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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD MONTANA HAMILTON pictured with Air Corp medallion he found while playing in his grandfather's backyard on West Fourth Street.

Backyard discovery reunites daughter with father's medal

Persistence with search pays off

Eight year old Montana Hamilton knew he had found something important recently while playing in the backyard at the home of his grandfather William Moore at 735 West Fourth Street. Montana lives in Red Oak, Texas, and is here in McGregor spending some of his summer vacation with his grandfather

Moore said recently his grandson came in carrying a heavy bronze medallion tied on a leather cord, and asked him if he knew what it was. Moore said his first thought was that it was probably some medallion his children may have lost years earlier, but upon closer inspection, he noticed there was an inscription on the back side of the medal. It read, "2nd Lt. Manton Hannah Jr. WC"

"I told him that the medal belonged to someone who had apparently lost it some time ago, and that we should try to find the owner or one of his descendants, and he agreed," Moore said.

The two searched on the internet and phone books, and they checked Ancestry.com. with no luck. Moore said his wife, Velma, then took the medal to the American Legion in McGregor

and found it on a chart, learning that it was a medal given to servicemen in the Air Corps.

Moore said with this additional information and the fact that his grandson kept asking over and over, "have you found them yet?" made him even more determined to find the owner.

This past week it all came together. He found information on Ancestry.com on Manton Hannah, but learned that he died in February 1969. At that point, Moore thought he had come to a dead end since the site had no listing of his ever being married or having children.

He kept digging for information that might have any connection. He located a listing of births which had listed not only Manton Hannah, but a wife, Josephine May Morison, and daughter, Barry Jo Hannah.

A search on their names turned up nothing. Moore then decided to go to the phone book and give that a try, knowing his chances were slim to none.

"I phoned several people in the Waco area, but no one knew them, so I started checking the surrounding communities,"

Moore said.

When he tried the name B Hannah in Mexia, he hit paydirt. He learned that since her mother had died, she had no other kin. She was the last of her family and that she had very little to remember her father. He said she seemed overjoyed, commenting, "this makes my day, my week, my month, my year!!"

Moore learned that the daughter of Manton Hannah had kept her maiden name after a divorce and that she was undergoing chemotherapy. She was leaving that day for a trip, but would be home on the weekend and would come get her father's medal.

"We were all surprised that we could even find her," Moore stated.

Moore said that he had lots of help in finding the rightful owner of the medal and wanted to thank them for their assistance. Those helping were from the Waco VA and the McGregor American Legion and Connie Boddy for her hard work.

Montana was anxious to meet the rightful owner this past weekend before he returned home. He will have a great story to tell when he returns to school in the fall.

Montana is the son of Bill and Tracy Hamilton.

Quinn and a retired school teacher. They have two children, Yvonne and Rick, both graduates of Texas State University, at San Antonio.

The three day reunion will get underway Friday, July 7, with a Sign-in Coffee from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the J.L. Clark Fellowship Hall at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. At 10:00 a.m. a business meeting is scheduled at the same location.

The group will move to the Berdie Lewis Fellowship Hall of Roberson Chapel for a noon luncheon. In the afternoon, attendees can enjoy bingo and a wiener Roast from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the AMA Hall.

The evening's festivities will be a program entitled African Illusions. This portion of the reunion, also at the AMA Hall, will be from 8 to 12 midnight and will include a covered dish dinner.

Saturday morning, registration will continue from 8:30 to 9:30 only, at the J.L. Clark Fellowship Hall of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Next on the reunion agenda will be the Banquet at McGregor High School at 1 p.m.

McGregor Mayor Jimmy Hering will give the welcome to the group along with McGregor ISD Superintendent Kevin Houchin.

Following the keynote speaker, Joseph Williams will

present reunion awards. Jimmie Morgan will recognize the different classes attending, followed by the presentation of the Reunion Queen. Concluding the program will be the singing of the Negro National Anthem by Connie Williams, Shirley Clark and Rohelen Hicks.

Saturday evening, reunion attendees will enjoy a formal dance at the AMA Hall beginning at 9 p.m.

The reunion will close Sunday morning with a memorial service at Roberson Chapel AME, giving recognition to former students who passed since the last reunion. Those listed include Samuel Jacobs, Elvira Craft, Ira Roscoe Clark, Curnell Charles, Ruth Maderis, Rosie Kemp, Jessie Crockett and Beauty Pearl McDaniel.

The history of McGregor's G.W. Carver got it's beginning in 1886 when the first public school for black youth was established in McGregor, in a one room building which also served as a church. It was located northeast of town across from what is now Highway 84, on the same site that the Pettie home stood years ago. The first Principal was Professor Lee. He was succeeded by a Professor Allen, Mrs. Bettie Brooks, and a Mrs. Cade.

In later years, the building was a large room, called the K/P.

Hall, where the Hilliary Pleasant home is now located, and Grades 1-8 were taught. In 1919, a two room building was moved to the same location of the present building. Later, more rooms and teachers were added and it was known as McGregor Colored School. The name was later changed to George Washington Carver, after the late Scientist Dr. George Washington Carver of Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama.

In 1930, the late Professor and Mrs. J. J. Jones were employed to serve as principal and elementary teacher, respectively.

In 1947, the school burned and Pleasant Hill Baptist church and Roberson Chapel AME Church opened their hearts and doors to us to continue our education. A new building was erected. Crawford and McGregor Black Schools were consolidated and two additional units were built and more teachers were added to the staff.

In 1965, the G.W. Carver High School and Junior High School students experienced two separations. They were integrated with McGregor Junior and Senior High Schools and the retirement of Professor and Mrs. Jones.

McGregor G.W. Carver students excelled in sports and academic achievements and continued to do so following the closing of G.W. Carver.



BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ARE THRIVING along Main Street thanks to creation of a summer job by the City of McGregor to have the large planter containers watered on a regular basis. Pictured in action is Andrea Foster, who said she gives the flowers and plants a needed drink three days a week.

Local VBS offerings for July

McGregor churches are in the midst of their summer VBS programs. Much time, preparation and costs are involved, and good attendance is always anticipated. Some have completed theirs and others are getting ready.

July VBS gets started with College Avenue's "Arctic Edge" theme starting July 9 and running through the 13th from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each evening. It is open to children in grades K through 6th (in spring).

Next up will be First United Methodist's "Fiesta", which will begin July 17th and run through the 20th. Times are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 5 through Fifth Grade.

Zion Lutheran's "La Frontera" VBS is July 24 through 28th for ages K through 4th (spring), from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Mullen It Over by Bonnie Mullens

God bless the U.S.A.

BY THE TIME you are reading this column, the Fourth of July 2006 will be in the history books. Celebrations will be over, the sparklers will have sparkled, the firecrackers will have popped and the annual fireworks displays enjoyed by many will be nothing more than a pleasant memory. Most everyone will have gone back to work after (*I hope*) enjoying a long weekend spent with family and friends.

The way the Fourth fell this year, it was next to impossible for The Mirror staff to take the day off, but Mynette, Charles and I did participate in this special American holiday by putting out and then later at sunset, taking down U.S. Flags in the community with other members of the McGregor Rotary Club. I hope that many of you noticed the flags flying in the neighborhoods, at rural residences and the McGregor Cemetery.

The local Rotary flag project is in its third year, and the club puts out about 100 flags on five different occasions during the year—the Fourth of July, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day

and Veteran's Day. I hope that more of the citizens and businesses of McGregor will decide to participate in it this next year. The next occasion will be Labor Day.

Think how impressive it would be for visitors passing through our city to be met with the sight of flags flying proudly in front of each downtown business, and the businesses along Highway 84. It would also be great to see the flags thickly placed along the major thoroughfares and neighborhoods in town.

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As we placed this flags today, I couldn't help but be reminded of the brave men and women serving our great nation in the armed forces—both at home and on foreign soil, and those that have served before them. My continued gratitude and thanks go out to them.

The raising of our nation's flag has always held a special place for me since I was a small girl, even before I understood all it stood for. I remember the reverence my grandparents, parents, relatives and friends showed it as they raised it at the Fishing Camp on the Colorado River on the Fourth of July morning those many years ago.

A group from McGregor would spend a couple of weeks during each summer there in the 40s and 50s. Most of my memories of the River were of having great fun fishing, swimming, hiking and exploring. Then in the late evenings listening to the grown-ups as they played cards and dominoes under the dimly lit camp tabernacle. But the flag raising ceremony stands out perhaps clearest of all, taking place at daybreak in the middle of the camp.

As this year's Fourth comes to a close, I want to end this column with "I Am the Flag" written by Ruth Apperson Rous.

I am the flag of the United States of America. I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia. There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag. My 13 stripes, alternating red and white, with a union of 13 white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

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Today, 50 stars signal from my union, one for each of the 50 sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known. My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters. My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all. My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity. I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press and the sanctity of the home. I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers—the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at Jamestown and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation. I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism. I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every school yard as a flag pole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country. I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code"—which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations. I have my special day, Flag Day, June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow. I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity. If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom. As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I

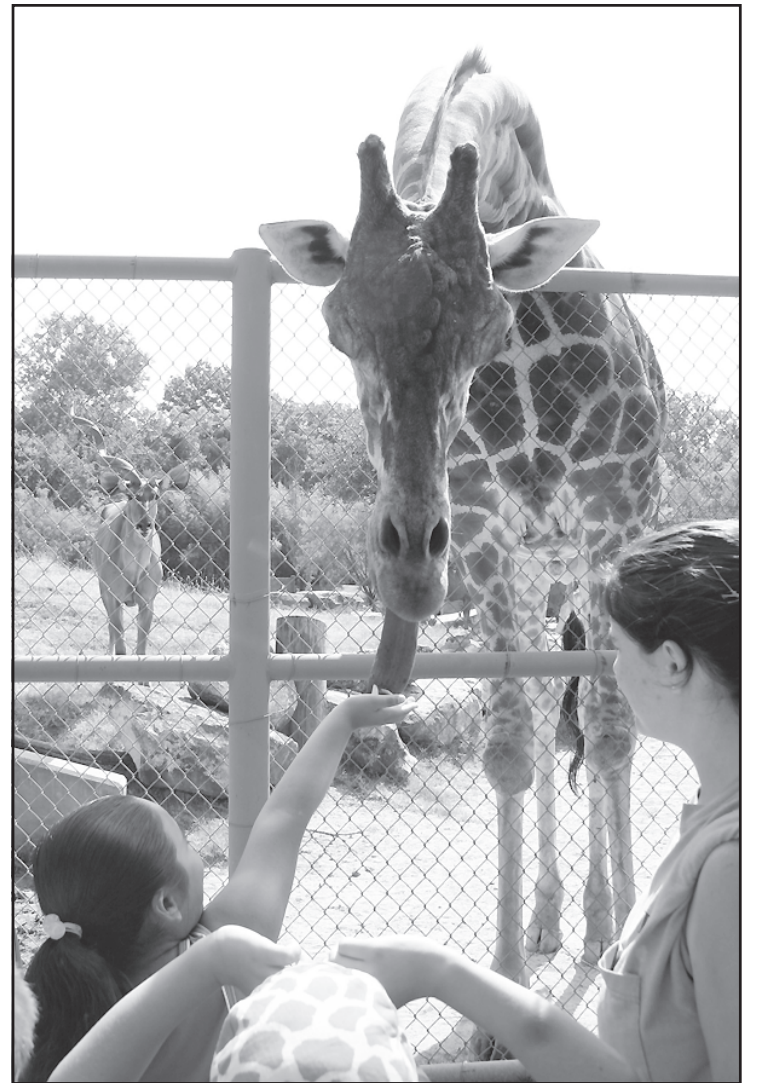
am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are—no more, no less. Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty. God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.



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WINS TOURNAMENT—Crawford 9 and 10 year old girls softball team won first place in the City Tournament held at LaVega on June 22, 2006. Team members include (front row, left to right) Kelsey Hickok, Tori Phillips, Madison Westerfeld, Katy Baur, Kendra Meyer, Chelsea Daws (back row) Coach John Dutschmann, Phalan Bukowski, Amanda Fulp, Cheyenne Lynch, Coach Charles Lynch, Carrigan Chambers, Sara Westerfeld, Korie Dutschmann, Sydney Christensen, Manager Tate Christensen. The team sponsor is Bukowski Brothers Plumbing.

First Methodist to have 'Fiesta' VBS July 17-20

"This year our church is jumping with excitement as we have a Fiesta," said Steve Heyduck, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McGregor.

"Our Fiesta program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages," Heyduck added, and each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Maraca Munchies, take on a Daily Challenge to let Jesus' love grow into their homes, experience electrifying Bible adventures, and create Bible Point Crafts. Fiesta is an exciting way for kids to learn more about Jesus' love.

Fiesta begins Monday, July 17 and continues through Thursday, July 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 for children five through 5th Grade.

Primetimers meet July 17th

Larry Lynch, McLennan County Sheriff, will speak at the McLennan County Farm Bureau Primetimers, July 17, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the Colden Corral, Waco, Tx. For more information is needed call 881-1827.

Roberson Chapel to honor choir Sunday, July 9

Roberson Chapel A.M.E. Church Choir will be celebrating their choir on Sunday, July 9, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

The guest for the day will be Rev. Jackie Taylor and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of McGregor, Tx.

"Everyone is invited to come and help us lift up God's Holy name," said Rev. Dr. Albert Gregory and Chairperson-Minnie Wilkerson.

Card of Thanks

The family of Marvin Engelbrecht wishes to thank all who were so kind and caring during the death of our loved one. We all appreciate the many cards, phone calls, food, flowers and memorials so very much.

We especially thank our family and friends for their visits and prayers and we are most grateful for the caregivers at Westview Manor and Providence Hospice. Thank you!

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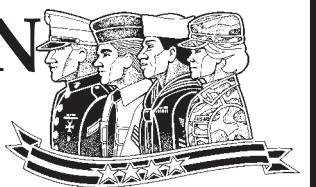
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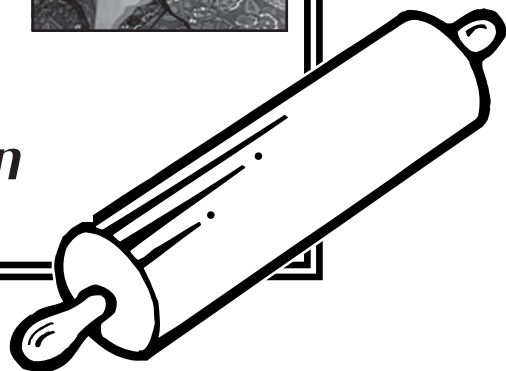
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Cooking With Teresa Sneed of Catering on Main



Cherished recipes

While Teresa is enjoying a vacation with family, special recipes are being published this week thanks to Lisa San Miguel.

The following recipes were sent in by Lisa (Walter) San Miguel. She said her mom put together a cookbook for her in 1985 of favorite recipes of family members, friends, teachers, relatives. All were written down in their own handwriting, then put in a book for her. (What a great idea for a treasured gift.)

Lisa said the book has been added to over the years to include recipes from in-laws and others.

She wanted to share the idea and a few of the recipes with Mirror readers.

Thanks Lisa for sending it in to The Mirror.

GRANDMA FANNIE NELSON'S PUNCH

3 pkg. red Kool-aid

3 qts. water
64 oz. can Hawaiian punch (not frozen)
64 oz. can pineapple grape-fruit juice (not frozen)
2 liter bottle of Ginger Ale
3 cups sugar
Mix and add ice

GRANDMOTHER FRANCES RIDDLE'S SAUSAGE BALLS

1 lb. uncooked ground sausage
10 oz. grated Cheddar cheese
2 1/2 cups Bisquick
Have all at room temperature. Mix sausage then add cheese and Bisquick. Form into small balls and cook 15 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

These can be frozen first for convenience and then cooked a little longer.

GREAT GRANDMA-MA KING'S 24 HOUR FRUIT SALAD

6 apples peeled and chopped
3 cans chunk pineapple drained
1 pkg. miniature marshmal-

lows
1/2 cup sugar
Mix and let stand
Cook this mixture:
2 T sugar
2 T vinegar
2 whole eggs
Cook until thick. When cool add to first mixture
Then add
Whip 1 pint of cream
Sweeten with sugar to taste
Fold this mixture into total mixture. You may add cherries and pecans.
This is especially good for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

GRANDMA (IN LAW) RUTH SAN MIGUEL'S APPLE STRUDEL

Crust: 2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup shortening
Water to make dough
Pan: cookie sheet
Roll 1/2 dough for bottom crust
Filling: 4 large apples sliced
1 cup brown sugar
4 T flour
4 T sugar
8 T cinnamon

Sprinkle over apples and dot with butter. Roll out remaining dough and cover. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Cook: 325 degrees for 1 hour.

MOM'S (LINDA WALTER) EARTHQUAKE CAKE

1 cup coconut
1 cup chopped pecans
1 box German chocolate cake mix
8 oz. cream cheese
1 lb. box powdered sugar
1 stick oleo melted
Grease and flour 8 x 14 inch pan. Spread coconut and pecans on bottom. Mix cake mix by package directions. Pour over pecans and coconut. Melt oleo, add cream cheese and powdered sugar. Mix well. Spread over cake. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.

GRANDMA (IN-LAW) DOT O'CONNOR'S COWBOY COOKIES

1 cup shortening
2 cups rolled oats (oatmeal)
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 t soda
1/2 t salt
1/2 t. baking powder
1 t. vanilla
2 pkg. of chocolate chips or 1 cup each of raisins and chocolate chips.
Mix all together except the oatmeal. Add that last. Bake at 350 degrees for about 12 minutes.

AUNT PEGGIE EUSEBIO'S PEANUT BLOSSOMS

3 1/2 cups sifted flour
2 t. soda
1 t. salt
1 cup sugar
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup shortening
1 cup peanut butter
2 eggs
4 T milk
2 t. vanilla
96 candy kisses
Preheat oven at 375 degrees.

Combine all ingredients except candy in large mixing bowl. Mix on lowest speed of mixer until dough forms. Shape dough into balls, using a rounded teaspoonful for each. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Top each cookie immediately with a candy kiss; press down firmly so cookie cracks around edge.

AUNT LOUISE WALTER'S SNICKER DOODLES

1 cup Crisco
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tsp. soda
2 tsp cream of tartar
Mix all ingredients. Roll into little balls. Flatten. Sprinkle mixture of 2 T sugar and 2 t cinnamon. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees.

Family favorite recipes are always welcomed at The Mirror to share with our readers. Anyone wishing to send in recipes may contact Bonnie Mullens at bonnie@mcgregormirror.com. Or if you know someone who would make a great cook of the week, please submit their name. Thanks.

We can't publish it, if we don't know about it. Call in your news items, weddings, engagements, births to The Mirror 840-2091 or email staff@mcgregormirror.com

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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

JULY 5, 1946—

The John Grantham Gin had been undergoing many overhauling jobs and in addition to repairs, four new Mitchell gin stands were installed. The new gin stands were said to be state of the art.

