



McPherson County News

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From The Tryon Graphic Files

TEN YEARS AGO
AUGUST 30, 2007

Members of the Longhorn football and volleyball teams were set for another season. Pictured were: Gabe Ryland, Peter Pavlovic, Artur Bogo Borowicz, Dillon Daigger, Matt Daly, Tyrel Fischer, Ben Cochran, Jake Sowers, Chris Burch, and Eric Trumbull for the boys. Girls were: Jordan Lovitt, Jalyn Starr, Tasha Miller, Kate Seifer, Nicole Fiechtner, Mara Seifer, Meka Melvin, Amy Waits, Samantha Kramer, Ashley Bessmer and Molly Hinkle.

Enrollment figures were down slightly from last year for McPherson County schools. There were 70 enrolled for the 2007-08 term to date for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Death: Nathan H. Lutes, August 18, 2007.

Birth: Alexander Nathan Correll, August 12, 2007.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 27, 1987

Seven seniors return for MCHS football this season: Robb Anway, Will Coffman, Casey Connell, Craig Neal, Trevor Neal, Clint Pettit and Scott Starr.

The family of Michael and Elisabeth Connell were honored by Ak-Sar-Ben as a 100 year Pioneer Family. Lloyd and Cleo Connell accepted the award from Ambassador, Mary Brosius.

Senior girls out for volleyball this season are Theresa Black, Jean Masters and Jacquie Snyder.

Jodee Coffman, daughter of Cindy and Hans Johnson, was crowned the 1988 Miss Rodeo Nebraska at Burwell, July 25.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 31, 1967

The L.L. Mann reunion was held at the D.M. Mann ranch on August 20, with 67 relatives and friends signing the guest book.

Pictured in this issue

were Mr. and Mrs. David Neal who were married August 12 in Arthur. Kenneth Bassett was best man and Mrs. Lyndall Owens and Mrs. Linda Paxton were the bride's attendants.

Football practice continues at MCHS with the total number out for football now 20.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 29, 1957

Births: Patrick Alman, August 19.

Football practice got underway at the McPherson County High School on August 26th as Coach Alaf Ahlquist issued suits and set up a practice schedule to get the team in full swing.

Monte Nicholson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson, had the misfortune to receive a bad cut on his left hand finger Saturday. He was taken to a North Platte doctor where seven stitches were taken.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 28, 1947

Quite a number of folks from this community attended the funeral of Carolyn Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hill in North Platte on Sunday. Carolyn passed away after a 10 month illness. She was 9 years old.

Lester Patton and Jess Anderson killed a big rattler between North Platte and Tryon Tuesday.

Rose Fuller, youngest daughter of Harold Fuller was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday evening, when the car she was riding in

was hit by a truck pickup at a country road intersection two miles west of the Sutherland reservoir. DeLores Campbell, the girl who was with Rose, suffered a broken collar bone.

Births: Eldora Evelyn, August 25, 1947; Lenard Lee Tucker.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 26, 1937

At their meeting Saturday the county commissioners declared McPherson County a drought area.

Ed James is making quite an improvement to his residence in the east part of town. When all work is completed the James family will have a comfortable home.

Mrs. W.E. Neal has taken over the Tryon telephone exchange which has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen since its purchase by Florence Allen last spring.

NINETY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 25, 1927

A new fence recently built around the county courthouse greatly improved the appearance of the grounds. Since the yard has been fenced, janitor Ray Herriman has been giving more attention to the grass and flowers. It is planned to plant blue grass next spring.

Harry Pyzer and Court Cash ran the foundation for the Cottonwood school house last week. The school building was recently moved about a mile west of where it formerly stood.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, September 4 - Closed, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5 - Sloppy joes, baked beans, French fries

Wednesday, September 6 - Pork chops, baked potatoes, peas

Thursday, September 7 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas

Friday, September 8 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with chicken noodle soup

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: I firmly believe that in every situation, no matter how difficult, God extends grace greater than the hardship, and strength and peace of mind that can lead us to a place higher than where we were before." - Andy Griffith

It has been quite an interesting time lately. Many of us observed a once in a lifetime event with the total solar eclipse. I was up on the big hill west of the house where I could see for miles. After my friend Sandy passed on, her family entrusted me with her ashes and told me that I would know where and when to scatter them. August 21, 2017 during the totality felt like the perfect time and the top of that hill was her favorite place, so the ashes were scattered in and around a clump of soapweed up

there at the summit of the hill. Soapweeds were special to her too. The experience of being up there on the hill was one I won't forget. The images were surreal as the shadows lengthened and the view subtly changed. The cattle came in to the tanks for water and then scattered to graze just like they would in the evening. I could hear the

crows so figured the owls were stirring. The cats had been spooky all day and the kitten had been bouncing off the walls so I was ready for life to get back to normal. The wild turkeys still acted a bit confused that evening. I'm sure we all have special memories and noticed different things during the ECLIPSE!

ECLIPSICAL

Sun on its circuit,
Moon on its path,
Silently waiting
For the eclipse to pass.

Wonder of wonders,
The earth grows dark.
Awe struck we wait
As brief totality starts.

Surreal enchantment
As the shadows grow.
Crisp defined shadows
As we lose the sun's glow.

Experience of a lifetime,
A rare celestial treat.
Only God in His wisdom
Could arrange such a feat!

J.R. Trumbull
22 Aug 2017

Eclipse in the Sandhills receives rave reviews

Yes, I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to view the eclipse in its totality in Tryon, USA, population 157!!

They estimate 1,000 people at the viewing site. Plus, I know there were two busloads from Germany and a few Frenchmen out at the ranch where I spent the night. Thanks, Linda!!

After a foggy morning and then clouds, all cleared for us to view the entire eclipse. Amazing!

The group I was standing with even broke out in song, 'How Great Thou Art' !!

Tryon was a great host site. I had fun at my booth. I met a family from Minnesota. The little boy was so interested in quilting and how I'd made the hot pads. After explaining the process step by step, I told him to contact his county extension office and check out 4-H. They even came back to take his picture with me.

Another lady asked if I was married to a "real rancher"? Yes, indeed.

She had questions about whether they use horses or 4-wheelers, and if they all had dogs.

Of course, I plugged eating beef whenever possible. Most seemed to agree that beef was good, especially here in Nebraska!

The Tryon community had worked hard on a musical program of the history of the Sandhills done with all local talent. Amazing.

Alice Lutes did a great job educating about homesteading, water, and how the area was settled.

They closed with "I'm Proud to be an American" and prayer.

Thanks to the community of Tryon!!

Next time you consider the sun or the moon, remember the marvelous

Creator who could come up with the novelty of an eclipse, and thank Him for the sun coming up each day!!

Anita Keys
Elsmere, NE



Janelle Blake with her 100th donation certificate and pin at the August 25 blood drive in Tryon. Over 15 units were donated and we did not meet the goal. The next blood drive will be November 3.

-- NOTICE --

The McPherson County Courthouse
will be
CLOSED
Monday, September 4
for the
Labor Day Holiday

NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE CONTROLLED

You are required to control noxious weeds on your property.

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, Phragmites, Knotweed (Japanese and Giant), and Sericea Lespedeza. Notice is hereby given this 31st day of August, 2017, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in McPherson County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown, or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed superintendent is required to:

1. Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds and giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a \$100 per day fine to the landowner, with a maximum fine of \$1,500; or

2. Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means, as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, sod, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the county weed control authority.

By Order of McPherson County Weed Control Authority
Harold Arensdorf, Chairman
Richard C. Cook, Control Superintendent
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