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Open houses Tuesday at MHS and H.G. Isbill

McGregor High School and H.G. Isbill Junior High will have Open Houses next Tuesday. The High School Open House is set for 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and H.G. Isbill Jr. High Open House will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

High School students can pick up their schedules during the Open House.

Junior High Principal Paul Miller said there would be a change in format for this year's event.

"Parents can arrive any time between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., pick up their child's schedule in the cafeteria and visit with whichever teachers

they would like to. Class descriptions and procedures will be available for each class and parents can pick them up from the teachers."

Mr. Miller added that administrators and aides would be stationed throughout the building to help parents find their way around.

School begins on Monday, August 27 at 7:55 in the morning with fifth graders reporting to their classrooms and sixth, seventh and eighth graders meeting in the gymnasium.

For further information, parents can contact the junior high at 840-3251 or the high school at 840-2853.

Food pantry open Thursday donations welcome anytime

The McGregor Food Pantry, operated by the McGregor Ministerial Fellowship, will be open this Thursday at 10 a.m. for clients, but one of the organizers, Beverly Denton, said donations may be made anytime by calling her at 8480-3010 or 447-1080.

"We thank all who have and continue to donate food items," Denton said. "May you be blessed by the Lord."

The Food Pantry's current needs include juice, breakfast cereals (hot and cold), jelly, milk (canned or powdered), pudding, and packaged Ramen Noodle soup, Peanut Butter, Mixed Vegetables, muffin/biscuit mix, sugar, spaghetti's/ravioli, canned fruit, canned meats and boxed dinners.

The pantry has way too much canned corn and green beans and



plenty of condensed soup. Thanks to all who can help.

There is a food container donation box in the bell tower of First United Methodist Church for anyone wishing to make a donation to the food pantry.

The McGregor Ministerial Fellowships would like to thank the community for its help and prayers.



MCGREGOR BAND DIRECTOR PAUL FULLERTON, center, leads the Bulldog Marching Band through a drill Monday evening as the sun begins to set on the western horizon. The band has been practicing since Aug. 6.

Meet the Bulldogs Thursday Will recognize high school football, volleyball and cross country teams

McGregor Bulldog fans are invited to "Meet the Bulldogs" 7 p.m. this Thursday at the high school gymnasium.

Members of the football team and coaches will be introduced, along with the cheerleaders, the new volleyball team, and the cross country team.

Immediately following the

introductions, the Bulldog Athletic Booster Club will be handing out free ice cream sandwiches in the cafeteria.

First scrimmage is set for this Saturday against Gatesville here starting at 10 a.m. with the varsities.

"We will be charging \$1.00 admission to this first scrim-

mage," Head Coach Tim Seward stated. "All money raised at the gate will go to the Texas High School Coaches Association Benevolent Fund. This is called Our Great Day to Shine. The money helps families where their child has been injured playing a high school sport. It is being encouraged for every high school foot-

ball team to charge \$1.00 at one of their scrimmages to help support this worthy cause."

The scrimmage will consist of 20 offensive plays and 20 defensive plays for the varsity. The Jayvees will go 15 and 15, and the varsities will then play a full 15-minute quarter.

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COOLING OFF AT THE POOL—McGregor Bulldog football players got to cool off at the McGregor Aquatic Center Monday after the morning workout. Many of the players showed their gymnastic skills on the diving board with flips, twists, and belly flops.

Pirates to scrimmage Salado 10 a.m. Saturday at Salado

The 2007 edition of the Crawford Pirates will take on the Salado Eagles there 10 a.m. Saturday in the first scrimmage of the preseason.

"We have 62 athletes out for football this year, which is up a little from last year," Head Coach Delbert Kelm stated. "I believe we had around 56 last year. We lost 15 seniors to graduation last year so there will be some big shoes to fill."

Coach Kelm pointed out that most of the summer has been rather mild except for the sizzling temperatures for two-a-day workouts.

"Most of the players haven't got acclimated to the hot weather yet, and I don't think the coach-

ing staff has either," the head mentor said. "We are certainly pleased with the effort our athletes have been giving at each practice. We have a long way to go, because we're certainly not a polished team at this point."

"We are always looking to get the best team on the field," the coach said. "We must find the team chemistry. The team we end up with on the field may not always include all of the best athletes, but the ones that work well together."

New to the Crawford schedule this year is zero week. In years past the Pirates didn't play on zero week, but this year they will face Jarrell there. The Pirates will also have an open week before the dis-

trict race gets underway.

"We dropped Beaumont Kelly or they dropped us from the schedule and we picked up Jarrell," Coach Kelm said. "Playing straight through without an open week has its advantages, but there are also some disadvantages. One disadvantage is that all the district coaches could get a good look at us since they had an open week. We'll find out how it works for us this year."

As one of the assistant coaches told Coach Kelm this past week, "There aren't any soft spots in the schedule this season." Coach Kelm agrees.

The Pirates open with Jarrell, and then take on Early who has

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Mullen It Over by Bonnie Mullens

Reminiscent of 'I Love Lucy'

MY APOLOGIES TO anyone who might have tried my recipe for Peach Cobbler published in August 2nd issue of The Mirror. It is a delicious recipe, but we had a slight misprint I found out Sunday morning at church when Barbara Turner told me about her experience with making the recipe.

As she related her weekend baking experience, I probably shouldn't have, but I couldn't help laughing. I did apologize for the loss of her peaches. Here's what happened.

The printed recipe called for 3 3/4 cups of self rising flour. It should have read 3/4 cups flour. We do proof read, but this one slipped by us.

Barbara said she is one who follows recipes exactly. Just picture her putting this concoction together. Stir 3/4 cup sugar and 3 3/4 cups flour together and mix well. Then slowly add 1 cup milk and continue stirring to prevent the batter from lumping. You can just imagine her attempting to stir 3 3/4 cups flour, plus 1 cup sugar with only 1 cup of milk. She decided she needed to add a little more milk. Then the recipe said to pour the batter directly over butter in baking dish and not to stir. She said there was no pouring to it. Instead, it was a big clump! She didn't even think about trying to stir the mass of flour, sugar and milk. Instructions then said the

most important part of the dish was not stirring the mixture. At this instruction she said she thought, "Who could!" She followed the rest of the recipe sprinkling cinnamon on top of batter.

