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Santa Claus waves to the children during the Christmas parade Saturday

Police answer four burglaries on Nov. 28

At Main, Madison and Highway 84 businesses

Four McGregor businesses were burglarized last week all on the same day, it was reported by Lt. Chris Molina of the McGregor Police Department.

So far, there are no suspects and very few leads. Anyone with any information about the following burglaries are urged to contact the McGregor Police Department.

The first burglary was reported at Frost Cleaners on Madison Street on Nov. 28 at 6:40 a.m.

An officer observed the lock had been tampered with. There was minimal damage to the door and nothing was reportedly taken from the building. The case has been forwarded to Detective Andy Posey.

Second burglary was reported to the dispatcher at 7:00 a.m. at Dollar General located on Highway 84. Entry was gained through the front door. Reading from the report, Lt. Molina reported there was evidence that a burglar or burglars took a hammer from inside the building and beat

the store safe repeatedly, but didn't gain entry. Nothing was removed from the store.

Third break-in was reported at 7:45 a.m. at Jack's Smokehouse Barbecue, located on Highway 84. Burglars gained entry by breaking a window. The cash register had been emptied and left open after closing. Lt. Molina said apparently the burglars after seeing there was no money, left the building. Nothing was taken.

The fourth burglary call on Nov. 28 came at 10 a.m. from Lugi's Italian Restaurant on Main Street. Burglars entered the building through a back door and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. No other items were reported missing.

"The burglaries are currently under investigation," Lt. Molina reported. "We believe they are related, but we are withholding some details of the case until further investigation. The burglars were apparently after money, because nothing was taken from any

of the four businesses. There were some similar burglaries that occurred in Waco recently."

The McGregor Police Department would appreciate any information on suspicious activity that was seen or heard involving these burglaries.

In other police news the McGregor police, EMS, and fire department were called to Aurora Aviation at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 28 concerning a helicopter that was having some type of difficulty while approaching the airport.

Lt. Molina reported that the units were standing by, but thankfully the pilot of the helicopter was able to land the aircraft safely.

Minor wrecks were reported at 6th and Main on Dec. 1 around 11:40 a.m. Blue forms were handed out. No injuries were reported.

The second accident was answered on Dec. 2 at 3:07 p.m. at the 1200 block of Highway 84. The wreck involved two vehicles, but no injuries were reported.

Bulldogs, Pirates dominate All District football teams

The McGregor Bulldogs and Crawford Pirates overwhelmingly dominated the All District football teams released this week.

Overall Most Valuable Player of the District went to Jordan Farmer, as a running back and defensive end for the Pirates.

MVP on defense was given to Hector Rodriguez from McGregor, and Cameron Blenden of Crawford, both at the line-backer positions. Newcomer of the Year was Kody Johnston, a sophomore linebacker from Crawford.

McGregor's Joe Seward was the Most Valuable Player on offense at the quarterback position. Named to the Special Teams were Jonathon Estrada of McGregor and John Laufenberg of Crawford.

Both schools placed seven players on the first team offense.

From Crawford were Offensive linemen: Josh Beers, Grant Gonzalez and Carter Blenden; Quarterback Logan Kendrick, Running back Brock Duncan, Wide Receiver Taylor Holmes, Tight End Scott Dent.

Second team offense from Crawford were Offensive lineman Cameron Blenden, Running back Douglas Van Zandt, Wide Receiver Seth Horton, and Kicker Casey Bennett.

First teamers on offense from McGregor included Offensive linemen Andy Solis and Josh Jaimes; Running back Qualin Brown, Wide Receivers Kyle Reineke, Larry Smith, and

Marcus Thompson; and Kicker Dirk Gerhardt.

On the second team offense for the Bulldogs were Offensive Linemen Jesse Zimmerman and Jared Green; Running back Deshun Pierson, and Tight end Harvey Lee.

McGregor placed six on the first team defense while Crawford placed six on the same squad.

For McGregor they were Defensive lineman Ruston Thompson, Defensive end Jared Green, Linebacker Harvey Lee, Defensive backs Qualin Brown, Marcus Thompson, and Cruz Chaires.

Crawford's first team defense members consisted of Defensive linemen Grant Gonzalez and Carter Blenden; Defensive end Scott Dent, Defensive backs Taylor Holmes, and Logan Kendrick.

Second team defense for the Bulldogs included Defensive lineman Andy Solis, Defensive end Jesse Zimmerman, Linebacker Julian Young, and Defensive backs Larry Smith and Kyle Reineke.

Crawford's second team defense consisted of Defensive lineman Bryce Duncan, and Defensive Backs Seth Horton and Kenny Davis.

Making honorable mention from Crawford was Offensive lineman Scott Nemeck.

Honorable mentions from McGregor were Linemen Adam Brown, Brett Blackburn, and Taylor Rost.

Congratulations!



MCGREGOR HIGH SCHOOL PALS ARE CONTINUING THE TRADITION—MHS PALS have been working hard this semester to follow in tradition and provide toys for the McGregor Toy Campaign. The 26 members of the PALS have been working various jobs to raise money for this special Christmas Tradition. This year the PALS held their first Annual Junior High and Junior Varsity/Freshman Girls Basketball tournaments. Both tournaments were very successful. Along with the tournaments the PALS held their annual Potato Dinner and have assisted in working the concession stand for both football and basketball games. The hard work paid off and the PALS were able to provide a busload of toys to the McGregor Fire Department on Monday, December 1st.

The PALS would like to thank the following businesses and local clubs for donations toward our basketball tournaments. Without the generosity of these people the tournaments would not have been successful. Many thanks to the following: State Farm Insurance—Terry Arp, agent; McGregor Rotary Club; Farmers Insurance—Pat Richardson, agent; Bush's Chicken; Donald Citrano's Coffee Shop Cafe; Brookshire Brothers. We would also like to thank all the parents and friends who donated their time and effort to help. The McGregor PALS would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Members of the MHS PALS are Jeremy Bishop, James Esquivel, Jonathan Estrada, Alex Garcia, Josh Garcia, Meghan Goff, Jared Green, Molly Hutchinson, Mary Ashleigh Johnson, Destiny Kelley, Tarissa Klander, Michael Krueger, Kim Kunze, Harvey Lee, Elizabeth Licea, Diana Martinez, Morgan McIver, Kenneth Minor, Daisy Olvera, Deshun Pierson, Robertino Salas, Kaitie Sandifar, Stephanie Simcox, Andy Solis, Naomi Talamontez and Blake Tieben. Sponsors are Jerry Lynch and Tonya Burgess.

