



Santa's Coming To Town



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Mullen It Over
by Bonnie Mullens



COLORS OF THE SEASON are not only Christmas red and green, but oranges and golds of varying hues. Before the leaves all fall, drive around town and enjoy the beautiful display. The above picture was taken at McGregor Cemetery. The tree canopies at the cemetery provided a beautiful display of fall colors this year.

Santa Claus to visit Saturday

There is still time to participate in parade

The Christmas season will officially begin in McGregor on Saturday, December 6th, at 4:30 p.m. The jolly old man in the red suit, "Santa Claus" is scheduled to make his arrival in town at that time. He will probably be seen riding a fire truck instead of his sleigh, at the end of the parade. Immediately following the parade, Santa has promised to stay to visit with the children at the

Bandstand area before the Tree Lighting ceremony, remaining until all the children wishing, have had time to make their requests. It is rumored that he is bringing an elf along with him to hand out candy to the children. In case of bad weather, Santa will be in the Chamber office at 303 South Main.

There will also be a basket where the children can leave

"Letters to Santa" for inclusion in The Mirror's Christmas edition.

There will be \$2 sack lunches for sale, in order for children of all ages to have dinner with Santa. The sack lunch will include a hot dog, chips and drink.

Downtown buildings are looking festive this year, as many are showcasing the historic Gilmore and Davis Christmas decorations. Take time to stroll

down Main and enjoy the seasonal displays.

The parade and tree lighting theme is McGregor—Past, Present and Future. Groups, organizations and individuals wishing to take part in the parade may do so by calling Meghan Mullens at the Chamber office, 840-0123. There will be three prizes awarded the top three placed floats in the parade—\$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Taking part in the Tree Light-

ing will be fourth graders at McGregor Elementary under the direction of Pat Blackshear. The praise team from First United Methodist Church will also bring sounds of the season for the Tree Lighting.

Those wishing may bring unwrapped new toys or donations for the McGregor Fire & EMS Toy Drive. Canned food donations will also be accepted to help fill Christmas food baskets headed up by Ministerial Fellowship.



Named to All State team

THE CRAWFORD LADY PIRATES VOLLEYBALL TEAM received high honors recently when three of its members were named to the All State Team by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Stormie Elwood, left, was named to the TGCAA All State Academic Team. Taylor Nix, center, was named to the All State Volleyball Team and Amy Kleypas was named to the All State Volleyball Team. During the season Nix had 537 kills, 127 aces, and 60 blocked shots while Kleypas was credited with 459 kills, 65 aces and 60 blocked shots. Coaching the girls was Jeff Coker.

Christmas memories requested

The Mirror is working on its Christmas Greeting Edition which will hit newsstands on December 17th.

We are inviting our readers to share their favorite Christmas memories of growing up in McGregor, Oglesby and Crawford in this issue. Anyone wishing to submit a memory story may do so by emailing bonnie@mcgregor-mirror.com or by mailing it to 311 S. Main, McGregor, Tx. 76657 or bringing it by the office. We look forward to receiving them.

We will also have a special Christmas Memorial Section and Pet Section. The special ads for these sections will be \$10 for a picture and up to 50 words.

Santa Letters with the child's picture (limit 50 words) is also \$10.

Call The Mirror at 840-2091 for more information.



BURN BAN FLAG IS FLYING—McLennan County is under a burn ban and citizens are urged to take heed. Conditions are ripe for grass fires at this time. Please observe the warning.

Crawford FFA enjoys success

The Crawford FFA has enjoyed good success in the Heart of Texas, Robinson, and local alumni livestock shows held this fall.

Here is a look at the three shows and the places that the students received.

Heart of Texas Show--
Market Goats:
Kaitlyn Holmes, 3rd; Cooper Walts, 4th; Matthew Wiethorn and Trey Ditto, 10th; Jason Wiethorn and Carolyn Hoy, 11th; Jeffery Holmes, 12th; Pamela Klutts, 13th.

Market Swine:
J. C. Brooks, 1st, 5th, 9th; Hayden Winn, 2nd; Colby Gohlke, 2nd; Cooper Walts and Sky Smith, 3rd, 6th; Colton Anderson, 4th, 6th; Jacob Kasparian, 4th; Blake Kasparian, 5th; Stephen Lynch, 6th, 8th; Jesse Berry and Lisa Lynch, 7th; Tori Northcut, 8th; Dakota Smith, 9th.

Market Steers:
Brooke Goolsby, 5th.
Beef Heifers:
Jonathan Whatley, 4th, 5th; Ivey Mount, 5th.

Crawford Alumni Show
Market Goats:
Kaitlyn Holmes, two 1sts for heavy weight champion and Grand Champion goat; Cooper Walts, 1st, 3rd, and Champion Medium Weight; Jason Wiethorn,

3rd; Carolyn Hoy, 4th, 5th; Jeffery Holmes, 4th; Trey Ditto and Matthew Wiethorn, 5th.

Beef Heifers:
Jonathan Whatley, 4th; Ivey Mount 4th.
Market Steers:
Brooke Goolsby, 2nd
Market Swine:
Blake Kasparian, 1st, Champion Hampshire, 4th; Cooper Walts, 1st, Reserve Champion of Show; Haley Taylor, 1st, Reserve Champion Duroc; J. C. Brooks,

2nd, Reserve Champion White OPB, 1st, 3rd, 6th.

Here are other winners: Skye Smith, 1st; Jesse Berry, 4th; Colten Niemeier, 1st; Stephen Lynch, 2nd, 6th; Colby Gohlke, 6th, 6th; Lane Brookshire, 6th, 2nd, 4th; Jesse Berry, 7th; Destanie Smitherman, 5th; Colton Anderson, 2nd, 7th, 7th; Michael Monell, 5th, 4th, 5th; Kevin Hejl, 4th, 7th; Cheyenne Niemeier, 5th; Hayden Winn, 3rd, 6th; Luke Witty, 2nd, 6th; Lisa Lynch, 8th;

Jacob Kasparian, 2nd, 5th.
Pee Wee Swine Show (2nd Grade and Under)
Luke Brookshire, Grand Champion; Dakota Anderson, Reserve Grand Champion.

Robinson Livestock Show:
Market Goats:
Kaitlyn Holmes, 1st and Reserve Champion Heavy Weight
Market Swine:
J. C. Brooks, 1st, 1st, 3rd and Reserve Champion Black OPB.
The Crawford FFA Chapter will participate in the Leadership Contest in Robinson, the Glen Rose Livestock Show and the Lorena Livestock Show.

News Briefs

Parade Entries Still Being Accepted

Parade entries are still being accepted for Saturday's Christmas Parade. Any group, organization, church or individual that would like to participate in the parade may do so by calling Meghan Mullens at 840-0123. Prize money will be awarded to the top three winning floats—\$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Area Burn Ban In Effect for MOC

Local Fire Departments and the Forestry Service want citizens of MOC to be aware a Burn Ban is in effect. Fire Chief Moe Spradley emphasized how critical it is to observe this burn ban. "Humidity is at 20 percent. That and the high winds we are experiencing, a fire could get out of control in a hurry," Spradley said. "People need to pay attention to the burn ban. Even if you are barbecuing, you need to have water on hand. A little spark from the pit could start a fire in a hurry."

Annual Christmas Parade Saturday

The McGregor Chamber of Commerce and McGregor Community Development will sponsor the annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 6th. The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. traveling down Main from Bulldog Stadium and turning on Second Street. The parade route will end at the bandstand at Fourth and Madison. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa at the bandstand following the parade.

Tree Lighting To Follow Parade Saturday

Musical entertainment will be plentiful for the annual Tree Lighting at the McGregor Bandstand located at Fourth and Madison. The Fourth Grade will perform several songs and Vertical Worship—comprised of Kyle Paschall, Jay Johnson, Chris Clarkson, Wendy Zacharias, Allyson Fisk and Mark Cunningham—will also bring songs of the season. The Tree Lighting is an opportunity to bring your new unwrapped toys and donations for the Fire and EMS Christmas Toy Collection. Firemen and EMS attendants will be on hand to collect the donations.

Dinner With Santa Saturday Evening

McGregor Community Development will be sponsoring its annual Dinner with Santa on Saturday evening following the parade. Hot Dog Sack Dinners will be available for \$2 each at the Bandstand. The sack dinner will include a hot dog, chips and drink. No reservations required and is for children of all ages.

Pictures With Santa Is Saturday

McGregor Community Development will be sponsoring its annual Pictures with Santa. Pictures will be taken at the Bandstand following the parade. The pictures, taken by Carla Vallejo will be available for pickup the following week at the Chamber office, 303 South Main. Cost of photo is \$1.00.

Chamber Count The Santas Contest

McGregor Community Development will be sponsoring "Count The Santas" contest. The winner will be announced at the Tree Lighting Saturday evening. Flyers were sent to the elementary school earlier in the week announcing the contest. Entries will be accepted until 4 p.m. Friday, December 5th at the Chamber office. The winner will receive a very merry prize. Santas can be found in the following businesses—Irene's Flowers & Gifts, Just Around the Corner Flowers, Chamber of Commerce, Trena's Oddz n Endz, McGregor Mirror, Sneed Insurance and Catering, Pat Richardson Insurance, Stichin'-n'-stuff, Hidden Talents, Memories and More, Keith's Ace Hardware. Please include your name, age, phone number along with the number of Santas. Good Luck.

Christmas Toy Drop Off Locations

The McGregor Toy Drive is underway and donations of new unwrapped toys or donations may be dropped off at the following locations—McGregor Mirror, Chamber of Commerce, Sneed Insurance, Richardson Insurance Agency, Keith Ace Hardware, EMS office and Extraco Bank, or to any volunteer fireman or EMS volunteer. Toy donations are going slow at this date. A total of 162 children are on the list to receive toys. Folks may also make their toy donations at the Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday evening.


Tryout dates set for Fast Pitch Team

We are a new team, "the 98 CENTEX JUSTICE" fastpitch softball and we want a few dedicated parents and players with birthdates between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 1998. Will consider above average 99's. Our goal is to go to ASA Regionals, State and Nationals in 2009. We plan on having tryouts, weather permitting, on Sunday, December 7th and Sunday December 14th. Private tryouts can be arranged. All inquiries will be kept confidential. All positions available. For more information please contact Joe Augeri at 254-216-1797 or e-mail pjauger@yahoo.com for more information.



CRAWFORD 7TH GRADE BLACK VOLLEYBALL TEAM was undefeated in district play and won first place at the District tournament. Team members and coaches pictured include (left to right back row) Coach Judy Smith, Jessica Tomchesson, Carrigan Chambers, Ky Foster, Jordyn Villa, Morgan Groppe (front row) Tori Phillips, Cheyenne Fisk, Cheyenne Lynch, Korie Dutschmann and Ellen Whitney.

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Marshal Jackson

Marshal Jackson of Oglesby, formerly of McGregor, died Thursday, November 27, 2008, at the age of 89. Funeral services were 10:00 Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at Cole Funeral Home Chapel, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor. Interment followed in Post Oak Cemetery near Oglesby.

Mr. Jackson was born September 29, 1919, in Throckmorton County, Texas, the son of the late Jesse Jefferson and Mayme (Ashby) Jackson. He was an honor graduate of Oglesby High School and served his country in the United States Army

during World War II from 1941 until his honorable discharge in 1945. For many years, he was employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital in Waco and retired as a guard. On October 26, 1945, he married Rosemary Brumalow in Gatesville. Throughout his life, he enjoyed hunting and collecting arrowheads, rock hunting and woodworking.

Also preceding him in death was a son, Larry Jackson and a brother, Joe Lawrence Jackson.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-three years, Rosemary Jackson; a sister, Evelyn Rodler of McGregor; grandchildren, Sammy Larry Jackson, Josh Duckett and Lacy Davidson, Jody Duckett and wife Missy; great grandchildren, Jacob Donaldson, Dalton Duckett and Alli Duckett.



McGregor Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
Saturday, Dec. 6th
4:30 p.m.

Send The Mirror your Christmas memories

Special Memorial Section Special Pet Section

Christmas is almost here . . . Let The Mirror capture this year's memories of your children in our Letters to Santa section. Cost is \$10 and will include your child's picture and letter. (Limit letter to 50 words.)

Free Santa letters without picture can be sent to The Mirror by email to bonnie@mcgregormirror.com, brought by the office at 303 S. Main or there will be a basket for the letters at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday by Santa. After or before their visit, they can leave their letter.

The Mirror will also have a special "In Memory" section, cost, including photo, \$10 for those wishing to remember a loved one. There is a 50 word limit for these memorials at the \$10 price.

If you would like to wish your "Favorite Pet" a special greeting along with their photo, there will be special section devoted to pets. Cost is \$10. The 50 word limit also applies to the pet section of the Christmas edition.

Deadline for "Letters to Santa", "In Memory" and "Favorite Pet" is December 12, 2008 for the December 17th edition.

The Mirror is also seeking readers "Favorite Memories of Christmas" stories. Please send in to address, or email below by Dec. 5th deadline.

Do you have a favorite holiday recipe that you would like to share with your friends in the community. Send your recipes to the information below for inclusion in the special Christmas edition that will be on newsstands December 17th.

To place an order, or submit a memory Call Bonnie 840-2091; or email bonnie@mcgregormirror.com or drop by The Mirror at 311 S. Main, McGregor, Tx. 76657. Accepting Mastercard and Visa.

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In memory of Charlene Rushing from Mary Spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hannemann, Mrs. Mary Battle, Philip and Gayle Segrest, Dr. Carrol and Dottie Robertson, Margaret Brinkley Family

MVFC memorials may be sent in care of Moe Spradley, 213 S. Van Buren, McGregor, Tx

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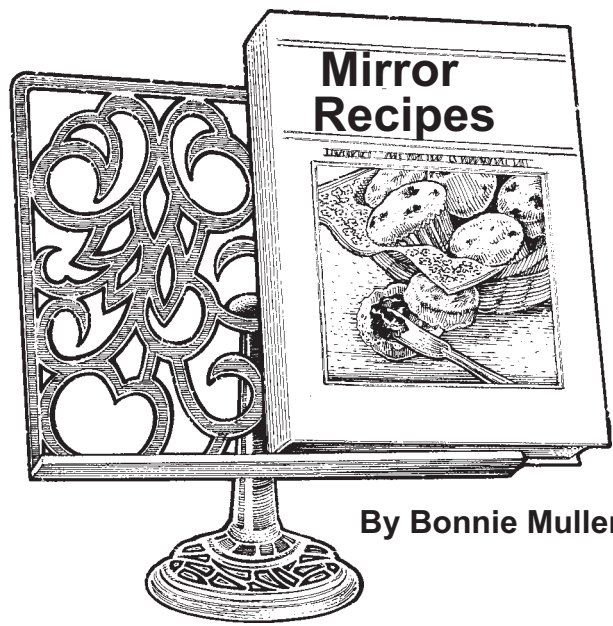
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By Bonnie Mullens

Sweet indulgences

Candy making is one of the season's most enjoyable traditions. We all have our favorites we make each year. Mine happens to be fudge. But I am also going to try my hand at peanut brittle this year with a twist—pistachio brittle.

Here is a handful of sweet suggestions, including the recipe for pistachio brittle, for filling your holiday tins.

in a food processor until finely crushed. Place on a shallow plate and set aside. Chop remaining three candy bars. Place bitter-sweet chocolate in a food processor bowl, and pulse until finely chopped. Combine whipping cream and butter in a 1-cup glass measure; microwave at high for one minute or until butter is melted and cream begins to boil. Pour hot cream mixture through food chute with processor running; process until mixture is smooth. Add butter and nut flavoring; process until mixture is blended. Transfer mixture to bowl; stir in chopped candy bars. Cover and chill 30 minutes.

Scoop chocolate truffles mixture into 1 inch balls. Roll in palms of hands to make smooth and uniform balls. Quickly roll in crushed candy bars. Store truffles in refrigerator up to one week. Let stand at room temperature before servings. This recipe makes 2 1/2

COOKIE DOUGH TRUFFLES

A new indulgence for all you chocolate chip cookie dough fans—chocolate chip cookie dough in candy form, wrapped in a chocolate shell.

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup thawed egg substitute
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate morsels
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

1 (12-oz.) package semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 1/2 tablespoons shortening
Beat butter at medium speed of an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugars, beating well. Add egg substitute and vanilla; beat well. Add flour to butter mixture; beat well. Stir in miniature chocolate morsels and chopped pecans. Cover and chill 30 minutes.

Shape mixture into 1 inch balls. Cover and freeze balls until very firm.

Place (12-oz) package morsels and shortening in a 1-qt. glass bowl; melt in microwave according to package directions. Using two forks, quickly dip frozen truffles into melted chocolate, coating completely. Place on wax paper to harden. Store truffles in refrigerator 2 to 3 days. Makes 4 1/2 dozen.

PRALINE POPCORN

- 2 cups pecan halves
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 (3-oz) bag butter-flavored microwave popcorn popped (12 cups) (I used Orville Redenbacher's Smart Pop)

Place pecans in a large bowl. Set aside. Combine brown sugar, maple syrup and butter in a small heavy saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often. Reduce heat to medium and cook 2 minutes, stirring often. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla.

Drizzle sugar mixture over popcorn, tossing to coat. Add popcorn, 2 cups at a time, stirring until well coated. Spoon popcorn mixture onto a buttered 15"x10" jelly roll pan. Bake at 250 degrees for one hour, stirring mixture every 15 minutes with a large spoon. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container. Makes 11 cups.

MERRY CHERRY FUDGE

Chocolate Covered cherries have some competition. This easy fudge recipe plants a sweet cherry in every square.

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 36 maraschino cherries with stems
- 1 (12-oz) package semisweet chocolate morsels
- 6 (1-oz) squares bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 (14-oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon maraschino cherry juice
- 1 cup chopped pecans.

Lightly coat an 8" square pan with cooking spray. Set aside. Blot cherries dry with paper towels. Combine chocolates in a heavy saucepan; place over very low heat, and stir constantly, until melted and smooth. Remove from heat, and stir in sweetened condensed milk and cherry juice. Stir in pecans. Spoon mixture into prepared pan.

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Share your favorite holiday recipes with Mirror readers



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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

NOVEMBER 30, 1928—

Cook Furniture and Hardware Company held an anniversary sale. An eight piece walnut finish dining room suite sold for \$75. The chairs were upholstered in muleskin. Cotton mattresses sold for \$6.95. The first 25 persons making a purchase of \$5 or more were given a beautiful set of handpainted china cups and saucers.

Thursday and Friday nights were family nights at the Opera House. Admission for Ma, Pa and all the kids was 25 cents total.

Price's Cafe advertised their Thanksgiving Specials. The meal included oyster cocktail, cream of turkey soup, roast young turkey, oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, celery hearts, creamed green peas, cream potatoes, fruit salad, creamed corn, creamed asparagus, green olives, hot rolls, hot mince pie, hot chocolate, coffee, tea or milk—all for 75 cents.

Amsler's was selling McAlester Lum Coal for \$14 a ton.

DECEMBER 2, 1938—

McGregor mayor G.W. Searcy signed a proclamation urging every businessman, merchants and professional man in the City of McGregor to close his place of business at 2 p.m. for the Bulldog/Kerens football game for the Bi-District Championship at Wood Field. The Bulldogs were undefeated in district play. Outstanding on the field during the Gatesville/McGregor game were Pedigo and Murphy.

Attending the State Teachers meeting from McGregor were Price Sterling, J.E. Lockhart, Misses Lena Amsler, Theodalia Pruitt, Ruth Howard, Hazel Cordwell, Mesdames Alma Keltner, Faye Baker, Rosa Lee Leach and Ruby Ledbetter.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Bradshaw celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Miss LaRue Boyd became the bride of Harold Summers.

In the Comanche Springs News, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ramsey entertained friends with a "42" party.

DECEMBER 3, 1948—

Architectural drawings and blueprinting had arrived for the proposed new \$45,000 First

Methodist Church. The parsonage was the beginning of the three-step building program. Next would be the sanctuary, followed by the educational building.

The City of McGregor became the owner of the Bluebonnet Water and Sewer System and had taken charge and was now operating both. The sewer system was acquired as a gift from the government, but the water system was acquired on a purchase basis.

Bulldogs Bobby Harding and Darrell White were given spots on the all-district team.

DECEMBER 5, 1958—

Practically all of Precinct 5 voters were expected to visit the polls on Saturday to mark their ballots for or against the legal sale of beer. It was the third time in three years Precinct 5 voters would mark their opinion on the matter.

Two important money-raising events—the new community swimming pool and the 1958-59 United Fund campaign, shared the honor for McGregor's top news event of the week. That was the conclusion of enthusiastic community leaders as they realized McGregor had succeeded in raising \$30,000 for the two worthwhile projects in a relative short 12 weeks.

Billy John Kilgore and Judy Faye Fegette were married in Oglesby.

Oglesby Lions Club president was Elbert Haugh.

DECEMBER 5, 1968—

The Oglesby Tigers were going to battle for the Regional Six Man Football Championship. Coach was Gary Fox. Players included Larry Ross (halfback), Ronnie Sullins (quarterback), Willie Leos (halfback), Johnny Pitts (end), Joe Pitts (center) and Donald Waddill (end).

Lothar Krause was honored by the Central Texas District of Boy Scouts for 45 years of service to the scouting program.

Aubrey Jordan bought Master's Super Store from Ben Masters. It would be renamed Jordan's Red and White Grocery.

NOVEMBER 30, 1978—

A free breakfast on Christmas Eve was being planned by

Jack Dawson. Dawson started the free barbecue Christmas Eve dinner several years earlier.

November was the wettest month of the year with 6.40 inches being measured. Year total was 25.15 inches, which was still 4.75 inches below normal.

A Crawford Unit of MOCEMS was organized on November 12 with Bill Mangum as president. Other officers were Donald Baize, Frances Raley and Evelyn Mangum.

Harlan Huffman won \$2,000 in grain sorghum seed from Farmland Industries at a Farm and Ranch Supply banquet for winning the Coops yielded contest.

The City of McGregor water rate was increased to raise \$30,000 for more wells, fines and cover inflation cost. The minimum water bill would increase only five cents from \$2.30 to \$2.35 for the first 2,000 gallons. The next 18,000 gallons would cost 90 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbert Keltner and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witte celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversaries.

Mrs. Dorothy L. Brown, Crawford postmaster and postal employee was honored with a certificate from the United States Postal Service for 26 years of dedicated service.

McGregor clothing stores were bursting with Christmas merchandise—those included the McGregor Men's Store, The Butterfly, The Village Shoppe and Carra's.

DECEMBER 1, 1988—

McGregor Bulldogs would meet Celina for the Quarter Final Championship at Pennington Field in Bedford after defeating Pilot in Bedford 34-0. Bulldog standouts in the game were Xavier Young, David Lillard, Donald West, Danny Ripley, Tommy Miller, Wade Cook, Chad Ainsworth, Leonard McLeain and Amon Rogers.

Kenneth Dietzman was The Mirror's guest football guess winner.

Crawford Pirates monopolized the all district picks with five players being selected both ways on the first team and Coach Billy Parmer was selected Coach of the

Year. Making the first team on offense and defense were Dusty Lynch, Jr., Todd Croford, John Dutschman, Matt Fulp and Clinton Smith.

Kimberly Engelbrecht became the bride of Ray Griffin.

The films Willow and Three Men and a Baby were available on video at Brazos Video.

DECEMBER 3, 1998—

The town's fire siren screamed a series of blows around 4:35 p.m. Monday signaling a

major fire at the former McGregor Milling and Grain Company—a 90 year old structure. By the time local volunteer firefighters arrived at the scene, the large wooden and sheet metal structure was fully engulfed in flames. Firemen got the blaze under control around 3:00 a.m.

Former MHS graduate, Dr. Linda Hudson Parrish, was awarded the Texas A&M University Regents' Professor award, recognizing her as one of the four TAMU System Regents' Profes-

sors from a faculty of 2,000. The award had been given for two years to two faculty members each of those years.

The engagement of Jeanett Taylor to John Bitzkie was announced.

Crawford Pirates were the Class 2A Area Champions.

The Chamber of Commerce held their annual Christmas Tree Lighting service.

Zion Lutheran Church hosted a Christmas Bazaar.

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1 TXism: "___ pill to swallow"
5 ___ vera
6 ___ jockey
7 '49 film: "___ Paso"
8 org. for Mavs, Spurs & Rockets
9 cuddly feline? (2 wds.)
15 TXism: "___ enough to pucker a pig"
16 Fredericksburg paper: "Standard/___"
19 Stanton: "Home of 3,000 Friendly People ___"
21 this Diaz was Ranger infielder (91-93)
22 classy & expensive
27 Cowboys are in the upper ___ of NFL teams
28 surrounded with a saintly light
29 SMU alum actress, Dorothy
30 "Texas Hold 'em" is ___ in TX
32 great 4-octave TX singer Roy (init.)
33 TXism: "___ can't see to can't see"
36 TXism: "___ bout"
37 support garment
38 "Lonesome Dove" was ___ by TX Larry McMurry
39 Cowboy DT Tony (91-93, '96-'97)

DOWN

12 shortest tributary in TX (2 wds.)
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14 "bull" south of the border
15 the maximum in TX is 8.25% (2 wds.)
16 rod and ___
17 above El Paso: "___ Cristo Rey"
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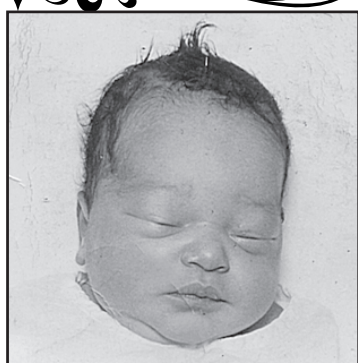
31 TXism: "does a cat have a climbing ___?" (yes)
34 ___ Worth (abbr.)
35 ___ River
37 TX ___ Bell" ice cream
40 San Antonio amphitheater: "Lone Star ___"
43 George W. edged him out in 2000
44 capitol is made of "sunset red" ___
50 Keaton of "Family Stone" with TX Luke
51 Cowboy Emmitt (init.)

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To marry in January

Terry and Sharon Westerfeld of McGregor, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Renee Westerfeld, to Cort David Anderson, son of David and Samantha Anderson of Oglesby.

Stacie is a 2000 graduate of Crawford High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from Texas Tech University. She also received a Master of Occupational Therapy from Texas Tech University. She is employed as an Occupational Therapist at St. Catherine's Center in Waco.

Cort is a 1996 graduate of McGregor High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Texas A&M University. He is employed as a Database Administrator at Texas Life Insurance in Waco.

The couple will exchange vows January 17, 2009, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Woodway.



It's a girl!

Alan and Sheila Pomeranke of McGregor are proud to announce the birth of their daughter,

Avery Grace. She was born on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 7:31 p.m. in Providence Health Center.

She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

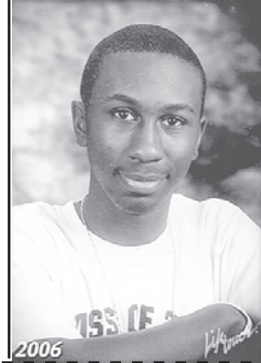
Grandparents are Lynn Ray Pomeranke and the late Wanda Pomeranke, Eldon Whitley and Mary Whitley, all of McGregor.

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Texas Friendly

Lady Bulldogs post 5-5 record so far, preparing for upcoming district race

The McGregor Lady Bulldogs have posted a 5-5 record so far, but the important part of the season is still two weeks away when the district race unfolds.

Head Lady Bulldog Coach Kimberly Johnson reported that the Lady Bulldogs will travel to Hico on Dec. 16 for the first district game.

"We normally start district after the Christmas holidays, but with an eight team district it is necessary to start before the holidays," the coach said. "I'm not concerned about our record at this point, but in a couple of weeks it will really count, and hopefully we will be ready."

In the last four games, McGregor's varsity girls have won three and lost one. The loss came against a tough San Saba team on Nov. 18 by a score of 49-67.

"San Saba was a very fast and physical team," Coach Johnson stated. "The game helped us to see where our guards are and where they need to be in December."

San Saba led 22-16 in the first quarter and 36-28 at halftime. Scoring for McGregor were Ashley Reineke, seven; Melissa

Ballard and Sha Brown, four each; Mary Ashleigh Johnson, and TaRoya Clayborn, two apiece. The girls hit 4 of 7 shots from the free throw line.

Three days later, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Whitney 64-44.

"We tried some new things we had been working on and they seemed to work pretty well," Coach Johnson said. "Our team jumped out to a 17-8 lead in the first, 33-15 lead at halftime, and 52-24 margin by the end of the third period."

Sha Brown was high point girl with 21 points, followed by Lauren Williams with 12, Ashley Reineke, 10; Sara Trickett, a transfer from New Mexico, with 7; Johnson and Clayborn with five points each, Melissa Ballard, and Cylane Rogers with two points apiece.

On Nov. 24 the Lady Bulldogs pulled out a six point victory over the Lady Hornets from Gatesville. Final score was McGregor 57, Gatesville 51.

"Gatesville is well coached and they are especially hard to play on their home court," Coach Johnson declared. "Three in double figures were Sha Brown,

18; Ashley Reineke, 16; and TaRoya Clayborn, 14. More points came from Cylane Rogers, 5; and Lena Capps, 2."

McGregor finished up the week with a 61-45 victory over Salado on Saturday.

"Our girls played the way I want them to play against Salado," the coach stated. "The returning varsity starters are starting to take on leadership roles. We're taking baby steps right now, but at least they are in the right direction."

Brown hit the hoop for 21 points, while Reineke and Clayborn both swished the net for 13 points each. Also adding to the victory were Sara Trickett, 8; Lena Capps, 4; and Cylane Rogers, 2.

The Lady Bulldogs held a one point lead after the first quarter 17-16, increased the lead to 37-30 at half, and led 45-40 at the start of the fourth period.

This week in basketball action, the jayvee and freshmen girls host a McGregor tournament on Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Teams involved include Comanche, Axtell, Moody, and Waco Christian for the freshmen, and some

of the same teams will compete for the jayvee title.

McGregor's varsity girls will compete in the Salado Tournament on Dec. 11, 12, and 13.

"Fans attending the home games will notice the new scoreboards," the coach said. "They are incredible. It will take two people to operate them. One will handle the player, fouls and their points while the other person will operate the clock, time and score. Our players think they are great. Other teams notice them as soon as they walk into the gym."


The McGregor Jayvee Lady Bulldogs lost to Gatesville this past week by a score of 43-23.

Scoring points for McGregor were Krista Krueger, 8; Rachel Sulak, 5; Danielle Brisby and Anna Brown, 4 each; Morgan Webb and Lane Ashleigh, two apiece.

"The girls played hard," Coach Stacy Ainsworth stated. "The offense is running well, but they just need to finish off their shots. The girls are getting better each game. After the LaVega game on Tuesday night, we will get into a regular schedule."


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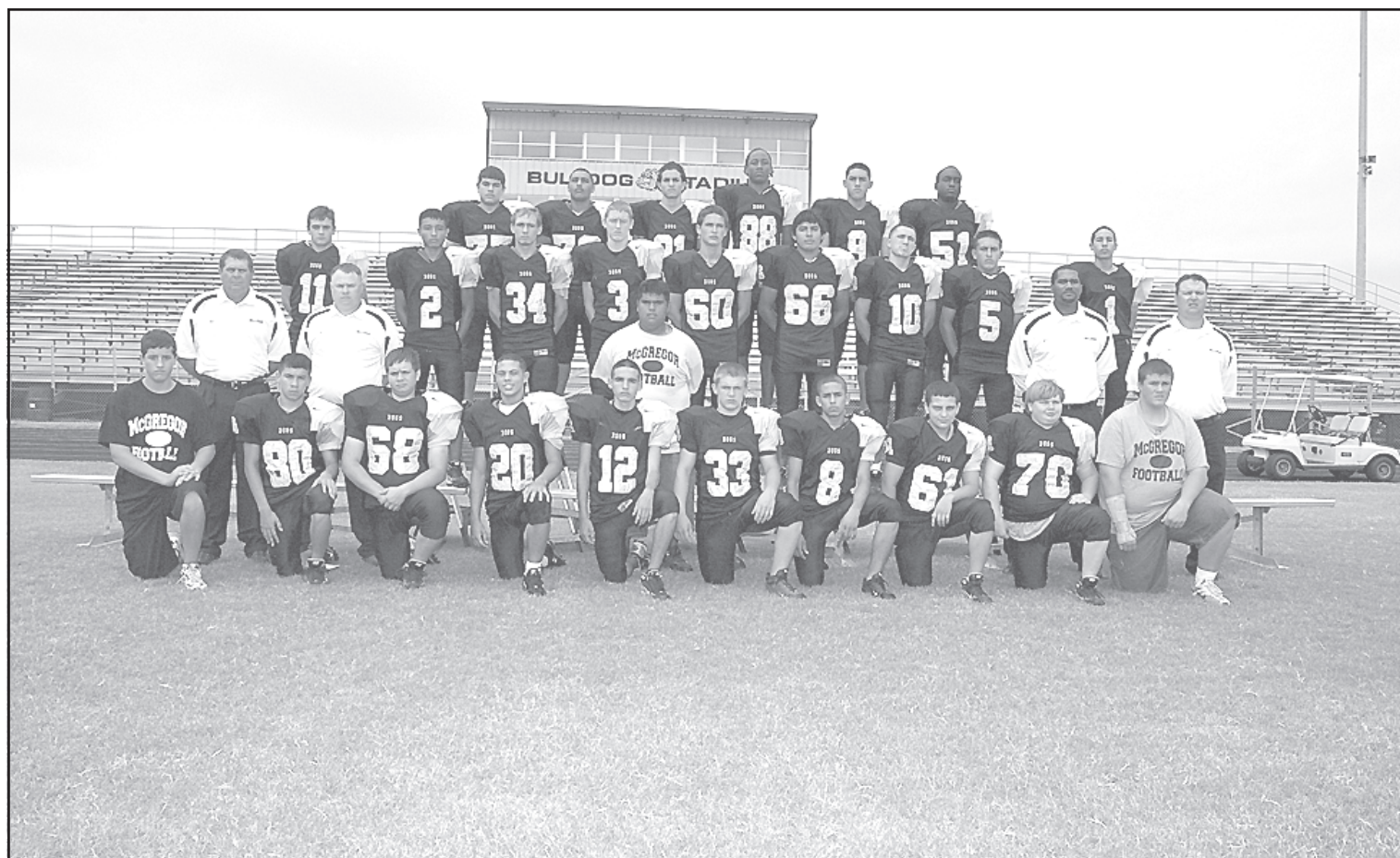
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Bulldogs dominate All District team

The McGregor Bulldogs dominated the recently released All District team with two Most Valuable Player awards, the Newcomer of the Year award, and numerous other selections to the first and second teams.

McGregor's quarterback Larry Smith was selected as the District MVP as quarterback and safety. Hector Rodriguez was named as the Defensive MVP at the linebacker position. Peyton Fisk was named as the Defensive Newcomer of the Year at the Defensive end and corner positions.

Other MVP's in the district included Derrick Vasta on defense from Troy, Jeremy Conrad as a running back from Troy, Garet Box, as a running back from Hamilton. Cyrus McKenzie of Troy and Dylan Turner of Hico were also named as Newcomers of the Year.

Special team selections consisted of Fernando Salas of McGregor, Bobby Dunlap of Crawford, James Sparkman of Bruceville-Eddy, Casey Corbitt of Hico, Matthew Sauseda of Moody, Ryan Dach of Troy and Derrick Neelley of Clifton.

McGregor on the offensive line were Jesse Zimmerman, Andy Solis, and Jared Green.

Also making the first team offense were DeShun Pierson at running back, Harvey Lee at tight end, and Dirk Gerhardt as a kicker.

Chane Lynch of Crawford was named as the first team quarterback.

Other members represented on the first team on the offensive line were Taylor Trigg of Bruceville-Eddy, Mike Haigood of Moody, Ryan Lee and Gary Schumann of Hamilton, Luke Randolph and Justin Gregory of Troy, Austin Riley of Clifton, Tony Turrubiaras and Alfonso Zuniga of Hico.

More running backs included Derrick Vasta of Troy, Michael Pennington of Hico, Walter Hammond of Moody, and Mason Burke of Hamilton.

Wide receivers included Colton Albrecht of Clifton, Justin Smith of Moody, Cory Needham and Ben Clay of Hico, Chris Chandler of Troy, and Matt Zaidle of Bruceville-Eddy.

Tight ends were David Orange of Troy, and Richard Siler

of Moody. Miguel Hernandez of Clifton made the team as a kicker.

Selected to the first team defense from McGregor were Brett Blackburn, Taylor Rost and Andy Solis on the defensive line, Jared Green and Jesse Zimmerman as defensive ends, Harvey Lee at the linebacker position, Cruz Chaires and Kenneth Minor as defensive backs, and Raul Olvera as the punter.

Kody Johnston of Crawford made the first team defense as a linebacker.

Other members of the first team defense included Alfonso Zuniga of Hico, Jimmy Quigg of Hamilton, Jerek Foster of Troy, Austin Riley of Clifton, and Taylor Trigg of Bruceville-Eddy on the defensive line.

Ethan Randolph of Troy, Randall Hooper of Bruceville-Eddy, Tony Turrubiaras of Hico, and Mike Haigood of Moody as defensive ends.

Truman Baize of Hamilton, Justin Gregory and Angel Lurati, and Bryson Jones of Troy, Richard Siler of Moody, and Cade Sklar of Hico as linebackers.

Mitchell Beck and Chris

Chandler of Troy, Garet Box of Hamilton, Chris Price of Clifton, Ben Clay and Seth Hankins of Hico, Joe Owen and Nate Wilburn of Moody, and Trey Collier of Troy.

On the second team defense from McGregor was Sean Chappel as a defensive back.

From Crawford on the defensive second team were Jacob Kasparian on the defensive line, Kole Johnston and Daniel Post as defensive ends, Amancio Avellaneda at the linebacker position.

Athletes from McGregor making the second team offense were Adrian Chaires and Brett Blackburn on the offensive line.

Julian Young made the second team as a running back, Sean Chappell made the team as a wide receiver, and Dustin Shilling made the team as a tight end.

Second team members from Crawford included Carter Blenden, Tyler Bullard, and Bryce Duncan on the offensive line, Bryce Murphy as a running back, Daniel Post and Douglas VanZandt as wide receivers, and Kody Johnston as a tight end.



NAMED TO THE 1ST TEAM ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM were: Front row—Brett Blackburn, defensive and offensive line; Jesse Zimmerman, defensive end; Dirk Gerhardt, kicker; Andy Solis, defensive and offensive lineman; DeShun Pierson, running back. Back row—Taylor Rost, defensive lineman; Jared Green, defensive end and offensive lineman; Harvey Lee, tight end and linebacker; Cruz Chaires, defensive back; Kenneth Minor, defensive back.



2ND TEAM ALL DISTRICT—McGregor Bulldogs named to the 2nd team All District squad were Sean Chappel, defensive back and wide receiver; Adrian Chaires, offensive line; Brett Blackburn, offensive line; and Dustin Shilling, tight end. Not pictured was Julian Young, running back.

Fall Sports Banquet postponed

Head Coach Tim Seward announced this week that because of a conflict with a basketball game, the Fall Sports Banquet has been postponed until the second or third week in January.

The banquet will honor each member of the football team, cheerleaders, cross country and volleyball.

After the holidays and once the time has been set, it will be published in the McGregor Mirror.




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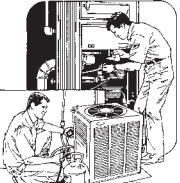

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Lady Pirates outscore Riesel 49-19

The Crawford Lady Pirates vaulted out to an early lead against Riesel last week and cruised to a 49-19 victory.

Crawford is preparing for their first district game against Clifton on Dec. 16.

A local tournament is planned for this Thursday through Saturday for the varsity girls. The Jayvee girls and Jayvee boys will be playing in a China Spring Tournament on those same dates.

Leading up to district the varsity girls will compete in the Bosqueville Tournament on Dec. 11-13.

High point scorer against

Riesel was Kristen Chapman with a 16 points. Also scoring points were Paige Baize and Rachel Dieterich, 8 each; Stormie Elwood, 5; Kendall Schmalriede and Lindy Jones, four apiece; Kirsten Goodwin and Lauren Davis, 2 each; and Katie Farmer sank a free throw.

The score at the start of the fourth quarter was in Crawford's favor 35-22.

The Lady Pirates varsity also defeated Riesel recently by a 55-30 margin.

Leading scorers were Stormie Elwood, 16; Kirsten

Goodwin, 14; Kristen Chapman, 9; Lauren Davis, 6; Rachel Dieterich, 4; Paige Baize, Lindy Jones, and Casey Bain, two points each.

Crawford's Jayvee gold team defeated Reicher by a score of 32-19.

After falling behind 7-2 in the first quarter, the Lady Pirates rallied in the third quarter to take a 24-13 lead.

Windy Elwood was high point girl with 13 points, followed by Haylie Knuppel, 5; Kelcey Schmalriede, Allie Smith, and Ashley Urbanovsky, 4 points

each; Kait Westerfeld, 2. The Jayvee girls outscored Bosqueville B team by a score of 48-12.

A balanced scoring attack was the key with five girls within three points of each other. Leading scorer was Kelcey Schmalriede with 9 points. Ixyana Castro, Haley Cleveland, and Windy Elwood each scored 8 points, Ashley Urbanovsky was next with 6, Haylie Knuppel sank 4 points, Kait Westerfeld hit the hoop for 3, and Allie Smith made 2 points.

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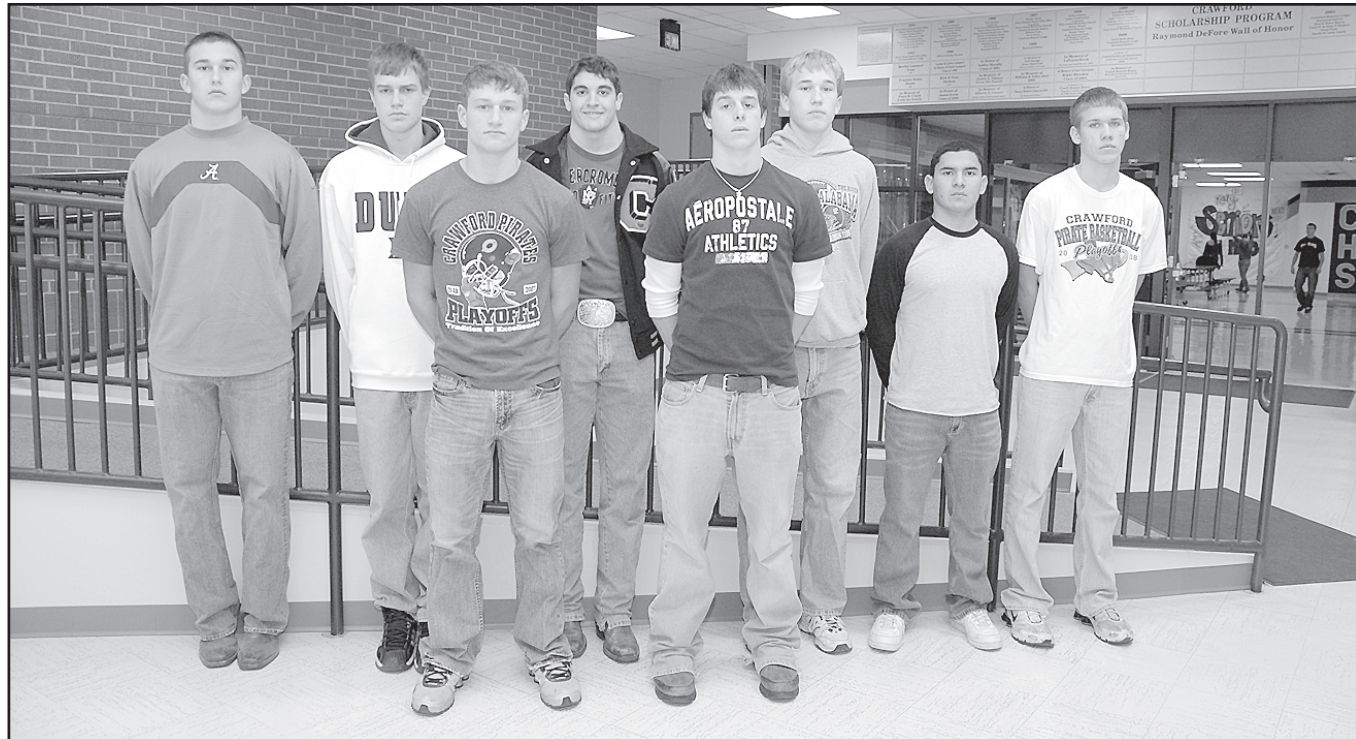
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ALL DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL—These members of the Crawford Lady Pirates Volleyball team were recently named to the All District team. Pictured on the front row are Brittany Urbanovsky, 1st team; Amanda Mendoza, Honorable Mention; Ashley Nolte, Honorable Mention. Back row: Stormie Elwood, 2nd team; Taylor Nix, District Most Valuable Player; Amy Kleypas, Offensive Most Valuable Player; Kristen Chapman, Setter of the Year; Kendall Schmalriede, 1st team; Brittany Berry, 2nd team.




CRAWFORD PIRATES OFFENSIVE ALL DISTRICT TEAM—Front row: Douglas VanZandt, 2nd team wide receiver; Bryce Murphy, 2nd team running back; Kent Miller, Honorable Mention offensive line; Brian Christensen, defensive line; Dustin Dorris, running back. Back row: Chane Lynch, 1st team quarterback; Kody Johnston, 2nd team tight end; Carter Blenden, 2nd team tight end; Tyler Bullard, 2nd team offensive line; Bryce Duncan, 2nd team offensive line; Daniel Post, 2nd team wide receiver.



NAMED TO THE ALL DISTRICT DEFENSIVE SQUAD WERE: Front row—Cameron Kendrick, defensive back honorable mention; Brock Jacobs, defensive back honorable mention. Back row—Kody Johnston, 1st team linebacker; Bobby Dunlap, 1st team special teams; Jacob Kasparian, 2nd team defensive lineman; Kole Johnston, 2nd team defensive end; Amancio Avellaneda, 2nd team linebacker; Daniel Post, 2nd team defensive end.

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Presidential election local voting statistics

If you wondered how the local turnout for the Presidential election went this year, here is some interesting information from the McLennan County Elections office.

Also included is information on when and how those registered voters of Precincts 78, 79, and 80 cast their ballots.

Precinct 78 (McGregor) has 1,791 registered voters. Of those registered voters, 592 voted early, 558 voted election day for a total of 1,150 votes cast for a 64.21 percent turnout. Casting straight Republican ballots were 325 voters, straight Democrat ballots were 276 with one straight Libertarian ballot cast.

Precinct 79 (McGregor) has

1,485 registered voters. Of those registered voters, 332 voted early, 554 cast their ballots on election day for a total of 886 voting. Precinct 79 had a 59.66 percentage of eligible voters going to the polls. Casting straight Republican ballots were 248 voters. Straight Democrat ballots were cast by 212 voters. There were four straight Libertarian voters in Precinct 79.

Precinct 80 (Crawford) has 1,935 registered voters. Of those voters, 576 cast their ballots early. On election day 808 voters went to the polls for a total of 1,384 voting for a 71.52 percentage. There were 564 straight Republican ballots cast and 103 straight Democrat ballots cast and eight straight Libertarian ballots cast.

Patsy Barnes Reed writes second book

McGregor's Mrs. Patsy Barnes Reed has written another book, published by Outskirts Press Publishers, Parker, Colorado. The book, "You Need Me—I Need You" . . . Holy Matrimony, What a Privilege" is to benefit ministry. Her first book was entitled, "It Was Well Worth The Wait."

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Patsy A. Reed is an evangelist missionary, workshop conductor, speaker, author as well as a mother, grandmother, and the wife of Servant Larry Reed, who pastors God's House of Prayer Church here in McGregor, Texas.

For copies of the book, you may contact her at email: mdad050@aol.com or call (254) 840-2601.

Patsy is a 1970 graduate of McGregor High School.



MCGREGOR FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL TEAM—Front row: Emily Kirkpatrick, Chelsea Millsap, Danielle Garcia, Jennifer Ambriz. Middle: Kelsey West, Lacey Lynch, Alsaide Vallejo, Kaleigh Green, Jessika Foit. Back: Coach Cindy Knapek, Esmeraldo Ortuno, Lori Jones, Danielle Brisby, Taylor Niemeier, Savannah Ponce, Coach Missy Land.



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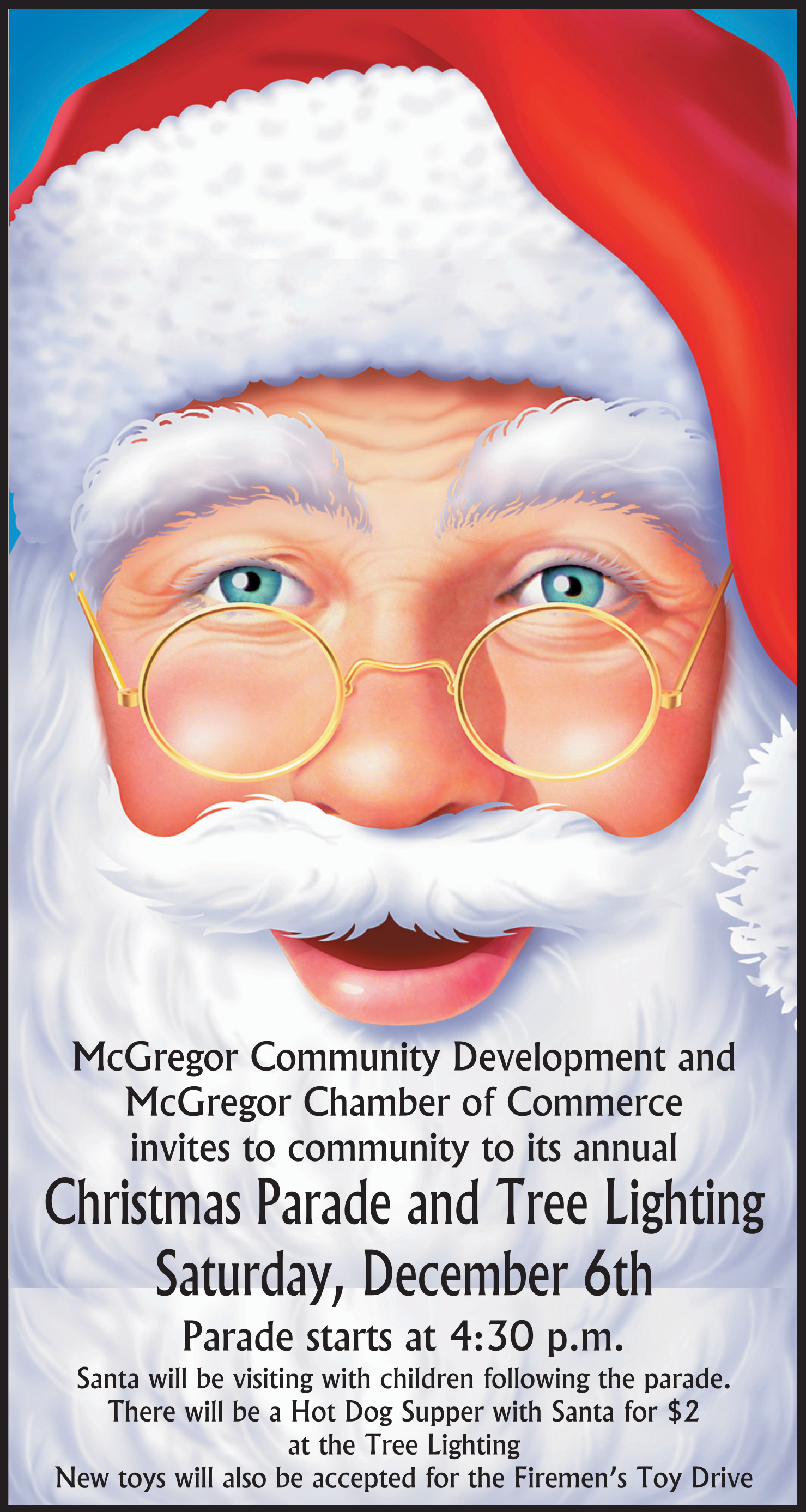
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"I have come that they might have life, and have it to the fullest" (John 10:10). And so it begins. Scarcely have the Thanksgiving leftovers been put away than Christmas is underway. It's the first week in December. It begins in earnest. And we all know where it's going.

For the next twenty-five days we will alternately delight in and despise what we're doing. There's the music... the 24 hour Christmas music format on many radio stations, as well as the much loved carols and hymns.

There are the repeated activities that make Christmas both meaningful and maddening. The ones we love we call traditions. The ones we simply tolerate we call routines.

And then there's family: the joy that comes from being together... and the disappointment that comes from being together. There is excitement of everyone gathering and the relief of everyone going home.

Question: what would Christmas look like if you were to shake things up just a bit? There is a church during Advent using the theme "The Baby that Rocked the World." The premise, they say, is simple: Jesus' birth shakes things up.

Jesus comes as a baby that rocks us - not into complacency, but into a full life. What kind of people are we because of Jesus' birth? There is the fiery character of John the Baptist, the faithfulness of Simeon and Anna, the surprise and fear of Zechariah, the quiet strength of Mary. All of them are examples of people whose world was rocked by the coming of Jesus.

Your Christmas will not change all that much. You'll have mostly the same family members as you had last year, you'll hear the same songs, you'll sing the same carols, you'll shop in the same stores, and you'll send cards to the same friends, and go to the same church or no church at all.

The theme for the Advent season in our church will be "A Simple Christmas." The premise is to make this a Christ-centered Christmas - one in which we grow closer to Christ and connect with our loved ones on a deeper level; one in which we learn to avoid the craziness that often plagues our lives in December.

Christmas may not be different... but perhaps we can be. That's why Jesus came. To be in Christ is to be a new creation. What better time for that to happen than Christmas.

YEA, DAD!

by Sammie Haynes, Pastor
Church of the Living God



Isaiah 1:19. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;

My youngest son Zachary is now twenty two years of age, he is now a senior in College. I've watched him grow into a fine young man. Sometimes it's funny to get my children together and talk about the old times of them growing up. We laugh about it now, but at the time some of the events were not so funny. One of the not so funnies, was when Zach got a B.B. gun for his birthday. I gave him specific instructions that he was not to shoot it unless I was with him. Yea Dad! I understand!

It was as Saturday, I was planning on sleeping in, nine o'clock in the morning, Zach started knocking on my bedroom door, and I could tell that there was a sense of urgency in his voice. Dad wake up, I shot Chase! I jumped up not knowing what I would find. Chase was standing in the living room, with a bloody leg. We took chase to the Doctor to get the B.B. out, he was fine, but when Zach and I got to the house, we had a deep conversation, with the strap. I remembered our conversation prior, to the accident. I asked him did he realize our agreement was broken, and that he told me specifically, that he agreed with not using the B.B. gun unless I was with him, again he said: "Yea Dad, I'm sorry. Sometimes sorry is not good enough, but it is the only thing we can humanly say, when we do something we should not.

I wonder how many times, I've promised God that I would live right and yet do something that I know hurt's Him and my family. I know Zach, heard me, and we hear the voice of God, when we go to church, and hear a sermon or read a book and it seems as if God is saying that we should live for truth, and we say "Yea Dad", but we live life our way. We want the blessing of God, but we want them, with out commitment. The above Scripture says that if we are willing and obedient, we will eat the best from the land. The key is, are we willing and are we obedient? When we disobey God, bad things happen, so obey and count your blessings. Say Yea Dad, and mean it, this time!



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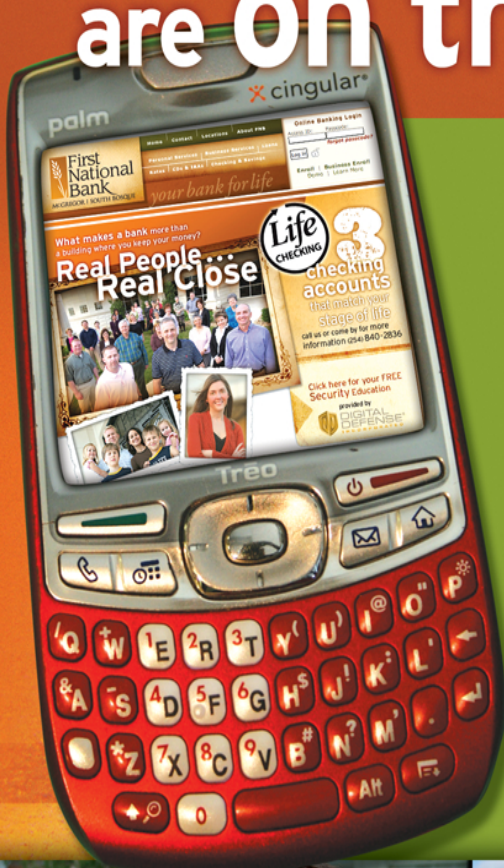
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