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McLean ISD Offers Intervention Programs



Reading Recovery and "The Take Flight Program" for dyslexia are both programs implemented by McLean ISD.

Reading Recovery, developed by educator Marie Clay in New Zealand, is a short term intervention program for first graders. Children meet individually with a specially trained teacher for 30 minutes each day for an average of 12-20 weeks. McLean's Reading Recovery teacher is Mrs. Shelli Long. The goal is for children to develop effective reading and writing strategies in order to work within an average range of classroom

performance.

Reading Recovery is an early intervention. Proficient readers and writers develop early.

Initial teacher training is for one academic year with no loss of service to children. As teachers are trained, they simultaneously implement the program with children. Teachers become sensitive of student's reading and writing behaviors and develop skill in making moment-by-moment analyses that inform teaching decisions.

Following the initial year of training, teachers continue to participate in ongoing professional development. Mrs. Long



(Above)-Shelli Henderson explains components of The Take Flight Program. (Left) Shelli Long works with a student in Reading Recovery

attended a Reading Recovery seminar in Dallas in October.

Reading Recovery is not an isolated phenomenon in schools. Reading Recovery has a carefully designed plan for implementation into existing systems. "At McLean ISD, all first graders are tested through Observation Survey Testing. Those who test in the lowest average reading/writing level of the class are chosen for Reading Recovery," commented Mrs. Long.

Mrs. Long went on to say, "Each Reading Recovery lesson lasts 30 minutes. This is a one-on-one lesson that consists of

reading three familiar books with the teacher keeping a "running record" to track all strengths and weaknesses, taking words apart, writing a story and reading a new book.

According to Mrs. Long there is a very high TAKS passing percentage rate of students who have been in Reading Recovery the last 9 years it has been implemented.

Dyslexia, according to the Dyslexia Handbook published by the Texas Education Agency, means a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read or spell, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence and sociocultural opportunity.

The difficulties of a student identified as having dyslexia occur in phonemic awareness and manipulation, single-word decoding, reading fluency, reading comprehension, spelling and/or written expression.

McLean ISD does formal screening for all students 3 times a year." If a student demonstrates characteristics of dyslexia,

formal assessments will be given. One in every 10 students has dyslexia and may or may not be modified," according to Mrs. Shelly Henderson, dyslexia teacher.

Mr. Dick Crockett, elementary/jr. high principal, researched many different programs to find the most effective program. He observed the Take Flight Program in a classroom. The Take Flight Program is a research based program developed by the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children located in Dallas. Mrs. Henderson later was sent to observe the program in action. "After completing extensive research on different programs available, I am confident that our school chose the appropriate program for our students," said Mrs. Henderson.

This past summer, Mrs. Henderson attended training in Lubbock at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas for 3

weeks. Throughout the year, she will travel to Lubbock for ongoing training. She will spend more of her summer next year in Lubbock for training. She will graduate in two years as a Dyslexic Therapist. There are only 600 therapists nationally and internationally.

The Take Flight Program is a transition from teacher directed lessons to student directed. It may start as early as 2nd grade. Students work on alphabet skills, spelling, phonemic awareness, comprehension and fluency. "As the program progresses, the students will be learning the origin of words. This will help them become more accurate spellers," said Mrs. Henderson.

Dyslexia classes may be composed of up to 6 students per class. McLean currently has 2 classes servicing 12 children. Students in these

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FLU SHOTS will be given Friday December 8th at the Young @ Heart Building.

TIGERS AND Lady Tigers play Miami December 12th at 6:30 PM in McLean.

TIGERS AND Lady Tigers play in the Ft. Elliot Tourney December 7th, 8th, and 9th.

CUBS AND Lady Cubs play Hodley December 11th at 6:00 PM in McLean.

CITY COUNCIL meets Dec. 11th at 6 PM at City Hall.

SCHOOL BOARD meets Dec. 18th at 7 PM in the school business office.

MCLEAN 4-H Club will meet at 4:30 PM on December 9th, at the Church of Christ Annex to go Christmas caroling.

CANNED FOOD drive for Loaves and Fishes at McLean ISD Nov. 27-Dec. 15.

BOOKSALE at Lovett Library, Nov. 27-Dec. 15. Book donations accepted.

THE MHS theater department will present "The Magic Well" December 14, 2006 at the McLean High School Auditorium. Call 779-2571 for reservations.

Troy Corbin Presented Distinguished Hygienist Award

Troy Corbin, formerly of McLean, was presented with the Distinguished Industrial Hygienist of the year at the Pacific Northwest Sectional Meeting of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. The award was presented October 26 and is in recognition of an industrial hygienist who has made "Continuous contributions to the profession of industrial hygiene."

