



McPherson County News

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From The Tryon Graphic Files

TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
There are five new pupils attending the Tryon Elementary school this year in the Kindergarten Class. They are: Malaky Johnston, Jade Paxton, Jency Starr, Tina Bolf and Katie Powers.

The Paxton Ranch team won the Mullen Ranch Rodeo held September 1. Team members are Charlie Daly, Dusty Paxton, Cody Kessler and Jud Skaveahl.

Frank and Eleni Pecjak of Fairfax, Virginia, are the parents of triplets born August 30. The babies are Arianna Louise, Zachary Ray and Nichole Sandra.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 1997
Austin Craig, 4-year-old son of David and Thresa Craig of North Platte, received third place in the state Fair Pedal Tractor Pull contest.

Corey and Melissa Wacher of Lincoln, are the proud parents of a new son. Adrian Skylar was born August 27, 1997.

Darla Arensdorf, 17-year-old daughter of Dan and Berva Arensdorf of Tryon was crowned 1997 Logan County Rodeo Queen at the Friday evening Stapleton Rodeo.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 10, 1987
Ray Newman, 100, and Oona Bassett, 92, were honored at the 1987 Oldsters Party as being the eldest in attendance.

Word was received here last week of the death of former McPherson County resident, Pearl Parkhurst Armstrong.

Jean Shimmin and Keith Lutes were both hurt in separate horse riding accidents this past week. Both are recuperating fine.

Devin Jared Kline was born September 8, 1987 to Doug and Kelly Kline of Gillette, Wyoming

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 8, 1977
Scott Brouwer, age 19, was seriously injured last Thursday when the motorcycle he was driving collided with an east

bound auto in front of the Conoco service station in Tryon. Scott was driving the motorcycle and his brother, Sam, was riding as a passenger. Scott suffered two broken bones in his right leg along with several serious wounds. His brother Sam was thrown from the bike uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lechtenberg are the parents of a son born August 31. He has been named Chad Michael.

Rebecca Aldrich from Spearfish, S.D., returned to teach school district No. 28 again this year. District No. 26 has a new teacher, Robin Horsly from Rapid City, S.D.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 14, 1967
Tryon's standouts in the Maxwell football game were Gary Correll's passing, Bob Rodewald's receiving, Mick Miller's blocking, Rocky Nicholson's running and Cecil Bullington's tremendous defensive play. Tryon's only touchdown was a 45 yard run by Rocky Nicholson. Tryon lost 6-14.

Lilas Schmidt started teaching the Newberry School last week

Dan Nicholson of Tryon, enrolled as a freshman, at North Platte Junior College Monday.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 12, 1957
Coach Olaf Ahlquist reports sixteen boys are out for football this year. Previous lettermen are Duane Cook, Bob Wilson Teddie Daigger, Dick Haskell and Gary Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Daly are the parents of a baby daughter born September 7, 1957. She has been named Rebecca Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leeds are the parents of a daughter, born September 8, 1957. The baby has been named Kenelyn Kaye.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 11, 1947
On Monday evening a birthday party was given for Lila Avery at the Van Meter home. About 20

high school girls attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters are happy to announce the birth of a baby boy, George Warren, born September 3, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Melden Branting of North Platte are the parents of a son, Harold Melden, born September 7, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Pendelton of Bozeman, Montana, are the parents of a son, Harlan Douglas Jr., born July 27.

Marvin Huffman is flying a new Cessna 140 plane purchased in North Platte.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 9, 1937
Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson former residents of the Miller Chapel neighborhood, but now of Oconto, announce the arrival of a baby daughter.

School opened in Tryon Monday morning both at the grade school and at the McPherson County High School. There are 34 students in the grade school and 45 in the high school.

The marriage of Miss Florence L. Clifford, of Tryon to Marvin S. Tucker, of Mullen was solemnized, Wednesday, September 1, 1937.

The public sale held at the Bobbie Shimmin farm Tuesday at which 342 head of stock, machinery, etc. was offered at public auction, drew a record crowd.

NINETY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 15, 1927
A.B. Snyder who moved to Salem, Oregon several months ago is back in this country for a short visit and also to transact some business.

School started in Dist. No. 59, the Lone Star school at Ringgold, Monday morning. Miss Frona Vogal is teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are the proud parents of a baby girl.

F. Allen drove to North Platte Saturday and his son Ross, who had driven a herd of cattle to that place for Cap Rough, returned home with him.

