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50 Cents

Neyhard is 'Citizen of the Year'

Time took a turn backwards to the 1950's last Thursday night in the McGregor High School Commons at this year's Chamber Banquet.

There were women in poodle skirts, rolled up blue jeans paired with white shirts, wearing their favorite fellas senior ring on a chain around their necks, pony tails and the men were decked out from white sport coats and pink carnations to leather motorcycle jackets. The evening's entertainment was Rockin' Rick and the Corvettes.

Responsible for the outstanding decor of the commons was Bell Smith, along with Chamber Board Members, Jerry Lynch and the McGregor PALS, MHS Art Students, Marion Stewart, Leah Loyer, Alice Wilson, Johnnye Scott, Mary Ann Bennett, Jodie Dailey, Deanna Putnam, MHS Art Students.

The 220 guests were greeted when they arrived at the MacTown Soda Fountain where they were served 6 oz. bottle Coca Cola and snacks sponsored by Extraco Banks.

Serving as emcee for the evening was Chamber Board Chairman John Sneed of Sneed Insurance. Rev. Steve Heyduck gave the invocation.

Along with the ticket price attendees had a chance to win a laptop computer donated by Dell. The lucky winner was Pat Richardson.

Special thanks was given to the MHS National Honor Society and their sponsor Ernie Casbeer for serving as waiters for the evening. Johnny's Place catered the meal.

Highlight of the evening was the naming of the Outstanding Citizen and Farmer for the year. David Neyhard was named Outstanding Citizen and Rodney Schmalriede was named Outstanding Farmer.

Last year's Outstanding Citizen Jimmy Hering presented Neyhard with his award. In Hering's presentation the following information was given on Neyhard:

In the 25 years he had lived in McGregor he has been very active in the community, usually playing a behind-the-scenes role. He had been involved with the Band Boosters and the PALS programs, helping to raise money to send kids on trips and to give scholarships. In the 2004-2005 school year, he was instrumental in organizing the first Project Graduation for McGregor High seniors and helped to raise over \$11,000 to provide safe and fun activities for them on graduation night. He has been a director on the McGregor Chamber Board, a member of the Lions Club and the Optimist Club. He has been



David Neyhard receives Citizen of the Year Award from last year's recipient Jimmy Hering



Rodney Schmalriede, at right, receives Farmer of the Year Award from Sidney Kasting

active with the local 4H club for years as a leader, and is still active in the local FFA and Vo-Ag Booster Clubs, donating trophies and equipment for the local shows.

David has been a major player in the McGregor Founder's Day Festival for years, providing the entertainment stages and 5K race equipment. He is a member of College Avenue Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and has helped with youth activities.

In 1984 he started helping with the Boy Scouts and became a scoutmaster in 1990 and helped four young men obtain their Eagle Scout award. He was active as assistant Campfire leader for over seven years and was instrumental in refurbishing cabins that McGregor groups had adopted. He also donated the use of a container and 18-wheeler to distribute donations to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

David and his wife Cathy have two grown children, David an IT tech for McLennan County, and Amy, a broadcast journalism major at University of Texas.

Sidney Kasting, last year's Outstanding Farmer, announced this year's recipient Rodney Schmalriede with the following information.

The McGregor native attended Tarleton State University and received his Bachelor's Degree and then went on to get a master's in Agriculture from Texas A&M University. Following graduation from A&M he taught agriculture science at McGregor High School and other schools in the area for several years.

He has been involved with the McGregor 4-H Club and McGregor Vo-Ag Booster Club, as well as the McGregor Little League Association. An active member of Zion Lutheran Church, he has served as President and other committees. He is vice president of the McLennan County Farm Bureau and has been involved with the Texas Farm Bureau Ag Lead Program.

Along with being very active in the community, he farms, hauls gravel, fertilizer and grain, as well as runs his trucking company. He and his wife Connie have two children—Lindsey 9 and Brodie, 5.

Prior to the awarding of Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer, Chamber Chairman John Sneed gave a brief business overview of McGregor during the past 10 years. Some of the highlights of those years included the transfer of the Naval Weapons facility from the U.S. Navy, the formation of the McGregor Economic Development Corporation, and the addition of the following industries to the industrial park: Pace

See BANQUET on back page

Coaches surprised by new district alignment

McGregor and Crawford's head football coaches were somewhat surprised when they opened their new district alignment packets at the Region 12 office last week.

Rumors had been circulating that there was a good chance that Crawford would be moving down to Class 1A.

"I thought the number in Class 2A was going to change more," Bulldog Coach David Haynes stated. "They bumped the number up on the top end, but left the bottom number alone. The numbers for Class 2A are 195 to 414."

McGregor and Crawford will be playing each other for the next two years, but in a completely new district and region. Instead of District 12AA, the Bulldogs and Pirates will be in District 21AA. Hamilton has been added in the place of Troy. This district is in Region III instead of Region II.

One of the biggest surprises was Marlin dropping to Class 2A along with Daingerfield and Hempstead to name a few.

A change that both coaches will readily agree is a good move is Celina going up to Class 3A.

"We are real excited about this new district and opportunity to play against these quality programs," Coach Haynes commented. "This is a real competitive district with great athletic tradition at each of these schools whether it be in football, basketball, track, baseball, softball, cross country, golf or in academic competition."

For the most part Coach Haynes thought the selection went pretty well for McGregor. He added that he is still in the process of working on the schedule. He has the teams lined up, but details need to be worked out as to where they will play.

The Bulldogs schedule is as follows:

Sept. 1	Rosebud-Lott
Sept. 8	Salado
Sept. 15	Grandview
Sept. 22	Franklin
Sept. 29	West
Oct. 6	OPEN
Oct. 13	Crawford there
Oct. 20	Hamilton here
Oct. 27	Moody there
Nov. 3	B-E here
Nov. 10	Clifton there

Coaches are always trying to setup a tentative schedule before the Region 12 meeting in hopes that they

guess right on the teams and alignment. This year had many coaches scrambling for their cell phones immediately upon opening the secret UIL packets.

Crawford Coach Robert Murphy commented, "I've learned that you can't count on the UIL in doing what you believe they are going to do. I was convinced that since they were making Class A into two divisions like the other classifications that Crawford would move down to Class 1A."

Crawford turned in a 197 enrollment figure last October. The cutoff was 194 and below for Class 1A.

"Our Region 3 has us going back towards Tyler and Palestine," Coach Murphy said. "We're trying to look out for the best interest of our students and the move into that region just doesn't make sense."

Coach Murphy pointed out that if there are only six districts in each region you are going to have a lot of byes.

"Last year Class A was full of byes," Coach Murphy stated. "It doesn't make sense. That's something I thought they were trying to get around."

A breakdown of classes shows that there are 245 teams in Class 5A, 230 teams in Class 4A, 179 teams in Class 3A, 236 teams in Class 2A and 150 teams in Class 1A.

Coach Murphy pointed out that in District 2 in Region 1 there is only one team. He also mentioned that there are a number of schools in four team districts.

The Crawford coach received a call from the coach at Beaumont Kelly. They had been moved from an eight team district to a four team and he was desperate to find games.

He told Coach Murphy if they would agree to play them on Saturdays for the next two years that they would make the trip to Crawford both years. They are now game five on Crawford's schedule.

Here is how the schedule looks:

Sept. 8	Early
Sept. 15	Troy
Sept. 22	Axtell
Sept. 29	Grandview (at home)
Oct. 6	Beaumont Kelly (home both years)
Oct. 13	McGregor home
Oct. 20	Clifton home
Oct. 27	Hamilton away
Nov. 3	Moody home
Nov. 10	B-E away

Political season opens

Political season opens for McGregor, Oglesby and Crawford city and school board elections on Monday, February 13. Persons wishing to file for a place on the MOC ballots for the May 6th election.

Expiring terms on the McGregor City Council include those of Ward Two Councilman Paul Allison, Ward Four Councilman Danny Ripley and Ward 6 (Mayor-at-Large) Jimmy Hering.

Expiring terms on the McGregor School Board include Mike Hollingsworth and Carolyn Wiethorn.

Terms expiring on the Crawford

City Council are those of Franklin Abel, Barry Baize and Charles Wiethorn.

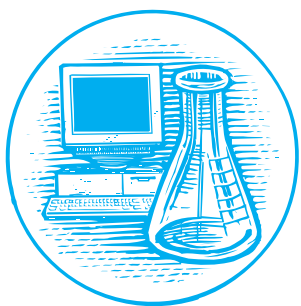
Crawford School Board expiring terms are Rick Williams and Charlie Kasparian.

Expiring Oglesby City Council terms are Reta Luckie, Maurice Willis and Mike Homan.

Oglesby School Board terms expiring are Marc Luckie and Randy McClinton.

Last day to file for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 13. Filing ends the following Monday for write-in candidates.

Junior High Science Fair is Thursday



McGregor H.G. Isbill Junior High School will host its annual Science Fair on Thursday, February 9. The fair will be open to the public from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Junior High Gymnasium. Awards will be given out at 7 p.m. Winners from this fair will compete in the Regional Fair held at TSTC in Waco.

Mullen It Over by Bonnie Mullens

Outstanding Choices

IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT in McGregor last Thursday as business and community leaders gathered for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. It was a fun night as we traveled back to the 50s, enjoying the theme of the evening. The decorations were spectacular, and it was fun to see so many attendees get into the spirit of the theme by dressing in appropriate attire.

There were prom queens to high school toughies. Several women were there in poodle skirts, letter jackets, ponytails, rolled up jeans, Daddy's shirts, scarves adorned with class rings on chains around their necks to make you feel like time had taken a turn backwards. You know, I even saw Gayle Segrest wearing a disc (do you remember discs?) her husband Phillip gave her in high school. That took me back. I hadn't thought about discs in years.

I would like to add my heartiest congratulations to David

Neyhard on being named this year's Outstanding Citizen and Rodney Schmalriede, named this year's Outstanding Farmer. Two great choices. Both deserving of the honor.

It was impressive hearing Chamber Chairman John Sneed give an overview of all the businesses and industries that have located in McGregor during the past 10 years, and then those that have come during the past year. The Chamber directors are looking forward to more business growth in the coming years.

Rockin' Rick and the Corvettes, the night's entertainment, was a lot of fun. They really got the crowd on their feet. I enjoyed watching Bonnie Krause and Marcy Paschall. They could hardly stay in their seats. Talk about some awesome chair dancing. Toward the end of the concert Bonnie couldn't contain herself any longer and started dancing down the aisle. It didn't take long for others to join

in. Band members included Rick Bell, Keith Wallace who was a 1979 graduate of McGregor High, Bryan Daniel and Neil Sharpe who was a member of the Drifters and Archie Bell and the Drells.

If I was voting on best dressed couples of the evening, those in the top running would have to be Bell and Van Smith, Marcy and Joe Paschall and Sherilyn and Steve Collins. Van and Joe looked dapper in their white sport coats and pink carnations. Sherilyn was quite the pretty prom queen escorted by her James Dean Rebel Without A Cause attired husband Steve. I also heard some describe Steve as a Marlon Brando look alike in the film The Wild One. Of course, Bell and Marcy looked like the sweethearts of high school in their garb.

Kudos to the decorating team headed up by Bell Smith. The team included Marion Stewart, Leah Loyer, Deanna Putnam, Mary Ann Bennett, Alice Wilson, Johnnye Scott, Jodie Dailey and the MHS Art Students, Jerry Lynch and the MHS PALS. The MHS National Honor Society did a great job serving the meal. All in all, it was a great evening in McGregor. Good job, Chamber directors and Executive Vice President Jennifer Taylor. *Have a great week!*

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 28, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oglesby Community Center located at 118 Main Street in Oglesby. #6-12

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that applications to have your name placed on the ballot for membership on the Board of Directors for Education Service Center Region 12 may be filed in person or by certified mail between February 6 and February 28, 2006 at the following address.

Office of the Executive Director
2101 W. Loop 340
P.O. Box 23409 (Mailing Address)

Waco, TX 76702-3409
Filing applications for Place 1 in McLennan County may be secured at a public school superintendent's office located within this county or from the above stated address. No filing fee is required. #6-8

Public Hearing

NOTICE

McGregor ISD will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the District's Annual Report including the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2006, 7:30 p.m. in the MISD Board Room, 525 Bluebonnet Parkway. The public is invited to attend. 5,6

McGregor Volunteer EMS Memorials

In memory of Myrtle Parsons from Sallie Hurst

In memory of Emmitt Muhlmann from Sallie Hurst

In memory of Kathleen (Lillard) Paul from Alfred and Helen Wiethorn

Mail memorial contributions to McGregor EMS in care of: Frances Hudson, 311 S. Adams, McGregor, Texas 76657 or Mynette Taylor, 311 S. Main, McGregor, Texas 76657

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In memory of Kathleen (Lillard) Paul from Bonnie, Jimmy and Meghan Mullens

Mail memorial contributions, honorariums or donations to Bonnie Mullens in care of The McGregor Mirror at 311 S. Main, McGregor, Tx. 76657

McGregor livestock show results

Results of the McGregor Livestock Show and Auction held at the CTYRA facility on Saturday, February 4, 2006 by the McGregor Vo-Ag Booster Club.

SWINE DIVISION — Sponsored by Kevin and Melissa Houchin.
Grand Champion: T.J. Fox
Reserve Champion: Kaleigh Green

Sr. Showmanship: Joe Seward
Jr. Showmanship: Jaycee Green

Class 1—
First Place: Joe Seward
Second Place: Corey Jones
Third Place: Jared Green
Fourth Place Meghan Ledbetter

Class 2—
First Place: Alex Garcia
Second Place: Taylor Niemeier
Third Place: Shawn Duwe
Fourth Place: Dustin Brown
Fifth Place: Blake Tieben

Class 3—
First Place: Holden Seward
Second Place: Jaycee Green
Third Place: Jenna Driver
Fourth Place: Lindsey Schmalriede

Class 4—
First Place: Jaycee Green
Second Place: Corey Jones
Third Place: Brantley Green
Fourth Place: Joe Seward
Fifth Place: Lindsey Schmalriede

Class 5—
First Place: T.J. Fox
Second Place: Kaleigh Green
Third Place: Kaleigh Green
Fourth Place: Brantley Green
Fifth Place: Lindsey Schmalriede

GOAT DIVISION—sponsored by Ernie and Cat Casbeer.
Grand Champion: Micah Broughton
Reserve Champion: Vanessa Young

Sr. Showmanship: Cagney Kunze

Jr. Showmanship: Micah Broughton

Class 1—
First Place: Alyssa Hill
Second Place: Sean Gorman
Third Place: Lori Jones
Fourth Place: Alyssa Hill

Class 2—
First Place: Kaleigh Green
Second Place: Mandy Broughton
Third Place: Taylor Fox
Fourth Place: Blaine Bickley

Class 3—
First Place: Micah Broughton
Second Place: Vanessa Young
Third Place: Lori Jones
Fourth Place: Jesse Zimmerman

Class 4—
First Place: Jaycee Green
Second Place: Jeannine Mooney
Third Place: Cagney Kunze

LAMB DIVISION—sponsored by Keith Ace Hardware.
Grand Champion: Cagney Kunze

Reserve Champion: Corey Jones

Class 1—
First Place Cagney Kunze
Second Place: Corey Jones

BAKED GOODS—
Grand Champion: Lori Jones
Reserve Champion: Alyssa Hill

Class 1—
First Place Cagney Kunze
Second Place: Corey Jones

Class 2—
Grand Champion: Lori Jones
Reserve Champion: Alyssa Hill

Crawford LL tryouts set for Saturday

Crawford Little League will hold try-outs and have the draft for all registered players on February 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Crawford baseball complex. In the event of rain, try-outs will be held February 19.

Tryout times are as follows:
T-ball: 1 to 3 p.m. at T-ball field
Pee-Wee boys: 1-2 p.m., Minor

boys: 2-3 p.m., Major boys: 3-4 p.m. These will be at the baseball field.

Pee-Wee girls: 1-2 p.m., Minor girls: 2-3 p.m., Major girls: 3-4 p.m. These will be at the softball field.

Jr. Boys will be from 3-4 p.m. at the varsity field. No try-outs for Junior girls.

For questions call Kristi Murphy at 848-2327.

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THERE ARE ANGELS AMONG US

On December 5, 2005, I had a not so good accident in my home here in McGregor. I was taking a shower and shampooing my hair, when kaboom, I fell over the bathtub and onto my right wrist with a crack. I snapped it out of place.

Living alone, what to do? So I called my friend Claudia Mooney who came over immediately and I shared with her my situation. Meanwhile my right wrist had swollen three times it's normal size. A neighbor across the street suggested I go to the Scott and White Clinic in Waco. Well low and behold, Claudia dropped everything and approximately it took three to four visits, but who was it that saw I got to the clinic each time, you guessed it (Claudia Mooney) Thanks, Claudia (Angel #1) But wait there's more!

On December 17th I was coming home from teaching Country Western Dance at the Waco Family "Y" when I stopped for gas at in McGregor. As I was coming back to my car, three young ladies were waiting for me in a white van and asked me if I was headed home. I replied yes and they told me they had something for me. I hadn't been home very long when there was a knock on the front door; so I put the porch light on and there stood before me three young ladies (Bonnie Mullens, Mynette Taylor and Teresa Sneed) bearing gifts of food, snacks, drink and money, Christmas wreath and Good Tidings of the Season, wishing me good health and happiness with my bum right wrist (Angels #2, #3 and #4).

But wait! I'm not through yet; for there are many others—angels who have touched my heart and my life in 2005.

My #1 Cuz, Ruby (Fryer) Hudson who also shares my favorite line "Gig'em;" My #1 Boss and Store Director Mr. Jason King who hired me at Brookshire Bros. as a cashier soon to be a year. My #1 friends David and Jonelle Chiszum whom I will always be indebted to in Christian friendship plus Pastor Tom, Lori and all my St. Paul Lutheran Church family in Crawford, who have prayed me through this whole ordeal!

Last but not least all my neighbors and Brookshire Bros. buddies (Reva Lawson; June "Bug"; Lila Collins and Mr. "B" or Brown.)

Let me say a big thank you for the good food, kind words of encouragement and above all your love and concern as I am gradually mending.

Yes, there are truly angels among us everyday of our lives; believe me I know for I have had this experience!

Respectfully submitted,
Harlan Sandhoff

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~Obituaries~



Kathleen Paul

Kathleen Lillard Paul of McGregor passed away Wednesday, February 01, 2006, in McGregor at the age of 82. Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Cole Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Thompson officiat-

ing. Interment will follow in Waco Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6 to 8 P.M. Friday at Cole Funeral Home.

Mrs. Paul was born March 28, 1923, in Franklin, Texas, the daughter of Austin Bonapart and Lutie Arbella (Nelson) Cotharn. She began her education in Franklin and later moved to Waco where she was a 1942 graduate of Waco High School. On May 8, 1943, she married Carl Lillard in Waco. He preceded her in death September 2, 1989. In 1957, Carl and Kathleen moved to McGregor from Speegleville. On November 17, 1990 she married Randell Paul in Hewitt.

Mrs. Paul was a member of College Avenue Baptist Church and the Willing Workers Class. Much of her life was spent as a homemaker who enjoyed playing in various softball leagues until she was fifty-four years old. She loved to dance and was known for her delicious pecan pies.

Also preceding her in death are four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband Randell Paul; two sons, Donald Lillard and wife Carolyn of McGregor, Roger Lillard of Marlin; two daughters, Norma Kay Cooper and husband Jim of Hewitt, Shirley Stone and husband Jimmy Dan of McGregor; three brothers, Vachel Cotharn of Fort worth, Kenneth Cotharn of Robinson, Ray Cotharn of Waco; two sisters, Gay Nelle Wilson of Waco, Jo Ann Kruk of League City; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

For those desiring, the family has suggested the Arthritis Foundation Heart of Texas Branch, 7003 Woodway Drive, Waco, Texas 76712 or College Avenue Baptist Church, 201 South Monroe, McGregor, Texas 76657, for memorial contributions.

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



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Jewell Raby

Jewell Raby of McGregor died Monday afternoon, Feb. 6, 2006, in McGregor at the age of 96. Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Cole Funeral Home with Rev. Mickey Fugitt officiating. Interment will follow in Moody Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Wednesday at Cole Funeral Home.

Mrs. Raby was born March 4, 1909, in Coryell County, Texas, the daughter of William F. and Maude (Bailey) Robinson. She received her education at Buckhorn and her LVN training from Kings Daughter Hospital in Temple. On October 8, 1933, she married Norman J. Raby in Moody. He preceded her in death April 28, 1967. For twenty years she practiced nursing at Kings Daughter Hospital, Golden Heritage Nursing Home in Moody and retired from the V.A. Hospital in Temple in 1974. She enjoyed sewing, singing, crochet and playing dominos.

Also preceding her in death was a son, J.W. Raby.

Survivors include a daughter Sarah Spohn and husband Dwayne of McGregor; a sister, Robbie Bushing of Temple, three grandchildren, Terry, Tracy and Troy Spohn and eleven great grandchildren.

Casketbearers will be Terry Spohn, Tracy Spohn, Troy Spohn and Mike Campbell.

For those desiring the family has suggested McGregor Ambulance Association in care of Frances Hudson, 311 South Adams, McGregor, Texas 76657, for memorial contributions.



New Briefs

McGregor Baseball Signups Feb. 11, 18

McGregor Youth Baseball Sign-ups for the Texas Teenage League will be on February 11 and 18 at the Junior High Gymn from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$45 per child (maximum of \$100 per family). Parents or guardians need to bring copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residency such as a utility bill. Age deadlines: Boys—April 30 and Girls—January 1. Late sign-ups will be allowed on an as needed basis.

Cynthia Clawson at Texas Tea Feb. 10, 11

Cynthia Clawson, due to popular demand will perform two nights: Friday, Feb. 10th and Sat. Feb. 11th at Texas Tea and Coffee. Both performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are on sale now for \$15 per person. For more information contact Sherilyn Collins at sherilyn@hotmail.com or visit www.cynthiaclawson.com.

McGregor Lions Spaghetti Supper Feb. 16

The Annual McGregor Lions Club Spaghetti Supper is set for Thursday, February 16 at the McGregor High School Commons from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any Lions Club member or at The McGregor Mirror.

Crawford PTO 3-on-3 Tourney Feb. 17-18

Crawford PTO will sponsor its 10th Annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament on February 17th and 18th. Cost is \$20 per player, entry fee includes a tee shirt. Teams may consist of 3 or 4 players. Divisions include Elementary Grades 5 & 6, Junior High Grades 7 & 8, High School Grades 9-12, Top Gund division-21 & under, Hot Shots division—over 21 and Couch Potato Division—Over 30. Registration forms may be picked up in local school district offices, or by logging onto the Crawford ISD web page at www.crawfordisd.net. or by contacting Susan Brown at 254-848-2915. Signup deadline is Feb. 10th. Applications received after this date will not be accepted, unless we have a bracket not filled. Mail the application, signed waiver form and check or money order made out to Crawford PTO to Susan Brown, 1585 Ole School Pkwy., Crawford, Tx. 76633.

President's Day 5K/1 Mile Run Feb. 18th

Crawford Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will sponsor its annual President's Day 5K/1 mile run on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006. The one mile run will start at 9 a.m. and the 5K will begin at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$18.00. The Race will begin and finish in Tonkawa Park. All runners will receive a souvenir t-shirt. Awards to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place runners in each age division in the 5K and Top 10 male and female milers. Make checks payable to Crawford Chamber of Commerce. Mail entries, designating mile or 5K division and t shirt size (s-xl) and age to Gary Bowdoin, 695 Vanishing Oaks Drive, Crawford, Texas 76638. For more information call 254-486-2288. Proceeds will benefit community projects and scholarships.

Crawford Talent Show February 25th

Time to get your act together for the Crawford Talent Show on Saturday, February 25th open to all Crawford students K-12. All acts must audition either Feb. 11 or Feb. 18th. Acts must also come to dress rehearsal the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 22 sometime between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. The specific time for your performance will be announced later. For additional information contact Marilyn Judy 486-2199 daytime or 486-2101 night or 744-6076 cell. This is a fundraiser for the Varsity Cheerleaders.

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SUBJECT: IT'S NOT ABOUT OIL

SEPT. 11, 2001
DEC. 7, 1941

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN?

This is not very long, but very informative. You have to read the catalogue of events in this brief piece. Then, ask yourself how anyone can take the position that all we have to do is bring our troops home from Iraq, sit back, reset the snooze alarm, go back to sleep, and no one will ever bother us again? In case you missed it, World War III began in November 1979... That alarm has been ringing for years.

U.S. Navy Captain Ouimette is the Executive Officer at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Here is a copy of the speech he gave last month. It is an accurate account of why we are in so much trouble today, and why this action is so necessary.

AMERICA NEEDS TO WAKE UP!

That's what we think we heard on the 11th of September 2001, when more than 3,000 Americans were killed, but I think it should have been "Get Out of Bed!" In fact, I think the alarm clock has been buzzing since 1979 and we have continued to hit the snooze button and roll over for just a few more minutes of peaceful sleep.

It was a cool, fall day in November 1979 in a country going through a religious and political upheaval when a group of Iranian students attacked and seized the American Embassy in Tehran. This seizure was an outright attack on American soil; it was an attack that held the world's most powerful country hostage and paralyzed a Presidency. The attack on this sovereign U.S. embassy set the stage for events to follow for the next 25 years.

America was still reeling from the aftermath of the Vietnam experience and had a serious threat from the Soviet Union when the then president had to do something. He chose to conduct a clandestine raid in the desert. The ill-fated mission ended in ruin, but stood as a symbol of America's inability to deal with terrorism.

America's military had been decimated and downsized since the Vietnam War. A poorly trained, poorly equipped and poorly organized military was called on to execute a complex mission that was doomed from the start.

Shortly after the Tehran experience, Americans began to be kidnapped and killed throughout the Middle East. America could do little to protect her citizens living and working abroad. The attacks against U.S. soil continued.

In April of 1983, a large vehicle packed with high explosives was driven into the U.S. Embassy compound in Beirut. When it exploded, it killed 63 people. The alarm went off again and America hit the Snooze Button once more.

Then just six short months later in 1983, a large truck heavily laden down with over 2,500 pounds of TNT smashed through the main gate of the U.S. Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut and 241 U.S. servicemen were killed. America mourns her dead and hit the Snooze Button once more.

Two months later in December 1983, another truck loaded with explosives is driven into the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, and America continues her slumber.

The following year, in September 1984, another van was driven into the gate of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and America slept.

Soon the terrorism spreads to Europe. In April 1985, a bomb explodes in a restaurant frequented by U.S. soldiers in Madrid.

Then in August 1985, a Volkswagen loaded with explosives is driven into the main gate of the U.S. Air Force Base at Rhein-Main, 22 are killed and the Snooze Alarm is buzzing louder and louder as U.S. interests are continually attacked.

Fifty-nine days later in 1985, a cruise ship, the Achille Lauro, is hijacked and we watched as an American in a wheelchair is singled out of the passenger list and executed.

The terrorists then shift their tactics to bombing civilian airliners when they bomb TWA Flight 840 in April of 1986 that killed 4 and the most tragic bombing, Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988, killing 259.

All these terrorist acts were treated as crimes: in fact, we are still trying to bring these people to trial. THESE ARE ACTS OF WAR. The wake up alarm is getting louder and louder.

The following month, February 1993, a group of terrorists are arrested after a rented van packed with explosives is driven into the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people are killed and over 1,000 are injured. Still, this is a crime and not an act of war? The Snooze Alarm is depressed again.

Then in November 1995, a car bomb explodes at a U.S. military complex in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing seven service men and women.

A few months later in June of 1996 another truck bomb explodes only 35 yards from the U.S. military compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. It destroys the Khobar Towers, a U.S. Air Force barracks, killing 19 and injuring over 500. The terrorists are getting braver and smarter as they see that America does not respond decisively. They move to coordinate their attacks in a simultaneous attack on two U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. These attacks were planned with precision. They kill 224. America responds with cruise missile attacks and goes back to sleep.

The USS Cole was docked in the port of Aden, Yemen for refueling on 12 October 2000, when a small craft pulled along side the ship and exploded killing 17 U.S. Navy sailors. Attacking a U. S. warship is an act of war, but we sent the FBI to investigate the crime and went back to sleep.

And, of course, you know the events of 11 September 2001. Most Americans think this was the first attack against U.S. soil or in America. How wrong they are. America has been under a constant attack since 1979 and we chose to hit the Snooze Alarm and roll over and go back to sleep.

In the news lately, we have seen lots of finger pointing from every high official in government over what they knew and what they didn't know. But if you've read the papers and paid a little attention, I think you can see exactly what they knew. You don't have to be in the FBI or CIA or on the National Security Council to see the pattern that has been developing since 1979.

The President is right on when he says we are engaged in a war. I think we have been in a war for the past 25 years and it will continue until we as a people decide enough is enough. America needs to "Get out of BED" and act decisively now. America has been changed forever. We have to be ready to pay the price and make the sacrifice to ensure our way of life continues. We cannot afford to keep hitting the Snooze Button again and again and roll over and go back to sleep.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Yamamoto said "... it seems all we have done is awakened a sleeping giant." This is the message we need to disseminate to terrorists around the world.

Support Our Troops and support President Bush for having the courage, political or militarily, to address what so many who preceded him didn't have the backbone to do, both Democrat and Republican.

This is not a political thing to be hashed over in an election year, this is an AMERICAN thing. This is about our Freedom and the Freedom of our children in years to come.

If you believe in this, please pass it on to as many people as you can, especially to the young people and all those who dozed off in history class and who seem so quick to protest such a necessary military action. If you don't believe it, just roll over and go back to sleep.

PLEASE READ THIS AGAIN AND REMEMBER,
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BACKING DOWN IS USUALLY A SHORT-LIVED
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Mirror Recipes
Especially for
Valentine's
By Bonnie Mullens



Sweets for Valentines

Make Valentine's Day a little bit sweeter with these decadent cakes, pies and mother mouth-watering desserts, from Turtle Brownies to chocolate breakfast rolls to homemade candies. Your sweetheart will surely appreciate your efforts.

TURTLE BROWNIES

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 eggs

1 package (10 ounces) Swirled Milk Chocolate and Caramel Morsels, divided

- 1 cup chopped pecans, divided
- Caramel sauce
- Vanilla ice cream, optional

Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Beat butter, sugar and vanilla in a large mixing bowl until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 3/4 cup morsels and 1/2 cup nuts. Spread into greased 13"x9"x2" baking pan. Sprinkle remaining morsels and remaining nuts over top. Bake at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from out edge comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Drizzle with caramel sauce before or after cutting into squares. Serve with ice cream if desired.

CHOCOLATE ROLLS

3/4 cup warm milk (90 to 100 degrees)

- 1 egg
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup chunky peanut butter
- 2 1/4 cups milk chocolate morsels, divided
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup

Place milk, egg, flour, sugar, salt, cocoa, yeast and butter in bread machine pan. Set machine on dough cycle; press start. Remove dough from pan when cycle is finished. On lightly floured surface, knead for 1 minutes. Roll to a 15" x 10" rectangle. Spread peanut butter over dough to within 1/2 inch of edges. Sprinkle 1 cup morsels over peanut butter. Roll dough up tightly, starting at long end. Pinch edge to seal. Cut into 12 slices using a sharp knife. Place rolls in a greased 13"x9" baking pan. Cover; allow to rise in warm place for about 1 hour or until doubled in size. Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Place milk and corn syrup in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1 minute. Add remaining chocolate morsels; stir until melted. Let stand for 2 minutes. Stir until smooth. Cool slightly. Drizzle milk chocolate icing over rolls. Makes one dozen.

CASHEW Caramel Fudge

- 2 teaspoons plus 1/2 cup butter, softened, divided
- 1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar marshmallow cream
- 24 caramels, quartered
- 3/4 cup salted cashew halves
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (I use Mexican vanilla)

Line a 9-inch square baking pan with foil; butter the foil with 2 teaspoons butter. Set aside. In a large heavy saucepan, combine milk, sugar and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a rapid boil; boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat; stir in chocolate chips and marshmallow cream until melted. Fold in caramels, cashews and vanilla; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Cool. Remove from pan and cut into 1 inch squares. Store at room temperature. Makes 3 pounds.

PRALINES

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups pecan halves, toasted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Bring sugars and milk to a boil in a Dutch oven, stirring often. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, 11 minutes or until a candy thermometer registers 228 degrees (thread stage). Stir in butter and pecans; cook, stirring constantly, until candy thermometer registers 236 degrees (soft ball stage). Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Beat with a wooden spoon 1 to 2 minutes or just until mixture begins to thicken. Quickly drop by heaping tablespoons onto buttered wax paper or parchment paper; let stand until firm. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen.