Troy is a certified health and safety .See Corbin, pg. 8



Christmas Is Coming!
Be sure to stop by and pick out your Christmas Greeting at The McLean News Office, Today!



McLean School Menu

Breakfast-FRI-cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, juice and milk. MON-pop tarts, nutragrain bars, toast & jelly, fruit, juice and milk. Tues-waffles, ham, toast & jelly, juice and milk. Wed-French toast, toast & jelly, fruit, juice and milk. Thurs.(Dec 14)-omelettes, bacon, toast & jelly, juice and milk. LUNCH-Fri-hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle.

onion, chips, fruit and milk. Mon.-pizza dippers w/sauce, salad, peas, frozen fruit bars and milk. Tues.-bbq sausage, potato salad, carrots, corn bread, fruit and milk. Wed.-chicken fajitas, salad, refried beans, applesauce and milk. Thurs.-(Dec 14)-frito pie w/chili and cheese, pinto beans, salad, cake and milk.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 7 - Mary Emma Woods, Judy Orrick, Dawson Jackson, Bettie Warren.

December 8 - Bo Loya, Jamie Glass, Katy Graham.

December 9 - Allen Turpen.

December 10 - Peggy

Schmidt.

December 11 - Blain Carroll, Dorris Windom.

December 12 - Boyd Lee Thompson, Christina Darleen Sparling, Bobby Sanderson.

December 13 - Haylie Jade Hembree.

McLean FFA Competes In Leadership Conference At Valley

The McLean FFA traveled to Valley on November 13, 2006 to compete in Leadership contests of Radio and Quiz. The Radio 1 team included Lucas Webb, Veronica Hungate, and

Jamie Sanderson. The Radio 2 team included Evan McMordie, Lynda Fortune, and Sami Staton. Summer Morris, Lucas Webb, Mark Smith, and Evan McMordie participated in Quiz.

Corbin

professional. His certifications include: Certified Safety Professional, Certified Industrial Hygienist, and NFPA Certified Marine Chemist. He has worked as a health and safety professional in Texas, Oregon, Alaska, Washington, California and Singapore. He has conducted exposure surveys, risk assessments, and training throughout the United States and Asia. He continues to conduct a variety of health and safety risk assessments and surveys and provides expert witness services throughout the United States.

Troy is the President of Marine & Environmental Testing, Inc. in Portland, Oregon. Marine & Environmental Testing, Inc. is an environmental and occupational safety and health consulting company celebrating 20 years of service in Portland, Oregon. He is also an instructor for the OSHA Region X Training Center through the University of Washington.

Troy is the son of Troy and Jerry Corbin of McLean.

Memorial Services Held For Arnold Sharp



Memorial services for Arnold Sam Sharp, age 91, were held Dec. 5, 2006 at 2 PM at the First Baptist Church of McLean, Texas where he was a long time member. Pastors Kelly Raymond and Jim Reyna will conduct the services. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware funeral Home. Mr. Sharp died Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the Shamrock Hospital following a lengthy illness. His body was worn out and tired, and he has gone home to be whole again.

Mr. Sharp was born in Tuckerman, Arkansas, oct 13, 1915. The Sharp family moved to McLean in 1927. He married Wanda Geneva Blaylock in Wheeler, Texas, Jan. 9, 1937. They drove directly from Wheeler to a ranch northwest of McLean, where he was a cowboy and she became a ranch

cook. They had many adventures during those years.

Maturing during the Depression, Mr. Sharp worked at whatever was available and at various times was employed as a truck driver and cowboy.

At the beginning of WWII, they lived in Portland, Oregon where he worked in the shipyard. Shortly after daughter Peggy was born, they returned to McLean and he soon joined the navy, serving the remainder of the war in San Diego. After retirement from Warren Petroleum, he was a night watchman for McLean Feed Lot. Later, he and Wanda traveled frequently, working for his brother-in-law in construction. They also used their travel trailer for trips about the country, often taking two grandchildren with them.

They made countless trips to Dumas, never missing an activity in which either grandchild was involved. Arnold loved Wanda. They would have been married 70 years on January 9, 2007. She was his nurse during the past

few years and his best friend always. He was proud of his family and doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In his eyes they "might not always be right, but they could sure do no wrong." He saw to it that his family had everything they needed and most of what they wanted.

He loved horses his entire life and was still riding at the age of 78, when his health began to fail. His last horse, Punkin, was a gift from Creed and AnnaJean Lamb after Corky died. They could not imagine Arnold without a horse.