“Eclipse in the Sandhills” Highlights



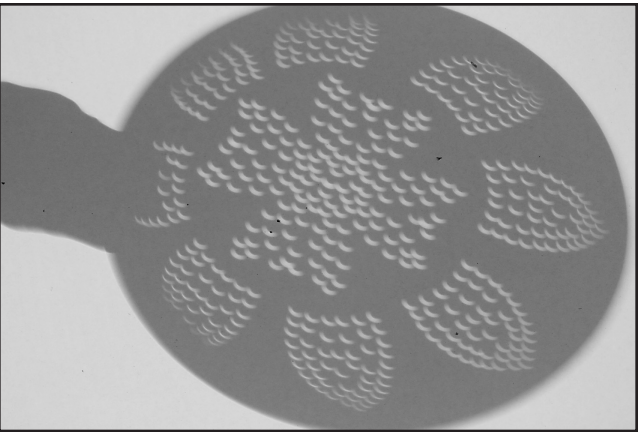
GAYLE NEAL PHOTOS

Niobrara Valley Vineyards, located near Nenzel, was on hand for wine tasting at the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse in the Sandhills. The first vines at the vineyard were planted in 2001 and the semi-arid climate provides an excellent environment for high quality grapes. Currently Niobrara Valley Vineyards has 2350 vines and nine varieties of grapes that make up the unique blends of flavors in their wines.



A 12-vendor craft show was set up in McPherson County High School during the eclipse. The special quilt that was raffled off, is pictured above right.

Gayle Neal held up a colander during the partial eclipse and shot this interesting photo, pictured at right. Neal said she wanted to document the crescent shapes and shadows.



2017 Eclipse in the Sandhills – Notes of Thanks –

Dear Mayor:
We had such a GREAT time in your town. The people of Tryon made our visit so special. Please thank all of the people who made this such a great event. We will be back.

Sincerely,
D. Rottatt

Dear Town of Tryon:
Just wanted to thank you for being so nice. My brother and I planned for some time to meet in Tryon to watch the eclipse. We are so glad we did and I appreciated all your hospitality. You

made it an epic day. Thank you.
Sue Velner, Colorado
Tim Velner, Minnesota

Dear City of Tryon, NE
I wish to thank you for your gracious invitation to share the 2017 total eclipse with your community. You chose a beautiful site for your visitors. It was my first visit to the Sandhills, and the vistas and sunflowers are breathtaking. Thank you. I can appreciate your planning as everything was so well organized, from the website, to the shuttle service to the

viewing site. I also appreciated your community's working together - from the high school students to the sheriff. Everyone was so kind and friendly. It seemed that only friends and family were on that hillside to share in an incredible event: the eclipse.

Thank you also for your forward thinking on helping traffic get back to I-80 and homeward bound. There were no negative experiences for us on this very special day.

Thank you again.
Patsy Jaynes
Conifer, Colorado

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



“Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.”

Winston Churchill

We recently had a National Day of Prayer called for by our president. I did spend a lot of the day in prayer. Unfortunately some of it was because I didn't feel up to doing what I had planned which was to attend the 65th wedding anniversary celebration for long time neighbors and friends, Clarence and Judy Lanka. Maybe the prayers were needed. I do pray often when I am traveling. No, I don't close my eyes. I figure God would rather I keep my eyes on the road. I've also learned that if I get that little voice in my head that says “PRAY”

then that it what I am supposed to do even if it is praying for whomever, wherever and under whatever circumstances. God can fill in the blanks.

One part of the nation has too much water while other regions are burning up, quite literally! We could use some good rain here and some people are praying for frost in hopes that their allergies will let

up. The combination of smoke from wildfires elsewhere and allergens for our plants that thought they were going to get frosted has been hard on a lot of folks. Being able to breathe is nice. Keep in mind the many situations that need our prayers

Words of Wisdom: If it costs you your peace, it's too expensive.

Day of Prayer

Every day should be a day of prayer
Without official proclamation,
Time set aside to thank God
And to pray for all the nations.

Hurricane, fire, and famine
Turmoil across the sphere,
Lift your voices all together
In prayer and supplication sincere.

Thank Him for our many blessings.
Thank Him for what He has prepared.
Thank Him for every breathing second.
Praise Him for all that He has shared!

J.R. Trumbull
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August Blood Drive Report

The McPherson County Blood drive was held August 25. There were 15 registered donors, with 15 units collected. The drive fell three units short of goal.

Donors, staff and volunteers were treated to a meal of hamburgers, brats and all the fixings, baked beans, salad and peach cobbler, provided by Wanda Waits. Oatmeal bars for snacks were baked by Elaine Miller.

Dennis and Karen Licking helped set up for the blood drive, and Karen Licking, Cecil and Mickey

Bullington, and Joyce Snyder helped with clean-up at the end of the day.

A big “thank you” to those who take time to donate blood and to those

who serve our community by volunteering.

The next blood drive was tentatively set for November 3.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, September 18 - Ham steak, baked sweet potatoes, hominy
Tuesday, September 19 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, corn
Wednesday, September 20 - Veal parmesan with

spaghetti, green beans
Thursday, September 21 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, peas
Friday, September 22 - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with tomato macaroni soup