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MAX ARMANI is already leashed up and in the car ready to head to McGregor Veterinary's annual Rabies Clinic on Friday afternoon, and he encourages other pets in McGregor to do the same. Dr. Andy Ainsworth will have the first of two McGregor vaccination clinics on Friday, February 29th from 4 to 6 p.m. The second clinic will be the following Friday, March 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost of the rabies vaccination is \$10 and other vaccinations will also be available. Make sure your cats and dogs are protected. City tags will also be sold during the clinic.

Narcotics training underway

Narcotics training for all officers of the McGregor Police Department is already underway according to interim Chief of Police Steve Foster.

"We have five different classes set up and each of the classes will be taught by different instructors," Chief Foster stated. "These instructors are some of the best in their field. This training is not voluntary among the officers, it is mandatory. One of the instructors teaches straight edge self defense."

The chief reported that in the first meeting with all of the officers he asked each one which area of training they would like to concentrate on first. Everyone agreed they wanted to start with narcotics training.

"I believe we also need training in self defense," the chief of police said. "Training will be an ongoing practice in this department."

This past week Chief Foster pointed out that the Heart of Texas Vehicle Theft Task Force requested the assistance from the McGregor Police Department in recovering a stolen trailer.

"We have people coming in to assist us and we are going to start working McGregor, and that is just the way it is," the chief declared.

Second in command James Burson reported that the department is currently getting bids on two new patrol cars. He added that the cars will be equipped with digital cameras.

There have also been changes at the police department building including some new light fixtures and a general cleanup of the build-

ing. Offices that weren't being utilized are going to be used by the officers.

Chief Foster said he would like to start answering questions that citizens may have about the law. Citizens may write the McGregor Mirror or to the Chief of Police with their questions and he try to answer them.

A fatality occurred near the McGregor Airport last week when a motorist pulled out from the airport onto Highway 84 into the path of another driver traveling west.

Joseph Stahl, 83 from Waco, was killed in the accident. Derek Aing of Hamilton was taken to Hillcrest Hospital for treatment.

Free college financial aid information session at MCC

High school seniors and their parents can explore college financial aid opportunities at a free information session at 7 p.m. March 12 at the McLennan Community College Conference Center, located at 4601 N. 19th St. *Reservations are required by March 5.*

The MCC Foundation and the Waco Foundation is

sponsoring the workshop, which is open to parents and their college-bound students, regardless of whether they plan to attend MCC. Refreshments will be served.

To reserve your place, or for more information, contact Robbie Stabeno at 752-9457 or rstabeno@wacofoundation.org.

Geneva Watley named to MCC Board

Geneva Watley, of McGregor, was appointed to fill the district 7 vacancy on the McLennan Community College Board of Trustees on February 18, 2008. The district 7 position was previously occupied by Linda Hilliard, who will be moving out of the district and was required by law to relinquish her seat.

After accepting several applications for appointment to the board, the trustees appointed Watley, who will remain in the district 7 seat until the term expires in May 2012.

Watley, a 31 year employee of McGregor ISD, is the district's Reading Coordinator and trainer. She has extensive experiences in education as McGregor ISD Assistant Superintendent, McGregor ISD Principal, and McGregor ISD



teacher. She taught at the elementary campus for 15 years. She was then promoted to elementary principal, and served in that capacity for 10 years before becoming an Assistant Superintendent for five years.

According to Watley, she considers MCC "to be a very important component of the available educational opportunities to

the citizens of this area." Upon high school graduation, Watley attended MCC. In recent years, she has attended continuing education courses at MCC, and her children and several family members have attended the college.

Watley says, "It is an honor as well as a privilege to serve as a McLennan Community College Trustee and to give back some of what MCC has given to me and my family, as well as others that are privileged to attend MCC."

Mrs. Watley received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Masters of Science in Education from Baylor University. She also has certifications from Baylor in curriculum and instruction and reading specialization. She has her Mid-Management certification from Tarleton State University.

She is married to Archie Watley, Sr. He is Program Chairman at TSTC over Auto Body. The Watleys have one daughter, Tasha, a graduate of UT at Austin. She is employed with the State as an Auditor with Texas Department of Public Safety. They also have a son, Archie and wife Natalie of Austin. Archie works for Marriott.

Geneva is a member of Clifton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she serves in the choir, as Mission President and is past Superintendent of Sunday School. She is a member of McGregor's Historic Commission Board. She is also a past discussion leader of Bible Study Fellowship, which is a world-wide interdenominational organization.

More names added to ballot

Two more candidates have added their names to MOC ballots this week. Jimmy Hering has filed for re-election as Mayor of McGregor (Ward 6, mayor-at-large) and Joe Leos has filed for re-election for Ward 4. Ward 2 incumbent Paul Allison filed last week for re-election.

Incumbent McGregor school trustee Herman Tucker has filed for re-election. Tucker has served four years as a trustee for the district. Mary Jo (Leos) Williams has filed to be a candidate in the McGregor School trustee election.

Jack Keltner, who has served MISD as a school trustee for the past eight years announced he would not seek re-election.

Turning to the Crawford School trustee election, both in-

cumbents John Minnix and Jeff Baize have filed for reelection.

Positions up for election on the Crawford City Council include Franklin Abel, Charles Wiethorn and Barry Baize. No candidates have filed at this time.

In Oglesby, Laura Wright has filed for a spot on the Oglesby ISD Board of Trustees. Terms for Anthony Ross and Mike Gomez are expiring.

No candidates have filed in the Oglesby City election. Positions up for reelection include Reta Luckie, Maurice Willis and Mike Homan.

Last day for candidates to file to have their name placed on the May 10 election ballot is March 10. Candidates have until March 17 to file as a write-in.

MOC citizens wishing to file

for election in either city or school elections should pick up candidate packets at their respective city halls and school administration offices.

In the City of McGregor election, Wards up for election include Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 6 (mayor-at-large).

McGregor school trustees with expiring terms are Jack

Keltner and Herman Tucker.

McGregor voters will have a local option on the May 10th ballot to legalize the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 28 and will continue through May 6 at McGregor City Hall and the MISD Administration office.

All District selections announced this week

All District Basketball selections were announced this week with both McGregor and Crawford placing five players on the team.

Cameron Blenden, from Crawford, was named as the Most Valuable Player of District 21-AA and teammate Logan Kendrick was named as the Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Offensive Player of the District was Zach Sehon of

Bruceville-Eddy.

K. J. Minor of McGregor was selected as the Co-Newcomer of the Year. He shared that honor with Nate Wilburn of Moody.

Named to the first team were Brock Duncan and Taylor Holmes from Crawford, and Joe Seward from McGregor.

Rounding out the first team were Charlie Bryant, Bruceville-Eddy; Jaime Hernandez, Clifton; See All District on page 6



A nervous smile came from this woman at the Oglesby Rattlesnake Hunt this past weekend as she held a rattlesnake in her hands. She followed the HOT Snake Handlers instructions to the letter. They told her to quickly swing her hands outward and they would catch the snake. One of the handlers even took a picture of her with her camera.

News Briefs

Meeting of Post Oak Cemetery Assoc.

The annual meeting of Post Oak Cemetery Association will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oglesby Methodist Church. The church is located at 109 College Street. There will be a financial report, election of officers and other items of business. Anyone interested in the cemetery is urged to attend. James Sullins is president and Dawn Barnes is secretary/treasurer.

Pre. 78, 79 Democratic Caucus March 4

Democrats, please plan to attend the Democratic Caucus for Precincts 78 and 79 in the Junior High School Gym at 7:15 March 4, election day. Please call Ottis Foster at 733-6954, or Jay Belew at 848-5894 for more information.

Relay For Life Meeting Rescheduled

The 5th annual Relay For Life "kickoff meeting" has been re-scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008. The meeting will be at the Coffee Shop Cafe at 5:30 p.m. Any individual interested in serving on the local Relay Committee, as a team captain or team member is urged to attend. If you have questions, you can contact Jerry Lynch at 723-6268. So come and join us in moving one step closer to finding a cure for cancer. Hope to see you there.

3rd Annual Western White House Easter Egg Roll for Military Families

The third annual Western White House Easter Egg Roll for military families will be held Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Crawford Elementary School in Crawford, Texas... hometown of President and Mrs. George W. Bush. Since the event was snowed out of the park last year, the Crawford ISD was kind enough to allow the event to move inside the elementary school gym and cafeteria for this year's Easter Egg Roll. Volunteers and vendors are welcome. Links can be found at www.Crawford-Texas.org on the 2008 Easter Egg Roll page.

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

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED DESIGNATION TRINITY AQUIFER PRIORITY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

**SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-08-1502
TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2008-0099-MIS**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) will have an evidentiary hearing on the Executive Director's recommendation for designation of Bosque, Coryell, Hill, McLennan, and Somervell counties as a Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA) and for the recommendation for the creation of a groundwater conservation district (GCD) in the area. The Executive Director has prepared a report recommending that these counties be designated as a PGMA pursuant to Chapter 35 of the Texas Water Code.