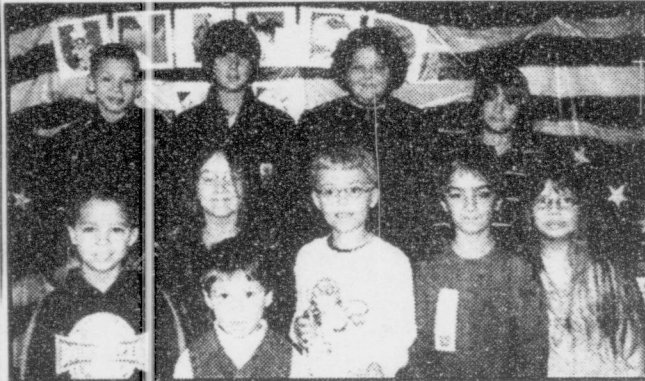
Mr. Sharp was preceded in death by parents Sam E. Sharp and Shell Fitzwater Sharp, brother Jack Sharp and sister Relia Sharp Ayers. His only son, Val, was killed in 1967 in Vietnam.

He is survived by wife, Wanda, of the home, daughter and son in law Peggy and Duane Bear of McLean, grandson Troy Lyle Gordia of Dumas, granddaughter Val Marie

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Students of the Week



McLean Students of the Week: (back to front) Denim Bailey, Tyler Lamb, Kendra Richardson, Jordan Herring, Chism Henderson, Camrynn Richardson, Wyatt Armbrister, Nick Raymond, Lauren Richardson and Dominic Azzazi

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classes usually exit from the program after two to three years and are mainstreamed into the regular classroom on grade level. However, they are monitored throughout their school years.

According to Mrs. Henderson, "There is no cure for dyslexia. We change the student for the world, because the world won't change for them." (Thanks to Shelli Long and Shelly Henderson for the information contributed to this article.)



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McLean Tigers & Lady Tigers

McLean Basketball Teams Win Games

The Lady Tigers traveled to Motley County November 28th and came away with a 63-48 win.

Sheri Haynes was high point for the Lady Tigers with 20 points. Alexis Mcnefield followed with 15 points and Brooke Seymour scored 15 points.

The McLean Lady Tigers lost one and won one basketball game in the Tomahawk Classic Tourney in Miami last Friday and Saturday. Thursday's game was cancelled because of the snowstorm that hampered travel in the area.

The Lady Tigers played White Deer on Friday. White Deer went on a 14-2 run in the first quarter, and although McLean fought back, the Lady Tigers could not overcome the slow start. McLean lost 31-36.

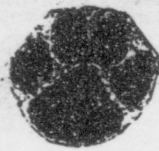
High point for the Lady Tigers was Alexis Menfield with 16 points.

The Lady Tigers returned Saturday to play Higgins and won 71-24.

DaShae Tolleson led the Lady Tigers with 15 points followed by Alexis Menfield with 11 points. Summer Morris scored 10 points and had 10 rebounds. Lady Tigers record is 3-4 for the year.

The McLean Tigers lost to White Deer last Friday in the Tomahawk Classic Basketball Tourney. White Deer showed why they are considered one of the top ranked basketball teams in the area winning over McLean 86-48.

The Tigers beat Higgins on Saturday 50-29. John Haynes led the team with 14 points. Chase Bohlar scored 10 points.



The McLean Cubs traveled to Kelton Monday night for their fourth game of the season and came away with a 49-6 win.

Tanner Cadra was high point for the Cubs with 10 points followed by Jordan Herring 7 pts., Clay Crockett 6 pts., Zach Seymour 6 pts., Jace McLain 6 pts., Dalton Richardson 6 pts., George Patterson 4 pts., Tyler Lamb 2 pts., and Johnathan Greene 2 pts.

The Cubs record is 4-0 and they will play the Hedley Owls on Monday, December 11. The game will be at home with the Lady Cubs starting at 6 PM.



Zach Seymour



Tanner Cadra

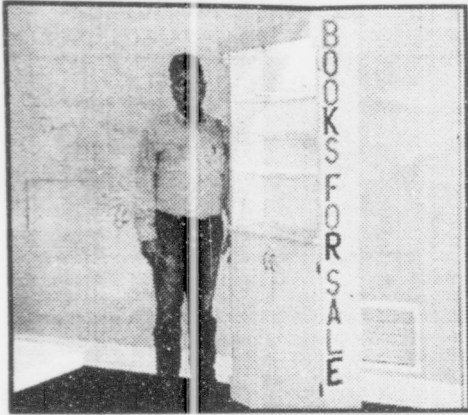


Clay Crockett



Jace McLain

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Winter Blasts McLean

The season's first snowstorm roared into the Texas Panhandle last Wednesday night and early Thursday closing schools and dumping around five inches of snow in the McLean area.

Northerly winds blowing 30-40 mph caused snowdrifts around town and temperatures remained below freezing Thursday and most of Friday.

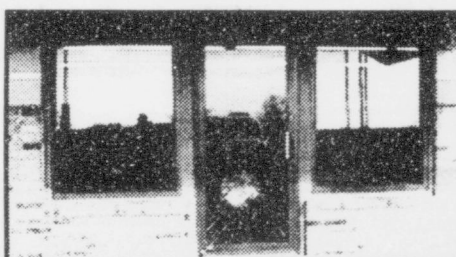
McLean ISD started school late and turned out

early Thursday, and began classes late on Friday.

Temperatures remained cold through the weekend giving everyone wanting to build snowmen or make snow angels the opportunity for winter fun.

The moisture from the snow was greatly needed and appreciated by the area farmers and ranchers.

A warming trend began on Monday and should continue through this week with highs in the 40's and 50's.



Vandals "hit" Wade Kirk's Auto Shop. Also vandalized was Trinity's youth building

Lions Club to Judge Christmas Decorations

Hurry and get the outside of your house and yard decorated. McLean Lion's Club is sponsoring a house and yard decoration contest. There will be three impartial, anonymous judges. Homes will be judged the night of Dec. 22nd, so be sure and have your Christmas lights on.

First prize will be \$50, 2nd prize will be \$30 and 3rd prize will be \$20.

Sharp and husband Larry Dutcher, great granddaughters Shelby Marie and Katie Jean Dutcher all of Dumas; and grandson Creede and Chloe Baer all of Daphne, AL; Kryslyn Baer and on step great-great-grandson of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made in care of the First Baptist Church of McLean, Po. Box 690 McLean, Tx, 79057.

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Jerry Waugh

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Thursday, December 7, 2006

Sharlene Lewis Buys Panhandle Store



Sharlene Lewis is branching out! Known for being one of the hardest working ladies in Groom, she has recently taken on a new enterprise. She has purchased the grocery store at Panhandle.

De Holliman, owner of the Panhandle store has retired after many long years making sure the people in the north end of Carson County had plenty to eat! Sharlene Lewis officially took over the week of Thanksgiving. The 1500 square foot store will offer her new

challenges, being more than twice the size of her Groom operation. She will have about 12 employees. Gilbert, who has been working in Groom will serve as a crew supervisor in Panhandle.

Sharlene stated that she will divide her time between the two places. She said she fears to rest about her plans for Groom.

"Groom will always be home base," she said, "I have no intention of

See Sharlene Lewis, pg. 3

Santa Saw



You better watch out!

Naughty List

Those who rearrange things in the middle of the night... You "bear-ly" get "pick of the litter"!

All those "Young 'uns" who went to Vegas and left all the old people home to work!

Naughty weather who lets so many pets escape from their yards via snow drifts.

Nice List

Joe Homer for cooking for the EMS team last weekend.

Daddy Slim Finck spending the day with his daughter, Hallie as they visited Santa Claus.

Some Kuehler girls home for a visit with Mom (Alice) and Dad (Breeze)

Brady Painter allowing the EMS Class to use him as a mock victim.



In this simulated accident, Brady Painter is cut out of the vehicle by local EMS.

EMS Holds Extrication Class

By Charlotte Whatley

The city of Groom Ambulance Service hosted an extrication class on Saturday, Dec. 2. The day long event began at 8:30 a.m. in the Long Distance Learning Lab at Groom ISD.

PJ Lemons Lifestar Coordinator from Northwest Texas Healthcare System was the first speaker. Lemons trained the class on landing

See Training Class, pg. 3



Community Calendar

Groom Drama Dept. To Host Dinner Theater



Marguite (Cady Wilson) does a little "tittle pounding" while Royce (Jas Roskens) does a little "eye rolling". Don't miss the fun at the Dinner Theater this Saturday!

The Groom Drama Department will hold a Dinner Theater on Saturday Dec. 9th in the Groom School Cafeteria

and Auditorium.

The production of "Dearly Departed" will be prefaced by a wonderful meal of Enchiladas, beans,

rice and salad by Letty & her Crew.

Get ready to be entertained by a southern comedy in which the Turpin family proves that living and dying in the south are seldom tidy and usually hilarious. Amidst the chaos, the family turns for comfort to their friends and neighbors, who just manage to pull together and help each other in their hour of need.

Cost for the event is \$8.00 adults and \$5.00 for students. The play only cost is \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 students. A Sunday Matinee will be held at 3:00 on Dec. 10 at the Play only price. All proceeds will go to benefit the Groom High School Drama Department.

JUNIOR HIGH basketball teams will play Sannorwood, there beginning at 6:00 p.m on December 11. This is their last game until after the holiday break.

THE CHRISTMAS Program at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church will be held on Wednesday, December 20th.

GROOM UNITED Methodist Church will have their Christmas Program on Dec. 13.

