



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 26, 2007

Vernon and Pauline Waits will receive the Pioneer Award during the McPherson County Fair.

For the first time in history, the McPherson County School system has purchased an activity van that can be used for various purposes.

A new two-bay steel building addition is being built at the fire hall in Tryon.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 24, 1997

Angie Stickney is the mother of a son. William Clyde was born July 7.

Jeff and Lisa Cox of Tryon are the parents of a daughter. Josie Jo was born July 5.

Around 200 attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Wm. and Sue Masters on July 11.

The Logan-McPherson County 4-H Range Judging Contest was held July 15 at the Clarence Lanka Ranch. Those participating were: Skeeter Connell, Bridget Connell, Becky Lanka, Matthew Fiechter, Elsy Hodges, Sam Lanka, Alissa Hodges, Andrea Lanka and Amos Lanka.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 23, 1987

Bridget Long, daughter of Bob and Jo Long, was named the 1987 Junior Queen of the Sutherland Rodeo Saturday, July 4.

Jack and Clara Daly who recently moved into Tryon from their ranch home in the Flats area, were honored Friday evening with a surprise house warming party.

A very large crowd turned out July 18 for the Billy Haney benefit held on the Main Street of Tryon.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JULY 21, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Rodewald from Alexandria, LA., arrived Sunday evening to spend a few days with relatives here.

The Willing Workers Club were entertained in the Richard Kemp home Saturday.

Rodney Trumbull entered the hospital in North Platte and underwent minor surgery on his leg Tuesday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JULY 20, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Avery were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Twila, to Dean

Connelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Connelly, all of Brady. An August wedding was planned.

The class of 1963 will be having a bridal shower for Miss Twila Avery of North Platte, on July 23, at the Lodge Hall.

Ronny Taylor of Sutherland, is spending the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit. His sister, Shirley, is a guest this week.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JULY 25, 1957

The new Home Economics teacher, Miss Ingle Johnson, and her niece of Juniata, Nebraska, were callers in Tryon Tuesday.

The Hi-Flyers 4-H Club met at the Vernon Jameson home July 1 with Sandra, Tommy and Terry as hosts. Mr. Quick, our county agent, was present.

The 4-H Flying Colts met on Thursday, July 16, at the Herschel Moore home. They judged calves and Mr. Quick showed them how to wash and clip them. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Ronnie Dobbins.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 24, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Daly left early Wednesday morning for Lincoln, where Ed will attend a meeting of the county clerks.

John Hoatson purchased a combine and will be in the field soon now. Grain on the Birdwood Table is getting ripe and harvest will be in full swing now for a while.

The McPherson County Fair will be held some time in September, according to fair board members. There will be a rodeo at Tryon the same day which will be sponsored by the Tryon Roping Club.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JULY 22, 1937

A real estate transaction was completed last week by which Mrs. Mabel Cass

and her sister, Eva Hord, became the owners of the Russell property, one block south of the I.C. Heldenbrand property, in the north part of town. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Platt now occupy the place.

The greater part of the oiled road between the county line and the gravel in Lincoln county is now torn up and several detours are necessary. The detours are necessary but there is no marked detour, is the complaint of many motorists. Several cars have been compelled to pull off the soft grade to become hopelessly stalled in the soft sand. This condition is influencing many folks to stay home or do their traveling in some other direction.

Wilma, the small daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. W.E. Neal, fractured her collar bone Tuesday evening in a fall when a swing rope broke. The fracture was reduced by Dr. McGraw Wednesday morning.

NINETY YEARS AGO
JULY 21, 1927

The annual county Sunday School convention will be held at Miller Chapel Thursday, July 28. Mr. Kimberley and Miss Brown will furnish the morning and evening programs, and each Sunday school in the county will contribute a few numbers to the afternoon program. In the past, these conventions have been a great success and an event that is always looked forward to by Sunday school members and workers.

R.A. Shimmin and Beve Neal have been quite busy the past few days binding rye.