A PGMA is an area delineated and designated by the Commission that is presently experiencing critical groundwater problems, or one that is expected to experience such problems within a 25-year planning horizon. As defined by state law, critical groundwater problems can include shortages of surface or groundwater supplies, land subsidence resulting from groundwater withdrawal, and contamination of groundwater supplies.

The State Office of Administrative Hearing ("SOAH") will conduct a preliminary hearing to take jurisdiction, name parties, and consider pretrial matters on:

**10:00 a.m. - April 3, 2008
Community Service & Municipal Court Building
201 West Waco Drive
Waco, Texas 76707**

The evidentiary hearing on this matter will be held at a later

date. Any person who desires party status at the preliminary hearing by showing how they are an affected person. If a person is granted party status, they may present evidence and testimony at the later evidentiary hearing. Under the Texas Water Code, Section 35.008(e), the evidentiary hearing must be concluded not later than the 75th day after the date that notice of the hearing is published.

The purpose of a PGMA is to identify and delineate areas where groundwater management programs are needed and the purpose of a GCD is to develop and administer programs for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater resources, and to control subsidence caused by withdrawal of water from those groundwater resources. A PGMA does not have any groundwater regulatory authority. However, under §35.019 of the Texas Water Code, the designation of a PGMA provides permissive authority to the county commissioners court to require demonstrations of water availability in order to obtain plat approval for land development.

The Executive Director recommends that a GCD be created in this area. State law encourages landowners within a PGMA to create GCDs through either the petition or legislative process or by having the area added to an existing district. If local efforts to create a district or join an existing district are not undertaken in a two-year period, the commission shall create a groundwater conservation district or add the area to an existing district. A groundwater conservation district is authorized to manage groundwater resources, to require permits for the drilling, operation, and spacing of water wells, and to finance district operation through the levy of ad valorem taxes or the assessment of fees to permitted wells.

The Executive Director's report is available online at http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/groundwater/pgma.html; at the Commission's Office of the Chief Clerk at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F, Austin; at the Commission's

Region 3 Office, 1977 Industrial Blvd., Abilene; at the Commission's Region 4 Office, 2309 Gravel Dr., Fort Worth; and at the Commission's Region 9 Office, 6801 Sanger Ave., Ste 2500, Waco. This report is available for inspection at these locations during regular business hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The report is available for public inspection at the following county clerk office locations: 104 West Morgan St., Meridian; 620 E. Main, Gatesville; County Courthouse, Hillsboro; 215 N. 5th St., Rm. 223, Waco; and County Courthouse, Glen Rose. The report is also available for inspection at the following libraries and locations: Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Special Services, 201 Saint Felix, Stephenville; Baylor University, Texas Collection, 1429 S. Fifth St., Waco; Temple Public Library, 100 W Adams Ave., Temple; Meridian Public Library, 105 N. Erath, Meridian; Brownwood Public Library, 600 Carnegie Blvd., Brownwood; Callahan County Library, 100 West 4th B1, Baird; Comanche Public Library, 311 N. Austin St., Comanche; Gatesville Public Library, 111 N. 8th St., Gatesville; Ranger Public Library, 718 Pine St., Ranger; The City Of Stephenville Library, 174 North Columbia St., Stephenville; Marlin Public Library, 301 Winter St., Marlin; Hamilton Public Library, 201 North Pecan, Hamilton; Hillsboro City Library, 118 South Waco St., Hillsboro; Lampasas Public Library, 201 S. Main St., Lampasas; Maffett Memorial Library, 601 W Yeagua St., Groesbeck; Jennie Trent Dew Library, 1101 Hutchings St., Goldthwaite; Waco-McLennan County Library, Waco; Somervell County Library, 108 Allen Dr., Glen Rose; Legislative Reference Library, Texas State Capitol Building, 1100 Congress Ave., Rm 2N3, Austin; Texas State Library, 1201 Brazos, Austin; Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District, 112 W. 3rd St., Hearne; Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, 225 S. Pierce, Burnet; Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, 2180 North Main, Belton; Fox Crossing Water District, 1011 4th St., Goldthwaite; McLennan County Groundwater Conservation District, 4900

Sanger Ave., Waco; Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, 150 N. Harbin St., Ste. 434, Stephenville; Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, 310 E. Ave. C, Milano; Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District, 501 E. 4th Street, Lampasas; Tablerock Groundwater Conservation District, 620 East Main St., Gatesville; Region F Water Planning Group - Freese and Nichols, Inc., 10814 Jollyville Road, Building 4, Suite 100, Austin; Brazos G Water Planning Group - Brazos River Authority, 4600 Cobbs Dr., Waco; Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group - Turner Collier & Braden, 400 W. 15th St. Suite 500, Austin; TCEQ Region 3 Office, 1977 Industrial Blvd., Abilene; TCEQ Region 4 Office, 2309 Gravel Dr., Fort Worth; and TCEQ Region 9 Office, 6801 Sanger Ave., Ste 2500, Waco.

A map showing the boundaries of the area being considered for PGMA designation may be examined at the above locations or online at http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/groundwater/pgma.html.

Any questions or comments may be addressed to Ms. Robin Smith, Staff Attorney, Environmental Law Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0600. Issued this 8th day of February, 2008.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual and five year plan will be available for viewing and comments at the Oglesby Housing Authority office located at 118 College in Oglesby from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. These plans and all supporting documents are on public display for the next (45) forty-five days.

The Oglesby Housing Authority will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oglesby Community Center located at 118 Main Street in Oglesby. #4-11

Bid Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of McGregor is accepting bids for leasing the oil and

gas rights on 916.3 acres at the McGregor Executive Airport. The term will be for three (3) years. Inquiries may be made to the City Manager or Airport Manager. Sealed bids will be accepted at City Hall, 302 S. Madison, McGregor, TX 76657 until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008. Opening of bids will be at 1:05 p.m. at City Hall.



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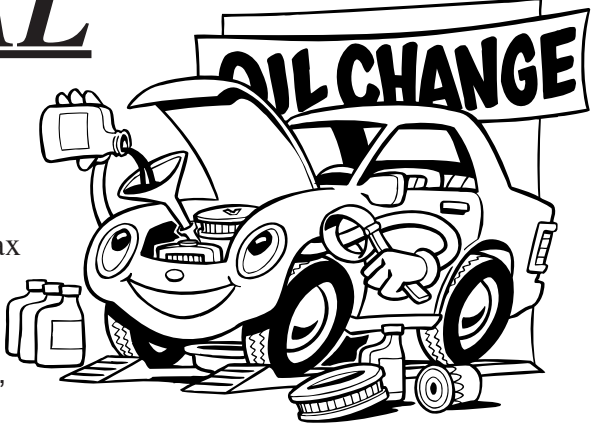
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~ Obituaries ~

Gena Doris Fox

Gena Doris Fox, 88, left this world on February 22, 2008. She was born in McGregor, Texas, on January 28, 1920 to Lena and Dick Smith. She attended school in McGregor, and at an early age moved to Waco with her family. She married James W. (Jimmy) Fox in 1953. As a young woman, she worked in retail sales and was later a full time homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, James M. Smith; a sister, Estelle Liston; and her husband, Jimmy Fox.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jim Griffith of McGregor; and her loving and faithful companion, Tip.

It was her wish that no service be held, and her remains be cremated. Interment will be in Waco Memorial Park next to her husband.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Westview Manor Nursing Home in McGregor, Dr. Kelly Reynolds, and Providence Hospice for their care and concern

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Dear Editor:

We had all heard the old saying "Better late than never." This comes to mind as I write this.

My mother Gena Fox fell on the evening before Thanksgiving last year. When Jim and I realized that she might have a broken hip, we called the McGregor Volunteer Emergency Service. In only a few minutes time, the ambulance was at her front door.

We want to thank Tim Fisk and Sonny Heath who were the paramedics on board the ambulance that night. We could not have asked for anyone who was more kind, more gentle, and more caring than these two fine men. Their professionalism and treatment of my mother was outstanding.

McGregor is lucky to have its own emergency medical teams and Tim and Sonny are among the very best. We thank you sincerely.

Sharon and Jim Griffith

**McGregor
EMS
Memorials**

In memory of Harry Gardner from William Wade, David and Jan Anderson.

In memory of Loraine Wendt from Gladys Hollan

In memory of Annie Krause from Gladys Hollan, David and Jan Anderson.

In memory of Bob Kattness from Gladys Hollan, Myrtle Dunn, Earl and Wanda Gruesendorf, Hope and Harlan Huffman, Beverly Bell, Stephen Jansky, Jerry and Bonnie Lange, David and Jan Anderson.

In memory of B.F. Englebrecht from Gladys Hollan

In memory of Annie Niemeier from Yvonne Webb, Frances Hudson, Bonnie Mullens.

In memory of Sam Ares from Lewis and Lavonne Westbrook, Frances Hudson

In memory of Vivian Burton from Don and Katy Kruse

In memory of Beatrice Kuhlmann from Sixth and Adams Church of Christ, Mynette and Gene Taylor.

For memorial contributions to McGregor EMS send in care of Frances Hudson, 311 S. Adams, McGregor, Texas 76657 or Mynette Taylor, 311 S. Main, McGregor, Texas 76657.



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The health of millions of Texans, clean air, clean water and the environment were all at risk, but our State Representative, "Doc" Anderson was on the case. "Doc" introduced a moratorium to stop the process and give the legislature time to study the cumulative impact of the pollution from these plants.



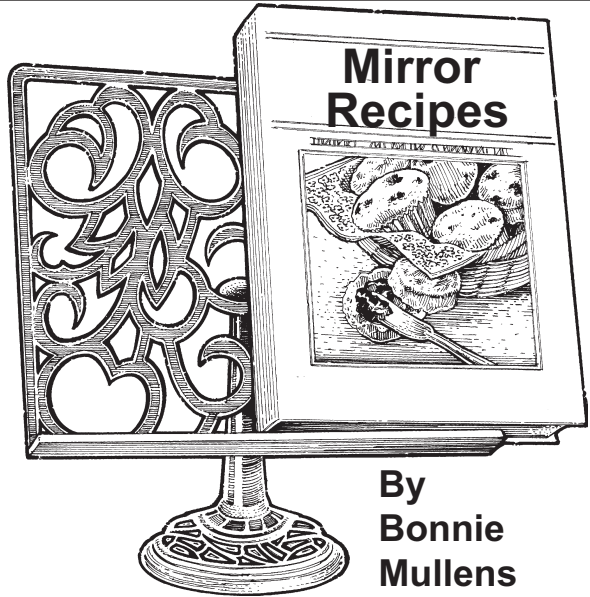
"Doc" led the charge in the legislature to challenge Texas to become a national leader in clean burning energy. Thanks to "Doc" Anderson's hard work, Central Texas dodged a bullet, but the battle goes on. "Doc" will continue to lead the fight for clean energy alternatives.

Doc Anderson "deserves considerable credit" for challenging Texas to become a national leader in clean-burning coal-fired plants...Of all the voices raised locally against the coal rush, Anderson's was the most significant."

~ WACO TRIBUNE HERALD



EXPERIENCED - CONSERVATIVE - LEADERSHIP



By
Bonnie
Mullens

Expect no leftovers with these favorites

DELICIOUS CHICKEN PIE
4 cups cooked chicken, cubed
10-3/4 oz. can cream of chicken soup
10-1/2 oz. can chicken broth
1/2 t. poultry seasoning
16-oz. can sliced carrots, drained
1-1/2 c. all-purpose flour
2 t. baking powder
1-1/2 c. buttermilk
1/2 c. butter, melted
Place chicken in a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan. Combine soup, broth and poultry seasoning in a mixing bowl; pour over chicken. Arrange carrots on top; set aside. In a large bowl, mix together flour and baking powder; add buttermilk and melted butter.

Pour over chicken mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for one hour, until crust is golden. Serves 6.

BEEFY BEAN AND BISCUIT PIE
1 lb. ground beef
1/2 c. onion, chopped
1 t. salt
1/2 t. pepper
28-oz. can brown sugar baked beans
1/4 c. barbecue sauce
1/4 c. catsup
1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
16.3-oz. tube refrigerated buttermilk biscuits.
Brown ground beef with onion, salt and pepper; drain. Add baked beans, barbecue sauce and catsup; pour into an ungreased 13" x 9" baking pan. Sprinkle

MACARONI AND BEEF
1 lb. ground beef
8-oz. can tomato sauce
16-oz. pkg. pasteurized process cheese spread, diced
16-oz. pkg. medium shell pasta, cooked
Brown beef over medium heat in a large pot; drain. Add sauce, cheese and pasta. Stir over low heat until cheese is melted. Serves 8 to 10. Best when served immediately.

SLOW-COOKER COLA HAM
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1 t. dry mustard
12-oz. can cola
3 to 4 lb. fully cooked ham
Combine brown sugar and mustard; add enough cola to make a glaze consistency and set aside. Place ham in a slow cooker; pour glaze over top, coating well. Cover and cook on low setting for 8 to 10 hours, basting occasionally with juices. Serves 8 to 10.

CHEESY NEW POTATO CASSEROLE
10-oz. can tomatoes with chilies
10-3/4 oz. can Cheddar cheese soup
10-3/4 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
3/4 c. water
1 T. dried, minced onion salt and pepper to taste
10 to 12 new potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
1/4 c. butter, diced

chiles, soups, water, onion, salt and pepper in a large bowl; mix well to combine. Arrange potato slices in a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan; pour tomato mixture over potatoes. Dot with butter. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for one hour, until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork. Serves 8.

TIP: When a recipes gives instructions to "dot with butter" try this quick and easy tip. Keep a stick of butter in the freezer, peel back the wrapper, then grate the butter directly over the baking pan ... how easy!

CASSEROLE ONION BREAD
1 cup milk
3 T. sugar
1-1/2 T. butter
3/4 c. water
1 env. active dry yeast
1-1/2 oz. pkg. onion soup mix
4 c. all-purpose flour
Heat milk in a saucepan over medium heat just until boiling. Pour into a medium bowl; add sugar and butter. Cool slightly. Heat water until very warm, about 110 to 115 degrees; add yeast and stir until dissolved. Add yeast mixture to milk mixture; add soup mix and flour. Stir to blend for 2 minutes. Cover bowl with a clean tea towel; let rise for 45 minutes, until double in bulk. Stir dough down; beat vigorously for 30 seconds. Turn into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes. Tent with aluminum foil if top is browning too fast. Cool in pan on wire rack for 5 minutes; turn upside-down to remove. Serves 8 to 10.

LIGHTER-THAN-AIR POTATO ROLLS
1/2 cup instant potato flakes

1 t. sugar
2 T. butter, softened
1/2 cup hot water
1/3 cup cold water
2 c. biscuit baking mix
Stir together potato flakes, sugar, butter and hot water. Stir in cold water and baking mix. Gently smooth dough into a ball on a floured surface; knead 8 to 10 times. Roll out into a 10" x 6" rectangle. Cut into 12 squares; arrange on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 450 degrees for about 10 minutes. Makes one dozen.

CHICKEN NOODLE CASSEROLE
1/4 cup butter
1 onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
5 to 6 stalks celery, chopped
4-oz. jar diced pimentos, drained
4-oz. can diced green chiles
10-3/4 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
3 (9-3/4-oz) cans chicken, drained slightly
12-oz. pkg. elbow macaroni, cooked
12-oz. pkg. shredded Mexican-blend cheese, divided
Melt butter in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion, green pepper, celery, pimentos and chiles; saute until tender. Stir in soup and chicken with liquid. Simmer for 10 minutes. Spread macaroni in a lightly greased 13" x 9" baking pan; sprinkle with half the cheese. Spread chicken mixture over cheese; stir gently. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, until cheese is bubbly and golden. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Serves 12.

FORK-TENDER ROAST

1 onion, chopped
3 to 4 lb. beef chuck roast
1-oz. pkg. ranch salad dressing mix
1-oz. pkg. Italian salad dressing mix
.87-oz. pkg. brown gravy mix
1/2 cup water
Place onion in the bottom of a slow cooker; set aside. Combine mixes and rub half of mixture over roast; place roast in slow cooker. Sprinkle on remaining mixture and pour water around roast. Cover and cook on low setting for 7 to 9 hours. Serves 6 to 8.
Add some chopped carrots and celery with the onion, if you like.

COCONUT CREAM CAKE
18-1/2 oz. pkg. white cake mix with pudding
3 eggs
1/3 cup oil
1 cup water
1/2 t. coconut extract
14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
15-oz. can cream of coconut
1 c. heavy whipping cream
1 T. white sugar
1 cup sweetened, flaked coconut
Mix together cake mix, eggs, oil, water and coconut extract; beat for 2 minutes. Pour into a greased and floured 13"x9" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near center of cake tests clean. Combine condensed milk and cream of coconut; stir until smooth. With a large fork, poke holes in even rows all over cake; pour milk mixture over top. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. In a large bowl, beat cream until soft peaks form. Add sugar; beat until stiff. Spread over cooled cake; sprinkle with coconut.
Enjoy!

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

FEBRUARY 24, 1928—
• Assistant Scout Executive John Wyche of Waco was in McGregor and helped form the local council. Officers named were H.T. Grantham, Charles Howard, Lawrence Shaffer, A.L. Lee, A.C. Amsler, Carl Phelan, R.C. Summers and Thomas A. Rocket.
• E.J. Thomason announced he would be set up for business in the J.A. Burt Grocery Store. The store was divided into two separate compartments—housing both businesses.
• W.V. Hanover announced his candidacy for McGregor School trustee.
• □Samsler advertised a large selection of newly arrived Brunswick records: Records included "Keep Sweeping the Cobwebs Off The Moon," "Together," "Chili Blues," "My Dream Girl of Honolulu," "Tennessee Girls," "Cotton Eyed Joe," and "The Song is Ended." A Brunswick phonograph sold for \$125.00.

FEBRUARY 25, 1938—
• O.T. McGinley, ardent Bulldog fan and prominent school booster, announced his presentation to McGregor High School, a silver trophy on which would be engraved the name of the school's outstanding athlete. The trophy would remain the property of the school and occupy a space in the trophy case.

FEBRUARY 27, 1948—
• Cavitt Caufield filed for reelection as a city commissioner.
• Knights of Pythias Lodge hosted a district meeting in McGregor. Past Chancellor Chas. B. Hall was presented with a 25 year jewel in recognition of his more than 35 years as a Pythian.
• Oglesby FHA Chapter hosted stunt night. Those performing included Phil Ferguson, William Cox, Corneal Guthries, Perry Wiess, James Green, Pat Stiles, Mildred Ward, Francis Tarnell, Thomas Ross, Nancy McKelvain, Alice Bates, Anita Ross, Elizabeth Pollard, Francis King, Betty Brewer, Mildred Humphries, Wanda and Mickie Walker.

FEBRUARY 21, 1958—

• Some 110 McGregor men this week received invitations for dates. The invitations came from their daughters for the Father/Daughter Banquet for the Bluebird and Campfire Girls. Each girl was to decorate a box for the dinner and help prepare the meal.
• Cattlemen from the Valley to the Panhandle were expected in McGregor to attend the Annual Beef Cattle Field Day at the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station.
• Bob Hull and Ray Wiechering purchased the Texaco Service Station at 500 South Main.
• McGregor High School volleyball team members were Carolyn Wallace, Lucille Schwettman, Barbara Maupin, Sarah Crelia, Maxine Morgan, Patsy Fleming and Barbara Mason.

FEBRUARY 25, 1968—
• "McGregor is the Best Part of the West" was the latest entered the McGregor slogan contest.
• Cecil McMullen was pictured with a car used in the movie "Bonnie and Clyde". The 1934 Chevrolet was purchased by his father-in-law, the late L.E. Pollard of Oglesby. It was leased by Warner Bros. in Dallas where they were filming the picture.
• The old house of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Streight was being torn down. The house, located on Fourth Street was the scene of the biggest news in Texas on June 18, 1910. Mr. Streight, founder, editor and publisher of *The McGregor Mirror*, was shot in the head and murdered at his home. His wife was arrested and convicted of the murder. Former Mirror editor and publisher Chas. B. Hall was a young man at the time working as a typesetter for Streight at the time of the murder.
• □Robert Myers was named the new president of McAx.
• John Hendrickson and Dennis Witte filed for City Commissioner's race.
• Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Overand celebrated 50th Anniversary.

FEBRUARY 23, 1978—
• Eighty MOC farmers attended American Agriculture Movement meeting at the H.G. Isbill Gymnasium.

• Seven couples representing 374 years of marriage renewed their wedding vows at the First Baptist Church. Performing the ceremony was Rev. Gary Cook. The couples were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mize, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Haggard Janes and Mr. and Mrs. Hern Hudson. Other couples married over 50 years but unable to attend the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Bickel, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Permenter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Sharp.
• McGregor City Council increased sewer rates from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per month.
• Diane Jackson and Dean Elliott joined the field of candidates running for McGregor School Board. Incumbents were Dick Fox and Donald Henager. Both had filed.
• Filing for the City Council were Mayor Punk Morris, alderman Pat Anderson and Al Wolf.
• Mrs. Barbara Gunter and Donald West filed for Oglesby City Council.
• Big winners at the Oglesby Rattlesnake Hunt were the team of Bill Truelove, David Vandiver and Bobby Robinson.

FEBRUARY 25, 1988—
• Headline read—"Some Improvement! from bench to All State in one year." Head coach Grady Williams presented the Most Improved award to quarterback Jimmy Hering at the Bulldog Banquet. Over 300 players, parents and fans attended. The Spirit Award went to Derick Scott.
• Oglesby Lions Club was preparing for its 19th Annual Rattlesnake Hunt.
• Dick Fox filed for mayor and Louise Walter and Kathleen Anglin filed for Ward 2 and Ward 4.
• □Marvin Garza and Roy Westerfeld filed for places on the Crawford School Board.
• McGregor United Fund allocated \$24,300 to 20 agencies.
• Office Education Association students Jackie Hill, Kevin Miller and Dorianne Connally won awards at the area contest.
• McGregor Pups won the district basketball championship.

Team players were Willie Morgan, Jerry Smith, Freddie Hutchinson, Craig Colvin, Wesley Swain, Robert Hodges, Greg Colvin, Terry Bass, Casey Wilson, Joel Huggins, Stephen Sullivan, John Walter and Joe January.
FEBRUARY 26, 1997—
• □Frank Graves was honored by McGregor Masonic Lodge with the Community Builders Award for his long and dedicated service to the community, at the Masons annual volunteer spaghetti dinner.
• Diane Lauterbach was ap-

pointed as the local election judge.
• Robert Herings and Jennifer Moore earned first places at the State UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest.
• Lucy Montgomery and Clyde Thompson were crowned Westview Manor's Valentine Queen and King.
• Two teams led by Greg Key and Bobby Collins, both of Oglesby, were the top money winners at the Oglesby Rattlesnake Hunt. Key's team had the most pounds of rattlesnakes and Collins had first and second longest rattlesnakes at 61" and 56", as well as

the second smallest at 16 1/4". Over 2,000 people attended the two day event.
• Crawford Pirates Dustin Denard and Mason Schmalriede were named co-recipients of the Paul Bukowski Coaches Award at the annual Crawford Fall Sports Banquet.
Other award recipients were Heath Stanford-C.K. Burns Award, Nathan Lammert-J.D. Hilton Fighting Heart Award, Daniel Dysinger-Balke Barnes Special Teams MVP Award, Chad Rhea-Offensive MVP and Robert Johnson-Defensive MVP.

ACROSS

1 TX-born Joan Crawford film "___ What You Did"

5 west TX ___ brush

6 early lawless area of Fort Worth: "Hell's Half ___"

7 TXism: "mighty fine"

8 ___ Ross State

9 Waco cult leader called himself the "___ God"

15 TXism: "___ up" (pay)

16 TXism: "he's ___ his plate than he can say grace over"

19 TX Byron Nelson was a caddy at "___ Gardens"

21 TXism: "if it had ___ snake it would have bit you"

22 TX Martha Hyer film: "The Sons ___ Elder"

27 TXism: "___-loop man" (good roper)

28 homes

29 this "Tex" created Disney "Chip & Dale"

30 this Fuzzy won the Colonial in '81

32 ___ Pleasant, TX

33 TXism: "does a ___ in the woods?" (yes)

36 TXism for "your"

37 Wink about Orbison: "Our ___ Roy"

38 TXism: "you ___ your welcome"

DOWN

1 TX Sly Stone hit: "Everybody ___ Star"

2 TX had 9 bases used in this air def. program (abbr.)

3 TX-born Nimitz ran a destroyer ___ early in his career

4 Honey Grove newspaper (2 wds.)

8 boot bottom

9 homesick Gls (2 wds.)

10 TXism: "foaming ___ the mouth" (angry)

11 TX "Wildfire" singer (init.)

12 Cowboy LB ('75-'84)

13 sandwich cookie

14 TXism: "chicken ___" (insignificant)

15 X-mas flower was named after this TX Joel

16 TX Autry or Tierney hit for 37-across: "___ Pretty Woman"

17 TXism: "run that by me ___ time"

18 disgustingly filthy

20 820 around Fort Worth

22 hit for 37-across: "___ Pretty Woman"

23 TX Fawcett born on 2nd of this mo.

24 TX Reynolds book: "If I ___ Then"

25 TXism: "busy ___ -armed fry cook at a truck stop"

26 San Antonio pizza tycoon Arturo Saab auto aka 9-5

31 horse gait

34 ___ Fresno, TX

35 org. of European countries (abbr.)

37 TX Ginger's "Don't ___ Love"

40 TXism: "got as much ___ as a hibernating bear"

43 TXism: "he's only got one ___ in the water"

44 Rangers have an OK ___ team

50 TXism: "if ___ any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"

51 TX George H. general Norman (init.)

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The Stargazer

By Paul Derrick

Happy Leap Day

Most of us seem to prefer it when things come out even. A Dollar Store has more appeal than a Ninety-Eight-and-One-Half Cent Store, and it makes more sense that a bottle of drink is 12 rather than 12.17 ounces. And wouldn't it be easier if they just said gasoline is \$3 a gallon rather than \$2.99.9? It just seems to simplify life a bit when things come out even.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature doesn't share that sentiment when it comes to time. Two of our more important measures of time are based on natural phenomena. A day is one rotation of Earth on its axis, and a year is one revolution of the

Earth around the Sun.

If Mother Nature shared our compulsive need for orderliness, she would have made one year an exact number of days, but she didn't. In the time Earth revolves around the Sun (one year), our home planet rotates on its axis 365.2422 times, thus a year is a fraction short of 365 1/4 days.

Since our calendars (and minds) can't easily handle having a 1/4-day each year, we even it out by adding a whole day to the calendar every four years. By convention, we add that day to each year that is evenly divisible by 4. That day, Feb. 29, is called Leap Day, and the year is called Leap Year. In the U.S., it's easy to

remember as it comes to months, Mother Nature is even more untidy. It takes our Moon 29 1/2 days — approximately one month ("moonth") — to orbit Earth. Since we don't like fractions of days, we round a month to 30 days. But even that doesn't quite work as there aren't an even number of months in the year. So we add an extra day to some months — except February which got short-changed.

See how messy all this is. Mother Nature could have been so much more orderly if she had Earth revolve around the Sun in exactly 360 days, and the Moon orbit Earth in exactly 30 days. Then those of us with compulsive tendencies could rest easier. On the other hand, maybe a little disorder keeps life more interesting. In any case, happy Leap Day.

SKY CALENDAR.

* Feb. 27 Wed. morning: Mercury is 2 moonwidths above the much brighter Venus very low in the east southeast 45 minutes before sunrise.

* 28 Thu.: The 3rd quarter Moon is to the right of Antares, and the next morning is to the star's lower left.

* Mar. 2 Sun. morning: The crescent Moon is to the right of Jupiter low in the southeast, and the next morning below Jupiter.

* 5 Wed. morning: The thin crescent Moon is to the lower right of Mercury with Venus to

the lower left; all are within the same binocular field of view near the east southeastern horizon shortly before dawn.

* 7 Fri.: The Moon is new.

* 9 Sun. 2 a.m.: Change clocks forward 1 hour ("spring forward") from Standard Time to Daylight-Saving Time.

* 12 Wed. evening: The Moon is above the Pleiades star cluster.

* 14 Fri.: The 1st quarter Moon is near Mars high overhead.

Naked-eye Planets. Morning: Mercury and brilliant

Venus are near the east southeastern horizon with bright Jupiter to their upper right; Saturn is setting in the west. Evening: Mars is high overhead as Saturn rises in the east.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

plant tomatoes and I get lots of plants and few or no tomatoes; what can I do or am I doing something wrong?

Mary Johnson, Valley Mills

ANSWER: Make certain the area receives sun all day, not shade. Have a soil test done to check the nutrient level of your garden area. Fertilize regularly but with the correct type for your soil. If you are attempting to grow large size tomatoes you must start very early and be prepared to protect them from frost and freezes. Large tomatoes generally do not do well here once it gets warm. Another option is to plant varieties that produce small to medium tomatoes. The smaller varieties will do much better than large types.

Please send Lawn and Garden Questions to Mark Barnett at Storm's Nursery, 9605 China Spring Road, Waco, Texas 76708.

Lawn and Garden Questions and Answers

By Mark Barnett

QUESTION: Every year I get Johnson Grass in my landscape. I kill it and later or the next season it comes back. What can I do to completely get rid of it?

Jason Sithe-Waco

Keep the area well mulched and use a good granular pre-emergent that will keep seeds from sprouting.

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Persons who received a residential homestead exemption, disabled person exemption, or disabled veteran's exemption, for the 2007 tax year **do not** need to file an application for such exemption in 2008. The exemption will continue to be granted until a change in ownership occurs or there is a change in the disabled person's or veteran's disability. If a change occurs or the property on which such exemption was granted is no longer owned, then the person who received the exemption has a duty to notify the Appraisal District of any such change. Persons who become 65 years of age or become disabled during the calendar year 2008 **must file a new application** to receive an additional exemption for 2008. If a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older died in 2007 and that person was receiving such exemption, ad valorem taxes imposed on the homestead for public school purposes may not be increased, (unless new improvements are made to the residence) while it remains the resident homestead of that person's surviving spouse, who was fifty-five (55) years of age or older **at the time** of the person's death. The surviving spouse **must file a new application** with the Appraisal District in order for their deceased spouse's exemption to remain in effect.

Property owners who currently have their property appraised as open space land (agricultural use) under Chapter 23 of the Texas Property Tax Code **do not** need to make application for such appraisal in 2008 unless requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser. The land will continue to be appraised at its productive value **until there is a change of use or ownership**. The owners of such land have a duty to notify the Appraisal District if a change of use or ownership occurs.

Sections 22.01 and 22.23 of the Texas Property Tax Code require all persons to render for taxation all tangible business personal property (except vehicle, boat, heavy equipment, or mobile home inventory) that they own or manage and control on the first day of January of each year. Such property shall be rendered for taxation at the Appraisal District office located at 216 North 6th St., Waco TX, after January 1, and by April 15 of each year. Failure to timely file a rendition statement or file an incomplete or false rendition could impose a **penalty** in the amount of 10% or as much as 50% of the taxes imposed on the property for that year.

The owner of an inventory (except vehicle, boat, heavy equipment, or mobile home inventory) may elect to have the inventory appraised at its market value as of September 1 of the year preceding the tax year to which the appraisal applies by filing an application with the Chief Appraiser requesting that the inventory be appraised as of September 1. The application must clearly describe the inventory to which it applies and be signed by the owner of the inventory. The application applies to the appraisal of inventory in each tax year that begins after the next August 1 following the date the application is filed with the chief appraiser.

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Lady 'Dogs end great 30-7 season

Regional Finalist defeated by Woodville 53-50

The McGregor Lady Bulldogs and coaching staff are naturally disappointed they won't be playing in the state basketball tournament in Austin this Friday and Saturday, but they finished a great season as Regional Finalists with a 30-7 overall record.

McGregor advanced to the Regional Tournament at Tyler Junior College last weekend after defeating Hemphill in the Area contest last Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Tatum in the first game of the Regional Tournament Friday night by a score of 59-51. The stands were filled with McGregor fans cheering for their Lady Bulldogs.

They faced a scrappy, quick Woodville team Saturday afternoon in the finals and were edged 53-50 and their dreams of advancing to the state tournament and possibly winning it all came to an abrupt end.

"It's extremely tough to be on the highest high Friday night, and be on the lowest low Saturday afternoon," Coach Kimberly Johnson stated. "To tell you the truth, I would have rather lost by 20 points instead of three to know without a doubt that the better team advanced to Austin. I just wish I was going to Austin this weekend to coach our team instead of being a spectator in the stands."

Does the head Lady Bulldogs coach think the girls deserve to be in Austin? "Yes, I do," she said, "but we had an off game and that trip to state is not going to happen this year. Not to make any excuses, but we were mentally drained after the Tatum win Friday night. We didn't rebound well. We had many opportunities, but did not finish up the shots. We just ran out of time."

Coach Johnson said, "As a coach your dream is always to coach at the state tournament. My tears on Saturday were not because of the loss, but because how devastated our players were. Especially our three seniors includ-

ing Angela Garrett, Destiny Kelley, and Meghan Goff."

"To lose by only three points was excruciating," the coach said. "It will take some time to get over this one."

The head coach pointed out that Woodville had been defeated twice by Hemphill this year since they are in the same district. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Hemphill and never trailed in that game Tuesday night.

"The McGregor community has been absolutely outstanding this year," Coach Johnson declared. "Our following was truly amazing and I'm proud to work for McGregor High School."

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Bulldogs win two relays

The McGregor Bulldogs varsity track team won both the sprint and 800 meter relays and placed third in the 1600 meter relay at the Bulldog Relays held last Thursday.

Because of a strong chance of rain and cold temperatures, the meet officials decided to have the running events, but eliminate the field events. The meet had also been moved up to Thursday from Saturday because of the possibility of a girls playoff game on Saturday.

McGregor won the sprint relay in a time of 45.39. This team is composed of Ariel Dominguez, Joe Seward, Kyle Reineke, and Marcus Thompson.

The 800 meter relay team, composed of the same athletes in the same order, snapped the string

in 1:35.37.

The 1600 meter relay team placed third in 3:45.87. This team includes Joe Seward, Larry Smith, Argelio Martinez, and Marcus Thompson.

Here is a look at the other running events:

800 meter run: Pancho Trejo, sixth, 2:13.93

400 meters: Josh Jaimes, sixth, 58.87

1600 meter run: Pancho Trejo, fifth, 5:28.29; Erik Hensel, sixth, 5:32.48

The varsity boys finished third with 64 points. Whitney won the meet with 117 points and Salado was second with 92. China Spring was fourth with 61, Reicher was next with 44, and Clifton had 36 points.

In the Jayvee boys division,

first places were recorded in all three relays.

Here is a look at the results:
3200 meter run: Cody Cantrell, sixth, 12:53.21

800 meter relay: first, 1:38.76; DeShun Pierson, Peyton Fisk, Jesse Zimmerman, Julian Young

400 meter relay: first, 47.25; DeShun Pierson, Peyton Fisk, Jesse Zimmerman, Julian Young

200 meters: Jared Green, first, 24.56

1600 meter relay: first, 3:51.77; Cruz Chaires, Jared Green, Jesse Zimmerman, Julian Young

In the team standings, Clifton edged Whitney 95 to 92 for the top spot followed McGregor in third at 71, China Spring, 68; Salado, 63; Reicher, 33.