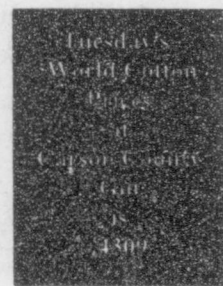
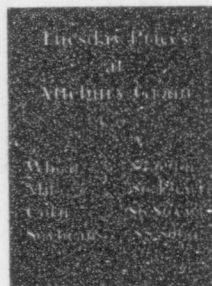
A CHRISTMAS Program will be held at the school on December 7 at 6:00 p.m. It will include Kindergarten - 6th grade.

HIGH SCHOOL basketball teams will play Ascension Academy at the WT Box beginning at 6:30 on Dec. 12. Varsity only. On Dec. 15, they will play Lazbuddie there, varsity only.

ONE ACT Play performance of "Dearly Departed" will be held on Dec. 9th at 6:30 in the school auditorium.



Be sure to stop by and pick out your Christmas Greeting at The Groom News Office, Today!



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Local Happenings



CITY OF GROOM
 water bills will be late this month due to computer problems. Please be patient. They will mail them as soon as possible.

WINTER BEGINS on Friday, December 22.

Visiting in the Tim & Tammy Case home during Thanksgiving, was Karen Case of Groom, Kay Case of Houston, John, Carla, William, Ryan, Kara, Andrew & David Nash of Panhandle; Billy Zigler of Panhandle, and Evan, Kristy, and Kylie Whitley of Madill, Oklahoma.

Visiting for a belated holiday with Katie Talley was her daughter Janie and her husband Alton of New Mexico.

TODAY, THURSDAY
 December 7 is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

City of Groom ~ Official Ballot

Home Decorating Contest

Please list your top three favorite homes by address or name.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Attention! Attention! Pick Up Your Pictures at the Groom News

The Groom News appreciates everyone who loans us pictures, however, we are running out of room! The following are just some of the pictures that need to be picked up:

- Ashford, Danny
- Ashford, Cassie
- Babcock, Denny
- Barnett, Donna
- Bichsel, Lynette
- Bolden, MB
- Britten, Maria
- Britten, Hop
- Britten, Wyatt
- Britten, Katy

- Britten, Chloe
- Britten, Clay
- Britten, Garrett
- Brown, Juanita
- Brown, Kevin
- Burger Girls
- Burgin, Brin
- Burgin, Toby
- Case, Tyler
- Cave, Harold
- Cinderella Tiny Tot
- Conrad, Karen
- Davis, Krisanne
- Eatmon, Allison
- Erwin, Cindy
- Father Jose
- Fields, Doug


- Friemel, Gary
- Hutsell, Mary
- Jordon, Sydney
- Knight, Ruth
- Kuehler, Ron
- Kuehler, Nichole
- Larson, Riley
- Littlefield, Roxie
- Littlefield, Russell
- Martin Girls
- Merrick, Lucille
- Morris, Ray
- Murray, Ashely
- Ollinger, Kelvin
- Painter, Billy
- Peters, Jason
- Ratterree, Laela

- Ritter, Clay
- Rose, Howard
- Schaffer, Sabrina
- Shuck, Jamie
- Stephens, Michele
- Stevens, Kyr
- Thornton, RB
- Treadwell, Betty
- Treadwell, Stacy
- Tucker, Toby
- Vincent, Sadie
- Weinheimer, Ben
- Welch family
- Weller, Christi
- Whitley, CJ

Groom Birthday and Anniversary

- December 8 - Brooke Britten, Kay Britten, Forrest and Patti McLaughlin (A).
- December 9 - Steve Carey
- December 10 - Jerry Ashford, Jimmy Burgin.
- December 11 - Evelyn Schaffer, Sidney Mansel, Owen Weinheimer, Chad Barkley, Tabitha McCoy.
- December 12 - John Stephens, Floyd Wills, Barbic Bowen.
- December 13 - Patsy Fraser, Janyth Bowers.

Come join us for a Christmas Open House!



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 We hope to see you at our front door,
 Sunday, December 10th - between 2pm and 4.
 -Curtis & Dondra Downs
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Training Class

zone specifications, safety procedures concerning loading patients on the aircraft and patient qualifications for transport.

Tony Rocha of the Department of Public Safety visited with the class concerning how many entities of Carson County work together to provide a professional and safe environment for Fire, EMS, TXDOT and Law Enforcement.

Randall Patterson of Texas Department of Transportation shared with the class the importance of visibility and the awareness of what is going on around you on I-40. He led the class in an exercise to prove his point on how to dress for safety and how to improve effectiveness when guiding traffic at accident.

Mike Seifker Amarillo Fireman, Claude EMS Director and co-instructor for Groom EMS class taught each class member how to use the "jaws of life," "spreaders," plus other equipment to gain access to victims of motor vehicle collisions. Brent Stephens represented the Groom Fire Department and assisted Seifker. Hands on instructions were given to each student. The group gained access to two vehicles in different positions and packaged patient, Brandy Painter effectively.

