



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 19, 2010**  
Chadron State College has awarded scholarships to area students for the fall 2010 semester. Scholarship winners include: Cecilia Coons, of Mullen; Jacob Ginkens, of Mullen; Katie Steele, of Mullen; Spencer Armstrong, of North Platte; and Shelby Rookstool, of North Platte.

Deaths: Ida K. Mathers, age 100, of North Platte, passed away August 10, 2010 at her home. Hollis E. Snyder, 98, passed away August 11, 2010, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte. Noah Shaun and Joel Aaron are the identical twin sons of Aaron and Julie Fletcher, of Hershey, born July 22, 2010.

A small attendance was reported August 1, 2010 at the fair building in Tryon for the 60th annual Neal family reunion.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 24, 2000**  
Thirty-eight students enrolled at McPherson County High school for the 2000-2001 school year. Class sponsors were David Yost for the Freshman Class; David Thelen for the Sophomore Class; Sabrena Clinebell and Gary Johnson for the Junior Class; and Jennifer Moore for the Senior Class.

A former Tryon resident, Becky Dailey of Arnold, received the Ak-Sar-Ben/Omaha World-Herald Good Neighbor Award at Sunday night's grandstand gathering at the Custer County Fair. Present to watch Becky receive the award was Mary Beshaler, who nominated her friend for the award.

Two Tryon cowgirls traveled to Thedford August 13th to participate in the Thedford Junior Rodeo. Meka Melvin placed 2nd in barrels, 4th in goat typing, 4th in dummy roping and 7th in pole bending. Meka was Reserve All-Around cowgirl in the 7-10 age group. Raelynn Gilmore placed 4th in the goat typing, 4th in barrels and 5th in breakaway roping in the 11-14 division.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 23, 1990**  
Lois Correll was pic-

tured with a beautiful crocheted pillow top which won "Best in the County Needlework" for 1990. The pillow top will be displayed at the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln.

McPherson County Commissioners Harold Arensdorf, Bob Long and Keith Lutes lost the pig kissing contest to Lela Pyzer and Edd Black who represented the volunteer fire and ambulance crew at Tryon. The commissioners had a total of \$2,575.13. The money from the fund raiser will be used to buy bunker gear and other needed equipment for the volunteer firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Neal of North Platte, were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Tina Marie, to Lynn Pyzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pyzer of Tryon. The couple planned a September wedding.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 21, 1980**

Gaylene Kemp, who styled in Clothing Unlimited, will represent McPherson County at the Nebraska State Fair after being selected Top Stylist at the County Style Revue. Runner-up was Hannah Doyle who also styled in Clothing Unlimited. Top junior stylist was Marty Moore who styled in Decorate Your Duds and Crocheting.

Teachers have been hired for all six rural elementary schools in McPherson County according to County Superintendent Karen Hunn. The three teachers at District No. 4 in Tryon are Dessie Bellew, Grades K-2; Nora Miller, Grades 3-5; and Charlene Connell, Grades 6-8. Other teachers are Gayle Neal, District No. 7 at Hall; Mr. Ulmer, District 9 north of Tryon; Susan Alber, District No. 26 in the Flats community; Alice Dobbins, District No. 28 west of Tryon and Kathy Thompson, District No. 59 at Ringgold.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 20, 1970**

With the restrooms at the McPherson County Fair Building being completed on Saturday, and

the building clean-up day on Wednesday and Thursday, we are ready for the fair. Those of you giving of your time and labor can feel mighty proud of your efforts. Among those working this week on the building were Tom Kemp, Clay Kemp, John Neal, Marvin Munson, Melvin Miller. If any names were omitted, it was not intentional.

John Kramer from Tryon and Elga Gewecke of Stapleton proved to be the best range judges at the 4-H Range Judging Contest near Ringgold. They both received purple rosette ribbons.

Troy Whited, and Trent and Brett Neal spent Saturday night with Grandma and Grandpa Neal, while their parents attended a class reunion of the 1962 class at North Platte.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 25, 1960**

The west mail route carrier, Elzie Hatch, had the misfortune to have his pickup catch on fire while on the route. He was able to smother the fire with sand, but considerable damage was done. Dale Arensdorf helped him get it back to town.

The Tryon Rural Fire Truck was called out Monday to the Wisner and Bakewell ranches northwest of Tryon where a fire was started in the hayfield on the Wisner ranch. About 200 to 300 acres were burned.

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## McPherson Co Schools

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new 7-12 Ag Education teacher. Miss Choat is a graduate of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture with an Associate of Science in Agriculture Production Systems and from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education. Her hometown is St. Edward, where she grew up on a diversified farm and was heavily involved in 4-H and FFA. She likes to spend time outdoors and enjoys gardening, landscaping, fishing, and biking.



