



# McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 3, 2013

The McPherson County High School students gathered in front of the high school in Tryon in observance of "See You at the Pole," on Wednesday, September 25. This annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing, is observed nationwide.

Jesse Paxton, a McPherson County High School senior, was chosen as a recipient of the prestigious Believer & Achievers award.

Geneva V. Neal, age 96, of Tryon, died September 27, 2013 at Centennial Park Retirement Village in North Platte.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 9, 2003

Homecoming royalty and attendants pictured in this issue of *The Graphic* were: Craig McNutt and Raelyn Gilmore, junior attendants; Leah Christopher and George Licking, Queen and King; Ryan Mumm and Roka Streiff, sophomore attendants; Margo McNutt and Alek Janeczek, freshmen attendants.

A former North Platte resident, Clarice Marie Priest, 80, of Independence, Missouri, died September 16, 2003, at the Rosewood Health Center in Independence.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 7, 1993

The Stapleton District ASCS office is proposed for closure under Agriculture Secretary, Mike Espy's re-organization plan. Tom Chohon, County Executive Director of the Stapleton District ASCS office on September 9, 1993, about the proposed closing after reading about it in the *Omaha World Herald*.

Alice Lutes of Tryon, was taken by ambulance to the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte Wednesday evening, September 29, following a ranch accident which resulted in an injured vertebra and some bad bruises. According to reports, the accident occurred when a calf hit a steel cattle panel which had become unhooked at the top, and the panel and calf both fell on her.

Those who helped out at the Don Neal home Tuesday September 28, following Geneva's accident the night before were Mabel Hatch, Maxine Neal, Gary Neal and Lela Pyzer. Others who came that evening were Mary Dorothy Johnston of North Platte, Trent and Sheila Neal, Jeff Arens-dorf, Maxine Neal and Mabel Hatch who

stopped again that evening. Wednesday callers and helpers were Joan Farmer, Susie Bond, who both came in the morning, and took Don and Geneva to North Platte for a check with their doctor in the.

The Sandhills Craftique Club will be holding their next meeting at the Ranch Store in Tryon, with Maudene Sowders as hostess. Elisa Exchange from Paraguay, who has been staying with Ron and Lorna Dobbins, will be a special guest.

The new garbage dumpsters are now in place and ready for use. The dump is now closed so everyone will have to use the dumpsters in Tryon and west of the fair building. The dump will be opened at designated times to take tree branches only.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 6, 1983

The Logan-McPherson Extension Board has recommended the appointment of Thomas O. Dill of Lincoln, as extension agent chairman for Logan and McPherson counties. Dill's appointment will become effective sometime in January, 1984. He and his wife, Maggie have one daughter. He will be filling the vacancy left by Terry Gompert.

Two former Tryon resident, Lulu Wilson and Opal Garska, are patients this week in the Burwell Hospital at Burwell, NE. Mrs. Wilson is suffering complications from a bad cold, and Mrs. Garska suffered a broken arm which required surgery.

Eleven members of the Willing Workers Club and their families met September 17, 1983, to clean the Miller Park in Tryon. A picnic supper and business meeting was also held.

Funeral services were held October 6, 1983, for Barbara L. Anway, 40, who died October 2 in a North Platte nursing home. She was raised in McPherson County west of Tryon and attended McPherson County High School. Among survivors listed were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pinkerton of Tryon; two sons, Randy Lee and Robbie Lee, and one daughter Sherri Lynn Anway.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 4, 1973

The freshman class held their second meeting September 18, 1973. They discussed what they would do for homecoming and elected a committee of Judy Thompson, Doreen Shirley, Dallas Neal and Randy Houghtaling to think of something for their float.

We would like to make welcome to our commu-

nity all our newcomers within the past month or so; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Shelton and family, who live in the Bill Fisher house; Enid Allen and two grandsons who moved their trailer house into Larry's trailer park. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black who have a nice new modular home at the former Orval Black residence; Mrs. Nancy Houghtaling and family who are living in the Tom Fisher house; Superintendent and Mrs. Grove and baby in the south teacher-age; and Rev. Richard Nixon at the Wesleyan Church parsonage.

Two-year-old John Van Natta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Van Natta, took a bad fall from their davenport and struck the back of his head. The Tryon ambulance was called and he was rushed to North Platte where five stitches were taken.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 3, 1963

Officers elected for the McPherson County High School Improvement Club for the 1963-64 school year, were Theta Bullington, president; LaVada Rodewald, secretary-treasurer; and Clara Daly, news reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lancaster to Omaha Sunday where the Neals boarded a plane early Monday morning for Hawaii where they will spend a 10-day vacation.

