

CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT



Paul Bryant Photos

From left (front row) are Student Council sponsor Chanda North, and Chandler Intermediate School Student Council members Tommy Pollard, Cody Pahlon, Dakota Batchelor, John Mark North and Kayla Honea; (back row) U.S. Complete Count Committee members Marshall Crawford, Pat Martin, Dorothy McHam, and Rosie Bussman, and Chairman Gene Giger. More than 800 census T-shirts were given to students at Chandler Intermediate and Chandler Elementary School.



Chandler Elementary School third-grade teacher Briana Drake and her students on Friday show U.S. Census T-shirts and book bags. More than 800 census shirts were given to students at Chandler Elementary and Chandler Intermediate.

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nahan is six feet tall and weighs 375 pounds.

Using his hands, he achieves feats of strength by ripping 11 decks of cards, bending spikes, and dead-lifting almost 600 pounds. He has run several marathons and performed in other athletic events.

"His super-human strength alone could open the doors of fame and fortune, but there is more to Steve McGranahan than a powerful body, a pretty face, and a riotous sense of humor," his Web site says.

"The World's Strongest Redneck actually takes his position of role model to hundreds of thousands of people, both young and not so young, seriously."

McGranahan has appeared on such shows as The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, CMT's Country Fried Home Videos, and Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge, and has performed stand-up comedy and conducted motivational speeches around the country.

Eaton, who operates Bear Radio and helps run an

English course for Spanish-speaking adults, said he met McGranahan about a year ago during one of the performer's acts.

"I met him last summer at an event at Piney Woods Youth Camp," Eaton said. "I knew he would do this right. His hands are incredibly strong. What he has physically done on some things is amazing."

McGranahan's Brownsboro performance is set for 7 p.m. at the high school's gym. Admission is free, and hot dogs and sodas will

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that will be refurbished and turned into bed and breakfasts; the Happy Trails Cafe on State Highway 64 that will serve "cowboy food."

When the downtown

work is complete, building restoration, park recreation, museum, monuments, bridges, pedestrian paths, and lighting design will have been integrat-

ed to create a new Ben Wheeler.

Visit Hammond's Web site at www.sonicbids.com. Jones' Web site is at tutu-jones.com.



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"As a long-time prisoner in bestial concentration camps he (Viktor Frankel) found himself stripped to naked existence. His father, mother, brother, and his wife died in camps or were sent to gas ovens, so that, excepting for his sister, his entire family perished in these camps."

"How could he — every possession lost, every value destroyed, suffering from hunger, cold and brutality, hourly expecting extermination — how could he find life worth preserving?" Frankel clearly saw that it was those who had nothing to live for who died quickest in the concentration camp."

Those are excerpts from Frankel's book "Man's Search for Meaning."

In one of his darkest moments while digging in a cold, icy trench, he writes:

"In a last violent protest against the hopelessness of imminent death, I sensed my spirit piercing through the enveloping gloom. I felt it transcend that hopeless, meaningless world, and from somewhere I heard a victorious 'Yes' in answer to my question of the existence of an ultimate purpose."

"At that moment a light was lit in a distant farm-

house, which stood on the horizon as if painted there, in the midst of the miserable grey of a dawning morning in Bavaria. 'Et lux in tenebris lucent' — and the light shineth in the darkness."

From one of his counsel sessions: "This young woman knew that she would die in the next few days. But when I talked to her, she was cheerful in spite of this knowledge. 'I am grateful that fate has hit me so hard,' she told me."

"In my former life I was spoiled and did not take spiritual accomplishments seriously." Pointing through the window of the hut, she said, "This tree here is the only friend I have in my loneliness."

"Through that window she could see just one branch of a chestnut tree, and on the branch were two blossoms. 'I often talk to this tree,' she said to me."

"I was startled and didn't quite know how to take her words. Was she delirious? Did she have occasional hallucinations? Anxiously, I asked her if the tree replied. 'Yes.' What did it say to her? She answered, 'It said to me, 'I am here — I am here — I am life, eternal life.'"

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"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ," 2 Corinthians 1:20 says.

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?"

"Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God (Psalms 42:5)."

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a Texas judge and assistant attorney general, a World War II veteran in the U.S. Army, and an author.

Yarborough was in Kennedy's motorcade during the president's assassina-

tion in 1963 in Dallas.

The planning committee for Chandler's 50th-anniversary celebration is scheduled to meet at City Hall on March 18, at 6 p.m. Call 903-849-4122.



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