Jayvee girls finish strong

The McGregor Jayvee girls turned in strong performances at the Bulldog Relays held last Thursday by placing second with 113 points.

Salado won the meet with 123 points. Other teams were China Spring, 83; Clifton, 49; and Whitney, 27.

McGregor's varsity girls did not compete, because most of the girls were involved in a Regional

basketball playoff game.

Here is a look at the results:
800 meter relay: third, 2:00.16; Gabbi Pantoja, Tanisha Jones, Brittany Fedler, Kelsi Brown

110 hurdles: Courtney Lorenz, third, 20.09

100 meters: Cheyenne Lanmon, first, 13.52; Gabbi Pantoja, second, 13.90

400 meter run: Naomi

Talamontez, second, 1:10.09

300 meter hurdles: Courtney Lorenz, fourth, 59.01

200 meters: Morgan Webb, first, 28.73; Gabbi Pantoja, second, 29.04; Cheyenne Lanmon, third, 29.05

1600 meter relay: first, 4:39.64; Tanisha Jones, Naomi Talamontez, Gabbi Pantoja, Morgan Webb

McGregor wins tennis matches vs. Clifton

The McGregor High School tennis team won matches last Tuesday against Clifton in both the varsity and junior varsity divisions.

Coach Rheanna Miller reported that in the varsity division, Ruston Thompson and Sam Blair won 8-4 in doubles while the doubles team of Cory Shaeffer and Norberto Surez won their match 8-2.

In singles Malcom Morgan won 8-2, Serena Teakell won 8-2, and Jennifer Skopik won her match 8-1.

In Jayvee singles Justin Mace was victorious 8-5.

Coach Miller reported that in extra matches, Katie Sandifar and Jennifer Skopik won in doubles, and Sam Blair and Norberto Suarez won in singles competition.

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Jorden Lowe, Hamilton; Miguel Cortez, Moody; Jordan Jones, Moody.

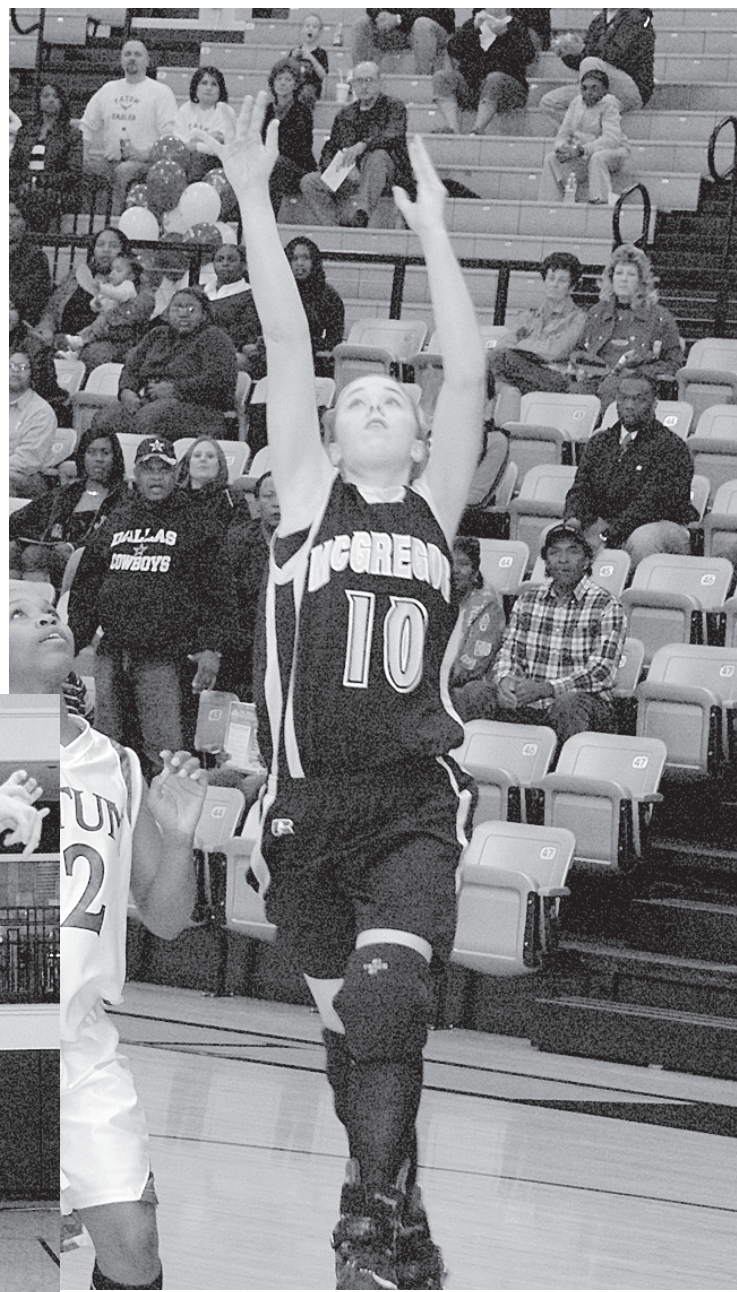
Making the second team All District were Kyle Reineke of McGregor and Marcus Gollahon of Crawford.

More on the second team were Eric Bostick, Bruceville-Eddy; Josh Patterson, Bruceville-Eddy; Mason Burke, Hamilton; Preston Budziszewski, Moody; Larry Gutierrez, Moody.

Honorable mentions included Argelio Martinez, and Larry Smith of McGregor; Chris Machalick of Bruceville-Eddy; Nathan Raines of Clifton, and James Ratliff of Hamilton.



Destiny Kelley, top; Meghan Goff, center; and Ashley Reineke, lower; go for two pointers against Tatum last Friday.



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Girls All District picks released following playoffs

The Girl's 21-2A All District basketball team, voted on by the district coaches, was recently released.

The list is compiled early, but is always held until the last district team has ended their run in the playoffs.

Most Valuable Player of the District was Senior Angela Garrett.

Coach of the Year honors went to McGregor Head Girls Coach Kimberly Johnson.

Defensive MVP went to

Ariana Rodriguez from Bruceville-Eddy.

Co-Offensive MVP's were Senior Destiny Kelley of McGregor, and Senior Brittany Dumas of Crawford.

Newcomer of the Year was Hanna Outlaw, a sophomore from Clifton and the 6th Main Award went to Christlyn Chapman, a junior from Hamilton.

First team members were Taylor Nix, sophomore, Crawford; Sha Brown, sopho-

more, McGregor; Chasey Senger, junior, Hamilton; Harli Wallis, senior, Clifton; Brittney Mauk, senior, Bruceville-Eddy; Katy LaFitte, senior, Moody.

Second team members include Ashley Reineke, sophomore, McGregor; Meghan Goff, senior, McGregor; Riley Burks, senior, Hamilton; Dee Perry, junior, Bruceville-Eddy; Paige Baize, sophomore, Crawford; Doxie Thompson, senior, Hamilton; Gwen Doyen, junior, Bruceville-Eddy.

7th, 8th grade boys compete well at meet

The McGregor seventh and eighth grade track teams ran well in their first meet of the season last week at the Salado Relays.

The seventh grade placed second to Salado in a very close competition. Salado led with 165 points, followed by McGregor, 161; Gatesville, 140; and Whitney, 120.

The eighth grade placed fourth with 94.75 points. Lorena was on top with 174 points, followed by Whitney, 119.5; Salado, 101.75; McGregor, and Gatesville, 79.

7th grade results:

Shot put: Dylan Brown, second place, 31'3"; Scott Tucker, 27'9"

Discus: Dylan Brown, sixth place, 63'5"

Triple Jump: Raul Ontiveros, 28'2"

High Jump: Marcus Irons, 5'; Jilberto Jaimes, 4'10"; Chris Hemphill, 4'6"

2400 run: Noel Espinosa, second place, 9:28.65

400 relay: first place, 50.85; Raul Ontiveros, Marcus Irons, Emmanuel Martinez, and Jilberto Jaimes

800 run: Emmanuel Martinez, first place, 2:37.02; Andra Smith, 5th place, 2:48.93

110 hurdles: Xavier Ramirez, first place, 21.36

100 meter dash: Emmanuel Martinez, third place, 13.67

800 relay: fourth place, 2:00.59

400 meter dash: Raul Ontiveros, first, 57.73; Martin Chaires, third place, 67.73

300 hurdles: Xavier Ramirez, first place, 55.2

200 meters: Chris Garcia, fifth place, 29.69

1600 meters: Noel Espinosa, second, 6:04.61

1600 relay: first place, 4:12.6; Raul Ontiveros, Marcus Irons, Jilberto Jaimes, and Mar-

tin Chaires.

Seventh grade results:
Shot Put: Michael Reyes, first, 36'4"

Triple Jump: Damaun Tucker, 37'1-1/2"; Abel Benitez, sixth, 33'1"

Long Jump: Damaun Tucker, 18'4"; Jacob Fedler, fourth, 16'6-1/2"; Keith Reineke, fifth, 16'4-1/4"

High Jump: Abel Benitez, tie for fifth, 4'10"

2400 run: Daniel Garcia, first place 8:47.56

400 relay: fourth place, 51.2

800 meter run: Jose Solis, fourth, 2:26.77; Manfred Gerhardt, sixth, 2:33.71

800 relay: sixth, 1:55.27

400 meters: Jose Solis, fifth, 62.46

200 meters: Damaun Tucker, second, 26.23; Keith Reineke, third place, 26.33

1600 meters: fifth, 5:45.45

1600 relay: fifth, 4:20.66

Two Bulldog golfers fire rounds in the 70's

Dylan Ripley and Joseph Smolinsky smoked Greenbrier Golf Club on Monday during the Moody Golf Tournament with two solid rounds in the 70's.

Ripley carded a five over 75, and finished second overall, while Smolinsky stroked the ball 79 strokes over the 18 hole layout and placed fourth overall.

Other members of the McGregor team and their scores were Tyler Wilson, 97; Alex Garcia, 98; and Peyton Fisk, 99.

Boys Golf Coach Danny Ripley reported that a Hillsboro golfer had the low round of the tournament with a two-over 72.

The Bulldogs came in fourth as a team with a four man total of 349. Crawford won the team division with a 326.

In the girls' division, Tana Davis shot a 92 which was good for fifth place. Also competing were first year golfers Jenna Driver and Madison Tippie.

Next tournament for the boys is at Lake Waco Country Club on Tuesday, March 4; and the girls tee off Monday at Cameron in the Rogers Tournament.



Fans showed up in huge numbers for the playoff games last weekend at Tyler. Coach Kimberly Johnson is shown above just seconds before the end of the Tatum victory last Friday night. The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 30-7 record.



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Crawford power lifters preparing for regional

Golf teams swinging into action

Crawford boy and girl powerlifters have enjoyed a good season so far and now are preparing for the Regional Meets in Gatesville and Copperas Cove.

His coach, Greg Jacobs, reports Farmer is about 100 pounds ahead of the nearest competitor.

class will advance to the state meet to be held March 29 at Abilene," Coach Jacobs reported.

The boy's regional will be held at Gatesville on March 8, while the girls will be lifting at regionals at Copperas Cove on March 7.

John Laufenberg is currently tied for fifth in the 165 pound class with a best total lift of 1080 pounds. Carter Blenden is currently at the 11th spot, but Coach Jacobs is taking him to the regional tournament as an alternate in the Super Heavyweight division.

The Lady Pirates are coming on strong also. Erin Houdersheldt is currently ranked first in the region in the 114 pound class.

Kelsey Fritscher is ranked second in the 132 pound class, and Brittany Torres is ranked sixth in the region in the 123 pound class.

Crawford athletes are competing in Region 2, Division 3.

The Crawford boys and girls golf teams are both swinging quite well in their first two rounds at Greenbrier Golf Club.

The first tournament was hosted by Troy and the second tourney was hosted by Moody.

The Crawford Pirates placed third at Troy with a 332 total and first at Moody with a 326 total this past Monday while the girls placed first at the Troy meet at 402 and second in the Moody tournament with a 410 total.

In the boys division at Moody Powell Preston led the team with a 77, followed by Jacob Kasparian, 80; Nick Shelton, 81; Scott Nemec, 88; Tyler Stevens, 94; Marcus Gollahon, 109.

In the Jayvee boys division Garrison Dean fired a 94 and Addison Schmalriede carded a 108.

Pirate scores from the Troy tournament were Jacob Kasparian, 79; Nick Shelton, 81; Preston Powell, 86; Tyler Stevens, 86; Scott Nemec, 87. In the Jayvee division Garrison Dean shot 93 and Addison Schmalriede shot 118.

Brooke Goolsby led the Lady Pirates in the Moody Tournament with an 87, followed by Lindsay Judy, 101; Anabeth Fuller, 111; Sierra Valdez, 113.

Leading the way in the Troy Tournament was Lindsay Judy with a 92. More scores included Brooke Goolsby, 94; Sierra Valdez, 105; Bailey Roe, 114; Anabeth Fuller, 117.

In the Jayvee girls division, Kaitlyn Holmes shot 111 in the Moody Tournament and 116 in the Troy Tourney, while Ashton McMullen shot 116 at the Moody Tournament and 122 at the Troy Tourney.

Coach Greg Jacobs reported he would be taking only his two senior boys to the China Spring Tournament next week because of TAKS testing. The following week the girls will play in the China Spring Tournament.

Pirates defeated at Area

The Crawford Pirates fell behind East Chambers 24-12 at half-time in the Area Championship game and were unable to find the big rally they needed. Final score read in favor of the East Texas team by a score of 56-34.

The Pirates finished a great season going 9-1 in district, and 21-8 overall. After winning the district championship they drew a bye in the bi-district round.

"We had a very successful season," Coach Brent Elmore stated. "We had great team leadership from our eight seniors. East Chambers was a very good team. They have played in the Regional finals for the last three years and I look for them to do the same this year."

Scoring points for the Pirates were Cameron Blenden with 14, followed by Seth Horton, 10; Brock Duncan, three; Daniel Post, three; Chane Lynch, two; and Marcus Gollahon, two.

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Lady Pirates run at Buffalo

The Crawford Lady Pirate varsity and jayvee girls track teams competed at the Buffalo Relays last Thursday.

The varsity placed sixth with 61 points, while the jayvee girls finished a strong second place with 133 points.

Troy won the varsity meet with 114 points and Bruceville-Eddy earned the team trophy in the jayvee division with 144 points.

Varsity girl results:
100 meters: Amanda Mendoza, fourth, 13.49
200 meter dash: Mendoza, fourth, 28.90
400 meters: Brittany Berry, first, 1:04.14
800 meter run: Cristal Rodriguez, fifth, 2:45.01

1600 meter run: Paige Baize, second, 5:51.41; Kristen Chapman, third, 6:06.97; Ashley Urbanovsky, sixth, 6:41.42

1600 meter relay: third, 4:38.08, Megan Self, Cristal Rodriguez, Amanda Mendoza, Brittany Berry

100 meter hurdles: Lawren Phillips, fifth, 19.43

Long Jump: Brittany Berry, second, 14'8-1/2"; Amanda Mendoza, fourth, 14'6-1/4"

Here are the results in the Junior Varsity girls division:

100 meter dash: Ashley Dehm, first, 13.96
200 meters: Xyanna Castro, first, 28.92; Haley Cleveland, second, 29.73
400 meters: Ashley Dehm, first, 1:09.32; Haley Cleveland,

second, 1:11.06; Kelcey Schmalriede, third, 1:12.71

800 meter run: Kelcey Schmalriede, first, 2:49.03

1600 meter run: Allison Smith, second, 6:38.81

Sprint Relay: first, 54.36; Samantha King, Shelbi Houdersheldt, Xyanna Castro, Ashton McMullen

800 relay: first, 1:56.93; Samantha King, Shelbi Houdersheldt, Xyanna Castro, Haley Cleveland

Long Jump: Haley Cleveland, first, 14'7-1/2"; Ashley Dehm, sixth, 12'2"

Discus: Scout Riggs, sixth, 64'5"

High Jump: Haley Cleveland, fifth, 4'4"; Allison Smith, sixth, 4'0"

Pirate tracksters start season at Florence Relays

The Crawford varsity boys switched gears from basketball to track last week by competing in their first meet of the season at the Florence Relays.

The varsity boys placed third with 87 points behind Florence, 167; and Bruceville-Eddy, 94. Other teams behind Crawford were Academy, Moody, Troy, Evant, Bartlett, Jarrell, and Faith Academy from Marble Falls.

The Crawford jayvee boys placed second with 104 points behind Jarrell with 126-1/2 points. Bruceville-Eddy was third with 102-1/2, followed by Troy, Florence, Academy, Moody and Faith Academy.

Varsity results:
Shot Put: Kody Johnston, fifth, 42'1"
Discus: Kody Johnston, third, 141'6"

Long Jump: Blancett, third, 19'8-1/4"; Kenny Davis, fourth, 19'3-1/2"

400 Relay: second, 45.32; John Laufenberg, Blancett, Douglas VanZandt, Kenny Davis

3200 meter run: Rathke, third, 11:06.99

800 meter relay: second, 1:35.05; Davis, VanZandt, Laufenberg, Blancett

300 meter hurdles: Kole Johnston, sixth, 47.02

200 meter dash: Kenny Davis, third, 23.42

1600 meter run: Rathke, second, 5:05.16

1600 meter relay: second, 3:42.06; John Laufenberg, Douglas VanZandt, Kole Johnston, Blancett

In the Crawford boys Jayvee division:
High Jump: Dorris, 1st, 5'10"

Long Jump: Talbert, fourth, 16'6-1/2"

Triple Jump: Whatley, second, 35'8"; Murphy, fourth, 34'10-1/2"

400 meter relay: fourth, 48.22; Meyer, Talbert, Nemec, Dorris

3200 meter run: Howe, first, 12:02.40

800 meters: Whatley, first, 2:14.09; Nemec, second, 2:17.78

110 high hurdles: Murphy, second, 18.59

800 meter relay: fifth, 1:42.92; Dorris, Meyer, Nemec, Whatley

300 meter hurdles: Murphy, third, 49.53; Dorris, fourth, 50.54

1600 meter run: Howe, fourth, 5:48.30

1600 relay: second, 3:58.77; Murphy, Meyer, Whatley, Talbert



These Pirates were selected to the All District Basketball team. They are left to right: Marcus Gollahon, Carter Blenden, Taylor Holmes, Brock Duncan, and Logan Kendrick. See story on page one and continued on page 6.