When she put the cobbler into the oven, she took a look after a few minutes and found it growing mountainous. She decided at that point to give up and remove it from the oven while she still could get it out. As she was telling me this part of the story I could just see Lucy in the I Love Lucy episode where she was making bread and had over measured some of her ingredients. Barbara said that was exactly how she felt when she looked in the oven.

After she wrestled the mammoth cobbler from the oven, she called her sister, and she told Barbara she had a cobbler recipe which sounded just like the one I had put in the paper, but hers called for only 3/4 cup flour.

So please, if you decide to make this recipe, make sure you use only 3/4 cup flour. It should turn out great!

LAST NIGHT WAS a great showing of the Persides meteor shower. I look forward to it every August. I watched for a couple hours with my daughter Meghan and her neighbors, David and Joan

Livingston. We got out about 10:30 and didn't have to wait too long before seeing a magnificent meteor traveling from north to south, making a full trip across our viewing area, leaving a blaze behind it. Immediately, another smaller, quicker meteor followed.

I had called my nephew David to remind him about the meteor shower. He and his children, Andrew and Rachel, went outside to watch. We heard Andrew whooping and hollaring when the meteor streaked across the sky—another meteor shower enthusiast in the making.

Visited with John Hudson yesterday morning and he said he and his wife Lisa had been out for a couple nights watching for the meteors, as they do every year. He said the one we saw around 11:00 was the best they saw this year. He told me about one of his meteor outings a few years past. He and his son were out night fishing. He said the show was so spectacular, they just forgot about fishing, put down their poles and laid back and took in nature's light show.

One of the things I love about meteor shower watching, is getting out in the yard with friends, waiting for a glimpse of "falling stars" and the great conversations that go along with the viewing.

There will be another opportunity to catch a meteor shower in late fall. If it's a clear night, go out and get a comfortable spot to watch.

No telling what you might see.

Have a great week.

News Briefs

Comanche Springs Cemetery Meeting

The Comanche Springs Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 202 S. Jefferson in McGregor. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers for the upcoming year and addressing any other issues of operation of the cemetery. Anyone with questions is welcome to attend.

B.A.L.L. Club To Meet Monday, Aug. 20th

The B.A.L.L. Club will meet on Monday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in McGregor. The B.A.L.L. Club is for senior citizens who want to remain active. Everyone is invited. The meeting will consist of a covered dish lunch, followed by various games. Attendees enjoy playing "42", Skip-Bo and other games. Come meet with us and enjoy the fun.

Jr. High Athletics Parents' Meeting Aug. 20th

The McGregor coaching staff will hold a football meeting for all parents of seventh and eighth graders in the junior high cafeteria on Monday night, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will cover necessary paperwork that must be signed, district policies and answering any questions. In addition, doctors will be on hand to administer physicals to all incoming seventh graders. The cost of the physical is \$15 and is required by the UIL before participation is allowed. Football equipment will also be issued at the junior high fieldhouse at the conclusion of the meeting. For more information, contact Athletic Director Tim Seward at 840-3727.

Primitimers to meet Aug. 20th

The McLennan County Farm Bureau Primitimers will meet at the Golden Corral at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 20th. The program will be "World Hunger Relief." If further information is needed please contact Eileen Vanous at 876-2973.

Hunter Education Course in Crawford

There will be a Hunter Education Course on Aug. 20-24th. The course will be in the Crawford High School Ag shop and will start at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Art Hunter at 254-715-8923.

MHS Open House August 21st

There will be an Open House at McGregor High School on Tuesday, August 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Students can pick up their schedules at that time.

City Council To Meet August 22nd

The date for the McGregor City Council's regular monthly meeting has been changed to Wednesday, August 22nd instead of Monday, August 13th. The meeting will take place in the council room of City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Church to celebrate 60th Anniversary

The Church of the Living God, 112 Pullen Street in McGregor will celebrate their 60th Church Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Reverend Jacqueline Taylor and members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in McGregor. Pastor-Elder Sammie Haynes invites the community to come and help us celebrate and praise the Lord.

Driver's Ed Signup Deadline Aug. 27th

Driver's Ed signups will be thru August 27th. Classes will begin September 4 at 6 a.m. For more information contact McGregor High School at 840-2853.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Crawford ISD offers career and technology education programs in agricultural services and development, carpentry building trades, health science technology and business and computer technology. Admission to these programs is based on student requests and needs, degree plan, faculty recommendations, grade level, course prerequisites and course availability.

It is the policy of Crawford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Crawford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Crawford ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator

Kevin Noack
200 Pirate Drive
P.O. Box 120
Crawford, Texas 76638
Phone: 254-840-3920
and/or the
Section 504 Coordinator
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Crawford ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en agricultura servicios y desarrollo, carpentería building trades, health science technology, y business y computer technology. La admisión a estos programas se basa en peticiones de estudiantes y necesidades, plano de graduación, recomendaciones de maestros, nivel de grado, cursos que requieren antes, y cursos disponibles.

Es norma de Crawford ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma de Crawford ISD



SECOND-GO-AROUND RIBBON CUTTING was held last week. Second-Go-Around, a western consignment store, is located at 320 South Main. Nancy Donaldson is the owner. Hours for the new McGregor business are Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Public Notice

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Crawford will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 28, 2007 at Crawford City Hall. Location: 6719 Lonestar Parkway to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2007. The proposed tax rate is 0.370476 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Crawford by 8.00% percent.

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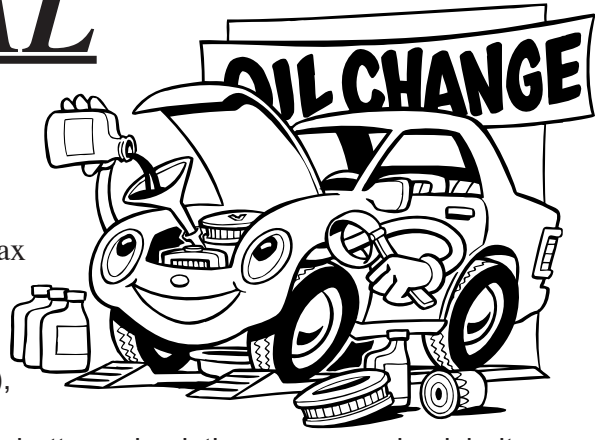


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60 YEAR MEMBERS—McGregor Hermann Sons Lodge No. 132 members were presented their 60 year membership pins. The pins were presented by Calvin Rueter of Clifton who represented the Grand Lodge. Members are Edward Schmalriede, Jerry Thane, Lucy Ballowe, Calvin Rueter, Marie Perry and Margaret Brandt. Members also receiving pins but not able to attend were Geneva Barse, Doris Hauser, Eddie Witt and Walter Zacharias. Congratulations to all.

McGregor EMS Memorials

In memory of Meghan Murphee from Katy and Don Kruse, Louise Bredemeyer
In memory of Doris Bennett from Katy and Don Kruse.
In memory of Billy Williams from Katy and Don Kruse
In memory of David Tucker from Louise Bredemeyer
In memory of Norma Coffey

from Louise Bredemeyer
In memory of Bud Davis from Gary and Stephanie Hannemann.
For memorial contributions to McGregor EMS send in care of Frances Hudson, 311 S. Adams, McGregor, Texas 76657 or Mynette Taylor at 311, So. Main, McGregor, Texas 76657.

Thank you for reading The Mirror

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MADISON TIPPIE SHOWS GOOD FORM during a volleyball practice Monday morning. McGregor is playing volleyball for the first time since 1979 this year with 7th and 8th grade teams, a freshman team and a jayvee squad.

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In Memoriam

Mary Ann Hodde

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A devoted wife, continuously honoring the love of her life. A match made in heaven for a life together, true love dancing, hearts and souls forever.

A kind and adoring sister with endless dedication. A sisterly bond held in high admiration. Rough roads they conquered, joyous events they celebrated, a sisterly bond always appreciated.

A "shoulder to cry on" dear ol' friend, always supportive and true. A "tell it like it is gal," good or bad—she'd never lie to you.

An "adopted mom" she became willing and sincere. An evolved extended family, so precious and so dear. Some say it was fate and things happen for a reason, I say it was meant to be. No matter the distance between us, I always keep you in my heart. I always keep you close to me.

Happy Birthday Sweet Lady
You are very loved and missed,
Your "adopted daughter," your sis and your friends

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The McGregor ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 30, 2007 in McGregor Independent School District Administration Building 525 Bluebonnet Parkway McGregor, TX 76657. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.150000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	0.16% increase				
Debt service	(0.42)% (decrease)				
Total expenditures	0.12% increase				
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$311,620,994	\$338,501,776			
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$24,966,079	\$6,671,706			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$221,520,881	\$244,878,232			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$22,454,570	\$6,578,451			
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code. *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
Bonded Indebtedness					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$6,975,663					
* Outstanding principal.					
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.361100	\$0.160000	* \$1.521100	\$2,837	\$5,234
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.066320	\$0.156290	* \$1.222610	\$2,478	\$5,771
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.150000	* \$1.190000	\$2,371	\$5,728
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
Comparison of Proposed Levv with Last Year's Levv on Average Residence					
	Last Year			This Year	
Average Market Value of Residences	\$70,797			\$74,906	
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$54,379			\$59,020	
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.521100			\$1.190000	
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$827.16			\$702.34	
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes				\$(124.82)	
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.293138. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.293138.					
Fund Balances					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:					
	Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,628,663			
	Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$175,000			

God bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

The family of Evans Morgan, Jr. would like to express their thanks and gratitude for the love and kindness that was given during his final days.

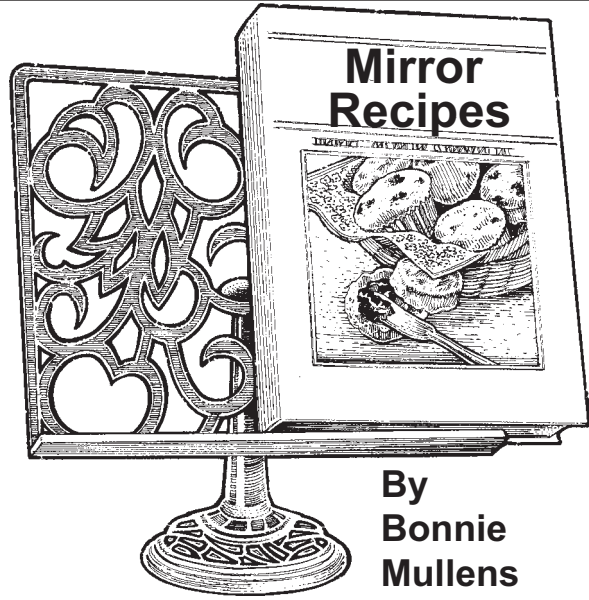
A special word of thanks to Pastor Taylor and the Pleasant Hill Church family for their support of Evans and his wife Emma for the last five months. We want you to know that we don't take your kindness lightly. We thank you and thank God for you.

We especially would like to thank Mrs. Essie Houston, Mrs. Verda Pyburn, Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Brown, Mrs. Josephine Askew, Mrs. Ollie Montgomery, Mrs. Jimmie Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pollard and Mrs. Lanora Rogers. We love you and we don't take your love for granted.

To my own Pastor, George Johnson and Mrs. Philly Johnson and the St. Paul A.M. Church family for the phone calls, the cards and the finances. Evans was a very special person. He will be missed by his family: his wife Emma, son Daniel, daughter Priscella, two grandchildren Kenishia and Kelon and his sister Lillie and two brothers Walter and Willie Morgan and many relatives and friends.

The Evans Morgan family





Easy, quick recipes for healthy cooking

The past couple of weeks, Mirror recipes have been rather calorie heavy—with just desserts and Elvis inspired cuisine. This week we are bringing you a more health conscious fare.

again and already busy schedules will get even busier. A hectic lifestyle makes it easy to skip a meal or just grab less than nutritious food on the run. But a busy day doesn't have to stand in the way of great health.

School is about to start up

The Rear View Mirror

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

AUGUST 19, 1927—
• **Headline**—McGregor was the best gins in this part of the country. Gin your cotton here.

• The Dixie Theatre Company had a camera man in McGregor to produce 1,000 foot film of McGregor. The photographer was going to make pictures of the stores and Main Street, school buildings and all other places of importance in town. It was the desire of the company to have every man, woman and child in the area present that they might be in the picture also. After editing in Dallas, the film was to be shown at the Dixie Theatre.

AUGUST 20, 1937—

• McGregor High School graduation requirements were 16 units. Students were required to take four subjects each semester. If a student wanted to take more than four they had to make a special arrangement with the principal. However, no freshman could be scheduled for more than four subjects. Required courses for graduation included four units of English, one unit of Plane Geometry, One unit of Algebra, one unit of civics. All other subjects were purely optional and were elected by the student.

• Deterioration of McLennan county cotton crop was in full swing. Boll worms and leaf worms had seriously damaged the cotton. Cotton was also damaged by grasshoppers, hot winds and root rot. Farmers said a good rain was needed.

• Young men between the ages of 17 and 23 were eligible to join the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC).

• Jean Harlow's last film "Saratogo" was showing at The Ritz.

AUGUST 15, 1947—

• The East McGregor school building, a five-room wooden structure, was destroyed by fire leaving 200 students without desks. As the school district did not have money to replace the building, Supt. T.H. Jenkins stated that it would be necessary to vote a bond issue to replace the school. Arrangements were made to hold classes in the churches until another building could be provided.

• The First Christian Church's bell was repaired and was no ringing again on Sunday mornings.

• Chamber of Commerce members discussed adding a park to the city. It was stated that McGregor was the only city in the state that did not afford some kind of park for recreation. Some 25 years earlier, several lots were decided to the city by R.L. Bewley. Money would be needed to develop the lots and Chamber members wanted to pursue it. The Ro-

tary Club was also interested in such a movement. A committee comprised of Rotarians Joe Childress, Cavitt Caufield and Raymond Hampel was appointed to work with the Chamber committee made up of J.S. Halley, A.C. Amsler, Blake Shotwell, Mrs. Gladys Davis and Henry Smith.

• McGregor's first bale of 1947 cotton was ginned. It was raised by L.B. Howe. Floyd Webb was next, ginning six bales.

• S. Amsler advertisement gave building news of the area which included additions to the homes of the R.A. Spoons, Chas. B. Hall, Bea Marshall. The Lutheran Church was busy working on its new parsonage.

AUGUST 16, 1957—

• The community heaved a collective sigh of relief when the striking production and maintenance workers voted to accept Phillips Petroleum company's contract offer and returned to work after a nine day strike.

• Millard Owens became the new elementary principal replacing Jack Keltner who resigned to enter private business. Keltner had been principal since 1953 and employed by the district since 1949.

• Bulldog coaches Norman (Red) Smith and Dan Junell reported 65 boys showed up for first day of football practice.

• Alfred Mattiza was surprised when his largest cow gave birth to a calf the size of a dog. Dr. Tom Cartwright, a Bluebonnet Farm geneticist said he had never seen one like it before. It was not premature and was perfectly normal in every way, but size.

• McGregor folks started getting cleaner, purer natural gas as a result of monstrous mass of pipe that was installed at the measuring station at 10th and Johnson Drive. Lone Star Gas manager was Alvis Bourland.

AUGUST 18, 1967—

• H.G. Isbill school received substantial damage from a fire set by an arsonist. The city offered a \$250 reward. Investigators found an empty can of spray pain in the upstairs teachers lounge. All furniture in the room had been streaked with the paint. The fire was started on the second floor near the front of the building. The fire would not delay school opening. Students in the fifth and sixth grades would be reporting to Morningside school until repairs could be made. Estimate of the damage was upwards of \$50,000.

• Bill Kirbe joined the Bulldog coaching staff.

AUGUST 18, 1977—

• A local option election for

Keep these 10 foods on hand and you'll be able to ship up a delicious meal or snack that will keep your energy up and your immune system strong.

- Top 10 Power Foods**
1. berries
 2. citrus
 3. vegetables
 4. whole grains
 5. salmon
 6. legumes
 7. nuts and seeds
 8. lean proteins
 9. teas
 10. olive oil

The following recipes include many of these foods.

GUACAMOLE SALAD

- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and 1/2 inch diced
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup small diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno peppers, seeded (2 peppers)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated lime zest
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice (2 limes)
- 1/4 cup good olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground

- black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

2 ripe avocados, seeded, peeled and 1/2 inch diced

Place the tomatoes, yellow pepper, black beans, red onion, jalapeno peppers and lime zest in a large bowl. Whisk together the lime juice, olive oil, salt, black pepper, garlic and cayenne pepper and pour over the vegetables. Toss well.

Just before you're ready to serve the salad, fold the avocados into the salad. Check the seasonings and serve at room temperature.

THREE BEAN SALAD

- 1 (16-ounce) can dark red kidney beans, drained
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can cut green bean, drained
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can cut golden wax beans, drained
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons minced red onion
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons Greek seasoning

In a medium bowl, combine first 6 ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard and Greek seasoning. Pour over bean mixture; cover and chill 4 hours, stirring occasionally.

ROASTED BEET, ONION AND ORANGE SALAD

- 1 pound beets, preferably very small ones
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 20 large pearl onions, about 1/2 pound
- 2 oranges, peeled and cut into wedges
- 2 tablespoons hazelnut oil
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh coriander leaves (also known as cilantro) plus extra for garnish
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 tablespoons hazelnuts, toasted and peeled

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Cut the stems and the tails off the beets. Do not peel. Line the bottom of a baking pan with foil. Place the beets in the pan and toss them with half of the olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast for 25 minutes.

Trim both ends off the pearl onions. Then toss them with remaining olive oil and salt and

pepper. Add pearl onions to the beets and roast an additional 15 minutes, until beets and onions are tender.

Peel and remove the membranes from the oranges with a sharp paring knife. Cut the oranges in half lengthwise and then crosswise into thin slices. Seed the slices, if necessary.

Peel and quarter the beets. Lay the beets on a large platter. Top the beets with the orange pieces. Scatter the roasts onions around the beets. In a medium bowl, combine the hazelnut oil, coriander and orange juice. Whisk until well combined and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle the dressing on top and sprinkle with coriander, toasted hazelnuts and grated cheese. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

CHICKEN SALAD W/ PEANUT-LIME VINAIGRETTE

- 1 pound cooked chicken (from rotisserie chicken, leftover roast chicken or from the deli section of the supermarket), cubed
- 1 cup diced fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup Thai Peanut Sauce, recipe follows)
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 cups shredded lettuce
- 1/4 cup chopped dry-roasted peanuts

In a large bowl, combine the chicken, tomatoes, celery and onion. Add the peanut sauce, mayonnaise and lime juice, and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. (At this point you can refrigerate the salad for up to 3 days.)

Place the lettuce on 4 individual plates and top with the chicken mixture. Sprinkle the peanuts over the top just before serving. Serves 4.

THAI PEANUT SAUCE

- 3 cups reduced-sodium beef broth
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce

In a medium saucepan, whisk together the sauce ingredients until well blended and set the pan over medium heat. Bring to a simmer and let simmer for 10 minutes.

The leftover peanut sauce will keep in the refrigerator up to 4 days or in the freezer up to 3 months; thaw completely in the

refrigerator or microwave for about 3 minutes on LOW before using. Serves 4.

GRILLED SALMON W/MANGO, RADISH AND LIME SALSA

- Salsa recipe
- 2 mangoes, peeled, pitted and cut into chunks
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 6 red radishes, chopped, plus 1 sliced for garnish
- 2 limes, peeled and cut into segments
- 1 handful fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Southwest Spice Mix, recipe follows

- 1 (2-3 lb.) salmon fillet
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper or salt and pepper

For the Salsa, put all the ingredients into a food processor and pulse until finely chopped; set aside.

Heat the grill to medium high. Drizzle some olive oil over the salmon and season it with salt and pepper. Gently rub 2 tablespoons of the Spice Mix into the salmon. Pour some olive oil onto a paper towel and rub the grill with it—this will help to prevent the fish from sticking. Grill the salmon flesh side down for about 12 to 15 minutes. To serve, spread most of the Salsa onto a platter and place the salmon, skin side down, on top. Garnish with more Salsa, radish slices, cilantro and a drizzle of olive oil.

SOUTHWEST SPICE MIX

- 2 ancho chiles, stemmed and seeded
- 2 tablespoons whole cumin
- 2 tablespoons whole coriander

1 cinnamon stick
1 tablespoon sweet paprika
Put the ancho chiles, cumin, coriander, cinnamon stick, and paprika into a small dry skillet over medium-high heat, and toast the spices just until they begin to smell, about 1 minute. Empty into a spice mill and grind to a powder.

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ACROSS

1 helmet

5 sound repeat in Palo Duro Canyon

6 Roman fiddlin' emperor

7 this Asner is in "Hard Four" with TX Dabney

8 TX actress Meredith Rae

9 ex-Ranger batting coach Willie

15 TXism: "suits ___ a fare-thee-well"

16 informed (2 wds.)

19 self-_____

21 this Pat was in TX-filmed "State Fair"

22 penitentiaries

27 protuberance

28 1st name: "El Paso del ___ Norte"

29 saloon

30 Lyne ___ drilled 1st producing oil well in TX

32 Rangers leag.

33 San Antonio has a street named after this performer

36 TXism: "feel like I ___ long drop on a short rope"

37 tech school in Killeen (abbr.)

38 TV ratings firm: A.C. ___ Co.

39 TX Willie's album to pay Uncle Sam (2 wds.)

41 ___ City, TX

42 to lie at rest

45 shootin' or brandin'

DOWN

1 TX Vikki Carr hit: "With ___ in Hand"

2 TX Blue Bell ___ cream

3 menacing expressions

4 Granbury newspaper (3 wds.)

8 "Don't ___ With Texas"

9 TXism: "he's got a burr ___ (mad)"

10 once a big Panhandle ranch

11 dir. from Del Rio to Laredo

12 residence

13 "peek-_-_"

14 Quitman is the seat of this county

15 this Blue Jay SS went to Rangers in '93

16 San Antonio AM 17 not consumed

18 "___ a story"

20 judge's garment

22 therapy after surgery (abbr.)

23 radiation dose unit

24 ___ "Pudge" Rodriguez was an all-star catcher for the Rangers

25 TXism: "geezzer" (___ citizen)

35 USAF began as First ___ Squadron in TX

37 cooking vessel (2 wds.)