TEXAS MILLIONAIRES

- 2 sticks margarine or butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white Karo syrup
- 2 cups evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

were Becky Fisk, Bonnie Luna, Cathy Wheat, Angie Ray, Oweddia Kemp and Becky Britton.

• Ann Miller was installed as Worthy Advisor of the McGregor Rainbow Girls Chapter.

FEBRUARY 13, 1986—

• Veronika Grusendorf, a McGregor business woman, filed as a candidate for Mayor.

• McGregor coaches singled out three players for special plaques at the annual Football Banquet. They were Frank Graves, Richard Booker and James Kilpatrick. Booker, Kilpatrick and Gary Zacharias were selected as team captains by their peers. Handing out the awards were Coach Grady Williams.

• Jerry Smith was elected president of the McGregor Vo-Ag Booster Club. Other officers were Milton Schmalriede, Sherrie Chaudoin, Barbara Turner, Sidney Kasting, Sarah Spohn, Glen Pomerence, Frank Graves and Betty Smith.

• John Keith was elected president of the McGregor United Fund board. Other officers were Raymond Collins and Clara Russell.

• Velma and Gilbert Wiethorn celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

FEBRUARY 15, 1996—

• U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced McGregor's Naval Weapons Plant land transfer was signed into law.

• Bulldog Football Banquet special awards went to Quinton Wright, Eddie Daniels, Kendrick Jones and Jason Elliott. Named as team captains were the late Zac Warren, Ron Dodson, Eddie Daniels and Quinton Wright. At the banquet Athletic Director Dennis Luedeker announced that Number 67, Zac's football number, would be retired for the upcoming 1996 football season.

• McGregor Bulldog Ron Dodson signed a letter of intent to play at South West Texas State University.

Chopped pecans
Hershey bars
Cook margarine, sugars, syrup and 1 cup of milk. Bring to a boil; add the other cup of milk slowly, so you don't break the boil. Cool in double boiler to 236 degrees or soft ball. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Cool and later dip in melted chocolate (Hershey bars).

Oglesby News
Reported by
Renessa Niemeier

Visit from Wildlife Encounters

Michelle Wishiewski with Wildlife Encounters visited our school with many different animals. The students enjoyed seeing them. Among the animals she brought were the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, (1st pic w/Zachary Paynter 3rd grade), Giant Russian Legless Lizard, (2nd pic w/Delaney Perez 5th grade), African Pigmy Hedgehog, (3rd pic w/Thomas Frier 5th grade), American Porcupine, (4th pic) South American Raccoon (Coatimundi) (5th pic), Ring-Tailed Lemur, and an African Serval (Jumping Cat of Africa) (last pic). (Group pics are of kindergarten and 6th grade amazed at the animals.)

Valentine Gift Basket Raffle

The Beach Buddies Relay for Life team, sponsored by Oglesby State Bank, is having a raffle for a Valentine's Basket. The basket includes the following: Bottle of sparkling cider, 2-glass champagne flutes, assorted chocolate candies, stuffed animal (white bear with "I Love You" heart), Home Interior Cookie Dough Candle, Gift certificates for facial and brow wax at Facelagic (Central Texas Market Place-Waco), \$25 towards any hair/nail/spa service at La Bella Visage Salon and Day Spa (Wooded Acres-Waco), 2-movie rentals at The Movie Store (McGregor or Gatesville), Small Chicken Fried Steak Dinner at Ranchers (Gatesville) The basket is valued at over \$100.00 dollars and is on display at the bank. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. See Sheila Hoehn or Melissa Wells at the school or Penny Wiethorn at Oglesby State Bank to purchase your raffle tickets. You can also contact these ladies if you would like to purchase luminaries in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a friend or loved one. The luminaries will be lit during a special ceremony the night of the relay. The Relay for Life event will take place in McGregor on Friday, May 19th. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Your help in supporting this worthy cause is greatly appreciated!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• The Oglesby 4-H will meet Monday, February 13th @ 7:00pm at the community center.

• Oglesby Cheerleaders selling note pads @ \$8 each.
• NO SCHOOL - Friday, February 10th Teacher/Staff Development-Student Holiday.

ON THE COURT

Girls: Oglesby Lady Tigers 52; Iredell Lady Dragons 29; Oglesby 14-9 District 6-3. Scoring for the Lady Tigers: Myra Castro 22, Kristen Buzbee 11, Megan Cockrum 8, Marche Ross 7, Kim Barker 4. Rebounds: Megan Cockrum 13, Marche Ross 10, Kristen Buzbee 8, Kim Barker 5, Myra Castro 4, Courtney Woodrome 2, Dausia West 1, Ashley Key 1, Reagan Robinson 1. Assists: Dausia West 3, Kristen Buzbee 2, Myra Castro 1

Notes: Jonesboro girls beat Cranfills Gap. Lometa beat Star girls. 3 way tie for second at the moment. Cranfills Gap has to play us at home Tuesday. Lometa girls still have to play in Jonesboro. We are in excellent position Tuesday to claim 2nd place outright, should we take care of Cranfills Gap and Jonesboro wins at home. We lost in Cranfills Gap (a game we led the entire time) on a "Hail Mary" 3 point shot with: 08 seconds to give Cranfills Gap a 33-32 win. We have not lost a district game in our house this year.

"This is a special group of girls. The determination they are playing with is so much stronger than any team I've ever coached. I hope after Tuesday's game they are rewarded for their efforts this season, an opportunity to go to the playoffs."

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

FEB. 14, 1935—

No paper on file.

FEBRUARY 15, 1946—

• Top Hereford bull purchased at Jim Hering's sale, went for \$4,100.

• A new road was approved which would run from the John Freeman's home about three miles east of town, across and between Jim Hering and E. B. Marrow farms to join Highway 84, making a much better school route and would eliminate a dangerous railroad crossing.

• Margaret Estella Cox and Ernes Meskell were married.

• Something new for McGregor was special room at Vowel Grocery and market equipped with a refrigerator unit to keep vegetables and fruits at a low temperature to insure their freshness.

FEBRUARY 10, 1956—

• Front page pictures were a reminder to the men of the community of the upcoming Valentines Day. Six year old James Geltemeyer was pictured drawing a heart shape with initials J.G. and J.J. in the center. Six year old Jackie Janes was looking on.

• An organizational meeting for a McGregor Riding Club was set for this week and open to all riders in the MOC community. Ramroding the club's organization was Gene Holder of McGregor, Olin Ewing of Oglesby and Dan Davidson of Crawford.

• Joyce Marie Barton was elected Oglesby FFA Sweetheart.

FEBRUARY 11, 1966—

• McGregor Boy Scouts were observing Boy Scout Week and were caught by Mirror photographer putting up a display. Pictured were Jeff Bass, Rick Neff, Bill Constantine, Vernon Kemp, Wesley Kemp, David Sundberg and Clyde Zacharias along with Scoutmasters Ken Morrison, Lawrence Finley and Cecil Skipper.

• Shirley Autry was installed as Worthy Advisor of the McGregor Rainbow Girls.

• A picture of past McGregor

leaders taken 60 years earlier showed the following men in 1902 in front of the First National Bank building. Included were J.W. Boyd-dry goods, Pat M. Neff-McGregor attorney who later become governor of Texas and President of Baylor University, Charles F. Smith-President of First National Bank, Bill Graham-an employee of S. Amsler Co., Joe Embry-a local farmer, A.L. Lee-of Lee Hardware, Gus Davis-postmaster, Jim McKelvain-mercantile business and Paul C. Cuenod-dry goods.

• An attractive sign was erected at First Methodist Church given to the church by the children and family of Rev. and Mrs. T.G. Story. The sign was given in memory of Rev. Story who served as pastor of the McGregor church from 1931-34. It was also in honor of Mrs. Story who was still a member of the church.

FEB. 13, 1976—

• A meeting was to be held at the Chamber office to determine if there was enough interest to rebuild a cotton gin in McGregor before cotton season rolled around. Donald Bost, who had owned the McGregor Gin before it burned down reported he had ginned 2,700 bales in 1973 and 1,500 in 1974, and that he had already ginned 500 bales before the fire.

• The new all weather track was lined and ready for work off Johnson Drive.

• McGregor Bulldog Basketball season came to a close. Team members were Robert Daniels, Bennie Wiley, Charles Caufield, Manual Boswell, Percy Jones, Willie Sneed, Darrell Gee, Clayton Berkley and Rodney Morgan. Coach was Marcus Sheppard.

• The engagement of Denise Johnson to Larry Oliver was announced with the date set for April 10th.

• MHS Senior Class sponsored a Winter festival called Cupid's Court. Queen candidates were Diane Yeager, Tina Drew, Janice Hillard and Mary Kelley. The duchesses

ACROSS

- 1 "Ma's" secretary of state, Meharg
- 5 TX-filled "Baby the ___ Must Fall"
- 6 hymn: "___ the Light"
- 7 TX eatery: ___ Chico
- 8 Amarillo hosts the "___-State Fair"
- 9 Red Steagall is '06 "Cowboy ___ Texas"
- 15 TXism: "whatever floats your ___"
- 16 TXism: "___ a cold trail"
- 19 TXism: "enjoyed about ___ I can stand"
- 21 '24 slogan: "Ma -- And I Ain't Got a Darn Thing Against Pa"
- 22 TXism: "fast ___ town gossip"
- 27 "___ Maples State Natural Area TXism negative"
- 29 TXism: "___ the cards on the table"
- 30 fuel made with corn or milo
- 32 former Rangers GM Grieve (init.)
- 33 longest serving TX Lt. Gov.
- 36 this Thomas was the 1st TX woman in the U.S. House
- 37 Seals & Crofts are a TX ___
- 38 bad QB "cuff" injury
- 39 TX Belle's hubby
- 41 Stars league (abbr.)
- 42 in Hutchinson Co. on hwy. 207
- 45 scattered seed
- 46 Gulf snakelike fish
- 47 TXism: "could ___ his work shirt to a church social" (lazy)
- 48 TXism: "sneaky as an ___-suckin' dog"
- 49 TXism: "___ a frog in a frying pan"
- 52 storage containers
- 53 one-___ play
- 54 car once made by GM
- 55 unusual perception (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 hospital areas (abbr.)
- 2 TX Darnell was "Lora ___ in "A Letter to Three Wives" (49)
- 3 ___ Wells, TX
- 4 TX book: "Hood, Bonnet, ___ Jug"
- 8 on some Dallas cars: "___ tag"
- 9 mail deliveries (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "good ___ boy"
- 11 ___ Lago, TX
- 12 TXism: "attracted like flies ___"
- 13 indebted to
- 14 name of TX Confederate Air Force's B-29 bomber
- 15 TX Nolan is in Base ___ of Fame
- 16 TXism: "big ___ in a small pond"
- 17 with "al," relating to the night
- 18 with "Mc," town in McLennan Co.
- 20 good looking girl, slangily
- 26 TXism: "he's holding ___ aces"
- 28 TX Woody's pal on "Cheers"
- 31 TXism: "___ bout"
- 34 first half of the Bible (abbr.)
- 35 TX singer Wills
- 37 "dogs," slangily
- 40 Roman garment
- 43 Aransas Pass festival: "Shrimpo ___"
- 44 kitchen trash
- 50 fly the TX flag with the white ___
- 51 you and me

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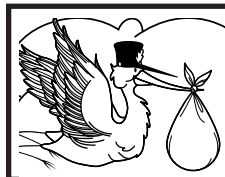
Bankhead ~ Pilant nuptials

Cathy Pilant and Travis Bankhead were united in marriage on January 27, 2006, at New Life Worship Center in McGregor, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by the bride's father, Rev. Carl Coe, and Rev. Robert Nelson.

