



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 8, 2010**  
McPherson County Clerk, Judy M. Dailey reminds anyone interested in filing for a position on the Custer Public Power Board, or the Arthur County School #500 Board of Education, that the filing deadline for incumbents is July 15th.

Logan County Rodeo Princess 2009, Kandace Ward, was pictured with Miss Rodeo America 2010 Kelli Jackson and Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 Michelle Boeshart at the NebraskaLand Days Style Show. The Style Show was held June 15 in North Platte. Ward carried the Dodge flag at the NebraskaLand Days Rodeo "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" night.

A card of thanks was put in this issue from Herschel and Nana Moore thanking everyone for thinking of them with their visits and all the nice cards they received for their 76th anniversary and birthday.

Barb Tool was pictured receiving a plaque from J.W. Harwager at the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo in Stapleton. Barb received the plaque in honor of the number of years of service and time she donated to the rodeo club.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 13, 2000**

Rev. Truman and Vonda Bauer entertained their daughter Sarah and her husband Jay Bessmer and daughters, Ashley, McKenna, Cailyn and Gracyn of Bloomington, Illinois, who arrived to help Truman celebrate his birthday June 18. All attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Truman and Vonda at the Covenant Cedars Campground near Central City. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bauer and their seven children were all present at his parents anniversary.

Esther Smith received word Saturday of the death of her sister, Dora Hatches, in Washington. Graveside services will be held this week at Grandview, Washington.

Matilda Haney observed her 100th birthday at her home in Tryon, July 7.

She received over 100 cards. Her son-in-law, Ray Allen and Mae Schmidt served cake and ice cream to several friends and neighbors who came to call. Ruth Allen, her daughter, was ill and couldn't be present, but took her mother to dinner at Arnold on July 9th.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 12, 1990**

McPherson County's 1990 Centennial celebration was undoubtedly one of the largest events to take place in the country seat of Tryon. There was a barbecue Saturday evening, July 7th. An outstanding parade was held that morning with 75 entries. Sam Connell and Jim Gragg were in charge of this event. Winning the prize for the best-groomed beard was Terry Neal of Tryon. The women's chore contest was won by Jill McNutt. First place winners of the ride and tie contest were Zane Connell and Dusty Paxton. Matilda Haney who was celebrating her 90th birthday on the same day as the parade (July 7th) was selected as Grand Marshal. Many other centennial activities were enjoyed during this wonderful day.

Lemoyne and Denise Farmer and Bill and Judy Kramer were hosts for the 38th annual Priest-Worden reunion July 8th in Cody Park at North Platte. The event was attended by 106 relatives and guests.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 10, 1980**

The 21st annual Stoddard Reunion was held in Cody Park at North Platte, June 22, with 180 persons attending. Frank Sanford of North Platte was the oldest person attending, and Troy Douglas, son of Becky Douglas of North Platte, was the youngest.

The Bethel Bible Camp Board met several times the past week at North Platte and Wellfleet. As the building to contain the Chapel, dining hall and kitchen is "going up," it was decided to have dedication ceremonies on Sunday, July 13, 1980 at 4 p.m. A basket supper will follow. The grounds are in the southeast corner of

Wellfleet.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 9, 1970**

Ralph Arensdorf, who lives on Tin Camp Ranch, had the misfortune to lose one joint of his second finger in a roping accident Thursday, and his badly mangled thumb was sewn back together with hopes it would heal and not have to be taken off. According to reports, Ralph had a critter roped and his horse started acting up and he got his left hand in the rope some way.

Stacey Kemp is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kemp and Clyta, while her mother is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winters and Mrs. Jack Cotton pleasantly surprised the Miles Snedders the evening of the 16th, for their 35th wedding anniversary.

The school board of District No. 15 held a meeting in the Kent Rundback home Thursday evening. The board consists of Paul Seifer, Kent Rundback and Marvin Rundback.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Corky) Kemp of North Platte, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Robert Clay, born Monday, July 6, 1970.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 14, 1960**

A terrific storm of rain, hail and wind was experienced Monday night by the people in Ringgold and surrounding areas as far east as Stapleton. Crops near and south of Ringgold that were in the path of the hail storm, were completely destroyed. Besides the crops, garden, windmills, and trees, houses were also badly damaged. A trailer house parked in Ringgold belonging to Rex Chamberlain was moved around, but fortunately stayed upright. It is also understood that Wesley Kugler lost quite a number of pigs from drowning, and that the roof of Jim Beckius' house was extensively damaged.