40 TXism: "snug as a bug in ___"

43 church bench

44 TXism: "nervous as a ___ dog in a smokehouse"

50 pitchin' bag for Astro Roy Oswalt

51 TX Ernest Tubb hit: "___ Walking the Floor Over You"

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City Sales & Use Tax Comparison Summary-Aug. 2007

City	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	Percent Change	2007 Payments To Date	2006 Payments to Date	Percent
McGregor	\$60,215.07	66,534.07	-9.49%	\$398,983.82	\$377,618.09	5.65%
Crawford	\$4,336.34	\$4,680.97	-7.36%	\$36,279.31	\$33,324.46	8.86%
Oglesby	\$1,151.225	\$1,172.17	-1.78%	\$6,264.92	\$5,252.58	19.27%
Moody	\$4,970.65	\$4,105.33	21.07%	\$29,918.38	\$26,529.21	12.77%
Valley Mills	\$4,976.94	\$4,656.98	6.87%	\$36,483.16	\$353,741.24	2.07%
Clifton	\$46,958.85	\$44,192.46	6.25%	\$341,708.79	\$314,510.47	8.64%
Robinson	\$91,373.77	\$89,510.44	2.08%	\$572,638.59	\$537,029.01	6.63%
Gatesville	\$128,533.50	\$134,850.12	-4.68%	\$1,000,930.07	\$944,788.84	5.94%
Waco	\$2,496,804.95	\$2,425,998.15	2.91%	\$18,526,394.72	\$18,013,863.67	2.84%

MOC cities' rebates down slightly for August but show growth in year-to-date allocations

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today said the state collected \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 5.3 percent compared to July 2006.

"Growth in sales tax collections eased in July, but moved ahead at a steady pace," Combs said. "In particular, receipts from the mining, construction, manufacturing, and service sectors reflect a Texas economy resisting the cooling seen in the national economy."

Combs sent \$534.2 million in August sales tax allocations to

local governments, up 5.1 percent compared to August 2006. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.6 percent compared to last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$364 million to Texas cities, up 4.1 percent compared to last August. Calendar year to date, city sales tax revenues are surpassing 2006 by 6.9 percent. Sales tax payments of \$31 million went to Texas counties, 5.6 percent higher than last August. So far in

calendar year 2007, county sales tax allocations are up 7.8 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$17.6 million in sales tax revenue went to 121 special purpose taxing districts, 20.3 percent more than in August 2006. Ten local transit systems received \$121.5 million, up 5.9 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April,

May and June by quarterly filers.

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Sept. 14.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of McGregor will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 5.15 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM and August 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM at City Hall 302 Madison McGregor, TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: David Taylor, Andrew Henderson Sr, Frank Leos, Paul Allison, and Joe Leos
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jimmy Hering

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	7.94% increase
Debt service	4.01% increase
Total expenditures	7.64% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$248,681,918	\$271,706,620
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$24,242,824	\$6,259,353
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$196,798,204	\$214,740,219
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$23,864,547	\$6,384,455

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$2,533,046

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.565000	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.560000	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$(0.005000)	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	(0.88%)	(Decrease)

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$61,697	\$65,070
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$1,490	\$804
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$60,207	\$64,266

MHS grads awarded UIL scholarships

Three McGregor High School graduates of the Class of 2007, Collin Walter, Lowell Walter and Allyson Fisk, received scholarships awarded by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Collin Walter and Lowell Walter both received a Louise P. and Joe B. Cook Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,700, payable \$1,000 the first year and \$900 each of the next three years. This year the Cook Memorial awarded a total of eight grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

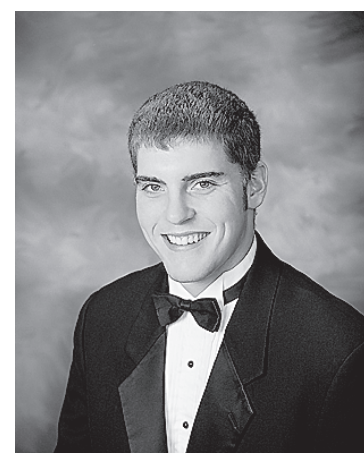
Collin competed in computer science at the 2006 and 2007 UIL Academic State Meets as well as mathematics and number sense at the 2007 meet. He also participated in UIL football and golf throughout his high school career. He is the son of Neil and Janelle Walter.

Walter plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in business.

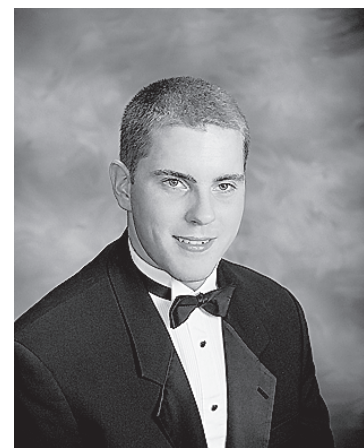
Lowell competed in computer science, number sense and was a member of the first place mathematics team at the 2007 UIL Academic State Meet. Additionally, he competed in One Act Play at the 2006 meet. He also participated in UIL band and calculator applications throughout his high school career. He is the son of Neil and Janelle Walter.

Lowell plans to attend Baylor University and major in mechanical engineering.

Allyson received a Spalding Sports Worldwide award in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 40 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular



Collin Walter



Lowell Walter

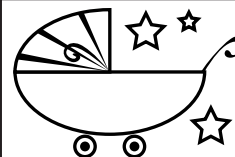


Allyson Fisk

achievement.

Fisk competed in One Act Play as a member of the third place company at the 2006 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL track and field and basketball throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of Celeste and Kris Fisk.

Fisk is attending MCC in the fall.



Look Who's New



She weighed 6 pounds, 15-1/2 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Randy and Marie Aaron of Virginia Beach, VA. Natalie was welcomed home by her older brother, Will.

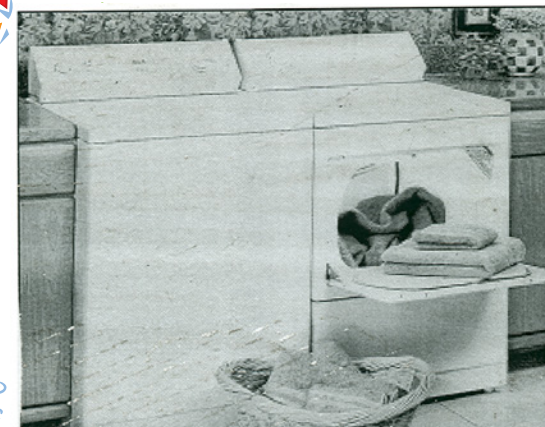
Maternal grandparents are MaryEllen Maddox of McGregor and Danny Maddox. Maternal Aunts and Uncles are David Maddox of MCRD, San Diego, CA; Julia and Joe Wilcoxson of Norfolk, VA; and Michelle and Michael Neal of Waco.