Mullen It Over by Bonnie Mullens

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

DRIVING THROUGH THE neighborhoods the past weekend, I noticed families busy putting up their outside Christmas decorations—in the "Nick" of time, because the McGregor Chamber is sponsoring its annual outside Decorating Contest along with Best Decorated Business. Judging will take place after dark on Saturday, December 8th.

In my drive around town, I sure am missing the Gilmore and Davis Christmas window display. Our family has enjoyed it since they put out the first Santa 50 years ago. I am also missing seeing the lines of cars parked in front of the former McGregor landmark and watching excited children with their noses pressed against the windows mesmerized by the many animated Christmas figures. I am hopeful that next year, some of the display will once again grace our Main Street.

I remember the excitement of Christmas shopping season in McGregor as a child. Mother and Daddy would let Mynette, Charles and me go into Krause's Christmas Store, in what is now Texas Tea and Coffee, to see the many items being offered for

sale. The selection was amazing. Santa always seemed to know exactly what caught our eyes—be it a beautiful fancy dressed doll, baby doll, popcorn machine, Easy-Bake Oven, or twin holsters and chaps.

Charles and his family have been staying with us after their house fire. One day, the younger girls looked a bit bored with watching movies, and not having any of their toys at our place. I remembered some dolls that Santa brought Mynette and me many years ago. Krause's just so happened to have some just like them. I retrieved them from the attic, along with a suitcase full of clothes, most of them beautifully handcrafted by Lee Snelson. Jimmy and I enjoyed listening to the girls play make-believe. It had been a while since either of us had the opportunity to listen to children using their imagination at play.

And while on the subject of Christmas toys . . . the deadline for donating Christmas toys and money for the Firemen's Toy Drive is Wednesday, December 12th. Donation sites are The Mirror, Granite Ford, McGregor Chamber, Richardson Insurance Agency and any fireman or EMS volunteer. There are 300 names on this year's list . . .

what an undertaking for our firemen serving as Santa's helpers. Give them a hand and donate a new unwrapped toy or money donation this year.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something, And that which I can do, I ought to do, and that which I ought to do, by God's Grace, I shall do."—Grant Teaff

POINTS TO PONDER—

- ~ Why do the people who know the least, know it the loudest?
- ~ If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is it homeless or naked?
- ~ When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?
- ~ Should vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- ~ If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- ~ When companies ship Styrofoam, what do they pack it in?
- ~ Isn't it unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- ~ When sign makers go on strike, is anything written on their signs?
- ~ When you open a bag of cotton balls, is the top one meant to be thrown away?
- ~ If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- ~ Why is abbreviation such a long word? *Have a great week!*

News Briefs

Lutheran Advent Service Schedule

Zion Lutheran Church will be having an "Advent Service" December 5, 12 and 19 at 7 p.m. in the Educational Building at Zion. This will be an opportunity for the congregation and community to gather and reflect on the reason we are celebrating this season. The service will consist of "Holden Evening Prayer" and scriptural readings. The service is expected to last about 30 minutes each evening. Everyone is welcome!

Crawford Lions Fund-raiser Dec. 9

The Crawford Lions Club will host their Fall Fund-raiser this Sunday, December 9th from 11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. They will be serving chili and stew with all the trimmings. Donations only.

Legion Annual Christmas Dinner

The American Legion Post 213 will serve its annual Christmas Dinner at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2007.

Submit News Briefs to bonnie@mcgregormirror.com or call or fax to 840-2091



Bush's Student of the Week

Bush's Chicken of McGregor has begun a Student of the Week program for McGregor Elementary. The focus is to motivate students to be on their best behavior and to reward them for their efforts with a free meal. The first student of the week for McGregor Elementary is Becky Morgan. Becky Morgan has had a lot of adjustments to a new teacher, new classmates and a new school. This week she has demonstrated self-control and quite a bit of personal effort for adjusting to her new life. She has been working hard to follow rules and get along with her peers so as to make new friends. Her hobbies include singing and dancing. Becky says that she would like others to know that she can be a really nice girl if given a chance. Her favorite subject is math. Congratulations to Becky on her award. She is pictured with Aaron Olander of Bush's Chicken and Elementary Principal Cheri Zacharias.



Sophie Olguin

Sophie Olguin of McGregor passed away Saturday, December 1, 2007, at the age of 55. Rosary was recited at 7 P.M. Tuesday at Cole Funeral Home. Funeral services were 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at Cole Funeral Home Chapel, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor with Father Hilario Guajardo officiating. Interment followed in Post Oak Cemetery near Oglesby.

Sophie was born October 3, 1952, in McGregor, Texas, the daughter of Ernest and Tommie (Ledezma) Villarreal. In 1971, she graduated from Oglesby High School. Since 1979 she has made her home in McGregor, moving here from Oglesby. Brookshire Brothers employed her in the deli and pharmacy. She also was employed by Waco Apparel and for the past twenty-six years Smead Manufacturing employed her on their assembly line. She was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church. Through her life, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Preceding her in death was her father, Ernest Villarreal and a brother, Ernest Villarreal, Jr.

Survivors include one son, Leo Olguin, Jr. and wife Bernie of McGregor; a daughter, Cecile Olguin of McGregor; three brothers, Arthur Villarreal and wife Ophelia, Jesse Villarreal and wife Martha both of Waco, Marty Villarreal of Oglesby; three sisters, Margie Balderas and husband Tom of Oglesby, Ezolina Romero of Waco, Juanita Villarreal of Oglesby and a granddaughter Kimberly Olguin.

Casketbearers were Danny Balderas, Sammy Romero, Chris Villarreal, Jack Villarreal, Jamie Villarreal and Jesse Villarreal, Jr.

Please visit our memorial at www.mem.com to leave a tribute or fond memory about Sophie.



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McGregor Mirror Annual Bowl Game Contest

(Circle one team)

Date	Bowl	Team	vs	Team
Dec. 20	Poinsettia	Utah	vs.	Navy
Dec. 21	New Orleans	Memphis	vs.	Fl. Atlantic
Dec. 22	Papa John's	Southern Miss.	vs.	Cincinnati
Dec. 22	New Mex. Bowl	Nevada	vs.	New Mexico
Dec. 22	Pioneer	UCLA	vs.	BYU
Dec. 23	Sheraton Hawaii	Boise State	vs.	East Carolina
Dec. 26	Motor City	Purdue	vs.	Central Mich.
Dec. 27	Holiday	Arizona State	vs.	Texas
Dec. 28	Texas Bowl	TCU	vs.	Houston
Dec. 28	Champs Sports	Boston College	vs.	Mich.State
Dec. 28	Emerald	Maryland	vs.	Oregon State
Dec. 29	Meineke	Connecticut	vs.	Wake Forest
Dec. 29	Liberty	Central Florida	vs.	Miss.State
Dec. 29	Alamo	Penn State	vs.	Texas A&M
Dec. 30	Independence	Alabama	vs.	Colorado
Dec. 31	Armed Forces	California	vs.	Air Force
Dec. 31	Humanitarian	Georgia Tech	vs.	Fresno State
Dec. 31	Sun Bowl	South Florida	vs.	Oregon
Dec. 31	Music City	Kentucky	vs.	Florida State
Dec. 31	Insight	Indiana	vs.	Okla. State
Dec. 31	Chick-fil-A	Clemson	vs.	Auburn
Jan. 1	Outback	Wisconsin	vs.	Tennessee
Jan. 1	Cotton	Missouri	vs.	Arkansas
Jan. 1	Gator	Texas Tech	vs.	Virginia
Jan. 1	Capitol One	Michigan	vs.	Florida
Jan. 1	Rose	Illinois	vs.	Southern Cal
Jan. 1	Sugar	Hawaii	vs.	Georgia
Jan. 1	Fiesta	Oklahoma	vs.	West Virginia
Jan. 3	Orange	Virginia Tech	vs.	Kansas
Jan. 5	International	Rutgers	vs.	Ball State
Jan. 6	GMAC	Bowling Green	vs.	Tulsa
Jan. 7	BCS Champ.	LSU	vs.	Ohio State

Tie Breaker: Write in total number of points (both teams scores added together) of Sugar Bowl game: _____

(Example: Hawaii 40 and Georgia 20 would be 60 total points.)

Circle your choice for winner of each game and **complete tie breaker question.** Return to McGregor Mirror in person or mail to:

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Or you may e-mail winners & tie breaker to either one of following:
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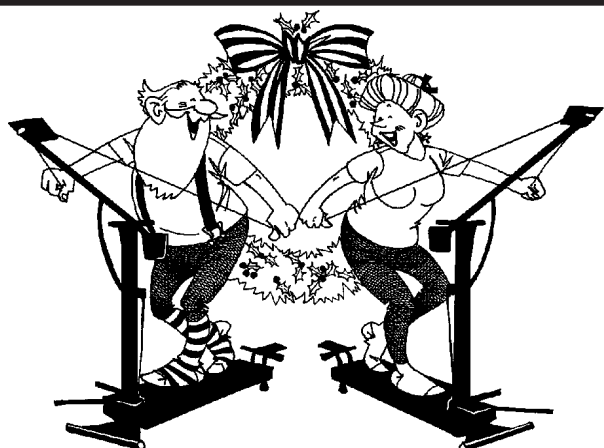
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First Place Prize: Photo in McGregor Mirror, braggin' rights for one year as Top Pigskin Prognosticator, tour of Mirror office, and a free cup of coffee at Texas Tea & Coffee around the corner.

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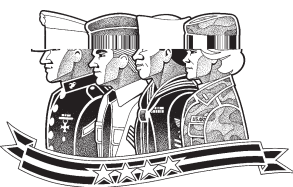
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TIME: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007 @ 4P.M. - 8P.M.

Location: Victory Chapel
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(behind Subway on Highway 84)

OPERATION PRAYER



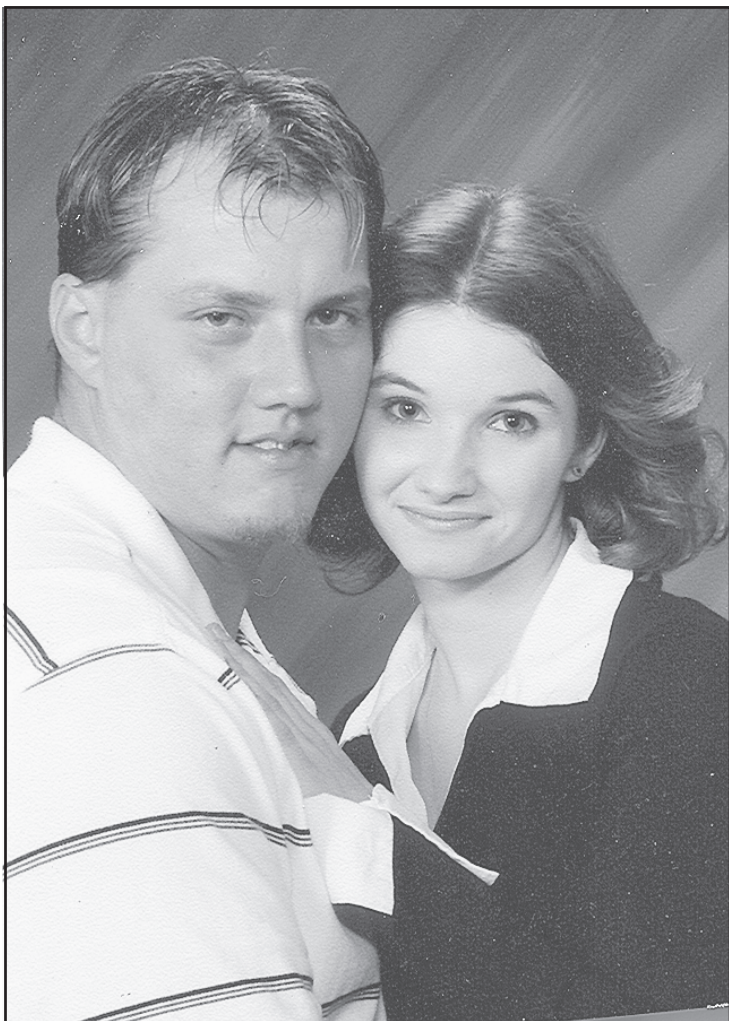
"Be strong in the Lord, and in his mighty power." **Ephesians 6:10** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

MOC Men & Women currently serving in the military

- Chris Shaw
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- Roberto Martinez
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- Mike Hoffman
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- Brion Harrings
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- Adam Arthurs
- David Livingston
- Charlene Livingston
- Scott Crawford
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- Willie Castillo



STATE CHAMPS—Congratulations to the Centex Heat (12U) Minor baseball team for winning the Super Series Fall State Championship in Roundrock, Texas November 17-18. The Heat's pitching dominated on Sunday, only giving up one run in three games (4-0, 1-0, 3-1). Pictured bottom row (l-r) Jarrett Wingate, Jacob Raborn, Lane Rathke, Zek Kleypas and Shane Sibila. Top row Blake bottoms, Steven Boggess, Jacob Kevil, Zach Koenig, Tyler Gant and Carlton Brooks. Coaches for the team are Dwayne Raborn, Richard Brown, Tim Brooks and Gary Bottoms.




David Stefka and Lynette Falkenberg

December 22 wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Russ of McGregor, Tx. are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lynette Falkenberg to David Stefka of Waco, Tx, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Stefka of Leroy, Tx. The couple is planning a December 22, 2007 wedding in China Spring, Tx.

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 Worthy Patron: Eddie Hale
 Secretary: Leona Luna

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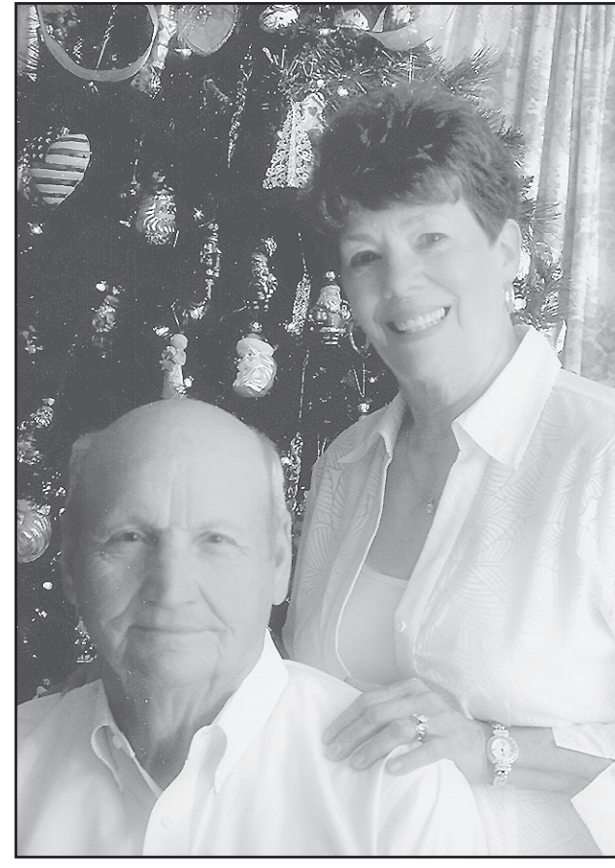
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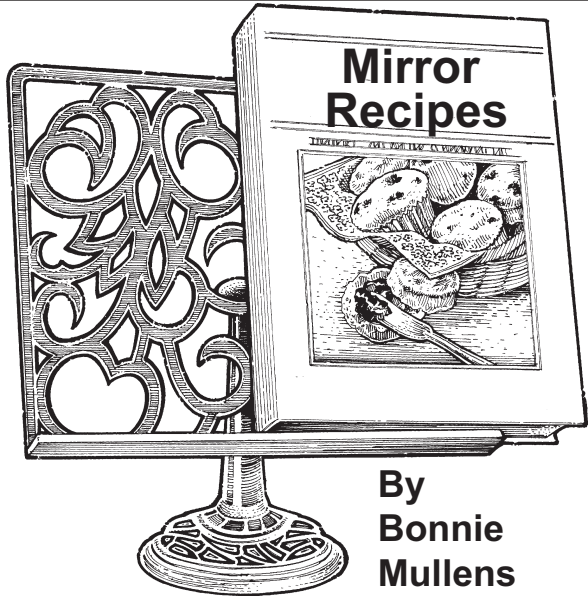
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Christmas breads

There is nothing that smells better than fresh bread baking. Send favorite aromas dancing through your senses this holiday season by decking the halls with fresh-baked breads. These staff of life selections will fill any basket with Christmas spirit. They also make great gifts for friends and neighbors.

The gingerbread scone recipe mixes four spices with molasses and will fill your kitchen with heart-warming holiday aromas.

GINGERBREAD SCONES

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup currants
1/3 cup molasses
3/4 cup whipping cream
Lemon Butter

Combine first 7 ingredients; cut in butter with a pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Stir in currants. Add molasses and whipping cream, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured

surface, and knead 4 or 5 times. Roll dough to 1/2 inch thickness on an lightly floured surface; cut with a 2-inch biscuit cutter. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve with Lemon Butter. Makes 2 dozen.

LEMON BUTTER

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/4 cup sifted powdered sugar
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Combine all ingredients, stirring until blended. Makes 1/2 cup.

BANANA PUDDING BREAKFAST BREAD

Vanilla wafers are the secret ingredient that gives texture and sweetness to this recipe.

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
3/4 cup sugar
2 large eggs
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
30 vanilla wafers, finely crushed

1 cup mashed ripe banana
1/2 cup milk
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans, divided

Beat butter at medium speed of an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugar, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Combine flour

Stevens-Darnell Ford, Amsler and Company, Central Service and Appliance, Evers Corner Drug, Murl's Dress Shop, Al's Shell, Hennig Lumber Yard, Jessie's Flower and Gift Shop and McGregor Home and Auto.

DECEMBER 8, 1977—

• McGregor High School All District winners were Paul Fox, Edward Cox, Rodney Morgan, Billy Holt, Albert Sneed, Gerald Rabroker, Benny Wiley, Kermit Farmer and Lawrence Booker.

• MOC experienced its first killing frost of the season when the temperature plummeted from a mild 63 degrees Monday afternoon to a frigid 26 degrees Tuesday morning.

• The 1978 Ford F-150 sold for \$4,295 at Tom Kirk Ford.

• Three Oglesby Tigers made the All District team list. They were Greg Key, Carl Roedler and Robert Harvey.

• Joseph Williams was elected president of the J.J. Civic League.

• Mr. and Mrs. Jack White celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

DECEMBER 10, 1987—

• McGregor's share of the Bulldog/LaVega playoff game played at Baylor stadium before a crowd of 18,817 was \$17,000.

The Bulldogs won the quarter final game with a score of 12-6 to go on to meet South Lake Carroll at Pennington Field in Bedford.

• Veteran banker Bill Zacharias announced his retirement on December 30, ending a 50-year career at the McGregor bank.

• Nine-year-old Shelley Dietzman competed at the state gymnastic meet at Richardson.

