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This young boy may have been dreaming about Christmas, but he had no idea he was sitting in Santa Claus' lap following the McGregor parade Saturday afternoon.

Crawford Community Service Sunday

The Crawford Chamber of Commerce invites the community to participate in the Christmas in Crawford Community Service to be held Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Amsler Building in downtown Crawford.

Congregational singing will be mingled between church performances. All churches have been invited to participate through music—individual or choir, scripture reading, skits, etc. "There is no limit as to how to praise God at this wonderful time of the celebration of the birth of Christ," said Chamber President Marilyn Judy.

Hot chocolate will be served

by the Chamber. The Chamber is asking those coming to bring finger foods and snacks to share.

This year the space between the Yellow Rose and the old barber shop will become a winter wonderland of decoration. The large metal Christmas tree decorated with the memorial ornaments will be erected there.

Ornaments can be purchased in memory, in honor or in appreciation of family members, teachers, friends, work associates, etc. Cost of the ornaments are \$15 for large and \$10 for small. The ornaments will be displayed on the community tree and the 2006 names will be read during the ser-

vice.

"We look forward to the communities participation in the special Christmas event," Judy said. "We hope to sponsor events that bring the people of Crawford together. By doing this, we strengthen our community and make it a place we are proud to call home."

To order ornaments or more information on how you can participate, please call Marilyn Judy at 486-2101 or 744-6076.

The Crawford Chamber of Commerce will be accepting canned goods at "Christmas in Crawford" service to support the Crawford Food Bank.

Toy drive in big need of donations

The local toy drive, headed up by McGregor Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, is in big need of donations this year. They have a pretty hefty request list—246 children ranging in age from infant to high school seniors, representing 77 families. Last year's list had 174 children.

"There are a lot more families needing our help this year," said Karen Spradley, who has

helped chair this worthy cause for several years along with her husband, McGregor Fire Chief Moe Spradley. "We need donations of toys, groceries and money. The toys need to be new and unwrapped. The money donations will go to purchase items for those on our list."

Donations may be given to any fireman, or ambulance volunteer and may be dropped off at the

McGregor EMS building located at 404 South Main, during the week. Other drop off locations are Brookshire Brothers and The McGregor Mirror.

Last day to give toys or cash donations is December 15th. The volunteers will start packing and filling their list that night and will make their deliveries to families on December, 17th.

Board to consider technology update

The McGregor School Board will consider upgrading the technology plan at its Thursday meeting this week at the administration building at 525 Bluebonnet Parkway.

Citizens are always welcome to attend.

The board will also consider bids for new buses. Other agenda

items include the selection of the textbook committee for 2006-2007. Agenda item nine pertains to personnel.

Most of the items at Thursday night's meeting will fall under the superintendent's report.

These items for discussion will include the leadership team workshop, superintendent evalu-

ation instrument, McLennan Community College student progress report, McGregor Head Start program, McGregor High School Texas Educator Excellence Grant, 41/42 Partnership with Beckville ISD, Internet Safety program for parents report, and potential bond refunding for Elementary debt.

Following the superintendent's report, the board will consider 2007 goals under the leadership team operating procedures.



Mike Tippie, with his young son Marcus on his shoulders, wait in a long line to sit on Santa's lap and get a piece of peppermint candy.



McGregor PALS had a fun afternoon Monday when they went shopping for shopping carts full of toys. They dropped off the toys at Ronnie and Karen Spradleys who are helping organize the annual MVFD and EMS toy drive.

Mullen It Over by Bonnie Mullens

Christmas is the time for giving

Christmas can be such a wonderful time of the year, but it can also be one of the most difficult times for some folks. But living in the MOC community has it's blessing because of the generosity of the folks that call it home.

This year there are several urgent needs to make Christmas better for some who live here.

The McGregor Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer EMS are busy collecting toys and money to make this holiday a great Christmas for 246 children representing 78 families in need.

These dedicated volunteers have taken on this task for as many years as I can remember, under the leadership of Moe and Karen Spradley. Talking with many that have been involved, I hear the same comments—that it made them appreciate the joys of Christmas even more by helping others.

These men and women already serve their community 24/7 keeping us safe from fires and are ready at a moment's notice to answer our emergency health needs, but still find time and resources to help their neighbors in other important ways.

They are lucky to have many other Santa's helpers such as McGregor PALS and CenTex Slow Pokes. These two groups contribute an enormous amount to the toy drive, as well as others in the community.

Donations of unwrapped toys and cash can be given at Brookshire's and The McGregor Mirror, as well as to any fire or ems volunteer. Donations may also be taken to the McGregor EMS office at 404 South Main. You may also call the Spradleys and they will see that your donation is picked up.

Help make this Christmas special for some very special children in the community. Deadline for donations is Friday, December 15th.

The McGregor United Fund is also in the middle of its annual campaign drive. This year's goal is to raise \$15,000 to give to local organizations. In the past United Fund as given to McGregor Senior Citizen Luncheon Program, McGregor Youth Baseball, McGregor Volunteer Fire Department, McGregor EMS, McGregor Ministerial Alliance, East McGregor Community Center, McGinley Memorial Library and McGregor Emergency Communications Team.

The directors allocated an early donation to the Senior Luncheon Program after learning of their \$5,800 shortfall, bringing the needed funds to just over \$3,800. Last year, McGregor citizens came together at year's end and raised a whopping \$10,000 to ensure McGregor senior citizens receiving meals through the Meals on Wheels program continued receiving five meals a week.

As many realize, the contact with these Meals on Wheels volunteers might be the only one these older citizens have on a day to day basis. Let's make sure and keep those services going. Donations may be made in honor, memory or appreciation of someone. Cards will be sent informing the recipient of the gift made in the honor, memory or appreciation. These donations may be sent to Bonnie Mullens at The Mirror, 311 So. Main, McGregor, Texas and we will see to it that it gets to the Central Texas Senior Ministry for the McGregor program.

One more reminder—The Mirror is wanting Christmas memories and favorite holiday recipes to share with our readers in the annual Christmas greeting edition. Deadline for these articles and recipes is December 14th. They may be handwritten, emailed or brought by. We are looking forward to receiving them. If you have a favorite memory, please share it with us. Hope your holidays are bright and merry and that your decorations are up.

Have a great week.

News Briefs

Crawford Garden Club Sponsors House Lighting/Decoration Contest

The Crawford Wildflowers Garden Club is sponsoring a house lighting and decorations contest for the residents of Crawford. Awards will be made for first, second and third places. Winners' homes will be identified by a sign in their yard and will receive monetary awards for \$25 for first, \$15 for second and \$10 for third places. The judging will be on December 14, with prizes awarded on December 15. The Garden Club members encourage everyone in the city limits to involve their families and make Crawford beautiful for Christmas.

American Legion Christmas Dinner

The American Legion Post # 273 will have its annual Christmas Dinner on December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Cajun fried turkey, with dressing and ham will be furnished. All members, their families and guests are invited. Santa will be there with fruit and candy for the little ones. — *Commander Davis.*

McGregor Baptist Church Garage /Bake Sale

The McGregor Baptist Church will have a Church Garage Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Proceeds will go to Missionaries for Christmas. The sale will be at McGregor Baptist Church, corner of 2nd Street and Madison (The Senior Center Building).

New Life Worship Bazaar Dec. 9th

New Life Wovrship, located at 602 West Third, will have a Christmas Church Bazaar on Saturday, December 9th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be a bake sale and Christmas arts and crafts and garage sale items for sale. Cancelled if weather is bad.


Primetimers To Meet December 18

The McLennan County Farma Bureau Primetimer organization will meet December 18, 2006 at 11 a.m. for their Christmas meeting. Each member should bring a gift to exchange. The program will be presented by Vernita Wiethorn. If further information is needed please call 881-1827.

To submit a News Brief item email
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Jennifer Goff to portray Marilyn Monroe at UMHB performance December 8th

Showcase of Character Cameos

Performance Studies students in the Department of Communication and Media Studies in the College of Humanities at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will present a *Showcase of Character Cameos* at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 8 in Brindley Auditorium, York Science Hall.

This one hour and a half hour production of autobiographies is comprised of character cameos, which are each about five minutes long. Producer, Dr. Diane Howard, professor of performance studies at UMHB, will present the research, which is the basis of this work. The production is open and free to the public.

Daniel Hendricks will depict Adolf Hitler in *Beginning of the End*. Becki Knotts and Jonathan McCauley will perform *Rampage to Ruin* about Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrows. Amy Martin will present *Nothing Less Than Free* about Rosa Parks. Chris Wilson will perform *Against the Odds: Lincoln*. Chris Sawey delivers the story of Johnny Cash in *Man in Black*. Jennifer Goff will depict Marilyn Monroe in *Rise of a Falling Star*. Derek Dobbins will present *Some Things Never Change*, the story of Spike Lee. Tanner McFather will tell the story of James Braddock ("Cinderella Man") in *Tragedy to Triumph*. Cynthia Umstadt will perform Norma McCorvey (Roe Vs Wade) in *Mystery of Life*. Rebekah Remlinger will present Shirley Temple in *Coming of Age*.

The performers have studied their historical characters from primary sources (journals, diaries, letters, and other artifacts). They have written and produced their performances. Each cameo is unique in presentation elements that incorporate dramatic simulations and/or multi-media effects. These autobiographical cameos reveal the inner lives and personal histories of the characters. The cameos show how the characters have allowed circumstances in their lives to affect them positively or negatively. The stories depict the consequences of the choices of the characters. As the students' schedules allow, these performances are available


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Feb.	.20	7.91	4.06	.08	4.54	2.52	1.68	2.56	5.20	3.71	1.84
Mar.	.93	3.77	2.39	3.14	1.61	4.45	2.15	1.35	2.30	1.26	3.27
April	2.74	5.46	1.31	2.04	2.82	.66	1.29	.94	8.47	2.04	2.46
May	1.20	3.51	.55	3.14	4.95	3.55	3.15	2.77	3.89	3.64	2.29
June	2.28	2.71	1.16	.66	7.62	1.76	2.78	4.58	7.36	1.37	2.52
July	2.64	.79	.18	3.53	.83	.24	2.39	2.75	4.97	1.07	.33
Aug.	5.80	1.74	.62	trace	.05	4.85	.99	2.49	.53	4.95	.06
Sept.	1.86	.49	4.93	.52	1.11	2.22	3.01	4.23	.80	.57	1.24
Oct.	1.02	2.13	6.61	1.91	4.57	2.86	9.00	3.87	10.34	.89	4.04
Nov.	2.93	2.50	3.51	2.61	7.78	5.63	1.35	1.37	9.72	.51	.96
Dec.	2.52	9.81	4.04	2.80	2.65	4.02	7.63	.49	1.30	.43	0
Total	24.96	43.33	35.47	22.73	40.58	35.66	36.38	27.97	44.22	23.74	21.03



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Obituaries

John Green

Funeral services are pending for John Felson Green, 79, of the McGregor Moody area. Mr. Green died Monday, December 4, 2006. Funeral services are under the direction of Lawson Funeral Home, in Meridian.

Visitation is expected to be Thursday, December 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lawson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Morgan, Texas.



Aurora Mendez

Aurora Rubi Mendez, a 29 year resident of McGregor, passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2006, at the age of 58.

Visitation and Rosary will be on Thursday, December 7, at Sheffield Funeral Home on 31st Street in Temple, Texas. Visitation will be at 6 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 8, at 2 p.m. at St. Eugene's Catholic Church.

LaVerne Moore

LaVerne "Sharon" Moore of Oglesby died Tuesday, November 28, 2006, in Moody at the age of 69. Graveside services and interment were 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2006, at Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Cole Funeral Home, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor.

Mrs. Moore was born June 17, 1937, in Pueblo, Colorado where she attended school. In the 1950s she moved to Oglesby and married William Ambrose Moore, December 25, 1953, in McGregor. On September 1, 1986, he preceded her in death. Throughout her life, she enjoyed various types of arts and crafts and crocheting. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Oglesby.

Survivors include two sons,

Rex Moore and wife Cindy, Ricky Allen Moore—both of Oglesby; one daughter, Karen Brinkley of Oglesby; 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

For those desiring, the family has suggested Post Oak Cemetery Association in care of Dawn Barnes, 139 FM 1996, Oglesby, Texas 76561 or First Baptist Church, 122 College Avenue, Oglesby, Texas 76561 for memorial contributions.

Please visit www.mem.com to leave a tribute or fond memory about LaVerne.



Louis Pindle, Jr.

Louis R. (Pete) Pindle, Jr., age 58, of Temple died Friday, December 1, 2006 in a local hospital. Services will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, December 7, at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ernest Thompson officiating. Burial will be at 2:00 PM at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be 10:00 - 11:30 AM Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Pindle was born June 24, 1948 in Buffalo, New York to Louis Raymond Pindle, Sr. and Shirley Reynolds Pindle. He was reared and educated in McGregor. He graduated from McGregor High School and attended Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

He joined the U. S. Air Force in June, 1969 and served in Vietnam being stationed in DaNang. He was honorably discharged in December, 1970. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman.

Survivors include his mother, Shirley Burnett and husband, Rick of McGregor, two daughters, Crystal Harden and husband, Mark of Cypress, Lacy Pindle of Fort Worth and two granddaughters, Kenley and Hayla Harden. Also surviving are two sisters, Donna Burnett of Crawford, Susan Spivey of Austin and one brother, Chip Burnett of Eddy.

Thank you for reading
The McGregor Mirror



Frieda Zacharias

Frieda Zacharias of McGregor died Sunday, December 3, 2006, in Waco at the age of 91. Funeral services were 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Olin Knudsen officiating. Interment followed in McGregor Cemetery under the direction of Cole Funeral Home, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor. Mrs. Zacharias was born October 4, 1915, in McGregor, Texas, the daughter of the late William M. and Fredericka (Schulte) Wendt. In 1933, she graduated from McGregor High School and continued her education at Texas Lutheran College. In 1935, she earned her degree in education. On June 23, 1937, she married William "Bill" Oscar Zacharias at Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor. After fifty-eight years of marriage, he preceded her in death June 8, 1996.

She was an avid domino player who also enjoyed watching all sports, cooking and sewing. She was a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir, worked with the children's music, participated with the "kitchen combo", volunteered at Westview Manor Nursing Home, served on the sympathy team at Zion Lutheran Church and was a member of the Naomi Circle.

Survivors include a son, Billy Zacharias and wife Ann of McGregor; three grandchildren, Troy Zacharias and wife Cheri; Gary Zacharias, Stacy Ainsworth and husband Chad; eight great grandchildren, Kaley Zacharias, Drew Zacharias, Caitlin Zacharias, Conner Zacharias, Cade Zacharias, Alli Ainsworth, Madi Ainsworth and Zachary Ainsworth.

Casketbearers were Chad Ainsworth, Gary Janke, Chad Kasting, Bobby Wendt, David Zacharias, Gary Zacharias and Troy Zacharias.

For those desiring the family has suggested Zion Lutheran Church, 1125 West Sixth Street, McGregor, Texas 76657, for memorial contributions.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the doctors and nurses at Westview Manor Nursing Home for their excellent care of Frieda.

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McGregor EMS Memorials

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In memory of Frieda Zacharias from Micki and Jene Hering, Frances Hudson.

In memory of Lawanda Byrd from Tommy and Linda Kelley, Frances Hudson, Micki and Jene Hering.

In memory of Mary Sue Crain from Katy and Don Kruse, Mike and Barbara Turner.