Paternal grandparents are Cindy and Calvin Aaron of Zwolle, LA. Paternal Uncle and Aunt are Lamar and Christina Aaron of Zwolle, LA.

It's a girl!

Natalie Renee Aaron was born at 3:15 p.m. on July 9, 2007 at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital in Virginia Beach, VA.

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Mrs. Kevin Smith

Smith ~ Rainey

Michelle Nicole Rainey and Kevin Mark Smith were united in marriage Saturday, August 4, 2007 at Crestview Church of Christ with Jim Martin and John Rainey officiating.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rainey of Speegleville. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rainey of Summit, Ky. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Daughtry of Fort Worth. She is a graduate of Tarleton State University where she received her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a kindergarten teacher for Clifton ISD.

Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Smith of Woodway. He is the grandson of Mrs. Betty Hilliard of Waco and the late Mr. James Hilliard and the late Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith of Midland. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and received his bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in business. He is the vice president of sales for Imperial Woodworks.

Amber Thiele served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Austin, Melanie Smith, sister of the groom, Chellie Forbes and Tiffany Lambert. The flower girl was Aubrey Poole. House party members were Melody Ingram, Leah Threadgill, Debbie Norris, Amanda McClaran and Jesslyn Poole. Soloist was Kimberly Back, sister of the groom.

Best man was Jason Hettler. The groomsmen were Ryan Back, brother-in-law of the groom, Ryan Rainey, brother of the bride, Steve Helm and Thad Lusk.

After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple will reside in China Spring.

Library begins 'food for fines'

McKinley Memorial Library has started a new program for paying for past due fines. It is called "Food for Fines."

Here's how it works: If you currently have materials past due, you may return the materials along with one canned nonperishable food item for every dollar in fines accrued.

Example: Jane has three books and a video which were due in May. Her fines are \$6. She returns the books and video and donated six canned nonperishable good to benefit McGregor Food Pantry and her fines are eliminated.

This program is for fines on currently overdue materials only. McGregor Librarian Betty Crelia said, "Help get our lending materials back while we help stock the McGregor Food Pantry." For more information call 840-3732.

Jennifer Hubble graduates from Stephen F. Austin

Jennifer Leah Hubble of McGregor received a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin State University during commencement exercises held Saturday, August 11, in William R. Johnson Coliseum.

Lyrick Meyer celebrates 1st birthday

Lyrick Meyer, daughter of Clay Meyer and Lindsey Brown, celebrated her first birthday Sunday, August 12 with a party at the home of her uncle and aunt, Lance and Kristy Brown of Bruceville.

Those attending were grandparents Stanley and Connie Meyer of Crawford and Nita Marek of Rogers, other uncles, great-aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

After a hamburger/hotdog supper, Lyrick enjoyed opening presents and eating cake.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Crawford ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 27, 2007 in Crawford Independent School District Board Room at 200 Pirate Dr. Crawford, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040050/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)																								
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Proposed Rate	\$1.040050	\$0.122000	\$1.162050	\$2,105	\$5,399																				
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.																									
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Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.162577. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.162577.																									
Fund Balances																									
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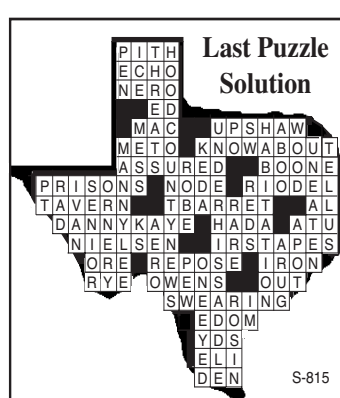
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ONE VOICE

by Rev. Robert Parker,
Pastor, First Baptist Church



I've seen the same couple in almost every restaurant I've been in. Not the exact same two people mind you - but the same couple.

They sit gazing past each other, saying very little if anything at all. They're at the same table, but to an observer they are not together in any meaningful way.

When did the eager and effortless conversation give way to simply waiting on the food? There was time when the servings grew cold and eating was deferred because there were so many words to be said and thoughts to be shared. The couples I'm describing need not worry about eating a cold meal.

This couple is not about to break up. They have no intention of abandoning the relationship. They are not hostile, they are not angry. What happened to the eager and effortless conversation?

There is a church in the New Testament where the members are directing their energies toward

doing good works, living a moral life, detecting false teaching, and encouraging daily faithfulness to the way of Jesus. But in their faithful and persistent efforts something had slowly leaked away. It was not suddenly abandoned. Slowly, undetected - and while they were trying so intently to be a faithful people. The great enemy of faith is distraction.

Perhaps we can look at our lives and search for the fissures through which our own love for Jesus has slowly leaked away. We work hard to serve neighbor and avoid error and in doing so we run low on love.

Imagine throughout this day that you are seated at a table with Jesus. This isn't a stretch. Jesus continually invites us to let him in so that he may eat with us, and us with him (Rev. 3:20). Fix that scene in your mind today. How's the conversation? What would it mean for you to recover that first love, the kind that lets the food get cold?

THE LOVING PUPPY

by Brother J

I went by to visit a good friend's granddaughter that has moved to our town. She and her husband have a five year old son and she is expecting again.

While we were sitting on the front porch and visiting, her son opened the door to their house and out came a young puppy. He was so excited and wagging his tail and so glad to see everyone.

He wanted us to rub on him and he would even get up in our laps and try to lick us, (A dog's way of saying that they like or love you). That little puppy was friendly and loving to everyone.

He is probably four to six months old. That sweet young loving puppy reminds me of something that happens to person when they ask Christ to come into their heart. When we accept Christ, He brings a new kind of love into our hearts, (John 8:42, 1 Timothy 1:14).

