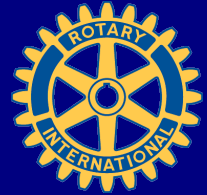


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Club Learns About Benefits of Physical Therapy

Mark Blackburn, owner of Stephenville Sports Rehab, spoke to the club about the benefits of physical therapy during a recent noon luncheon. Mark began his career in physical therapy following graduation from the University of Oklahoma in 1998. He became the owner of Sports Rehab in 2007.

During his presentation, Mark spoke about the health conditions which might require his treatments including work and sports injuries, stroke, auto accidents, and following surgeries such as joint replacement. