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FOLLOWING THE ORDERS OF THE BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION, city employees demolished an abandoned house at 607 Cleveland Street Tuesday morning and more houses are on the list. Steve Haire, City Code Enforcer, reported that the house on Cleveland was found by the board to be an unoccupied and unsafe structure. "If you have old abandoned property, properties left vacant that are dilapidated, they will be placed on the list to be demolished. Pictured on the Caterpillar is city employee Larry Pyburn. Another meeting of the board will be held in September or October and regular scheduled meetings will then be held once a month. "It's an ongoing process," Haire stated. "Other properties on the list include 605 Arthur, 607 Arthur, 609 Arthur, 115 N. Tyler, 207 N. Tyler, 810 E. 2nd, 112 Hayes, 100 Garfield. An old church at 304 Garfield will be demolished by a contractor and a residence that was on the list on Filmore Street is being fixed up by a registered builder.

Council to vote on water rate

McGregor City Council will meet for a special called meeting on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. This special meeting was called to consider action on revising water and wastewater rates for the City water customers.

According to City Manager Joseph Portugal, McGregor water customers will be seeing higher rates when the new fiscal year begins in October. The rate of increase was not provided, but Portugal indicated that the increase would be slight for low end and average users. Water customers using higher amounts would see the bigger increase.

The new proposed rate structure comes after the City received the master water plan and master wastewater plan prepared by Walker and Associates, consulting engineers hired by the City. Driving the need for the new plan was due to notices received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and to ensure efficient operation of the City's system. The water plan outlined the need for capital improvements of the current system to comply with state and federal regulations.

An assessment was made by City staff and the engineers of the ability of the current system operations to absorb the costs for the improvements. As the existing system is not self-supporting, the council approved retaining the services of J. Stowe and Company to prepare a cost of service and water/wastewater rate study.

"Our infrastructure is in great need of repair," Portugal said. "Between 70 and 80 percent of our aging system are two-inch lines, and it has reached the point where we can't delay attending to the necessary repairs. Nearly 100 percent of what we are doing is because of unfunded state mandates."

Portugal further explained that the Water Department is being subsidized by ad valorem taxes, and has been for many years. It should be self-supporting. System overhaul cost is approximately \$3.8 million.

"We can't afford these repairs to be paid out of the general fund budget," he explained. "It will have to be debt serviced."

As the water/wastewater fund becomes self-supporting, additional city street repairs and services can be made, since money from the general fund will

not be used to support the water/wastewater fund.

Portugal said that on the plus side of the issue is property owners in McGregor would most likely see a lower tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year—about 1.7 cents lower.

Also on the Council's agenda will be consideration of an amended agreement with Central Bosque Water Supply Corporation.

The Council will discuss several items in executive session following the open meeting.

Police ask for help in solving break-ins

McGregor Police Chief Steve Foster is asking the citizens of McGregor to keep a watchful eye on their neighborhoods due to recent burglaries in town.

"In the past several weeks six air conditioning window units and three televisions have been removed from homes," Chief Foster reported. "If you see people where you normally don't see them, or if you see anything suspicious—day or night—don't hesitate to report it to the police department. We need everyone to be observant in order to stop these crimes."

The burglaries have been on the westside of town from Third Street to 11th Street and on Van Buren.

Foster said some of the air conditioning units have been removed from the outside of unoccupied houses, and some have been break-ins.

EMS fund-raiser set for Saturday

A group of McGregor citizens have banded together to help McGregor EMS. A fund-raiser will be held August 8th at the Brookshire Bros. parking lot from 8 am to 2 pm. The community is invited to come out for a fun time.

"We'll have a dunkin' booth, snowcones and floats, craft and bake sale, silent auction, motorcycle bike show, 'cool' games, car wash," she said. "The Magic Fingers Quilt Club have made and donated a quilt that will be raffled off," said Beverly Denton. EMS will be there doing

blood pressure and glucose screenings. Riders of the Sonoma CMA chapter will be giving out water and Latin Sounds will be there to livin' up the air with music.

Help with the fund-raiser is still needed—both physical and financial. Call 447-1080 if you would like to donate either. Baked goods and craft items are also needed.

If anyone would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact McGregor EMS or Beverly Denton.

Pool is closed

The McGregor swimming pool closed this week due to a major malfunction of the pump, according to Parks and Recreation Director Meghan Mullens.

"We had been having a great summer with little maintenance problems, Mullens said. "In fact, the health department official commented on his last visit here that our pool has been one of the best kept this summer in his inspection area."

The aging pump gave out over the weekend, and a new one will take four weeks to arrive. By that time, the pool will have already closed for the season.

Mullens pointed out that the City will be purchasing a new pump, and it would be installed

in the spring, to have the pool ready for the 2010 swimming season.

"We have had a good season at the pool, and we appreciate all those who came, took lessons and enjoyed the facilities," Mullens said. "We are sorry about the closure, but the breakdown is not a quick fix. Purchasing a new pump instead of keeping on repairing the aging part will make the 2010 season much more reliable."

Mullens said the pool's family nights proved to be a big success and that they would be expanding the movie nights next year. She also complimented the parks and recreation department staff for their hard work this summer.

Recyclers get additional day

Recycling has been successful in McGregor since the City began offering the program every Wednesday—so good in fact—that a second day has been added for residents. Since the program began, there have been 714 visits to the recycling site.

"We couldn't be happier about the numbers," said City Manager Joseph Portugal. "The numbers warrant an additional day. Our containers were filling up quickly."

Portugal pointed out that citizens actually get an additional day a month because the City Yard is open the first Saturday of the month for citizens to dispose of items in the City Dumpster and

the recycling bin is also accessible at that time.

Recycling will now be available every Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the dumpsters located at the City Yard on Third Street by the railroad track. The recycling bin will be manned by a City employee for the convenience of the citizens.

The City is currently accepting cardboard, aluminum, paper and plastic. Portugal said it would be helpful from a space issue if those bringing boxes would break them down beforehand.

Glass is not accepted at this time due to no market available in this area.

Football camps hit the ground running

First full pad workout is Friday

Football fans who are eager for the season to start don't have long to wait, because two-a-day workouts got underway bright and early Monday morning.

McGregor reported 86 out the first day while Crawford counted 66. Both coaches are expecting a few more to add to their ranks.

Head Bulldog Coach Tim Seward expects seven to nine more athletes to show and Head Crawford Pirate Coach Delbert Kelm knows of two more players that will be out for football this year.

Most of the first week is in shorts and T-shirts with the first full pad workout scheduled for Friday.

After the issuing of equipment, the first order of business for McGregor was the traditional Bulldog mile run. Skilled players and linemen were given certain times to match or they get the

opportunity to run the mile each day until the time is met.

Top time turned in was by Erik Hensel who was clocked in 5:14. Best time by a lineman was recorded by Jamie Olvera at 5:58.

"We had a really good turnout and all of the athletes reported in good spirits and most of them reported in good condition," Coach Seward stated. "One of the best things for a coach at the start of two-a-days is to see the athletes report like it is Christmas morning with a let's get started attitude."

First day of practice consists of issuing equipment, the Bulldog Mile, lifting weights, position meetings, and a short football workout.

"We start at 7:15 a.m. and will get off the field at 10:30 a.m. with water breaks included", Coach Seward said. "Our athletes do some weight lifting. We do some chalk talk about learning

offensive and defensive reads. We worked out on the field for about 45 minutes. Then they were off for the remainder of the day."

Coach Seward complemented his coaches saying they were well organized in handing out equipment to the 86 athletes. It only took about 15 to 20 minutes.

"Tuesday is the first real practice," the coach declared. "At first glance our team is pretty young at some positions, but also at first glance these athletes are unbelievably athletic. We had quite a number of athletes work hard during the summer. They added extra muscle which should help us up front."

For the Crawford Pirates, Coach Kelm reported they are working out twice a day from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then a second session at 2:30 p.m.

"The session at 2:30 p.m. is strictly football practice," the

coach said. "In the afternoon at 2:30 p.m. the athletes report to the classroom and go outside for 30 minutes to work on the kicking game. Days are alternated between weights and conditioning."

With the Pirates' first scrimmage against Salado only two weeks away, Coach Kelm commented, "We have a lot of learning to do and will spend the next couple of weeks trying to squeeze as much out as we can. Hopefully, by game time, there will be as few surprises as possible."

The coach added that the first two weeks are centered on conditioning and learning.

"We've had a number of players work really hard this summer and we are also pleased with our numbers this year," Coach Kelm said. "It's an exciting time with everyone on an even playing field. We were pleased with the enthusiasm of the players on the first day of practice."

Crawford All-Stars win first round 22-0

The Crawford Lady Pirate Major Girl All Stars put the whammy on the Grand Mesa Colorado All Stars Monday evening to the tune of 22-0 in the first round of the Regional Tournament at the Southwestern Regional Little League Complex in Waco.

Next game for the Lady Pirates is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday against Monday's Texas East-Arkansas winner.

Winning pitcher was Carrigan Chambers who recorded four strikeouts, and allowed only two ground balls to leave the infield.

Crawford batters jumped on their opponent quickly in the first inning by pounding out 12 hits

and scoring 15 runs. The game was called after four innings.

Chambers didn't even realize she had pitched a no hitter until her third baseman told her. She was quick to give her teammates praise for excellent defense instead of giving herself a pat on the back.

Ellen Whitney, Korie Dutschmann, Jessica Tomchesson, and Morgan Groppe all had three hits each.

"The kids have had a great attitude," Crawford manager Tate Christensen stated. "During the state tournament, when we lost to Lubbock, the kids were like it was no big deal. This team doesn't mind being challenged."

News Briefs

EMS Fund-raiser Planned For Aug. 8th

A fund-raiser is being planned to benefit McGregor Volunteer EMS Service on Saturday, August 8th. Location is the parking lot of Brookshire Brothers from 8 am to 2 pm. There will be a Bake and Craft Sale by the community seniors, a motor cycle show, Car Wash by community youth, Concessions by Am. Legion and Auxiliary, Silent Auction by community donations, games, and a drawing for a quilt made by Magic Fingers Quilt Club. To help or to make a donation please call 840-9563 or 447-1080.

CABC To Show 'Fireproof' August 8th

College Avenue Baptist Church will be sponsoring the McGregor premiere of the world acclaimed movie "Fireproof". This movie has been recognized by many to be one of the most effective marriage tools today. College Avenue Baptist is inviting parents, grandparents, couples and all adults to come and enjoy a special "date night" August 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Center at Third and Monroe. A great time is assured for all those who come and enjoy the movie. Admission is free. Hot dogs, drinks and popcorn will be provided free. Child care will be provided for the small children. Bring your comfortable chair and enjoy a special night in our air-conditioned theatre.

Reception for New Crawford ISD Supt.

A reception to welcome new Crawford ISD Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Hall and family will be held Monday, August 10 at the High School Commons from 5 to 7 p.m. The community is encouraged to come and welcome the new superintendent to the community.

McGregor FFA Parents' Meeting Aug. 11

The McGregor FFA would like to meet the parents of all perspective FFA member Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 7-8 p.m. at the Ag Shop. All perspective members and parents are urged to attend. Information will be given out about the FFA. Any questions contact Ronald Morgan at 254-405-4197 or 254-840-2853

Community Handbell Choir Being Organized

A community handbell choir is in the process of being organized, and ringers are needed. The first meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th at First United Methodist Church in McGregor. Directing the handbell choir will be Barbara Lewandowsky, an experienced ringer and director, of Waco. The handbell choir is open to anyone in the MOC community, whether they have rung bells before or read music. Experienced ringers are welcome. Anyone interested or wanting more information may contact Bonnie Mullens at 749-8171 or email at bonnie@mcgregor-mirror.com. The choir, at this time is planning on meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 at the First United Methodist Church.

McGregor 4-H Club To Meet August 18th

The McGregor 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, August 18th at the Sixth and Adams Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all current members and students interested in joining 4-H. Ages for 4-H membership are from grades 3 through 12. For more information call Michael Buchanan at 840-0126.

MHS Class of 1959 Planning 50th Reunion

The MHS Class of 1959 is having its 50th year class reunion on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The event will include a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. at "The Main Place" in McGregor. If you do not receive a letter within the next week about the day's activities, please contact Elizabeth Brandt Cooper at cequilt2@aol.com or telephone 909-982-3672. You can also contact Betty Upchurch Lemay at btylemay@aol.com or telephone 254-840-3654 or 979-739-0851 or Patricia Braun Mueller at 903-660-2660 or email her at pbrueller3155@hughes.com.

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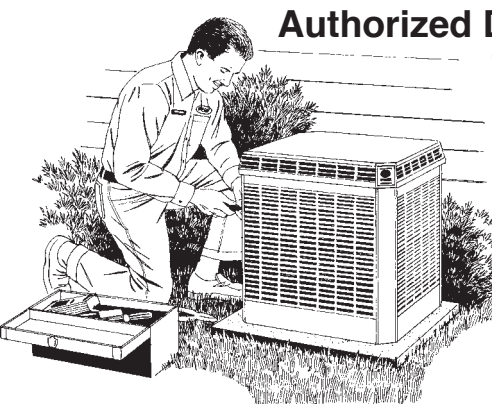
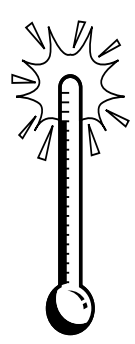


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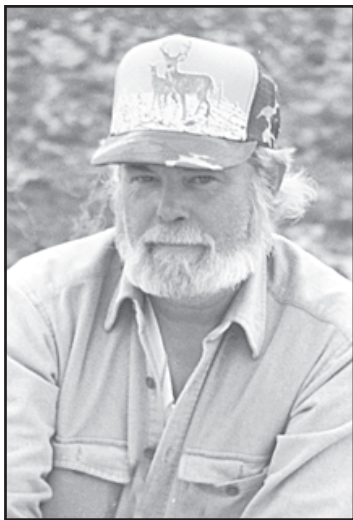
Elvin "Andy" Elsworth Andrews, age 88, of La Marque, passed away on July 28, 2009. He was born on April 9, 1921 in Frankston, Texas to James and Martha Andrews.

Andy proudly served his country in the Army Air Corp during World War II, a builder by profession, vice president of Houston All Things Possible Missions and was an active member of Living Way Church for 35 years.

Andy is preceded in death by parents, first wife, 2 brothers, twin brother and 4 sisters.

Andy is survived by his wife of 35 years, Ann Andrews; son, Ronnie E. Andrews and his wife Jill of Ruidoso, NM; daughter, Suzanne Peterson and her husband Jeff; sister, Rena Belle Luedeker and her husband Edgar of Waco, TX; grandchildren, John Marchesini and wife Wendy, Marianna Marchesini; great grandson, Luke Edwards; he will be missed by his many nieces, nephew and loving friends.

The family received visitors from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2009 at Carnes Funeral Home 3100 Gulf Freeway (Exit 15), Texas City. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home; Ministers Les Derrick Jr. and John Symes officiated. Burial followed at Galveston Memorial Park in Hitchcock, TX.



Don Sanders

Don W. Sanders, 64, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2009, at his home. Funeral services were 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Crawford with Pastor Tom Beers officiating. Interment followed in St. Paul Memorial Park under the direction of Cole Funeral Home, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor. A visitation was held from 6 to 8 P.M. Monday, August 3, 2009, at Cole Funeral Home.

Don was born July 4, 1945, the son of the late Robert and Irene (Miller) Sanders, in Waco, Texas. He was a 1963 graduate of Crawford High School. For thirty years he was employed by Western Electric which later became AT&T until his 2000 retirement. Don was a life long member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife Linda Sue; children Julie Palmer and husband Mike, Carson Moore and wife Tammy, Darren Moore; a granddaughter, Madalynne Moore; a brother-in-law Allan Westmoreland and wife Rosemary; brothers, Stanley Sanders, Randy Sanders, Ricky Sanders, and Aunt Margie Stuth and an uncle Buster Sanders and wife Betty Jo.

Active casketbearers will be Gary Grammer, Ron Smith, Carson Moore, Darren Moore, Mike Wightman and Rick

Marshall. Honorary casketbearers will be Allan Westmoreland, David Schimshat, Mike Palmer and Clint Coates.

For those desiring, the family has suggested St. Paul Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 98, Crawford, Texas 76638 for memorial contributions.

May God watch over Don and keep him safe in his loving arms till we meet again.



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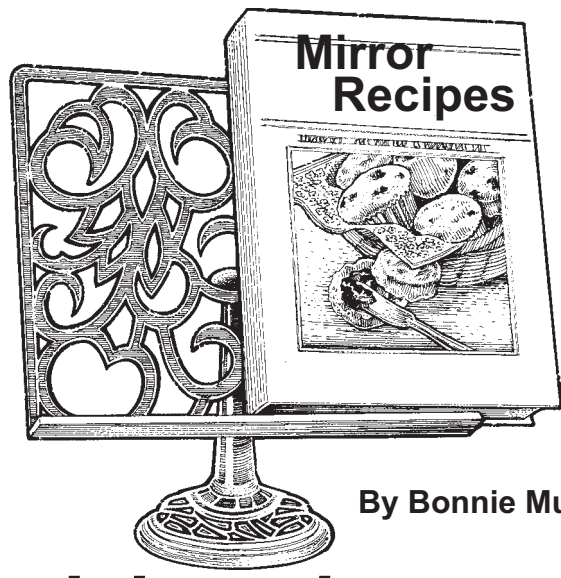
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By Bonnie Mullens

Quick and easy to the table recipes

August is here and before you can turn around school will be starting. There will be football games on Friday night for varsity and games earlier in the week for the other teams, along with practices, homework, band and cheerleading. Time will be in short supply.

Recipes this week are ones that are meant to get you out of the kitchen quickly in order to enjoy more time at the table with your family, by local women. Time was when going out to eat or take out was a treat, but in these hectic days, now home cooked meals are a luxury in many families. Quality family time can be shared at the home dinner table. Here is to more home cooked meals, and the ones who make them.

SOUP
1 can tomato soup
1 lb. spaghetti
American or Cheddar cheese, grated

Brown meat, onions and pepper. Add salt and seasoning. Add soups and a little water. Simmer 20 or 30 minutes. Meantime, cook spaghetti and drain in casserole, put a layer of spaghetti, half of sauce and layer of grated cheese. Repeat with cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes, until cheese is melted through and slightly brown.

CHICKEN CASSEROLE
5 boneless chicken breasts or 2 cans chicken
1 medium bag Nacho Doritos
1 can diced Rotel tomatoes & green chilies
Velveta Cheese
2 cans cream of chicken soup
Boil chicken breasts until done; dice into bite-size pieces. Mix soup and Rotel tomatoes. Smash Doritos in bag.
Layer 1/3 soup, 1/2 bag

SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE
1 lb. ground meat
chopped onions
chopped bell pepper
1 can cream of mushroom

CHICKEN CRUNCH CASSEROLE
1 cup chicken broth
1 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 cans mushroom soup
4 cups boiled chicken
5 oz. can of water chestnuts (sliced)
3 oz. can chow mein noodles
Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes.

MEXICAN CASSEROLE
2 lbs. hamburger meat
onions, chopped
2 cans Tomato soup
1 pkg. tortillas
8 slices American Cheese
1 can green chilies
Chili powder, salt & pepper
Brown hamburger meat, add chili powder. Heat tomato soup with one can of water, layer hamburger meat, green chilies, onions, tortillas (cut in strips) sliced cheese, add heated tomato soup, continue till all ingredients are used.

Bake uncovered for 40 minutes at 325 degrees.

HAMBURGER CORN-PONE PIE
(Budget-stretching meat dish)

1 pound ground beef
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 T. shortening
2 tsp. chili powder
3/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 cup drained kidney beans
1 cup corn bread batter
(1/2 package corn muffin mix or 1/2 standard corn bread recipe)
Brown meat and chopped onion in melted shortening. Add seasonings and tomatoes. Cover and simmer over low heat for 15 minutes, then add kidney beans.

Pour meat mixture into a greased 1 or 1 1/2 -quart casserole (or other baking dish of same capacity). Top with corn bread mixture, spreading carefully with knife. Bake at 425 degrees F. for 20 minutes or until corn bread topping is golden brown.

CHEESY CHICKEN AND RICE CASSEROLE
1 can Cream of Chicken Soup
1 1/3 c. water
3/4 c. uncooked long grain white rice
2 c. fresh or frozen vegetables
1/2 tsp. onion powder
4 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Stir soup, water, rice, vegetables and onion powder in 8x12 baking pan. Top with chicken. Season chicken as desired. Cover with foil. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or until done. Top with cheese.

HODGE PODGE
2 lb. ground meat—browned and drained
3 cans Minestrone soup
2 cans Ranch style beans
1 can Rotel tomatoes and green chilies, mashed

Turn slow cooker to low. Layer ingredients in order given. Cook on low 8 hours. Do not peek. Serve with cornbread.

BAKED GERMAN CHICKEN
4 (6-oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
1 (4-oz) can Sauerkraut (drained)
4 slices Swiss cheese
Lite Thousand Island dressing.

Rinse and pat dry chicken breasts. Place chicken breasts in Pyrex baking dish. Put sauerkraut over each piece of chicken. Place one slice of cheese on top of sauerkraut. Top each piece of chicken with 2-3 T. of Thousand

Island dressing. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

MEXICAN SPAGHETTI
2 lbs. ground meat
1 (12-oz) pkg. spaghetti
1 can Cream of chicken soup
1 can Cream of mushroom soup
1 can Rotel tomatoes
1 small jar of Taco sauce
1 can enchilada sauce
grated cheese

Cook your spaghetti and set aside. Brown your ground meat, season as desired and drain. Combine meat and other ingredients (with the exception of the grated cheese) with spaghetti, stirring well. Transfer the spaghetti mixture to a 13 x 9 casserole dish and top with the cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

And for something sweet to greet them when they get home from school. . .

CINNAMON SUGAR COOKIES
3/4 cup Crisco, melted and cooled
1 egg
1 c. sugar
1/4 c. White Corn Syrup
2 c. flour

2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. nutmeg
Melt Crisco, cool and add egg and sugar. Mix dry ingredients and add to mixture. Roll into small balls and roll in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees until lightly browned around the edges.

OATMEAL CRISPIES
1 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sugar
2 eggs (beaten)
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 c. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups quick-cooking oatmeal
1/2 c. Chopped pecans or walnuts
1 cup chocolate chips

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Add flour, salt and soda. Mix well. Add oatmeal, nuts and chocolate chips. Mix well. Shape into rolls. Wrap in wax paper and chill thoroughly or overnight. Cut into 1/4 inch thick slices. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

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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

AUGUST 9, 1929—
□McGregor suffered one of the most disastrous fires in its history on Sunday night, August 4th. The fire was first discovered at 12:30 in the Moorehead Barn, the big barn located just east of Main Street. It was thought the fire originated from green hay stored there.

From the barn, the fire spread in every direction, catching the city barn on the south, the back of the W.C. Riddle Ford Agency on the west and Amsler and Co's lumber yard and the two-story and one-story buildings of the same firm which were located across the street on the north which housed their stock of hardware, implements, paints, wall paper, floor covering, etc. Cedar blocking at the rear of the Cameron Co. and the grain house of Rhumann Grain and Seed Company.

The fire boys worked faithfully from the beginning and with the additional new fire engine just recently received, brought the fire under control after three hours. The estimated loss was \$85,000, most of which was suffered by the Amsler Company.

• McGregor students receiving their diplomas during the summer were Misses Doi Evers, Estasue Davis and Elma Fiske.

AUGUST 11, 1939—
• McGregor school opening date for the '39-'40 school year was set for September 11.

• Over 1000 visitors attended the open house at the First National Bank's 50th Anniversary Open House. Ladies attending were presented flowers and the gentlemen were presented cigars. Kreyer's orchestra played during the open house.

• The first bale of cotton to reach the local market in Oglesby was brought in by H.E. Riddle.

AUGUST 5, 1949—
• The first bale of 1949 cotton was raised by Mrs. Martha Hunter on her farm just east of the city limits. The bale weighed 486 pounds. The bale was put on dis-

play at the Lee Hardware Company corner and was to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

• McGregor Chamber of Commerce was planning a Watermelon Feast to entertain the local firemen to be held on Firemen's Lawn.

• Very little interest was held in last Saturday's school election. Only 125 votes were cast. The election was called by board members of McGregor ISD for the purpose of voting an additional 25 cents to the present \$1.00 school tax, making a total which might thereafter be assessed at \$1.25.

• The Fair Store advertised ladies gaberline play shorts for \$1, men's pajamas for \$1.69 and all sizes boys' blue jeans for \$1.98.

JULY 31, 1959—
• Twenty two year old Betty Kalscheuer was named Miss McGregor at the Jaycee sponsored beauty contest. Second place went to 16 year old Linda White and the third place winner was 17 year old Diane Calkins.

• McGregor City Planning Board officers were M.J. Norris, Dick Moore and Mrs. Polly Strawn.

• MHS coaches attending summer football clinic were Norman Smith, Dan Junell and Millard Owens.

• "Gigantis, The Fire Monster" and "Teenager From Outer Space" was the double feature of The Texas Theatre.

JULY 31, 1969—
• Buster Morris retired after 22 years at McLennan County Electric Cooperative.

• Miss Betty Lou Gardner became the bride of Bob Johnson.

• Mrs. Beatrice Frady joined Nellie Ray Matlage at Nellie Ray's Beauty Shop in Crawford.

• Price of reserve Bulldog season tickets were \$1.50 per game.

• Two McGregor Boy Scouts, Daniel Boone and Lee Wolf, attended Wilderness Canoe Base in Ely, Montana.

AUGUST 2, 1979—

□There was a front page interview with Dee Spradley, who at that time was the only surviving member of the first McGregor Bulldog team ever formed in 1909. Other team members were Oliver Bradshaw, Tom Black, Billy Schepers, Lucian Roach, Edwin Pace, Crit Connally, Allen Johnson, Jack Cavitt, Tull Johnson, Ralph McEntire, George Roach, Albert Connally, Edgar Isbill, King Johnson, Bob Gullledge. Coach was L.W. Rogers.

• The First National Bank of McGregor ran an advertisement paying tribute to Miss Lena Amsler for her lifetime of service to the McGregor community. The ad went on to say—"Not only did she touch the lives of thousands during her 48 years of teaching in McGregor schools, but she and the other members of the pioneer Amsler family have been a force in McGregor's history almost from the beginning."

• Twenty-eight visitors arrived in McGregor by way of Amtrak.

An article appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram concerning an opportunity to ride Amtrak. The article suggested a nice trip could be made in one day from Fort Worth to McGregor with a layover time of 1 1/2 to 2 hours They just failed to say the station was closed on Saturdays.

The McGregor Chamber of Commerce had volunteers that met the train and entertained the visitors during their layover.

AUGUST 10, 1989—

□Bulldog hopefuls were getting ready to report for pre-season football practice. Pictured pumping iron were Tommy Miller and Xavier Young.

• Crawford Class of '59 held their 30th High School Reunion. Attending were Franklin Able, Jerry Bond, Lona Mae (Black) Klutts, Janet (Brown) Benson, Jerry Caddel, Kenneth Engelbrecht, Joe Flores, Shelton Foss, Kenneth Kettler, Donald

Lammert, John Luning, Gene Reinhardt, Geneva (Reinhardt) Bolen, Frances (Turk) Fortenberry and Charles Wiethorn.

• Officers for the McGregor Band Parents Organization were Emily Skrhak, Paula Owen, Mynette Taylor and Debbie Pollei.

• Brenda Westerfield was The Mirror's "Cook of the Week."

AUGUST 5, 1999—

• MOC students were preparing for start of school August 11th.

• The McGregor Economic Development Corporation finally got its wish for beautiful weather to complete filming by Jackalope Entertainment, to promote McGregor "as a place that has it." The 12 minutes of film had to be edited to a 30 second commercial. Damon Crump, president and director, did the final cut.

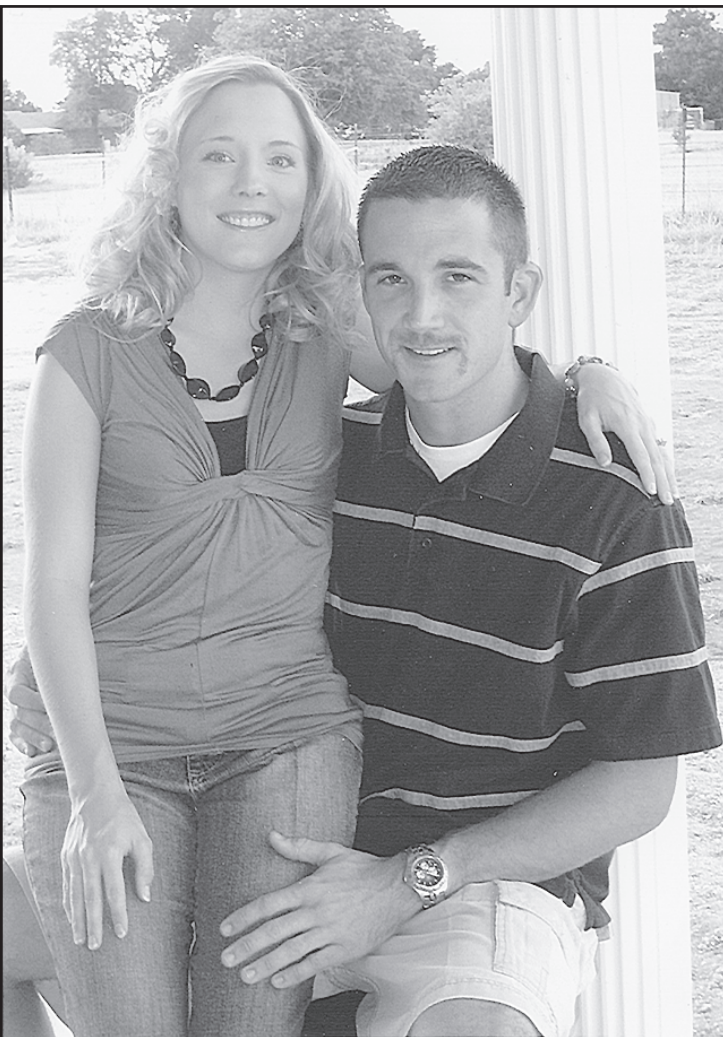
McGregor School Superintendent Kenneth Marlin and Davis Zajicek wrote the music for the commercial. Meghan Mullens played a business woman at McGregor Executive Airport, and the picnic scene at Jerry and Jan Walters' home had Dean, Charlene, Dalani and Tyler Elliott along with Dick and Gladys Fox and Margaret Smith. Also in the commercial was David Lusk and McGregor patrolman Ramsey.

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ACROSS
1 TX Meat Loaf hit: "___ Anything for Love"
5 "legal eagle" charges
6 this Baldwin was in "Mini's First Time"
7 TX Audie in WWII
8 TX V.T. Hamlin's comic: "Alley ___"
9 TXism: "you're dancing ___ field" (dangerous)
16 TXism: "he could shoot the eye out of a ___" (good shot)
18 ideal neighborhood baseball site (2 wds.)
21 this Ron directed TX Bill Paxton in "Apollo 13" (init.)
22 this Malden was in "Nuts" with UT-grad Wallach
23 TXism: "brains ___ box" (computer)
24 garlic and onion in TX chili
30 this Sally was in "Foxes" ('80) with TX Randy Quaid
34 Ranger league (abbr.)
35 West Texas rock
36 Richmond is seat of Fort ___ County
37 the best TXns
39 TX Roy Orbison had one in '40s (2 wds.)
43 Jester was only gov. to ___ office ('49)
44 in Hidalgo Co. on 83
45 "yes" so. of border
46 "I ___ him packing"
47 TX's "Our Lady of ___ University"
49 TXism: "___, no watermelon" (fake)
52 site of 47-across: ___ Antonio
53 TXism: "good ___ boy"
54 Australian marsupial
55 protective & affectionate
58 TX Fort Hood's 1st unit came from Fort ___, MD
59 this Howe coached for Astros & Rangers
60 many TX speed limits are 70 ___
61 dir. to Dallas from Denton (abbr.)
DOWN
12 TXism: "school ___ (teacher)
13 coastal hurricanes often move ___
14 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
15 UT-grad Wallach ___
19 TXism: "dancing like a bobber ___"
20 what Mav, Rocket, & Spur scouts look for
24 TX outlaw Bass (init.)
25 good golf score
26 TX-born Joan Crawford film: "___ What You Did"
27 Texas A&M's "Corps of ___"
28 this Pease resigned governorship in '69
29 rustled cattle
31 TXism: "hog ___ (pistol)
32 Rangers president Nolan (init.)
33 done loudly
38 TXism: "if it had ___ snake it would have bit you"
40 TXism: "sidekick"
41 once a giant U.S. electronics co.
42 did a farm chore: ___ cows
48 Jack of "Big Bad John" with TX Dean
50 TX ___ has been passed down
51 ___ Verde County
56 Cowboys & Texans music instruments with parallel strings

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Tammy Lillard and Jason Lewis

Couple to marry September 19

Donald and Carolyn Lillard of McGregor are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy Lynn Lillard, to Jason Allen Lewis, son of Tommy Lewis of Hewitt and Sheri Lewis of Waco.

Tammy will graduate from McLennan Community College Respiratory Therapy Program in August of 2009.

Jason graduated from McLennan Community College Fire Academy in July 2005. He is employed as a Fire Fighter and Paramedic with Killeen Fire Department.

The couple will exchange vows on September 19, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor, Texas.



Zayne Michael Taylor

It's a boy!

Kenneth and Sarah Taylor are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Zayne Michael, who was born July 20, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco.

Zayne weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth. Zayne's paternal grandparents are Mike and Sandra Lynch of Mart, TX and maternal grandparents are Johnny and Cindy Hubert of McGregor, TX.

Mother, father and baby are all at home doing fine!



Dear Editor,
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Amber Arseneaux graduates from Texas A&M

Amber Kay Arseneaux of McGregor graduated on May 15, 2009 from Texas A&M University in College Station, TX, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Leadership and Development with a minor in Psychology. While studying at Texas A&M, Amber was involved in a variety of campus activities. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and was President of the Collegiate Panhellenic Council, the governing body over the 12 national sororities at Texas A&M. In addition to her sorority involvement, she was also a member of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Board of Directors representing more than 3,500 Aggie Greek students and a Texas A&M Foundation Maroon Coat.

Amber graduated from McGregor High School in 2005. She is the daughter of Kerry and Regina Arseneaux, sister of Kristy Arseneaux, MHS Class of 2007, and the granddaughter of Rosalee Zacharias and the late C.O. "Donnie" Zacharias, of Oglesby and the late Jane and Henry "Hank" Arseneaux, of Newburg, Indiana.

Amber currently has a job as a Project Specialist for the Department of Greek Life at Texas A&M University in College Station.

This prevents the drive in to Waco, with today's gas prices that indeed is a convenience. Then add in the probability of having to stand in line in Waco to be served, is another plus for us here.

Especially in today's economy, this local county government service should be a welcome addition to this area. But then in these economically troubled times, why does it seem that Mr. Skeen's local office is more focused on the convenience of it's locally out-stationed employee, rather than the public it should be serving?

Once again I drive to the McGregor substation to purchase

an auto registration sticker for one of my vehicles. I arrive at the door at 4:10 pm, the sign clearly posted on that door lists office hours of 8:00 am till 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Since I was there on a Monday, I expected no difficulty in completing this transaction.

Once again, I find the door locked! While standing there disbelieving, two customer's exit. I ask them if it is 4:30 pm yet and they say no, but add an ajoiner, saying I should better try to get in before the door is locked again. I attempt to heed their advice and walk back to the door, only to hear it being locked again and this

time a sign was also posted saying "we are closed". Of course this is still before 4:15 pm, which to the best of my limited education would mean that it is still before the posted closing time for this local government office that is there as a convenience to it's customers.

I would like to ask Mr. Skeen or his local sub-station representative for an appointment if necessary, so I could conduct my dictated by law transaction at the convenience of his office.

Getting more than just a little bit mad, at what is supposed to be a "given"! Jimmy Mullens

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
McLENNAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET**

THE McLENNAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2010 FISCAL YEAR.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 20, 2009, 12:30 P.M. AT THE McLENNAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED AT 315 S 26TH STREET, WACO, TEXAS.

A SUMMARY OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET FOLLOWS:

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS \$4,104,432.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET IS \$265,051.

THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES COMPENSATED UNDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE 44.

THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES COMPENSATED UNDER THE CURRENT BUDGET IS 44.

THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT IS SUPPORTED SOLELY BY PAYMENTS FROM THE LOCAL TAXING UNITS SERVED BY THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

IF APPROVED BY THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, THIS PROPOSED BUDGET WILL TAKE EFFECT AUTOMATICALLY UNLESS DISAPPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CITIES, AND TOWNS SERVED BY THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF EACH OF THOSE GOVERNING BODIES. A COPY IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE.

McLENNAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
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Varsity schedule on tap for volleyball program

The McGregor volleyball program will be playing varsity, junior varsity and freshmen schedules this year. Head Coach Cynthia Knapke reported that 33 girls are out for volleyball this year. Two-a-day practices started Monday. "This is our first year to play on the varsity level," Coach Knapke stated. "Since we started out a couple of years ago with freshmen and sophomores, it was our choice to start in the Jayvee program for two years before starting a varsity schedule."

First two scrimmages are against Jarrell there Friday and against Rockdale there on Saturday. First tournament is set at Copperas Cove on Aug. 13-15. The Lady Bulldogs' first home game is scheduled on Aug. 18 against Rockdale starting at 5 p.m. Workouts are held each week day from 7:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. followed by an hour break, and then from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Assistant coach is Chris Summerfeld. Also Sandy Brown and Amberly Leight are helping during the two-a-day workouts.



MARTIN BARRON GOT A THRILL AT LAKE WACO recently when he set the hook on a trophy 8 pound, 8 ounce large-mouth bass. He caught the fish in about five or six feet of water on a white rubber jig and trailer. He said luckily the big fish moved towards deeper water which was away from the brush.

1st Baptist organizes McGregor MOPS Starts in Sept.

The First Baptist Church of McGregor is beginning a MOPS group for the mothers of preschoolers. MOPS is a way for moms to get together with each other and their children as well as opportunities to meet with other mothers of preschoolers to exchange ideas and helps to being a preschooler mom. MOPS group meetings include speakers on subjects of interest, story time, group discussions, "field trips," crafts, Bible study, and just about anything a moms would like to do.

Registration begins in August and the first MOPS meeting will be in September. There will be meetings each month, and registration is free. Membership includes a subscription to Mom Sense magazine, Theme Book, a weekly moms e-mail, and access to MOPS international website.

MOPS provide an opportunity for moms with preschoolers in the community to get to meet other mom's with preschoolers. For more information please call, Codi King (MOPS Leader) 254-722-8270 or First Baptist Church 254-840-3301, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



THE CENTRAL TEXAS 94 HURRICANES, a girl's fastpitch softball team, were the 16 and under winners of the "Serious Softball" tournament held recently in Waco. Members of the team are pictured left to right (front row) Sarah Truelove, Alex Wilson, (second row) Ashley Mills, Kirsten Whiteside, Lauren Bedrich, Lexi Segars, Dakota Holly, (back row) Coach Kaylee Young, Marissa Evett, Jessica Williams, Paige Williams, Andelyn Irons, Lexxie Davenport, Hannah Greer and Coach Ira Wilson.

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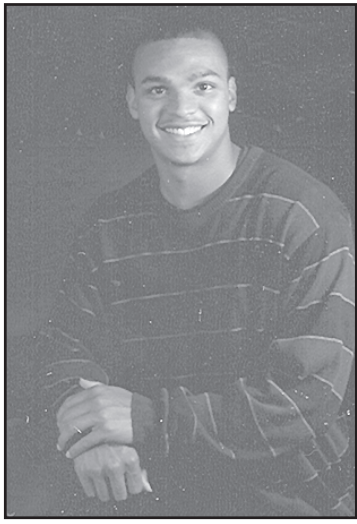


Call Meghan Mullens for more information 254-840-0123.
Deadline for ordering is Founders Day Sept. 19th

Newman's attend grandson's graduation

By Florence M. Newman
Billy and I are very thankful for our grandson Eric Von Newman, Jr. He is 18 years old. He is a very intelligent, smart and enthusiastic young man. His entire high school he was in advanced classes. Every day after school he worked. Eric's goals in life are to become an aircraft mechanic and an aircraft pilot. Flying the big planes.

daughter-in-law Laura Newman and sons were picking us up at 7 a.m. so we could drive the long trip to Tulsa, Ok, so Eric Jr. could enroll in college on July 9. I rode with Laura and Billy rode in the car with Eric Jr. and Joshua. We rode through Waco, Dallas, Sherman, Texas and we crossed into Oklahoma at 10:45 a.m. We arrived in Tulsa, Ok at 2:30 p.m. that day. We stayed at the Radisson Inn right by the Tulsa International Airport, not far from the college. We were up and out early so Eric Jr. could register at Spartan College. Eric also got his books and uniforms. I sat in the office while the others went with Eric to do all these important things upstairs. I read a very special hard-back book on Aeronautics., Aviation and Wars of every country. It was interesting. Eric Jr. also went to a Job Fair. When were in the office, we were excited to meet Larry J. Slayton, PhD, BSA TM chair (Dean of Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology). He was nice. He told Eric Jr. he is available to the students every day and on weekends from 8 am to 10 pm. I told Dr. Slayton that my husband worked for General Dynamics and Lockheed building air planes.



Eric Von Newman, Jr.

Dr. Slayton told me he had lived in Texas and did research for Lockheed. Everyone we met at Spartan was nice and friendly. Then we went to Eric Jr's dormitory. He has his own room and key. His room has a large bed and nice furnishings. The area where he lives in the dorm is equipped with everything he needs. That evening we went to Parent's Orientation with Laura. The orientation was very enlightening and knowledgeable to me. It was an overview of the aspects of training Eric Jr. will need to graduate. I am very glad Eric Jr. came to the school that was organized in 1928. The instructors explained about transition time, class hours, terms, days, training, cost, general education, main courses needed, zero tolerance for drug use. You are out, you miss 18 hours, you don't pass. Three and a half years, no time off, you can get two degrees—a BA degree and an Associate degree.



Eric Von Newman, Sr.

retired from the Army. After serving 22 years. Eric Sr.'s home is in Killeen, with his wife Laura and his family. After serving 22 years in the Army, Eric recently retired as an E-7 Rank in June 2008. During his 22 years, Eric traveled nearly all over the world and served in the follow four wars: Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Bosnia Herzge Novia. We thank God for our son's service to the country. I am thankful to God for blessing us to make this round trip to Tulsa, Ok and back safely. I am very grateful to and thankful for my grandson Joshua for all the help he gave me the whole trip. Granny loves you Joshua.

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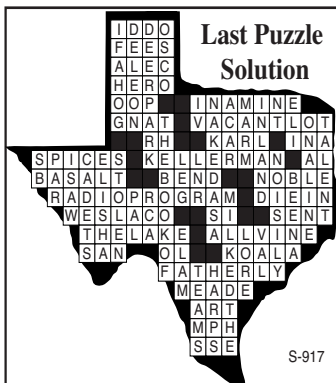
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First Baptist Church



A day-time TV talk show featured the theme "Miracle Makeovers." The host of the show took some volunteers backstage, plain, average looking, and gave them the full treatment. They fixed their hair, put make-up on their faces, gave them a new wardrobe, and the women came out looking completely different. When you saw the before and after photos, it was hard to believe they were one and the same person. From an appearance perspective, these truly were Miracle Makeovers.

I'm not so interested in an outside makeover as I am in an inside makeover. How many of you would like to start over again? God is in the business of makeovers. He does this through his grace. I want to use this column over the next few weeks to describe how to have an inside makeover.

What is grace? We say grace over meals; we say an athlete or dancer is graceful; our insurance company offers a grace period when we're late with our payment; someone who entertains well at home is often called a gracious host. The Biblical meaning of the word is God's undeserved kindness. God's mercy, God's love, God's forgiveness are not given to us a payback; these are not things that we earn with our good behavior.

You may be thinking, "It's too late for a brand new me. I've tried that already. I turned over a new leaf. I made New Year's Resolutions. I joined a spa. I even tried church. And I wound up feeling worse than ever before."

If you've blown it in the past, you're probably struggling with guilt today. "If only I had done things differently. If only I could change the past, then my life would be so much better today."

I have heard numerous confessions of the struggles people have with guilt. "I had an affair, and I can't live with myself...I had an abortion, and I regret it everyday of my life...I'm an ex-con, and even though I've been to prison I still don't feel like I've paid my

debt...I cheated. I lied...I was a lousy father...I neglected my parents..." Feeling guilty isn't part of God's plan for your life. Many people think that making people feel guilty is what the church and the Christian faith are all about, but nothing could be further from the truth—the church is to help you overcome it. When it comes to guilt, God doesn't want to rub it in; he wants to rub it out. If you've got a problem with guilt, grace is the answer. More next week.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT WEAPON

by Sammie Haynes, Pastor,
Church of the Living God



2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

I'm not too much on reality television; but about 10 years ago I saw something that literally made me fall off the bed laughing. It was the Cops reality show, and on this particular segment a man was driving through an unfamiliar neighborhood when he noticed that his rear passenger tire was flat. He pulled over to the curb, so that he and his friend could change over to the spare. As they were changing the tire the sound of screeching tires caught their attention, and out of nowhere the car slammed into the rear of the parked car, knocking it off its car jack. The driver did not stay there long nor did he say a word, he put the car in reverse, backed up and then sped off spinning the tires to make a getaway. Furious, one of the guys ran to the trunk of their car, to retrieve a baseball bat and started running down the road shouting and cursing, as the driver made his getaway. He could not get close enough to do any damage, so he finally quit, and walked back to help his friend. Again they heard the sound of screeching tires coming from around the block. It was the same car, but this time it turned into the driveway of the house they were in front of. While the car was still running, the driver put it into park, opened the door and ran inside the house as fast as he could. The guy with the baseball bat, still furious and seeking revenge ran up the drive, shouting as he went, when he got his hands on the man, what he

would do! He was talking tough as he boldly opened the door and went inside. For a split second nothing happened and nor could we hear anything. Then out of no where the guy with the baseball bat, hit the screen door running, almost knocking it off its hinges. He was screaming not so tough anymore, and the baseball bat was nowhere to be found. He yelled at the top of his voice, "He got a gun!" as he ran down the street in shame. He chose the wrong weapon. Don't fight with carnal weapons.

Satan has so many weapons, and they are all aimed at us. He wants to steal, kill and destroy, but our weapon is faith in God. Jesus gave us the right weapon, with His LIFE, so choose the right weapon, get on the winning side, and make Jesus Lord of your life.

Roberson Chapel Women's Day Annual scheduled for Sunday, August 9th

Roberson Chapel AME Church Women's Day Annual will be Sunday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m. St. Luke AME Church and Rev. Pamela Rivera will be guests. William A. Forbes, Jr. is pastor of Roberson Chapel.



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T/Th. 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Life Center
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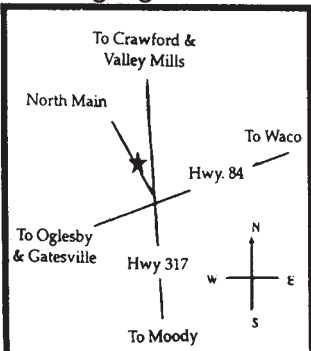
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THE MCGREGOR BULLDOGS go through some stretching exercises on the first day of football practice Monday morning. A total of 86 players showed up for the first day.



VARSITY MEMBERS OF THE Crawford Pirates are pictured during the first workout of two-a-day workouts on Monday. First scrimmage is set on Aug. 15 versus Salado.

City chipping crew schedule announced

The City of McGregor has been busy chipping brush and limbs this summer, and wants its customers to be aware of the pickup schedule. To be eligible for chipping program, citizens must

sign up for the \$3 a month service. According to Billy Russ, municipal service assistant director, the crews will be out the last two weeks of the month. They will chip brush and limbs of every-

body on the city list that has stacks at the curb. There is no need to call. The chipper crew will be making all the streets during the last two weeks of the month.

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