



McPherson County News

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MCHS Students Honored At Awards Banquet



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Angel Murphy received the prestigious Gary Goodchuck Soaring Eagle Award.

The McPherson County Schools Awards Night was held Monday, May 1, in the auditorium of McPherson County High School in Tryon. Students were honored for their academic, athletic and fine arts achievements throughout the school year.

Ms. Miller, Superintendent, welcomed the crowd and the Oral Interpretation of Drama Team, under the direction of Mrs. Dalton, presented their State Qualifying entry, "Wiley and the Hairy Man."

A complete list of the awards and recipients follows:

President's Education Awards - Ms. Miller and Mrs. Brownfield: Outstanding Academic Excellence - Colby Crow, Angel Murphy, Kyon Neal, Brianna Powers, Brooklin Sailors, Hannah Watson, Gentry Barner, Jared Schultis, Abigail Goosey, Rainah Holm, Jency Starr, Alexx Starr, Alissa Apperson, Ashton Apperson, Theresa Ascherl, Megan Coffman, Jency Starr. Outstanding Academic Achievement - Nick Gifford. Honor Roll, Quarter 1 - Colby Crow, Angel Murphy (All A's), Kyon Neal, Brianna Powers, Brooklin Sailors, Hannah Watson, Gentry Barner, Abigail Goosey (All A's), Garrett Neal, Aubrey Schultis (All A's) Alexx Starr, Alissa Apperson, Ashton Apperson, Theresa Ascherl (All A's), Megan Coffman and Jency Starr (All A's). Honor Roll, Quarter 2 - Colby Crow, Angel Murphy (All A's), Kyon Neal, Brianna Powers (All A's), Brooklin Sailors, Hannah Watson, Jared Schultis, Abigail Goosey (All A's), Garrett Neal, Aubrey Schultis (All A's) Alexx Starr, Mason Ward, Alissa Apperson, Ashton Apperson, Theresa Ascherl (All A's), and Jency Starr (All A's). Honor Roll, Quarter 3 - Angel Murphy, Brianna Powers, Gentry Barner, Jared Schultis, Abigail Goosey (All A's), Rainah Holm, Garrett Neal, Aubrey Schultis (All A's) Alexx Starr, Mason Ward, Alissa Apperson, Ashton Apperson, Theresa Ascherl and Jency Starr (All A's).

HOBY - Ms. Tuenge: Aubrey Schultis. Cornhusker Boy's State - Ms. Tuenge: Caleb Goosey. Speech - Mrs. Dalton: Lettermen - Abigail Goosey, Rainah Holm, Garrett Neal, Aubrey Schutis, Mason Ward,

Alexx Starr, Theresa Ascherl, Katie Powers, Jency Starr, Ethan Watson and Hollianna Watson.

One-Act Play Production - Mrs. Dalton: Lettermen - Riley Loughry, Angel Murphy, Brianna Powers, Hannah Watson, Gentry Barner, Abigail Goosey, Rainah Holm, Garrett Neal, Aubrey Schultis, Mason Ward, Alissa Apperson, Ashton Apperson, Theresa Ascherl, Katie Powers, Jency Starr and Hollianna Watson.

Science Awards - Miss Christiansen: Science Brainiac Award - Hannah Watson, Brianna Powers, Kyon Neal, Angel Murphy, Gentry Barner, Abigail Goosey, Aubrey Schultis, Rainah Holm, Jency Starr and Theresa Ascherl.

Social Science Awards - Mr. Blomstedt: Angel Murphy was awarded the Gary Goodchuck Soaring Eagles Award.

Band - Ms. Cramer: Lettermen - Jake Oseka, Brianna Powers, Hollianna Watson, Theresa Ascherl and Jency Starr. Choir - Ms. Cramer: Lettermen - Rainah Holm, Katie Powers, Alexx Starr, Gentry Barner, Brianna Powers, Jake Oseka, Garrett Neal, Hollianna Watson and Theresa Ascherl.

FBLA - Mrs. Connell: Business, Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications - Gentry Barner, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016; Alissa Apperson, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Excel 2016; Ashton Apperson, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Excel 2016; Jency Starr, Word 2016, Excel 2016; Theresa Ascherl, Word 2016; Katie Powers, Word 2016; Jared Schultis, Word 2016; Hollianna Watson, Word 2016; Samantha Bryant, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016; Caleb Goosey, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Excel 2016; Megan Coffman, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Excel 2016; Colby Crow, PowerPoint 2016; Kyon Neal, Word 2016; Brianna Powers, Word 2016; Riley Loughry, PowerPoint

2016; Angel Murphy, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Brooklin Sailors, Word 2016, Power Point 2016. Garrett Neal, Word 2016, PowerPoint 2016.

FFA - Mr. Nielson: Green Thumb Award to Freshman Ag Class - Abigail Goosey; Ag Mech Classes, for efforts in the greenhouse. Also recognized state qualifying Floriculture, Livestock Management and Welding teams.

Welding Certification - Mr. Nielson: Jared Schultis received his NCCER Welding Level I certificate.

Volleyball - Miss Melvin and Miss Wiese: Lettermen - Cassy Easley, Brianna Powers, Hannah Watson, Gentry Barner, Rainah Holm, Aubrey Schultis, Katie Powers, Jency Starr and Hollianna Watson.

Football - Mr. Connell and Mr. Neal: Lettermen - Ty Johnson, Kyon Neal, Colby Crow, Riley Loughry, Jared Schultis, Nick Gifford, Mason Ward and Ethan Watson.

Cross Country - Mr. and Mrs. Ascherl: Participants - Megan Coffman, Theresa Ascherl and Caleb Goosey.

Girls Basketball - Miss Melvin & Miss Christensen: Lettermen - Brianna Powers, Gentry Barner, Rainah Holm, Aubrey Schultis, Alexx Starr, Alissa Apperson, Theresa Ascherl, Katie Powers, Jency Starr and Hollianna Watson.

Boys Basketball - Mr. Neal and Mr. Badje: Lettermen - Colby Crow, Kyon Neal, Ty Johnson, Garrett Neal, Caleb Goosey, Nick Gifford and Ethan Watson.

Wrestling - Mr. Ascherl and Mr. Nielson: Lettermen - Jared Schultis and Mason Ward.

Track - Mrs. Connell and Miss Melvin - Lettermen: Colby Crow, Hannah Watson, Gentry Barner, Aubrey Schultis, Alexx Starr, Nick Gifford, Jency Starr, Theresa Ascherl and Megan Coffman.

Golf - Mr. Neal and Mrs. Florea: Letterman - Kyon Neal.

NCPA Academic All-State Winners - Mrs. Florea: All-State Volleyball, Brianna Powers, Gentry Barner; Football - Kyon Neal, Jared Schultis; Play Production - Abigail Goosey, Garrett Neal; Wrestling - Jared Schultis; Girls Basketball - Gentry Barner, Aubrey Schultis; Boys Basketball - Kyon Neal, Garrett Neal; Speech - Abigail Goosey, Aubrey Schultis; Girls Track - Gentry Barner, Aubrey Schultis; Boys Track - Garrett Neal; Golf - Kyon Neal; Music - Garrett Neal. MNAC Awards: Volleyball Honorable Mention - Gentry Barner; Basketball second team - Colby Crow; Basketball Honorable Mention - Kyon Neal; Basketball Honorable Mention - Alexx Starr.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, May 22 - Hamburger Patty with gravy, mashed potatoes and carrots
Tuesday, May 23 - Sloppy Joe, baked beans and French fries
Wednesday, May 24 - Pork chops, baked potatoes and peas
Thursday, May 25 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and green beans

Friday, May 26 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with chicken noodle soup
Monday, May 29 - Closed, Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30 - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and corn
Wednesday, May 31 - Barbecue sandwich, baked beans and French fries

Poppy Poster Winners Announced



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The American Legion Auxiliary at Tryon recently held their annual Poppy Poster Contest. Winners chosen were, l-r: Aubree Larson, second in sixth and seventh grades, Isabella Arensdorf, first in sixth and seventh grades. Corbin Miller, second in fourth and fifth grades. Klaire Ward, second in second and third grades. Levi Goosey, first in second and third grades. Katherine Anderson, first in fourth and fifth grades.