Cathy is the daughter of Carl and Theresa Coe of McGregor and the mother of Luke Pilant and Lance Pilant of McGregor.

Travis is the son of Larry Bankhead of McGregor and Jean Thompson of Brownwood. Travis is the father of Christopher Bankhead of Amarillo.

Witnesses were the bride's sister, Christy Schulz of Crawford, Texas and Timmy Honea, groom's cousin of Clifton, Texas.



Look Who's New



Brady Randall Bengé

It's a boy!

Josh and Mary Bengé of Angleton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brady Randall Bengé, born on Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 6:18 p.m. He weighed 10 lbs. 3/4 oz. and was 22.9 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Duane and Beverly Ballard of Oglesby. Maternal grandmother is Linda Wollard of McGregor.

It's a boy!

Proud sisters Alli and Madi welcome their little brother, Zachary Andrew, who was born at 10:01 a.m. on January 11, 2006, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

He weighed 7 lbs 8 oz and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Chad and Stacy Ainsworth of McGregor.

Grandparents are Andy and Patsy Ainsworth and Billy and Ann Zacharias. Great grandparents are Laverne Ainsworth and Frieda Zacharias.

Lets us know about your new additions—There is no charge for Birth Announcements Pictures are \$5 to \$10



Jason Ray

Dreams do come true

Jason Ray to play for Texas Aggies

By Carla Vallejo

Looking up at 6' 4" tall, 210 lb Jason Ray, one might forget that he was once a little seven year old who looked up to the Dallas Cowboys and began to dream as he watched them winning Super Bowls. Young Jason lived in Lubbock, Texas, and began to love the Cowboys, Texas Tech Red Raiders and football! When his family moved to McGregor the summer before the sixth grade, Jason began playing football with the "5th Street Gang", made up of several boys from a few families. Daniel Hawthorne, Paul Estrada and Jason played various sports with all of their siblings, and became competitive, strong players who loved the game of football.

Jason's family moved to New Mexico for a year, so his first "official" football game was played in that state. He moved back to McGregor for the eighth grade, and the football team won district with a great group of eighth grade guys. He was home!

Jason became #12 at McGregor High School. He was a receiver and safety on an excellent football team filled with very good athletes. This team tied for District when Jason was a sophomore, and won District in his senior year, going to the play-offs. His most special football memory (among many!) was Parent Night in his senior year. Bulldog Stadium was filled with thousands of fans watching. #1 McGregor defeated #2 Rosebud-Lott, as this special group of seniors secured the District Championship playing in their last home game

together.

Jason attended MCC for two years, doing very well academically, but the dream of playing football was still very much alive! He worked out and stayed in shape physically, but playing football for a Division 1 school seemed like it would remain a dream. Jason said that he had some friends, Carla, Ed and Samantha, who gave him the extra push he needed to make the dream become a reality.

As Jason was finalizing some details on a visit to A&M before he began attending school there last fall, these friends told him that there would be no return trip to McGregor until Jason talked to a coach.

Jason remembers walking in front of Kyle Field, getting directions inside the athlete's weight room, and going up to the coaches' offices. He went in to see Coaches Robinson and North, and they were very gracious. He was told that "walk-on try-outs would be the week before the TU game" and to come and try out.

Jason kept in touch with the coaches and began working out hard at Bulldog Stadium. Try-outs were on Wednesday and Thursday, November 16th and 17th. There was much paperwork, including weigh-ins and medical exams.

The physical try-out was on the 17th with about thirty men trying out. On the Monday morning following, Jason Ray of McGregor walked to the A&M football complex and read the piece of paper posted on the door telling him to go talk to an A&M coach. This coach told Jason that he would begin practicing with the team in January. Dreams do come true!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17th and 18th, Jason got all of his paperwork completed and further physical exams done. On Thursday, he was given a locker in the Bright Football Complex locker room, and A&M work-out clothes and shoes to go in it! Friday at 6 a.m., Jason began working out with the team, and does so now Monday through Friday every week. He attends team meetings in order to get familiar with his team. Jason loves "being part of the Fightin' Texas Aggies and helping out any way I can!"

Jason is so thankful for all the encouragement his McGregor family has given to him—his home church folk, the Collins and the Texas Tea and Coffee crew, the Vallejos, the bunch at Brookshire Brothers, his wonderful MHS teammates and friends and his dear family!

He is very grateful to God, "He is opening these doors for me and until He shuts them I'll keep on going through..." "I love McGregor—my family, my friends—It's home."



Local band releases CD

Local band "Steel Loaded" just released their first CD titled "You Don't Know Me" on Saturday, February 4th. The CD Release Party was held at Treffs in Waco.

Band members include Kevin Knox of McGregor on bass guitar, Taylor Williams of Woodway (formerly of McGregor) on lead guitar, Rance Northern of Golinda on drums and singer Brian Courtney on guitar.

Knox and Williams have been jammin together since they met in the fifth grade at McGregor Junior High. They joined Courtney and Northern last year and Steel Loaded was born.

The band plays rock music and has been featured on 102.5 The Bear. The radio station has played their songs every Friday night this year on Local Lics at 11:00.

You can hear their music, check out their concert dates and vote for them for best local band on www.steelloaded.com.



Justin Wiethorn

Texas Land Bank promotes Wiethorn

Texas Land Bank, Federal Land Credit Association recently promoted Justin Wiethorn from vice president to president of its Waco credit office.

Wiethorn joined the Texas Land Bank staff as a loan officer trainee in June 1999, after receiving his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University. He was promoted to loan officer in January 2000, assistant vice president in 2001 and vice president the following year.

A native of McGregor, Wiethorn and his wife, Kathy, continue to reside in the community with their daughter, Courtney.

Part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, Texas Land Bank provides real estate loans to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness owners, rural homeowners and other rural landowners in 16 Central Texas counties. The association is headquartered in Waco and operates credit offices in Corsicana, Georgetown, Hillsboro, Lampasas, Temple and Waco.

Garden Club to celebrate Arbor Day

The McGregor Garden Club will celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, February 16, by planting a tree in Amsler Park. The public is invited to the planting which will be at 11:30 a.m. This tree will be planted in support of our troops.

Local students Tarleton graduates

Four local students graduated from Tarleton State University during commencement exercises held December 17, 2005.

From McGregor, Henry Loyd Goff graduated with a BS degree in Ag Services and Development. Brandi Lee Michalewicz graduated with a BS degree in Animal Science.

Crawford students included Kayla Anne Raley who graduated with a BBA degree in Management and Azure Bohne Mach who received a MED degree in Counseling.

Congratulations to Carol Wiethorn on her retirement



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Bulldogs in third place with only three games remaining

The McGregor Bulldogs last week defeated Moody 68-50, lost to Crawford 51-31 in district action and recently played one of those games that you dream about.

The Bulldogs are currently in third place in the district standings.

Let's report first about the dream about contest that occurred recently on the road against the Troy Trojans.

McGregor got off to a slow start and found themselves down throughout the ballgame. The Trojans led 7-4 in the first quarter, 19-12 at halftime, and 28-23 at the end of the third quarter.

Although the Bulldogs were hustling hard throughout the contest, the basketball hoop seemed to be a few inches smaller than the basketball they were tossing it towards. The fourth quarter started off similar to the other quarters, but all of a sudden the momentum swung big time towards the Bulldogs.

With only 2:00 minutes left in the ballgame, McGregor was down by 10 points and then it started raining. Raining threes t hat is.

"During the last two minutes we hit four, maybe five threes," a proud Coach Jeff Burgess reported. "Joe Seward had a three, Jeff Parrott made

a three, and Alan Hudson made a three that tied up the game 40-40 with 16 seconds on the clock."

Troy inbounced the ball and ran the length of the floor, but missed a shot with about eight seconds left, grabbed the rebound and missed again. McGregor snatched the ball and immediately called a time out with two seconds left in the game.

"With only two seconds left on the clock, we were really playing for overtime, but what happened next almost put us into shock," the coach said. "Hudson inbanded the ball to Kevin Williams at the circle at midcourt and as he turned he lofted a long desperation shot. It banked off the backboard and into the hoop for a trey sealing a 43-40 victory for the Bulldogs."

The coach was proud of the team for never giving up. "After being down by 10 with two minutes left and coming back to win--That makes a strong statement about our players."

Scoring in the Troy game were Kevin Williams, 14; Tim Garrett, eight; Chris Minnitt, seven; Joe Seward, six; Jeff Parrott, three; Alan Hudson, three; Chenier Thomas, two. The Bulldogs made one free throw

out of eight tries.

Against Moody, the Bulldogs led in the first three quarters by margins of 14-10 in the first, 28-16 at half, and 47-33 in the third.

Four Bulldogs scored in double figures with Jeff Parrott having the hottest touch with 20 points. Williams added 12, Minnitt, 11; Seward, 10; Thomas, eight; Garrett, five; Hudson, two. In this game the Bulldogs went to the free throw line 41 times and made 17.

"We probably played our best offensive game of the season against Moody," Coach Burgess stated. "We played relaxed and the shots started to fall."

In the Crawford loss, the Bulldogs got down nine points in the first quarter and were down by 11 at halftime.

Scoring points were Garrett and Seward, seven points each; Minnitt, six; Williams, five; Parrott, four; Hudson, two. McGregor was 3 of 4 from the free throw line.

"We played really well defensively against Crawford except in the first quarter," the coach said. "After that initial quarter, our team settled in and played well. On offense, we

had some open shots, but just couldn't knock them down. Our poor offensive showing was partly due to Crawford's defense, and partly because we just didn't hit our shots."

The Bulldogs also lost to a talented Bruceville-Eddy team recently by a score of 65-52.

After leading 13-4 in the first quarter, the Eagles enjoyed a big second quarter to ease ahead 26-22 at halftime. The Eagles held a six point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Minnitt, 14; Garrett, 13; Williams, 11; Seward, seven; Parrott, three; Tyler Arp, three; Thomas, one. The Bulldogs converted on 10 of 22 shots from the free throw lline.

With three games remaining, the district record is:

Crawford	6-1
Bruceville-Eddy	6-1
McGregor	4-3
Moody	3-4
Troy	1-6
Clifton	1-6

The Bulldogs were set to play Clifton Tuesday night, have Bruceville-Eddy there Friday night, and close the regular season here against Troy.

Lady Bulldogs in second place

Bi-District playoff game will be played on either Feb. 13 and 14

The McGregor Lady Bulldogs are alone in second place and by the time the newspaper hits the streets, the district race will have ended.