Pfc. Larry D. Neal who is serving at Fort Belvoir, Virginia was recently named "soldier of the month"

Word was received of the arrival of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patton of Richland, Washington. The baby was born June 8th and has been named Donna Lee.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 13, 1950**

Pearl Thompson of Los Angeles, California, and John Elrod of Tryon, were united in marriage July 5, 1950, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. B.D. Hunn of Tryon. Rev. Hunn performed the ceremony in the presence of several guests.

David Arthur and Mary Ellen Ellis of Sioux City, Iowa, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Haddy and Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Ellis and children.

The Hilly Billy Gang met at the Archie Neal home May 29th and organized a stocker-feeder calf club. Richard Kemp was appointed as chairman until officers could be elected. Officers elected were Richard Kemp, president; Larry Popham, vice president; Betty Neal, secretary-treasurer, and Karl Kemp, news reporter. Other members are Romona Popham, and Duane and Keith Neal.

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## Work To Update Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Beginning

Effort Being Led by Twin Platte Natural Resources District and Arthur, Keith, Lincoln, and McPherson Counties

Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) has hired JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (JEO) to assist with a hazard mitigation plan development over the next 12 months. A hazard mitigation plan is a publicly-guided document that identifies vulnerability to natural disasters such as flood, drought, earthquake, wildfire, winter storm, tornado/high wind storm, dam failure, etc. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects which may alleviate potential damages to property and provide protection when future disasters occur.

This hazard mitigation plan update is funded by a FEMA planning grant for 75% of the cost and 25% through a local match. The TPNRD is coordinating this plan update and the four counties are providing the 25% local match.

This planning effort is being guided by a Planning Team consisting of representatives from the TPNRD, county emergency management, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Public input will be gathered throughout the duration of the plan development through online tools and public meetings. All communities, counties, school districts, and taxing authorities within the TPNRD are eligible to participate.

For every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation, \$6 in post storm cleanup and rebuilding is saved, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Institute of National Building Scientists. Proactive hazard mitigation planning allows a community to take actions to reduce or

eliminate threats from natural and man-made disasters. To help guide future hazard mitigation projects the TPNRD is undertaking an effort to update their current Hazard Mitigation Plan, originally approved by FEMA in 2016. Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) are a requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, administered by FEMA, and once a community, county, or district is part of an approved plan they become eligible for up to a 75% cost share for a wide variety of projects listed in the plan. Hazard Mitigation Plans are required to be updated on a five-year cycle and the TPNRD's HMP will expire in 2021.

For more information on this planning effort contact the JEO project coordinator, Phil Luebbert at 402-474-8768 or by email at pluebbert@jeo.com.

## American Legion Auxiliary Winners Announced

Winners were recently announced for the Tryon American Legion Auxiliary essay and poster contests.

The following essay was the first place winner in the CI III division.

*How Can We Address The Health And Well-Being Of Our Veterans, Military and Their Families*  
By: Brooklyn Fisher



Brooklyn Fisher, CI III Essay Winner

To address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families we should help them out. If they need help with groceries we can give them bread, eggs and milk. During the school year if they have children we can give them school supplies for their children. We can help them get their needs for winter. They might need coats, scarves, gloves or mini heaters for their houses. I think that sometimes we can give them coupons for groceries, restaurants, and clothing stores.

We can also help them out with a food drive or a donation drive for them.

ences that they have had throughout their life.

If their families are going through a rough time we can help them through it. We can help our veterans be keeping them healthy. We can keep them healthy by making sure they go to the doctor once in a while. Most of our veterans can take care of themselves, but some of them can't and that's why we need to keep them healthy so they can live a long happy life. Discounts can always be a big help for our veterans. There are restaurants that give veterans discounts, but not all of them do. I think that all restaurants should give veterans a discount for what they have done for us and our country. They have done so much for us, so I think we should give back to them by giving them discounts at most restaurants. These are only a few of my opinions on keeping our veterans happy, healthy and helping their families.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



would always sit in the back of my mind. Sometimes you just have to consider the source and go forward with life and act in the manner that shows

Christ in your life. Don't wish away or waste your days waiting

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### DO AND DON'T DO

If you do do what you should do  
And you don't do what you shouldn't do,  
Then you'll be OK.  
But if you do do what you shouldn't do  
Then you'll have to pay.  
The cost may be small  
Or the price may be great  
But if you have done  
What you shouldn't do  
Then it's now too late!

You can't undo what's already done  
Even if when you did it,  
It seemed like fun.  
All you can do is straighten up your act  
And from now on  
Behave with some tact  
And do do what you should do,  
Shun what you shouldn't do  
And life will be better,  
That's a fact.

J.R. Trumbull  
12 May 2006



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