weeks.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 24, 1958**

Mrs. Jim O'Brian, 64, Mullen resident, was one of the 49 persons killed in a plane crash in the Nevada Desert.

The Ringgold Store continued to show more of the features of a big super market when a new cooler and vegetable counter was installed.

The Junior Electricians Club met with Harold Neal for their third meeting. Ronnie Daly was president, Tommy Ellis, vice president, and Roger Neal, news reporter.

Chester Paxton was running for Legislature in the 39th district.

Custer Public Power District was hosting an open house and staging a beauty contest. The winner would receive an all expense paid trip to the state contest.

A pink and blue shower for Mrs. Jim Croghan, would be held at the Ladies Club rooms on Sunday afternoon.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 22, 1948**

Donnie Moore had an emergency appendix operation at St. Mary's Hospital.

Jim Fattig was plowing gardens in Ringgold.

High school commencement would be held Thursday evening, May 13 and baccalaureate on Sunday, May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Neal, John and Wilma, entertained a good number of guests in celebration of seven birthdays that day.

Dan Connell and son, Mike, drove to Stapleton and brought home 300 chicks for Fay and Doris.

Hermel Priest had been painting the house and doing other work for his father. Phyllis and baby spent the day in the Priest

home. Carl P. Jeffords was thanking the voters of McPherson County for their support in the primary for state senate.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 28, 1938**

While many communities received beneficial rains Sunday, this county was lashed by one of the most severe straight winds ever to sweep the country with extensive damage in the Ringgold community. There was no rain here, but after a strong southern wind the storm formed late in the evening and the severe wind struck a little after 9:00. Dozens of small buildings were wrecked and many other buildings damaged. On the ranch occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith all the buildings save the house were destroyed. Such a straight wind was unexplainable.

A.C. Hill Jr. would begin work in the offices of the North Platte Production Credit Association. Mr. Hill was cashier of the Tryon State Bank up until the time of its closing.

Steve Clifford made his filing for the Republican nomination for county treasurer.

The Brown Studio picture of the week was of Jimmie Snyder, 5-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Snyder of the Lilac community. The caption read he wasn't quite old enough to "fork" a horse, but it was expected he would become the "top hand" on the Snyder Ranch.

Unconfirmed reports here stated two small girls were killed and several children injured when a tornado struck a rural schoolhouse four miles from Oshkosh Tuesday.

Positive identification of the skeleton of a man unearthed on a farm four miles southeast of Bignell last week was that of John Hunter, missing for nearly seven years. The find led authorities to arrest Harold Lozier and wife of California and they would be returned to Nebraska and charged with the murder. The case was arousing much interest in McPherson County as Hunter was very well known here, having been a resident of the county before going to Lincoln county.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 26, 1928**

John Hunter, who was arrested last week on the charge of manufacturing intoxicating liquor was arraigned in the County Court and the case was bound over to District Court. Hunter furnished a thousand dollar bond and was released.

Dr. Walker of Mullen was called to Elmer Hammond's home and they were quarantined for scarlet fever.

Ray Sweigart was employed at the White Water Ranch.

## Card of Thanks

Thank you to whomever shoveled my walk after the weekend snow storms. A big thank you!  
*Joy Crow*

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Be an encourager. The world has enough critics already."

Unknown

There are times when it is very difficult to not be discouraged. When it seems like everything is going wrong and things just aren't coming together like they should, it is hard to be encouraged. That's when it means so much when someone gives you a compliment or says something encouraging. You never know when a kind word or deed may make all the difference in the world to another person.

There are times in your life when no matter what you do for some people, it will never be good enough. The question is, is that your problem or theirs? Never assume that a loud person is strong and a quiet person is weak. Bluster and brashness often cover a weak sense of self while the quiet person knows who they are and doesn't need to boast.

As I write this on April 17, I need to comment that I have been told I

can't go to Wyoming in April again because it usually snows down here when I do. I have been snowed out of Nebraska the past 2 years. It wouldn't have been so bad if the snow had laid in an even

blanket but some of these drifts are outrageous! "You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending."

Unknown

### PERSPECTIVE

Winning may mean losing,  
Losing can mean gain.  
It's all in how you look at things  
When dealing with life's game.

