



# McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO  
MAY 8, 2008

Members of the Class of 2008 receiving their diplomas were Jalyn Starr, Meka Melvin, Duell Arensdorf, Tui Bogo Borowicz, Amy Waits, Ben Cochran, Amanda Morgan and Petar Pavlovic. Ben Cochran was salutatorian and Meka Melvin, valedictorian.

Eighth graders receiving diplomas at special graduation exercises were Tyler Heerten, Shane Suchy, Alecia Paxton and Katee Daly.

A North Platte band, known as the "No Budget Band," picked their way to a second place win in the 8th annual Country Bluegrass Show. Band members were Tim Golden, Mike Janeczek, Alek Janeczek, Tracy Martinez, and singer, Jona Thayer.

Derek Neal received a presidential scholarship to Chadron State Scholarship.

Deaths: Hartward Dale Connell died May 1 in Kenesaw.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 7, 1998

Volunteers were being sought to help with the Nebraska Community Improvement Project scrapbook. Berva Arensdorf was asking for help to choose important information for the book.

Trees planted and dedicated during the 1998 Arbor Day program at Tryon were in honor of Miles and Hollis Snyder, Lisle and Erma Pyzer, Alberta McKillip, and Dennis Shimmin. Comments about the honorees was compiled and read by Susan Stickney.

New arrival: Donald and Sylvia Jividen were the parents of a baby boy, Cole Allen.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 12, 1988

Chad Fisher, son of Randy and Kathy Fisher, was the first place winner in the seat belt poster contest.

C.L. and Amy Bellew would be honored with a wedding reception.

Deaths: Clarence W. Pueppka, 96, of Sutherland, died at his home May 5.

Tryon Rebekah Lodge members voted to have the north side of the building repaired where rain had recently leaked in.

McPherson County High School Improvement Club elected officers. Kathy Starr would be president; Ilene Daly, vice president; and Sandra Black, secretary-treasurer.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 11, 1978

McPherson County girls competing in the Class D District track meet were Janelle Snyder, LeAnn Daly, Gaylene Kemp, Kim Arensdorf, Lesa Johnson, and Dee Arensdorf. Due to injuries, Clyta Kemp and Pat Arensdorf were not able to participate.

Bart Daly captured all-around honors at the North Platte High School Rodeo, May 5 and 6, and was awarded a trophy saddle.

Evonnda Sharp won all-around cowgirl honors at the Ogallala High School Rodeo.

Birth: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Arensdorf were the parents of a baby boy, Jason Joe, born May 7.

Sixty people attended the Communion Sunday service at the Tryon United Methodist Church. A good attendance at Sunday School was reported and a large crowd also attended the "Snowball" Sunday fellowship din-

ner. Helen Waits, Nona Moore and Edith Ellen Gale were in charge of games.

The USDA proposed to ban the sale of certain foods including candy, soft drinks, frozen desserts, and chewing gum, on school premises during lunch periods.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 9, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Haase announced the engagement of their daughter Rossell Norma, to Robert L. Kelley, Jr.

Melvin Waits of Tryon was injured while working with a calf at his place in town. The calf threw him into a rusty barrel, cutting his left ear quite badly.

Monte Nicholson of District No. 4 was the top athlete and won the purple ribbon for boys and Jean Kramer and Gail Rothwell, both of District No. 5 tied and each received a purple ribbon for the girls at the McPherson County Rural School track meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kemp were surprised Wednesday evening when a group gathered to help them celebrate their wedding anniversary.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 8, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Mann of Tryon Route, were announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marlene, to Ronald Woodward.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winder were the parents of a baby boy, born Monday, May 5. He has been named Walter Leon.

Sandhills Rebekah District No. 26 held its annual meeting in Tryon with 91 members registered. Hollis Snyder, District President, presided at the afternoon and evening session. Leo's Flowers and Adams and Swanson Funeral Home presented the group with a beautiful bouquet to complete the decorations.

Francis Kemp reported Mr. Quick would meet with the Flying Colts 4-H Club to help them organize a club for the new year. LaVerne Neal, Herschel Moore and Mrs. Clay Kemp would be the leaders. There were 12 members and Eugene Neal was elected president.

The last PTA meeting of the year would include an open house at the school shop building. Leo Lindahl, school shop instructor, would take the group through a complete tour of the building.

H.M. Jensen and Ronnie Woodward would auctioneer a public sale of the Thomas Neal Estate on Monday, May 12. There would be 312 head of livestock, farm machinery, and 200 bushel of ear corn on this large sale.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 13, 1948

A group of Mexican blooded people from Texas, who were on their way to Montana to work for the summer, got their truck stuck in the sand about five miles north of Tryon. There were 26 people in the group, including several children. As they were trying to push the truck out of the sand, one boy, age 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lirio Gonzalez, fell under the wheel and the truck crushed the boy's head and broke his neck. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Shimmin came along and went to Tom Kemps where they called a doctor and the Nebraska State Patrol officer.

New Arrivals: Mr. & Mrs. Orville Bellew were the parents of a baby boy,

born May 11; Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Smith were the parents of a daughter, Linda Lorene, born May 7.