• Top McGregor Bulldog bandmen were David Taylor, Kristi Owen, Monica Diaz and Dick Timm.

• Gary Hannemann became president of the McGregor Chamber of Commerce.

DECEMBER 11, 1997—

• City Council made several appointments to City boards. Bonnie Mullens was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Other P&Z members were Dick Fox, Don Kruse, Charles Cole and Jim Gailey.

• Miss Kimberly Elliott became the bride of John Chase Mann.

• John and Teresa Sneed had a ribbon cutting and open house at their new location of their insurance agency at 700 S. Main.

The Rear View Mirror

It Happened This Week . . . 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 Years Ago
A look back at McGregor's Past —by Bonnie Mullens

DECEMBER 9, 1927—
• Norman and Oscar Johnson left for Bryan where they entered Allen Academy. Norman played a cornet and Oscar played the baritone.

• McGregor High School Honor Roll list included Cynthia Connally, Elizabeth Harper, Lorraine Scruggs, Helen Bailey, Eva Nell Connally, Ruth Hanover, Margaret Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Gemma Nunley, Kathleen Connally, Myrtle Cook, Katherine Hanover, Lonnie Herring, Inez Holloway, Willie Holloway, Endora Roach, Louise Witte, Thomas Cross, Evelyn Bradshaw, Bess Lyon, Bessie Lou Cross, Mary Lou England, Doi Evers, Harriett Harper, Helen Harper and Charles Herring.

DECEMBER 10, 1937—

• Holiday season grips McGregor despite the cold and disagreeable weather. Old Santa was given a warm welcome on his annual visit. Several hundred were at the Santa Fe station to greet him on his arrival. He was presented a key to the city by Mayor Searcy and during his hour stay, Santa was in charge.

• Ernest Luedeker, the older member in point of service of McGregor School Board brought this career as a trustee to an end this week when he turned in his resignation. He was moving to the Coke community.

• The McGregor Fire Department hosted the Heart of Texas Firemen's Association.

• McGregor citizens had Vox Pop night weekly at the Ritz Theater to help citizens stay abreast of the times.

DECEMBER 4, 1947—

• On front page in the "This That and the Other" column the birth announcement of the Mirror publishers' first grandchild, Mynette Mooney, was announced. Chas. and Lillie Hall also mentioned the parents were Tom and Bonnie Mooney. Mynette was born on her grandparents' wedding anniversary.

• Sunday was a very happy day for members of Zion Lutheran Church congregation and their pastor when they dedicated the spacious new church parsonage.

• Miss Camille Johnson married Lt. R.G. Phillips. The couple was honored with a party given by Miss Virginia Herring. Attending were Mrs. John Hudson, Mrs. Troy Herring, Mrs. Jack Kinslow, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Jamie Anderson and Miss Yvonne Anderson.

• McGregor took on the tough Mexia Blackcats at McGregor Wood Field for the Bi District 29-A, 30-A championship.

• Mrs. Bloomer Ramsey was the Comanche Springs correspondent.

DECEMBER 6, 1957—

• The Christmas look was taking place on McGregor's Main Street with the help of Texas Power and Light crews erecting tinsel stars and light street ornaments.

• The nominating committee for the Chamber of Commerce listed the 1958 slate of officers with Mirror editor Chas. B. Hall as president. Serving with him were O.T. McGinley, L.B. Lane and Jimmy Tippit as manager. Directors were Cam Ewing and Eugene Manske.

• Someone liked the lights too well—18 of this years city's parking meters were sprouting lighted Christmas trees, but the first night the lights were turned on they were gathered like pecans. Each tree had 36 lights. The first night over 100 bulbs were missing. Chamber president Alva Wright announced the lights were not part of the give-a-way program and urged citizens to leave them on the trees.

• Gasoline prices went back up to 28.9 cents after a six week local gas war with prices down to 23.9 cents.

• The engagement and approaching marriage of Joan Sims and William Miller were announced.

DECEMBER 8, 1967—

• Walter Miller, who had built an air taxi service into a stable of 11 airplanes since going into business in Waco in 1952, took over as operator of McGregor Airport. Miller Airport provided three passenger and cargo trips daily from McGregor to Dallas.

• Chamber of Commerce workers planted 45 Christmas trees along Main and side streets. The trees fit into the parking meter poles and were adorned with red light bulbs. Pictured decorating the trees were Chamber members Thomas Beebee, James Kerbo, John Hendrickson and Jessie Spivey.

• Orville Phillips filed for his second four year term as constable.

• The paper was full of Christmas advertising specials from Krause Drug Store, Lee Hardware, Bill Lammert Appliance, Lane's Top Shop, Winn's,

add to creamed mixture alternately with banana and milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Mix at low speed after each addition. Stir in 3/4 cup nuts. Spoon batter into a greased and floured 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Sprinkle with remaining nuts.

Bake at 350 for 55 minutes to 1 hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, loosely covering with foil after 45 minutes. Let cool in pan on a wire rack 10 minutes; remove from pan and let cool completely on wire rack.

ORANGE BREAD

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
2 (11-ounce) cans refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, cut into 20 squares
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 cup sifted powdered sugar
2 to 3 tablespoons orange juice

Combine first 3 ingredients in a small bowl; set aside. Separate biscuit dough into individual biscuits; gently separate individual biscuits in half. Place a cream cheese square between 2 halves, and pinch sides to seal each back together. Dip in butter, and dredge in reserved sugar mixture. Stand biscuits on edge in a lightly greased 12-cup Bundt pan, spacing evenly. Drizzle with remaining butter, and sprinkle with remaining sugar mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until golden. Immediately invert onto a serving plate. Combine powdered sugar and orange juice; stir well. Serve immediately. Makes one 10-inch coffee cake.

PECAN COFFEE CAKE

3 cups biscuit mix
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon butter flavoring
2 large eggs
Brown Sugar Glaze
Pecan halves, toasted

Combine first 4 ingredients in a mixing bowl; stir vigorously until blended. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface, and knead 4 or 5 times. Press into bottom and up sides of an ungreased 9-inch round cakepan. Combine cream cheese and next 4 ingredients in a mixing bowl; beat at

medium speed of an electric mixer until smooth. Pour mixture over dough.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until center is set. Let cool in pan 15 minutes. Spoon Brown Sugar Glaze over top and arrange pecan halves over edge of glaze. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 8.

BROWN SUGAR GLAZE

2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon milk
Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan; bring to a boil over medium heat; cook, stirring constantly 2 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool to lukewarm. Makes about 1/4 cup.

