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Palestine "Pally" Drum has seen covered wagons, men on the moon and computers in her lifetime.

Palestine Drum Celebrates Her 102nd Birthday At Care Center

Palestine Drum celebrated her 102nd birthday on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at the McLean Care Center.

Palestine was born in Colorado City, Texas on December 1, 1903.

Her family came to honor her with cake, punch

and presents.

Those present were daughter, Mary Jones; son Bill Gething and wife Grace; grandson, Mark Gething; grandson, Grant Gething and wife Joyce; great-grandson Jake Gething and Maurita and Clinton Spridling.

Artist Richard Steele To Be Featured At North Fork Antiques

Watercolor artist Richard Steele will demonstrate his painting techniques at North Fork Antiques in McLean Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to come by the store and watch Steele work, according to JoAnn Jones, partner at the store. "Richard is a former Pampa Artist of the Year and does an especially good job capturing the Texas panhandle landscapes," Jones said.

Steele's watercolors are on display at North Fork. He will work primarily on miniatures Saturday, so that he can complete the paintings in the time allotted.

"Anyone who likes to paint or who is simply interested in watching a good artist at work will enjoy this demonstration," Jones said.

The antique store is completing a three day Christmas Open House with the painting demonstration.

Smith Honored For 42 Years Of Service



Harold "Casper" Smith was honored on November 28, 2005 at the United States Post Office in McLean for his 42 years of service.

Presenting the award was Don Jones, MSC Manager of Lubbock, Texas. The Service Award was given in commemoration of Mr. Smith's 42 years of service, good reputation and loyalty

to the United States Postal Service.

Also present at the ceremony in honor of Mr. Smith was McLean Mayor, Bob Martin.

"It has been a pleasure serving the people of McLean," stated Smith. "I do miss them and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



Christmas Carolers bundle up to share the songs of the season with McLean residents.

Mayor Bob Martin, and Don Jones congratulate Casper Smith on 42 years of service to the US Post Office.

LOCAL HAPPENING

CITY WIDE Merchant Open House is today and tomorrow. Shop in McLean!

CITY COUNCIL Meets on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

NO SCHOOL Dec. 19 - January 3 for Christmas Holiday.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Business Office.

SANTA WILL BE at the Bank of Commerce on December 13.

CHRISTMAS OPEN House at the home of Don and Betty Taylor on Dec. 11, 1-5 p.m.

CALL TODAY to place your Christmas Greeting in the McLean News. 779-2141.

THE ALAN REED Community Center will have Santa on Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m. Bring your camera. A small gift will be provided for the children. Concession stand available.

ELEMENTARY Music Program, December 15 at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

SPECIAL OLYMPIC vs. McLean I.S.D. staff Basketball game December 16 at 9:30 a.m. in New Gym.

SCHOOL WILL Dismiss on Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. for Christmas Holiday.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 8 - Bo Loya, Jamie Glass, Katy Graham
 December 9 - Allen Turpen
 December 10 - Peggy Schmidt
 December 11 - Dorris Windom
 December 12 - Boyd Lee Thompson, Christina Darleen Sparling, Bobby Sanderson
 December 13 - Haylie Jade Hembree, Creed Lamb
 December 14 - Sheri Haynes, Jeff Pike

McLean School Menus

for the week of Dec. 12-16

BREAKFAST
 Monday: Pop Tarts, Nutri Grain Bars, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Tuesday: Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Wednesday: French Toast, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Thursday: Breakfast Pockets, Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese, Salad, Refried Beans, Cake, Milk
 Tuesday: Chicken Parmesan, Corn, Salad, Texas Toast, Cheesecake, Milk
 Wednesday: Turkey and Rice, Gravy, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk
 Thursday: Steak Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Potato Wedges, Pudding, Milk
 Friday: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Brownie Troops Hold Ceremonies

On Thursday, December 1, Brownie Girl Scout Troop #128 had an investiture ceremony for first grade Brownies Jacey Bailey, Callie Crockett, Ashley Ferguson, Hailey Hutchison, Chelsie Jasper, Daniela Rodriguez, Rachel Soto and Shiner Webb. At this time they received their Brownie vests and pin.
 Brownie Troop #25 had a rededication ceremony for second and third grade Brownies. Those Brownies were Dezeray Blaylock, Jordan Cox, Summer Ferguson, Bailey Herring, Jasmine Montoya, Shelby Passmore, Camryn Richardson, Kendalyn Richardson and Charlie Webb.
 Following the ceremonies, the girls and their guests enjoyed refreshments.