A disastrous fire of undetermined source, originating in the Bluebonnet Food Store owned by Bob Neff occurred at 8:30 Sunday evening. The blaze also damaged Neff Dry Goods, owned by Leol Neff. The building house occupied by the two stores were owned by Henry Smith. Total damage was estimated at \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Dr. John Thompson announced the association of Dr. Ben Nail, Jr. to his practice.

JULY 6, 1956—

Open house was held at McGregor's new sewer plant located northeast of town on Highway 84. This extended sewer facility came at a cost of \$91,158.17 and was designed to serve a population of 5,500 on a basis of 70 gallons per capita 24 hours a day with an average of 385,000 gallons per day. The new plant cost \$65,932.21 and the old plant was reworked for \$7,515.44 and engineering fees were \$5,210.52. The first sewer plant was built in 1939 for a population of 2000.

Ed Leache, local farmer and rancher, took over as temporary postmaster of McGregor.

Miss Rita Manske married George Meyer.

Pictures of McGregor's first train wreck were published. The derailment of 12 freight cars on the Santa Fe tracks occurred June 24.

JULY 8, 1966—

Delayed a month due to scarcity of materials, Westview Manor, McGregor's new 50 bed nursing home, was expected to open its doors to clients on August 1.

Graham's advertised a "Going Out of Business" sale.

JULY 4, 1976—

The City of McGregor was 94 years old at the Bicentennial of the United States and The Mirror published a 52-page historical edition of the MOC community which included 255 historical photos of McGregor, Oglesby and Crawford.

JULY 3, 1986—

The City of Crawford employed Gordon Burke of Valley Mills as a part-time policeman.

Jay Brewer was president of the McGregor Saddle Club. The Club was preparing for a three day July 4th rodeo.

MOC Little League Senior Team was crowned champs in the Senior League Division. The team went undefeated 14-0. Team members included Gary Bottoms, Brandon Brown, Chris Clemons, Eric Eusebio, Richard Carlisle, Dannie Howell, Monty Fulp, Mario Olivarez, Tommy Renfro, Ronnie Rummel, Trey Salinas and Larry Stone.

MOC girls were also champions. Players included Heidi Swain, Melanie Chadoin, Mendy Rowdler, Rachael Wright, Mendi Wilson, Melissa Thrasher, Deana Head, Jodi Ritchmond, Lesley Kelley, Susie Carlisle, Lana Leos, Christy Grimes and Shawna Stone.

Cheerleaders for McGregor Junior High for the upcoming football season were Melanie Cooper, Christi Jackson, Renessa Cope, Melanie Gomez, Robin Hodges and Lesley Kelley.

JULY 4, 1996—

The McGregor-Carver Alumni Ex-students would be attending their seventh reunion on July 12. Keynote speaker would be Linda Allen Montgomery—a former Carver student and graduate of McGregor High School. Joseph Williams was president of the reunion committee. Serving with him were Mary Gee, Vanessa Roulhac, Jimmie Morgan, Jo Askew, Nora Williams, Robert

Roulhac, Charles Morgan, Maggie B. Perry, Jackie Brown, Nicholas Brown, Jimmy Hemphill, Detro Harmon and Alvin Hicks.

Construction crews were racing against time to complete renovations and new classrooms at T.H. Jenkins Elementary campus before the fall semester started.

MOCEMS, the local volunteer ambulance association since 1978 underwent major changes last month—it's name and the service level it provided the community. The service would now be known as McGregor Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, and its level care was upgraded to Mobile Intensive Care Unit. The name change was prompted by the Department of Health at the time of recertification because Crawford also had its own service at this time and was no longer a part of the McGregor volunteer service. Crawford's service was known as Crawford EMS. It's president was Edna Earl Westerfeld. McGregor's president was Martha Moyer.

The engagement of Tammy Mooney to David Lillard was announced.

Retiring staff of McGregor Independent School District represented 107 years of experience. Retiring were Jerri Lynn Corbett, Nita Dietzman, Margie Kittrell and Kathryn Pace. Also recognized at the annual School Board Appreciation Dinner was outgoing School Board Member Chris Witte for his six years of service.

New McGregor High School Band drum majors were Jennifer Moore and Michael Harmon.

Crawford High School majorettes for the upcoming football season included the following twirlers: Emily Lampert, Jessica Bolfig, Valerie De Chaume and Mandy Kelm.

Barry and Jo Raye Lands donated a TV-VCR to the McGinley Memorial Library.

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- valuable TX minerals
- with Jewel, a TX drug store
- state cotton assn. (abbr.)
- instrument for the Dallas Symphony
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
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- large prefix
- TX Louise Mandrell co-wrote book "___ Gifts"
- TXism: "raised concrete" (city boy)
- '06 June pageant "___ Texas"
- TXism: "___ a pencil to it"
- TXism: "hard as dodging ___ a wedding"
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- TX Lynda Bird Johnson married this Robb (init.)
- '83 UH team: "Phi ___ Jamma"
- TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't ___"
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- oolong and iced
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- Jerry Jones' state

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- Batman's city
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Williams ~ Edwards nuptials

Brooke Edwards and Michael Williams were joined in marriage Saturday, June 24, 2006 in a private garden ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Green of Hewitt. The Reverend Billy Edwards, father of the bride, officiated. A pool side dinner reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Billy Edwards of Woodway. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Peggy Wall of Waco.

The groom is the son of Ms. Janice Kirkland of Brownsville and Mike Williams of Crawford. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler of Crawford and Mrs. Bobbie Jean Williams, also of Crawford.

The bride is completing a Doctorate of Psychology at Argosy University, Dallas. Michael is an electrician in the DFW area.

After a honeymoon to Moody Gardens, the couple will reside in Dallas.

Crawford student accepted into People to People Leadership Summer



Jacob Ratliff

Jacob Ratliff, a student, formerly of Whitney Middle School, will join a select group of students representing their schools, communities, and states as People to People student leaders. Ratliff has been accepted into the People to People Leadership Summit in our nation's capital on July 6-15, 2006.

All students accepted into a People to People program must meet rigorous academic and leadership requirements. Ratliff was nominated and accepted for the

honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential by Whitney teacher Toby Drake.

The People to People Future Leaders Summits on law, medicine, leadership, theater and the arts and international diplomacy bring together outstanding student leaders from around the globe to focus on leadership, team building, community service, college admissions, and professional aspirations. Students work on an action plan to make a difference in their communities, develop skills to help them lead tomorrow's world and build their college resumes, while earning academic or service-learning credit.

Participants also gain insights to guide their educational and professional careers, and benefit from a strong focus on college admissions. Through workshops, presentations, excursions and discussions, student leaders attain a clear advantage as they pursue and fine-tune their selected fields of interest. Students will have the opportunity to meet with admissions officers and gain valuable advice for navigating the college application process. In some locations, students will be able to tour several area universities.

The 2006 People to People Future Leaders Summits will convene at Columbia University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, University of California, Los Angeles and Stanford.

The program is coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information please visit www.futureleaderssummit.org.

Jacob is the son of Margaret and Weldon Ratliff, Jr., formerly of Whitney, now residing in Crawford.

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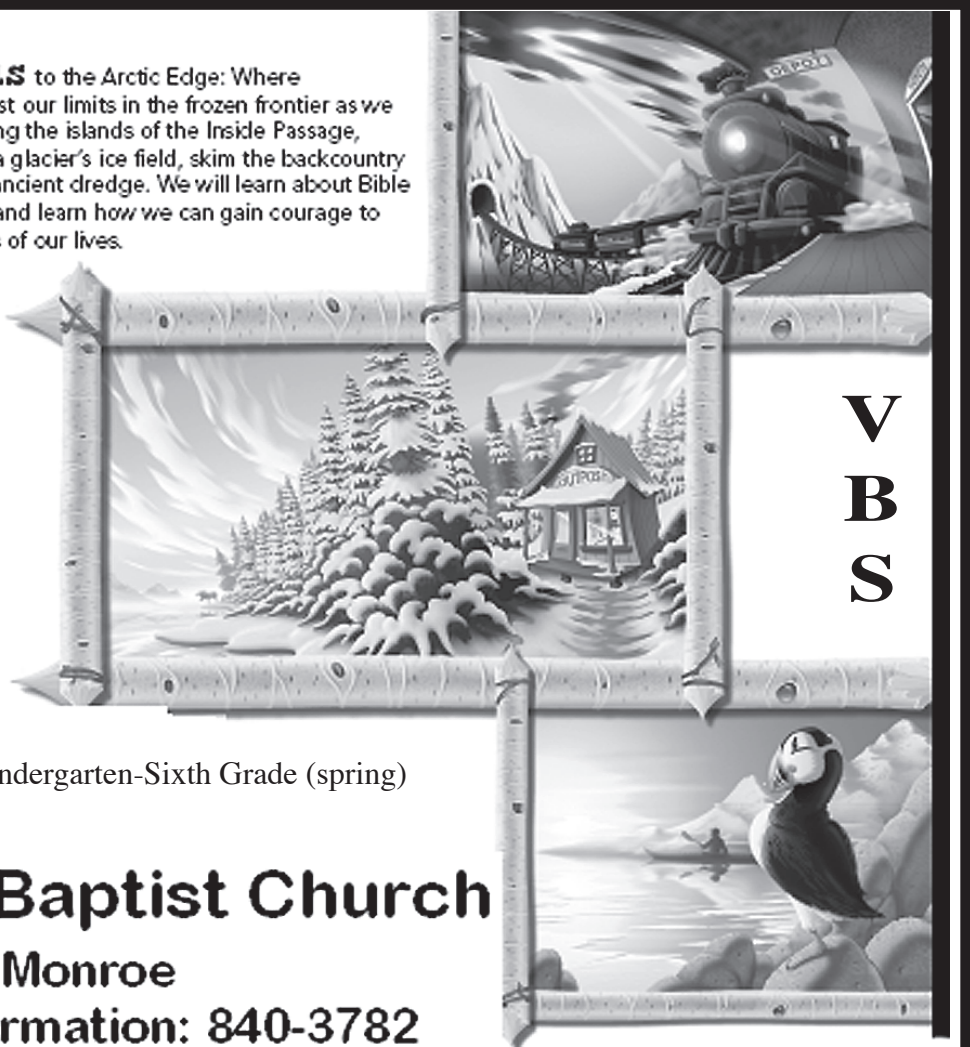
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The wobble that changes the sky

When something develops a wobble it often means a problem. But in the case of Earth, its wobble is but one result of an event that has profoundly affected life on our planet.

Some 4-5 billion years ago, when our solar system was in its formative stages, a Mars-sized planet likely collided with Earth, destroying the smaller planet and drastically altering our planet. Blasted-away debris from that colossal collision eventually coalesced and formed our Moon.

And Earth, which presumably had been orbiting perpendicularly to its orbit, with its north and south poles straight up and down, was knocked a little wacky and left with a 23 1/2 degree tilt. (You've probably noticed the tilt on mounted Earth globes.)

It is because of this tilt that we have seasons. As Earth makes its annual orbit around the Sun, the northern and southern hemispheres take turns tilting toward the Sun. Now, with our Northern Hemisphere tilted Sunward, we are having hot, long summer days. But the Southern Hemisphere, being tilted away from the Sun, is having cold, long winter nights. The half-way points between these extremes are fall and spring with moderate temperatures and days and nights of equal length.

So, what about the wobble? Think of Earth as a spinning toy top. Not only does a top rapidly spin on its axis, but it also has a slower wobble that becomes more noticeable as the spin slows down. Earth, which rotates on its axis each day, also has a very gradual wobble that takes 25,800 years, and which astronomers call

precession. Over a human lifetime, it is undetectable without precise measuring instruments. But over longer periods, precession becomes quite apparent in the night sky.

In our era, the star Polaris is almost straight up from Earth's north pole, giving us a nice, moderately bright North Star. In a few centuries, however, owing the wobble of precession, Polaris will no longer be above Earth's north pole and won't do for a North Star—at least not for another 25,000 or so years.

Precession also affects what constellations are seen each season. For us, Scorpius tells us it's summer, while Orion dominates our winter night sky. In 12,900 years—half way through a precession wobble—this will be reversed. Our Northern Hemisphere ancestors, if any are still around, will see Orion in the summer and Scorpius in the winter—just as Southern Hemisphere Earthlings do right now.

SKY CALENDAR.

* July 3 Mon.: The Moon is at 1st quarter, and Earth reaches aphelion, the point in its elliptical orbit where it is farthest from the Sun.

* 4 Tue. evening: The Moon is to the lower left of Virgo's Spica, then below Jupiter the next evening.

* 7 Fri. evening: The Moon is to the right of Scorpius' Antares.

* 10 Mon.: The full Moon of July is called the Thunder Moon, Hay Moon and Grain Moon.

* 17 Mon.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

* 20 Thu. morning: The crescent Moon is near Taurus' Pleiades star cluster at dawn.

* 21 Fri. evening: Mars is near Leo's Regulus low in the west.

Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Mercury, Saturn and Mars are aligned diagonally low in the west with Mercury just above the horizon at dusk, Saturn to its upper left, and Mars to Saturn's upper left. (Mercury leaves the evening sky within a few days, and Saturn is gone by month's end.) Jupiter is the brightest object midway up in the

south. Morning: Venus, rising 2 hours before the Sun, is the "morning star" low in the northeast.

Astro Milestones. July 20 is the 37th anniversary of the 1969 Apollo 11 lunar landing, when American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to land and walk on the moon.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

Outdoors along the Seawall

WITH CHARLES MOONEY

MY FAMILY IS STILL TRYING TO SHAKE THE SAND from between our toes and from other parts of our anatomy, but we're not complaining. The two-and-a-half day trip to the sandy beaches of Galveston was well worth it. The water was as clear as I've ever seen it which was a big contrast to the first trip I made with my wife Claudia, and then two children, Jeannine and Michael. On that first trip with my young family I just couldn't wait to show off the Texas Gulf coast, with the waves pounding the miles and miles of sandy shores. As we neared Seawall Boulevard, I couldn't hardly contain my anticipation. As we turned toward the hotel, my wife made the remark, "You expect me to swim in that mudhole?"

I'LL ADMIT THE WATER WAS ON THE MUDDY SIDE, but I was used to it. She had been to beaches in Europe such as Monte Carlo where the water is so sparkling gin clear you could probably read the date on a quarter. I'll admit before we opened the door to our hotel room, I was a little deflated. I even contemplated driving further south along the coast to Corpus Christi or South Padre to find clearer water, but my wife talked me into staying and for us to make the best out of the situation. You know what? It turned out to be a marvelous trip. We spent a lot of time jumping through waves, looking for small sea shells and introducing our young children to something quite beautiful and unique. I even remember getting up at the crack of dawn to take some sunrise pictures and one of those photos with a seagull walking along the shoreline still hangs at the Mirror office.