In memory of Rose Webb from Harlan and Hope Huffman.

In memory of Lee Pankratz from Bob Hering

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The family of Mary Sue Crain would like to say thank you for all the prayers, flowers and food at the time of her passing. We would especially like to thank Rev. Steve Heyduck, Tom and Mary Kirk, and the ladies of First United Methodist Church who prepared the meal. Mother always cherished her friends and church family and had a special place in her heart for home. May God Bless each and everyone.

To those I love and those who love me:
When I am gone, release me, let me go;
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me in tears;
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love. You can surely guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown;
But let your grief be comforted with trust.
It's merely for a time that we must part,
So bless our memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on . . .
When you miss me, remember I'm at home.
And if you'll listen now and then, you'll hear,
My words of love lingering soft and safe.
And when at last you must come this way, too,
I'll greet you smiling and an "I love you!"
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Cooking With Teresa Sneed



of Catering on Main

Homemade goodies make great holiday gifts

During the Thanksgiving weekend I took a large stack of recipes and books home again, to decide which ones I'll be using this holiday season. This task can be compared to asking my granddaughters to decide what one toy to buy in Toys R Us, so many good recipes and so little time. I want to make them all! Can you imagine?

Every year I make too many goodies and this year I have told myself that I am cutting way down! You need to, right?

Of course there are some things that you just have to make because they are specially requested. Every year I make chex trash mix. I have to make a special batch for my son Jason because he doesn't like all the added goodies I put in. (Bagel chips, nuts, fritos, etc.) He does however, like it very hot. So this is one item that will not be cut from my list.

My son Matt likes chex mix

too, but he loves the Ritz crackers, with peanut butter centers, dipped in chocolate. This is also one that can't be cut.

My granddaughters love sugar cookies with buttercream icing. I think this is one of my sister in law's favorites, too. Okay, this one stays, too.

Now, my grandson Jaxon hasn't told me (not talking yet) but I know for a fact that he likes my banana nut bread-alot! I think that my daughter in law, Kara and future daughter in law, Shasta really like the banana bars I make. (So, you know I am going to make them, too!)

John's favorite is one his mother always made for them. I try to always make butterscotch brownies, they are easy to make with very few ingredients and the real trick to making them right is to pull them out of the oven at the time given on the recipe. They are not as good when they are over-

baked. So, you guessed it, this is one that will definitely be made, too.

My favorite thing is turtle candies and I am really going to try and get some made. Most of my group really doesn't care for fudge and divinity. Yea! Won't be making them.

Now, there are seven things to start off with and I haven't even mentioned other favorites. I love so many salads and sides, too. I am putting some of these in the column this week.

Hope you are getting your recipes ready. We really want to hear from all of you with your favorite(s). Several of you have already sent some recipes in and I can't wait to share them with everyone. Remember, the deadline is December 15th. E-mail them to me at tsneed@hotmail.com or to the Mirror at bonnie@mcgregormirror.com.

BANANA BREAD

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups flour
- dash salt
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 3 mashed bananas
- Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, add sour cream, soda, baking powder, salt and bananas, add flour.

Pour into loaf pans and bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes. This freezes well.

RITZ CRACKER (TWIX) COOKIES

- 72 Ritz crackers-butter flavored crackers
- 16 oz peanut butter
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 lb dark chocolate almond bark

In a bowl, combine peanut butter, powdered sugar and oil and mix well. Spread over 1/2 of the crackers.

Top with remaining crackers. Place candy coating in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes or until smooth.

Dip the cookies in coating. Place on wax paper until chocolate is set. Store in airtight container at room temperature. Yield 3 dozen.

OATMEAL CAKE

- Pour 1 1/4 cup hot water over 1 cup oats and let stand.
- Cream: 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup shortening
- Beat in: 2 eggs
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- bake in 13x9x2 pan for 30-35 minutes.
- Topping: 3/4 cup butter, 3/4 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup chopped pecans, 1 T milk, 1 cup coconut

- Boil butter, milk and brown sugar for 1 minute. Add coconut and nuts and pour over cake. Broil in oven until topping is golden.

JACKIE'S JELLO SALAD

- 2 boxes lemon jello
- 2 cups ginger ale
- 1 large can pineapple-drained and juice saved
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 3 large bananas
- Mix 2 pkgs lemon jello according to box, substituting 2 cups cold ginger ale for cold water, add crushed pineapple, marshmallow and sliced bananas. Use a metal sheet, 11x15. Refrigerate and let stand for several hours.

- Topping: 1 cup sugar, 1 cup pineapple juice saved from above, 2 T flour, 1 egg, well beaten, 2 T butter, 1 cup whipping cream, 2-3 cups grated cheddar cheese

In a saucepan, combine first 4 ingredients. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat and add butter. Let stand for at least 2 hours. When cooked, fold in the whipped cream. Spread on top of set jello, fruit mixture. Sprinkle grated cheese on top to cover.

Keep refrigerated until serving. This dish melts quickly if left out of fridge.

CHOCOLATE MINT TORTE

- Serve this torte refrigerated or frozen
- 1 (15 oz) loaf fat-free chocolate pound cake
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tbls chocolate syrup
- 1 (4.67 oz) pkg chocolate-covered mint wafer candies, divided

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup sifted powdered sugar
- Slice pound cake in half horizontally; slice each half in half again horizontally. Brush top of each layer with 1 1/2 Tbls chocolate syrup; let stand 15 minutes for layers to absorb syrup.
- Reserve 8 whole candies for garnish. Finely chop remaining candies.
- Combine whipping cream and powdered sugar in a large mixing bowl; beat at high speed of an electric mixer until stiff peaks form. Fold chopped candies into sweetened whipped cream.
- Place one cake layer on a serving plate; spread 1/4 cup whipped cream mixture on cake layer. Repeat procedure with remaining cake layers, spreading 1/4 cup whipped cream mixture between each layer. Frost top and sides of torte with remaining whipped cream mixture. Cover and chill or freeze until ready to serve or up to 8 hours.
- Pull a vegetable peeler down sides of reserved 8 candies to make tiny shavings. Sprinkle candy shavings over torte before serving. Yield: one 9" torte.



Send us your favorite Christmas recipes to include in our Special Christmas Greetings edition. Deadline is Dec. 12th email: bonnie@mcgregormirror.com

The Rear View Mirror

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

DECEMBER 11, 1936—

The Ritz Theater opened for business in the Naler Building just south of McGregor Produce Company on South Main. O.T. McGinley was owner and manager. Cost of admission was 10 cents and 20 cents. The opening picture was "The Big Broadcast of 1937" starring Jack Benny, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Martha Raye, Benny Goodman Orchestra and many more.

Local jeweler E.J. Thomason advertised a free diamond ring with each cash purchase of \$29.75 or more. Radio sales were not included. Cuenod Dry Goods full page advertisement had something for every family member on your shopping list. Silk hosiery sold for 50 cents to \$1.25. Silk ties cost 50 cents to \$1. Silk gowns and robes were priced at \$1.98 to \$2.98 and flannel robes sold for \$5.98. Men's dress shirts cost \$1.50.

DECEMBER 13, 1946—

War Assets Administration officials met with local leaders concerning the 16,000 acres that A&M College was to receive for an agriculture experiment station. The land along with certain buildings and dormitories were valued into the millions of dollars. Several big buildings with over 55,000 feet of floor space was expected to be disposed of to private industries.

Members of the First Baptist Church of McGregor were preparing to present "The Great Light" under the direction of Jessie Chilcoat.

The McGregor Bulldog athletic fund received \$1,115.30 from the Mart game. Total attendance was \$3,447. There were 2,653 adult tickets sold.

Two local businesses were wrecked by fire. Loss was estimated at \$65,000. The fire started in the Ritz Theatre and spread to the offices of Dr. John Thompson and Dr. John Tyler. An alert phone operator noticed trouble in the line and alerted the police and fire.

McGregor Chamber officers elected for 1947 were E.J. Thomason, Bob Davis, P.J. Gribble and Mrs. Sallie Connally

was office manager.

DECEMBER 14, 1956—

The "Drys" carried the McGregor box in the county-wide beer election by 10 votes while over-all balloting gave the "wets" a 4,000 vote victory in the county.

DECEMBER 9, 1966—

Shoppers like the idea of merchants staying open late Thursday nights for Christmas shopping. Pictured making some Christmas purchases were Mary Lou Lella at Murl's, Mrs. Robert Erlanson at Lee Hardware and Mrs. V.L. Edwards, Mrs. J.N. Powell, Mrs. Lois Connally and Mrs. Ima Phipps were being waited on by Mrs. Irene Chamblee at Irene's.

The FHA approved schedule A of the proposed Rolling Hills Country Club and engineers were beginning to prepare schedule B.

Members of First Baptist Church of McGregor raised \$30,000 of the \$45,000 goal for the proposed new church plant. Building Committee members were Neil McBride, Jim Hurst, A.A. Melton, Kelly Albritton, Sidney Wilson and A.J. Gibson. Diane Ashby was honored by Girl Scout Troop 551 for earning all the badges at the Junior level.

DECEMBER 9, 1976—

Olin Tippit was elected president of the McGregor Chamber of Commerce. Other officers were Barbara Klein, Mrs. Billie Zacharias and Supt. Harold Horne.

Four McGregor Bulldogs made the All District team. They were Percy Jones, Ricky McMullen, Manuel Boswell and Anthony Brown.

Three Crawford Pirates were named to the All District team. They were Darrell Holmes, Terry Westerfield and Ricky Wilkins.

McGregor Meat Market, owned and operated by Curtis Wiethorn held its grand opening. John Hugh Oliver, Jr. and Elisa Ruth Deibel were married in Dallas. Pete Flores took over as

president of the McGregor Saddle Club at the Annual Christmas Party. The out-going president was Jay Brewer.

Ruth Kinslow was highlighted in the employee spotlight in Gilmore and Davis advertising.

DECEMBER 11, 1986—

Centex Sanitation driver was crossing a suspension bridge about four miles south of town when he felt it give way. He ended up 20 feet below next to the South Bosque.

Contracted city garbage collection with CenTex Waste Management was an issue the McGregor City Council decided needed more study.

Seven McGregor Bulldogs made the All District team. They included Patrick Jones, Daun Patterson, Kendrick Jones, Marc Fisk, Corey Long, Andre Jones and Frank Graves.

McGregor merchants were going after their share of the Christmas shopping dollars filling 22 pages of *The Mirror* with outstanding specials.

DECEMBER 12, 1996—

Andria Mullins of McGregor, and a student at Midway, won the Miss Texas Teen USA title.

Westview Manor's "Babes In Toyland" entry won first place in the annual McGregor Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.

Sandra Wittliff was elected chairman of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) at its first meeting.

College Avenue Baptist Church had a new minister of music—Richard Christian.

Janice Knight was The Mirror's featured Cook of the Week.

A Georgetown middle school was renamed in memory of beloved educator, former McGregor 1958 graduate, James Tippit.

Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Rost celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "poured out of the same _____"

5 TXism: "_____ piece" (long way)

6 Dallas eatery: Hard Rock _____

7 "Mingo" on TV's Daniel Boone (init.)

8 TXism: "he'd wrestle King Kong"

9 bad Corpus Christi hurricane in '70

14 NFL Hall-of-Fame is in Canton, _____

15 Dallas girl's prep school: The _____ Academy

18 TXism: "suits me _____-thee-well"

20 TXism: "couldn't beat it with a stick"

22 TXism: "_____ boys" (police)

27 screen debut for TX Debbie Reynolds: "_____ Bride"

28 Fort Worth Zoo has half-acre _____ for birds of prey

29 San Augustine: "The _____ of Texas"

30 Dodger pitcher Carl who was signee of TX Nokona gloves

32 ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)

33 Cotton Bowl date: new _____

36 TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to _____" (thirsty)

37 TX became a state in this month (abbr.)

DOWN

1 Shirley _____ Laine of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment"

2 TXism: "at the drop _____ hat"

3 in Cameron Co. off hwy. 83

4 TX Larry Hagman's TV fantasy (3 wds.)

8 TXism: "agile as a snake on _____ road"

9 Purtils _____ Lake

10 ex-Cowboy, now dancer, Smith (init.)

11 TXism: "a real lu _____" (extraordinary)

12 TX Pride's "Wonder _____ Anywhere"

13 TX Willie held Farm _____ in Illinois

14 early TX sign: "This is King Fisher's Road-Take the _____"

15 cremation containers

16 nat. organ. for some TX teachers (abbr.)

17 quite serious

19 TX coast pirate

20 Louis-Michel _____

21 to have a "necktie party" in early TX

22 TX Hutchison works in Washington, _____

23 TXism: "come hell _____ high water"

24 Lake _____ Hubbard

25 thoughts

26 alluring quality

28 rare birds at Bentzen State Park: _____ groove-billed _____

31 TX Pride's "Where Do _____ Her Memory?"

34 George H. Mason Co. feud: Hoo _____ War

37 TXism: "cut the _____" (drink)

40 TXism: "amigos" _____ lip"

43 "_____ fiddle" (healthy)

44 TXism: "_____ extend subscription to "Texas Highways"

51 TXism: "turn about _____ fair play"

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BILLY BOUNDS, A FORMER RESIDENT of McGregor and avid deer hunter, tagged this trophy 12-point buck in Blanco County on opening morning. He reported this buck was the first deer he saw opening morning.



Letter the the Editor,
Have you seen the new lights at the bandstand in the park at 4th and Madison yet? The Mc Gregor Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of decoration chair Sherilyn Collins, decorated the area around the bandstand so that the community would have a lighted display to enjoy all through the holidays.

Community Development coordinator Jennifer Taylor had asked the Chamber to somehow be a part of this years Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony and this is how they decided to help. Sherilyn spent several weeks planning the decorations. The Chamber spent several hundred dollars on the decorations themselves and then spent many manhours and several days putting all of them up. The results are spectacular.

Now some of the youth in the community want to destroy YOUR Christmas display at the bandstand not to mention the hard work of many others. Please help

the police keep an eye on our Christmas display and report any suspicious activity. These few young people are ruining the reputation of the other kids in our community that do so much good for others and in doing so are taking away from something that is good this time of year.

John Sneed
Mc Gregor Chamber of Commerce

Give to U.F.

While thinking about making your end of year charitable contributions, remember the McGregor United Fund. UF President Kevin Houchin, the drive is going well.

"Contributions from individuals and businesses are coming in everyday," Houchin commented. "We are pleased with the initial response and hope that the donations will continue through the remainder of the drive which ends January 31st.. These funds do so much good to help the McGregor community, and all funds stay in town."

A donation form can be found on Page 4 of this week's edition. Just clip and mail with your contribution. Your donation will do so much good for McGregor. Give generously.



Look Who's New



It's a girl!

Alfredo and Deanna Macedo III would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Rea, born on October 26, 2006, at Hillcrest Baptist Memorial Hospital.

She weighed seven pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Barbara Salazar of McGregor and Fred Owen of Ross, Texas. Great-grandparents are the late Otis

Bankhead and Blanche Bankhead of McGregor.

Paternal grandparents are Alfredo and Dorothy Macedo, Jr. of McGregor. Great-grandmother Alfredo and Juanita Macedo, Sr. of Mexico, the late Edward Musgrove and Stella Musgrove of McGregor.

Camp Fire offering day camps

Camp Fire USA Tejas Council is offering winter day camps at Camp Hope (formerly Camp Val Verde) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on December 21 - 22nd, December 26 - 29th and January 2nd - 5th for youths five years and older.

Campers will participate in various activities, including hiking and crafts, and will see abundant wildlife at the beautiful 397-acre camp located just off Highway 84 between Waco and McGregor.

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Lady Bulldogs won two games vs. Salado and Reicher last week

The McGregor Lady Bulldogs kept their turnovers down last week which helped them sweep two games last week by big margins over Salado and Reicher.

McGregor defeated Salado 58-36 and Reicher by a score of 80-33.

Against Salado, the Lady Bulldogs led 13-10 in the first quarter, and then pulled away for a 27-14 halftime lead and were up 43-25 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Angie Garrett found the range and connected for 24 points followed by Meghan Goff and Destiny Kelley with 13 each, Mary Ashleigh Johnson, three; Allyson Fisk, two; TaRoya Clayborn, one.

"We turned the ball over only eight times against Reicher," Girls

Head Coach Kimberly Johnson proudly stated. "We had only 10 turnovers against Salado. The girls are starting to take care of the basketball better."

McGregor jumped out to a quick 26-9 lead over Reicher and never looked back. By halftime the Lady Bulldogs led 46-18, and the third period score was 66-26.

Kelley was the top scorer with 34 points, Garrett hit the hoop for 21, Sha Brown swished the net for 11, Goff added six, Ariana Martinez pumped in four, Ashley Reineke and Johnson both scored two points. The Lady Bulldogs were 7 of 13 from the free throw line.

"We got to an early lead versus Reicher and were able to play everyone," Coach Johnson said. "Our starters got to rest in the sec-

ond half. We put up a new defense versus Salado and did well, but we need to polish it up."

The Lady Bulldogs were set to host Academy Tuesday night and Coach Johnson pointed out that Academy had defeated McGregor the last two years, the first time by 20 points and the second one by one or two points.

Coach Johnson was pleased to report that McGregor's Junior High 7th grade girls B team won first at the Temple tournament by defeating two 5-A schools and one 4-A school.

"We're getting better every game," she said. "These girls are very coachable. We were having 27 to 28 turnovers at the first of the season and now after nine games we're averaging 14. That's a big improvement. My philoso-

phy is that each girl is allowed one turnover in a game so if we're carrying 10 girls that means 10 turnovers."

The coach pointed out that another reason the turnovers have gone down is the fact that the Lady Bulldogs have not really been full court pressed, but she expects that to change starting this week.

"I'm excited to see how the girls will handle the pressure of a full court press," Coach Johnson stated. "We play in the Salado Tournament starting this Thursday. We face Salado in the first game on Thursday at 5 p.m., meet Brock on Friday at 6 p.m. and square off against Nazareth at noon Saturday. It's a Round Robin Tournament so all the teams will get to play everyone."

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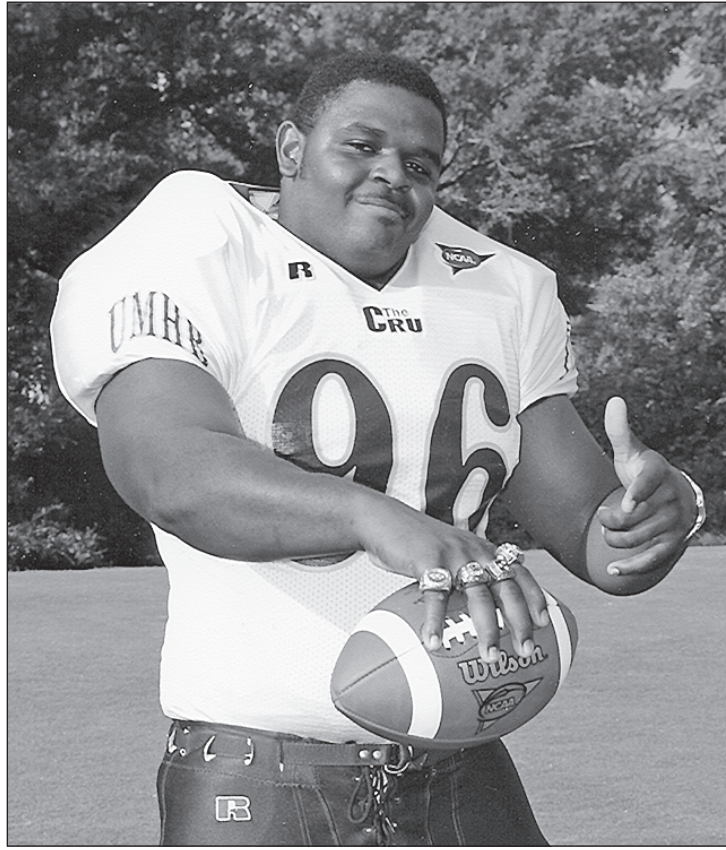
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Terrance Carroll

Former Bulldog named Defensive Lineman of Year for UMHB Crusaders

Former McGregor Bulldog standout Terrance Carroll was recently named at the Defensive Lineman of the Year at the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor. Despite missing one game due to an injury, Carroll recorded 18 tackles (5-1/2 for losses), three quarterback sacks and an interception. He is a senior.

Carroll was also named to the ASC All-Conference First Team. Freddie Rollins, a former Bulldog teammate of Carroll's, earned an Honorable Mention on the All Conference Team as a running back. Rollins, as a senior tailback, rushed for 633 yards on 115 carries and he scored a team-high of 12 touchdowns.

Andrew Judy from Crawford was named to the All Conference second team as a lineman. Judy is a sophomore defensive end and led UMHB with six sacks and recorded 20 tackles, with 7.5 of those for losses.

The Crusaders took three of the league's individual honors with Josh Kubiak earning ASC Defensive Player of the Year, Carroll being picked as the ASC Defensive Lineman of the Year, and Coach Fredenburg sharing ASC Coach of the Year honors.

FFA member Spotlight

The McGregor FFA Chapter officers have started an FFA Member Spotlight once a month to recognize an outstanding member of the FFA.

"We nominate a group of members and then narrow it down to the one we believe has done their part in the FFA chapter," Reporter Jessica Krueger stated. "The FFA member of the month, for November is Greg Rountt."

Greg is a freshman at McGregor High School. He enjoys classic rock and country music. His favorite singers are Aerosmith and George Strait. Rountt enjoys watching "The Goonies", "8 Seconds", and "The Cowboy Way". Football and martial arts are his favorite sports.

His favorite food is hot wings, and if he could live anywhere other than Texas, he would be along the beach with lots of palm trees.

Rountt is very active in Tae Kwon Do, playing his guitar, and church. His heroes are Jesus and all the great guitar players. His dream is to be able to play just like them some day.

"Life is a journey, not a destination," Rountt reported was his favorite quote. "Life doesn't have an agenda, it



is only what you make of it."

When asked how his role as a FFA member will affect his future, Rountt answered, "while raising my pig I will learn a lot of responsibility and about raising pigs."

He was asked how his role as an FFA member presently affects his life. Rountt said, "It teaches me that farming isn't all fun and games, but includes hard work and is teaching that you can't be lazy if you want something done right."

His favorite part of FFA is showing his animal. When asked to select one line of the FFA Creed and explain what it meant to him, he answered, "I

believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining. I think more people should bargain with people and work for their goods, rather than begging for everything. It would lessen a lot of the stress in the United States."

We're cheering for the McGregor Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs



Joe Seward was named as the Team's MVP of the Year. He is being presented the award by Coach Bryan Kent.

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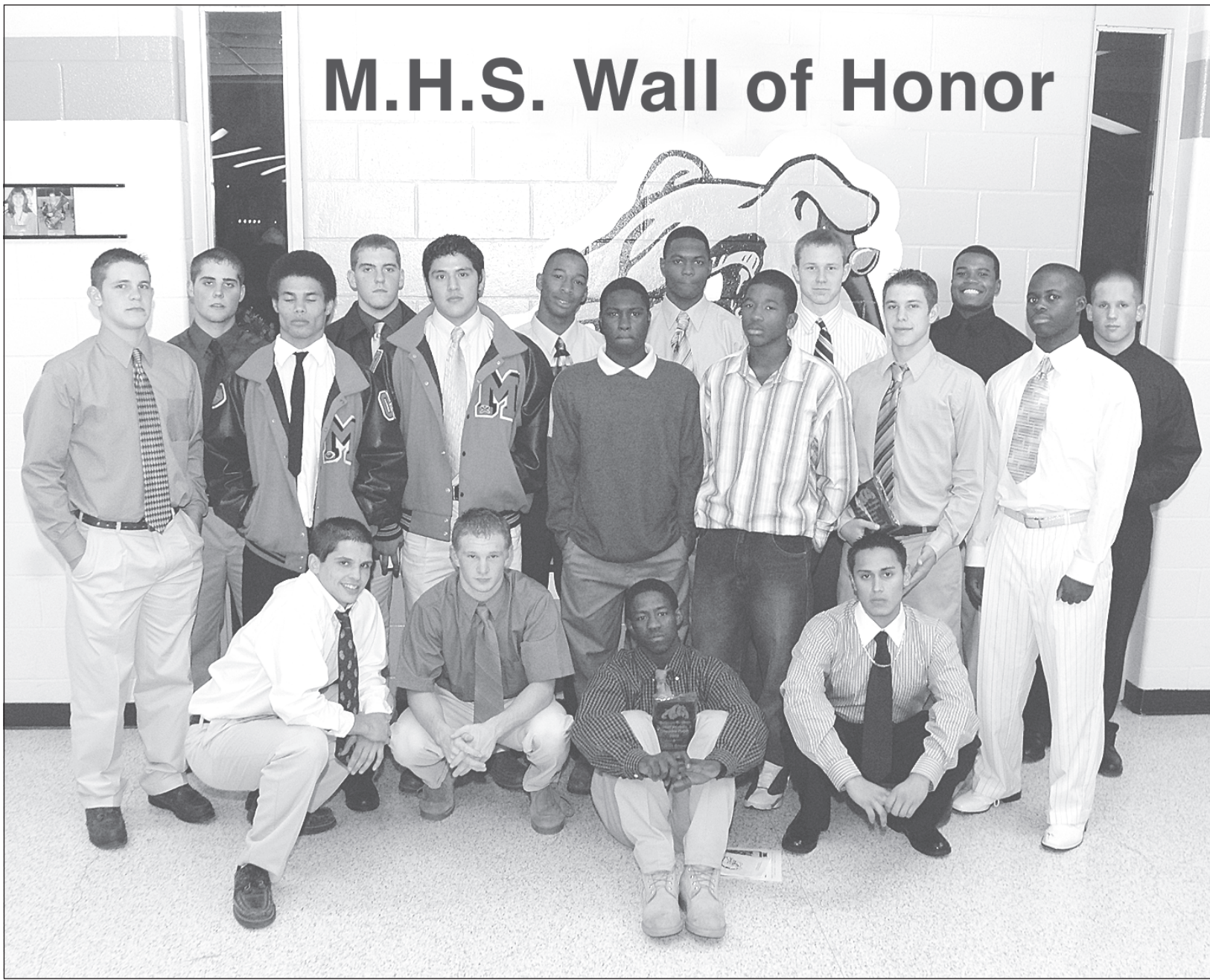
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All District Bulldogs

Front row: Cotton Alsip, Nic Clark, Qualin Brown, Josh Jaimes. **Second row:** T. J. Fox, Chris Dodd, Paolo Olvera, Rifelle Owens, Larry Smith, Joe Seward, Harvey Lee. **Back row:** Buddy Fitzhugh, Collin Walter, Marcus Thompson, Chris Minnitt, Tyler Arp, Chenier Thomas, Thomas Kaylor. Not pictured is Greg Jones.



Thomas Kaylor, pictured with Coach Jeff Burgess, was presented the MVP defensive lineman award.



Tyler Arp received the Most Valuable Offensive lineman award from Coach Chuck Klander.



Andy Solis received the the JV- MVP award. Making the presentation was Coach Josh Bruce.



Coach Danny Ripley presented Qualin Brown with the Offensive MVP award.

7th grade off to a good start

McGregor's seventh grade boys basketball team started off the 2006-2007 season with a pair of wins recently over Crawford and Hamilton.

The opening game against Crawford was played last Wednesday because of the high school playoff game. The early start didn't slow down the Bulldogs as they won 52-4. Leading the scoring for the Bulldogs were Keith Reineke with 14 points, Michael Reyes with 12 points, and Brady West with nine points.

"The players played good man defense and ran the court well, holding the Pirates to four points. Making good passes all night were Chris Fehlman, Sam Callison, and Holden Seward.

On Monday evening the Bulldogs defeated Hamilton 50-25. Keith Reineke scored 10 of his team-high 16 points in the first half as McGregor led 24-7 at half-time.

Travis Allison scored eight

points in the third quarter and finished the night with 10 points. Brady West scored six in the fourth quarter and also finished in double digits with 12 points. Holden Seward finished with six points while Damaun Tucker, Michael Reyes, and Jose Solis each scored two points.

The team will return to action after the holidays in Moody next Monday night. There will only be two games starting at 5:00 p.m.



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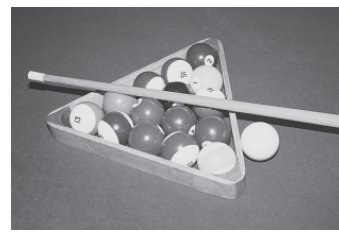
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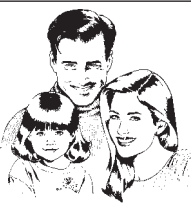
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Andrew Judy known as the Sack Master

Editor's Note: This article and picture is being reprinted from the Belton newspaper on former Crawford Pirate Andrew Judy.

By Eric Drennan

BELTON—As one of many playmakers on Mary Hardin-Baylor's immensely talented defense, sophomore end Andrew Judy has carved out his own niche—sacking the quarterback, and he's doing it at a record pace.

With the ability to recognize blocking schemes in a split-second, combined with his mix of quickness and power, Judy is one reason the No. 10 ranked Crusaders (5-1, 5-0 American Southwest Conference) have the top defensive unit in the ASC.

"A big part of our defense is getting to the quarterback," said Judy, a former all-state player on Crawford's Class 2A Division II state championship team in 2004. "The best kind of pass defense is a pass rush. If the quarterback can't get the ball off on rhythm, then you don't have to worry as much about coverage."

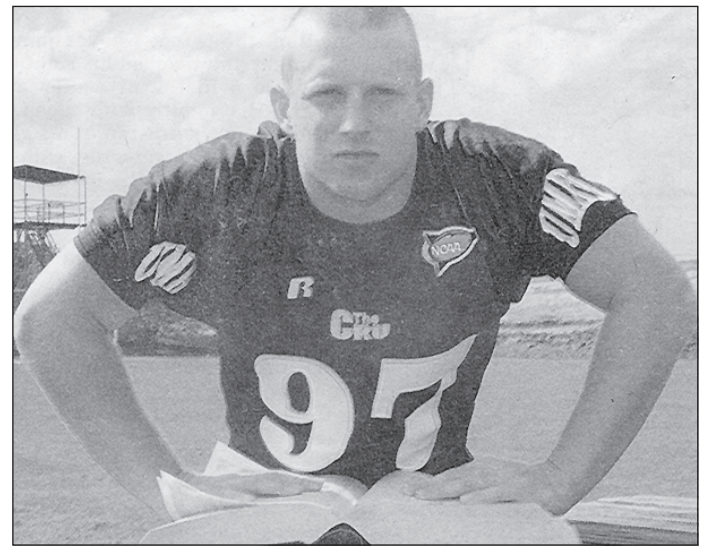
And Judy is making a habit of making opposing quarterbacks uncomfortable. He has six sacks through six games and needs just one more to tie UMHB's single season record, which was set by Keith Zunker in 13 games in 2004 and was matched by Shawn Williams in 11 games last season.