Obituary

Doiel Wayne Wrightson of Venice Wright was born on September 14, 1944. He passed away on November 22, 2005 in Santee, California.
 He is survived by his wife Sandy of the home; his mother, Venice

Wright of McLean, Texas; two sisters, Sue Key of Texarkana, Arkansas and Elizabeth Thompson of Amarillo, Texas.
 He attended school in McLean and served twenty two years in the Navy.

Three Local Organizations Go Christmas Caroling

Three groups representing McLean went Christmas caroling Thursday night on two flat beds filled with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H and 4-Clover members.
 Troops 25 and 128 Brownies were led by Julie Ferguson, Betty Morgan and Nama Webb and service leader Evelyn Shaw. Members of the Brownies were Rachel

Soto, Rosa Soto, Ashley Ferguson, Charlie Webb, Jacey Bailey, Kendalyn Richardson, Camryn Richardson and Hailey Hutchison.
 Junior Troop 126 was led by Ella Mac Reyna and Tracie Cooper. The members of this troop were Mariah Woodriddle, Rena Smith, Miranda McMordie, Britnie Cooper and Becca Reyna.

The Boy Scouts were led by Heidi Wells. The scouts were Daniel Hutchison, Danny Wells, David Wells, Andrew Ingles. Heidi also led the Daisy Scouts. These included Trista Greenwood, Brooke Alley and Ariel Michalenko
 4-H and 4-Clover leaders were Linda Syfrett and Sally Bohlar. These members were Rachel Young, Dakota

Greenwood, Cassandra Ingle, Tammy Syfrett, Saber Bohlar, Becca Reyna, Erna Smith, Britnie Cooper, Kendra Richardson. The Clover kids were Daniel Wells, David Wells, Jack Reyna and Trista Greenwood.

they were led by Tammy Syfrett.
 The most important stop according to leaders was the nursing home. Then after that the kids went caroling through the streets of McLean. After caroling, a special fellowship was

held at the Church of Christ annex with lots of yummy food and plenty of hot chocolate.
 The kids wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



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McLean Cubs Celebrate Victory Over Kelton Lions

The McLean Cubs clinched a victory Monday night in Kelton. Scoring in the first quarter were Tanner Cadra with a to point shot and two free throws. Jordan Herring Hogan Ketcherside and Clay Crockett each scored two points. Kelton answered with two points of their own, making the end of the first quarter score 10-2.

In the second quarter, Jace McLain, Tyler Lamb, Hogan Ketcherside and Clay Crockett each scored two points. Tanner Cadra made four points and

Robert Morrow added to the score with six points. The half-time score was 28-4.

The third quarter had Jace McLain, Jordan Herring and Tyler Lamb

each scoring two points and Tanner Cadra added four. The scoreboard at the end of the third quarter showed 38-8.

Miami Tourney Unsuccessful For Tigers

The McLean Tigers traveled to Miami this weekend to participate in the Miami tournament.

The Tigers faced off against the Adrian and Ft. Elliott teams. The Tigers lost the first round against Adrian with a score of 60 - 35.

In the second game of the tournament, the Tigers were defeated in a close game against Ft. Elliott

with a final score of 47 - 41.

Leading the Tigers in points was John Haynes with 34. Ronnie Alexander put 16 points on the board and Mandan Conklin followed close with 15.

Jacob Tolleson added five points. Kevin Smith and Zach Richardson each had four. Chase Bohlar added two more for the Tigers.

Kelton made a run in the fourth quarter, putting up 15 points, but it was not enough against the Cub's nine points. Of those nine points, Tanner Cadra made one. Jordan Herring Tyler Lamb and Clay Crockett each had two. One of Kelton's players also added a two point bucket for the Cub.

Helping out on the floor were Dalton Richardson, George Patterson, Corey Graham, Tyler Britt and Jacob Azzazi.

The final score was McLean Cubs 47, Kelton Lions 23. The Cubs will host Trinity next Monday night.

Nursing Home Welcomes Carolers

A large group of children came to the nursing home on Thursday, December 1 to sing Christmas Carols to the residents. They were from clubs of Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

They were accompanied by leaders Tracie Cooper, Julie Ferguson, Nama Webb, Wanda Lamb, Betty Morgan, Heidi Wells, Linda Syfrett, Sally Bohlar, Ella Mac Reyna, Jack Syfrett, L.H. Webb and Jeremiah Soto.

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New Life Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Mahlon Richardson
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday night Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church Railroad Street
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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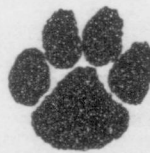
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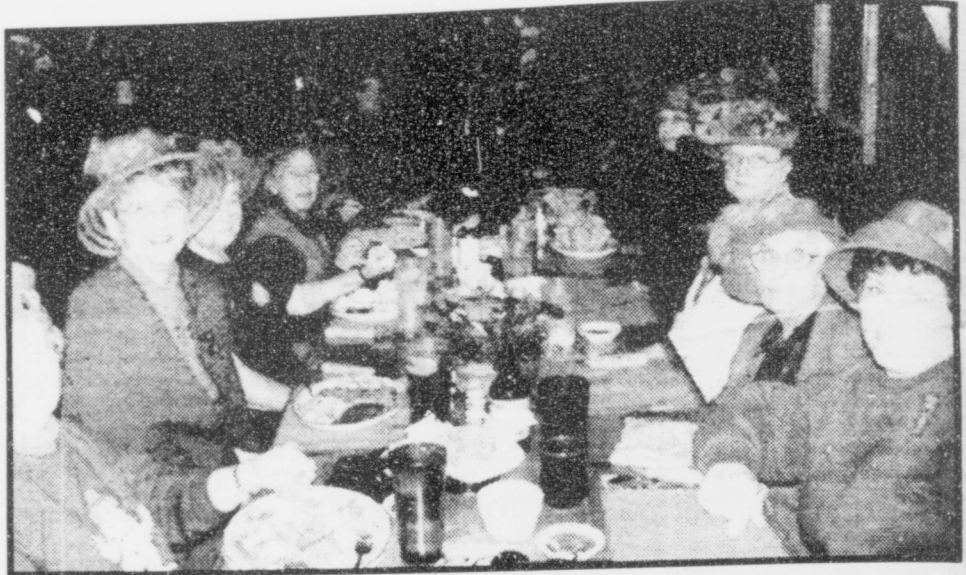
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Above - Mary Lou Glass and Shirley Ennis are just two of the "Red Hat" Ladies who came to the Red River Steakhouse to celebrate Christmas. Right - The Red Hatters look very festive as they enjoy a meal and gifts in their celebration of Christmas.



Francis Decedents Hold Annual Family Reunion

By Zora Billingsley
Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Francis were pioneers in McLean. Every year decedents try to get together for a family reunion. Recently, our annual Francis Cousins held their annual family reunion and party. The hostess was Nora Loveland of Dallas. Nora's twin sister resides in the care Home on Calumet Road. The primary car giver of the home is Mrs. Pamela Jean Joner, a former McLean resident with her husband, Jimmy Don Jones.

Pamela's Dad was a plumber, Ray Brooks. They resided in McLean at the Watt's Motel. The hostess in 2004 was to have been Mrs. Viola Francis Gum, but she passed away in Aug. 2004 and it was too late in the year for anyone else to take over the planning. We lost four Francis cousins since our party in 2003. They were: Harold Petty in October 2004, Viola Gum in August 2004, Charles Francis died in 2005 as did another former resident of McLean, Ernestine Francis Wood of Lubbock.

Harold Petty lived in Moberly, Mo. Charles lived in Fallbrook, CA, and of course, Viola, lived in Amarillo at the time, but was from Canyon. Mrs. Wood lived in Lubbock. Six of our cousins had died before the Francis began their annual party. W.E. James, Jr. son of Mr. W.E. James, Sr. and Grace Francis James, R.M. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Francis of Perryton. They were Mrs. Mildred Francis Walker of Perryton, Ralph H Francis and Mrs. Lucille Francis and Apple of Perryton

Three of our cousins could not be here in 2005 because of illness or distance. There were Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Petty of Abilene, TX; Mr. and Mrs. Earnest N. James of Coppell, TX; and Mrs. Ona Grace Francis Morris and her husband of Eufala, OK. Since we now only number eight of the original 18, five were present in 2005. They were Irona Francis Langston of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Francis of Kress, Mrs. Loveland of Dallas, Mrs and Mrs. Kenneth Tubbs

of Dumas and Mrs (aforementioned) of Billingsley, Amarillo.

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EXHIBIT D-1

MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

| Data Control Codes | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS) | Variance With Final Budget Positive or (Negative) |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | Original | Final | | |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 1,399,241 | \$ 1,399,241 | \$ 1,652,731 | \$ 253,490 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 256,839 | 256,839 | 420,522 | 163,683 |
| 5000 Total Revenues | 1,656,080 | 1,656,080 | 2,073,253 | 417,173 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 794,737 | 795,740 | 822,455 | (26,715) |
| 0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services | 21,528 | 21,528 | 29,414 | (7,886) |
| 0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development | 7,840 | 1,340 | 432 | 908 |
| 0021 Instructional Leadership | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,500 | (500) |
| 0023 School Leadership | 129,700 | 130,800 | 113,909 | 16,891 |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services | 34,180 | 34,180 | 19,965 | 14,215 |
| 0033 Health Services | 150 | 150 | 166 | (16) |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 42,815 | 42,815 | 31,940 | 10,875 |
| 0036 Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities | 81,910 | 78,760 | 64,906 | 13,854 |
| 0041 General Administration | 123,060 | 123,494 | 129,418 | (5,924) |
| 0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations | 216,600 | 211,825 | 193,947 | 17,878 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 48,060 | 48,060 | 46,940 | 1,120 |
| 0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt | 92,500 | 92,110 | 95,495 | (3,385) |
| 0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt | 5,000 | 5,000 | 3,194 | 1,806 |
| 0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 20,000 | 20,000 | 19,950 | 50 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 1,619,080 | 1,606,802 | 1,573,631 | 33,171 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 37,000 | 49,278 | 499,622 | 450,344 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 8911 Transfers Out (Use) | 42,000 | (42,712) | (29,267) | 13,445 |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 42,000 | (42,712) | (29,267) | 13,445 |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | 79,000 | 6,566 | 470,355 | 463,789 |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | - | 882,417 | 882,417 | - |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 79,000 | \$ 888,983 | \$ 1,352,772 | \$ 463,789 |

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DON'T FORGET order your Christmas Greeting... deadline is Dec. 19.

WATER COLOR DEMONSTRATION by Richard Steele at North Fork Antiques. Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come for five minutes or come for the whole session and watch an artist at work. Christmas Open House at North Fork Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Refreshments. Half-price sale.

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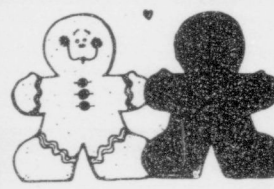
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Betty Treadwell Bids Farewell to Blizzards and Belt Busters!

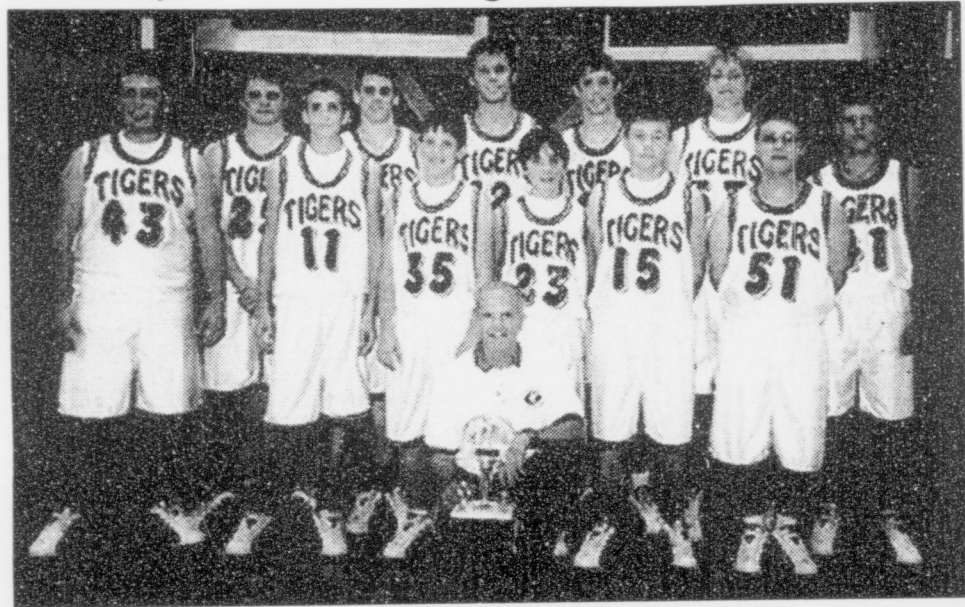
Groom residents turned out in force over the weekend to wish Betty Treadwell a happy retirement. The event was hosted by the current owners, Michael and Megan Beakley and Manager Alma Burns, and friends Rose England, Sybil Brown, Shirley Burgin, Neysa Friemel and Shirley Sustaire. Betty was presented a lovely plaque and a \$300

gift certificate from the company.

When Betty Treadwell became the manager of the Dairy Queen in 1986, no one knew that she along with her friend and assistant manager, Jackie Bichsel, would be creating something so special that it would be a hard act to follow. For nearly 20 years, the

See BETTY, pg. 3

Groom Tigers Bring Home Top Trophy From Rising Star Tournament



The Groom Tigers were named Champions of the Rising Star Invitational Tournament last week end. Eight teams competed in the 3 day event. Thane Barkley

was named MVP of the tournament and T. J. Moraniec was named to the All-Star Team.

The winning streak started with a 10 point win over Lometa. T.J. Moraniec lead Groom to

victory as high point with 19. Thane Barkley contributed 11. Chard Barkley added 7. Blaine Britten put up 5 and Javier Caro 2. The final was Groom 44, Lometa 34.

The Tigers won the second match against Ranger. Thane Barkley had an outstanding game scoring 23 points. He was assisted by T.J. Moraniec

See BASKETBALL, pg 6

Drama Dept. To Perform "Hank The Cowdog"



The 2005-2006 Groom High School Drama Department is please to present their fall

production of two one act plays based "Hank the Cowdog" based on the award winning books

authored by John Erickson. The production is scheduled for December
See DRAMA, pg. 6

Groom Community Calendar

DON'T FORGET the Mom's Day Out Christmas Program on Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church.

K-6TH Grade Holiday program will be held on Dec. 15. A silent auction to benefit the Yearbook Staff will occur.

FINANCIAL AID night at the school will be on Dec. 13. Watch the paper for more details

GROOM ONE Act play will hold a Dinner Theatre on Dec. 10. The meal will be at 6:30, the production of "Hank The Cowdog" will be presented at 7:30.

GROOM ISD will release early on Dec. 19 & 20 at 1:50 pm during the semester test schedule.

THE SCHOOL Gym will be closed from Dec. 22-26 in accordance with state law.

GROOM ISD'S Christmas program will be at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 15.

THE UNITED Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 p.m.



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Thank You!

I wish to thank everyone who came out this past Saturday to the Dairy Queen to make my "Retirement" Party such a nice day for me.

It was a wonderful and total surprisel
You are such a caring community, I am always proud to say I am from Groom, Texas.

Betty Treadwell

Local Happenings

Royce Brown was the guest of honor on Thanksgiving Day at the Groom Community Center. Those attending were Paula Brown; Raymond and Dee Brown & their grandchildren Jesse and Halie; Amy Brown and children Jacie and Justin; Scott and Pam Brown with their children Cassandra, Erynn, Zac and Victory; Jimbo and Rene Brown; all of Groom. Family members from out of town included Marr, Neva, Kaci and Wesley Cheng of Yukon, OK; Bobby & Jeanne Wakefield, Beth Wakefield and Brian of El Reno, OK.; Clinton, Amanda & Rachel Wakefield of Minco, OK; and Net, Ricky and Erica Brown of Childress.

Marshall Sherwood Is Home & on the Mend!

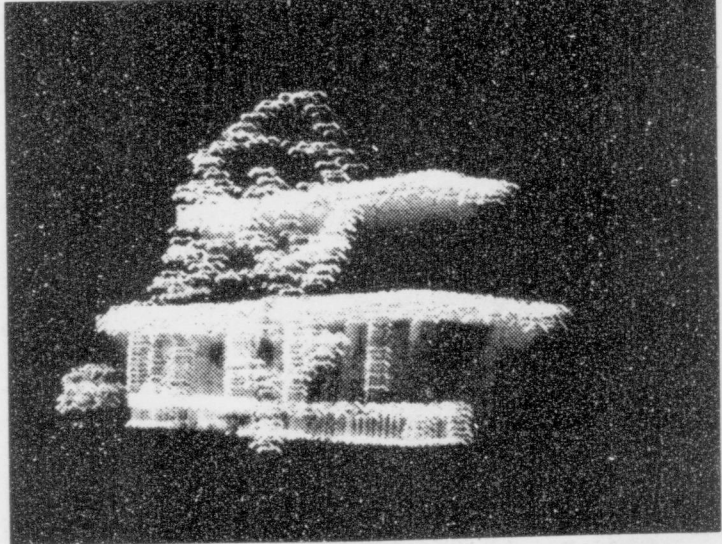
Marshall Sherwood is home after a long ordeal that has kept him down for a while. He is on the mend now and learning to manipulate his new prosthetic and a

Ill or Recovering

The following are ill or recovering this week: Margaret Whatley, Kamy Whatley, Jimmy Eritten, Sue Britten, and Margie Fraser Frederiksen.

Birthday & Anniversaries

December 8 - Brooke Britten, Kay Britten, Forrest and Patti McLaughlin (A).
December 10 - Jerry Ashford, Jimmy Burgin.
December 11 - Evelyn Schaffer, Sidney Mansel.
Owen Weinheimer, Chad Barkley.
December 12 - John Stephens, Floyd Wills, Barbie Bowen.
December 13 - Patsy Fraser, Janyth Bowers.
December 14 - Bill Hinson.



The Slim Finck home is looking festive! Don't forget to vote for your favorite home!

walker. He will be getting back into the work routine slowly... but he is planning on getting back just as soon as possible. He encourages everyone to give him a call, just to say "Hi" for now, but he will return to a limited practice very soon.



Jones New To Moore Home

Jolee (Burger) and Andy Moore are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jones Alexander Burger Moore. He arrived November 13, 2005 at 10:45 a.m. He weighted 9 pounds 10 ounces and was 21½ inches long. He was born naturally at Birth & Women's Center in Dallas, without the use of any medications or pain relievers, using the Bradley Method® of Natural Childbirth. Jones was welcomed by his big brother, Ronin, who turns two December 19. The Moores continue to reside in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They send everyone in Groom their best wishes for a happy and joyous holiday season.

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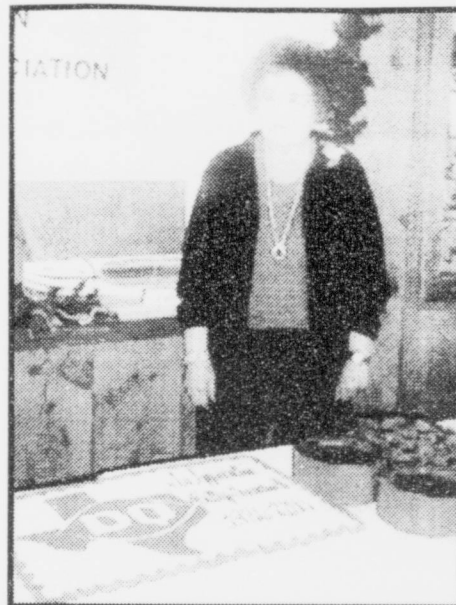
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Betty Treadwell just thought she was going to a Christmas Party!



Betty Treadwell is honored with a cake and lots of wishes for a wonderful future.



Friends turned out in force to wish Betty well in her retirement, after the many years that she has served to community by treating everyone who passed through the Dairy Queen as a neighbor.

Betty Retires

Groom Dairy Queen has been known for their great food and friendly people. It could have served as a model for other Dairy Queens around the country. But what is just about as important is the way people were treated. The atmosphere was always like a homecoming. Every person was treated like an old friend. Betty, Jack and all the ladies at DQ took so much pride in cooking the best food, making the place inviting and clean. The breakfast menu was practically legendary.

Numerous teenagers have earned their first taste of the business world by working at the Dairy Queen. If they copied Betty and Jackie's work ethic, they truly learned something about customer service.

When Jackie Bichsel passed away suddenly, Betty had to carry on, making adjustments with the help of many friends and co-workers. Betty continued as manager surviving the sale of the franchise through several different owners.

Betty continued making travelers down I-40 and all from the area always feel as they were sitting down at her very own kitchen table. Betty gave up the full time duties of manager in 2004 to spend more time with her husband, Troy and continued working part-time. She recently decided that it was time to leave the "Blizzards" and "Belt Busters" behind and devote her time to her family.

"We appreciate the hard work and long hours that Betty has put in for these many years," stated current owner, Michael Beakley, "But most of all we appreciate the friendship that she exhibited to the customers, to her co-workers and to the community. She will be missed!"

Mothers Day Out Christmas Program

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

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

Friday - Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH

Monday - Char-broiled beef steak, scalloped

potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, milk, chocolate no-bake cookies.

Tuesday - Steak Fingers or Fish Strips, french fries, Texas toast, pears, and milk.

Wednesday - Burritos with chili and cheese, bean dip, lettuce, chips, peaches and milk.

Thursday - Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, and milk.

Friday - Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbert and milk.

Junior High Teams Beat Silverton

Groom Junior High teams traveled to Silverton on Monday night and came back with a pair of victories.

Maddie Wieberg lead the scoring for the Ettes with 14 impressive points. Ashley Murray added another 12 points. Kerri Britten contributed 9, Hali Bohr 8, Neva Corley 5 and Cheyenne Kosechata 4.

The Ettes won 52-25.

In the boys game, the Cubs beat Silverton 38-18. Tyler Case lead the scoring with 12 points. Jacob Torres helped out with another 10 points. Eric Torres added 8. Shane King, Taylor Fields, Miles Friemel, and Michael Kelly each contributed 2 points.

High School Team Beat Ascension Academy

Groom High School Basketball teams played Ascension Academy in Amarillo last week.

The Ettes played a very close match against AA, trailing most of the game. The girls came through in the 4th quarter to win 37-34.

Kacie Galyearn was high point for the Groom team. She earned 6 rebounds, as well. Carev Carter scored 7 points with 6 rebounds. Sherri Britten added another 4 points and helped out defensively with 6 rebounds. Kyra Stevens and Michaela Roskens were defensive leaders with 7 and 8 rebounds respectively. Kyra also contributed 3 points and Michaela 2. Brandi Bates completed 3 rebounds to Groom's credit.

The Ettes now hold a 2-5 record. They will be playing Caprock, here on Dec. 9th and Ascension Academy here on Dec. 13.

The Tigers won their game 39-15. T. J. Moraniec lead the scoring with 10 points. Thane Barkley added another 9. Chad Barkley and Javier Caro each contributed 5 points. 4 points were

made by Blaine Britten and Blake Galyean. Josh Kelly scored 2 points.

BRITTEN TO HOLD INFORMATIVE PROGRAM

Travis Britten will be presenting an educational program on his adventures in the Appalachian Mountains on Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Don't miss this interesting account of his travels on the trail!



Travis has present his program at several area schools. Don't miss the chance to hear his tale.

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Yellow Voters Registration Cards In Mail

The new yellow voter registration card have been mailed according to Voter Registrar Jackie Lewis. Please watch your mail for the new cards that

will be good from January 1, 2006 until December 31, 2007. These cards are an important document to have to expedite voting procedures in the coming

year. Lewis wants everyone to be sure and sign the card on the front and make sure that all the information on the front is correct.

"Be sure to check that your name is spelled correctly, and that the permanent residence is listed as your current street address or 9-1-1 address if you live outside of city limits," she said.

The mailing address should show your post office box number, or your rural address or 911 address according to the way you normally receive your mail.

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incorrect or changes need to be made to the information provided, simply, turn the card over and may the corrections in the space provided. Sign the card and return it to the Carson County Tax Office. The corrections will be made and the card returned. If you are a registered voter have not received a card by the end of the week, call the Carson County Tax Office at 537-3412. If you are new to the county or need to register to vote please contact Jackie Lewis at the Voter Registration office at the above number.

Precinct 4 JP Office Needs Candidates

Randy Elliot, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 will resign effective January 1 to take a job as chief jailer with Carson County. The Commissioners Court have decided not to appoint someone or have a special election to replace him due to the fact

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Anyone interested in the position has until January 2, 2006 to file for a place on the ballot. Those interested should contact the County Clerks office for the requirements, to hold this particular office.

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Helen Winkcompleck Passes Away

GROOM- Helen Mae Winkcompleck, 68, passed away on December 4, 2005 in Groom.

Services will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. in the First United Methodist Church of Groom with Rev. Tom Moore of Canyon and Rev. Weldon Rives, Pastor and Rev. John Goss, Missionary officiating. Burial will be at the Groom Cemetery with the arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc of Clarendon.

Mrs. Winkcompleck was born on May 5, 1937 in Dixie, Oklahoma. She was a Claude resident for many years before moving to Groom on July 4, 1979. She married Dean Ray Winkcompleck on February 14, 1979 in Amarillo. She worked as a cashier and retail manager at 7-11 before her retirement. She loved being a homemaker and

dearly loved her family and friends. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Groom.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Horton in 1973.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Winkcompleck of Groom; 3 daughter, Ellen Gray of Groom, Regina Manker of Moriarty, NM, Angela Goss of Indonesia; 3 sons, Samuel Ray Horton of Reru, OK; Douglas Horton of Osage, OK; Jerry Winkcompleck of Amarillo; one sister, Imogene Cooper of Georgia; on brother Wilbur Wooton of Jennings IK; 20 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorial be sent to The American Heart Association, The First United Methodist Church of Groom or Groom EMS.

Windbreak and Large Trees Now On Sale

The McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for windbreak trees, wildlife tree seedlings and large potted trees. Some of the varieties evergreens being offered are Pinyon Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Scotch Pine, Spruce, Arborvitae and Austrian Pine. Hardwoods include Black Cherry, Bur Oak, Aromatic Sumac, Chokecherry, Cottoncaster, Green Ash, Lacebark Elm, Lombardy Poplar, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak and Sumac.

The wildlife packets contain 4 species of 25 seedlings equaling 100 seedlings. The are designed for quail, pheasant, deer, turkey and squirrel.

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BASKETBALL

and Chad Barkley with 6 points each. Blake Galyean contributed 4 points. Brandon Jenkins and Javier Caro each scored 3 points for Groom's side of the scoreboard. Blaine Britten put up 2 points. The final was Groom 47-Ranger 33.

In the final match the Tigers battled Newcastle and were victorious 76-61.

Thane Barkley and T.J. Moranic were the dynamic duo in this game scoring 25 points and 24 points respectively. Blaine Britten scored 12 points, Javier Caro 9 and Chad Barkley 6.

