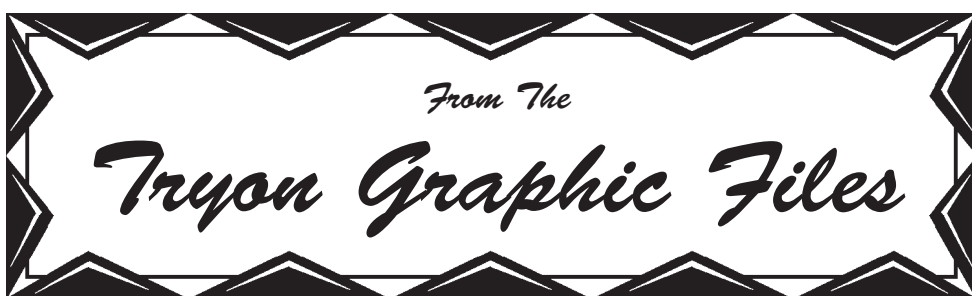




# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 26, 2007**  
 The MCHS track teams competed in the Wallace Invite on April 17. Those placing were: Meka Melvin, Amanda Morgan, Nicole Fiechtner, Kate Seifer, Margo McNutt, Tasha Miller, Nicole Fiechtner, Ben Cochran, Matt Fiechtner, Joe Christopher, Jake Sowers and Eric Trumbull.

Deaths: Gordon Saul, 85, formerly of North Platte, died April 3; Gerald Moore, Thornton, Colorado, died April 21; Sherman "Duane" Moore, Victorville, California, died April 23.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 1, 1997**  
 Alan Rodewald, son of Bob and Dena Rodewald, competed in the National Canadian Finals Rodeo, Horse Show and Sale.

Lana Kae Streiff, is this week's senior spotlight.

Deaths - Louise Catherine Holcomb, 87, April 7, 1997, Gresham, Oregon.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 30, 1987**

The Tryon rescue unit was called at 6:00 p.m. April 27 for Arlan Paxton who had been injured in a three-wheeler accident at the Paxton ranch. The ambulance met the Paxtons on the road north of Ringgold, and Arlan was taken to North Platte where he underwent surgery for the removal of his spleen soon after he arrived.

Joe Schmidt's poster was the winning entry in the "Seat Belt Safety" poster contest in McPherson County. The contest was open to third graders. Jana Jameson's entry received second place honors.

Gary and Pam Arensdorf of Oakley, Kansas, were the proud parents of a baby daughter, Nicola Kay, born April 21, 1977.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 28, 1977**

New cheerleaders were selected for next year at the MCHS Athletic banquet held Friday night. Those selected were Kim Arensdorf, Pat Arensdorf, Becky Long and Brenda Nicholson. LeAnn Daly was selected as alternate. Twenty-four boys earned letters in football with Ken Rundback leading those, as he was all-conference guard. Eleven boys lettered in basketball, Alan Miller heading the list by being selected as an all-area player by the North Platte Telegraph. Fifteen girls lettered in volleyball and twelve girls earned letters in basketball.

DeAnna Nicholson left last Wednesday by bus from North Platte to visit her sister and brother-in-

law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Munson and family in Altus, Oklahoma.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 27, 1967**

The eight seniors and their sponsors, Mr. D.D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kinsman, left early Thursday morning on their sneak trip to Colorado, returning home Sunday.

Army Private Thomas M. Ellis, 21, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis, and his wife Donalinn Kay, live in Tryon, was assigned to I Field Force, Vietnam, April 2/ Pvt. Ellis, a personnel specialist in the force near Nha Trang, entered the Army in October of 1966. He is a 1963 graduate of McPherson County High School at Tryon.

Mrs. Allen Shimmin and Scott took a load of girls to Scottsbluff Friday for a music contest. Allen, Mike, Jerry and Sally were at Frank and Jessie's for supper.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 2, 1957**

Mrs. Don Neal was a new member of the W.S.C.S. at Tryon. At their meeting April 10, 1957, devotions were led by Mrs. Bruce Shimmin, assisted by Mrs. Burl Fisher, Mrs. Herschel Moore, Mrs. Milton O'Connor, and Mrs. Tom Ellis. Lunch was served by Mrs. John Dahlin and Mrs. Hardin.

A bridal shower for Georgina Wade, was to be held at the Methodist Church in Tryon on May 11.

At the annual meeting of the Highway 92 Association April 26, 1957, a McPherson County rancher, Miles Snyder was elected president. Lawrence Enfield, Arthur County Commissioner, was elected as vice President; and Wilton Dorris, Arthur Co. Clerk, was elected as secretary-treasurer.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 1, 1947**

W.S.C.S (Ladies Aid) will meet with Mrs. Robert Bachman at her home Wednesday afternoon, May 14.

The Seniors of McPherson County High School left early Friday morning for the Black Hills where they had the annual sneak day. They were

taken on the trip by Francis Waits and Barron McIntosh. The boys reported a good time, and returned home Sunday.

Lester Patton hauled the last load of machinery Monday for Russell Fisher. The Fishers are nicely located now on their new place ten miles south of North Platte.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 29, 1937**

Workmen were busy Monday pouring a concrete floor in the garage at the Beve Neal property. A new cistern is being constructed and Mr. Neal plans to put plumbing in the house including a pressure water system.

Mr. and Mrs. John Streiff served a lovely birthday dinner for Mrs. Streiff's father, B.C. Huffman, Sunday. Odeith and Clayton were present to receive their portion of the candle lighted cake.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 28, 1927**

Bert Snyder called at the Graphic office one day last week and ordered bills printed for his sale to be held May 11. The Snyder family has leased their ranch and are leaving for Oregon soon after the sale with the expectations of locating there for a few years.

S.W. Warren is having the light line run to the south part of town. Several residences there are already wired for lights.

Roy and Frank Shimmin have brought out loads of cement for the basement of the new house their father will build, in the near future.

Graduates of McPherson County High School will meet at the High School building Saturday afternoon, May 7, to complete the organization that was started last year, but was not completed. Several new officers are to be elected and committees appointed to arrange for the annual banquet. All graduates are asked to be present for this meeting.

## Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, May 1 - Ham steak, baked sweet potato and hominy

Tuesday, May 2 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and corn

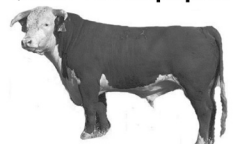
Wednesday, May 3 - Veal parmesan with spaghetti and green beans

Thursday, May 4 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and peas

Friday, May 5 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with tomato macaroni soup.

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## Agriculture Leaders Say Tax Bills Unacceptable as Proposed

More Must Be Done to Address Property Taxes

Two high profile bills scheduled for debate by Nebraska lawmakers don't do enough to provide meaningful property tax reform and relief according to leaders of Nebraska agriculture organizations. The agriculture leaders, representing tens of thousands of Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and livestock feeders, say the tax related provisions included in LB 640 and LB 461 fall short of the expectations of Nebraska property taxpayers.

"We like where Senator Groene is coming from in LB 640. The concept of limiting the amount of property taxes that can be used to fund schools makes a lot of sense and we want to keep pressing that point. Unfortunately, the bill is paid for using the Property Tax Credit Fund - dollars already being used to deliver property tax relief. In that regard, LB 640 is little more than status quo for property taxpayers in terms of additional relief," said Dennis Fujan, President of the Nebraska Soybean Association.

"The Legislature must add new and alternative sources of revenue to underwrite additional property tax savings for LB 640 and deliver meaningful property tax reform for Nebraskans. Repurposing money from the Property Tax Credit Fund, without a significant reduction in the cap on property taxes, isn't the answer."

The agriculture leaders' concerns about lack of action on property taxes extends to LB 461. The bill has been promoted as providing tax savings for both income and property taxpayers in the state. The agriculture leaders say tax savings proposed in the legislation are far out of balance when it comes to addressing property taxes. The bill is projected to provide more than \$400 million in individual and corporate income tax relief, while only around \$45 million is expected to be returned

in property tax relief through the TEEOSA formula (state aid to schools).