EVEY CHOAT



MINDY EBMEIER



APRIL GAEDKE



EMILIE KUNZ

Emilie Kunz is the new K-12 music and art teacher. She has had a passion for teaching all her life and first tutored Japanese exchange students in summer camp when she was eight years old. After completing her undergrad in art, Miss Kunz traveled to Japan where she taught for some time before returning to her roots. She has been in education since 2013 and began as a paraprofessional working with those with special needs. She obtained her master's in education from Grace University and is excited to begin 2020 teaching music and art at MCS.

Mrs. Gaedke will take over as the new 7-12 English teacher this year. She is a York College graduate with a Bachelor of Psychology and a minor in theology. She lives with her husband and six children in Tryon. Mrs. Gaedke loves reading, canning, gardening, horseback riding, four-wheeling, hiking, camping, and anything outside with her family.

Luke Connell will be the

new business and science teacher. Mr. Connell is a graduate of McPherson County Schools and graduated July at exercises held at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Connell was one of 216 summer graduates honored at a ceremony held outdoors on campus for the first time since May 1990. Connell received his bachelor of science in business administration. Mr. Connell was born and raised in McPherson County and graduated from MCHS in 1999. He married his high school sweetheart, Renee, in 2001, and they moved back to Tryon in 2005 to start their family. They have four children, Leyton, 13; Devanee, 11; Brody, 8; and KayCee, 4. All four will be attending



LUKE CONNELL

McPherson County Schools this fall. Mr. Connell has spent the last 15 years working for the Union Pacific Railroad in North Platte as a mechanical carman. He went back to school to earn his bachelor's degree and he has entered the transitional teaching program. For the last several years he has been the head football coach at McPherson County Schools and in the cooperative agreement with Stapleton. Mr. Connell said he looks forward to working with the youth of the community as a business teacher and middle school science teacher. "I am McPherson County to the bones and I am proud that I get the chance to follow in the same path of so many of the amazing educators who have impacted my life in such a positive manner."

Deb Brownfield returns as K-12 principal.

Other faculty members are:

Renee Connell: K-12 school counselor and tech director.

Jason Phelps: 7-12 Social Science.

Meka Melvin: K-12 librarian; physical education.

Shelly Lovitt: 5th Grade. Kami Florea: Activities director and 3rd and 4th grades.

Lisa Vasa: 7-12 Math. Raegan Anderson: K-12 Special Education.

Joy Crow: K-2nd grades.

Carol Watson is the paraprofessional; Shelly Apperson, secretary; Tawnya Simmons, bookkeeper; Ken Simmons, custodian, maintenance and woods; Jill McNutt, custodian; and Randy Fisher, bus driver.

## Over The Hills



*J.R. Trumbull*

old MCHS with my graduating class of 8 because I didn't have a lot of choices about the classes I could take. She had missed out on a lot of the basics because she had all of these alternatives. You can probably guess who had to help her later in life when she decided to pick up some college classes. The basics of life are important no matter what you are doing and the basics of education are the gridwork to build on. The basics of the Bible, of Sunday School and Bible School are the

foundation to lay that gridwork on so that you can build a sturdy future.

Christians who have a solid base can look beyond the farce of this world and keep their eye on the only one who matters, Jesus Christ the Lord. We know that God, the Father, is in control of everything and that He has given us the Holy Spirit and His Word as a guide. Stand fast and hold fast to the Truth!

"The trouble with ignorance is that it picks up confidence as it goes along." *Unknown*

Quote: "Following the path of least resistance is the reason that people and rivers go crooked."

*Folk Saying*

As I have observed some of the "peaceful" demonstrations (riots is more like it), the tearing down of statues that have stood for years, the demand that places be renamed for reasons that makes no real sense to me, and all of the other things that are going on, I have decided that Ethics, American Government or Civics, and American and World History must not be taught in most schools today. I just have to shake my head and wonder what happened. I had to take American Government and American and World History to graduate. Those classes were required along with English, Literature, and basic science courses.

We wrote term papers without the use of computers. We had to look things up in the encyclopedias and read reference books. The path was most certainly not the one of least resistance. At least it wasn't for me. After talking with a friend who had attended high school in Kearney, I decided that I had been much better off in good

### FARCICAL

Justice sometimes seems a farce  
And leaves one wondering who's the arse  
'Cause human frailty gets in the way  
And leaves truth out of earthly say.

Frustration and headaches will abound  
If you don't look beyond this current round  
And keep your eyes on what's beyond  
This veil of tears and earthly bond.

If you don't focus on the Christ  
Then nothing will be worth the price  
That you ultimately will pay  
When comes your turn at Judgment Day!

For Christ the Intercessor sits with the  
Great Judge  
And will not look upon those not covered by  
His blood  
Who will then be cast away  
Into eternal hell fire on that day.

No one should suffer such a fate  
But most of us would at our own rate  
So turn to Jesus while you can  
For He is the only hope for any man.

J.R. Trumbull  
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