



# McPherson County News

~ Established 1889 ~

*Incorporating The Tryon Graphic*

## Graphic Files

*From The Tryon Graphic Archives*

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2011**  
Members of the fifth and sixth grade football team were: Nick Gifford, Jacob Trosper, Christian Buck, Trenton Harbur, Patrick Gastineau, Tyrus Allen, Wyatt O'Brien, Aiden Trimble, Mason Ward, Jared Schultis, Jayce Dole, Max Frey, Jenton Paben, Charlie Bassett and Logan Way.

Scott Starr, a member of the 1991 UNL Livestock Judging team, was among those honored at the American Royal in Kansas City.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2001**  
The three candidates who were appointed, Marla Kniggs, Reno Mueller and Larry Lidgett all declined the sheriff's job.

Leslie and Bev Anway celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Rachael Lynn Johnson and Rusty Michael Kemp were united in marriage on September 22, 2001.

Samuel Walton Moore, 79, passed away at Kearney.

The Longhorns won their first round of six man football playoffs against Wheeler Central, 38-54. Scoring were Wacey Krull, Tyler Abel, Levi Arensdorf, Wyatt Arensdorf and Jake Christopher.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 1991**  
McPherson County's Kemp Ranch received the conservation award, and was presented with an aerial photo of the ranch.

Arthur L. Essley, 92, passed away at a North Platte nursing home.

James Monroe Young, 77, passed away at the Veteran's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Elaine M. Harshfield, 77, passed away at her home in Sutherland.

Lana Albrecht, a freshman at McPherson County High School, was a member of the First Middle School/Junior

High Honor Choir.  
**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 1981**  
Carl Rundback, 71, passed away at his home in McPherson County on November 3.

Jason Arensdorf, the 3-year-old son of Jeff and Shelly Arensdorf, was transferred out of intensive care following his recent heart surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Schmidt of Tryon, are the new parents of a baby boy named Daniel Evan.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lutes of Tryon received word of a new great-granddaughter, Tiffany Dawn, born to Don and Glenda Nichols.

A number of ladies were present at the coffee club at the Elmer McClain home.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 1971**

The Longhorns defeated Wallace, 36-18. On offense the line blocking of Doug Correll, Randy Fisher, Ken Schmidt and Gary Connell were excellent.

Mrs. Carl Rundback entertained the Hobby Club, with all the members present and two guests, Mrs. Gladys Jackson and Mrs. Mary Valentine.

The train wreck at Sutherland was quite a deal, 13 cars derailed with coal, lumber and other things. No one was hurt.

Mrs. Mary Valentine entertained the pupils at School District 15 at a Halloween party.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 1961**

Cars driven by Hartward Connell and Donnie Moore met on a sharp curve east of Herschel Moores on the narrow gravel road. Both cars were damaged badly.

The Tryon boys lost to Hershey, 44-14. The seniors playing their last game were Elwin Miller, Doug Smolik, Terry Jameson, Ron Daly and Mike Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Comp-ton are the parents of a new baby boy named Carl William.

Theresa Kennedy and Larry Bassett were united in marriage by Judge Eliott at Valentine.

Mrs. Bertha Hardin returned to her home in Tryon after being gone on a trip for several weeks.

Mrs. John Leeds, who was confined to Memorial Hospital for seven days last week, returned home and is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pullen and family had a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Ellis Pullen.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 1951**

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson announced the birth of a baby daughter, named Jo Ann.

Karl M. Hunn of the U.S. Navy arrived home on a 30-day furlough.

Vernon Wendling, age 40, passed away at his home.

Barry Lee McConnell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McConnell, passed away at birth at the Sutherland hospital.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 1941**

Ramon M. Garska, reported for duty at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schmidt of Ringgold announce the birth of a son, Gene LeRoy, born at the St. Mary hospital.

A small cow barn was constructed at the Lester Patton place in south Tryon, and a small building had been built at the property east of Tryon recently acquired by I.C. Zenor and now occupied by Mrs. Smith and children.

Lavern Neal was picking corn for Hershel Moore.

Ralph Saul moved his cattle recently which were pastured by Bobby Shimin.

Private Robert Howard was home on a fifteen day furlough and was in Tryon visiting friends.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Flats Helping Hand Club was celebrated at Flats church. The club was founded in 1916.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 1931**

A Halloween prank in Elgin resulted in the loss of a young ladies life when a wire was stretched tight across the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Huffman are the parents of a new son born at the Platte Valley Hospital.

Word was received of the marriage of Vern Shaw and Miss Irene Shrader on October 31.

Granddad Clotfelter of Kearney arrived last week for an extended visit at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Orloe Warren.

Bob Wade and Ira Cumpston have been tearing down the vault standing on the site of the old court house. Part of the bricks are being salvaged.



