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2008 BusinessWoman of the Year

McGathey brings sports lessons onto IT field

Information Technology Winner

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Cynthia McGathey was a high school sports standout, competing in baseball, softball, volleyball, gymnastics and track and field. And the lessons she's learned on the playing field have made her a star in the business arena.

"You learn how to be on a team," McGathey said, now COO and chief information officer at **FrankCrum**, a payroll and human resources outsourcing firm based in Clearwater. "You play with people who are better than you, equal to you, and worse than you. You have to make it all work together."

McGathey joined the company in 2006 as chief information officer and immediately had her hands full, overseeing the implementation of three major software packages in just six months. She was soon promoted to COO, and given oversight of the accounting department.

McGathey is this year's Information Technology BusinessWoman of the Year.



Kathleen Cabbie

Cynthia McGathey said going through boom and bust cycles has helped her learn how to hire and retain the best employees.

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