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cinct officers, will end on Friday, February 29. The main Early Voting site is McLennan County Elections Administration Office Records Building, 214 North Fourth Street, Suite 300, Waco, Texas.

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Ashley Ingram Texas Tech Fall 2007 grad

Ashley Elizabeth Ingram of McGregor, graduated from Texas Tech University in the Fall of 2007.

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Pedro Rodriquez named to Tarleton distinguished list

Pedro Rodriquez, of McGregor, was named to the Distinguished Student list for the 2007 Fall semester at Tarleton State University. Pedro is an Exercise and Sports Studies major.

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Achievers —



Don Yeager

Yeager named Waco Assistant Fire Chief

Don Yeager, a 1981 graduate of McGregor High School, was recently promoted to Waco Assistant Fire Chief. Yeager started his firefighting career in 1981 as a Firefighter in College Station. He started working for the city of Waco as a Firefighter in 1990 and promoted to Engineer in 1995, to Lieutenant in 1997, to Captain in 2003.

Megan Harlan named to SFA Dean's List

Megan Leigh Harlan of McGregor, a pre-marketing major, has been named to the Dena's List at Stephen F. Austin State University for the fall semester.

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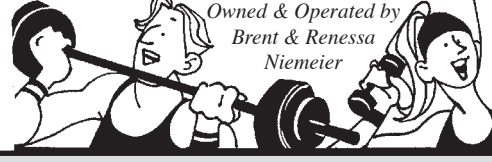


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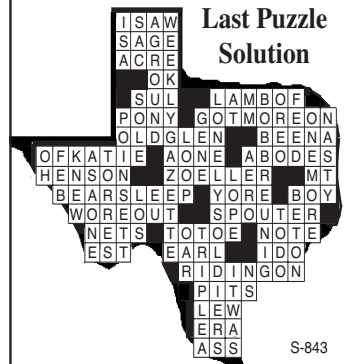
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ONE VOICE

by Rev. Robert Parker,
Pastor, First Baptist Church



Truett Cathy (founder of Chic-fil-A) once said, "How do you identify someone who needs encouragement? Answer: That person is breathing."

Everyone needs encouragement, so what's the best way to give it? Here are a few suggestions from an email buddy, Steve May.

- Remember that you can't give encouragement when you're talking about yourself. Sometimes we try to give others perspective on their problems by telling them how bad ours are. It doesn't help.

- Tell them what they're doing right. They already know what they're doing wrong. Tell them what they do well. Tell them something good about themselves. Don't worry; they won't get big-headed about it.

- Tell them what the future can be. Remind them of what God can do, how he can transform any situation for his glory, how he can transform any person into the

image of Christ, how he can use anyone to accomplish his purpose.

- Tell them how it's worked before. Tell them how a friend overcame a similar problem. Or how someone dealt with the same adversity. Or how another person's perseverance ultimately paid off. Give them hope.

- Tell them you will help them refine their strategy. You can't solve their problems for them. You can't take the actions they need to take. But, when they ask, you can gently, in love, point out what could be done differently, and what should be done next.

Remember the words of Isaiah:

Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with an anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold your God will come with vengeance; the recompense of God will come, but he will save you." (Isaiah 35:3-4)

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LORD, LORD

by Sammie Haynes
Pastor, Church of the Living God

Matthew 7: 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. There are many religions in the World, and most think that they hold the key to the right path. Even in Christianity, there are many denominations and each denomination feels that their doctrine is in line with the Will of God. There is a battle going on with-in the church on this very fact, and everyone is wondering who has it right. The only litmus available to test whether our doctrines line up with the Will of God is the Bible.

Jesus explained that not everyone who says Lord, Lord will enter into the kingdom of heaven. In other words, Jesus is talking to the Church itself. There are some church members who attend a church service once or twice a year. I have a co-worker whom just two weeks ago, indicated to me, that the only time he goes to church is on Easter or Christmas. I guess he will be going next month, during the

Easter Holidays. Now I can't judge him, because the bible tells us that only God can judge, but if we examined what the bible tells us about the will of God, concerning going to church, it is clear and evident what the Will of God say's in Hebrew 10: 25. *Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* What day is the scripture talking about? I believe it is talking about judgment day, and it is fast approaching.

One last point! When we pray to the Lord, we want Him to give us what we want, when we want it. We ask Him to watch over our children, marriages, homes and jobs. We ask for the nice house and the two car garage, with the bills paid, but what are you giving in return? We want all of these things, but when we wake up on Sunday mornings, and roll over, in bed, we go back to sleep. Thank God, He never sleeps! Listen, there is only one thing available to give to the Lord and that is our life. Except Jesus as Lord, and live each day to give Him glory. Oh, and "by the way"! Go to Church next Sunday, for that is the Will of God!



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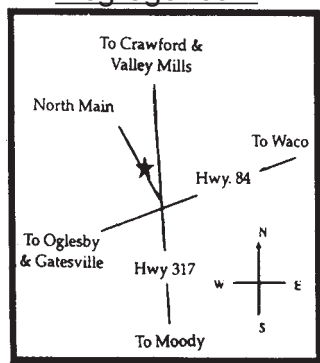
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Living just down the road a piece from an often-in-the-news place like Crawford, Texas has its advantages. For national bestselling author, Lisa Wingate, a few funny “presidential ranch” stories became the makings of her ninth novel, *Talk of the Town*.

“I was at dinner one night with friends,” says Wingate.

“The conversation turned to the subject of the presidential ranch being nearby. Suddenly, funny ‘Crawford’ stories began flying across the table. From the ranch horseshoer who struggled to explain every tool on his truck to secret service guards at the gate, to the ladies’ bridge club who ended up sharing lunch at the café with Saudi royalty, to the woman who stepped out of her shower to quiet her dogs and found herself experiencing a low-level helicopter flyover, everyone had at least one story to relate.

“It occurred to me that, whether or not you’re interested in politics, the stories were funny. Strange events take place when the world stage falls on a quiet little community that isn’t accustomed to the spotlight.”

The end result was Wingate’s new novel for Bethany House Publishers, *Talk of the Town*, the fish out of water tale of a small Texas town experiencing a sudden melee of fame and fortune.

Rather than having a presidential residence land in its back forty, Wingate’s fictional town of Daily, Texas, attracts the sparkle (and glare) of the spotlight when local girl, Amber Anderson, makes it to the finals on the hit singing show, American Megastar. No stranger to controversy, and a hapless target for press and paparazzi, Amber brings attention in a big way when she arrives home for her secret reveal concert.

Unfortunately, not much remains secret in Daily, Texas, and the news is all over town faster than Associate Megastar producer, Mandalay Florentino, can contain it. The fun and frolic ensue from there, filling this book with what Publisher’s Weekly hailed as, “Texas sized charm.”

“I thought a reality TV show was a perfect vehicle for bringing the spotlight to a small town,” said Wingate. “We live in a reality TV age. Even the most private moments are held up for

public entertainment and debate. These issues make a great backdrop for the action of the story, but for me the book is really about a clash of cultures, the competition between old-fashioned values and new realities. It’s about the fabric of a community, the way in which the members mesh like threads in a weave, creating both a canvas and a safety net. It’s about people pulling together to support one another, to do the right thing, rather than using someone’s suffering for entertainment value.”

Along the way, there are plenty of laughs in Wingate’s small Texas town, where Donetta, the hairdresser, sees “visions” in the window glass of her old hotel building, a might-or-might-not-be ghost haunts the basement, and Bob, the fame-seeking fry cook at the café, freezes up like a “hot tractor in a July wheat field” during his one chance for a national news interview. The fun and folly produces a warm-hearted, wholesome read that looks for the best in people and celebrates the spirit of community.

Wingate’s novels are available in bookstores everywhere, through online booksellers, and locally at Bosque Emporium in downtown Clifton, and the Bosque Conservatory.

More information about her ninth novel, *Talk of the Town*, can be found at www.LisaWingate.com. She will be signing books locally during a book signing at the Bosque Emporium in Clifton on Sunday March 2nd, from 1:00 to 3:00.



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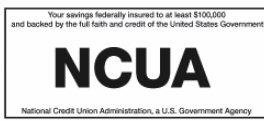
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