The seniors of McPherson County High School took a trip to Denver and adjacent places of interest in observance of Senior Honor Day for 1948. On the way home the group spent the night with Mary Shimmin's brother and sister, Bob Shimmin and Dean Kirk in Fort Morgan. A side trip to Kingsley Dam was very interesting. Don Dobbins and Lenard Pyzer provided transportation.

In the competition for the track championship of McPherson County High School, Karl Hunn was leading with 20 points. Byron Daly was in second with 11 points, and Manley Kramer, third with 7.5 points.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO  
MAY 12, 1938

This week featured a special McPherson County High School edition in *The Graphic*. It contained history of MCHS that was organized in 1917. The first desks were tables, borrowed from citizens of Tryon. The first school was held in the upper story of the I.O.O. F. building.

The Class of 1938 pictures featured in this issue were those of La Vada Tupper, James Wilson, Altha Newberry, Maxine Lancaster, Marion Pinkerton, Hazel Tupper, and Lois Hatch.

Marion Pinkerton was the valedictorian, and James Wilson, salutatorian.

Brown's Studio of North Platte did all engravings for the special county-wide circulation special edition. Pictures were secured under difficulties. The weather and school attendance had to be considered and on days when the sun shone brightly and conditions were favorable for photography.

NINETY YEARS AGO  
MAY 10, 1928

Roland Trumbull of Lone Valley passed through here going to the Pete Tucker ranch after some bulls that he had purchased a couple of weeks ago.

Hugh Priest took hogs to Stapleton one day last week.

Deaths: Mrs. Simpson died May 7. She had been living at the home of her daughter Whittaker west of Tryon for some time and was finally stricken with a paralytic stroke.

The farmer, as well as the professional man, has come to use printed individual stationary. *The Tryon Graphic* was offering a special price on 100 letterheads and envelopes to farmers and ranchers.

The Dixon Optical Co. of North Platte was displaying a collection of antique guns from New York.

The local baseball team lost the first game of the season when they were defeated by the Stapleton-Gandy Club by a score of 8-6, on their home field.

Mr. Allen bought some horses at the Clopek sale.

## MCS Students Receive Americanism Awards



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above are the Americanism Essay winners with their teacher, Mrs. Badje, (l-r): Katherine Anderson, William Anderson, Corbin Miller and Colton Miller. Not pictured, Kaden Blake.

The McPherson County fifth and sixth grade students received awards at the North Platte Elks Lodge #985 for their entries in the Americanism Essay contest. Corbin Miller was the winner at the local level, Kaden Blake was second and Colton Miller took third place.

Corbin's Americanism Essay was sent on to the state level where it earned second place and a check for \$75.00 from the Nebraska Elks Association.

Following is Corbin's entry: "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community."

Americanism is a huge part of our country. When someone asks what I can

do to promote Americanism, I am all for it. Just take a minute to think about how much our vets did for us and how much they still are doing. So this is what I will do to promote Americanism in my country and or school.

What can I do to promote Americanism? I will have to start small with school talks and then if that works, move to bigger things.

Things in our country have taken a turn for the worse, and I can help fix them.

I can help others and not just those poor veterans that fought for our country. If I work together with others, I know I can do it. When I think about Americanism, I think

about being loyal and showing what America is all about. When I put up the flags at school that is showing Americanism. I can continue to do that instead of spitting and burning the flag like others do. I am an American and I need to show it. I am American and I am proud.

I think if I really try that I can make a difference in our country.

There are going to be challenges in promoting Americanism, but I will have to overcome my fear and do what I have to do in order to be a good citizen. This is how I can promote Americanism at my school and country. I know I can do it. If I can do it, then you can do it.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



### He Put Flowers Along The Way

As I ride across the prairie  
Surveying God's domain  
I think about the blessings  
Spread across the plains  
- For He put flowers along the way!

From the early days of spring time  
Through the blustery days of fall  
Even in the snow and cold of winter  
God's glory shines through it all.

The blues and whites of Penstemon,  
The beauty of the Rose,  
Golden yellow Gromwell,  
God's glory in their clothes.

Gaudy, gawky Sunflowers  
Jacob's coat of Asters  
Goldenrod's glorious plumes  
All give praise to the Master.

Mellow bells of Yucca  
Peal the story of His love  
Even lowly Locoweed  
Shows beauty from above.

In the winter He sends roses  
Made of frost upon the ice  
And other frost creations  
That glitter in the sun so nice.  
-Yes, He put flowers along the way!

So, if you're feeling gloomy  
And the day seems oh so drear  
Just take time and look around you  
'Cause God holds us all so dear.

Spread word of His glory  
Of forgiveness and of love  
Of the gift of life eternal  
Like the gentle wings of doves.  
-Scatter these flowers along the way!

Speak to others of the beauty  
God has made for us with joy  
And live through this example  
His words your life employ.  
-Spread these flowers along the way!

Each day look about you  
As His wonders are displayed  
The flowers along the wayside  
Remember—be not dismayed!

Flowers to remind us  
Of love, provision and of grace  
That God lovingly bestows us  
As we worship in this place.  
Just remember—  
He put flowers along the way!

J.R. Trumbull 1989

**Miller Cemetery**

**Spring Clean Up**

MONDAY MORNING  
May 21 • All Help Appreciated!