If you have a solid foundation  
And you deal with what is true,  
Even when others try to cheat,  
The Lord will see you through.

If you stand up for what is right  
And do not waver in your stand,  
You don't have to sneak or tell lies,  
You can hold your head up to any man.

My dad was a steward of the land  
Which bears testimony to that care  
For without his training and legacy  
It could be hurt beyond repair.

People who really know the hills  
Can see that solid base  
And their word is worth a lot  
No matter what the case.

Believing without knowing facts  
Is not worthy of the cause  
So take some time and think it through,  
It doesn't hurt to pause.

The truth will always bear you out  
No matter what others say  
For you can stand before the Great Judge  
In honesty on Judgment Day.

J.R. Trumbull 24 December 2005

## School Board Proceedings

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
April 12, 2018 at 8:21 PM

McPherson County High School Commons  
I. CALL TO ORDER for Regular Board Meeting at 8:21 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present: President Trent Neal, Vice-President Rusty Kemp, Secretary Lana Watson, & Treasurer Toni Powers. Superintendent Jepsen and Principal Brownfield present.

Absences: Member Christena Schultis and Member Will Coffman absent. Powers moves to excuse Member Christena Schultis and Member Will Coffman from the meeting. Watson seconds. Powers AYE, Watson AYE, Kemp NAY, and Neal AYE. Schultis & Coffman excused.

Open Meetings Law Posted.

Recognition of Recording: All present deny recording.  
Verification of Posting of Legal Notice of Meeting on 4/9/2018.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:  
Approval of Agenda: Kemp moves to approve agenda. Powers seconds. Neal reads the "Consent Agenda Conflict of Interest Statement" outlining any declaration of potential conflict of interest.

This statement recognizes that a potential conflict of interest exists when board members vote on their own reimbursements, and affected board members declare that their vote on the consent agenda excludes a vote on

their own respective reimbursement claims as noted. Conflict form signed by board members with potential conflict of interest. Kemp AYE, Powers AYE, Watson AYE, & Neal AYE. None NAY. Agenda approved.

Minutes of Previous Meeting reviewed.  
Claims Payable reviewed.  
Financial Reports reviewed.  
Monthly budget of expenditures.

Monthly budget of receipts.  
Fund balances.  
Kemp moves to move Discussion Item Number 1 "ESU 16 - Deb Paulman" ahead of Recognition of Visitors. Powers seconds.

Discussion. Kemp AYE, Powers AYE, Watson AYE, and Neal AYE. None NAY. Motion approved.  
ESU 16 - Deb Paulman: Paulman presents informational packet to promote awareness of the resources and services provided by Educational Service Unit 16, which covers a nine county area in Nebraska including McPherson County. ESU 16 currently provides Special Education Services to McPherson County Schools and Network Operations including staff development, distance learning, and educational technology support services.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:  
Public comment declined by public.

IV. COMMITTEE RE-

PORTS:  
Schultis arrives to meeting and takes her place.

Housing/Facilities/Transportation - Neal, Coffman: Neal: Propane is filled.

Negotiations/Finance - Kemp, Schultis: Nothing to Report.

Americanism/Multiculturalism/Curriculum/Policy - Powers, Watson, & Coffman: Powers; Waiting to start approved KSB School Law policy program.

Marketing Committee - Kemp, Watson: Kemp discusses using social media and online communication to promote school. Currently Ms. Florea and Ms. Connell are assigned to update the Facebook and website sites for the school.

Sports Coop Committee - Neal, Powers, & Kemp: Sports Co-op Meeting with Stapleton on 4/11/18. Cooperative sports agreement desired by McPherson County including two-way collaboration with practices and games at both schools to provide all students an opportunity to celebrate school pride and team spirit while developing a stronger competitive edge.

Powers discusses possible proposals and Kemp discusses exploring additional co-op options. Watson recommends a community meeting with both Stapleton and McPherson County communities to obtain stakeholder insight into the co-op. This would allow

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
McPherson County Courthouse will be  
**CLOSED**  
Friday, April 27  
for the State Holiday of  
ARBOR DAY

Plant a tree!

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