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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 8, 2014

The McPherson County High School class of 2014 would walk the stage one last time on Saturday, May 10 in Tryon. Members of the class are: Isaac Ascherl, Elizabeth Ann Barnhill, Jesse Lee Paxton, Kadee Anne Cutler, Melinda Rios, Levi Michael Brott, Mary Kristine Drake, Clay Kugler Seifer, Alexander James Hinkle, James Patrick Paine, Ty Michael Waits.

The McPherson County FFA chapter installed new officers for the 2014-2015 year. They were: Arika Starr, Sentinel; Kandace Ward, secretary; Michaela Schultis, vice president; Kindra Smith, reporter; Peyton Barner, president; Haley Munson, treasurer.

Jared Schultis, son of Ryan and Christena Schultis of Tron, was a contestant in the National Geographic Geography Bee April 4, 2014.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 6, 2004

Eighth grade graduation was held April 28 at McPherson County High School. Those honored were: Duell Arensdorf, Megan Baker, Benjamin Cochran, Meka Melvin, Amanda Morgan, Derek Neal, Jalyn Starr and Amy Waits.

The McPherson County High School Class of 2004 was featured in this issue of The Tryon Graphic. They were: Amanda Rana Albrecht, Jennifer Kay Albrecht, Leah Ruth Christopher, Troy Leonard Connick, Beau C. Licking, George L. Licking, Megan Lynn Morgan, Stacy Jane Neal, Brittany Dell Pettit, Josh O. Streiff and Joshua Douglas Weatherly.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 12, 1994

Eighth grade graduation exercises were held May 9, 1994 at the high school auditorium. Graduates were as follows: Jeremy Jay Arensdorf, John Bryant, Tara Sue Connell, Tyler W. Neal, Michael L. Popham, Toni Lynn Kemp, Darla Rae Arensdorf and Tim Schmidt.

Seven seniors received diplomas during the 74th annual graduation exercises at McPherson County High School in Tryon on Sunday, May 8, 1994. They were Toby Charles Black, Jacob Spencer Bryant, Theresa Agnes Bryant, LaDonna May Connell, Tanya Marie Fisher, Bradley James Howery and Jason Paul Munson.

Jason Munson, son of Stanley and Shareen Munson, was honored as class Salutatorian and Valedictorian was LaDonna Connell, daughter of Hartward and Wanda Connell.

The McPherson County High School Improvement Club held their regular meeting on May 6. Officers elected for 1994-95 were: Berva Arendorf, president; Kathy Ritter, vice president; Vicki Powers, secretary; Deb Correll, treasurer; and Pam Schmidt, news reporter.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the Poppy Poster Contest. Winners were: Kindergarten and first - 1. Josh Tobiasson; 2. Benton Daly; Grade Three - Jamie Fisher; Class I - 1. Joseph Cochran; 2. Katrina Fisher; Class II - 1. Lacy Abel; 2. Jeremy Neal; Class III - 1. Tyler Neal; 2. Jeremy Arensdorf.

Megan Wilkie won first place in the American Legion Auxiliary sponsored Americanism Essay Contest. Dawna Arensdorf was second.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 10, 1984

Mark Trumbull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trumbull and Craig Dailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dailey, all of Tryon, were recipients of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors at the MCHS graduation.

Students at School District No. 9 visited two local businesses recently. The students visiting the Ringgold Greenhouse and Creative Printers in Stapleton were: Lori Kemp, Rusty Moore, Rusty Kemp, Travis Kemp, Jeffrey Moore, LaDonna Connell, Marty

Moore and Melissa Power. They were accompanied by teacher Joy Crow and Wanda Connell, sponsor.

Steve and Linda Veith of North Platte were the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Elizabeth, born Easter Sunday, April 23, 1984.

Karen Kay Lutes and Dennis Earl Licking were united in marriage April 7, 1984 at Hall Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lutes of Tryon and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Licking of Theford.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 9, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Pettit of McCook are the parents of a baby boy born May 1. He has been named Todd Darin.

The Tryon Ambulance was alerted here Saturday afternoon by Trooper Trackwell from Mullen after Trackwell and the Thomas County Sheriff were transferring a prisoner from Theford to North Platte. About five miles north of Tryon the prisoner had an apparent heart attack. He was transferred from the patrol car into the ambulance and taken to Memorial Hospital in North Platte.

Chart Nicholson was shown with a big catch from the Sutherland Reservoir. The 12 pound carp was caught and was fun to fight, but not too good to eat.