The Tigers brought home a terrific trophy to add to Groom's collection.

The girls ran into a little more competition. In their first match, the Ettes faced Lometa. The girls fought back from a 13 point deficit at the start of the 4th quarter. A shot right as the buzzer went off would have won the game for Groom, but as luck would have it, it did not go in. The final was Lometa 36- Groom 35.

Kacie Galyean lead the scoring with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Michaela Roskens was the defensive leader with 9 rebounds and she scored 3 points. Kyra Stevens also was a top scorer with 10 points and 7 rebounds. Sherri

Britten added 4 points and 3 rebounds. Carey Carter put up 2 points and had 3 rebounds. Brandi Bates earned 2 rebounds.

The Ettes faced off with Ranger next. After a close first quarter they outscored Ranger 35-14. Over the 2nd and 3rd quarters they build at 21 point lead. The costed to an easy win to surpass their win total of the last 2 years. The final was Groom 48-Ranger 39.

Kacie Galyean lead the offense with 17 points and 6 rebounds. Michaela Roskens was a very important assist with 10 points and 9 rebounds. Sherri Britten added 9 points and 4 rebounds. Kyra Stevens contributed 6 points and 6 rebounds. Cary Carter added 6 points and 8 rebounds. Brandi Bates controlled 2 rebounds and Robin Burnett 1.

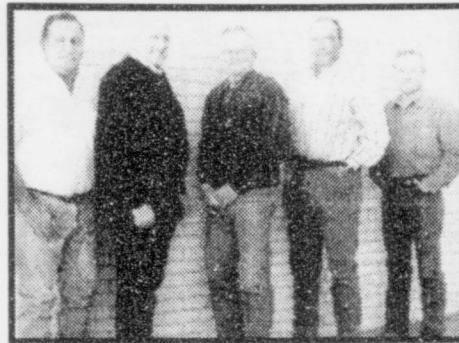
In a very close 3 round match up, Groom last to Gorman, 49 to 37. The Ettes had a 3 point lead after a quarter, but struggled through he 2nd and 3rd quarters, falling behind by 6 at the end of the 3rd. They fought back to cut the lead to 4 with about a minute to go. Gorman made their free throws down the stretch to make the final score look worse than it was.

Kyra Stevens high point with 12. She also contributed 8 rebounds. Carey Carter added

another 11 points and 7 rebounds. Kacie Galyean earned 7 points and 6 rebounds. Michaela Roskens was the defensive leader with 9 rebounds

and scored 4 points. Sherri Britten contributed 3 points and 6 rebounds

and Brandi Bates added 2 more rebounds.



SWCD Hold Annual Officer Elections

The McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District held its election for officers in their November meeting. Officers serving for 2006 are Bobby Euil Pool from Zone 5, Chairman; John Paul Dauer from Zone 2, Vice-Chairman; and Neal Bennett from Zone 4 Secretary. Mark McKiernan and Bill Gray serve as board members representing Zones 3 and 1 respectively.

Bobby Euil Pool of Groom was re-elected to the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors on October 13, 2005. Mr Pool represents Zone 5 in the Southeast part of Carson County and has been a director since 1989. He also serves as Chairman of the Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) program.

Bill Gray has been notified by the Texas State Soil and Water

Conservation Board of his appointment and approval as a member of the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Gray has been farming in Carson County since 1972. His farming and cattle operation involve about 3000 acres. Mr. Gray and his wife, Veneta live in panhandle and are the parents of three children.

The five member board represent the 5 zones of the county. They help direct the conservation programs and activities within the county. They help direct conservation programs and activities within the district. They also work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in programs to assist landowners and operators with soil and water conservation problems. Directors serve four years. The McClellan Creek SWCD includes all the land in

Carson County, which is 592,000 acres.

DRAMA

10th at 7:30 p.m.. A meal will precede the play. Reservations for the meal can be made by contacting one of the member of the production listed below or by contacting the school office.

Ben Thompson will star in the leading role as "Hank". Brett Friemel will play "Drover" and Michaela Roskens will be "Sally May". Stephanie Henson, Kyra Stevens, Chris Sater, Trent Britten, and T.J. Moranic will co-

star. The event will prove to be lively entertainment that you will not want to miss.



Nice: Terry Stevens helping some students find their way to class. Naughty: Rodney Bohr for wanting to be on the "Naughty" List.

Thanks!
Clint, Kim and Ethan want to say a very big thank you to their friends and family for the many cards, calls, visits, food and most of all prayers during Kim's surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Brother Kelly & Jiggs Britten.
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