Mr. and Mrs. C.N Harvey and daughter have moved to the Glunt home to help care for Mr. Glunt who is quite poorly.

Earl Bedell of Hahns Peak, Colorado, arrived

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Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, July 17: Grilled chicken breast; scalloped potatoes; carrots.

Tuesday, July 18: Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; corn.

Wednesday, July 19: Meat loaf; baked potato;

peas.

Thursday, July 20: Pork roast; pork dressing; green beans.

Friday, July 21: Chili soup w/hamburger sandwich.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." - George Bernard Shaw

We all make mistakes. Some of us make more than others or so it seems. Owning up to your mistakes isn't easy for anyone. If you did something wrong and you realize it, own up to it. Swallowing words you wish you hadn't said isn't easy either. (Continued on page 10)

Oops!

There are often those moments
That we'd just as soon forget
Like when elastic breaks
Or the seat of your pants split.

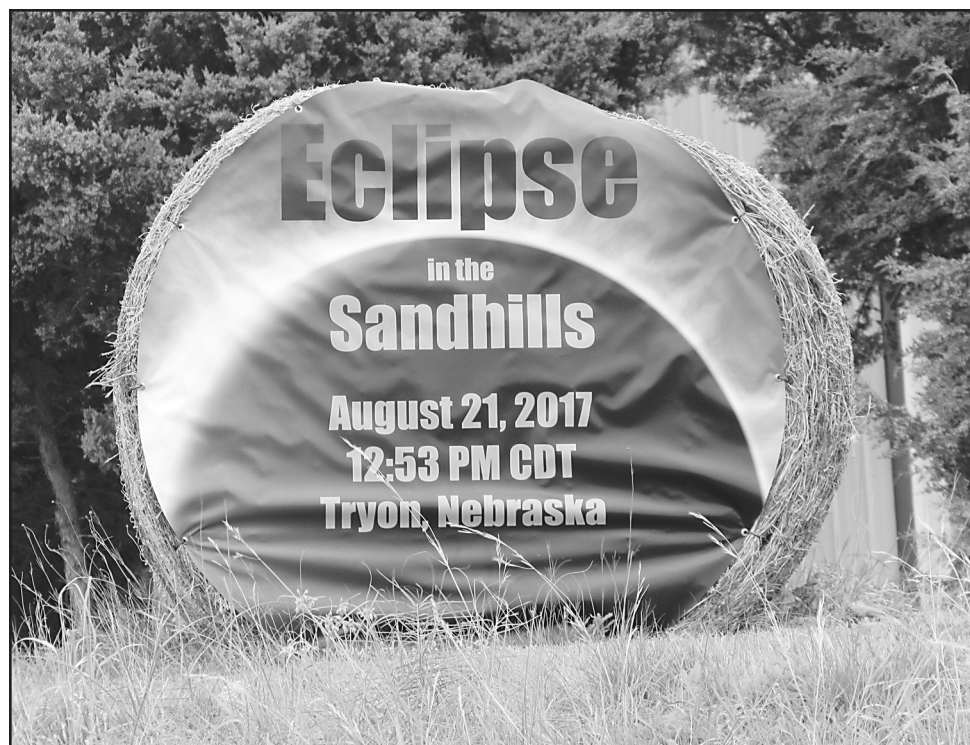
When you open your mouth
And insert both feet
And dig yourself deeper
In the face of defeat?

Days you should go back to bed
Before you arise
Because no matter the intent,
The results oft surprise.

Oh well, such is life,
Most of us aren't perfection
But just one day would be nice
Without the "OOPS" section!

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Eclipse events announced



KENDRA CUTLER PHOTO

Tryon is using a unique way to advertise the August 21, 2017 - "Eclipse in the Sandhills." Banners can be seen adorning hay bales dotting the McPherson County landscape.

McPherson County residents are gearing up for the August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse in the Sandhills. Much work has gone into preparing for the event.