The McPherson County High School 1974 seniors were featured. They were: Jeffery Joe Arensdorf, Shareen Rae (Nicholson) Munson, Mary Rhogene Miller, Stanley Paul Munson, James Ray Kemp, Daniel Duane Arensdorf, Billie Lee Smith, Kent L. Correll, Brozy Crimby Wilkins III, Kathleen Kay Neal, George Rodney Daly, Wiley Kent Fisher, Colleen (Schraeder) Miller, Edwin Lee Bullington and Shirla Marie Hatch.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 7, 1964

Lightning hit a stack of hay at the Herschel Moore ranch on Saturday night. It was thought that the fire was out, but high winds Sunday scattered sparks which resulted in the loss of two more stacks of hay and approximately a section of grass land was burned.

Rural Field Day was held May 1 for all McPherson County Grade Schools. Bradley Harvey won the big purple ribbon as winner of the most points for boys and Joy Moriarty won the purple ribbon for girls. District 4 won the meet with most points, 89, District 7 was second with 85 and District 15 had 50 points.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 13, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Connell of Sutherland are the parents of a son born Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy O'Mara of Tryon are the parents of a daughter, Connie Colleen was born May 5 at North Platte Memorial Hospital.

Rita Dobbins and Tom Hora was featured in the 1953-54 Senior of McPherson County High. Rita's future plans are to teach school and Tom is indefinite about his plans.

Mrs. George Kahoe spent Thursday, May 6, in Omaha where she was a guest of the Women's Division of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce at the 8th annual Homemakers Recognition Day.

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Quote: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt

When they asked her to reveal her beauty secrets, Audrey Hepburn wrote this beautiful text that was later read at her funeral.

To have attractive lips, speak kind words.

To have a loving look, look for the good side of people.

To look skinny, share your food with the hungry.

To have beautiful hair, let a child cross it with his own fingers once a day.

To have a beautiful poise, walk knowing you're never alone, because those who love and loved you accompany you.

People, even more than objects, need to be fixed, spoiled, awakened, wanted and saved: never give up on anyone.

Remember, if you ever need a hand, you'll find them at the end of both your arms.

When you become old, you will discover that you

have two hands, one to help yourself, the second to help others.

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, in her face or in her way of fixing her hair. The beauty of a woman is seen in her eyes, because that is the door open to her heart, the source of

her love.

The beauty of a woman doesn't lie in her makeup, but the true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul.

It is the tenderness that gives love, the passion that it expresses.

The beauty of a woman grows over the years.

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Can people tell that you are a Christian
By the way you walk your walk?
Can they tell where you place your faith
By the way you talk your talk?

Can they tell by the way you handle
Every day stress and trials?
Does it show in your countenance
And the way you smile your smiles?

Or do people know you claim to be
a Christian
Yet you look like you were baptized
in pickle juice?
You're supposed to be a Christian
Yet you often slip and your humor is loose?

Just stop and think about it
And consider how Christ would live
Then pray and ask for guidance
And to Him your life give.

It's not an easy journey.
The way often isn't clear.
At times you will grow weary
And the cost will seem quite dear.

The rewards aren't always in this life
But the retirement plan is great!
Just turn life over to Jesus
And quit wondering about your fate!

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6 November 2005

McPherson County School Renovations

Superintendent Vanderheiden

McPherson County High School has started its HVAC and Energy renovation project. The renovation will allow the replacement of fresh air in each classroom at a minimum of three times throughout the day. The air within each classroom will be monitored for CO2 levels and other harmful gasses. The HVAC system will allow for programming of the different areas of the building to minimize the usage over weekends, holidays, summer, and when not in use during daily routines.

Additional ductwork is required and the hallway ceiling in the south portion of the high school will be converted to a suspended ceiling. Plaques and record boards had to be taken down and to ensure the plaques will be

able to be viewed, Mr. Simmons and the Woods Class are building 20' of display cases that will be located along the west wall of the Commons area. The record boards will be digitized and integrated into the display board currently displaying McPherson County High School's graduating classes. There will be no additional expense to the district and will allow any alum access to records anywhere internet access is accessible as can be accomplished with the graduation boards.

You will be able to access record boards and graduating classes anytime 24/7.

Hallway lighting will be converted to high efficiency LED lights. The front and side entry doors will be replaced with energy efficient exterior doors that will provide better security measures.

The board has been saving funds over the past few years to cover door replacement costs along with the installation of a districtwide surveillance system.

The surveillance system will be installed once the grillwork for the new ceiling is completed. While the district has planned and saved for these projects, it has also applied for Safety and Security Grant funds made available through the Nebraska Department of Education. Announcement of grant awards will be made in May.

The McPherson County School District is excited to be able to put this HVAC/Energy renovation in motion. This, along with the new safety and security measures, will provide a much improved learning environment and gathering place for the community well into the future.

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A group photo of the McPherson County FFA chapter members, including students and adults, standing in front of a building. The photo is framed by a decorative rope border. To the left of the photo is the FFA logo, which features an eagle and the text "FFA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION".