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GOING TO STATE—McGregor High School debaters Ruston Thompson and Billy Etheredge are advancing to the state meet in Austin on May 12 and 13 after winning first at the District UIL meet at McLennan Community College on Feb. 9. Their debate coach Ernie Casbeer reported this is Ruston and Billy's second year in debate. Last year they placed third in district. This year the duo first debated at Round Rock and then at Brownwood where they made the finals. Their topic is "Increasing Citizen Service for the Nation".

Robert Murphy accepts coaching job at Temple

Robert Murphy, Crawford's head coach and athletic director, who led the Crawford Pirates to their first state championship in football in 2004, resigned last Friday to accept a coaching position at Temple High School.

Murphy, who coached at Crawford for 17 years, reported that he had accepted a job offer as offensive line coach of the 5A Temple Wildcats effective Monday morning.

Crawford School Superintendent Kevin Noack said, "Coach Murphy's resignation is a big loss to the school district. He is a great coach, and probably one of the best coaches I've ever worked with."

Supt. Noack indicated that no timetable had been set up to select the next Crawford Head Football Coach, but he said the process would be start on Monday night at the regular school board meeting.

Coach Murphy opined, "I believe it's Coach Delbert Kelm's job to turn down. He's been at Crawford as long as I have and I feel that he's earned the right to



Coach Robert Murphy

have that option." "Coach Kelm and I arrived in Crawford in 1990 and our main reason for coming here was to live in a good place to raise our families," Coach Murphy emphasized. "We both raised our families in Crawford and that turned out to be a good decision."

Coach Murphy was proud of the fact that the Pirates were able to win 80 percent of their games while he was heading the program.

Murphy was quick to point out that, "the coaches you surround yourself with is where it all starts. I've been blessed to have an outstanding coaching staff."

During the past 17 years, Coach Murphy has made many lasting friendships that will continue. He is planning to remain living in Crawford. His wife, Kristy, who is a High School English teacher, is planning to continue teaching at Crawford.

Good luck in your new position at Temple High School and thanks for the great ride.

Rattlesnake hunt this weekend

Folks near and far are invited to enjoy small town hospitality at its best for the 38th annual Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Hunt and Flea Market to be held at the downtown Senior Community building this Saturday and Sunday.

There will be something for the entire family. Rides for the children, horse buggy rides for children and adults, and a flea market with tables filled with all sorts of baked goods and other items.

A hearty breakfast will be served both mornings starting at 7:00 a.m.

Hunter registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00. Instruction on how to find, catch and properly handle rattlesnakes will be presented at 8:30 a.m. along with important first aid informa-

tion. All hunters must sign the safety pledge before departing for their hunting sites.

Hunters should be aware that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department requires snake hunters to have a non-game collectors permit.

For those citizens who want to see some snakes up close, but don't care about hunting for them, the first snake show is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. put on by world famous Jackie Bibby and the Heart of Texas Snake Handlers.

Informative and thrilling shows will be held throughout the day. For those who have never been to a show, you don't know what you're missing. And for those who have been to the snake show several times, the snake handlers are always coming up with new and daring stunts.

Attending the show is an excellent way to learn more about the fascinating world of rattlesnakes. The snake handlers are quite knowledgeable on the subject and they are most happy to answer all of your questions.

The clear, plexiglass pit and the rows of bleachers make easy viewing even with a crowd of people. Your children can even safely view the snakes from a few feet away.

Last snake show on Saturday starts at 5:00 p.m. and the building is cleared at 6:00 p.m.

Registration of hunters will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday and there is no registration after 10:00 a.m. The snake pit opens at 11:00 a.m. and the hunt ends at 3:30 p.m.

Deadline for turning in snakes for awards is 4:00 p.m. and the last snake show of the week-

end will start at about that same time.

Members of the Oglesby Lions will present cash awards and trophies to the winning teams.

In order to qualify for prizes, hunters must turn in at least 10 pounds of rattlesnakes.

Prizes for the longest rattlesnakes are: 1st place—\$100, 2nd place—\$50, 3rd place—\$25. The hunter bringing in the smallest rattlesnake will be awarded \$50, and \$25 for second, and \$10 for third.

Most pounds of rattlesnakes brought in for both days will receive a \$50 prize.

With the proceeds, the Oglesby Lions Club is able to help with many worthwhile community projects. This is the club's main fund raiser of the year.

Taylor is first candidate to file in MOC election

McGregor Ward Three Councilman David C. Taylor is the first candidate in MOC to file for election.

Taylor was appointed to the council in November to replace John Klander. Klander had served as Ward Three councilman for nine years, but resigned after moving from the Ward he represented.

David Taylor, a fourth generation McGregorite, graduated from McGregor High School in 1990 as valedictorian before receiving his degree from Baylor University. Following graduation, he worked in Dallas for Sprint. He and his family returned to McGregor in 2002, continuing his work with Sprint. In 2004, he was employed with Baylor University

as Senior Academic Consultant. He is a software developer, and his most recent project was writing an open-source podcast module for Baylor's course management system. This system is currently being used by at least 40 universities around the world and allows professors to easily podcast lectures and other course content to their students.

He and his wife Amy (Rohrer), have two children, Rachel, 10 and Andrew, 7. The Taylors are members of the First United Methodist Church, and David has volunteered as a coach in Little dribblers and T Ball. Amy, also a MHS 1990 alumni is attending University of Texas at Arlington to earn a Bachelors Degree in Education through MCC's

University Center program.

Prior to becoming Ward Three Councilman, Taylor served several years on McGregor's Building Standards Commission.

Filing opened for the May 12 local election on Monday, February 12 and will continue through March 12 at 5 p.m. The last day to file as a write-in candidate is Monday, March 19 at 5 p.m. and the last day to withdraw as a candidate is Tuesday, March 20 at 5 p.m.

First day of early voting by personal appearance is on Monday, April 30. Last day of early voting is Tuesday, May 8th.

Those wishing to sign up for a place on the ballot of either the MOC city or school board elections may do so by picking up a candidate's packet at McGregor, Oglesby and Crawford School administration offices and City offices.

Ward positions up for elec-

tion on the McGregor City Council include Ward One, Ward Three and Ward Five (at large). Serving in the Wards are Andrew Henderson, Sr.—Ward One, David Taylor—Ward Three and Frank Leos—Ward 5.

McGregor School Board positions up for election include Gary Hannemann, Jim Bates and Dee Dee Lauterbach.

In Crawford, the City Council positions up for re-election include Mayor David Posten, Brent Meyer and Donnie Bruce. School Board members places up for election include Charles Raley, Jimmy Talbert and Gary Bowdoin.

On the Oglesby front, the city positions of Mayor Kenneth Goodwin and council persons Delores Wiggins and Melissa Wells are expiring. Expiring terms on the Oglesby School Board include those of Ronnie Sullins and Mike Walter.



LADY BULLDOG COACH Kimberly Johnson gives former coach Judy Nelson a hug following a victory at the Area Contest. At right is Assistant Coach Stacy Ainsworth.

Rabies clinics scheduled for next two Saturdays

The McGregor Veterinary Clinic will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats at the local clinic on Feb. 24 and March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The clinic is located on Highway 84 West just west of the Dairy Queen.

McGregor Veterinarian Andy Ainsworth reported that the cost is \$10.00 for the rabies vaccination. Other vaccinations are available upon request.

Mullen It Over by Bonnie Mullens

Self diagnosis

EVER MISPLACE STUFF? I know I have and do. I haven't decided if it is because I am too busy, too distracted or both. I have even given some thought that it may be due to getting another year older after having recently celebrated another birthday, or it could be as simple as I am just plain losing my mind.

I admit I have always been one to hide important things in safe places, never to be found again, or if I do find them, it is many years later merely by chance. I remember I put it in a really good place, I just can't remember where.

Besides papers, keys, and jewelry, lately its been that I can't find my glasses only to realize that I have them on or I'm frantically searching in my car or purse for my cell phone, only to realize that I am talking on it. But after receiving a recent email, I self-diagnosed myself as having A.A.A.D.D.—Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. I am pretty sure the things I am about to mention have probably happened to some of our readers. It might make us all feel a little better knowing we are not suffering alone.

Example of how Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder manifests itself:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to move the Coke so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm and decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye—they need to be watered.

I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to

water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but won't remember it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed.

The bills aren't paid.

There is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter. The flowers don't have enough water.

There is still only one check in my checkbook.

I can't find the remote.

I can't find my glasses.

And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll go do . . . Sound familiar?

Have a great week.



GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24. Rain nor shine. Inside. 119 FM 1996 Oglesby, 1/2 block past Fire Station. Boat, tools, glassware, clothes, housewares, antiques and new items. mm8c

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News Briefs

Post Oak Cemetery Meeting Feb. 22

The annual meeting of Post Oak Cemetery Association will be held on Thursday, February, 22nd, 2007 at the Oglesby Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 109 College Street. There will be a financial report, election of officers and other items of business. Anyone interested in the cemetery is urged to attend. James Sullins is president and Dawn Barnes is secretary/treasurer.