Dinner was served at the city of Groom Ambulance Bay. Mayor Joe Homer grilled sausage,

trimmings were prepared by Sharon Prather. Charlotte Whatley decorated the bay in the spirit of Christmas.

Tony Treadwell, Daniel Treadwell, and Corkey Hickey provided, transported and disposed of the vehicles used during the class. Slim Finck cleaned the school parking lot at the conclusion of the day.

In attendance were: Charlotte Whatley - EMS Director, Kerry Jenkins - EMT, Sharon Prather - EMT, Doug Kling - EMT, Jason Prather, Jason Peters, Jim Goheen, Chris Welch and Coach Ritchie Tarbet all EMT Students.

Emergency Medical Technician Students concluded five month's of in class instruction on Tuesday night. Students are in the process of completing 24 hours of clinical instruction in the emergency room at Northwest Texas Hospital and an additional 24 hours of clinical time on Amarillo Medical Services (ambulance). A National Registry Exam will complete their certification process. This will be only the beginning of their training. Continuing education requirements are mandatory and are strictly enforced locally and regionally.

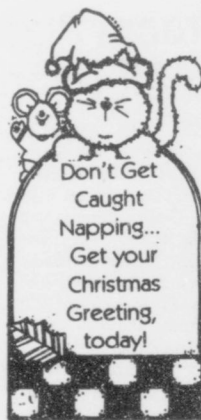
The City of Groom Ambulance Service is trying to provide competent, professional medical care to those in need. The service is

providing 24 hour, seven day a week coverage. A certified EMS professional is on call at all times with a trained licenced driver. The ambulance meets all requirements required by the Department of Health and Panhandle Emergency Medical Services. The truck itself has all basic required equipment for oxygen administration and bandaging. Advanced equipment includes a 12 lead heart monitor/defibrillator, capnography, and glucose monitoring and drug administration capabilities. The truck and equipment is inspected daily for quality control.

Currently staffing the City of Groom Ambulance Service is EMT's - Rick Prather, Sharon Prather, Dustin Babcock, Lance Ollinger, paramedics - Charlotte Whatley-director and Kerry Jenkins. Drivers are Buck Babcock, Gary Don Babcock, Cody Babcock, Daniel Treadwell, Corkey Hickey, Terry Stevens, John Bohr and Pam Gilson.

Sharlene Lewis Assumes Panhandle Grocery Store Mangement

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Cause No. 3544 - Steven Chad Ellis, pled guilty to a State Jail Felony charge of possession of a controlled substance which occurred on Aug. 18, 2005. He was sentenced to 3 deferred adjudication and a \$1500 fine, plus court costs and restitution.

Cause No. 3679 - Jeffery Charles Oylar pled guilty to a State Jail Felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance on Nov. 10, 2006. He was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication and \$1500 fine.

Cause No. 3484 - Armando Fernandez pled guilty to a 1st degree felony charge of Possession of a controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver which occurred on November 27, 2006. He was sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication and a \$10,000 fine, court costs and restitution.

Cause No. 3571 - Faith Elizabeth Rodrick pled no contest to Money Laundering, a second degree felony charge and was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication. The offense occurred on Nov. 10, 2005.

Cause No. 3680 - Eduardo Eduardo Ramirez pled guilty to a 1st degree felony charge of Possession of a controlled substance, that occurred on Sept. 12, 2006. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, and a \$1,000 fine.

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Groom Players Named To All-District Team

With the defeat of Samnorwood, the district All-Stars were recently announced. Several boys from Groom were named to the team. They are: Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Kade Brown, Joel Horn, Bryan Newton, T.J. Moraniec, and Josh Kelly.

Thane Barkley is a senior. He earned 1st team slots as Quarterback and Safety.

Blaine Britten was named to the 1st team as a Receiver and the 2nd team as a linebacker. He was named to the TSMCA All-Star alternate. He is also a senior.

Senior Kade Brown was named Cornerback, 2nd team.

Honorable mention went to two other seniors,

Joel Horn for defensive utility player and Bryan Newton for Special teams player.

Junior T.J. Moraniec was named to the 2nd team as a receiver.

Josh Kelly, who is only a sophomore, was named to the 1st team as a Center and Defensive End.

Congratulations to all the team members on a very good season. Thanks to our seniors for the many years of excitement they have provided to all the fans and for carrying on the tradition of "Tiger Pride." To the underclassmen recipients, we look forward to watching you improve and provide new leadership in the years to come!



Get in the holiday spirit with a night on the town! Get Dinner and a Play by attending the Groom Drama Departments production of "Dearly Departed." See if Juniors "Slurpee" get thrown in his face or accepted by his true love. Don't miss the fun!