Quote: "May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

*Peter Marshall*

Have you ever wondered why Veterans Day is on the 11th day of the 11th month and does not change? World War I ended on the 11th month on the 11th day at the 11th hour of that day. Many of us have ties to World War I. My uncle, Roland Trumbull, served in the United States Army in Europe during World War I. My great uncle, Lewis C. Lattin, served as an ambulance driver in Europe during World War I. Most families in this area have similar ties.

"Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could reposition her poppy. While doing so he told that lady she should always wear the poppy on her right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the

eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War I formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them. We must remember those

from our current wars too."

I copied this from an article I read. It is important to remember this and to honor our veterans by wearing the poppy properly and supporting what it stands for.

### FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

Do you ever stop to think  
When you do just what you want  
That you are exercising freedom  
And freedom's not for flaunt.

It costs to have that freedom—  
No, freedom isn't free!  
It may mean some sacrifice  
Like taxes or service for you and me.

It may mean military service  
Whether here or over there,  
It may take some time and effort  
Supporting candidates who care.

You may have to speak out  
When you see things that aren't right  
Because true freedom takes some doing  
And it's everybody's fight.

Study the real U.S. Constitution,  
Not just what's interpreted by law  
And compare it to the Bible,  
Our forefathers knew what they saw.

Freedom's not a freebie,  
It has to be well earned,  
Maintaining it takes teamwork  
So teach others what you've learned.

Apathy defeats freedom  
Don't bury your head in the sand  
You still have rights as an American  
So take a "freedom" stand!

J.R. Trumbull  
2 October 2009

## Between the Lines

*(Continued From Last Week)*  
And so a Century ends  
*Conclusion*

A girl that I thought a lot of got married while I was in Japan with my Uncle Sam. I wrote to a lot of people, men, women, boys and girls, while I was in the army. The logic behind this was that if you wrote a lot you'd get some back. Nothing felt better when a long ways from home than to hear your name at mail call. One of the girls that I wrote to seemed like a good prospect for some personal visits when I got home, but she had trouble clearing her calendar for the one time I went to see her. Another faithful pen pal was just a true Christian friend and confidant. I had met her a couple years before going to the army and had even double dated on Fourth of July with her and a friend of mine. We continued to write when I got home, she had graduated

in the spring before I got home from the army and was prepared to teach a country school the fall of 1946-47. Her folks only lived 40 or so miles from my home (over some of the worst roads that the sandhills of Nebraska had managed to blow-together in the first half of a century) so I didn't get to visit very much. I had to borrow a vehicle for awhile while building a Model A Ford coupe from pieces I found all the way between Scottsbluff to the west and Spiegel's Chicago store to the east. In some of our conversations we seemed to agree that the most desirable partners were true friends, just like we had been for the last couple years. When it came time for Doris to get lined up to teach the next year, she managed to get hired at my old home school - remember that first school-

Dean Thompson

house that had been built of sod in 1908 and called Center Valley? Well this was the same old school, it had just outlived the first three buildings. Along in the early spring of 1947 we decided we just might be able to save money by getting married before school started in the fall (both by her living at home to teach and by me not having to travel that awful road to call on her). In April with a lot of help from my folks we were able to buy our present home at a ranch auction and in the securing of a 40-year government loan the agents allowed Doris to cosign with her maiden name. I'm not so sure this would fly today the way commitments mean so little. Anyway, I've certainly used a lot of words to say that we were

*See Between The Lines*  
*Page 10*

### Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Thursday, November 11 - Philly cheesesteak, pasta salad, chips, orange slices

Friday, November 12 - Pork chop, cooked beets, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit, dinner roll

Monday, November 15 - French dip, green beans, cole slaw, potato chips, pears

Tuesday, November 16 - Ham and beans, hash-browns, fried bread, fruit cocktail

Wednesday, November 17 - Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, stuffing, homemade bread, apples

Thursday, November 18 - Beef and broccoli over rice, mandarin oranges, bread spear

Friday, November 19 - Hamburger chicken fry, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches

## NOW PLOWING WATER LINES

*With Our New Equipment*



*Also Offering:*  
*Back Hoe Work & Septic Pumping*

**Starr Trenching, LLC**

*Kevin Starr*

308-520-4524 • TRYON

*"Better quality at a better price"*

## Neal Oil

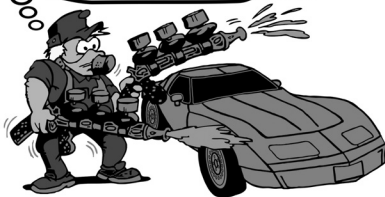
*Serving You In The Sandhills*

### Bulk Fuel & Propane Delivery!

**Bulk Oil • Antifreeze  
Green Mountain Grill Dealer**

**308-587-2400 • TRYON**

## RINGGOLD AUTO BODY



**(308)636-2204**

**Scott & Kathy Hoberg, Owners**

Open: Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

• Professional  
Body &  
Paint Work

• Collision  
Repair

*Over 30  
Years  
Experience!*