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**THESE THREE MCGREGOR BULLDOG SENIORS** received high honors recently by being named to the All State All Academic Football Team. Tyler Arp, at right, and Collin Walter, center, were named to the elite team and Thomas Kaylor, left, was named to the 2nd Team All State. Head Coach Tim Seward reported that only nine players in the entire state are selected to the elite team. To be considered for the elite team you must have above a 95 average, be in good standings and of good moral character. It is also involves class rank and scores on the ACT and SAT. "This is a very high honor for these young men and I'm very proud of them," Coach Seward stated.

## Friday is deadline for donating money, toys

This Friday is the deadline for donating toys and money to the local toy drive headed up by the McGregor Fire and EMS volunteers. This year's list includes about 80 families and over 170 children.

The volunteers will start filling the list on Friday night and deliveries will be made to families on Sunday, December 17th.

"There are a lot more families needing our help this year," said Karen 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 day. Other drop off locations are Brookshire Brothers and The McGregor Mirror.

"We want to thank everyone for their generosity in helping make this Christmas special to these McGregor families," Spradley said.



**MCGREGOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENT Lowell Walter** made 1st chair in the Class 4A-5A division at the TMEA Regional competition held recently. He has been a two-year All State player in the ATSSB band. He will advance along with Jessica Krueger to the Area competition. See four more ATSSB qualifiers on page 6.

## School to purchase three buses

McGregor School Board trustees voted to purchase three school buses at its regular meeting last Thursday night.

The board accepted the proposal of Capital Bus Sales & Service of Texas, Inc. for two Blue Bird 71 passenger Type C buses and one Blue Bird 18 + 2 passenger Type A bus equipped with a lift.

Superintendent Kevin Houchin reported the Type C buses, equipped as specified by the administration, cost \$79,228 each. The type A bus, equipped with the lift is priced at \$56,453. All three buses will be air conditioned.

Supt. Houchin informed the board that the District is entering the midpoint of implementation of the current technology plan and asked the board to consider some changes to the three-year plan for 2005-2008.

"The recommended updates comply with the three to four year replacement plan for equipment, infrastructure, materials, and supplies but adjusts ideas on where best to position new computers," the superintendent explained to the board.

Planned strategies for the third year of the plan include purchasing a wireless mobile lab for the high school and moving the existing lab to the elementary, purchasing 27 new Imacs for teachers utilizing advanced technologies in their classroom.

Also planned is the upgrading of the elementary instructional lab computers by repositioning Emac computers from the high

school labs. Two new Intel XServers are part of the plan to house all student and teacher data as well as to increase speed and efficiency.

The operating system software will be upgraded for the Tech Server and PowerSchool server. Cost of these projects is expected to cost \$128,000.

New software will also be included to possibly analyze TAKS test results. The board approved the update as presented.

Supt. Houchin discussed the budget amendments necessary to pay for the recommended technology upgrades and the three new buses. The board approved the budget amendments.

In other items, Supt. Houchin informed the board that he was notified by George Williford of First Southwest that there was a potential bond refunding for the McGregor Elementary debt due to declining interest rates.

The refunding could save the district \$15,000-\$16,000 per year in debt payments. The board instructed the superintendent to have First Southwest proceed with preparing the documents for board review and approval.

The textbook committee for 2006-2007, approved by the board Thursday night, included Kevin Houchin, Paul Miller, Micki Hering, James Lenamon, Michael Wagner, Lisa Hudson, Kelly Miller, Heather Miller, Darlene Arp, Celeste Fisk, and Win Emmons.

Under personnel, the board accepted the resignation of Lucretia S. Long as a high school

life skills teacher effective Dec. 31, 2006. She had decided to accept a position with Killeen ISD.

Supt. Houchin relayed a report from Al Pollard from MCC that spring enrollment figures were down at the MCC McGregor Center. MCC has committed to offering classes at the center through the spring semester.

Another report to board members regarding the former elementary campus, Supt. Houchin said, "the Head Start

program that has been using the gymnasium area of the T. H. Jenkins campus is leaving at the end of December. Full day Pre-K classes at McGregor Elementary have caused a drop in enrollment at the site."

"McGregor High School has qualified for a \$50,000 Texas Educator Excellence Grant as part of the governor's incentive plan based upon math comparable improvement from the 2004-2005 to See SCHOOL on page 10

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Editor's Note: Hamilton is a

1969 graduate of McGregor High School and is the son of Mrs. Willie Hamilton and the late Billy Hamilton.

In an article published in the Austin-American Statesman the

same week as the reprinted Houston Chronicle article, it said that Hamilton came to public service honestly. His mother was the secretary for the City of McGregor and his father was a postman.

While earning his master's in public affairs from Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, the pragmatic Hamilton gravitated toward government finance.

## Texas' man behind the books leaves public office

You may not recognize Deputy Comptroller Billy Hamilton, but you know his work

By R. G. Ratcliffe  
AUSTIN—With a boyish, bespectacled face and a mild-mannered demeanor that is as button-down as his shirts, Billy Hamilton has been one of the least-known and most influential men of Texas government for the past three decades.

He has been the man behind the scenes for three Texas comptrollers, a vice president and the governor of California.

Texas Lottery players can thank him for helping set it up. Food stamp recipients have the ease of the Lone Star Card because he over saw its implementation. Performance reviews that Hamilton managed saved the state an estimated \$12 billion through efficiencies.

Former Democratic Vice President Al Gore had Hamilton help overhaul the federal government's purchasing system. And Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last year asked Hamilton to help cut waste from California's state government.

But this life in public service ended Thursday as Hamilton, 55, packed up his office as Texas deputy comptroller and prepared to enter the private sector as a business consultant.

"Billy Hamilton is the best state public servant I've ever seen," former Comptroller John Sharp said. "All of us in Texas owe him a big debt of gratitude." Hamilton was a key steward in the comptroller's office for the



Billy Hamilton

late Bob Bullock and Sharp. While they did the politics, Hamilton did the policy.

But Hamilton became a point of contention with Texas House Republicans and comptroller-elect Susan Combs when he was put into the role of defending some of the policies of outgoing Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Speaker Tom Craddick in 2005 accused Strayhorn of either "playing politics" or being "inept" when her official costs of a public school finance bill differed from those the House were using. Hamilton defended Strayhorn's estimates as correct. The dispute was never resolved because that particular bill failed to pass.

Then in September, Combs told the Austin American-Statesman editorial board that she wanted her own chief deputy

comptroller because Hamilton's reputation had been tarnished by his association with Strayhorn.

Combs on Thursday praised Hamilton as a "very smart and talented individual. He has had a long and successful career in the public sector."

Strayhorn said Thursday she found Combs' original comments to be "outrageous and unconscionable" because they implied a lack of integrity.

Hamilton said he was surprised and hurt by the controversy but said he always had planned to leave the comptroller's office this year.

Hamilton started working for the comptroller's office in 1976 and became the state's chief revenue estimator in 1982.

At the news conference Bullock held to announce Hamilton's first estimate of how much money the Legislature had to spend, Bullock also announced as a candidate against then Gov.-elect Mark White. Bullock didn't make the race, but it gave Hamilton a feel for life as the policy man behind the politician.

Hamilton left the agency in 1986 to work as a consultant, but Sharp lured him back after winning the office in 1990 by supplementing his state salary with money from his political fund. Under Strayhorn, Hamilton earned about \$200,000 from the state and about \$100,000 from her political fund.

During Sharp's tenure,

Hamilton oversaw the start-up of the lottery, which originally fell under the comptroller's office, the switch from paper food stamps to the electronic benefits card and the elimination of the state Treasury as its functions were placed with the comptroller. The comptroller now collects and invests state taxes.

Sharp loaned Hamilton to Gore to participate in the National Performance Revenue, and Strayhorn allowed him to work for Schwarzenegger.

Hamilton said both were great experiences. He said it was the "thrill of a lifetime" to work privately with a vice president and to brief President Clinton in the Oval Office.

He said Schwarzenegger's staff had him prepare a Powerpoint presentation for the governor. Halfway through, he saw Schwarzenegger with his eyes half closed and was afraid he had put him to sleep. The truth: Schwarzenegger is napsighted.

"He was squinting to see these stupid slides," he said.

Hamilton said his successor should remember the state comptroller's office is an agency of 2,800 employees that manages tens of billions of dollars every year.

"This is a pretty complicated machine—and I don't mean political machine—financial machine" Hamilton said. "Before you pull out a gear, you better know what it's connected to."

## Donations nearing \$1000 for Meals on Wheels program

Donations totaling \$755 for McGregor's Meals on Wheels program came in this week after the word was put out in last week's McGregor Mirror after McGregor City Manager Dennis McDuffie was informed of the shortfall from Central Texas Senior Ministry.

This year's shortfall, according to Central Texas Senior Ministry \$5,896. McGregor United Fund donated \$2,000 last week, and with the \$755 received this week, amount remaining is \$3,141.

While making end of year charitable donations, remember SLAP Meals on Wheels.

Donations may be made in form of memorial or honorarium in care of Bonnie Mullens, 311 S. Main, McGregor, Texas 76657. Any amount will be helpful. Please make checks payable to Central Texas Senior Ministry.

Donations were received from the following: Blanche Turner Circle of First United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Men, Gus and Joyce Wiethorn, McGregor Mirror, Frances Hudson, Vern Thomas, Jimmy and Lorna Hering, Cassie Davis, Walter and Patricia Burke, Ruth Class of First Baptist Church, Charlene Rushing, Frances Farmer and Kathryn Hoy.



Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Rost—now



Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Rost—1946

## News Briefs

### Primetimers Will Meet Monday

The McLennan County Farm 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.

### Oglesby Lions Christmas Party Sat.

The Oglesby Lions Club will sponsor their annual Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the Oglesby Community Center. Santa will arrive about 1:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and cash prizes. The community is invited.

### McGregor Santa Pictures Are Ready

Santa pictures taken on Saturday, December 2nd following the Christmas parade are ready for pickup. The pictures are \$1 each and can be viewed at the Chamber office located in The Milo Building, 303 South Main.

To submit a News Brief item email [bonnie@mcgregormirror.com](mailto:bonnie@mcgregormirror.com) or call 840-2091

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### 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Granvil G. Rost of McGregor celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 2, 2006, at Canaan Baptist Church near Crawford, Texas with a barbecue lunch for family and friends. Granvil and the former Verna Mae Hodel were married on December 4, 1946, at the First Baptist Church in Waco with Dr. George Humphries officiating. They are the parents of three daughters: Judith Miller (husband, William) of Little Elm, Texas; Joy Pierson (husband, Sam) of Garland, Texas; and Janis Durkee (husband, Doug) of Greenville, South Carolina. They also have 10 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Granvil served in the Philippines during World War II. He is retired from Bird-Kultgen Ford and Germania Insurance Companies and enjoys creating intarsia woodwork as a hobby. Verna is retired from Germania Insurance companies and enjoys gardening and needlework. They are members of Canaan Baptist Church.

### Crawford community enjoys Chamber's Christmas event at historic Amsler Building

The sounds of Christmas carols filled the Amsler's Building in downtown Crawford on Sunday night as the community came together to celebrate the season.

Six area churches, including Gloryland, Shiloh Baptist, Canaan Baptist, First United Methodist, First Baptist and St. Paul Lutheran presented a variety of choir specials, interpretive dance, solos, scripture reading and poetry.

An estimated 100 listeners enjoyed the festive evening which ended with the reading of the names that will be put on the engraved ornaments and placed on the community tree on Main Street. After the program, hot chocolate and snacks were served

to all. Thank you to those who participated and to Gloryland Church for hosting the event.

Another big thank you goes to the Chamber members who spent time putting up the decorations in our downtown area. Those involved were Stan Jarosz, Donna Conrad, Diane Stimpson, Rachelle Meyer, Marilyn Judy and Thomas Aguilar.

The PALS group from Crawford High School spent several hours getting the tree and manger scene ready.

The engraved snowflake ornaments for the community tree will be on sale through the month of December. To place an order call 486-9626.



It's a girl!



It's a boy!

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-grandparents are Alfredo and Juanita Macedo, Sr. of Mexico, the late Edward Musgrove and Stella Musgrove of McGregor.

Daniel Hernandez and Roteshia Finley would like to announce the birth of their son Kierrian James Hernandez born on November 21, 2006.

Kierrian weighed 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming home Kierrian are grandparents Louis and Mary Finley, Sunny and John Lawrence and Sergio and Susie Hernandez.

Also welcoming home Kierrian are great grandparents Emma Lou and the late Leon Brown, Lucille and the late Davis Finley, Jose Hernandez, Zapapan Hernandez, Rufus and Judy Stewart and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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# ~ Obituaries ~



## Rufus Anthon

Rufus Carroll Anthon, Jr. of Waco passed away Friday, December 8, 2006 in Waco. Funeral services were Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at Cole Funeral Home Chapel, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor with Reverend Drew Wilson officiating. Interment followed in Crawford Cemetery. Rufus was born September 25, 1916, in Waco, the son of the late Rufus Carroll and Sallie (Nowlin) Anthon. He was reared in Waco where he graduated from Waco High School. During World War II, he served his county in the United States Navy. On December 4, 1936, he married Joycie Lanell Walker. After sixty-three years of marriage, she preceded him in death February 28, 2000. For over thirty years, he owned and operated Anthon Potato Company prior to his 1981 retirement.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sisters, Ora Johnson, Florence Thompson both of Waco.

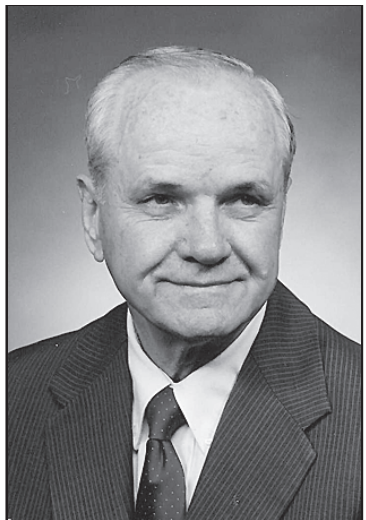
Survivors include one son, Milton Carroll Anthon and wife Paulette of Alvarado; one daughter, Billie Joyce Davis of Waco; ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Casketbearers were Dub Holmes, George Herbert, Craig Ledbetter, Dusty Lynch, Gary Pustejovsky and Gary Walker.

For those desiring the family has suggested Crawford Cem-

etry Association, in care of Billie Lynch, 3682 Prairie Chapel Road, Crawford, Texas 76638 or Parklake Baptist Church, 3701 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Waco, Texas 76708, for memorial contributions.

Please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) to leave a tribute or fond memory about Rufus.



## W.J. Byford

W.J. Byford, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away at his home on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at the age of 80.

Services were held on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at Restever Memorial Park Cemetery. Monsignor John A. McCaffrey officiated the service where his life was celebrated by family and friends. Arrangements were under the direction of Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan.

W.J. Byford was born in Mart, Texas on August 29, 1926. He was raised in McGregor, Texas where he graduated from McGregor High School in 1944. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1944 and served in the Pacific Theatre. W.J. received his Civil Engineering degree from Texas A&M University in 1951 where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. During that period, he was called into service for

the Korean War where he served in the United States Air Force.

He served with honors in the following United States Armed Forces: United States Navy during World War II as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and retiring as a Colonel in the United States Army Reserves. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on October 28, 1981.

W.J. worked for the Texas Highway Department for 32 years and retired as District 17 Maintenance Engineer. He was a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and served as Chapter President 1960-61 and 1971-72.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn Byford; daughter Rebecca Byford of Dallas, Texas; son William Byford of Bryan, Texas; son Robert Byford of Dallas, Texas; and Renee Mynier and son-in-law Roy Mynier of Austin, Texas and granddaughters Julia and Lindsey Mynier. Surviving sisters include Mary Frances Spoons of McGregor, Texas and Bettye Jo Johnson of McGregor, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents William Sherley Byford and Annie Mary Inmon Byford; brother Burnard Byford and sister Evelyn Pfeiffer.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Bryan, Texas 77803 or Brazos Valley Parkinson Association, 1600 Joseph Drive, No. 2158, Bryan, Texas 77802.

For those who wish, condolences for the family may be left at [www.callawayjones.com](http://www.callawayjones.com)

Callaway-Jones Funeral Home

## John Green

John Felson Green, Sr., age 79, of Moody-McGregor, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2006, in McGregor. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2006, in the Morgan Cemetery.

John was born December 18,

1926, to William Felson and Mary Amanda Mounce Green in Mound, Texas where he grew up and attended school in Gatesville, graduating in 1944. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army in Gatesville on March 26, 1945, and with four honorable discharges was dismissed October 7, 1951.

He married Yolanda Chenot and had one daughter. He later married Mary Evelyn Rummel and became a father and friend to her children, Ann, Joyce and Riley. He and Evelyn also had two children together, Pamela and John Felson, Jr.

John worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone company and retired with 37 years of service and many friends in 1986. After retiring, he lived in Moody where he enjoyed gardening and the country life style. He also enjoyed camping and fishing with his kids and grand kids and with all the friends he made at Winkler Park in Belton. John always wanted everyone at PaPa Joe's and the Shade Tree in Lorena to know how much he enjoyed their company and friendship.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; on, Riley Rummel; grandson, Darrell Wilson and a great-great granddaughter.

He is survived by and will be missed by one sister, Mary Lou and husband, Bill Tatum of Carthage; daughters, Christine and husband Jim Morgan of Florida; Ann and husband, James Bone of McGregor; Joyce Wilson of Elgin; Pamela Leonard of McGregor; on, John Felson Green, Jr., of Moody; daughter-in-law, Maxine Rummel of McGregor a God daughter, Karla Sue Chollett of Waco and Daniel Gee of McGregor; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Lawson Funeral Home, Meridian.

## Ricky Mann

Ricky Mann of McGregor died Saturday, December 9, 2006, in Temple at the age of 50. Funeral services were 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at Cole Funeral Home Chapel, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor with Reverend Mickey Fugitt officiating. Interment with military honors followed in Post Oak Cemetery near Oglesby.

Mr. Mann was born May 16, 1956, in Fort Worth, Texas, the son of Roy Louis and Janetta Mann and attended O.D. Wyatt High School where he enjoyed rodeos and bull riding. He served his country in the United States Army from 1976 until his honorable discharge in 1983. In 1997, he moved to McGregor from Waco and was in the aviation business as an aircraft mechanic for twenty years. He attended Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor and enjoyed flower gardening.

Survivors include his mother Janetta of McGregor; one brother, Eddie Mann of Fort Worth; two sisters, Kristi Ivy of Gordon, Emelie Senior of Celburn; his best friend, Jennifer Arbuckle of McGregor and his beloved dog Patsy.

Casketbearers were Johnny Anaya, Jennifer Arbuckle, James Burgess, Tony Kinnear, Becky Lassiter and Eddie Mann.

Please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) to leave a tribute or fond memory about Ricky.



## Carl Westerfield

Carl Westerfield of Crawford died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, in McGregor at the age of 91. Funeral services were 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at Cole Funeral Home Chapel, 1113 West Fifth Street, McGregor with Rev. Dub Oliver officiating. Interment followed in Canaan Baptist Cemetery.

Mr. Westerfield was born February 11, 1915, in Osage, Texas, the son of the late Henry W. and Clara (Spross) Westerfield. He attended school at Prairie Chapel and married Rosemary Pollard November 13, 1937, in Gatesville, Texas. Much of his life was spent farming and ranching in the Prairie Chapel Community. He was a member of Canaan Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He enjoyed horse back riding and rode until he was 80 years of age.

Also preceding him in death were brothers, Wallace Westerfield, Ira Westerfield; sisters, Lillian Weber, Leona

Neuman, Myrtle Buth, Sammie Richter and Vera Stuart.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-nine years, Rosemary Westerfield of Crawford; one son Billie Westerfield and wife LaJuana of Crawford; one brother, Robert "Newt" Westerfield of Crawford; one sister, Dorothy Stuart Walden, Arkansas; two grandchildren, Ginger Martin, Lane Westerfield and wife Greta; five great grandchildren, Shanda Martin, Bethani Martin, Jacob Westerfield, Sara Westerfield and Luke Westerfield.

Active casketbearers were Douglas Buth, Bob Clark, Jerry Furry, Mark Neuman, Gene Reinhardt and Dan Westerfield. Honorary casketbearers were Frank Culpepper, Richard Kilgo and Roy Neuman.

For those desiring, the family has suggested the charity of the donor's own choosing for memorial contributions.

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# Cooking With Teresa Sneed of Catering on Main



## Can you believe the date?!!

Can you believe the date? Christmas is right around the corner! My grandchildren are excited and I am excited. Now, I just need to finish getting everything ready. I finally did some baking yesterday for myself.

That list of special requests needs to be filled. If you are like I am, and not all of your Christmas company will be around for Christmas dinner, maybe you are looking for some recipes to feed everyone for a brunch or heavy appetizers. We have a big breakfast at my house on Christmas morning and then head for Mom's house for a wonderful dinner.

This year, as we have for the last several years, John and I are hosting the Sneed Gathering at our house, on the Saturday before Christmas. This year we are having the traditional fare, but we have been known to try many different things.

I have mixed the recipes up, between the brunch and appetizers. Hope you can try some of

these. I think they are really worth it.

Remember, keep those recipes coming. Boy, do we have some good one! Deadline is Friday. Come on HUGS, I need yours too!

### HEARTY TX-MEX CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 1 (10 OZ) pkg frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 3 medium sized yellow or zucchini squash, thinly sliced
- 1 lg red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 T olive oil
- 3 cups cooked, cubed chicken or turkey
- 12 (6 in.) corn tortillas, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 (10 3/4 oz) can cream of celery soup undiluted
- 1 (8 oz) container sour cream
- 1 (8 oz) jar picante sauce
- 1 (4.5 oz) can chopped green chilies, undrained
- 1 (1.4 oz) envelope taco seasoning

- 2 cups (8 oz) shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- 1. Drain chopped spinach well, pressing between paper towels to remove excess moisture.
- 2. Saute squash, bell pepper and onion in hot oil in a large skillet over medium high heat for 6 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat. Stir in spinach, chicken, next 6 ingredients and 1 1/2 cups cheese. Spoon into a lightly greased 13x9 baking dish
- 3. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Sprinkle evenly with remaining 1/2 cup cheese and bake for 5 more minutes.

- Yield 6-8 servings
- Reduced sodium, reduced fat cream of celery soup, light sour cream and reduced fat sharp cheddar cheese may be substituted.

### CRISPY CHICKEN-AND-RICE CASSEROLE

- 1 cup uncooked long-grain rice
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 2 (10 1/2 oz) cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (8 oz) can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1 (3 1/2 oz) can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1 T lemon juice
- Garnish: chopped fresh parsley

- 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

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.

### QUICHE EVEN A MAN WOULD LOVE

- 5 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/3 medium green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 4oz can chopped mushrooms
- 4 large fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 1/2 sp basil
- 3 cups Swiss cheese, shredded
- 1 9-inch deep dish frozen pie shell

Preheat oven to 325. Saute onion, bell pepper, and mushrooms in bacon grease in a med. skillet. Beat eggs in a mixing bowl and add spices. Mix all ingredients together. Pour into pie shell and bake for 40 min. until crust is golden brown.

We want your favorite Christmas recipe to include in our Special Christmas Greetings edition. Deadline is Dec. 15th email: [bonnie@mcgregormirror.com](mailto:bonnie@mcgregormirror.com) or bring to Mirror office at 311 S. Main

# 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 18, 1936—**  
• Parke D. Evers was elected as Fire Chief of the McGregor Volunteer Fire Department for 1937. Serving with him were M.C. Mertens, Allen Solberg, George Stone, Billie Wheat, Rev. Ritchie, Bert Lee, Jr. (mascot). Outgoing chief Carl Phelan and family were moving to Moshiem community after the first of the year.

• Dan Harris bought out Willie Witte's part of Harris and Witte Grocery. The business continued under the name of The Harris Grocery.

• Miss Frances King became the bride of Edwin Riddle.  
• On sale at Lee's included a four-piece bedroom suite for \$79, occasional chairs for \$5.95, lamps for \$1.50, formal eight-piece dining room suite for \$69.00.

• McGregor High School "Campus Chatter", a column for The Mirror, Editor-in-Chief was Richard Phelan. Associate Editor was Yvonne Anderson. Sports Editor was Scotty Amsler and Society Editors were L. Smith and D. Isbill.

**DECEMBER 20, 1946—**  
No issue on file.

**DECEMBER 21, 1956—**

• McLenan County Electric Cooperative manager Raymond Hample was informed by Congressman Bob Poage that they received a grant of \$442,000 by the Rural Electrification Administration to expand coverage to 200 new customers and to build 14 miles of line. At the time they were serving 3,200 customers.

• Mystery shoppers caught included Mrs. Ernie Esch, Mrs. E.B. Morrow, Gay Grady and Mrs. Dorothy Kelley.

• Soloists in the First Methodist's Combined Christmas concert under the direction of Mrs. Herb Williams were Mrs. Carl Warrington, Mrs. Thomas Cartwright, Hoyle Hackney and Arthur McCommon. Organist was Miss Lena Amsler.

• A long-term \$1 a year contract for a 280-acre park site on Lake Belton was granted by the Corp of Engineers to an association representing McGregor,

Oglesby mayor Tump Grady was elected the president of the association. Lee Ardell was chairman of development. The site was to be located a half mile west of Moffet. Representing McGregor was Alva Wright and Ardell. Crawford representatives were Mr. Miller and Mr. Crawford. From Oglesby were Tump Grady and Walter Witte.

**DECEMBER 18, 1966—**

• City Commissioners drew a crowd at the city meeting because of a sewer and garbage rate increase.

• TP&L employee Carroll Ward was pictured replacing bulbs on Christmas Trees downtown McGregor. Over 300 bulbs were missing over the weekend. Chamber official said that unless this type of vandalism was stopped, the trees would have to go without lights.

• Mr and Mrs. Charlie Walters celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

• Sam H. Amsler, Sr., a resident of McGregor since the city's founding in 1882, died in McGregor at age 87.

• Chuck's Music Studio advertised electric Guitars and amplifiers for only \$69.95 with four free lessons included.

**DECEMBER 16, 1976—**

• Brave spectators enjoyed the annual McGregor Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade in 35 degree windy weather. Frances Lane and son Bobby and Dr. Gene Robertson and son Buddy were pictured watching the floats pass by. Parade winners were Junior Class, Senior Class, Saddle Club and Freshman Class.

• Paul Charles and Mickey Lella were the divers who located a private plane that had crashed into Lake Belton.

• Rainfall of 2.10 inches brought the yearly total to above average at 41.73 inches.

• Leisure suits were on sale at McGregor Men's Store for \$56 and \$26.

• Harris Fagg served as chairman for McGregor's Welfare Committee to help families in need at Christmas.

• Van Smith was elected president of REACT. Other officers were James Luning, Bell Smith, Otto Hackfeld, Bobby Holt, Junior Fisher and Charles E. Knox.

• The annual free Christmas Eve dinner, organized by Jack Dawson was drawing near. Over 2400 pounds of brisket was ordered. Working with Dawson were Aubrey Jordan, Bob Knox and Wesley Bottoms.

• Pat Nelson of Crawford took top honors for 1976 McGregor Bass Club was 133 pounds of bass caught. Top 10 fishermen for the year were Nelson, Don Cantrell, Jerry Ridling, Robert Wilson, Jim Meer, Morris Boronaugh, Jack Owen, Randy Behringer and Floyd Walker.

**DECEMBER 25, 1986—**

• Mrs. Margaret Collins donated the Milo Building at 303 S. Main to the City of McGregor as a memorial to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Milo. One stipulation of the gift was the use of the building rent free to the Chamber for as long as it wished to accept it.

• Crawford High School twirlers were Rachelle Meyer, Amy Abel, Jennifer Lilly, Alisa Cook, Lisa Wendt, Pati Davis. Members of the Pirate pep squad known as "The Peppers" were Chiqui Sanchez, Penny Preston, Jana Martin, Amy Holland and Donna Harper.

**DECEMBER 19, 1996—**

• A sports complex was in the near future for McGregor ISD after school trustees instructed Supt. Kenneth Marlin to hire an architect to design plans that would include a baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, driving range, putting green and walking trail. Work on the complex would be done in stages.

• McGregor ISD trustee of 15 years, Bobby Lechler, turned in his letter of resignation from the school board. His reason for resigning was due to moving out of the district in January.

• Lavonne Westbrook was The Mirror's featured Cook of the Week.

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "saddle sores eventually"

5 in Hildalgo Co. on hwy. 107

6 TXism: "a piece" (long way)

7 TX jazz pianist John " " Kelley

8 TXism: "useless as a screen door"

17 TXism: "hissey"

18 some TXns fought for this country (50-'53)

21 Lone Star state (abbr.)

22 Elmer of Six Flags Looney Tunes ride having all its parts

24 a TX Blue Bell choice

29 TXism: "might as well"

30 TXism: "walking drunk"

31 TX Shelley Duval's "Olive" character in "Popeye" (init.)

32 TX-Mex historical tourism project: " Rio"

34 gusher: "out"

35 TX-based Pizza

36 TXism for study

37 Mexican leader who claimed Galveston: Don Aury

38 TX-born jockey Willie maker

39 TXism: "wobbles like a"

41 roof supports

42 Grand Saline, TX sits on top of a huge deposit

43 LBJ named this Warren to head JFK commission

44 "Get along home, Boerne's Kendall Inn

46 rain soaked

48 cowboy singers often

49 TXism: "a corn to shuck" (big chore)

50 Canyon university name before A&M (abbr.)

51 TXns call it beer

52 nevertheless

**DOWN**

1 TXism for big problems (3 wds.)

2 TX Mexican food restaurant

3 TXism: "nervous in a roomful of rocking chairs"

4 carefree escapades

9 "business as"

10 TXism: "trust every, but always cut the cards"

11 TXism: "happy as a hog in"

12 TXism: "chompin' the bit"

13 Fossil Rim Wildlife Preserve has black

14 TX Reynolds book: "If Then"

15 short message

16 stat for Astro Roger Clemens

19 Southwest Airlines specializes in travel

20 repents

22 John died in Dallas

24 22-down had problems with this Castro (init.)

25 UT science credit

26 Fort Worth's Carter Museum of Western Art

27 grape plants

33 TXism: "hits the" (satisfying)

34 a TX grass

35 TX Trini's "If a Hammer"

37 film in '53: "Down"

38 transmits

40 TX comedienne & actress Burnett

41 coffin stand

44 fancy cook

47 water (toilet)

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In memory of Romana Leos from Charles and Connie Hamilton.

In memory of Wanda Byrd from Louise Bredemeyer.

In memory of Mary Sue Crain from Jimmy and Lorna Hering, Louise Bredemeyer.

In memory of Frieda Zacharias from Yvonne Webb, Jimmy and Lorna Hering, Diane and Dick Lautherbach, Kathryn Hoy.

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For memorial contributions to McGregor EMS send in care of Frances Hudson, 311 South Adams, McGregor, Tx. 76657

**Crawford  
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News**

by Marillyn Nystrom

Adeline Steinke, one of our Meals on Wheels recipients, recently passed away. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Carol Nystrom, my daughter-in-law, has graciously volunteered to drive our Meals on Wheels route on Tuesdays for the month of December. She will continue to drive Tuesdays twice a month after the first of the year. However, we need another volunteer to drive the alternate Tuesdays or two people to drive one Tuesday a month.

We serve 17 recipients on our Meals on Wheels program, and it is a vital service. It provides a hot noon meal for those who are unable to cook for themselves due to age or illness.

It takes about half an hour to drive the route. Although there are 17 individuals, there are only 10 stops, all of them within the city of Crawford except one which is approximately one mile from downtown Crawford.

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Please, if you can help, call me at 254-934-2429 or 254-722-7881. Or, if you prefer, call Nelva Steinkamp at 254-486-2579.

**McGregor  
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seeking  
donations**

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.

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**TY CANTRELL**, 11, son of Billy and Terri Cantrell and grandson of Wanda and Earl Grusendorf, shot his first mule deer on the second day of deer season in south Texas

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**Italian restaurant to open  
in former Our Place spot**  
**Luigi's Italian Restaurant**

Business partners Bekim, Tony and Dino are proud to announce the opening of their Luigi's Italian Restaurant in McGregor. Expected opening is late December or first of January.

The new Luigi's Italian Restaurant will be located in Tom Kirk's toally refurbished and redecorated former Our Place Restaurant facility at 510 S. Main Street.

Entering patrons will be able to observe Luigi's Italian Restaurant's immaculate kitchen while cooks individually prepare a la carte lunch and dinner appetizers, salads, pastas (plain, chicken and veal), desserts, breads and crisp bottom pizzas from their stone floored ovens. All menu items will also be prepared for carry-out.

The new restaurant will provide seating for 80, plus a private room eventually intended for private parties and meetings of up to 48 people. There will be no private club service and glassware will be provided for those who wish to B.Y.O.B.

Bekim, Tony and Dino became proud U.S. citizens while working in Italian restaurants in the Dallas/Rockwell area. They,

with their families have moved to McGregor.

They and their families are looking forward to meeting and serving the people of MOC and surrounding communities at their new restaurant.

They already feel they have been so warmly accepted in the United States, Texas and McGregor.

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# Bulldogs win consolation at Academy

## Season record is currently at 5-3

The McGregor Bulldog basketball team won the consolation trophy at Academy and placed fourth at the recent Jarrell Tournament.

Greg Jones was named to the All Tournament team at Academy and Joe Seward was named to the All Tournament team at Jarrell.

Before the Academy Tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Troy by a score of 45-39. McGregor led all the way and went into the fourth quarter with a 37-30 lead. Greg Jones scored 16 followed by Larry Smith, 14; Joe Seward, nine; Tler Arp, Chenier Thomas, and Harvey Lee, two each.

In the first matchup of the Academy Tournament, the Bulldogs were defeated in overtime by Troy 55-49. McGregor got behind 9-15 in the first quarter and trailed by four at the start of the fourth quarter 32-36.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Jones, 15; Seward, 14; Chris

Minnitt, eight; Smith, four; Areligo Martinez, three; Lee and Thomas, two; Arp, one.

McGregor bounced back with a 53-46 victory over Shoemaker. The Bulldogs trailed throughout the game, but managed to tie it up and force the game into overtime.

Jones was the leading scorer with 16. Minnitt found the range for 11, Smith and Seward both scored 10 points. Owens had three, Arp, two; and Thomas, one.

McGregor finished the tournament with victories over Hyde Park 45-42 and against Rosebud-Lott in overtime 41-39.

In the Hyde Park game, McGregor held a 21-17 lead at halftime and led by a 33-25 margin at the start of the fourth quarter. Three top scorers in this game were Seward, 11; Jones, 10; and Smith, nine.

Against Rosebud-Lott, McGregor trailed by nine points

at halftime and still were behind 31-29 going in to the final quarter before tying the game and then going on to win in overtime.

In the Jarrell Tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Granger in the first round 59-34. The Bulldogs led 25-19 at halftime and 47-25 at the end of the third period. Minnitt was high point man with 16, Seward nailed 14 points, Smith, 10; Martinez, six; Arp, five; Owens, three; Calvin Henderson and Thomas, two; Lee, one. McGregor hit 10 of 14 free throws.

Jarrell won the second game defeating the Bulldogs 57-28. McGregor found themselves behind 39-11 in the final period. Top two scorers for McGregor were Smith and Seward with 11 and 10 points.

McGregor dropped the next game against Rogers 49-35. The Bulldogs were behind 21-7 in the

first, 31-16 in the second, and 43-21 in the third. Seward sank 14 points and Smith added eight.

"Our record in overtime games is 2-1," Head Bulldog basketball Coach Jeff Burgess stated. "We finally put it all together offensively and defensively in the Granger game. We shot really well and played great defense.

Coach Burgess reported the Jayvees are 5-2 with wins over Troy, Hamilton, Crawford, Rosebud-Lott, and China Spring and losses to Grandview and Gatesville.

The freshmen are 1-3 with a win against Whitney and losses to Troy, Gatesville, and Burnet.

On Tuesday the Bulldogs were scheduled to face Axtell here and will play China Spring there on Friday. The freshmen will start at 5 p.m., followed by the jayvees at 6:15 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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## Carroll named to All Region Team

Terrance Carroll was one of eight players on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team that was placed on the All-Region Team.

Carroll, a senior and former McGregor Bulldog standout, was named to the All-South Region Second Team on defense. He posted 25 tackles and 5.5 tackles for losses. He added three sacks,

an interception and a fumble recovery.

Six players named to the first team were Free safety Josh Kubiak, Linebacker Jerrell Freeman, Cornerback Elliot Barcak, Running Back Jarvis Thrasher, Offensive Tackle Caleb Woodall and PAT Kicker Zach Newcomb. On the third team was Offensive Guard Josh Littlejohn.

## 8th grade girls off to good start

The McGregor eighth grade basketball girls are off to a strong start.

Coach Amberly Leight reported the girls B team recently played in a Temple Tournament and are now 2-3. The B team is undefeated in district play with a

2-0 mark.

The McGregor 8th grade A team didn't play in the Temple Tournament and their district record is 3-2. Their two losses came against Crawford and Bruceville-Eddy.

## Make ATSSB Region Band



Daniel Alvarez, Jeannine Mooney, Moises Castillo, Jessica Krueger

Five members of the McGregor High School band received special recognition recently by being named to the ATSSB and TMEA bands at Region competitions.

Band Director Paul Fullerton proudly reported that those making the ATSSB band (Association of Small School Bands) included Jessica Krueger, clarinet, 9th chair, symphonic band; Daniel Alvarez, baritone, 3rd chair, concert band; Jeannine Mooney, flute, 4th chair, concert band; and Moises Castillo, trumpet, 8th

chair concert.

The ATSSB is composed of schools in classes 1A-3A.

Lowell Walter was selected to 1st chair tuba of the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) in Class 5-A. The TMEA is composed of schools in classes 4A-5A.

"Lowell was also the principal tuba player for the All Region Orchestra concert held this past Saturday at Baylor University," Fullerton noted. "Walter will play again at the Region band concert on Jan. 14."

Walter and Krueger will both advance to the Area contests scheduled for Jan. 6. Fullerton pointed out that if they place high enough they will then advance to the state contest in San Antonio on Feb. 14-17.

"I'm very proud of all of these students," Fullerton declared. "This is the most students we've had place in an All Region band in the six years since I've been here."

Walters was a two-year All State player in the ATSSB rankings.

Last year he was named as 1st chair of the symphonic band at the state level.

"Walter is the first student in a long time from McGregor, and maybe ever, that has been a two year All State player in the ATSSB band and with a chance to advance to state on the 5-A level," Fullerton stated. "The ATSSB contest has been going on for 15 years. Walter chose to compete this year at the 4A-5A level in the TMEA."

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# McGregor Elementary wins 1st at UIL Academic meet



McGregor Elementary students scored 374 points recently to win the University Interscholastic League Academic contest held at the local campus.

Here is the order of how the schools finished:

- 1. McGregor 374
- 2. Crawford 295
- 3. Hamilton 205
- 4. Clifton 195
- 5. Bruceville-Eddy 163
- 6. Moody 68

"We are extremely proud of all of the students who participated in the contest," McGregor Elementary Principal Cheri Zacharias stated. "We want to thank the students, the parents, and all the volunteers that helped make our district academic meet successful here. We sincerely appreciate the support and thank each of the coaches and students who worked so hard for our teams to be successful."

Zacharias pointed out that this

was McGregor Elementary's first district championship. She added that local students scored points in almost every event.

"Way to go students and coaches!", Zacharias declared. "It was because of your hard work and dedication that we were able to leave the meet with our first academic championship. A special thanks goes out to Angie Adcock and Tonya Burgess for helping coordinate the meet and to Becky Gropp, and Kathy McDuffie for taking care of the hospitality room. We appreciate the time you spent in preparation and planning."

Here are the results of the meet:  
2nd Grade Creative Writing—Coach Pamela Orr, Blake Boles, 1st; Zachary Zajicek, 6th.

2nd Grade Storytelling—Coach Tricia Green, Essance Porter, 1st; Blake Boles, 3rd; Mary Graves, 4th.  
3rd Grade Storytelling—Coach

Tricia Green, Tobi Mooney, 1st; Shaniqua Lee, 2nd; Bailee Buchanan, 3rd.

3rd Grade Spelling—Coach Cathy Casbeer, Jordan Stroope, 2nd; Caitlin Zacharias, 4th; Aubrey Krueger, 6th.

4th Grade Art Memory—Coach Angie Adcock, Yesenia Solis, 5th; Team overall: 2nd place.

5th Grade Art Memory—Coach Janice Dake, Dillon Hensel, 3rd; Team overall: 3rd place.

4th Grade Number Sense—Coach Susan Douglas, Maria Torres, 5th.

5th Grade Number Sense—Coach Lisa Hudson, Brent Oakes, 1st; Kaci Thane, 6th.

5th Grade Listening—Coach Debbie Pollei, Brett Boles, 2nd.

4th Grade Spelling—Coach Cathy Casbeer, David Valdez, 6th.

5th Grade Spelling—Coach Jill Brinkley, Brett Boles, 4th.

4th Grade Ready Writing—Coach Mary Whitley, Hope Lenamon, 1st; Tristine Jackson, 2nd; Miller Scott, 3rd.

4th Grade Music Memory—Coach Pat Blackshear, Kyle Hutchinson, 1st; Mariela Gutierrez, 4th; Team overall: 1st place.

5th Grade Music Memory—Coach Bobby Wendt, Christina Pace, 1st; Patrick Grace, 2nd; Kaci Thane, 4th; Team overall: 1st place.

5th Grade Dictionary Skills—Coach Peggy Thane, Daniel Ambriz, 4th.

3rd Grade Music Memory—Coach Pat Blackshear, Kyla Pugh, 1st; Albino Vences-Alvarado, 3rd; Noah Adcock, 4th; Team overall: 1st place.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts 5—Coach Karen Talbert, Cole Herbolt, 2nd.

Oral Reading 4—Coach Wendy Zacharias, Jaycee Green, 1st.

## Lady 7th grade 'Dogs beat Clifton

The McGregor 7th grade Lady Bulldogs defeated Clifton Monday evening here by a score of 23-8.

Coach Sandy Brown said, "it was a good victory especially since we only had five girls suited up.. All five girls contributed"

Scoring points were Danielle Garcia, 7; Melinda Solis, 6; Chelsea Millsap, 4; Sindy Salas, 4; Lisaide Vallejo, 2.

McGregor's 7th grade A team lost by a score of 28-23.

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs included Danielle Brisby, 9; Savannah Ponce, 6; Esme Ortuno, 2; Taylor Niemeier, 2; Kaleigh Green, 2; Jessika Fuitt, 2.

McGregor's 8B team outscored Clifton 18 to 4. Scoring points were Madison Tippie,

6; Ana Brown, 4; Ashlea Lane, 4; Courtney Lorenz, 2; Hannah Lenamon, 2. Leading rebounders were Ana, Ashlea and Courtney.

The McGregor 8th grade A team won a thriller 32-29 over Clifton.

"The Lady Bulldogs trailed the first three quarters, but never gave up," the coach stated. "The girls kept their composure in the final seconds to surge ahead and win the game."

Leading scorers consisted of Melissa Ballard, 15; Cheyenne Lanmon, 10; Kaley Zacharias, 7.

Leading rebounders were Cheyenne, Lena, Kaley, and Melissa.

The Lady Bulldogs travel to Gatesville Thursday for the Gatesville Tournament.



7TH GRADE B TEMPLE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—Back: Danielle Brisby, Chelsea Millsap, Coach Amberly Leight, Lisaide Vallejo, Sindy Salas. Front: Danielle Garcia, Melinda Solis, Jessika Foitt.



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Saturday	Oct. 28	Midway/China Spring Scrim	Midway	9, JV, V	1:00
Tuesday	Oct. 31	Connally Scrimmage	Connally	JV, V	TBA
Tuesday	Nov. 7	Lovelady	TBA	JV, V	6:15, 7:30
Thurs-Sat.	Nov. 9, 11	Midway Tournament	Midway	9, JV	TBA
Saturday	Nov. 11	@ China Spring	China Spring	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday	Nov. 14	@Groesbeck	Groesbeck	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Thurs. & Sat.	Nov. 16 & 18	Robinson JV Tournament	Robinson	9 & JV	TBA
Saturday	Nov. 18	OPEN			
Monday	Nov. 20	Reicher	Reicher	JV, V	5:00, 6:30
Tuesday	Nov. 21	Bosqueville	CRAWFORD	JV, V	5:00, 6:30
Tuesday	Nov. 28	Grandview	CRAWFORD	JV, V	5:00, 6:30
Thurs.-Sat.	Nov. 30- Dec 2	@ Lorena Tournament	Lorena	V	TBA
Thurs.-Sat.	Nov. 30- Dec 2	Gatesville JV Tournament	Gatesville	9 & JV	TBA
Tuesday	Dec. 5	@Lorena	Lorena	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Thurs.-Sat.	Dec. 7-9	Crawford Tournament	CRAWFORD	V	TBA
Thurs-Sat.	Dec. 7-9	China Spring Tournament	China Spring	JV, 9	TBA
Tuesday	Dec. 12	Mexia	CRAWFORD	JV, V	4:30, 6:15
Friday	Dec. 15	Midway	CRAWFORD	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday	Dec. 19	Gatesville	Gatesville	JV, V	5:00, 6:30
Wed.-Fri.	Dec. 28-30	MT Rice Tournament	Midway	V	TBA
Tuesday	Jan. 2	University	University	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Friday	Jan. 5	McGregor	CRAWFORD	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 9	Clifton	CRAWFORD	9, JV, V	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Friday	Jan. 12	Hamilton	Hamilton	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 16	Moody	CRAWFORD	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Friday	Jan. 19	@Bruceville-Eddy	Bruceville-Eddy	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 23	@McGregor	McGregor	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Friday	Jan. 26	@Clifton	Clifton	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 30	Hamilton	CRAWFORD	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Friday	Feb. 2	Moody	Moody	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30
Tuesday **	Feb. 6	Bruceville-Eddy	CRAWFORD	JV, V, 9	5:00, 6:15, 7:30

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**Crawford Junior High girls play B-E**

The Crawford 7th and 8th grade Junior High basketball girls won three out of four games against Bruceville-Eddy this past week.

Raygen Smith and Hunter Meyer provided four points apiece in a loss to Bruceville-Eddy 18-13.

Crawford's 8th grade B girls defeated the Lady Eagles 28-6.

High point girl was Samantha King with eight points.

Kirsten Goodwin and Lauren Payne pumped in six points apiece to lead Crawford's 7th grade A team to a 25-21 victory over Bruceville-Eddy.

Kayla Zimmerman paced the Lady Pirates 8th grade A team in a 33-16 win over Bruceville-Eddy.

## City Sales & Use Tax Comparison Summary-Dec. 2006

City	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	Percent Change	2006 Payments to Date	2005 Payments to Date	Percent Change
McGregor	\$32,966.18	\$34,140.82	-3.44%	\$571,979.21	\$506,487.34	12.93%
Crawford	\$3,469.72	\$3,609.38	-3.86%	\$49,629.79	\$57,681.26	-13.95%
Oglesby	\$318.58	\$293.61	8.50%	\$7,986.331	\$6,448.92	23.83%
Moody	\$3,532.73	\$3,131.01	12.83%	\$40,756.26	\$48,046.20	-15.17%
Valley Mills	\$4,164.83	\$3,808.49	9.35%	\$55,040.68	\$44,153.44	24.65%
Clifton	\$34,302.52	\$37,580.33	-8.72%	\$467,136.37	\$489,461.29	-4.56%
Robinson	\$151,024.29	\$49,839.06	2.37%	\$812,472.41	\$685,003.64	18.60%
Gatesville	\$107,141.53	\$110,258.63	-2.82%	\$1,403,546.41	\$1,350,174.17	3.95%
Waco	\$1,973,404.93	\$1,885,288.46	4.67%	\$26,782,439.92	\$24,889,661.77	7.60%

## Final sales tax allocation numbers show Texas cities bouncing back

(AUSTIN)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today said the state collected \$1.73 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.4 percent compared to November 2005. The Comptroller sent local governments \$403.8

million in December sales tax allocations, up 8.4 percent compared to December 2005.

"The final sales tax allocation of 2006 brings total local sales tax revenue for the calendar year to a record \$5.2 billion,"

Strayhorn said. "This marks the first time local sales tax revenues have reached \$5 billion in a single year."

"In 1999, in my first year as Comptroller, I distributed \$3.5 billion in local sales tax. Com-

pared to that year, annual local sales tax revenue is up 47.8 percent," Strayhorn said.

"Texas' population growth, diversity and economic strength have helped the state recover from the '02-'03 economic slow-

down that followed the triple economic whammy of 9/11, the Enron and WorldCom scandals and the high tech bubble bursting. Local communities have bounced back from economic setbacks and natural disasters like Hurricane Rita," said Strayhorn.

Strayhorn sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$273.1 million, up 8 percent compared to December 2005. City sales tax allocations during calendar year 2006 totaled \$3.5 billion, up 13.5 percent compared to calendar year 2005. Counties' December sales tax allocations were \$24.8 million, up 13.9 percent compared to December 2005. Counties received \$312.7 million in sales tax during calendar year 2006, up 16 percent compared to last year.

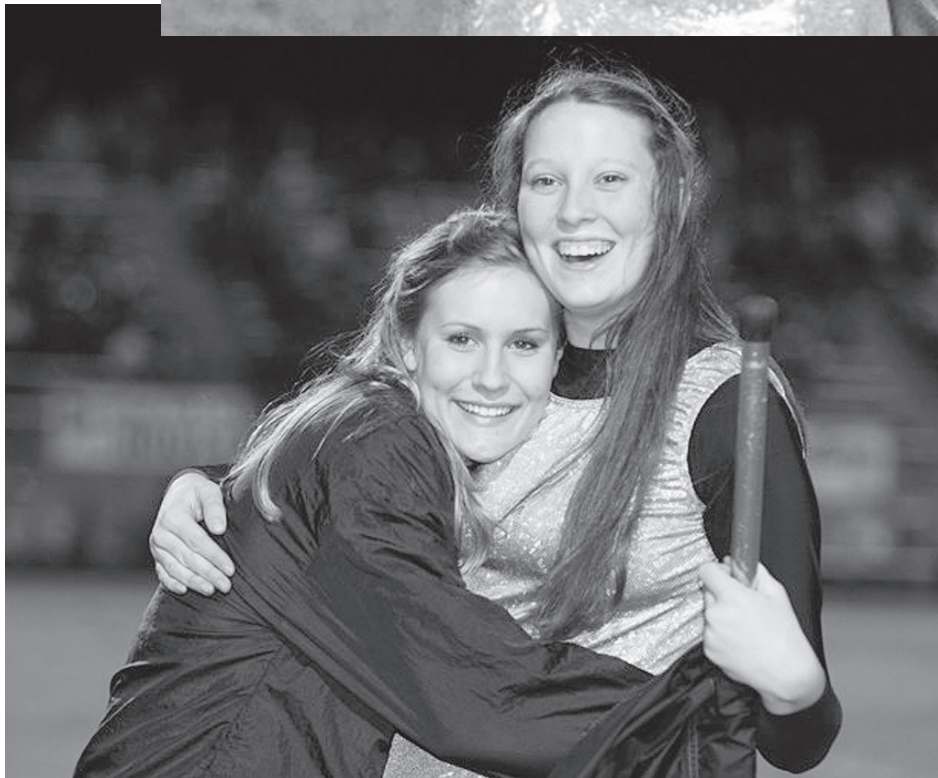
Ten local transit systems received December sales tax allocations of \$93.2 million, a 7 percent increase over December

2005. Sales tax allocations to transit systems in 2006 totaled \$1.2 billion, up 14.1 percent compared to the 2005 total. December sales tax allocations of \$12.5 million went to 115 special purpose taxing districts, an increase of 17.6 percent compared to last December. Special purpose districts received \$153.1 million during 2006, up 17.1 percent compared to 2005.

For details of December sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports* on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allosum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allosum/compsum.html).

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Jan. 12.

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Former Naval Weapons Fire Department facility is new home for MVFD.

## McGregor firemen get new headquarters

By Sandra Wittliff

Santa came to the McGregor Volunteer Fire Department this year. Due to the final disposition by the Navy of the Bluebonnet Plant the fire department has received the fire department building on site. It is the first building you see as you enter into the industrial park, across from the CTYRA arena and will be able to be used as a selling point to future businesses. There won't be any more running during an emergency from Main Street to the firehouse when traffic is bad.

When you walk into the front door of the future VFD home you can feel the energy all of the members working to get the building to the point they can move in. They will tell you this building is not only for the fire department but will be a great

benefit to McGregor. The Flames who do a lot of support work for the VFD will also move into the building.

Members are almost numb with excitement when you ask them what they want to see happen to the multi roomed building. They have already completed a number of projects and have several in the works.

The basics like making sure the plumbing and electrical are in working condition, securing the building with new keys, as well as getting rid of left over items they will never use is in process. The building will now allow the department to keep trucks inside, all of the information they have in a variety of places will now become localized and more efficient to get to when needed.

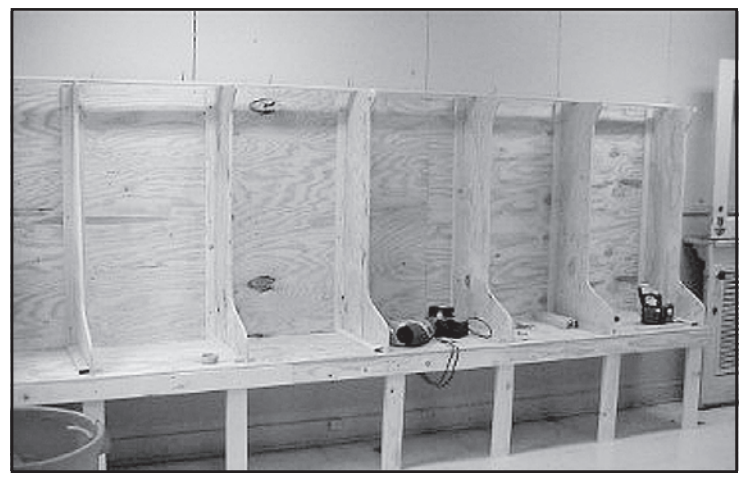
If you have ever had to carry gear in a major fire, bunker gear will weigh easily 150 pounds. One of the best ways to not have injuries to the members is to work out in some sort of gym. One room has already been painted and fixed to eventually house training equipment that has been donated to them as well as some future items they hope to purchase.

The department is on track to receive a Homeland Security grant for new bunker gear. Their newest gear is circa 1991 and that is only several complete outfits. Everything else is much older. To accommodate the gear as well as get to the trucks faster one room will be dedicated to the housing, cleaning and drying of the gear. Renovation of this room is in process.

There is a large hose drying rack out back that it is not very sturdy. The fire department is in process of identifying some piping to be able to build a newer safer one.

One room is expected to become the future library. This will be a chance for the department to make the information available to everyone who needs it. Hopefully someday access to the internet plus some computers will give them the ability to go to some of the major sites for information and training CD's that are available. Additionally, when a new business comes into town and they will have the ability to research and be prepared to fight any fires at that facility if needed.

They hope to eventually clad the building, add signage and



Local firemen are working on building bunker gear cubicles at their new facilities at the entrance of the former weapons plant.

landscape the property so new businesses will feel good about investing in the area.

The McGregor Volunteer Fire Department is an important part of every person in this community. If we did not have this dedicated group of individuals our insurance rates would be higher and there would be no safety net in place making all of us less secure during the long drought and fire seasons.

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The McGregor Volunteer Fire Department plans to have an open house sometime in 2007 so everyone in the community can come by, take a look at the building and shake hands with those volunteers that make this all possible.

## School — Cont. from Page One

school year," Supt. Houchin said. "The high school staff voted in favor of accepting the grant and a five member team was organized to plan how the funds are to be divided according to mandated guidelines."

Supt. Houchin also reported to the board that the district is in a Chapter 41/42 Partnership with Beckville ISD this year.

An internet safety program was recently presented for parents at the high school auditorium, but Supt. Houchin reported that it was not well attended with only 23 parents in attendance.

The superintendent told the board that the high school yearbook would need to be subsidized by about \$5000 for the last two years. Taylor Publishing Company has been selected to do the yearbook this year. Supt. Houchin added that ways are being studied to sell more yearbooks to students to reduce the deficit.

"I'm proud to announce that the McGregor Elementary hosted the UIL Elementary Academic Meet for 21-AA and placed first along with the fifth grade," Supt. Houchin stated. "I'm also pleased to announce that Jessica Krueger,

Daniel Alvarez, Jeannine Mooney, and Moises Castillo won chairs in either the concert or symphonic region bands in the Association of Texas Small School Bands, and Lowell Walter placed first chair at the Texas Music Educators Association designed for 4A and 5A schools."

Supt. Houchin had more good news to report to the board. Tyler Arp and Collin Walter were two of only eight students named to the elite All-State Academic Football team in Class 2-A and Thomas Kaylor was named to the All State Second Team.

More good news was that McGregor High School was notified that Ruston Thompson and Billy Etheredge scored in the 99th percentile on their PSAT tests. The test is used to determine National Merit Scholars.

The board discussed some 2007 goals for McGregor ISD including improvement to fine arts, reducing the need for development classes, improving success after high school, and engaging more males in education.

Work will continue on the goals until the next meeting when new goals will be adopted.



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## No chocolate for Fido

You've heard the phrase "death by chocolate?" Don't snicker - it could happen to poochie and mean curtains for your dog.

If your sweet-toothed canine has helped himself to a sweet treat, it could mean a stomachache or worse, says Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Although chocolate may be one of your favorite indulgences, it shouldn't be one of Fido's. "Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine which is toxic to dogs," says Landis. "If ingested in large quantities, theobromine can stimulate the nervous system and cause irregularities in heart function."

When theobromine levels are considered, not all chocolates are created equal. Different types of chocolate contain varying concentrations of theobromine. "Dark and baking chocolates have the highest concentrations and should be strictly avoided," warns Landis. "Even in small amounts, these chocolates can be toxic."

With any cocoa concoction in his system, your dog may display hyperactive behavior much like you do after losing count of how many chocolate peanut butter cups you've eaten. Unlike your own episodes, your dog's hyperactivity can elevate to tremors and even seizures, especially if dark or baking chocolate is your dog's dessert of choice, says Landis.

When your dog finally comes down from his chocolate high, he may be feeling pretty low. "It is typical for chocolate to upset your dog's gastrointestinal system, causing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea," says Landis. "These signs usually appear 2-4 hours after the dog ingests chocolate."

If your dog shows any of these signs or if you suspect he has sampled a bite-size candy bar or two (a pile of partially chewed wrappers is a good indicator), contact your veterinarian. "Your veterinarian can recommend the best course of action based on the size of your dog and how much chocolate it has eaten," says Landis.

In some cases, your veterinarian may be able to stop the effects before they even start. "If the animal is treated within 1-2 hours of ingestion, the veterinarian may administer activated charcoal or an emetic to slow absorption of theobromine," she says. But, if more than two hours have passed, there are still plenty of other ways to care for your pet.

Most mild cases can be treated with what is called supportive care. "Be sure the dog is hydrated and keep its electrolytes balanced," suggests Landis. "Within 24-48 hours, it should be feeling better." Landis also recommends feeding your dog a bland diet for a few days to avoid further upsetting its stomach.

For more severe cases where the animal is vomiting excessively, your veterinarian may administer an anti-emetic medication. "If your dog has lost a lot of water through vomiting and diarrhea, it may need to be hospitalized and given IV fluid to correct its electrolyte balance," Landis advises.

Although Landis says death by toxicosis is rare, it is a possibility. Luckily, it is also easy to prevent. Simply keep your candy bowl out of your dog's reach and be careful when making desserts with baking chocolate, says Landis. If any should fall on the floor, clean it up before your dog has a chance to.

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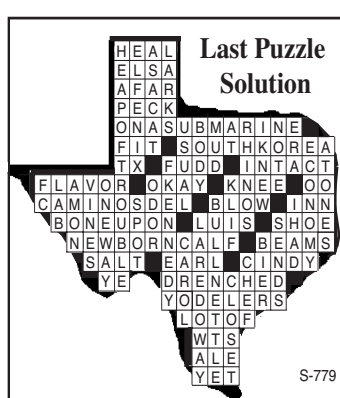
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Thank you.  
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We don't seem to do that much anymore.  
I caught myself saying "thank you" in response to being thanked, and wondered what was going on. As I began to observe others with this in mind, I realized I am not alone. For many of us, it seems the new appropriate response to "thank you" is "thank you."  
The more I think about it, the more I think there is something wrong with this.  
I found that I was thanking people for thanking me. Either because I wasn't content to receive their thanks, or in wanting to recognize and show appreciation for their gratitude, I found myself reflexively saying "thank you" in reply to "thank you."  
I think answering "thank you" to "thank you" is a sign that

we have trouble receiving. Don't misunderstand; we all love to get stuff, but at receiving graciously and gratefully we are not so good.  
This time of year, as we all share in so much gift-giving, let's consider how we receive. After all, beyond the lights and trees and tinsel and presents, the holiday is God's giving to us all an invitation to a relationship with God through the gift of Jesus.  
For which we have every right to be thankful, and to which God would say a hearty, "You're welcome."  
I am going to re-learn this Christmas season the importance of saying "you're welcome" in recognizing the thanks shown by others.

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Even though there are fifteen cities in the U.S. named after him, Joseph is the forgotten man of Christmas. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." It could be said of Joseph that what he did speaks so loudly that he didn't have to say anything. Joseph shows us the consequences and the influence of obedience to God. Joseph shows us how to step toward God.  
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Sunday:  
8:00 A.M.—Spanish  
11:30 A.M.—English

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
101 Garfield Street  
McGREGOR

Tuesday evening.....7:30 p.m.  
Sunday morning.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday evening.....3:30 p.m.

*Keeping the Ordinances as they were delivered by the Apostles*  
I Corinthians 11: 1-2

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
3rd and Pullen  
McGREGOR

Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday evening.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....6:00 p.m.

Minister Agathus Robinson

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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.  
B.T.U.....6:00 p.m.  
Mid Week Service.....6:30 p.m.

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Christmas Eve Service — 6 pm Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

at  
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500 South Madison Street

**Worship @ 9 & 11**  
**Sunday School @ 10**  
nursery available  
Steve Heyduck, Pastor

**Church of the Living God of McGregor**  
112 Pullen • McGregor  
840-3468

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Elder Harold Haynes, Pastor  
Sammie Haynes, Asso. Pastor

**Roberson Chapel A.M.E. Church**  
402 South Arthur, McGREGOR  
840-2000

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11 a.m.  
Wednesday ~ Prayer Service and Bible Study.....7 p.m.

Dr. Albert Gregory Pastor

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304 S. Main, McGregor

For Information Call—Para Informacion Llamen  
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Services Sunday  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Worship 7:00 p.m.

Servicios Domingo  
Escuela Dominical 10:30 a.m.  
Adoracion 11:15 a.m.  
and 6 p.m.  
Miercoles  
Adoracion 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday night.....7:00 p.m.

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SIXTH and ADAMS  
McGREGOR  
Charles Daily, Minister

SUNDAY:  
Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship.....10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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McGREGOR  
840-3402

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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.

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Sunday morning—10 a.m. Praise & Worship  
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Sunday evening—6 p.m. Celebration Service with Curtis Jones  
Wednesday evening—7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Youth Service with Lindsey Longo

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Pastor: Dub Oliver  
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Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. - noon

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Sunday night.....6:00 p.m.  
Tues. night.....7:30 p.m.  
Wed. night.....7:30 p.m.

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McGREGOR  
Pastor: Charles Griffin  
Church phone: 840-4122

**College Avenue Baptist Church**  
PEOPLE SHARING JESUS  
201 South Monroe Street, McGregor 840-3782

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**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

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