"A ten to one ratio of income tax reductions to property tax reductions is not what Nebraskans have asked for, nor is that the message our group and others have delivered to the Capitol. The current version of LB 461 completely misses the mark. LB 461 is in no way acceptable in its current form," said Fujan.

The agriculture leaders adopted a series of principles prior to the legislative session outlining parameters in how the group would evaluate legislative proposals related to property taxes and tax reform. The group testified before the Legislature's Revenue, Education and Appropriations Committees offering support for numerous bills that would provide the means for the Legislature to deliver property tax reform and relief this session.

"We've talked to senators about the importance of balancing the tax burden between property, state sales, and state income taxes to reduce our overreliance on property taxes. We've pointed out the need for revenue neutral solutions that expand the tax base and use those revenues to provide dollar for dollar reductions in property taxes. We've shared the need for property tax reforms that benefit all property owners, and we've talked about ways to lessen the reliance on property taxes without harming our schools," said Fujan. "Based on our evaluations, LB 640 and LB 461 fail to meet many of the principles we've outlined as a group. By potentially forcing more burden onto property taxpayers down the road, LB 461 is actually a step backward."

Fujan said the group and their organizations will continue to work with members of the Legislature to try and improve the bills so they deliver for property taxpayers.

"We want to make these bills better, but there's a lot of work that must be done to make them acceptable," said Fujan.

LB 640, introduced by Sen. Mike Groene, of North Platte, is slated for legislative debate Tuesday, April 18.

LB 461 was advanced by the Legislature's Revenue Committee and contains several tax related provisions including pieces of Governor Pete Ricketts' tax reform package. The bill is slated for debate Friday, April 21.

The Agriculture Leaders Working Group includes member-elected leaders from the Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Nebraska Soybean Association, and the Nebraska State Dairy Association.

Those participating in the Agriculture Leaders Working Group include:

Troy Stowater - Nebraska Cattlemen, president

Galen Frenzen - Nebraska Cattlemen, president-elect

Dan Wesely - Nebraska Corn Growers Association, president

Steve Ebke - Nebraska Corn Growers Association, past president

Steve Nelson - Nebraska Farm Bureau, president

Mark McHargue - Nebraska Farm Bureau, first vice president

Russ Vering - Nebraska Pork Producers Association, president

Darin Uhler - Nebraska Pork Producers Association, vice president

Kevin Peterson - Nebraska Pork Producers Association, vice president

Tim Chancellor - Nebraska Pork Producers Association, vice president

Dennis Fujan - Nebraska Soybean Association, president

Dwaine Junck - Nebraska State Dairy Association, vice president

Doug Temme - Nebraska State Dairy Association, past president



## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Never say 'That won't happen to me.' Life has a funny way of proving us wrong."

Too many people get caught up in what could be or what might have been instead of appreciating what is. Don't fall into that trap. Appreciate what and who you do have because the future can take it all away from you at any time.

Recently I took a short break and spent some time with friends up in Wyoming. We had a good time even though I wasn't there very long. It's always interesting going places with my friend Frances. It seems like just about everybody knows her or has heard about her. She's a spunky little gal who will turn 80 in June. That reminded me that I will be 68 on the 28th of this month and I can't keep up with her! Then I remembered when 60 seemed old and 80 would have seemed ancient. Wow! Amazing how your perspective changes as you grow

older. It's not so much the year but how you use them. Each of us have a different life pattern but our pattern surely must glow when we encourage

someone else or make their day brighter.

"Don't be ashamed of your story. It just might inspire someone." - Toby Mac

## YOUNG AT HEART

Where do you start a poem like this?  
 Being young at heart is truly a gift.  
 Not all can attain it but those who do  
 Remain happy and cheerful the whole day thru.

A sense of humor is a must.  
 Be a person others can trust.  
 Laugh at yourself when things go wrong  
 And greet each day with a happy song.

Think on the good things, not on the bad.  
 It's okay to cry but also rejoice and be glad.  
 Remember good friends and the good times  
 And don't let depression leave you blind.

Look for the good in all around,  
 The wonders of nature that abound,  
 Keep on the bright side, looking to God  
 Be a young at heart memory when leaving this sod.

J.R. Trumbull  
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