That mark could be eclipsed Saturday when UMHB plays host to Mississippi College (4-2, 2-2) at 1 p.m. at Tiger Field.

And by the time Judy's playing days are over, he may have rewritten the record books. With four sacks as a freshman, his total of 10 puts him seventh on the school's career list, only two back of sixth-place Jack Johnson and nine behind Zunker's career record of 19.

"I wasn't aware that any of the records were that close," said Judy, who is non-celebratory on the field and foregoes any type of sack dance. "If I break it, that would be nice. But I really don't think about records that much."

Instead he focuses on the task at hand, which requires him to read the



Former Crawford Pirate Andrew Judy

opposing offensive tackle's block at the snap of the ball, then utilize the correct move to get free.

As a left end, Judy's favorite move is the quick slide that he uses when the tackle tries to engage him immediately. Judy will use his right arm to bat the tackle's hands away and his left arm to shove himself clear.

"It's all determined at the snap of the ball," he said. "It depends on if the tackle is coming at me, or if he's scooting back or if I'm supposed to be getting up the field in a hurry."

Being able to get upfield in a hurry is a speciality of UMHB's

defense, which is holding opponents to five rushing yards and 211 total yards per game. The Crusaders have recorded 29 sacks and 13 interceptions.

So once the tackle has been disposed of, Judy simply draws a hard line for the quarterback.

"I feels pretty good to make a sack," he said. "Some of my teammates complain that I don't show a whole lot of emotion when I make a play. But it does feel good, and I do enjoy making sacks. That's one of the reasons I play the game and why I love playing defensive end."



Doxie Thompson hits from the corner in recent action against Grandview. Photo by Mark Chapman



Photographer Mark Chapman caught Shanna Lippe, of the Crawford varsity Lady Pirates, going up for a layup against Grandview this past week.

Good Luck Pirates!



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Be safe with Christmas lighting

With the holidays just around the corner, now is the perfect time to start thinking about decorating your home for the occasion. Whether you wrap your house with hundreds of lights and put a life-size St. Nick and reindeer on your roof, or just grace your tree with a few simple strings of twinkling lights, holiday decorations are a great way to celebrate the joys of the season with friends and family.

But along with good cheer, holiday decorations can bring danger. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), hospital emergency rooms treat around 12,500 people annually for cuts, falls, and shocks related to holiday lights, decorations, and Christmas trees. Most of these injuries could be avoided by taking proper precautions. Here are some helpful tips from the Leviton Institute to help keep your holiday safe:

- Carefully inspect all holiday lights and decorations before you install them. Any wires that are frayed, excessively kinked, show visible gaps in insulation or bare spots, or have cracked or broken sockets should be replaced immediately. Make sure all lights and extension cords are UL rated for safety.

- Don't link more than three strands of lights together unless the instructions specifically say that it's safe to do so. Connect light strands together first, then plug them into the extension cord and plug the extension into the outlet.

- Don't overload outlets or extensions with too many lights or decorations. It could create a shock hazard, or even start a fire. Problem signs indicating an overload include flickering lights, blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers, or outlets or switches that feel warm to the touch. If this occurs, be sure to take corrective

action immediately.

- Never place electric lights on a metallic Christmas tree. And when fastening lights to walls, don't use regular metal staples or nails; they could easily cut through the insulation and short out the wires. Use only insulated staples or hooks specially made for the purpose.

Make sure when installing lights outside that they are rated for outdoor use and plugged into

a receptacle equipped with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), preferably one with a weatherproof cover. If no GFCI receptacles are available, you should use a GFCI equipped extension cord set, which is inexpensive (typically around \$25 or less), and widely available. Just be sure to plug the GFCI equipped extension cord into the receptacle first, and then plug in the lights and decorations into the

extension cord.

- Always unplug lights when away from home or when sleeping.

- Be aware that young children are attracted to lights and shiny decorations. To prevent them from pulling on them or worse, putting them in their mouths, make sure all lights and

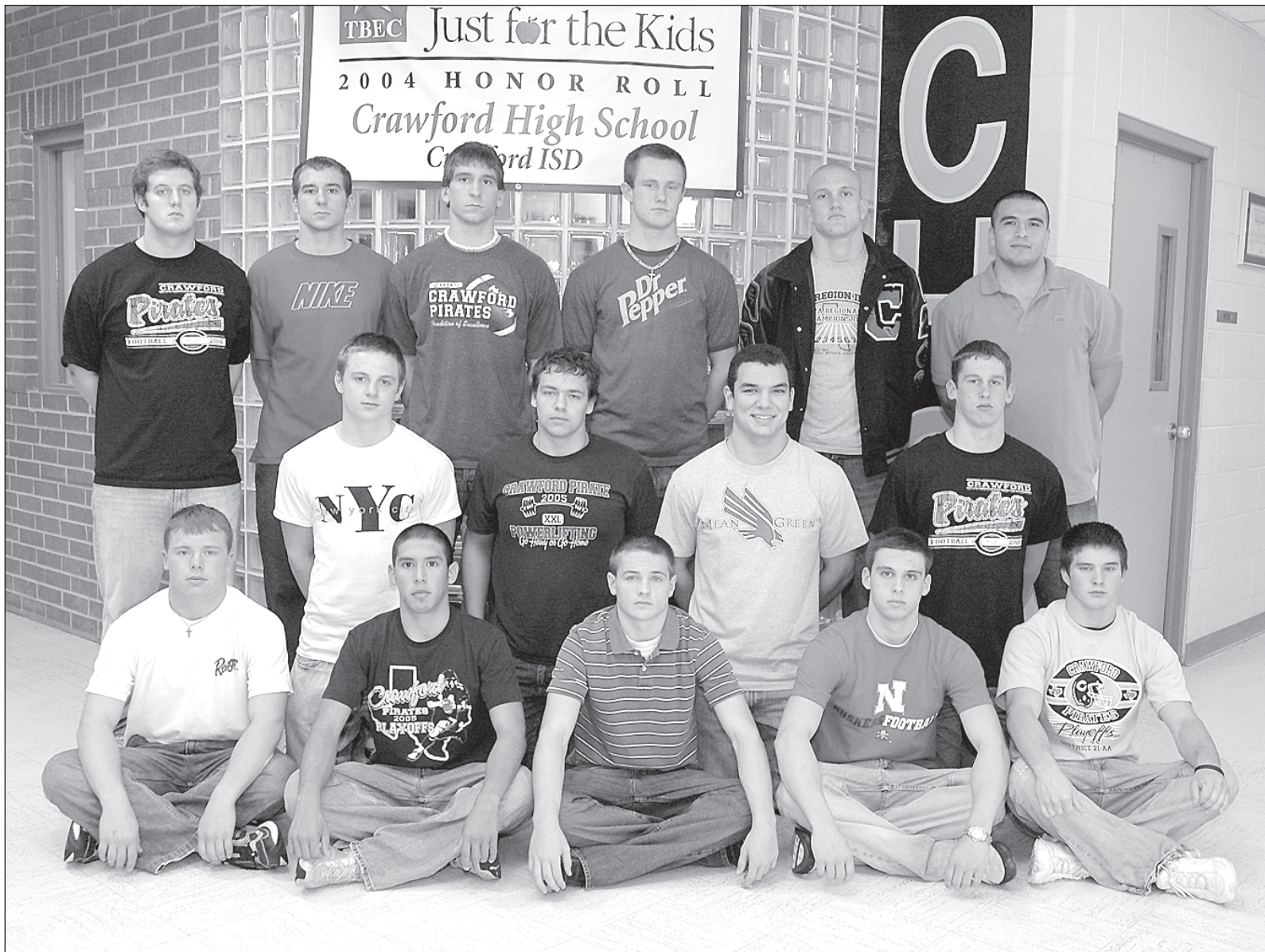
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- Avoid using lit candles whenever possible, and never use them on a Christmas tree.

Keep your tree well-watered; a wet tree is much less likely to be ignited by a stray spark flame than a dry one

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All District

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Shannon Lippe drives the bucket for two.



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Dec. 22	New Orleans	Troy	vs.	Rice
Dec. 23	Papa John's	South Florida	vs.	E. Carolina
Dec. 23	New Mex. Bowl	New Mexico	vs.	San Jose State
Dec. 23	Armed Forces	Tulsa	vs.	Utah
Dec. 24	Hawaii Bowl	Ariz. St.	vs.	Hawaii
Dec. 26	Motor City	Central Michigan	vs.	Middle Tenn.
Dec. 27	Emerald	Florida State	vs.	UCLA
Dec. 28	Independence	Okla. State	vs.	Alabama
Dec. 28	Holiday	California	vs.	Texas A&M
Dec. 28	Texas Bowl	Rutgers	vs.	Kansas State
Dec. 29	Music City	Clemson	vs.	Kentucky
Dec. 29	Sun Bowl	Missouri	vs.	Oregon State
Dec. 29	Liberty	South Carolina	vs.	Houston
Dec. 29	Insight	Minnesota	vs.	Texas Tech
Dec. 29	Champs Sports	Maryland	vs.	Purdue
Dec. 30	Meineke	Navy	vs.	Boston College
Dec. 30	Alamo	Iowa	vs.	Texas
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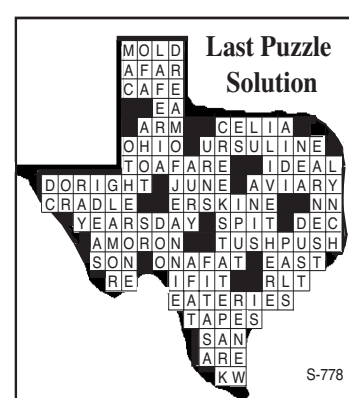
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Walking across downtown this morning, I saw a tract lying on the sidewalk. I should have picked it up, but I didn't. Instead I had a "back in the day" moment and then decided I had to write this column.

I used to invest in tracts. Before I get any further, do you know what I'm talking about? Tracts are small pieces of paper with various stories and Bible verses on them. They are made to be handed out as a method of evangelism. Usually they offer some variation on the story of "if you don't say this prayer to Jesus, you're going to hell."

Like I said, I used to buy and hand out tracts. Often I would just leave them places people would find them. I was pretty religious and presumed I was closer to God than most people. I knew hell must be an awful place and didn't want people to end up there, so I'd buy and gave out tracts.

Trouble was, no one seemed very interested in reading the tracts. Some would take them.

Mostly, I "planted" them places for people to find on their own.

I don't do tracts anymore. It isn't so much because Jesus didn't hand out tracts, though he didn't. It was mostly because I don't think scaring people out of hell is really what Jesus was about. Jesus was about inviting people into God's presence, to live in God's presence and love for eternity.

Oh, to be fair, Jesus did occasionally mention hell as a consequence. When he did, though, he was always talking to people who presumed themselves more religious and closer to God than everyone else.

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Mary's example is a good one to follow. We should remember to treasure these things and think about them often. There are so many lessons to be learned in the nativity story.

From the wise men we learn that God speaks to anyone who will listen, and he leads anyone who is willing to follow.

From Mary and Joseph we learn what it means to fully submit to the will of God. We learn that obedience takes courage, and that it's better to obey God than worry about what others think or say.

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Even from cruel Herod we are reminded of how foolish it is to try to hinder the purpose of God.

Most of all, from Jesus, we learn that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

We're beginning a busy season of the year — stressful, hectic, and financially challenging. Let's follow Mary's example: Remember to remember the first Christmas. Treasure the story, think about it often, ponder its meaning in your heart.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I keep hearing about how stressed out everyone gets at Christmastime, but I also love how we have all these reminders during December of God's wonderful gift of love. We hear so many songs that proclaim his coming into the world. We see so many illustrations depicting the manger scene. We read so many messages posted here and there proclaiming the good news, such as: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill to men." Or, "Jesus is the reason for the season." Or "O Come Let Us Adore Him."

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NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
206 Arthur Street
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840-3402
Rev. Larry Davis, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Mid Week Prayer.....6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

209 North 2nd Street
McGREGOR
Rev. Lionel Aviles

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
Worship and Bible Study Saturday.....7:30 p.m.

Services in English and Spanish
840-2040

"I am come that they might have light and that they might have it more abundantly" John 10:10

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday morning—10 a.m. Praise & Worship
11 a.m. Preaching & Ministry with Pastor D.L. Summers
Sunday evening—6 p.m. Celebration Service with Curtis Jones
Wednesday evening—7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Youth Service with Lindsey Longo

Victory Chapel

D. L. Summers, Pastor
605 N. Third.....1 block off Hwy. 84 behind Dandy Dan's Church: 840-3283 • Residence Phone: 662-1109

Crawford Churches

Canaan Baptist Church

Est. 1891 (Located in the Prairie Chapel Community)
Sunday School (All Ages) 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Dub Oliver
Church phone Number 254-486-2298

As followers of Christ, we should be about Experiencing the Love of God, Knowing the Word of God and Discerning the Will of God.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CRAWFORD

Mike Murphy, Pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.

Join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Rev. Tom Beers, Pastor

Sunday Serevices
Sunday School ... 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

At the corner of FM 185 and Prairie Chapel Road
254/486-2126
stpaulcrawford@prodigy.net

MCGREGOR UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

"The House of Prayer"
Come worship God with us.
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday night.....6:00 p.m.
Tues. night.....7:30 p.m.
Wed. night.....7:30 p.m.
401 North Tyler
McGREGOR
Pastor: Charles Griffin
Church phone: 840-4122

College Avenue Baptist Church

PEOPLE SHARING JESUS
201 South Monroe Street, McGregor 840-3782
David W. Thompson Aaron Woods Janice Young
Pastor Youth Minister Music Minister

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	6:00 p.m. Children's Activities
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship	6:00 p.m. Youth Activities
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training	6:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 10
Is Christmas Hollow or Holy?
Matthew 2:9-11

DISCOVER CHRISTMAS

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Phone: 254-840-3301
Robert Parker, Pastor

Website: www.fbcmcgregor.org
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Taking appointments for Dec. 3, 9 & 10th
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ENTERTAINMENT Friday, December 15th—Dylan Sneed at Texas Tea and Coffee. \$3 cover.

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Mirror asking for Christmas memories/recipes
The Mirror is working on its Christmas Greeting Edition which will hit newsstands on December 20th. 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 the story to bonnie@mcgregor_mirror.com or by mailing it to 311 S. Main, McGregor, Tx. 76657 or bringing it by the office. We are also asking for Christmas recipes. We look forward to receiving them. Deadline Dec. 15th

McGregor Senior Luncheon Program needs \$3,896 for Meals on Wheels

City Manager Dennis McDuffie was contacted this week by the Central Texas Senior Ministry about a shortage of funds for the Meals On Wheels Program for the upcoming year.

This year's shortfall, according to Central Texas Senior Ministry is 5,896. Upon learning of this, the McGregor United Fund directors made an early donation of \$2,000, leaving a shortage of \$3,896.

While making end of year charitable donations, remember SLAP Meals on Wheels. Donations may be made in

form of memorial or honorarium Main, McGregor, Texas 76657. in care of Bonnie Mullens, 311 S. Any amount will be helpful.

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