The Sandhills of Nebraska has a rich history of quilt making. One of the most famous quilt makers in the world, Grace Snyder, who ranched in McPherson County. A quilt is being created to commemorate the Sandhills Eclipse experience. Raffle tickets are on sale for this exquisite work of art and the drawing will take place August 21.

Events being advertised include:

Sunday, August 20

- Outdoor worship service and breakfast
- Prairie Tours & Trail Rides by Dusty Trails
- Tipi Camp and Flint Knapping demonstration
- Cutting horse show and team penning
- Coffee with a Rancher (rotating panel of ranchers to answer questions)
- Working dog exhibition
- Petting zoo
- Sod House tours
- Photo ops at historical buildings
- Antique tractor show
- Food, commercial and educational vendors
- Craft fair
- Sandhills in music
- Star gazing

Monday, August 21

- Prairie Tours & Trail Rides by Dusty Trails
- Tipi Camp & Flint Knapping demonstration
- Coffee with a Rancher
- Petting zoo
- Sod House tours
- Photo ops at historical buildings
- Antique tractor show
- Food, commercial and educational vendors
- Craft fair
- Pit barbecue in town following Eclipse - \$15/person
- Eclipse Viewing \$15/person includes Eclipse glasses and bottle of water.
- Large telescopes and photography equipment - reserve a secure space for \$25 plus admission.

Next blood drive is Aug. 25

The June blood drive held in Tryon missed their goal by one unit. Three power red and 13 whole blood donors registered and gave the gift that can save lives.

The donors were treated to a lunch of sloppy joe sandwiches, a fruit salad, potato salad, chips and chocolate cake prepared by Wanda Waits. Treats of brownies and bar cookies were provided by Karen Licking and Elaine Miller.

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A big thank you to all who took the time to donate and help with food and clean-up. You are appreciated!

The next blood drive in McPherson County will be August 25 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the fair building in Tryon.

Neal Reunion set for August 6

The Neal Reunion has been set for Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Memorial Park, North Platte. The gazebo has been reserved. Bring your lawn chairs. A carry-in dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. There is a splash pad for the younger set. Paper plates, cups, and plastic ware will be available. Drink coolers are needed. Be sure to let your families know.

McPherson County Ag Educator attends CASE Conference

Keith Nielson develops Soybean curriculum for classes with scholarship

Keith Nielson has completed a STEM based CASE (Curriculum for AgriScience Education) training the past two weeks in Waverly on CASE Applied Plant Science. Through a Nebraska FFA Foundation scholarship, funded by the Nebraska Soybean Board and DuPont Pioneer, Keith is supplementing this STEM based curriculum by using soybeans as a model, focus and method for learning. This fall Keith will be implementing this curriculum in their classroom by utilizing soybeans in various segments of the CASE Plant science systems.

"This is a good effort for industry and a commodity board to further agricultural education in our schools. The program shares the expertise of others to raise the level of agricultural education in our schools," says Victor Bohuslavsky, Executive Director of the Nebraska

Soybean Board.

Through is curriculum McPherson County Schools will be teaching their students about the process, benefits and challenges related to the use of soybeans in agriculture. The students will develop an understanding of how plant nutrients are used in plants and how to test for deficiencies "The curriculum will help our students understand the many functions that go on within a plant and how each system is interdependent on each other. We will be able to utilize soybean plants in our greenhouse to conduct these studies," says Keith Nielson.

"Ensuring there is enough safe, affordable and nutritious food for all will require that more students understand agriculture and become future leaders in food production," said Mark Deterding, Business Di-

rector for DuPont Pioneer's Western Business Unit. "We know that we cannot do this alone and are working with others in agriculture and education to give teachers the best resources to encourage children to understand agriculture and consider careers in the industry."

Matt Kreifels, Assistant Professor of Practice with UNL's Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Department says, "We expect our teachers to know everything and teach all areas of agriculture, food and natural resources. The reality is they have very minimal resources to equip both themselves and their classrooms to teach this valuable information. The CASE Institute is unique and very beneficial to a teacher. They can easily implement that curriculum right in their classroom."