SINCE OUR FAMILY HAS GROWN from four to seven, we wanted to make another trip to the coast and we had another good reason to make the four-hour drive. Our niece and our children's cousin, Meghan Mullens, is interning at the historic Galvez Hotel. We didn't take the "Duck Ride" this time, but Meghan did take us to a couple of really nice seafood restaurants. We were starved for seafood. The first night we ate at Fisherman's Wharf and the food was delicious. It also didn't hurt to look out a large picture window and witness a beautiful sunset across the bay. The next evening, we left it up to Meghan to decide and she chose the Rainforest, located near the San Luis Hotel. Another great choice.

NOT ONLY WAS THE FOOD EXCELLENT, but children and adults alike are entertained as soon as they walk in. They have giant aquariums throughout the restaurant, life-size replicas of elephants and gorillas that come to life as a volcano erupts while you are eating your meal. Quite an experience!

WE SPENT MOST OF THE FINAL DAY AT THE BEACH and in the surf. Some of us even have sunburns to prove it. All of our children except two-year-old Elizabeth will remember this trip. I guess that means that in a few years we will make a return trip so she can experience and remember what we have all come to love. Another magnificent part of God's country.



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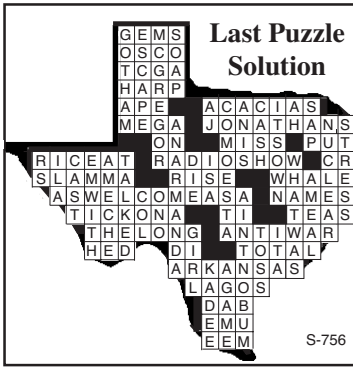
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My first real job was at McDonald's. I know what some of you are thinking: "Man, I bet you got tired of the food there!"

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Much of what I learned working at that McDonald's was

basic customer service and business sense. If we took care of our customers, they would return. If we didn't, there were plenty of other places for them to eat.

Much of what I learned at that McDonald's I have translated into church leadership. Too many churches are for the people who have been there forever. When a visitor (or customer, if you'll bear the analogy) comes in, he or she is treated as an outsider, as someone who doesn't belong. When we are treated that way at a church, we usually don't come back.

Though I learned a lot about people, about service, and about how a church can do better from a job at McDonald's, that really is not the main point I want to get across here. The main point I hope you take with you is that a lot of people would look down their noses at a punk-kid flipping burgers under the golden arches.

Stereotypes can be a bumper sometimes, can't they?

ONE VOICE

by Rev. Robert Parker of First Baptist Church



I think that our biggest problem isn't understanding about what God could do. It is that we forget who God is. The children of Israel had been in slavery four hundred years. The patriarchs were dead. And God said, "Tell them that I Am. Because if they know who I am, they'll know what I can do."

Let's say we're going to start a basketball team. A fellow walks in and nobody knows who he is, but he's tall. We say, "Hey, man. Got a little height on you. Can you play any ball?"

He says, "I play a little bit." We say, "Can you dribble? Can you shoot? Can you jump? Can you dunk?"

"Yeah, I can dunk." "Okay, great," we say. "We're going to practice at twelve o'clock next Saturday. We'll find out what kind of game you have."

We don't know him, don't know whether he can play or not play. We've got to find out what he can do.

Same guy walks in. But this time somebody says, "There's

Michael Jordan." Nobody asks if he can dribble. Nobody asks, "Can you jump?" Nobody asks him if he can dunk. Why? Since we know who he is, we already know what he can do.

When Jesus goes to those disciples in the midst of the storm, you know what he says? "I'm going to meet you in your storm." You've got some troubles in your life. But I Am is on your side. Whenever you're going through whatever you're facing, I Am is in the midst. It could be financial or family. It could be personal or corporate. Whatever you are facing, God is on your side, saying, "Don't worry about what I can do. Just know who I Am."

Jesus said, "Be of good cheer. It is I. Do not be afraid. And Peter answered him and said, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' So he said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus."

Who went with Peter? Nobody! He went by himself.

You'd have thought somebody said, "Hey, Peter, wait up. You aren't going out there by yourself, man. You don't know who that is saying he's Jesus."

No! Peter went out there by himself. What's the point? You won't do anything great for God if you won't get out of the boat. Somebody here had forgotten who God is.

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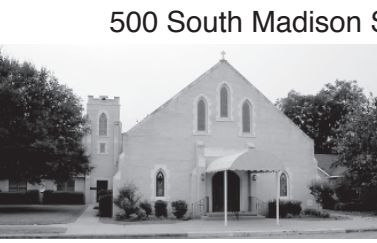
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Worship 11:15 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Worship 7:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
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