McGregor Baseball Signup February 24

The second and final McGregor Youth Baseball Signup will be held Saturday, February 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McGregor Junior High Gym. Cost of registration is \$45 per child with \$100 maximum per family. Parents or guardians need to bring their birth certificates if they didn't bring one last year. Parent needs to bring a Texas driver's license and proof of McGregor residency such as a water bill.

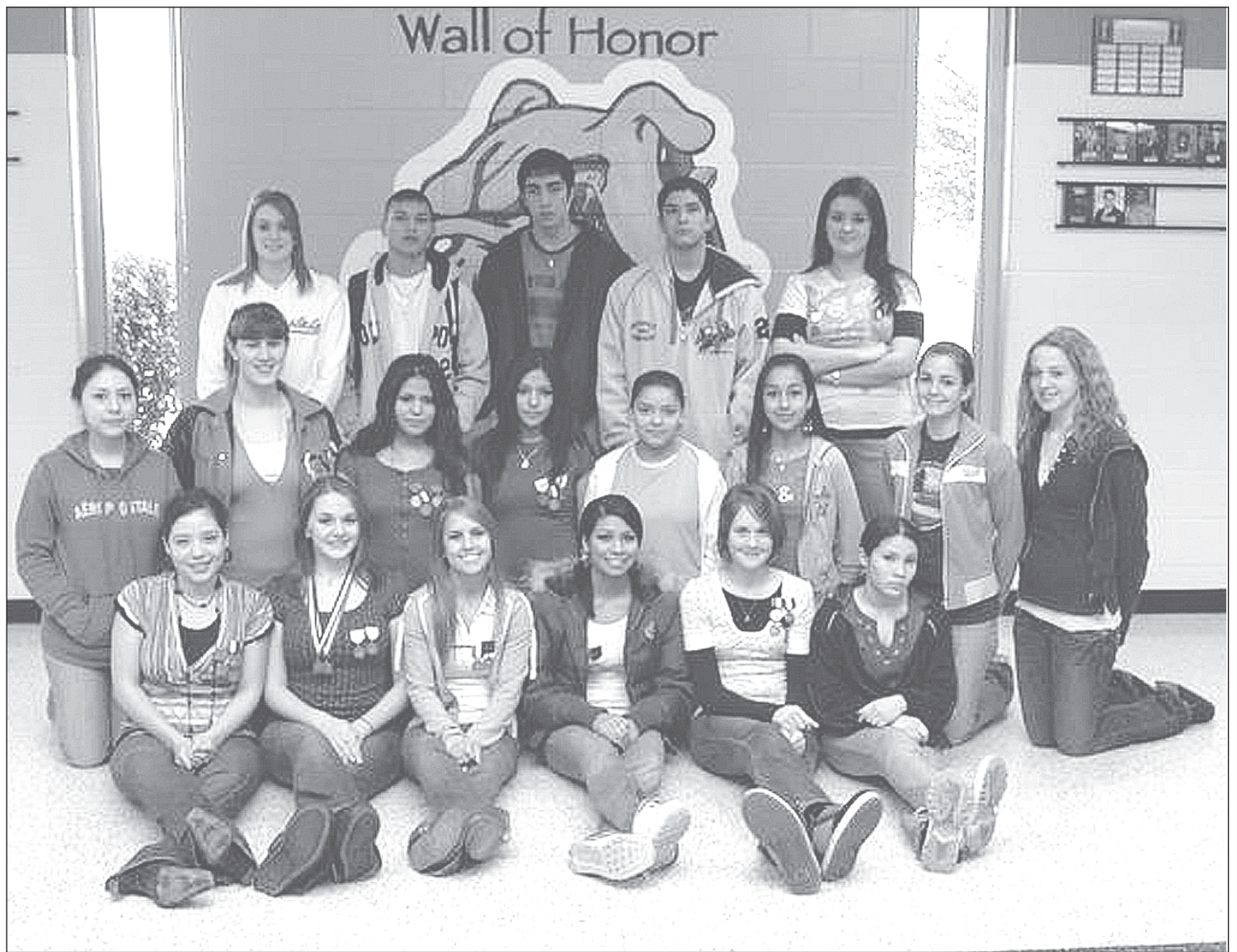
Crawford Talent Show Is February 24

The Annual Crawford Talent Show will be held this Saturday, February 24 at the Crawford Elementary Cafeteria. A variety show will begin at 7:00 p.m. including talented vocalists, dancers, gymnasts, pianists and other performers. Forty acts will make for a full evening of entertainment. Admission at the door will be \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students through three years old. (No pre-sale tickets) Door prizes will be given during the show. This is a fund-raiser for the Varsity Cheerleaders. Don't miss it.

Masonic Volunteer Dinner is Feb. 27th

The Annual McGregor Masonic Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 27th at the H.G. Isbill Junior High Cafeteria. The McGregor Masons take this opportunity each year to thank the local EMS, Fire, Communication Team, Library, Meals on Wheels and other volunteers in the community with their annual spaghetti dinner. If you are a volunteer, you are invited.

To submit a News Brief item email bonnie@mcgregormirror.com or call 840-2091



Art pieces advancing to State Meet

McGregor Art I students advancing to state include Andrea Foster, Brenna Oakes, Gabriela Pantoja, Gris Rebollar, Fernando Salas, Elisabeth Sandifar, and Maria Torres.

Art II students advancing to state are: Monica Dominguez, Fabiola Jaimes, Kristy Jenkins, Elizabeth Licea, Marisela Pantoja with her pencil drawing "Stressed", Robertino Salas with his mixed media "Tangles".

Art III students going to state consist of Jenna Foster with her ink drawing "Rikki" and her ink drawing entitled "Caleb", Maegan Melancon with her prismacolor "Tri-Cacti", Christina Olvera with her mixed media "Pop", and Justine Rodriguez with her

prismacolor "Pose With Your Toes".

Art IV student Laney Varano advanced to state with two pieces, a prismacolor entitled "Girl Intrigued" and a mixed media piece named "Consumed with (E)Motion". It was pointed out by Carpenter that Varano had art pieces advancing to the state meet four years in a row.



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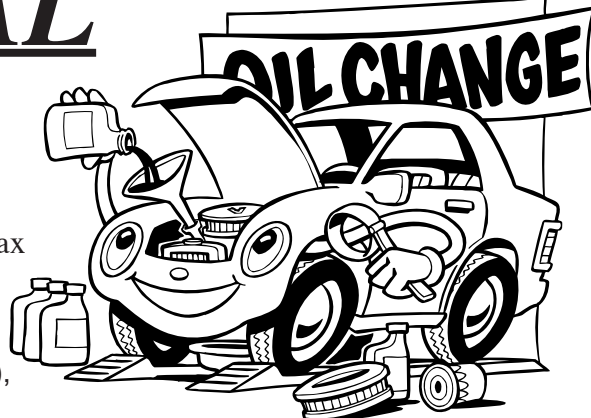
Downstairs: 1/2 bath, 1 pedestal sink, Italian tile, large kitchen, Italian tile floor, 2 ceiling fans, crown molding, ornate doorways, sliding glass door to patio, utility room, washer/dryer connections, space for freezer, spacious sunken den with 12' ceiling, berber carpet, Italian tile in doorways, 2 ceiling fans, double wood doors with beveled glass to patio. Formal dining room—1 ceiling fan, wallpapered, crown molding, ornate doorways, hardwood floors, Italian tile over fireplace area. Formal living room—2 ceiling fans, crown molding, ornate doorways, hardwood floors, Italian tile over fireplace area.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Oglesby Housing Authority will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oglesby Community Center located at 118 Main Street in Oglesby. #5-11



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Avoid costly scams involving fake checks and money orders

Willingness to get involved saved a life

Letter to the Editor,
Shortly after 5 a.m. on Friday, while Randy Webb was working, he smelled smoke. He could have ignored it, but he didn't. He alerted Charlie Owens, who was warming his car to go to work. Mr. Owens went to alert Samantha Mims that their house was on fire.

Samantha and Charlie walked down the sidewalk to look around. Randy drove up and the three of them started talking about the smell of smoke and then they saw flames coming out of a window at another neighbor's house.

Samantha took off running and called 911. Charlie and Randy drove over. Samantha was screaming out to "wake up," "get up". Randy kicked the door in. We all three ran in to help the day.

After a few minutes, Tom Owens came to help, then firemen Davis and Boswell showed up, and McGregor Volunteer Fire Department came. Randy left before I could personally thank him for his quick thinking and actions.

It's nice to know that in this busy world, neighbors still have time to look out for others, even strangers.

Thanks everyone,
Samantha Mims

Enjoys reading The Mirror

Letter to the Editor,
Just a note to say you are doing a great job. McGregor is very proud of you all.

I'm in Kabul, Afghanistan. I work for KBR and was injured by a mortar attack on June 30, 2006. I was at home in Houston for four months. I'm better now and back at work in Afghanistan.

Just wanted to tell you how reading *The Mirror* helps with moral and helps me get through another day.

Thanks a million guys,
Thomas Leos

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Consumers and businesses often lose thousands of dollars in transactions with con artists. There's been explosive growth in counterfeit personal and business checks, cashier's checks and money orders in the last few years, due in part to new technologies and the growth of the Internet for transactions among strangers. But what's especially troubling is that individual consumers and businesses are losing significant sums in these scams - often thousands of dollars - because they deposited a check from a stranger, withdrew the funds and then sent money or merchandise before their bank discovered that the check was fraudulent.

In these cases, the depositor most likely will be held responsible for the entire amount of the fraudulent check. Why? Because by depositing the check and withdrawing money, the consumer is taking responsibility for the funds that have been spent or sent before the check is found to be worthless. And often the withdrawal cannot be canceled or reversed, especially with wire transfers, in which funds are transferred out of the account immediately. Also, the person who receives the check usually is in the best position to realize that it may not be good.

Money isn't the only thing that can be lost to a fake check scam. In one example reported to the FDIC several years ago, a person "sold" a classic car then worth \$41,000 to a scam artist who used a counterfeit cashier's check.

FDIC Consumer News has been warning readers about check fraud for years, but given the increase in fake checks and the costs to victims, we offer these key reminders.

1. If you deposit a check from a stranger, discuss the situation with your branch manager before spending that money or handing over anything of value. It's safer not to accept checks from strangers, but if you do, tell the manager about the circumstances surrounding the check and ask when the check is likely to be considered "good"

McGregor EMS Memorials

In memory of Orpha Lee Guyer from Sixth and Adams Church of Christ.

For memorial contributions to McGregor EMS send in care Mynette Taylor, 311 S. Main, McGregor, Tx. 76657

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(paid). While federal regulations require institutions to make funds from a deposit available quickly - generally within one to five business days - it can take a couple of weeks or longer before the bank discovers that the deposited check is worthless.

"The check could be counterfeit or bounce because of insufficient funds, and your bank will most likely hold you responsible for that money," said Michael Benardo, manager of the FDIC's financial crimes section. "If the other party badgers you at any time about waiting, especially if you are directed to send funds, tear up their check and stop all communications."

So, protect yourself by not touching the deposited funds until you explain to your branch manager the details of the transaction and the source of the check, and you wait for the manager's go-ahead to use the funds.

2. Walk away from any deal if you get a check for more than the amount due and you're instructed to return the difference. Let's say you sell a \$5,000 item over the Internet and the buyer sends a check or money order for \$10,000. The buyer, who has an explanation why the check is for more than what you expected, instructs you to deposit the check and wire the excess amount to his account or to the account of an associate. It may take a couple of weeks, but eventually the check will be returned as counterfeit.

Using our example, you may need to reimburse your bank for \$10,000, even if that's far more money than you have in your account. You may also have lost the item you were selling.

3. Recognize other warning signs of a check scam. "It's very difficult for the average consumer or business owner or even bank teller to recognize a counterfeit check, so you're usually better off looking for the basic signs of a scam instead of focusing on the check itself," said David Nelson, a fraud specialist at the FDIC.

In addition to the warning signs we've already described, here are other red flags of a check fraud (and additional commentary from Nelson):

The reasons for receiving a check are suspicious. ("How could you win a lottery you never entered?" Nelson said. "And if you really won something and owed money, why wouldn't they just deduct that amount from your winnings?")

You're asked to send money outside of the United States. ("That's because it is difficult to track people down in another country.")

You're pressed to send money right away. ("They're rushing you to act before you

discover that the check is bad.") You're warned to keep things quiet - to not discuss the deal with a bank employee or anyone else. ("It's to prevent your banker or others from warning you about counterfeit check.")

4. Take additional precautions to make sure a check is good. Consider insisting on being paid with a money order or a cashier's check (not a personal check) drawn on a local bank or a bank that has a local branch. That way you can take the check to that bank's branch to ensure it's valid.

Also consider asking for a money order from the U.S. Postal Service. These come in values of up to \$1,000 for domestic money orders and up to \$700 for international money orders.

To confirm that a Postal Service money order is valid or to cash it, you can take it to a local post office. You can also verify a Postal Service money order by using an automated service at toll-free 1-866-459-7822.

Private financial services companies also issue money orders, but it's up to you to take appropriate precautions.

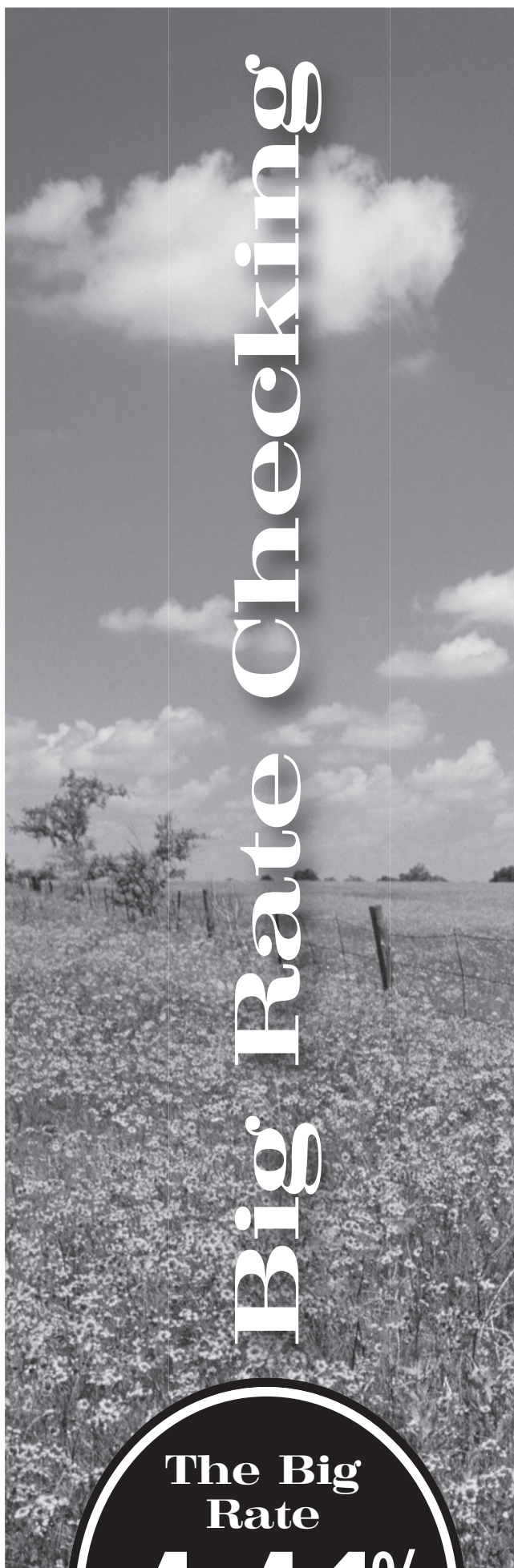
For example, "Don't depend on a phone number that's printed on a check or money order," Nelson stressed. "If this is a fraud, one of the criminals may answer and tell you that the check or money order is legitimate, or you may get a voice mailbox that the swindlers set up to sound real and reassuring."

In general, it's always best to use a phone number listed in your phone book or another directory, not the number printed on a check or money order or told to you by the other party.

Another way to be more comfortable that you're dealing with an honest person - especially someone you're dealing with over the Internet - is to try to confirm his or her name, address, home number and work number through some independent means, such as an online database or directory assistance.

5. Immediately report if you think you're a victim of a check fraud or if you notice something suspicious. Contact your bank as well as the local office of the FBI (listed in your phone book and on the FBI Web site at www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/fraudscemes.htm).

For more information: Visit the "Looks Too Good to be True" Web site (www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com), a joint effort of federal law enforcement agencies and corporate partners that is intended to educate consumers on how to avoid Internet frauds, including those that involve counterfeit cashier's checks and money orders. It includes a test you can take to see if you are at risk for check fraud.



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Cooking With Teresa Sneed of Catering on Main



A Second look —Relay for Life review

We didn't even begin to cover the contents last week, of the cookbook that Ferguson has put together for Relay for Life. I just have to give you a few more goodies from the cookbook, to hopefully tempt you. Picking just a few recipes was not an easy task, since they all sounded so good.

Remember, these wonderful cookbooks can be purchased now!

CHICAGO DEEP-DISH PIZZA

4 c. mozzarella cheese, shred-

1/2 - 1 lb. Italian sausage, cooked & drained
pepperoni
1-28 oz. can Italian plum tomatoes, chopped & drained
1-2 T. dried oregano, or 1 T. fresh
1/4 c. Parmesan cheese
1 pkg. active dry yeast
3/4 c. warm water (105 to 115 degrees)
3 c. original Bisquick
2 T. olive oil
sliced mushrooms, chopped
onion, sliced black olives.

coarsely chopped sun dried tomatoes in oil, chopped green onion
Place oven rack in lowest position of oven. Heat oven to 425. Prepare deep-dish crust (see below); sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Top with one of the meat toppings, desired vegetable toppings and tomatoes; sprinkle with oregano and Parmesan cheese. Bake on lowest oven rack until crust is brown and cheese is melted and bubbly, 20-25 minutes.

CRUST: dissolve yeast in

warm water in large bowl. Stir in Bisquick mix and olive oil; beat vigorously 20 strokes. Turn dough onto surface generously dusted with baking mix. Knead dough until smooth and no longer sticky, about 60 times. Let rest 5 minutes. Press in bottom and up sides of 15 1/2 X 10 1/2 X 1 jelly roll pan greased with olive oil if desired. Or divide dough into halves and press in bottom and up sides of 2- X 11/2 round pans greased with olive oil if desired.

WESTERN MEAT LOAF

1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1/2 lb. ground pork
2 c. soft bread crumbs
2-4 T. horseradish sauce
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 med. onion, finely chopped
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 T. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. dry mustard

Heat oven to 350. Reserve 1/4 cup of the tomato sauce. Mix the remaining tomato sauce and remaining ingredients except brown sugar and 1/4 tsp. dry mustard. Spread in ungreased loaf pan, 8 1/2 X 4 1/2 X 2 1/2 or 9 X 5 X 3 inches, or shape mixture into loaf in ungreased rectangular pan, 13 X 9 X 2 inches. Mix reserved tomato sauce, brown sugar and 1/4 tsp. dry mustard; spread over loaf. Bake uncovered until done, 1 to 1-1/4 hours or until mixture is no longer pink in center and juice is clear. Cover loosely with aluminum foil; let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pan.

ULTIMATE TURTLE COOKIE BARS

1 pkg. chocolate chip cookie mix
1/2 c. margarine or butter
1 egg
24 caramels, unwrapped
1/2 c. pecans, coarsely chopped
1 T. milk
3/4 c. pecan halves
3 T. semi-sweet chocolate morsels

1 tsp. shortening
Heat oven to 350. In medium bowl, stir together cookie mix, butter, egg and 1/2 cup chopped pecans until soft dough forms. Press evenly in ungreased 8 inch square pan. Bake 28 to 33 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, in 1 qt. saucepan, heat caramels and milk over low heat, stirring frequently, until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Carefully spread melted caramels evenly over warm bars; sprinkle with pecan halves. Cool completely on cooling rack, about 1 hour. In small microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips and shortening uncovered on High 30 to 60 seconds, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted and smooth. Drizzle over bars. Let stand about 3 minutes or until chocolate is set. For bars, cut into 4 rows by 4 rows.

This is a recipe left over from Valentines I am sure you will enjoy.

LADY AND SONS CHICKEN POT PIE

4 sheets frozen puff pastry
1 egg, beaten
4 chicken breast halves, or 2 cups leftover cooked chicken
Seasoned salt and pepper
2 T. cooking oil
1/3 cup butter
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 qt. heavy cream
1/4 cup chicken base
1 T minced garlic
1/2 small yellow onion, minced

1 cup frozen green peas, cooked
1 cup chopped cooked carrots
Pinch fresh grated nutmeg, optional
Crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut each sheet of frozen

HOT & SPICY TEXAS STYLE PECANS

4 1/2 c. pecan halves
1/2 c. margarine
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. seasoned salt
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper

1/4 tsp. Tabasco sauce
1/8 tsp. ground cloves
Place pecans on a cookie sheet. Bake, uncovered at 350 for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, melt margarine, stir in all the remaining ingredients. Drizzle over pecans, mixing gently. Bake 10 more minutes, stirring once. Turn onto foil to cool. Makes 18 servings.

KIFFLINGS

1 lb. butter
4 T. powdered sugar
1/4 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. vanilla
4 c. flour
1/2 c. almonds, crushed very fine. Mix butter, baking powder,

Allen Grimes, Kelly Freeman, Shay White, Tony Fox and Stacy Zacharias.

The First National Bank of McGregor gave away 1,000 crepe myrtle bushes in an effort to show its appreciation to its customers.

The McGinley Library volunteers were proud to have 7,000 books on their shelves.

FEBRUARY 21, 1997—
Oglesby Lions Club members were preparing for their 28th Annual Rattlesnake Hunt to be held over the weekend.

McGregor's town historian, Margaret Smith, was presented with the Community Builder's Award by the McGregor Masonic Lodge at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

McGregor High School Golden Flames took first place at the McLennan Community College's Clinic Contest. Team members pictured included Lanie Arp, Mindi Luedeker, Lindsey Watson, Shannon Knox, Winter Hollins, Vicki Hamer and Angela Parshall.

Maxine Connor of Connor's Sales, was honored by the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NIFB) for 25-years of membership.

McGregor High School FFA joined in celebrating FFA week. Officers pictured were Amy Lawrence, Kristy Harper, Santana Cantu, Mellisa Carmony and Dylan Torn.

McGregor T.H. Jenkins Elementary students raised \$5,399.39 to benefit the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart. Top money raisers included Brantley Green, Allison Stewart, Whitney Burton, Amanda Hernandez, Ami Santander, Sheena Farrar, Raymond Cotti and Kristian Alexander.

Former McLennan County Commissioner Joe Lechler celebrated his 90th birthday.

When year end stats were listed for the Lady Bulldogs, it showed Lani Smith had scored 35 points for the season, for an average of 12.54 points a game.

Top winners at the Crawford Pirate Football Banquet were Micah Smith-Denfenise MVP, Bradley Minnix and David Dysinger-J.V. Coaches Award, Shane Furlong-Paul Bukowski Coaches Award, Jon Blanchard-Blake Barnes Special Team Award, Clay Meyer-Offensive MVP, and Jon Blanchard-J.D. Hillton Fighting Heart Award.

McGregor Homes receiving McLennan County Historical marker designations included the homes of Mary Sue Crain at 705 S. Adams, John and Frances Hudson resident at 311 S. Adams, the home of Viola Harris at 604 Eighth and Katherine Isbill home at 900 W. Eighth.

FEBRUARY 24, 1977—
Thomas E. Mooney received the first Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the McGregor Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet. Sherman Stearns received the Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award and Bobby Jackson received the past president's plaque. Two McGregor athletes, David Cantu and Percy Jones, were presented with awards for saving the life of 63 year old Clyde Cox from his burning home.

The Oglesby Snake Hunt attracted 3,000 visitors. Bobbie and Vernon Henager won top rattlesnake trophies for capturing 294 1/2 pounds of rattlesnakes.

The McGregor High School Challenge team won against Robinson on the Channell 10 contest. Team members were Kelly Fisk, Lisa Scott, Buddy Robertson and John Mattes.

Rotary Club Academic Achievement winners were Julie Marshall, Kelly Fisk and Karen Maxwell.
Duane Westerfeld and Terry Schmalreide were crowned King and Queen of Crawford High School.

FEBRUARY 19, 1987—

Congratulations were extended to the McGregor Lady Bulldogs on reaching the state playoffs in basketball for the first time in the school's history. They were coached by Randy Christian. Team members mentioned in the article included Felecia Pierson, Rachel Wright, Kendra Miller, Frances Miller, Mendi Wilson, Patricia Brown, Pam Wilkerson, Cindy Roberson and Rachel Spivey.

Greg Dutschmann was presented with the C.K. Burns Award at the Crawford football banquet. Jerry Cobie and Jerry Lammert were recognized as being instrumental in building the new field house. Terrell Miller received the coaching staff most improved award and Kevin Englebrecht received the most valuable offensive player award.

Jerry Coble and Jerry Lammert, members of the Pirate Booster Club, were recognized as being instrumental in the building of the new field house.

Miss Rhonda Robinett became the bride of Randy Broughton.
Anna and Charles Jeske were crowned Westview Manor's Valentine King and Queen.

Cast members of McGregor High School's One Act Play were Cindy Roberson,

FEBRUARY 18, 1927—
Teachers and officers of First Baptist Church met. Those attending were Mrs. Jewel Austin, Misses Mollie Bulledge, Dicy Belle Braum, Dedell Chilcoat and E.W. Crouch.

Grammar School honor roll list included Dennis Witte, Margaret Hanover, Eugenia Lee, Dorothy Meador, Juanda Walters, Frances Johnson, Cohen Bass, Charles Lee Turner, Maurine Hamilton and Margaret Milo.

John D. Naler and Elbert Thomason went to Dallas on business. They went up in Miss Edith King's Hudson and returned by rail.

FEBRUARY 26, 1937—

G.H. Walker was pastor of the Roberson Chapel AME Church.

FEBRUARY 21, 1947—

Bids were light on the Blue-bonnet plant property when executive members of the McGregor Chamber of Commerce went to Dallas to open the bids at the War Assets Administration.

A Teenage Canteen was formally opened under the sponsorship of Mrs. L.C. Waldrop. Officers were Coleen Clements and Eddie Roy Schroeder, Skipper McMillan, Jimmy Moore, Bob Harvel, Patricia Smith, T.J. Upchurch, Billy Yeager, Dorris McMahan, Nancy Barfield, Jimmy Bledsoe, Dale Williams, C.W. Marshall, Donald Mize, Jace Bone and Janie Clower.

FEBRUARY 22, 1957—

Pictured on page one of this week's Mirror, was Mrs. Frances Hoffman's first grade class. They were returning from a teaching demonstration at Baylor University. Faces recognized were Joe Gibson, Larry Ingram, John Bennett, Judy Oliver and Jon Krause.

McGregor Bulldogs won the district basketball title.

Top McGregor FFA places taken at the project show went to James Tippit, Leslie Schwettman, Billy Westerfield, Roy Caldwell, James Schmalriede, E.C. Fulp, Skip Burrell, Wesley Bottoms, Larry Hoehn, Bob Bartles, W.D. Fulp, Richard Choat, Larry McBride, Arvol Hodge, Hershel Vandermulen and Billy Stamper.

FEBRUARY 24, 1967—

Dennis Evans resigned as manager of the local Texas Power and Light office. Replacing him was James Kerbo.

Tabulation of school census showed drastic reduction in the school county by 75 children—dropping for the first time in a decade to under 1,300 children.

McGregor FFA lades pictured on page on with project winners were David White, Bobby

The Rear View Mirror

It Happened This Week . . . 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 Years Ago
A look back at McGregor's Past —by Bonnie Mullens



Local Entertainment Feb. & March

Cover charge shows are 8 to 10 p.m.

This Weekend

- Feb. 23—Brian Patterson Band (\$5 cover)
- Feb. 24—Dylan Sneed (\$5 cover)
- March 2—Kimberly Kelley (\$5 cover)
- March 3—Bob Livingston (\$5 cover)
- March 9—Dazzling Weasel Faces (\$5 cover)
- March 17—Scott Matthews (\$5 cover)
- March 30—Better Off Dad (CD Release Party)
- March 31—Butch Morgan (\$5 cover)



ACROSS

- how a cowboy addresses a lady
- Claudia _____ (Taylor Johnson "Lady Bird")
- Berkman led Astros in these in '06
- this Glen wrote "The German Texans"
- TXism: "_____ slinger" (writer)
- TXism: "if _____ better I couldn't stand it"
- Tex Ritter sang theme to film "High _____"
- TX Longoria '06 film: "The _____"
- TXism: "leave _____ stone unturned"
- Okie town
- UT has glasses of _____ Arthur Conan Doyle
- TXism: "_____ just fact"
- TXism: "got _____ for" (urge)
- gov. (1894-1898) _____ Culberson
- this country's language is Greek to Texans
- TXism: "let _____ (leave it alone)"
- TXism: "beats anything _____ saw"
- TXism: "popular _____ daughter"
- TX Ginger film role: "_____ Castle"
- '80s boy hair style
- Bob Lilly's old Cowboy position (abbr.)
- "plastic money" card
- TX Rangers used the Walker _____ Revolver
- TX Ginger's dancing partner Fred (init.)
- "_____ gotta do it"
- TX Pat Toomay's "On _____ Given Sunday"
- TXism: "mortgage _____ the hoof" (cattle)
- "_____ no fuss"
- Astro bull pen starting pitchers
- TX Ranger: "Lone _____ McQuade"
- pie _____ mode
- network that had soap opera "Texas _____"
- TXism: "take a look _____"
- TX Barry Corbin film: "_____ Crazy"
- TX Willie's "Farm _____ was in '87"
- ex-Cowboy Nate (init.)
- TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- TXism: "_____ a stepper"
- driving, hunting or fishing permits
- TXism: "_____ feathers on a frog"
- Green who brought Stars to Dallas (init.)
- TXism: "come hell _____ high water"
- polar or grizzly
- TXism: "sweating bullets"
- TXism: "got Romeo blood in his _____"
- horse morsel
- TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part _____"
- coach Landry's countenance
- TXism: "blaze _____ trail" (explode)
- TXism: "change range _____ ice"
- TXism: "treat it _____ with kid gloves"
- money machine
- TX Pride's "_____ Leaving Alone"

DOWN

- seat of Falls Co.
- Snyder has _____ buffalo statue
- TXism: "could put a loop over _____ a mule's back" (good roper)
- homemade liquor: sour _____
- TXism: "get while the gettin' _____ good"
- Saturdays & Sundays
- Waco-born leading lady Gwynne

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Deanna Griffin

Deanna Griffin to compete in Miss Teen Texas Pageant

Deanna Griffin, 16-year-old Waco High junior, placed second runner-up in the Miss Waco Teen USA Pageant held at the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Auditorium on Saturday, February 17th. Deanna is the daughter of Eronne and Leta Carlise, granddaughter of Laura Griffin and great granddaughter of Lucille Finley.

Deanna placed first in Best Evening Gown, and will go on to the Miss Teen Texas Pageant held in November. She is the reigning Miss Lake Whitney Petite, and also the 2006 Sunburst Teen Winner.



Couple to marry in May

Gene and Carolyn Redmon of Oglesby along with Richard and Raneer Schwake of Lorena are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Kelli Diane and Richard Keith.

Kelli is the granddaughter of Charles (Shorty) and Mildred Lehrmann of McGregor and Doug and JoAnn Redmon of Winnsboro, Texas. She is a 2006 graduate of McGregor High School. Kelli is attending TSTC and is employed at Kings Kidz Daycare.

Keith is the grandson of Riley Spivey and the late Barbara Spivey of Whitney, Texas and Frank and LouAnn Schwake of Moody, Texas. Keith is employed with McLennan County Electric Coop.

The couple is planning a May 2007 wedding at Speegleville Creek Clubhouse.

DSM announce season shows

Dallas Summer Musicals has announced a new six-show season is now available for all 2007 shows excluding Wicked. Six show season tickets, priced from \$81 to \$328, are on sale now at The Box Office, 524 Preston Royal Shopping Center in Dallas.

This year's season includes Wicked, with performances April 18 to May 6; Wonderful Town from May 8 to 20th; Camelot, starring Michael Yor from May 22 to June 3; Chicago from June 5 through 17th; Monty Python's Spamalot from June 19 through July 8; Sweet Charity, starring Molly Ringwald, from July 24 to August 5. The season concludes with the State Fair of Texas musical Disney's The Lion King from September 20 through October 21.

Orders may also be placed by telephone at 214-217-1536, or online at www.dallassummermusicals.org. Purchasing a season subscription saves 21 percent off the price of individual tickets, along with other benefits. This information can be found on their website. There is a handling fee for orders placed by phone or internet. Groups of 20 or more are available now for all show by calling 214-426-GROUP.

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Thanks so much!
Vanessa Roulhac and Barbara Morgan

Card of Thanks

Dear friends and family, thanks so much for the many thoughtful acts of kindness at the loss of our brother Glen. Your love and friendship is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you.
Frank and Gretta Fisk and family

McGregor band boosters change meeting dates

Attention parents of junior high and high school band and drill team members. Normally the band booster meetings are held on the first Tuesday night of each month. However, the next three months, the meeting dates are being changed due to time conflicts. Please mark these on your calendar and plan to attend.

March 8—7 p.m. High School Band Hall. Agenda: to announce ballot for the Band Booster election of officers to serve in 2007-2008. Frozen items from the bake sale will be available.

April 9—7 p.m. High School Band Hall. Agenda: vote for new officers to serve in 2007-2008. Appoint committees for band scholarships and band banquet.

May 8—Annual Band Banquet. Announcement of new officers and awards for Golden Flames and High School Band members. Tickets will go on sale on April 30th.

Parents, come make Band Boosters a priority. Our purpose is to support the band program and help all students in the band program and drill team to achieve their best.

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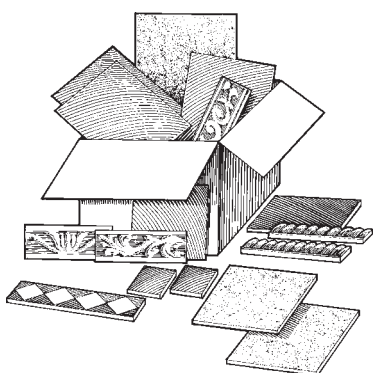


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Lady 'Dogs advance to Regional Quarterfinals against Hemphill

Game will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Palestine

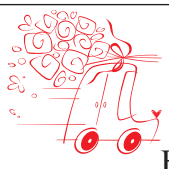
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The McGregor Lady Bulldogs defeated Kountze in the Area Contest and will now advance to the Regional Quarterfinal game against Hemphill 7 p.m. Wednesday at Palestine High School.

The winner of this game will advance to the Regional Tournament at Tyler Junior College on Feb. 23 and 24. The semi-final game is played on the 23rd and the regional finals is played on the 24th.

Coach Kimberly Johnson reported the drive to Palestine takes about 2 hours and 15 minutes.

"The Palestine location is located almost exactly halfway for both schools," Coach Johnson said. "We're hoping to have another big home crowd to help cheer us on. The winner of Wednesday night's game will play the winner of Hughes Springs and Tatum. Hughest Springs is currently rated number 6 in the state."

McGregor got off to a slow start against Kountze last Friday night at College Station and were

slow start trailing 21-8 in the first quarter, but rallied in the second period to get within three points, 24-29 at halftime. Hamilton increased their margin to 42-31 at the start of the fourth quarter.

McGregor's Chris Minnitt had a good offensive night with 20 points. More points came from Joe Seward, 11; Greg Jones, six; Larry Smith, five; Chenier Thomas, two. The Bulldogs connected on 8 of 18 shots from the free throw line.

On Saturday night here, the Bulldogs held a practice game against Wortham and won by a score of 61-42. McGregor took a 17-13 lead, held a 33-22 lead at half, and kept a 43-31 lead to start

the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs were accurate from the free throw line hitting 7 of 10 shots.

She was close she made it. She made several three point plays where she made the bucket and was fouled. She also grabbed a bunch of rebounds."

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Destiny Kelley, 28 points; Sha Brown, 12; Angie Garrett, eight; Allyson Fisk, six; Meghan Goff and Ashley Reineke, two each; Cylane Rogers, one. The girls made an impressive 13 of 15 shots from the free throw line.

Sha Brown also made some buckets and added free throws after being fouled on the shots. Coach Johnson thought Sha did a good job of posting up and making two people guard her.

Allyson Fisk made some key baskets and the coach was pleased with the performance of the Lady Bulldog guards getting the ball down the court and maintaining their composure.

"We didn't have our best game versus Kountze, but we

played pretty well," Coach Johnson said. "We haven't put four quarters together for a complete game. We have moments of greatness and it looks like we're unstoppable, and then there are times when it looks like we just started playing basketball."

On a current poll, Hemphill is rated 20th in the state.

"Have we clicked in all four quarters in the 34 games we've played so far?," Coach Johnson asked herself. "I don't think so. The games are going to continue to get tougher each time out. We must stay focused and play one game at a time."

Coaches Johnson, Stacy Ainsworth, and Amberly Leight were very impressed with the large crowd from McGregor last Friday night.

"They were cheering so loud I couldn't hear myself talking," the coach said. "I believe most of the town was there and that was a great boost for us."

Bulldogs to face Buffalo in Bi-District Championship

Tipoff set for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Groesbeck

The McGregor Bulldog basketball team will tangle with the Buffalo Bisons this Wednesday night at Groesbeck for the Bi-District Championship. Opening tipoff is set for 6:00 p.m.

The Bulldogs are focusing on the talented Bisons who recently defeated Mart by about 30 points. The competition in this region is fierce.

"We're hoping for a home crowd Wednesday night," Coach Jeff Burgess stated. "It means a lot to have hometown fans cheering you on."

McGregor lost their last game of the season at home against Hamilton last Tuesday night by a score of 57-44.

The Bulldogs got off to a real

slow start trailing 21-8 in the first quarter, but rallied in the second period to get within three points, 24-29 at halftime. Hamilton increased their margin to 42-31 at the start of the fourth quarter.

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Balanced scoring for the Bulldogs came from Minnitt, 17; Larry Smith, 12; Seward, 11; Greg Jones, six; Harvey Lee, four; K. J. Minor, three; Argelio Martinez, two; Chenier Thomas, two; Tyler Arp, two; Jared Green, one; and Chris Jones, one.

In the final Jayvee game, the boys defeated Hamilton 50-33. Trailing 14-15 in the first, McGregor settled down and led 28-15 by halftime, and 43-25 at the end of the third period.

Top scorers were D. J. Sanford, 12; Robertino Salas, nine; Qualin Brown, six; DeShaun

Pierson, five; K. J. Minor, three; Michael Aviles, two; Ariel Dominguez, two; Uriel Torres, two.

McGregor's freshmen were victorious against Hamilton last Tuesday night by a score of 36-24.

The Bulldogs led 8-0 in the first, 16-6 in the second half, and 25-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Ten different Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard. They were Raul Olvera, eight; Terrance Jackson, six; S. D. Chappell, five; Julian Young, four; Cruz Chaires, three; Peyton Fisk, three; Levi Suarez, two; Eric Hensel, two; Brady Tieben, two; Dirk Gerhardt, one.

We're behind you all the way!

Softball team is currently at 3-2

The McGregor Lady Bulldogs started the softball season with a scrimmage in frigid temperatures against China Spring and since that time have earned a 3-2 record.

In the scrimmage Coach Cheri Briggs reported that Kim Kunze and Frances Capps both saw action on the mound while a dozen more Lady Bulldogs backed them up in the field.

"With basketball still going strong, several games have been adjusted to meet game schedules,"

the coach said. "We hosted Mart in the season opener, but unfortunately, Mart was unable to field a full team. They forfeited the game, but we decided to turn it into a scrimmage. Taking turns on the mound for McGregor were Kim Kunze, Frances Capps, and Alyssa Hill."

On Friday the Lady Bulldogs defeated Mart by a 3-1 score. With back-to-back games, McGregor struggled at the plate and lost to Groesbeck 4-1.

Coach Briggs thought sophomore pitcher Capps had an outstanding performance.

On the following day, the Lady Bulldogs again played back-to-back games against LaVega and Marlin. LaVega won the first game and McGregor defeated Marlin 12-2 in the second matchup.

Against LaVega, Coach Briggs pointed out Alyssa Hill as having a great game on the mound. Also having great games

were Kristi Lanmon at catcher, and Kim Kunze at third base.

Capps pitched in the Marlin victory. Strong hitting came from Juniors Morgan McIver, Kayla Webb, Kristi Lanmon, and Senior Lindsey King. Freshman Lauren Williams recorded an RBI.

"The girls did an outstanding job against Marlin," Coach Briggs proudly stated. "Due to state testing this week, the next game is not scheduled until Feb. 23rd against LaVega there starting at 6 p.m."

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Lady Bulldogs advance to Regional Quarterfinals



The Lady Bulldog coaches give last minute instructions towards the end of the game against Kountze.



Upper left—Freshman Ashley Reineke shoots a jumper from close range.

Top—Greg Jones is shown in recent action against the Crawford Pirates.

Lower left—Destiny Kelley had a great night against Kountze last Friday night at College Station. Here she drives towards the basket drawing a foul.

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Doxie Thompson springs up high for a two pointer on a fast break (above)



Karlie Dieterich prepares to bank it off the glass for two points (above)

Shanna Lippe shows good form on this jump shot during action last Friday night (right)

Lady Pirate action at the Area Championship game held last Friday night. Crawford fought hard, but was eliminated from the playoffs.

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Joanie Mauerman dribbles down the court in the Area Championship game (above)



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Chamber honors MISD at its annual banquet

McGregor ISD students, faculty, staff and administration were honored for their community spirit of involvement with the Chairman's Award at the McGregor Chamber of Commerce Banquet on February.

In making the announcement, Chamber Chairman of the Board Terry Arp spoke of the many different ways the school serves the community.

The following were some of the examples of involvement at the high school:

Christmas Activities—PALS clothing drive for needy families, PALS Toys for Tots drive, Spanish Club Santa PALS toy drive.

Disaster Relief—clothing, toiletries for hurricane victims, fundraising for McGregor Ministerial Alliance for hurricane victims, victims of house fires and victims of wild fires.

Use of Facilities for Events—American Red Cross Blood Drives, Carver Alumni Association Reunion, Central Texas Barrell Racing Association Annual Banquet, EMS Certification Class and Testing, EnSafe/Naval Land Transfer Ceremony, EnSafe/Naval Meetings, McGregor

Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquets, McGregor Lions Club Spaghetti Supper, McGregor Rotary Club Pancake Supper, McLennan County 4-H Banquet, McLennan County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting, McLennan County Farm Bureau Beauty Pageant, New Zion Church Reunion, Relay for Life, Rocket Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting and Zion Lutheran Church (meeting facility following the fire).

Founders Day—Band participation in parade, drill team participation in parade and entertainment, MHS Petting Zoo, MHS faculty/staff assistance in clean-up after event, assistance in drink booths, assistance in dunking wagon races and set-up for event, National Honor Society assistance with various activities, PALS assistance with 5K and 10K runs, PALS assistance with drink booths, lawn mower races and wagon races and Commemorative T shirt designed by art students.

Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo—FFA at Mr. Bill's Barnyard and individual students as HOT Fair Sweethearts.