EASY STOLLEN

Commercial frozen bread dough makes this showy Christmas bread almost effortless.
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 tablespoons chopped red candied cherries
2 tablespoons chopped green candied cherries
1 1/2 teaspoons brandy or or-

ange juice
1 (16-ounce) loaf frozen bread dough, thawed

1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
Brandy Glaze
Combine first 5 ingredients. Place bread dough on a lightly floured surface; flatten with a rolling pin to 1-inch thickness. Spoon fruit mixture in center of dough, and knead dough until fruit is evenly distributed.

Roll dough to an oval shape, 1/2 inch thick. Fold in half lengthwise, and seal edges. Place dough on a well-greased baking sheet; brush with butter. Cover and let rise in a warm place (85 degrees), free from drafts, 40 minutes or until doubled in bulk. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Let cool 10 minutes on a wire rack; drizzle with Brandy Glaze. Makes 1 loaf.

BRANDY GLAZE

1 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar
2 tablespoons brandy or orange juice
2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
Combine all ingredients in a small bowl; stir well. Makes about 3/4 cup.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "put that in your ___ and smoke it"

5 OK town

6 Bowie crossed the Alamo line on ___

7 TXism: "he's all vine, ___ watermelon"

8 TX House rep. from 6th Dist., Berman

9 TXism: "it's all water off ___ back" (unconcerned)

15 Red Steagall: cowboy ___

16 OU's "___ Schooner"

19 "H" of Dallas newspaper founder A.H. Belo

21 Olympic athlete sample?

22 TXism: "___ the end of his rope"

27 wanton look

28 gravy on the shirt

29 TXism: "ivory tickler" (piano ___)

30 caught the calf

32 Andrews Co. named for this 1st fatality of TX revolution (init.)

33 TX AI ___ was on "One Life to Live"

36 western actor Richard

37 Galveston's "USS Cavalla," for short

38 TXism: "week ___ -day-old kitten"

39 they wait to come back into style (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 black-eyed ___

2 end of 51-down

3 Fort Stockton newspaper

4 this Cowboy DE was 1st draft pick in '74

8 TX Bonnie & Clyde acquisition

9 TXism: "gentle as ___-go-round"

10 TX defeated Antonio Lopez ___

11 ___ Route 66 cut 'cross TX panhandle

12 TXism: "he ___ through a barbed wire fence"

41 Texas Motor Speedway event

42 TXism: "nary a soul"

45 Astro RBI or ERA

46 another cowboy state (abbr.)

47 Jackson Co. seat

48 this Lovett was 1st president of Rice (init.)

49 tailor

52 sandwich shop

53 Cowboys got respect in Parcels ___

13 Corpus Christi TV station

14 state of agitation

15 drug emporium

16 cowboy bolos

17 put a top on the apple pie?

18 how Cowboys & Texans treat injuries

20 TXism: "would jerk a ___ from a glass eye" (sad)

22 computer printer manufacturer (abbr.)

23 Santa helper

24 TXism: "___ bonnet" (football helmet)

25 Parcels might have retired ___ early

26 playground plank

28 TXism: "drawing a ___ on it"

31 eye amorously

34 TXism: "put on the feed bag"

35 dir. from Dallas to Denton

37 state ___ has a star & olive branch

40 "Believe It ___"

43 TX Robby Benson film: "___ to Billie Joe"

44 TXism: "numerous as ants ___ - ___ worm"

50 TXism: "wipe the ___ clean"

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All District Second Team



SECOND TEAM ALL DISTRICT—Front row: Kyle Reineke, Brett Blackburn, Honorable Mention; Adam Brown, Honorable Mention; Julian Young. Back row: Jared Green, Andy Solis, Jesse Zimmerman, Deshun Pierson, Taylor Rost, Honorable Mention; Harvey Lee, Larry Smith.

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Bulldog MVP's



MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS—Hector Rodriguez, left, was named as one of the Most Valuable Players on Defense of the 21-AA All District Team as a linebacker, and Joe Seward, right, was named as the Most Valuable Player on offense as a quarterback on the All District Team.

Lady Bulldogs beat Troy 56-32

The McGregor Lady Bulldogs leaped out to a 17-7 lead against Troy last week and went on to record a 56-32 victory in non-district competition.

McGregor led 17-7 in the first, 31-15 by halftime, and 45-22 going into the fourth period.

Leading scorer was Destiny Kelley with 21 points. She, and the other starters, sat out for all of the fourth quarter. More scoring came from Sha Brown, 11; Ashley Reineke, seven; Angie Garrett, six; Shaq Henderson, four; Cylane Rogers, three; TaRoya Clayborn, Lena Capps, two each. The girls hit 12 of 22 free throws.

"It was a game which allowed the bench to play the entire fourth quarter," Coach Kimberly Johnson stated. "Games like this are good for the team as everyone gets a chance to see valuable playing time."

Coach Johnson pointed out that "Troy has a new coach this year and is playing a new style of basketball under the direction of

Coach Johnny Henry. Troy has a good team and they are going to continue to get better as the season progresses."

This week McGregor was set to play Academy on Tuesday and will enter the Salado Tournament on Thursday where they are guaranteed to play four games.

Their first contest is against Brock, who again is rated in the top 10 in Class 2A and in the top 20 in the TACB poll. McGregor is ranked 10th in the Texas Girls Basketball poll and so far haven't made the TABC poll.

Other teams in the tournament are 3A Cameron, Faith, 3A Taylor, and Salado.


A freshmen Jayvee basketball tournament, sponsored by PALS, was held this past weekend. All the proceeds went to PALS to be used for worthwhile projects. The McGregor Jayvees placed second in the tournament and the freshmen lost to Troy by two points in overtime for consolation.




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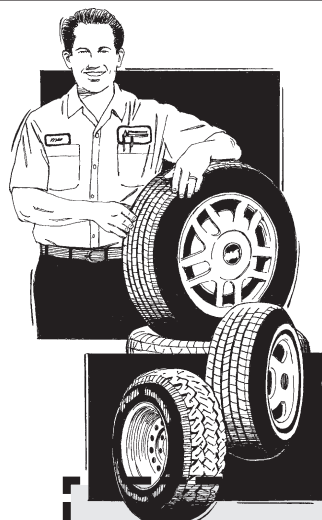
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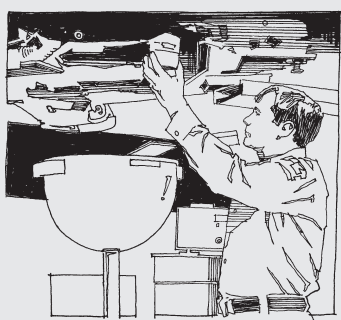
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Pirates go three rounds deep in playoffs before season ends

The Crawford Pirates led 3-0 in the first quarter and fought hard to the very last play, but despite their valiant efforts, their playoff season came to an end with a 20-3 loss to Elysian Fields in the Regional Quarterfinals last Friday night at Athens.

