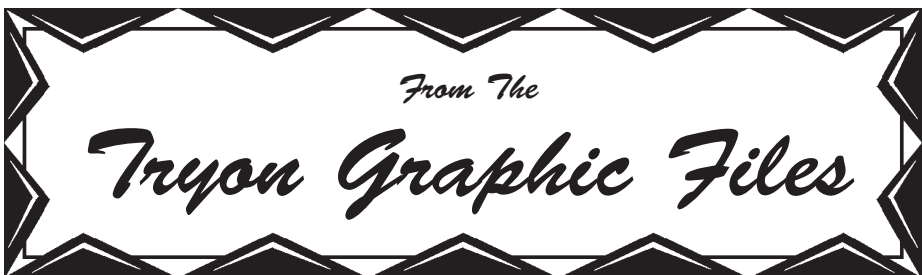




McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007
The McPherson County Board of Education voted unanimously to purchase two new scoreboards for the gym with REAP grant funds.

Brittany Pettit graduated from Army Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri Friday, September 14, 2007.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 25, 1997
Maxine Hornkohl of North Platte, has sold her milk hauling business and will be giving it up on October 1, 1997 after 39 years of business.

The Tryon Rebekah Lodge met in regular session Thursday, September 18. The Noble Grand appointed Bonnie Bullington and Audrey French to drape the Charter in memory of Wilma Florea.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 24, 1987
The Nebraska Stock Growers Association has announced the fifteen finalists for the NSGA Team Penning State Finals for September 26, in Burwell. The #1 team is Warren Ranch of Seneca, with team members Rod Warren, Lemoyne Dailey and Dub Whitmore.

Rev. John I. Neal and Olive S. Fisher, both of Tryon, were united in marriage at the Wesleyan Church in North Platte, Saturday, Sept. 19, 1987. Attending the couple were the Rev. Howard Ware of Oshkosh and the bride's sister, Susie Bond of Tryon.

Burial services were held Monday afternoon in Sutherland for Chalmers Kramer. He died at his home near Valentine and the funeral was held in Valentine, Monday morning. The Kramer family were former residents of this area.

FORTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 29, 1977
Orley Harvey came from Seattle Friday to attend the funeral of his father Ralph Harvey, Saturday. He returned home Sunday by plane.

Mrs. Grace Miller, Mrs. Ron Dobbins and Penny

Nicholson went to Grand Island Saturday to attend the wedding of Dora Kay, daughter of Mrs. Frieda Mattson, to Mr. Loran Tiller, at the Baptist Church.

Dessie Bellew and Geneva Neal drove to Mullen Tuesday evening to visit Beryl Wendling and Nellie Lancaster at the rest home.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 28, 1967
Pictured in this issue were Bonnita Hodges and James C. Paxton who were united in marriage September 3, 1967.

Mr. Hinman, music instructor at the high school, reported there were 36 band members, 38 chorus members, and 22 girls enrolled in Glee Club.

The Improvement Club met September 21 with 18 members present. Mabel Ellis and Jack Cotton were appointed to check on prices for a kitchen stove, and Helen Waits was appointed by President Phyllis Kinsman to meet with the Board of Regents to discuss buying a water cooler for the school.

The newly elected ASC committeemen will take office October 1, 1967. Emerson L. (Tom) Kemp was elected as County Committeeman.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 26, 1957
Gary Jameson, top tackle for Tryon in the season opener football game against Stapleton, was injured and medical attention was required on two front teeth. Stapleton defeated the Longhorns.

Pvt. Veda C. Deterding, of Stapleton, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Don Leeds left for service in the National Guards on September 13, 1957. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 25, 1947
A quiet little wedding occurred when Miss Rose Lamb, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Harry G. Lamb of Tryon, became the bride of Mr. Nicholas Ponticello on August 2, 1947 at Landsville, New Jersey. Attendants were Mr. Adolph Sappe and Miss Phyllis Gugleimo, friends of the groom.

A surprise was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Fattig on Saturday evening, September 20, 1947, in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Orval Black drove to the Gordon Bassett home on Monday where he installed a new bottle gas range.

The I.O.O.F. Lodge took in four new members Monday night. They were Leonard Bassett, Robert Cotton, Jack Neal and Gene Masters.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 30, 1937

The photos of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tucker of Mullen were featured on the front page of *The Graphic*. Mrs. Tucker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clifford of Tryon, a graduate of the local high school, and taught for two terms in District Schools of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are now making their home on the Tucker and Son Ranch at Eclipse. Marvin and his father, Placer Tucker, are well known throughout western Nebraska through the fine thoroughbred Hereford stock raised on their ranch.

Though the Thune store will not be rebuilt on the old site, Marvin Platt operator of the store and post office which was destroyed by fire last week, will open for business in a farm house near the old store location. Later the building will be remodeled, it is understood. For the present the Thune Post Office will be located at Thune ranch, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Platt.

Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Blaesi of North Platte are the proud parents of a nine-pound son born to them Tuesday afternoon. He has been named Donald (Continued on page 11)

Many honored At Annual Oldster's Party



Gayle Neal Photos

The large group on hand at the McPherson County High School auditorium enjoying, food, fellowship and great entertainment at the Annual Oldster's Party.

Story By:
Kathleen Fisher

On the beautiful day of September 17, friends and neighbors gathered at the McPherson County gymnasium for the annual Oldster's Party. A total of 85 people enjoyed a beef and noodle dinner prepared by the Willing Workers Club. The Sandhills Craftique Club decorated with clay pots made by Dennis Miller.

Dennis Miller entertained those in attendance with his songs and stories of growing up near Tryon. The talents of this man was enjoyed by everyone.

Prizes were given to Dennis and Lynelle Miller for traveling the longest way.

Longest married couple honors went to Lloyd and Cleao Connell, Leroy and Donna Daly, Dale and Ester Arensdorf for 65 years.

Lloyd Connell was our oldest man, and Maxine Aspegren as the oldest woman. Both are 97.

Alma Burlington had the most grandchildren.

Leo and Judy Dailey were the closest to the party.

Other door prizes went to Orval Haynes, Mary Kemp, Dennis Furguson,



Dennis Miller entertained the group with his songs and stories of growing up around Tryon. The attendees also enjoyed his clay pots that were used as decorations for the day.

Doug Neal, Marla Sonnenfelt, Wayne Waits, Donna Stoddard, Will Stoddard, Anita Schmidt, Jim Hickey, Helen Haney, Carol Black, Sharon Hase-naurer, Vernon Waits, and Donna Daly.

Special helpers were Carol Moore, Pauline Waits, Gayle Neal, Linda Kemp, Errol Waits, Elnora Neal, Doug and Pam Schmidt, Ed and Sue Steele, Lorna Dobbins, Elaine Miller, Karen Lick-

ing, Trevor Neal, and Sharlene Rodewald. It is helpers like these that keep the Party going!

We try to keep the mail list current, but rely on everyone to turn in names. If you or someone you know have lived in McPherson County and are 65 and older and would like to be added to the list, please send your address to Kathleen Fisher, 41 S. Ringgold Rd, Tryon, Ne 69167.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "A hunch is creativity trying to tell you something." - Frank Capra

You've reached your limit when you reach for excuses. (From Save the Cowboy)

So what excuses do we make?

1. I'm afraid - Afraid of what they may say? Afraid of what might happen? Afraid that it won't happen? Have courage, stand up, ride the horse, ask the girl, go anyway.

2. I'm broken - Yes; we all are to some extent. But being broken and remaining broken are two different things. If you want to become unbroken, don't make the next excuse...

3. I can't - You're right, you can't. Of course, you'd also be right if you said you can.

4. I don't know how - Then make mistakes. Find someone that does know how. Do something besides whine.

5. But I'm too - You're too

what? Shy? Old? Young? Skinny? Fat? Whatever word you use is a lie.

6. Someday I will - No, you won't. The passage of time changes nothing except the date on the calendar. Do something today that will be a step towards who you want to be in the future.

7. But they - No one is to blame but you. Take responsibility. Take action. Take control.

I'm sure some of these

hit home, but just in case...what's your excuse. Because remember, "A valid reason doesn't mean it's a good excuse."

Quote of the Day - "When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals... adjust the action steps.... Because there are times when the greatest change needed... is a change of view." - Unknown

DO AND DON'T DO

If you do do what you should do
And you don't do what you shouldn't do,
Then you'll be OK.

But if you do do what you shouldn't do
Then you'll have to pay.
The cost may be small
Or the price may be great
But if you have done
What you shouldn't do
Then it's now too late!

You can't undo what's already done
Even if when you did it,
It seemed like fun.
All you can do is straighten up your act
And from now on
Behave with some tact
And do do what you should do,
Shun what you shouldn't do
And life will be better,
That's a fact!

J.R. Trumbull
12 May 2006

Hunter Safety Course Available

Firearm Hunter Education is a program ensuring that safe, respectful, and responsible hunters participate in the sport of hunting in Nebraska. This program is mandated by the Nebraska Legislature, administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and taught by dedicated volunteer instructors. Students are taught to a set of standards, established by the International Hunter Education Association. By meeting these standards, the Nebraska Hunter Education program is recognized and honored on the entire North American continent.

Proof of completion is required for everyone ages 12-29 years old, who hunts any species of game, game animal or game bird in Nebraska using a firearm or cross-bow. No one under age 12 is required to carry proof of completion while hunting as long as they are accompanied by a licensed hunter over the age of 19. Everyone 12-29 must have proof of completion on their person while hunting.

The Upper Loup NRD is sponsoring a certified



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training session Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Attendance at both sessions is required to become certified. Anyone 11 years or older is welcome to attend. The course will be

held at the Upper Loup NRD office in Thedford. Please pre-register on the Nebraska Game and Parks Website. For questions or more information please call the ULNRD office at 308-645-2250.

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