Crawford is leading the district with an undefeated record and McGregor has only two losses, both against the Lady Pirates.

McGregor was primed to play Clifton Tuesday night in the last district game.

"The Bi-District playoff game will be played on either Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 13 or 14, but I don't know who we will be playing, the place, or the time," Coach Judy Nelson stated. "It will be against Godley, King or Grandview. If Grandview beats King then they will be tied and if Rio Vista wins their final game they will also be tied with them."

Coach Nelson urges fans to contact the school office later this week to find out the particulars on when and where the game will be played.

In action last week, the McGregor Lady Bulldogs outscored Moody 96-26 and lost to Crawford 54-39.

"I thought we did a good job defensively against Moody," Coach Nelson reported. "We emphasized our inside-out game and we were more patient offensively. Playing patiently allows you to wait for the best shot instead of the first shot. I was pleased with the way our girls played."

McGregor jumped out to a 26-3 lead in the first and led 52-10 at half.

Scoring in double figures were Whitney Burton, 25; Taylor Haynes, 21;

Nicosia Henderson, 15; Destiny Kelley, 11; Angela Garrett, 10; Meghan Goff, eight; Edrica Boswell, Allyson Fisk, Amilia Aviles, two points each. The Lady Bulldogs were accurate from the free throw line hitting 16 of 22 shots.

McGregor kept Crawford within reach throughout the ballgame, but were unable to overtake the league leading Lady Pirates.

McGregor trailed by only one in the first quarter 7-8, were behind 23-29 at halftime, and were five points behind going into the final period.

Burton was McGregor's leading scorer with 17, followed by Haynes, eight; Henderson, Goff, and Kelley, four points each; Garrett, two. The Lady Bulldogs made half of their free throw

shots on 12 attempts.

An interesting scoring stat on the Crawford side shows that Kristen Campbell was the high scorer for the Lady Pirates with 24 points. She was 12 of 14 from the free throw line.

"Crawford is very well balanced and their seniors do a good job," Coach Nelson stated. "They are extremely patient on offense which eventually causes you to be out of position on defense."

In contrast, the head girls coach thought the Lady Bulldogs were real impatient offensively.

"I thought our girls did a better job rebounding, but we made too many turnovers," Coach Nelson said. "You can't make those kind of mistakes against a good team."

Jayvees defeat Bearcats 49-36

The McGregor Jayvee boys basketball team defeated Moody last week 49-36, and recorded losses against Troy, 58-39; and Bruceville-Eddy, 46-39.

In the Moody game, McGregor



JESSICA GRIFFIN was the McGregor Elementary School character winner for January. The month's character trait was "Respect".

trailed the first two quarters before taking the lead by the end of the third quarter. The Bulldogs were behind 13-10 in the first, and were still behind 23-19 at halftime. By the start of the fourth quarter, they had a 36-33 lead.

Larry Smith was high point man with 21 points, followed by Argeli Martinez, 12; K. J. Minor, six; Corey Jones, five; Harvey Lee, three; Deshon Pierce, two. They hit 4 of 6 shots from the free throw line.

Scoring against Troy included Andy Solis and Martinez, seven points each; Lee, Smith and Minor, six apiece; Jared Green, five; Nolan Grady, one; Pierce, one.

After being behind 26-13 at halftime against Bruceville-Eddy, the Bulldogs managed to close the gap to within six, 29-35 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Smith was the high scorer for McGregor with 23 points, Solis added six, Green, three; Martinez, Pierce, and Jones, two each; and Minor, one.

Last game was held Tuesday after press deadline against Clifton here.



Lowell Walter and Tyler Arp

Place 2nd in Debate

The McGregor High School Debate team of Lowell Walter and Tyler Arp recently placed 2nd out of 20 teams at the Crawford Invitational Debate Tournament held recently. Tyler tied as the 2nd top speaker and Lowell placed 4th. Their UIL topic was "Resolved: That the United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause." The duo placed 2nd at the Rice Tournament in the Novice Division and will compete at the District Debate meet on Feb. 10 at McLennan Community College.

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MCGREGGOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PICTURED behind the trophies are: Front row—Stephanie Simcox, Billy Ethredge, Laney Varano. Back row—Collin Walter, Tyler Arp, Alan Hudson, Lowell Walter.

MCGREGGOR HIGH SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC TEAM competed at Midway recently and placed fourth overall in the sweepstakes behind Rosebud-Lott, Fairfield and one more school. Win Emmons reported that they finished ahead of China Spring and Robinson. Twenty-one students participated and McGreggor competed in the small school division which consisted of 1-A—3-A. Only other team in our district competing at the meet was Bruceville-Eddy. Results: Number Sense Team, 1st; Stephanie Simcox, 9th and 10th Number Sense, first; Tyler Arp, first; Alan Hudson, 4th; Collin Walter, fifth in Number Sense 11th and 12th grades; Simcox, first, 9th and 10th grade science; Arp, third; and Collin Walter, fifth in 11th and 12th grade math; Simcox, sixth in 9th and 10th grade math; Math team, 2nd place; Collin Walter, 3rd; Lowell Walter, 4th; Arp, fifth in computer science; Computer Science Team, 1st place; Laney Varano, sixth in ready writing.



Powerlifters compete at Reicher meet

The McGreggor Lady Bulldog powerlifters are continuing to show improvement each week as they steadily increase their poundage.

Last weekend, McGreggor competed at Reicher. Coach Bobby Campbell reported that the team was short three lifters because of other school functions.

"The seven lifters that competed improved from 20 to 25 pounds since the last meet," a proud Coach Campbell declared. "The girls are working very hard and we appreciate their effort."

Next meet will be at Robinson on Feb. 18 starting at 9 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

Placing were Kristi Lanmon, third place in Division 4; Shay Rollins, second place in Division 6; Jessica Nickens, fifth place in Division 7; and Tama Davis, third place in Division 9.

Other girls participating included Elvia Suarez, Nicolette Henderson, Lyndsay King, Allyssa Hill, Kristen Johnson.

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Dillon Hensel wins HOT essay contest

Dillon Hensel, son of Steve and Brenda Hensel of McGreggor, recently was notified he had won an essay contest sponsored by the Heart of Texas Fair Complex, Southwest Dairy Farmers, and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

As one of the winners of the Kids & Kows & More Essay Contest, Hensel was awarded a \$100 savings bond and his class received an ice cream party.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the 2005 Kids & Kows & More Expo held on Nov. 16," County Extension Agent 4-H Kim Miles, stated. "The essays were very well written and informative. A winner was selected from each school district."

Dillon is a fourth grader at McGreggor Elementary School in the class of Mrs. Susan Douglas.



KIM MILES PRESENTS A \$100 SAVINGS BOND to McGreggor fourth grader Dillon Hensel as his proud parents Brenda and Steve Hensel of McGreggor look on.

Elementary classes read 100 books as part of Scholastic Book program

Students at McGreggor Elementary School wanted to help children in need, including those affected by Hurricane Katrina, by doing something they love to do and that is to read. The classes of Janice Herring and Pamela Orr each read 100 books. The Scholastic Book Club in turn will donate 100 books in their honor to children in need. It is the goal of Scholastic Book Clubs to give away up to one million books this year. The classes will receive certificates and will be listed in the "ClassroomsCare Readers' Hall of Fame" on the classroomsCare web site. The classes will also receive updates throughout the year on how the project is going.



PAMELA ORR'S CLASS— Students include Landin Ayres, Lesleah Byford, Diana Castillo, Aricka Chapman, Ashley Fehlman, Haven Getchell, Dominique Gillam, Ashley Johnson, Aubrey Krueger, Henry Licea, Tobi Mooney, Evonne Omberg, Triston Rogers, Angela Rose, Jordan Stroope, Alberto Torres-Salas, Albino Vences-Alvarado, Brandy Wood, Christopher Wright.

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• School Accountability Rating: Academically Acceptable • District Accountability Rating: Academically Acceptable
• Gold Performance Acknowledgments: Attendance (2003-04), Commended on Mathematics

	State Average	District Average	School Group Median	School (All Students)	African American	Hispanic	White	Native American	Asian/Pac.Is.	Econ. Disadv.
TAKS Met 2005 Passing Std (Sum of All Grades Tested)										
Reading/ELA	2005	83%	86%	87%	90%	> 99%	83%	93%	*	89%
	2004	80%	84%	83%	84%	64%	81%	90%	*	79%
Mathematics	2005	72%	73%	84%	85%	90%	80%	87%	*	82%
	2004	67%	64%	77%	78%	53%	75%	84%	*	75%
Writing	2005	90%	89%	92%	82%	83%	81%	82%	*	85%
	2004	89%	90%	90%	91%	*	90%	90%	*	89%
Science	2005	66%	55%	60%	61%	80%	39%	75%	*	46%
	2004	60%	54%	50%	64%	*	68%	68%	*	45%
All Tests	2005	62%	62%	69%	73%	85%	61%	81%	*	68%
	2004	58%	55%	64%	69%	40%	66%	75%	*	63%
SDAA II Examinations (Sum of Grades 3-10) Met ARD Expectations										
2005	79%	89%	93%	86%	*	85%	85%	*	*	88%

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Attendance Rate											
2003-04	95.7%	96.5%	96.8%	97.2%	97.3%	97.5%	97.0%	*	*	97.2%	
2002-03	95.6%	96.4%	96.3%	97.1%	96.8%	97.7%	96.7%	*	*	97.3%	
Number of Students per Teacher											
		14.9	11.9	14.3	School						
Expenditures per Student (2003-04):											
				School Group Average (All Funds)			School (All Funds)				
Total Operating Expenditures				\$5,237	\$4,467						
Instruction (11,95)				\$3,930	\$3,306						
Instructional-Related Services (12,13)				\$198	\$55						
Instructional Leadership (21)				\$74	\$0						
School Leadership (23)				\$359	\$308						
Support Services-Student (31,32,33)				\$224	\$215						
Other Campus Costs (35,36,51,52,53)				\$452	\$583						

State of Texas 2004-2005 School Report Card H. G. Isbill Junior High School

• School Accountability Rating: Academically Acceptable • District Accountability Rating: Academically Acceptable
• Gold Performance Acknowledgments: Commended on reading/ELA, Commended on Writing

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Reading/ELA	2005	83%	82%	83%	87%	82%	79%	95%	*	83%
	2004	80%	84%	76%	81%	74%	76%	88%	*	75%
Mathematics	2005	72%	73%	65%	65%	36%	63%	73%	*	61%
	2004	67%	64%	61%	59%	29%	56%	66%	*	54%
Writing	2005	90%	89%	89%	98%	88%	> 99%	> 99%	*	> 99%
	2004	89%	90%	89%	89%	91%	83%	96%	*	89%
Soc Studies	2005	88%	89%	84%	91%	> 99%	85%	93%	*	85%
	2004	85%	86%	76%	82%	> 99%	67%	94%	*	78%
All Tests	2005	62%	62%	59%	61%	32%	61%	69%	*	57%
	2004	58%	55%	53%	54%	48%	45%	64%	*	48%
SDAA II Examinations (Sum of Grades 3-10) Met ARD Expectations										
2005	79%	89%	78%	91%	> 99%	95%	82%	*	*	91%
Attendance Rate										
2003-04	95.7%	96.5%	96.0%	96.9%	98.3%	97.3%	95.9%	*	*	97.2%
2002-03	95.6%	96.4%	95.9%	97.3%	99.0%	97.5%	96.6%	*	*	97.7%
Annual Dropout Rate (Gr 7-8)										
2003-04	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	0.0%
2002-03	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	0.0%