The Oldsters Party of McPherson County will be held October 10 at the Methodist Church in Tryon.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 8, 1953

Home Builders Club met at the home of Dorothy Moore at North Platte September 24, with 16 members present. The new officers elected were: Eva Correll, president; Kathryn Augustine, vice president; Ruth Doyle, secretary; Dorothy Moore, treasurer; Lena Traphagan, song leader and news reporter; Myrtle Gragg and Dorothy Moore, cheerleaders; Tilley Haney, Levona Harvey and Darlene Waits were appointed to make the year books. Myrtle Daly was the lucky winner of the surprise gift. Maxine Neal will be hostess October 29th.

Jean Marie Scolin had the misfortune of having a rattle snake bite her while at school during morning recess Wednesday. She stepped on the snake before she saw it. She was rushed to the doctor at Ogallala and was kept in the hospital for treatment until Thursday. The older pupils at the school killed the snake. It had six rattles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Popham and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smolik and boys. They

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## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Your happiness is intertwined with your outlook on life."

Once upon a time, a very strong woodcutter asked for a job with a timber merchant and he got it. The pay was good and so were the work conditions. For those reasons, the woodcutter was determined to do his best.

His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he was suppose to work.

The first day, the woodcutter brought 18 trees. "Congratulations," the boss said. "Go on that way!"

Very motivated by the boss words, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he could only bring 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he could only bring 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing less and less trees.

"I must be losing my strength", the woodcutter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on.

"When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked. "Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees."

Reflection:

Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to sharpen the "axe". In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever, but less happy that ever.

Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay "sharp"? There's nothing wrong with activity and hard work. But we should not get so busy that we neg-

lect the truly important things in life, like our personal life, taking time to get close to God, giving more time for our family, taking time to read etc.

We all need time to relax, to think and meditate, to learn and grow. If we don't take the time to sharpen the "axe", to sharpen our relationship with the Lord, we will become dull and lose our effectiveness.

Stephen Covey

### A "REAL" JOB

Why don't you get a "real" job  
A city friend once asked.  
Late that cold and windy night  
I contemplated that task.

Early morning hours and a breech position  
Followed by a prolapse I fear.  
Cold wind up the tail of my coat  
OB sleeves don't cut that chilly air.

Calf delivered safely,  
Heifer now repaired.  
I miss my warm, snug bed  
These things a rancher has to bear.

Yeah, why don't I get a real job?  
I pondered on that thought  
But I'm out here doing  
As I'm so inclined and taught.

Well, that was a few years ago  
Back when I could handle that kind of  
weather.

Sure wish I could still do it  
'Cause there's nothing that I'd rather.

J.R. Trumbull  
4 Nov 2017

## Controlling Winter Annual Bromes

By: Jerry Volesky

Was cheatgrass, sometimes called downy brome, or wild oats abundant in your pastures this spring? Although difficult, they can be controlled and your pasture revitalized.

Winter annual bromes often invade thin or overgrazed pastures in fall and early spring. Livestock dislike grazing them after they become mature and over time they can take over and make large patches in a pasture.

Research by the University of Nebraska evaluated herbicides for controlling cheatgrass. Products containing rimsulfuron and imazapic (Plateau®) can provide good control of cheatgrass from a single application, but control can vary widely from year to year depending on when the application is made, maturity of cheatgrass plants, and the weather patterns. A one-time management operation, utilizing grazing, mowing, or a non-residual herbicide, like rimsulfuron or imazapic, usually does not have a lasting impact on the cheatgrass in the seedbank. To reduce the

seedbank, control needs to be close to 100%, and repeated over several years.

Rejuvra™ is a new rangeland herbicide product from Bayer that works differently from existing cheatgrass herbicides. Rejuvra™ has limited activity on emerged plants and only controls seedlings as they germinate, so it is best to apply Rejuvra™ in early fall before seeds germinate. This herbicide can provide control up to two years post application.

For warm-season grass

pastures, there is another option. You can use glyphosate herbicides after top growth of these grasses has gone dormant due to a hard freeze or two. This can kill emerged annual brome seedlings or other cool-season species without harming the desirable grasses. With any herbicide, always read and follow label directions.

With these herbicide options and proper grazing management, your pastures can develop thicker stands of the more desirable grasses.

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