Help with Local Organiza-

tions—MHS Art students paint faces for library summer reading program, MHS Art students paint murals for Chamber Banquet, MHS faculty/staff members of Quilt Guild (donors of MHS Scholarships), MHS faculty/staff serve on CenTex Barrell Racing Association Board, MHS faculty/staff serve on Rocket Federal Board of Directors, MHS faculty/staff serve on Waco Civic Theater Board of Directors, MHS faculty/staff/students speak to service clubs, MHS student serves on McGregor Volunteer Fire Department, PALS serve meal at Church of Christ's Friends for Lunch and Scientific R&D students assist HOT Rocket Club launches.

McGregor Livestock Show—MHS faculty/staff provides assistance in show ring and provides belt buckle awards.

McGregor United Fund—faculty contributions, student fundraising activities.

Military Aid—Fund-raising for aid to soldiers and toiletries for soldiers.

Military Service—Numerous MHS students have served in US military and recognition for military service provided on MHS Wall of Honor.

Relay for Life—faculty team, PALS event assistance, student team and t-shirt designs by MHS art students.

Scholarships—PALS gives two scholarships and Spanish Club gives two scholarships.

Thanksgiving Activities—National Honor Society and PALS Food for Families Drive.

Youth Opportunities—MHS Art Camp, Baseball Camp, Basketball Camp, Cheer Camp, Football Camp, Lil Sparks Camp, Summer Track, MHS teachers serve as youth league coaches and PALS assist with McGregor Elementary Kindergarten Roundup/Rodeo.

City Beautification—FFA, Adopt a Highway Trash clean-up on Highway 317, FFA repair/paint benches on Main Street and PALS maintain marquee on Main Street for Chamber of Commerce.

H.G. Isbill Junior High Community Involvement includes:

Use of facility—McGregor Volunteer Fire Department, Little Dribblers, AAU Summer Girls Basketball, Masonic Lodge, Red Hat Society, McGregor Girls Soccer, McGregor Youth Baseball Association, use of gymnasium for

elections.

Staff and student participation:

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Relay for Life teams, Teen Leadership classes clean windows for downtown businesses, collect money for McGregor United Fund, student council sponsors Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Toys for Tot, school talent show to raise money for MHS scholarships and McGregor

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United Fund, visits to Westview Manor Nursing Home, Sells Valentines to raise money for MHS scholarships.

Sixth graders won a contest to collect the most personal items for wounded soldiers at Fort Hood.

Other involvement includes art classes displaying their work

at Founders Day and Several faculty members are volunteer coaches in Little Dribblers and summer softball. Principal Miller is currently serving as president of McGregor Lions Club.

Elementary involvement will be published in next week's issue of The Mirror.

McGregor art students awarded 56 gold medals

21 art students advancing to state

McGregor High School art students returned with a pot of gold after judges finished judging the art pieces submitted at the Regional and Area VASE competitions in China Spring this past Saturday.

VASE stands for Visual Arts Scholastic Event and is the equivalent for the visual arts in the state of Texas.

Out of 78 entries submitted by McGregor students, 56 received superior ratings and gold medals, 17 were rated excellent and four were rated average.

The pieces that received superior ratings immediately went to the Area contest and out of 56 Regional gold medal entries, 21 of those received gold medals at the area contest and will advance to state.

"I'm extremely proud of all of the art students for their creativity and their hard work," McGregor High School art teacher Lisa Carpenter stated. "The state competition will be held in Houston on April 13 and 14."

Art I students advancing to state include: Andrea Foster with her pencil drawing "Jeannine", Brenna Oakes with her pencil drawing "Baby Cakes", Gabriela Pantoja with her pencil drawing "Mari & Me", Gris Rebolgar with his mixed media "Deep Water", Fernando Salas with his mixed media "Vicente Fernandez", Elisabeth Sandifar with her mixed media, "Dorf", and Maria Torres with her mixed media "Andrea".

Art II students advancing to

state are: Monica Dominguez with her pencil drawing "Cutie Pie", Fabiola Jaimes with his pencil drawing "Texas Still Life", Kristy Jenkins with her mixed media "Vintage Cowboys", Elizabeth Licea with her prismacolor drawing "Hanna", Marisela Pantoja with her pencil drawing "Stressed", Robertino Salas with his mixed media "Tangles".

Art III students going to state consist of Jenna Foster with her ink drawing "Rikki" and her ink drawing entitled "Caleb", Maegan Melancon with her prismacolor "Tri-Cacti", Christina Olvera with her mixed media "Pop", and Justine Rodriguez with her prismacolor "Pose With Your Toes".

Art IV student Laney Varano advanced to state with two pieces, a prismacolor entitled "Girl Intrigued" and a mixed media piece named "Consumed with (E)Motion". It was pointed out by Carpenter that Varano had art pieces advancing to the state meet four years in a row.

Carpenter listed all of McGregor's art students that received gold medals at the Regional competition.

In Division I, composed of Art I students, were Wendy Anderson, one gold; Frances Capps, two golds and perfect score; Kati Dickenson, one gold, perfect score; Brittany Fedler, one gold; Josh Garcia, two golds, perfect score; Corey Jones, one gold, perfect score; Andrea Foster, one gold; Paige Fox, one gold, perfect score.

Division II gold medal winners including Art II students: Michael Aviles, one gold; Patricia Blair, one gold; Monica Dominguez, two golds, perfect score; Samantha Hueske, one gold; Fabiola Jaimes, one gold; Kristy Jenkins, two golds; Elizabeth Licea, two golds; Raquel Licea, one gold; Joseph Mikeska, one gold; Maria Munoz, one gold, perfect score; Marisela Pantoja, two golds, perfect score; Ethan Rice, two golds; Robertino Salas, one gold; Elvia Suarez, one gold, perfect score; Rocio Trejo, one gold, perfect score.

Division III consisting of Art III students: Jenna Foster, two golds, perfect score; Maegan Melancon, one gold; Christina Olvera, one gold; Justine Rodriguez, one gold, perfect score.

Division IV including Art IV students: Leticia Ortuno, one gold; Laney Varano, two golds, perfect score.



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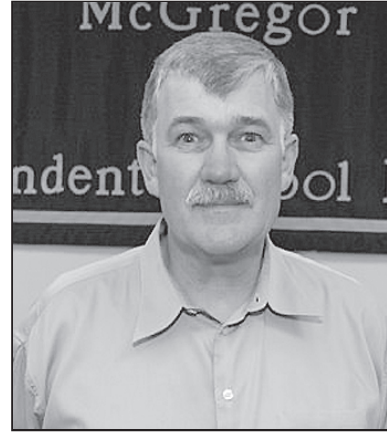
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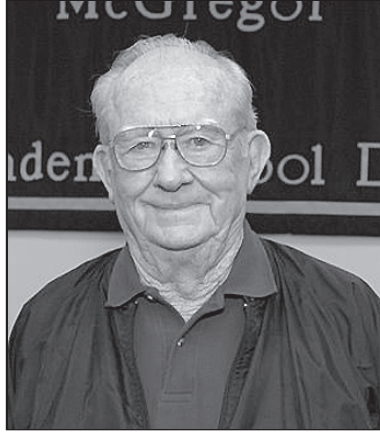
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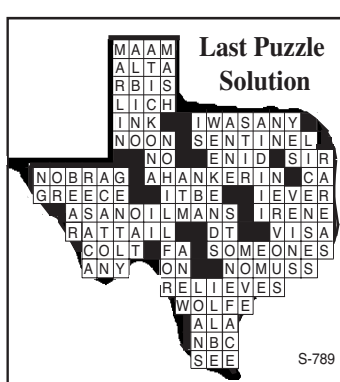
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Preachers like to use metaphors. We especially like the one where life is like walking through doors. Sometimes we walk through open doors. Sometimes we stumble through them. There are doors we see and evaluate and wrestle over, eventually mustering enough courage to step through or to seize the opportunity placed before us. And then there are those doors that we've entered without really knowing we've entered; we trip over the threshold and find ourselves in the midst of an opportunity that we were not seeking, at least not deliberately or consciously.

I stumbled through the door of preaching and pastoring when I was seventeen. It happened in a small Baptist church in south Louisiana one night, all because I wanted to show off my football jacket to some girls in the youth group. But what happened that night was God showing me Himself. I had not intended to walk through that door but I did. How can your life be going one direction and in one short evening it take a completely different direction? I found out that God can do

that if we will just walk through the door.

There are times when he leads us through them in ways that we do not fully grasp. It might be happening in your life right now. There may be doors in your life through which you've stumbled. At least you can look back and see that you entered without fully realizing where the door was leading you. Christ does more than simply place open doors before us.

The impact of this is that it removes the anxiety from the experience of seeing and moving through open doors. You don't always have to figure it all out, get it just right and make the right decision. Maybe today is a day to change your focus. It may be time to stop looking for some new door to open and start looking at where you are right now. You may have already stumbled through a door that you didn't recognize at the time. Jesus Christ truly does hold the key; he opens the doors — and what's more, whether you walk or stumble, he will actually lead you through them. Try Him!

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After the service, she came up to me and started apologizing for the disturbance. I told her that she did not need to apologize and that I was glad that she was bringing her young son to Church. I thought she was doing the right thing by starting him off in life in the things of God.

As she walked out the Church I prayed a silent prayer

that her young child would always want to be there and he would grow up to have a wonderful relationship to the Lord Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15).

I cannot think of a better place or way for a child to grow up. I wish our churches had children all over the place, babies crawling on the floors and then maybe our drug problems, crime rates would be down and the youth prisons would not be so full.

The Bible teaches that children are a gift from God, (Psalm 127:3) but parents are given the responsibility of teaching them about the things of God, (Deuteronomy 11:18-20, Proverbs 6:20-23).

See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

with all thy strength, and He adds, this is the first commandment. Now in Mark 11:22 Jesus is saying, "You have your own faith in God." It is a commandment.

Hebrews 11:6 says, But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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Faith is the conviction, and assurance in your heart that God has fulfilled the promise, or promises that you are believing for.

Faith must become our way of life, and our lifestyle. Romans 10:17, Hebrew 10:38 and Galations 3:11, all say the same thing. The just (justified) shall live

by faith. The Bible speaks of different levels of faith. Luke 7:9 speaks of no faith. James 2:20 speaks of Dead faith. Luke 12:28 speaks of little faith. Matthew 8:10 speaks of great faith.

Some believe that God gives great faith to special people, and not so much to others. But the amount of faith you receive from God is not determined by Him, as much as it is by you. Faith is choice, and you must choose to receive and develop it in your heart.

God tells us how to get faith. Romans 10:17—So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. The more of the Word you hear, the more faith you receive. So you want faith? Then read the Bible more, listen to the Word preached and taught more, faithfully attend a good Bible preaching church more, meditate on the word of God, ask God to help you receive it into your Spirit.

God can do anything. Find promises relevant to your needs, and rest assured, the answer is yours.

The Importance of Faith in God

by D.L. Summers Pastor of Victory Chapel

The Bible says in Mark 11:22, And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. This Scripture enlightens us of the importance of everyone having personal faith in God.

Today we need to focus on these words, have faith in God. We must understand that God re-

quires, and even demands faith from His followers.

Faith is not referred to as simply a good idea, or a suggestion, but rather a commandment of God. It is as sure a commandment as Mark 12:30 when Jesus tells us to love the Lord they God with all thy heart, and soul, and mind, and

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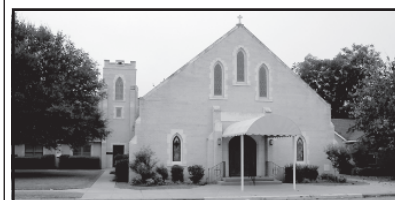
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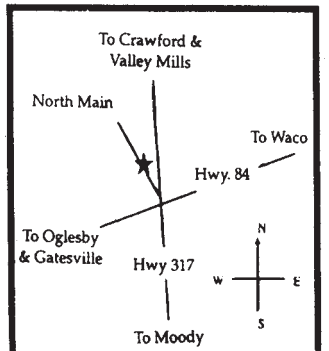
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6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training 6:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tragedy strikes Sandhoff family

In the early morning hours on Feb. 10, tragedy struck the Richard Sandhoff home in Iowa, Louisiana.

A fire of unknown origin quickly swept through the three-bedroom residence completely destroying their home, their vehicle, and claiming the life of their beloved son, their 12-year-old Joe "Jo Jo" Sandhoff.

Richard's brother, Harlan Sandhoff of McGregor, reported that Joe's brother Adam, age six, was overcome with smoke inhalation along with his mother Sissy. Both were rushed to the hospital and are expected to make a full recovery. Richard was away on a business trip to Austin at the time of the fire.

Harlan attended Little Joe's funeral last Tuesday morning at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa, Louisiana. Burial was at LaCacine, La.

Little Joe's survivors are his father and mother, Richard and Sissy Sandhoff; brothers Adam, Shane Alan, and Colton Clay Sandhoff; a sister Carrie Jo Willey; his Nana and Po Po, Bruce and Betty Broussard, and his uncle Harlan J. Sandhoff from McGregor.

"Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Crawford had love offerings this past Sunday and plan to have love offerings again for the next two Sundays," Harlan Sandhoff stated. "I plan to return



for a visit to my brother's family in the latter part of March and will present the family with the love offerings at that time. I want to sincerely thank everyone for contributing to this worthwhile cause."

A love offering jar is located at Brookshire Brothers grocery store where Harlan works, and anyone who would like to contribute to the Richard Sandhoff benefit fund may do by making checks out to Richard Sandhoff and dropping them off at The McGregor Mirror at 311 South Main Street.

Nichols LP Gas Service opens China Spring office

Nichols LP Gas Service, which was started in 1981 by H.T. Nichols working out of his home, recently expanded to China Spring. The China Spring office is an expansion and includes all the same services as the Clifton location.

The China Spring office is located at 13257 China Spring Highway (FM 1637) one mile north of the Highway 185 and 1637 intersection.

H.T. Nichols retired in 1994, and turned the operations over to his sons Tom and Jeff. Tom Nichols now runs the China Spring location. The Clifton location is run by his brother Jeff Nichols.

Nichols LP services the MOC area and provides full propane service from deliveries to the home or business to complete service and installation of propane appliances, space heaters, gas logs, and water heaters. They sell and install Rinnai tank less water heaters, Vanguard gas logs and space heaters, Majestic gas fireplaces, A.O. Smith tanked water heaters. They also sell Camp Chef Outdoor cooking products and Broilmaster gas grills. They are the only gas fireplace installation company in the Waco area to be National Fireplace Institute certified for the installation and repair of all gas fireplaces. They are a factory authorized warranty repair center for DESA makers of Vanguard, Warm Morning, Gas Master and Comfort Glo gas heaters, logs and fireplaces.

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and Senior Citizen discounts and for four years have been the only propane marketer in the area to have a Pre-buy program for winter usage. They accept both Mastercard and Visa either for on-line orders and payments or at each office or by phone.

Nichols LP are members of the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), Texas Propane Gas Association (TPGA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association (HPBA), and the Heart of Texas Builders Association (HOTBA).

Nichols' service department is certified on DESA, Majestic and Rinnai products as well as Gastite and TracPipe corrugated stainless steel gas tubing. Their service manager, Chris, is not only certified for propane, but is a Master Plumber.

Tom Nichols is a Past Master of the Clifton Masonic Lodge, Past President of TPGA (currently Secretary/Treasurer), member Texas Propane Education and Marketing Foundation, and the Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Education Division, Propane Continuing Education Board. Tom has also served as chairman of the Propane Education and Research Council, Homebuilders Committee, member of the Texas Railroad Commission's LP Gas Advisory Board and the AFRED Advisory Board.

Jeff Nichols is currently the Alternate Director for District 9 on the TPGA Board of Directors and a member of the Clifton Masonic Lodge.

'The Cemetery Club' at Tin Building Theatre

"The Cemetery Club," a two-act comedy "celebrating life, love and friendship," will run for six performances in late February and early March at Clifton's Bosque Conservatory Tin Building Theatre. The run includes two dinner performances and four regular shows.

The Ivan Menchell comedy was made into a movie in 1993 starring Oscar winning actresses Olympia Dukakis and Ellen Burstyn. The local production features talented veteran members of the Tin Building Theatre, a non-profit community theatre now in

its 25th season of presenting family oriented productions for all ages.

The play opens and closes with a dinner performance at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 7 p.m. March 10. Those tickets are \$25 and include dinner and show. Regular performances are \$8 and are scheduled for Feb. 25, 2 p.m.; March 3, 7 p.m.; March 4, 2 p.m. and March 9, 7 p.m.

For reservations or questions, please contact the Theatre box office at (254) 675-2278 or visit the Theatre website at theatre@bosqueconservatory.com.

Firemen fight house fire early Friday morning

McGregor volunteer firemen answered an early Friday morning house fire alarm at the residence of Christine Davis at 600 Arthur Street.

Thanks to the alertness of newspaper delivery person, Randy Webb, who smelled smoke while delivering papers, Davis was rescued from her home. She was transported by McGregor EMS to an area hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation and is still in the hospital as of press time Tuesday. Davis had been attempting to put out the fire herself, according to McGregor Fire Chief Moe Spradley.

Neighbors Charlie Owens and Samantha Mims along with Webb searched for the source of the smoke before seeing the flames coming out of Davis' window.

Spradley said the firemen had the blaze under control in under 15 minutes after receiving the call. He commented that the water was freezing as soon as it hit the ground. Temperatures ranged

from about 16 to 19 degrees that morning.

Davis told the fire chief that she had been sewing in bed when her lamp fell into the bed with her. She was attempting to put out the fire before help arrived.

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