April FFA News From MCHS

Members of McPherson County FFA competed in the Nebraska Agricultural Education Career Development contest and Nebraska FFA Convention on April 5-7 in Lincoln.

Kyon Neal, Mason Ward, and Jared Schultis competed in the Welding contest, placing third as a team. Kyon placed third in GMAW, Mason eighth in SMAW, and Jared Schultis received a white ribbon.

In Livestock Management, the team of Hannah Watson, Hollianna Watson, Kyon Neal, Jake Oseka, and Jared Schultis, received a white ribbon

overall. The team also placed fifth overall in equine management

Competing in the Agriculture Contest were Theresa Ascherl, Hollianna Watson, Katelyn Powers, and Samantha Bryant. Hollianna received a blue and Theresa a red ribbon.

Abigail Goosey, Aubrey Schultis, Rainah Holm and Alexx Starr competed in the Floriculture contest.

Kyon Neal, Jared Schultis, Mason Ward and Riley Loughry competed in the Natural Resources contest.

Competing in the Agron-

omy contest was Caleb Goosey, Ty Johnson, Jake Oseka and Ethan Watson.

The McPherson County FFA held its Parent-Member Awards Banquet on April 21 at the McPherson County Fair Building. The members gave Certificates of Appreciation to Trent and Sheila Neal, April Gaedke, Roxie Nielson, Randy Fisher, Rusty Kemp, Farm Credit Services, McPherson County Improvement Club, Bill Carhart, Kristi Miller, Timothy Griffiths, Jess Milby, and K & C Feeds.

The membership also conferred the Honorary (Continued On Page 11)

A black and white portrait of J.R. Trumbull, a woman with short hair and glasses, smiling.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "Sometimes you feel like you are being buried, when you are really just being planted. God is using this season to grow you." - Unknown

Spring and planting time is here. I wish that I could get a garden to grow like the self-seeding and/or bird seeding marijuana crop is growing. I plan to spray what is around the trailer because mowing it is hazardous to my health. If a drop of the sap gets on my skin, I start itching all over and the allergy starts a fibromyalgia flare. I can see why hemp fibers can be used for rope and building materials because pulling one of the huge, dead plants is nearly impossible. If I cut them off then I have the stumps to deal with. Nothing quite like trying to explain that you were tripped up by a "weed" stump! They are the personification of the word "weed". They grow and multiply rapidly. I can't remember these plants ever being around the ranch while I was growing up.

They were quite prolific down on the river valleys but not up here in the hills.

We all deal with weeds in our lives whether we like them or not. Physical and emotional weeds discourage and can destroy us if we let them. It's up to each of us to do what we can to cultivate the good things in our lives and to "weed" out the bad things. Being kind is one way to promote good and

maybe help someone else do the same. Just remember that what you sow is what you will end up reaping at some point down the line. You may end up reaping the results of the bad crop sown by someone else but you don't need to pass that

bad seed on to others. Look for the good stuff and leave the weeds behind in the trash pile.

"If we all do one random act of kindness daily we might just set the world in the right direction." ~ Martin Kornfeld

THE SEED CATALOG

Have you ever thought of the Bible
As a gigantic seed catalog,
One full of fruits of the spirit,
Vining branches and fire proof logs?

You can help spread the seed,
Some may fall on unfertile ground,
While other seed fall on listening ears
That grasp the truth and growth abounds.

Some seeds take years to germinate
While others spring forth like weeds,
Each has its given purpose here
And the harvest goes back to the seed.

There are those who will twist the plant
And make it spurn its true way,
While others nurture and tend the seed
Helping it grow as a sturdy plant today.

Some of us are sowers of the seed,
Others tend it along life's road,
Some harvest the crop of the plant,
It doesn't matter who harvested, tended, or sowed.

Just remember as you read your Bible
That God has filled it with good seed.
Be vigilant as you sow them
And pray that others will heed.

J.R. Trumbull
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