Crawford advanced three rounds deep in the playoffs and finished with a 10-3 season. Congratulations on a great season.

Elysian Fields mainly used a ground game rushing 42 times for 314 yards. They were 2 of 6 in the passing department for only nine yards while the Pirates rushed for 57 yards and completed 6 of 14 passes for 88 yards.

Those rushing figures, although correct, are a little misleading to how the game really unfolded. Crawford's opponent gained 148 yards of rushing on just two big plays—one 77 yard touchdown run and another 71 yard touchdown sprint.

Crawford lit up the scoreboard first after capitalizing on a fumbled snap by Elysian Fields. The Pirates took over on their opponent's 16 yard line.

Brock Duncan hit a hole on the first play for six yards to the 10. After a one yard loss, and an incomplete pass, Casey Bennett booted a 28 yard field goal to put the Pirates up 3-0 with 5:02 remaining in the first quarter.

Elysian Fields' first touchdown was set up on a 30 yard punt return to the Crawford 24 yard line. They scored in five plays. The touchdown came on an eight yard run. Extra point kick was blocked and the score read in favor of Elysian Fields 6-34 with 8:28 remaining in the first half.

Crawford was forced to punt on its next series and it took only two plays for their opponent to motor 72 yards for a score. The first play was a one yard run, and the next play went for 71 yards by Benefield. Kick was no good, but they now led 12-3 with 6:25 left in the second quarter.

Elysian Fields second possession of the third quarter produced their final touchdown of the game when on the fourth play of the series, the quarterback threw a shuttle pass and the back broke a tackle and raced 77 yards for the

score. Two point conversion was good and Elysian Fields increased their lead to 20-3 with 5:49 left in the third quarter.

In the scoreless fourth quarter, the Pirates made it inside the red zone to the Elysian Fields' 16 yard line. Crawford was thrown for losses on the next two plays and the ball went over on downs on their opponent's 25 yard line. They ran 11 plays to run the rest of the time off the clock.

Leading rusher for Crawford was Brock Duncan with 41 yards on 14 carries. Logan Kendrick completed 6 of 14 passes for 57 yards and Seth Horton threw one pass for a 37 yard gain.

Making catches were Jacob Blancett, two catches for 19 yards, Douglas Van Zandt, one reception for 37 yards, Brock Duncan, one catch for 25 yards, Taylor Holmes, one catch for four yards, and Scott Dent, one catch for three yards.

Elysian Fields led in first downs 12 to 8, in yards rushing 314 to 57, and in total offense 323 to 145. Crawford led in passing with 88 yards to their opponent's nine yards. The Pirates only had

two penalties for 20 yards while Elysian Fields were flagged nine times for 80 yards.

Having great games on defense were John Laufenberg with 14 tackles, Scott Dent with 12 tackles, Grant Gonzalez, nine; Kody Johnston, eight; Cameron Blenden and Jordan Farmer, seven each; Jacob Blancett, Logan Kendrick, and Carter Blenden, six apiece; Seth Horton, four; Taylor Holmes, three; Josh Beers, Brock Duncan, Bryce Duncan, Kenny Davis, two.

GAME STATS

Pirates	EF
8	12
31-57	42-314
88	9
145	323
6-14-0	2-6-1
4-37.0	2-29.0
2-20	9-80
0	1

Score by Quarters

	1	2	3	4	Total
Pirates	3	0	0	0	3
EF	0	12	8	0	20



Brock Duncan fights hard for extra yardage against Elysian Fields last Friday night. Photo by Stephen Cook

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Congratulations Pirates on a Great season!

The Crawford Pirates ended a great season last Friday night after going three rounds deep in the playoffs and finishing with an excellent 10-3 record.

This is Coach Delbert Kelm's first year as the head coach at Crawford and he couldn't have been more proud of how the team played last Friday night against Elysian Fields in the Regional Quarterfinals at Athens.

"I'm extremely proud of our team," Coach Kelm stated. "The pride of our team and our program showed up Friday night and throughout the season. They played like a Pirate to the very end. We are extremely proud of how they handled themselves."

Coach Kelm used the adjective "extremely" over and over again, but it was a word that just seemed to fit.

"We've had an extremely successful year," the coach emphasized. "Anytime you play three rounds deep in the playoffs you can't really be too disappointed. I know the seniors were disappointed we weren't able to continue in the playoffs, but they had a very successful career at Crawford."

Coach Kelm pointed out proudly that the senior members of the team didn't lose a game in Junior High, went undefeated as

freshmen on the Jayvee team and as sophomores on the Jayvee team again went undefeated.

As sophomores on the varsity, they went 13-1, as juniors they went 10-2 and as seniors their record was 10-3. Pretty impressive by anyone's standards.

Turning the game, Coach Kelm commented, "We never got anything established on offense and missed a couple of good opportunities early. We held them early in the first quarter and made them punt on a short field, but had to settle for a field goal. We moved the ball inside the red zone three times, but twice came away without any points."

Protecting the quarterback was an issue according to the head Pirate coach. "Kendrick played as good as he could and took some big hits," the coach said. "When he had protection he completed some good passes."

Coach Kelm pointed out that what it came down to was the very big play capability of Elysian Fields and that became the difference in the game.

"Defensively, our players played extremely well with the exception of two plays," Coach Kelm noted. "One play was a miscommunication and one play we just got misaligned. With their speed they turned the play into a

touchdown. On the other long touchdown, they hit a short pass, we missed a tackle and they took it the distance. I thought we played about as well as we could defensively."

"We got beat by a very talented football team," Coach Kelm stressed. "Elysian Fields had so much depth. They played only two players both ways while most of our players play on offense and defense. I was proud of the fact that we didn't give up any points in the fourth quarter. Our players played hard the entire game to the very last play. We just can't say enough about that."

The head Crawford mentor reported that the team overcame adversity during the season after losing starting quarterback Chase Lynch to an injury.

