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TEN YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 18, 2008

A five generation picture featured Brett, Kristin, Kaylee, Geneva and Gary Neal.

Dutch and Carol Wells hosted a Christmas open house for staff and board members of McPherson County Schools.

Lady Longhorn basketball team members pictured in this issue were Ashley Bessmer, Kate Seifer, Mara Seifer, Katee Daly, Alecia Paxton, Molly Hinkle, Tasha Miller and Samantha Kramer.

Longhorn basketball team members pictured were Joe Devitt, Tyler Heerten, Riggin Harper, Matt Daly, Tyrel Fischer, Shane Suchy, Gabe Ryland, Eric Trumbull and Wadim Leontiev.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1998

Susie Bond was honored on her 90th birthday with a party at the Lodge Hall.

The McPherson County boys basketball team won in overtime over Wallace. Eric Mumm paced the Longhorns with 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Lincoln Journal Star announced academic all-state teams in volleyball and football. MCHS students honored were Micki McNutt and Lynn Streiff, volleyball, and Luke Connell and Kyle Correll, football.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 22, 1988

Harold and Maxine Neal were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Golden Corral.

Deaths: Raymond E. Newman, 101, died December 15, at a North Platte nursing home. He lived with his family on a homestead south of Tryon. Services for Shirley A. Daigger, 48, were held December 7. A large part of her life was spent in McPherson County where she was active in the United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge, and she was a member of the District 4 school board.

FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 21, 1978

Due to closed snow-packed roads, Lorene Rothwell was a disappointed hostess for the Christmas meeting of the

Helping Hand Club. Only one guest was able to attend.

Brenda Nicholson and Jason Munson were honored with a birthday party at the Chart Nicholson home.

Connie O'Mara left for Spearman, Texas, where she was employed as a veterinarian technician.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Farmer returned to Denver where Gary was continuing treatment at the hospital.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 19, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Connell were the parents of a new son, Stacy Edwin, born December 12.

The Ringgold Community Club met in Babb's basement for a Christmas party and turkey dinner. Mabel Cash and Lenna Chapman received birthday gifts.

Leslie Anway, son of Les and Vada Anway, was serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam as a radio operator.

Deaths: Mrs. Clarice Shimmin, 68, died December 9.

Thirteen school districts, 14 teachers, some 122 children and County Superintendent Helen Waits of McPherson County, combined efforts to put on their annual music festival in the high school auditorium. Mrs. Mavis Smith, teacher of District No. 6, directed the Christmas Operetta.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 25, 1958

Friends and neighbors joined together with mechanical pickers and equipment to pick corn for Huck Kemp who was injured earlier this fall in a baler accident. Corn piled up fast on the Dewey Harvey place east of Tryon, rented and farmed by Huck, as five pickers started in the field. Some 35 to 40 men were present in the afternoon to pick by hand.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winters were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Maudene Haskell, to Ronald E. Sowers.

Bobby Cotton was on leave from the U.S. Navy and was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cotton, and other rela-

tives and friends.

Riley Shimmin was to arrive home from the service to spend holidays at home.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 16, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lutes and Barbara were out to see the new grandson and nephew, Willis Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Dobbins.

Harold Neal, proprietor for the Tryon Theatre, was to show a Christmas special, "Lil' Abner" Wednesday night. It was one of the funniest comedies yet produced. Also showing was "Christmas Rhapsody."

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 22, 1938

The kiddies of the Tryon community received a generous Christmas treat at the community program and Christmas tree. Treats were sponsored by the Tryon women and made possible by donations. Miss Harvey, music instructor, presented a fitting Christmas pageant.

Clay and Tom Kemp returned here from Minnatare after having worked during the sugar season in the beet factory there. Clay was employed at the Tom Neal ranch while Tom would stay with his brother, Ray.

Senator R.M. Howard of Flats attended a banquet at the Hotel Pawnee where he was a speaker.