Groom School Menus

LUNCH

Monday - Steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, milk and chocolate no-bake cookies.

Tuesday - Chicken Fajitas, lettuce, tomatoes, pineapple, sauteed onion, green peppers, and milk.

Wednesday - Corn Dogs, macaroni & cheese, tater tots, pickle spears, applesauce and milk.

Thursday - Lasagna, salad, fried okra, fruit cocktail, bread sticks and milk.

Friday - Pizza, salad pears, crackers, and milk.

The following is the breakfast and lunch menu for the week of Sept. 18-22

BREAKFAST

Monday: Muffins, cold cereal, juice & milk

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

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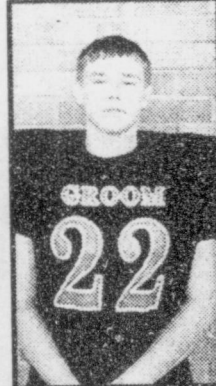
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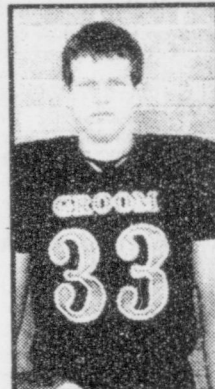
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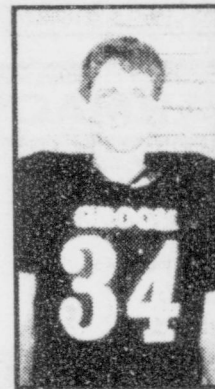
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City of Groom Ambulance Department Report

By Charlotte Whatley
EMT Classes continue through November and will conclude Dec. 2

Charlotte Whatley conducted a blood pressure Clinic at the Annual Sr. Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner and handed out safety materials on CO2 and Food Poisoning provided by Poison Control.

The service responded to seven calls in the month of November; two transports, 1 football standby and four non-transports.

Groom Ambulance Service Board met on November 9, at the GEDC Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The board approved the purchase of a

"Capnography Unit" which will bring the ambulance into compliance for 2007 PEMSS Protocols. Safety jackets were purchased to provide visibility for service members.

A Zoll representative provided a training class November 7, for the 12 Lead Heart Monitor and performed updates to comply with American Heart Association's new guidelines.

Charlotte Whatley has completed a detailed job description, requested by the city of Groom. Computer Solutions (Groom Ambulance Service Billing Service) is in the process of completing an application for a new Medicare

Provider number. Charlotte has compiled the needed information and is assured the process is underway.

New pagers are at Hawkins in Pampa being programed. These pagers were purchased through a PRPC Grant and will be in the hands of Groom Volunteers as soon as possible.

A total of 984 hours were donated by volunteers: Sharon Prather, Rick Prather, Dustin

Babcock, Lance Ollinger, Kerry Jenkins, Jason Prather, Jason Peters, Chris Welch, Buck Babcock, Pam Gilson, Terry Stevens, Daniel Treadwell, Corkey Hickey, John Bohr and Jim Goheen.

Deadline One Week Away For EQIP

The sign up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP) is only one week away and very few applications have been taken to date to participate in the program in Carson County. If you have cropland acres that are odd-shaped, or not productive enough to justify the annual expense to plow plant spray and harvest, the EQIP program offers one solution. Cost-share funds are available to help plant a cover crop, plant a grass mix of either native or introduced species and do one week control during the first

growing season. Applications to plant cropland to grass would score among the highest since this prate does the most to reduce erosion rates from wind and water of any conservation practices used on cropland acres. There are many other eligible cost-shared practices to apply on cropland ranging from terraces, to installing new pivot on previously row watered country, converting existing pivots to more efficient systems and replacing leaky underground pipeline.

Eligible practices on rangeland include fencing, brush management, and livestock water development (including solar pumps, submersible wells, tubs and pipeline). All practices except new

pivots are cost-shared at 50% of our established average cost. For more information, call (806-537-3533 ext. 3) or come by the NRCS office in Panhandle in the south end of the Happy State Bank Building. Additional information, including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and cost-share rates for all program, can also be found on the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.



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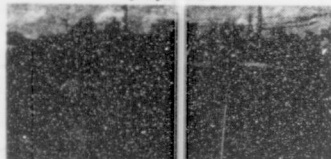
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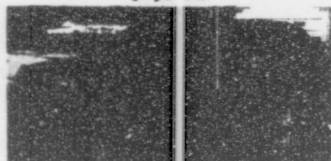
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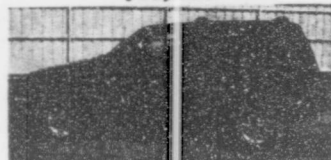
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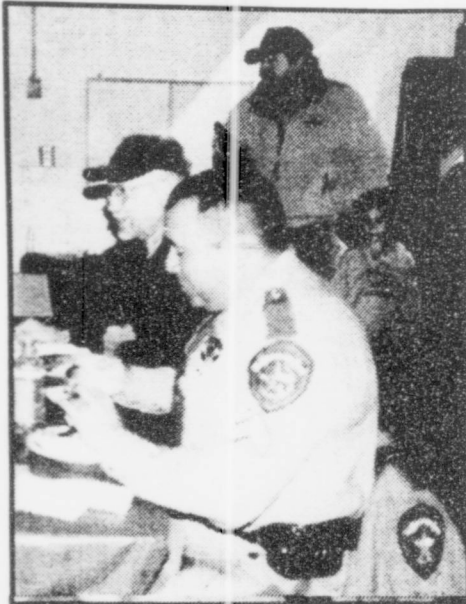
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Pair of Drug Stops Add 4 to Carson County Jail



Tony Rocha and Randal Patterson conducted part of the workshop and then enjoyed a meal with the EMS team.

Groom- Saturday proved to be a productive day as troopers made 2 traffic stops along I-40 which resulted in the arrest of 4 subjects and the seizure of both Marijuana and Methamphetamine.

The first stop occurred at 11:24 a.m. when troopers stopped a 2006 Dodge Dakota pickup traveling eastbound on I-40, 2 miles east of Groom, for a traffic

violation. After consent to search was given, troopers later found 2,720.00 Grams of Methamphetamine hidden inside the air breather of the vehicle. The Meth, which was found in 2 bundles, has an estimated value of \$220,320.00.

Arrested on drug related charges and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle were 43 year old Heriberto R. Bajo of Rodeo New Mexico and 47 year old Basilio Ramos of Casa

Grande Arizona. Investigators believe this load originated in Casa Grande Arizona and was headed to Columbia Missouri.

The second stop occurred at 5:00 p.m. when a 2005 GMC Sierra pickup pulling a utility trailer was stopped traveling eastbound, 13 miles west of Groom. This time, 281 pounds of Marijuana was found inside the bed of the pickup and also inside

the tool box. The Marijuana has an estimated value of \$118,301.00.

Arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug charges were 39 year old Adolfo Rodriguez of Hobbs New Mexico and 26 year old Adam Robert Rodriguez of Donna Texas. Investigators believe this load originated in El Paso Texas and was headed to Oklahoma City Oklahoma.

Boys Place 2nd At Tournament

The Groom Cagers went to Rising Start Tournament last week. Bad weather caused the game to start late. The girls faced off with Strawn for their first game. Rachael Hopkins led the scoring for Groom with 10 points. Korri Britten added another 5, Michaela Roskens 4 and Cady Wilson 2. Single points were earned by Ashley Murray and Ashley Evans. The final score was Groom 23-Strawn 44.

The girls drew a bye for their second game.

In the final games for Consolation, Groom lost to Cross Plains, 25-35. Cady Wilson led the scoring with 9 points. Rachael Hopkins added another 8 points. Korri Britten scored 4 points and Ashley Evans added 2.

The boys also played Strawn in their opening match as well. They won 36-28. T.J. Moranic was high point with 12. Thane Barkley scored 8. Blaine Britten led the scoring with 20 points. T.J. Moranic added 17. Eric Torres scored 12 points. Thane Barkley contributed 10 points.

In the match for the trophies Groom squared off against Cross Plains. Josh Kelly lead scoring with 11 points. Thane Barkley added another 9. T.J. Moranic scored 8 points. Blaine Britten added 3 and Kade Brown scored 2. The Tigers earned the 2nd place trophy with a final score of 33-48.

Junior High Cagers Play

The Groom Junior High Cubs faced off with Hedley on Monday night. The teams split the wins with the Groom Cub-ettes losing 27-37.

Maddie Wieberg was the high point scoring 12 points each. Holly Kuehler put up 7 more. Hali Bohr scored 3 more points. Rebekah Roskens and Neva Corley each added another 2 points.



This was one piece of highway equipment that we were all glad to see last Thursday and Friday. Highways crews stayed busy around the clock keeping the road clear of the snow driven by 30 mile an our winds. Thanks for our diligent road crews for helping keep our travelers safe.

Teams Play AA

Groom Basketball teams faced off with Ascension Academy last week. In the Girls game the Groom won by a narrow margin, 42-40. Korri Britten was high point with 15. Cady Wilson scored 10. Robin Burnett and Korri Britten each scored 8 points each. Michaela Roskens added a point for the win.

In the Boys match Groom won handily 63-34. Thane lead the team to victory with 24 points. T.J. Moranic scored 14, Kade Brown earned 7 points. Blaine Britten 6, and Eric Torres 5. Joel Horn scored 3 and Josh Kelly 2 and Tyler Babcock 2.

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