"Everyone rallied around Logan and he did a great job for us," the head coach quickly pointed out. "After the loss to Clifton, the team started playing more consistently. After the win against Hamilton the following week, our team really starting coming on."

The head coach is very appreciative of the senior leadership and hard work.

"We will certainly miss the senior class, but the standards have been set high and we are

looking for big things from the underclassmen."

Speaking from the heart, Coach Kelm said he would really like to thank his coaching staff. "This is probably the smallest staff in the district, but I don't believe anyone works as hard as they do."

He went on to name his assistant coaches: Greg Jacobs is the defensive coordinator and coaches the offensive line and defensive ends. Alan Abel coaches the running backs and linebackers. Randy Smith is the wide receiver and secondary coach. Josh Bruce has the offensive line and defensive line. Brent Elmore does all the scouting and helps with the secondary, wide receivers, defensive line and heads up the junior high program.

"I just can't say enough good things about my coaching staff," Coach Kelm emphasized.

Coach Kelm wanted to thank the cheerleaders, band, the crew, the administration, and the faithful fans.

"We have some of the best fans around," he said. "We had a great crowd at Crosby and at Athens last Friday night. This is part of what makes this community so special."

Elysian Fields will be playing Arp in a rematch this week while Tatum takes on Salado.



Logan Kendrick is shown knocking the punter away from a botched punt attempt. Photo by Stephen Cook

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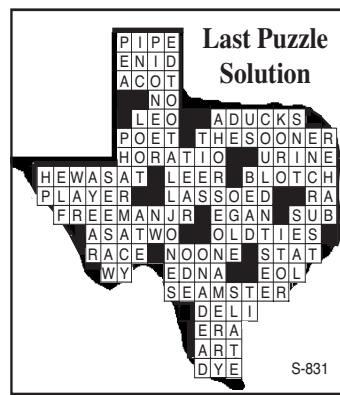
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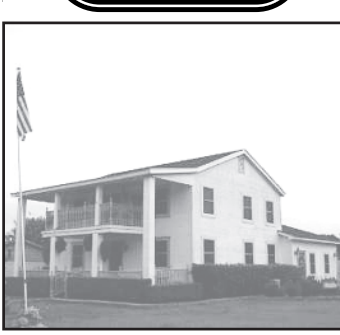
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3/1/1 CHARMER! Older home, newly remodeled, located at 700 S. Jefferson. Built in 1906. Huge corner lot, magnificent wood floors, new carpet, new vinyl! Formal dining room, French-doors inside, lots of kewl features. Priced to sell. Hurry!

FRAME HOME on 10th Street with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living/dining room, large kitchen, enclosed breezeway and 1 car attached garage, new kitchen sink, new sewer line, new carpet and vinyl, new aluminum screens, central heat and freshly painted interior. 75' x 100' corner lot. This one will not last long!

WONDERFULLY UNIQUE old home! 3 br/2.5 bath. Built 1907. 1919 sq. ft. in main house. 650 sq. ft in detached converted area. Modern appliances, but a touch of nostalgia unparalleled in McGregor! Homes rarely surface like this one! 703 Fillmore St.

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GREAT LOCATION In quiet neighborhood. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, BV home, large kitchen with built-ins, family room with fireplace, central air and heat, utility room & 2 car attached garage with rear entry. Built in 1948 with major renovation in 1967. Large oak and elm trees.

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GREAT LOCATION— A 2/2/1 house with a lot of potential located at 706 W. 3rd Street. A short distance to Middle School and downtown. Big fenced backyard.

HORSE CREEK RANCH— great building site on this 5 acres near Mother Neff State Park. Elm Creek water meter in place.

by Rev. Robert Parker,
Pastor, First Baptist Church



Retailers and businesses strive through sales and advertising to make each Christmas the best Christmas ever. But, I thought that the best Christmas ever was the first Christmas. But here's what we can do: we can make this Christmas the second best Christmas ever — by getting as close to the first one as possible.

When Jesus came into the world, the angels announced his arrival with the words...*Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, and good will towards men.* (Luke 2:14) This is the Christmas message. It's what Jesus came to bring; it's what God wants us to proclaim. This simple verse shows us places we can go this year to celebrate the best — make that the second best — Christmas ever.

We can take a holiday from our worries. You know what worries do? They cause us to look at ourselves instead of God. The Christmas message begins with the phrase, "Glory to God in the highest." He needs to be the focus of our attention. Nothing else deserves that place in our lives.

We can take a holiday from conflict and commotion. You see the phrase on so many Christmas cards: "Peace on earth..." Jesus didn't come that we might have war. He came that we might have peace. This Christmas, let's take a break from conflict; let's call a truce and focus on ways we can live at peace with one another. This applies especially to families. Many people dread the holiday season because of all the strife that takes place when families get together. Let's find a way to put those conflicts aside.

As much as is possible, let's take a holiday from everything that threatens to take our focus off the significance of Christmas in our spiritual lives and everything that keeps us from expressing the meaning of Christmas to those around us and see if we can put into practice what the angels proclaimed on that first Christmas night: *Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, goodwill towards men.*

Attend Church Sunday!

by Sammie Haynes
Pastor, Church of the Living God



1 Corinthians 13: 4. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keep's no record of wrongs.

John 15:17. This is my command: Love each other

Mathew 6: 15. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins

Two families in American history had a feud that lasted for decades. "The Hatfields and the McCoys." They fought over land, between the Kentucky and West Virginia, border. The feud is said to have started over the ownership of a pig, and escalated, with both families finding reasons to kill each other. "An eye for and eye", was the "motto". The commandment to love thy neighbor had faded into the fog of hate and greed and blinded their hearts.

In today's society, hate seems to rule in a lot of families! A mother or father disowns a daughter or son, because the family image seems to be more important, than finding in their

hearts to forgive. Some have even went to the extreme of not speaking to friends, or love ones, for years, because forgiveness in their mind and heart, is not an option. We should remember that no one is perfect. We have all made mistakes, and when we come to the Lord Jesus, and ask for forgiveness, He does!

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. When Jesus went to the cross He didn't keep a tab of all the things we did wrong. He loved us and forgave us. Even on the cross, one of the last things Jesus said; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". Although it was our sins that nailed Him to the cross, it was His Love that held Him there.

Un-forgiveness can hold us captive. We become prisoners of what someone has said or did. It leads us down a road traveled by many, but when we find it in our hearts to forgive a weight seems to lift from our shoulders. It is easier to love than to hate, so let love lead you to forgive.



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