If we have not accepted Christ the love of God is not in us, (John 5:42 & 43, & John 14:24). The Bible teaches several ways to tell if we have it or not.

One, we will love God and we will love other Christians, (John 13:34 & 35). Loving and obeying God's word is another way to tell if we are truly Christians, (John 14:15&23).

See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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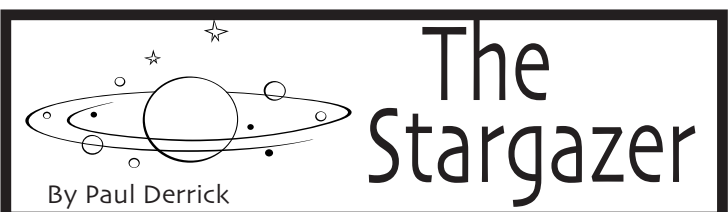
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A REFLECTION IN A BASS HORN shows that McGregor band practice is in full swing. Practice, which started on Aug. 6, is being held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday in preparation for the first game on Aug. 31.



Early morning total lunar eclipse

The Aug. 28 full Moon passes through Earth's shadow producing a total eclipse of the Moon. The good news: much of the eclipse will be visible over Texas. The bad news: it occurs in the wee hours before most of us are up.

Lunar eclipses only happen at full Moon when the Moon, passing on the opposite side of Earth from the Sun, moves through Earth's shadow. This full Moon is called Grain Moon and Green Corn Moon, but it won't be green.

Depending upon Earth's atmospheric conditions it might disappear in darkness during totality when the entire Moon is in Earth's shadow. However, it is

more likely to be deep orange or an eerie coppery color. As sunlight passes Earth, the atmosphere around our planet's outer ring (as seen from the Sun) bends rays from the red end of the light spectrum so that part of the Sun's light shines into Earth's shadow, coloring the eclipsed Moon red.

If there are heavy clouds, air pollution, smoke or volcanic ash in the atmosphere to block even the red rays, the Moon disappears into virtual darkness.

The earliest stage of eclipse, producing a subtle shading of the Moon, begins just before 3 a.m. (CDT). It will be barely noticeable so you can sleep through it without missing much.

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A Junior High parent meeting will be held Monday at the Junior High Commons starting at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting is for parents with children involved in volleyball, football or cross country. Physicals will be available that night for any incoming 7th grade girl or boy and for an 8th grader who hasn't had a prior physical. Cost is \$15.00. Football equipment will also be issued that evening.

First full pad workout was Friday.

"We can certainly tell the difference when the team suits out in full pads for the first day," Coach Seward said. "The weight of the helmet and pads takes its affect, but overall the athletes have handled the heat and the workouts well."

Coach Seward commented that in a small school, most of the players go both ways. "We're conditioning the entire practice and our coaches coach on the run."

"We probably have twice the offense than we did last year at this time," the head coach said. "We're about like week six on offense when compared to last year. Our offense is ahead of our defense at this point, but everyone is working extremely hard."

Following Monday's workout in another 100 degree day, the team loaded up on a bus and went to the local swimming pool for a cool-off time.

"The pool trip is a cool down and a reward system," the coach stated. "Most of them go and eat and are off for the rest of the day and some go to work."

Pirates — Continued from Page One

gone rounds deep in the playoffs for the past two years. They then face Troy, a team that Coach Kelm feels should have been a playoff team. Axtell is next on the schedule and they will be extremely improved from last year. Coach Kelm pointed out that Axtell started off real strong last year, but suffered some key injuries.

Last non-district game is against Grandview and they went deep into the playoffs last year. The Pirates edged them last year by a score of 7-6.

"We have a lot to learn before the first game, but as I told the players, our learning curve had better be pretty short," Coach Kelm declared. "We're trying to get our team ready to play Crawford Pirate football."

Coach Kelm reported Monday's practice wasn't real sharp, but he added that he hasn't seen many great Monday practices following the first full pad workout.

The Pirates only have four home games this year, with the other six out of town.

"We must develop depth this year," the head coach said. "We will definitely play more people both ways this season. We've been working out twice a day. The first workout is held from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the second workout, at 2:30 p.m., includes classroom chalkboard work, the kicking game, and alternate days of weight training and conditioning."

However you'll want to be out by 3:50 a.m. when the partial eclipse begins and Earth's shadow begins taking an increasingly large bite out of the Moon. This "consuming of the Moon," as some earlier cultures thought it to be, continues for an hour until totality begins at 4:52 a.m. We will then see whether the Moon disappears or turns a rusty red.

Totality ends at 6:23 a.m. as the Moon begins emerging from Earth's shadow, but by then the Moon will be low, dawn will be breaking, and the show will be essentially over in our part of the world.

If you're like me, getting up that early takes some doing, so fortunately there are other incentives to entice us. As totality begins the sky will darken, revealing what would be seen on a moonless night. Looking to the Moon's right, the three bright stars of the Milky Way Triangle are setting—Altair low in the west, brighter Vega low in the northwest, and Deneb above them forming a large nearly equilateral triangle.

Turn around and you can get a preview of the Great Winter Arc with Taurus, Gemini, Orion and others rising in the east. And reddish Mars, now in Taurus, is high and bright in the east.

SKY CALENDAR.
* Aug. 17 Fri. evening: The crescent Moon is below Virgo's Spica low in the southwest.

* Aug. 19 Sun. morning: Beginning this morning, Mars spends a week passing to the left of Taurus' Aldebaran high in the east; both are reddish and with Mars just slightly brighter you can check the adage that "stars twinkle, planets don't"

* 20 Mon.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

* 21 Tue. evening: The Moon is below Scorpius' Antares with Jupiter above them.

Observatory Open House.
The Central Texas Astronomical Society will host an open house for its new Meyer Observatory at the Turner Research Station near Clifton Saturday, Aug. 18, 4-10 p.m. For directions see www.centexastronomy.org or my Website.

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