	State Average	District Average	School Group Average	School	
Class Size Averages by Grade and Subject					
Elementary:					
Kindergarten	19.1	18.5	-	-	
Grade 1	18.7	20.3	-	-	
Grade 2	18.9	19.0	-	-	
Grade 3	18.9	20.8	-	-	
Grade 4	19.4	22.3	20.0	-	
Grade 5	22.0	?	21.0	-	
Grade 6	22.3	15.0	20.0	15.0	
Mixed Grades	25.6	-	31.7	-	
Secondary:					
English/Language Arts	20.5	13.6	17.2	13.6	
Foreign Languages	21.8	10.8	19.8	-	
Mathematics	20.6	12.5	17.2	11.8	
Science	21.7	14.9	19.2	16.4	
Social Studies	22.7	15.1	19.3	14.9	
Number of Students per Teacher					
	14.9	11.9	13.6	10.7	
Expenditures per Student (2003-04):					
				School Group Average (All Funds)	School (All Funds)
Total Operating Expenditures				\$5,383	\$6,290
Instruction (11,95)				\$3,757	\$4,251
Instructional-Related Services (12,13)				\$216	\$0
Instructional Leadership (21)				\$70	\$0
School Leadership (23)				\$413	\$694
Support Services-Student (31,32,33)				\$294	\$300
Other Campus Costs (35,36,51,52,53)				\$632	\$941

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Science	2005	66%	55%	65%	52%	27%	39%	69%	*	35%
	2004	60%	54%	67%	49%	22%	35%	61%	*	39%
Soc Studies	2005	88%	89%	90%	89%	91%	89%	90%	*	85%
	2004	85%	86%	88%	88%	> 99%	81%	90%	*	85%
All Tests	2005	62%	62%	56%	50%	39%	37%	63%	*	34%
	2004	58%	55%	53%	43%	22%	27%	59%	*	32%
SDAA II Examinations (Sum of Grades 3-10) Met ARD Expectations										
2005	79%	89%	78%	89%	85%	93%	92%	*	*	89%
Attendance Rate										
2003-04	95.7%	96.5%	95.2%	95.3%	96.5%	94.6%	95.4%	*	*	94.6%
2002-03	95.6%	96.4%	95.4%	94.7%	96.8%	94.1%	94.6%	*	*	94.4%
Annual Dropout Rate (Gr 7-12)										
2003-04	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	0.0%
2002-03	0.9%	0.2%	0.6%	0.3%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	*	0.0%	0.0%
Completion/Student Status Rate (Gr 9-12) #										
Class of 2004										
Graduated	84.6%	88.9%	92.8%	91.2%	100.0%	90.5%	88.2%	-	-	90.9%
Received GED	4.2%	6.9%	2.5%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	-	-	3.0%
Continued HS	7.3%	4.2%	3.9%	2.9%	0.0%	9.5%	0.0%	-	-	6.1%
Dropped Out (4-yr)	3.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Class of 2003										
Graduated	84.2%	86.5%	92.2%	87.8%	100.0%	90.0%	84.0%	-	-	95.8%
Received GED	3.3%	6.7%	2.9%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	-	-	0.0%
Continued HS	7.9%	3.4%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	-	-	0.0%
Dropped Out (4-yr)	4.5%	3.4%	2.0%	3.7%	0.0%	10.0%	2.0%	-	-	4.2%
Completion Rate										
Class of 2004	96.1%	100.0%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%
Class of 2003	95.5%	96.6%	98.0%	96.3%	100.0%	90.0%	98.0%	-	-	95.9%
Recommended HS Program Graduates										
Class of 2004	68.4%	53.1%	67.4%	55.7%	61.5%	52.9%	54.8%	-	-	48.3%
Class of 2003	63.7%	42.9%	65.9%	45.2%	16.7%	31.6%	59.5%	-	-	29.2%
TAAS/TASP Equivalency										
Class of 2004	77.3%	81.1%	76.6%	84.3%	58.3%	78.6%	100.0%	-	-	80.0%
Class of 2003	71.1%	69.7%	72.7%	72.1%	37.9%	53.3%	96.8%	-	-	44.4%

	State Average	District Average	School Group Median	School (All Students)	African American	Hispanic	White	Native American	Asian/Pac.Is.	Econ. Disadv.	
SAT/ACT Results											
Tested											
Class of 2004	61.9%	46.9%	63.9%	50.0%	70.0%	33.3%	50.0%	-	-	n/a	
Class of 2003	62.4%	52.7%	65.2%	56.9%	71.4%	36.4%	57.6%	?	-	n/a	
At/Above Criterion											
Class of 2004	27.0%	13.0%	21.1%	13.0%	0.0%	*	25.0%	-	-	n/a	
Class of 2003	27.2%	17.2%	21.3%	17.2%	0.0%	*	26.3%	-	-	n/a	
Mean SAT Score											
Class of 2004	987	928	989	928	*	*	*	-	-	n/a	
Class of 2003	989	961	996	961	*	*	1028	*	-	n/a	
Mean ACT Score											
Class of 2004	20.1	18.5	20.4	18.5	15.4	19.0	20.2	-	-	n/a	
Class of 2003	19.9	18.9	19.7	18.9	12.8	*	21.1	-	-	n/a	
Class Size Averages by Subject											
Secondary:											
English/Language Arts	20.5	13.6	21.0	13.6							
Foreign Languages	21.8	10.8	19.8	-							
Mathematics	20.6	12.5	20.4	10.8							
Science	21.7	14.9	19.2	14.1							
Social Studies	22.7	15.1	23.3	15.2							
Number of Students per Teacher											
	14.9	11.9	15.4	8.7							
Instructional Expenditure Ratio *											
	64.6%	60.4%	n/a	n/a							
Expenditures per Student (2003-04):											
				School Group Average (All Funds)	School (All Funds)						
Total Operating Expenditures				\$5,476	\$8,037						
Instruction (11,95)				\$3,689	\$4,869						
Instructional-Related Services (12,13)				\$172	\$196						
Instructional Leadership (21)				\$77	\$0						
School Leadership (23)				\$378	\$317						
Support Services-Student (31,32,33)				\$286	\$390						
Other Campus Costs (35,36,51,52,53)				\$874	\$2,065						

The AEIS Report for McGregor ISD is available at the McGinley Memorial Library, the Chamber of Commerce office, the First National Bank, or any school campus.
A more complete report about each campus, the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report, is available from your school or can be accessed on the internet and can be found at the following website address: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis>



Local Livestock Show is a SUCCESS!!!

McGregor student on dean's list at Trinity University

Melanie Goebel of McGregor, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2005 fall semester at Trinity University. She is a junior. The Dean's List honors Trinity students who maintained a grade point average of 3.65 or better while enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours. A total of 368 students earned this distinction in the fall.

Hear about beneficial insects at next Garden Club

McGregor Garden Club members and guests will hear all about beneficial insects for our gardens at the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizen building.

Patsy Burt, a member of the McGregor Garden Club, will present the program. She has given many programs for the local garden club and has much knowledge about plants and gardening.

All members and guest are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.



The McGregor FFA and 4-H would like to thank everyone who attended this year's show. A special thanks to all the buyers and to the CTYRA for furnishing the indoor location.

MHS 1966 class planning 40th reunion

The McGregor High School class of 1966 is in the process of planning a big 40th high school reunion. It's hard to believe it's been that long, but it has and we're hoping for a huge crowd!

The members of the class are scattered and we don't want to miss anyone, so if you are a member of the class or know someone who is, please let us know your address and contact information. E-mail would also be helpful so we can keep in touch with you about the details.

You can contact Mynette Taylor at mynetteT@aol.com, or call 254-840-2091 (work) or 254-840-2912 (home).

**McGregor Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2005**

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	SSA Special Education	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,801,641	\$ 1,059,269	\$ 582,505	\$ 5,443,415
5800	State Program Revenues	5,209,268	34,597	494,410	5,738,275
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	31,881	1,735,372	1,767,253
5020	Total Revenues	9,010,909	1,125,747	2,812,287	12,948,943
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	4,348,595	621,462	939,668	5,909,725
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	108,169	2,973	3,600	114,742
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	13,627	5,013	17,889	36,529
0021	Instructional Leadership	-	129,234	3,831	133,065
0023	School Leadership	582,754	-	3,375	586,129
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	195,071	145,385	517,095	857,551
0033	Health Services	64,212	-	1,508	65,720
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	128,649	22,685	458	151,792
0035	Food Services	-	-	544,316	544,316
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	383,282	550	-	383,832
0041	General Administration	468,742	106,839	73,733	649,314
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,138,072	17,583	8,812	1,164,467
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	21,130	8,714	-	29,844
0053	Data Processing Services	147,416	-	1,500	148,916
Debt Service:					
0071	Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	142,021	-	1,241	143,262
0072	Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	112,725	-	660,549	773,274
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	18,991	-	1,823	20,814
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	670,562	-	9,203	679,765
Intergovernmental:					
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	287,454	-	-	287,454
0095	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	11,874	-	-	11,874
6030	Total Expenditures	8,843,346	1,060,438	2,788,601	12,692,385
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	167,563	65,309	23,686	256,558
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7914	Non-Current Loans	450,000	-	-	450,000
7915	Transfers In	51	-	-	51
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	-	-	(51)	(51)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	450,051	-	(51)	450,000
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	617,614	65,309	23,635	706,558
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,225,547	479,534	132,240	1,837,321
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(300)	-	-	(300)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,842,861	\$ 544,843	\$ 155,875	\$ 2,543,579

Crawford Lady Pirates cinch 12AA District championship

The Crawford Lady Pirates have cinched the 12-AA District Championship even before Tuesday night's final game was played.

The Lady Pirates are undefeated in district play and will play their Bi-District game either Monday or Tuesday night depending on the final games in that district. There are two teams tied and the possibility and a third team could also tie for first.

Fans should contact the school later in the week to find out who they will play, where and when.

Crawford won both ballgames last week against Troy on Tuesday and

McGregor on Friday at the Pirate gymnasium.

They outscored the Lady Trojans 75-32 and defeated McGregor 54-39.

Against Troy, the Lady Pirates trailed 12-17 in the first period, but rallied for 23 points in the second quarter to go up 35-19 by halftime. In the third quarter Crawford led 50-23.

Crawford enjoyed a strong fourth quarter by scoring 25 points and holding Troy to nine.

Scoring for Crawford were Ashley Holder, 13; Karlie Dieterich, 13; Brittany Dumas and Julie Heller, nine points; Kristen Campbell, seven; Janna Heller,

six; Jennifer Jones, five; Brianna Maciel, three; Hope Talbert, two.

The Lady Pirates made 10 of 15 from the free throw line.

Crawford hosted the Lady Bulldogs from McGregor on Friday night. The score remained fairly close throughout the game with the Lady Pirates on top in each quarter.

The Lady Pirates led 8-7 in the first, 29-23 at halftime, and 44-30 at the start of the fourth period.

Kristen Campbell was the high point girl with 22 points. She made 12 of 14 shots from the free throw line.

More important points came from Julie Heller, 13; Skyler Westerfeld, 12; Brittany Dumas, two; Jennifer Jones, two; Karlie Dieterich, two; Kara Blenden, one. Overall the girls converted on 15 of 22 shots from the free throw line.

DISTRICT 12AA RECORD

Crawford	9-0	24-5
McGregor	7-2	18-13
Bruceville-Eddy	4-5	19-10
Clifton	4-5	8-19
Troy	3-6	13-15
Moody	0-9	9-17

Crawford Pirates 6-1 with three to go

The Crawford Pirates are building momentum at the right time with the end of the regular district season in sight.

The Pirates are currently 6-1 in district and 10-9 overall. Only three games remain including Tuesday night's contest vs. Bruceville-Eddy. They play Moody there Friday and finish the season on Tuesday.

In district action last week the Pirates walloped Troy 47-14 and stopped McGregor 51-31.

Against Troy, the Crawford defense prevailed as they shut out the Trojans in the second and fourth quarters. Crawford was ahead 25-4 at the end of the first half.

Tanner Jacobs was high point man with 13 followed by Lee Ward, 10, Will Houck, six; Taylor Homes, four; Brett Cundan, four; Jerad Hinson, three; Sam Moody, three; Kendall Ellison, two; Kelby Noack, two.

On the defensive side, Jacobs had five rebounds, four steals, and three assists; Houck grabbed four rebounds and three steals; Brett Duncan had four re-

bounds, and Taylor Holmes had four rebounds.

"The main reason we were able to hold Troy to only 14 points was the fact that we only had five turnovers for the game, Coach Clark Moore stated. "We also held them to 5 of 37 shooting from the floor and one of those was a half-court shot at the buzzer."

In the McGregor game, Crawford opened with a 19-10 lead and increased that to 29-18 at halftime and 39-26 at the end of the third quarter.

Jacobs was high scorer with 18, followed by Brett Duncan, 10; Holmes and Ward, six; Hinson, five; Cameron Blenden, four; Houck, two. Jacobs took a charge and had five rebounds, Sam Moody had five assists, and Hinson had five assists.

"We overcame some critical turnovers in the second half by keeping our composure and scoring some timely baskets," Coach Moore said. "The boys have really been working hard, and our improvement showed in two good games this week."

In Jayvee boys action, Crawford defeated Troy 45-27 and outscored McGregor 44-25. Scorers in the Troy game

were Seth Horton, 12; Jared Stanford, nine; Chase Lynch, eight; Rocco Nugent, four; Marcus Gollahon, four; Amancio Avellaneda, three; Cody Shaw, three; Logan Kendrick, two.

Nugent led the way in the McGregor game with 12 points followed by Gollahon, 10; Horton, seven; Lynch, seven; Kendrick, four; Shaw, four.

Kendrick had 10 rebounds, Horton had five rebounds, four assists, and two steals; Gollahon had six rebounds, and two steals, and Nugent grabbed four rebounds, had three assists and three steals.

The Pirate Jayvees scored 23 points in the third quarter while committing only one turnover.



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SIGNS WITH ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY—Tanner Jacobs, quarterback for the Crawford Pirates, signed a letter of intent last Wednesday morning to play at Angelo State University. Seated left to right are his father Greg Jacobs, his brother Brock Jacobs, Tanner, Jacobs, and his mother Cathy Jacobs. Standing are Crawford Pirate Coaches Delbert Kelm, Clark Moore, Robert Murphy, Ronnie Bruce, and Alan Abel.



GRANT GONZALES WAS SELECTED as Grand Champion with his pencil drawing and Callie Jones won Reserve Champion honors for her photography entry at the McLennan County Youth Fair in the art division held recently. The projects included paintings, drawings, photography, and collages. Crawford first place winners were Natasha West, Mallory Williams, Caitlin Smith, Josh Beers, Tarra Preston, Katy Rowe, Andrew Dunn, Chase Harrell, Shawn Fulwider, Caitlin Smith, Taylor Holmes, Emily Eaton, Ryan Dillon, Jeff Calvillo, Callie Jones, Grant Jones. Second places went to Grayson Buster, Caitlin Smith, Tara McMullen, Evan Waddell, Jarod Hinson, Jacob Hinson. Third places were presented to Rocco Nugent, Steven McClyde, David Snyder, Robie Bain, Will Houck. Fourth place ribbons went to Emily Eaton, Justin Blancett, and Derek Dalton. Fifth places were won by Caitly Smith, Kirsten Groth, Kendall Ellison. Participation ribbons were handed to Noora Jormanainen, Zac Munroe, Cameron Blenden, Brett Duncan, Jessica Winn, Sean Buth, Tanner Jacobs, Riley Sanders, Adam Cook, Justin Law, Marcus Golahan, Reagan Hejl, Justin Davis, Daniel Lightfoot, Lora K. Hinson, Austin Behringer, Jessica Nelson.

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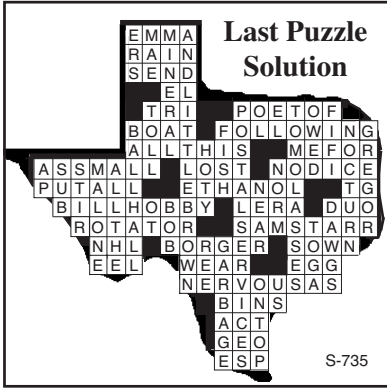
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The Rolling Stones make the Super Bowl halftime. Ain't it amazing? Do you think anyone would have guessed in the 60's that these guys would have been playing halftime at the Super Bowl?

It makes it even more amazing that one of the main reasons they were selected is that they are "safe." After Janet Jackson's infamous "wardrobe malfunction" two years ago, the NFL has been overwhelmingly careful not to let such a thing happen again. So last year Paul McCartney was the show. Now, the Rolling Stones.

While I am far from an expert on the history of the 60's, I find it ironic that either McCartney or the Stones would accept the label of "safe" today. As I remember it, the Beatles and the Rolling Stones epitomized all that was wrong with the world just 40 years ago. Now, the same fellows represent safety, decency, family-appropriate entertainment.

Has society really changed so much that indecent has become

decent? That what was once counter-cultural is now mainstream?

I first noticed this trend back when cable channels first started multiplying. Various Christian groups jumped on the opportunity to buy syndicated episodes of some older series. Some of these older series I remembered Christians complaining about when they debuted.

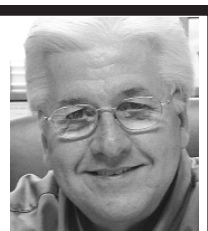
In Jesus' vision for the church, I don't think he intended for us to accept that "acceptable" today means "something from at least 20 years ago." Rather, Jesus called his people beyond our lives being about some "safer" version of what the world offers.

I am not saying that Christians ought to oppose the Rolling Stones now just as many did in 60's. I am saying that what is "Christian" is determined neither by pop-culture, nor by stands against pop-culture.

What is Christian is determined by what brings glory to God and what draws others God-ward.

ONE VOICE

by Rev. Robert Parker of First Baptist Church



Where was the wife of Coach Mike Holmgren during the super bowl? I discovered that she was on trip to accompany her daughter, an obstetrician, on a medical mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo. When she realized it was in conflict with the Super Bowl, she decided to stick with the trip. "The actual game makes me so nervous I don't watch anyway."

We could say she made the right choice in that her husband's Seahawks lost the game. Had they won, it still would have been the right choice. All this has turned out to be a great study in priorities that has received considerable media coverage.

"(ABC) and other media are fascinated that Kathy's going to the end of the earth instead of being at the center of the universe," said Ann Brooks, executive director of communications for Northwest Medical Teams. However, it isn't the importance of being neither at the end of

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While Dad was fighting it out in the grandest arena of his sport, Mom and daughter were fighting to establish and train the staff of a medical hospital. Which one counts more? In truth, if all of these people are doing what God asked of them, then nothing could be greater or more significant. Coaching a Super Bowl and serving on a medical mission are equally important if you are fulfilling what God put you here to do.

These thoughts were submitted by John Fischer. When I read them I asked, "Am I being and doing what God has planned for me?" That really is more important than being at the end of the earth or in the center of the universe. fbcpastor@centexbiz.rr.com

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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10:55 a.m. Morning Worship	6:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training			
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Scenes from Chamber of Commerce Banquet



Banquet—

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American, Duster Campers, CTYRA, Space X, General Micrographics, EPMP, McLennan County Electric Coop and in town additions of the MCC McGregor Center, Texas Tea and Coffee, Design Guild, Niemeier Farms, Simpson and Bestor PC, Spice Plum, Indian Trails Housing Development, Top Crop Grain.

Additions during the past year included Dell/McGregor Business Center, Insituform Technologies, Inc., Roll Off Services, Covenant Special Projects LLC, Weston Inn

Suites and RV Park, West Lumber Company, Richardson/Farmer's Insurance Group, Fred's, Gloryland Church, Subway, Sonic, Cefco and the expansions at Ferguson Enterprises, EPMP and Custom Rite Manufacturing.

Sneed also presented Rick Haile, past chairman with a plaque for his service to the Chamber in 2005. The highlight of Haile's year was his work in cost savings, by determining a way the Chamber and Community Development could be served by one employee, which became effective December 1, and because of this change, the Chamber was able to realize an \$8,000 to \$10,000 increase in the 2006 operating budget.

Sneed said the goals of the 2006 board include being able to use energy finding ways to make existing businesses more profitable, soliciting new business in our community and generally improving the quality of life for the citizens of McGregor.

Officers and directors for 2006 include: John Sneed, Chairman, Germania Insurance; Vice-Chairman elect-Bell Smith, Irene's Flowers; Recording Secretary, Jerry Van Meter, Edward Jones; Treasurer-Jayson Lam, Extraco Banks

Elected directors are Kerry Arseneaux, Smead Manufacturing; Mynette Taylor, The McGregor Mirror; Kevin Houchin, McGregor ISD; David Neyhard, Foster Wheeler

Power Group; Sherilyn Collins, Texas Tea and Coffee and Terry Arp, State Farm Insurance.

Appointed directors are: Dennis McDuffie, City of McGregor; Leo Connor, McGregor Economic Development Corporation; Brent Duncan, Weston Inn Suites; Tom McCarty, Dell; Ex-officio-Rick Haile, McLennan County Electric Coop; and Executive Vice-President, Jennifer Taylor.

Committees for the year are: Education and Programs—Kevin Houchin, Civic and Community—Sherilyn Collins, Membership—Leo Connor, Agriculture—David Neyhard, Industry/Retail Trade—Terry Arp, Governmental Affairs—

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