Miles Snyder and his brother-in-law, Harry Yost of Maxwell, drove to Omaha where he purchased finishing materials for his new log house that was under construction.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Childerston announced the arrival of a fine baby boy born to them at the home of Mrs. Childerston's parents near Mullen.

NINETY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 20, 1928

The Graphic printed some hand bills for Paul Bender, announcing a turkey shoot which was held at the Ringgold Store.

Mrs. J.B. Heldenbrand was able to work at the Busy Bee Cafe after a few days of illness with the flu. The number of influenza cases in the county had greatly decreased.

A new light plant was installed in Mathers Garage this week. The new plant would furnish light and power for the garage and adjoining service station.

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



"Don't be angry at others for not doing what you should have done for yourself."

Save the Cowboy came to the rescue again. I've paraphrased a bit of what they shared. It's important to remember these things this time of year and all of the rest of the year too.

Your life is your responsibility. You don't want to hear that because the other way is easier. It's easier to blame others for our problems.

But there's a certain type of strength that comes from taking absolute responsibility for your life. It's called integrity.

Here are five things that lead to integrity that no one else is responsible for except you.

1. Attitude - I dislike the saying, "I'll treat you the way you treat me. It's that simple." What are you, some kind of puppet? To give someone else that type of control over yourself is the weakest thing imaginable. Those are words of cowardice from someone who refuses to take responsibility for their own actions. Treat others the way you want to be treated (Matthew 7:12).

2. Emotions - Nobody can make you mad. You choose to get mad. You may not be responsible for everything that happens to you, but you are responsible for how you react. Don't get me wrong, emotions are real, but they are not reliable. They are hardly ever indicators of truth. Controlling your emotions is one of the key strengths of integrity and respect. It is reserved for the strong.

3. Self-Respect - Quit getting your feelings hurt all the time. Allowing your

Next Come Double Card Club January 5

Come Double Card Club will meet on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the McPherson County Fair building in Tryon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

feelings to be hurt is giving away all your self-respect. Hurt feelings are the result of an inflated ego. It hangs out there like an emotional hang-nail just waiting for someone to touch it. Yes, things people say can hurt, but so does cutting yourself with a knife. Wrap some duct tape around it and get on with your life. I know you've been hurt and for that I am sorry. But quit living your life in expectation of an apology. You're not going to get it and frankly, you don't need it.

4. Choices - The greatest gift God gave us was His Son, Jesus Christ. The next greatest gift was free will. We often feel like we have no choice, but we do. The choices might suck, but we do have a choice. With this gift we have unimaginable power. We are free to choose, but we are not free from the consequences of our choice. Only the strong are able

to choose the right thing...consequences be damned.

5. Getting fed - We've all probably heard this many times. "I left my last church because I just wasn't getting fed." A good response is, "If you expect me to feed you, you are going to starve to death. I'm not the bread of life, but I can introduce you to the one that is." Your relationship with God is your responsibility and your responsibility alone. One day we will all stand before God to answer for the things that we've done. There will be no explanations and no excuses. Those who've ridden with Jesus in this life (living like he commanded us to live and trusting solely in him for forgiveness of sin) will be seen with Jesus' perfection. Those without a ride with Christ will be judged by their sins.

Join the ride with Christ. Sissies need not apply.

It's CHRISTmas

Take Christ out of Christmas?
What do you mean?
Every time I see X-mas,
I just want to scream!

For Christmas without Christ
Loses all meaning for me
As Christmas is far more
Than presents under a tree.

God gave His Son
One glorious night
That by His life and death
We might see the light.

The light of redemption,
Of purpose and love
With Holy Spirit guidance
Sent from above.

Christmas is far more
Than mythical Santa and such -
It celebrates Christ's birth
Who loves us so much!

Yes, Jesus was born
One long ago Christmas Eve
Offering life everlasting
If we would only believe.

So leave Christ in Christmas
And center your day
Around the risen Savior
And trust and obey.

Just celebrate Christmas
Remembering His love
And all He's done for us
With blessings sent from above.

J.R. Trumbull
14 December 1997

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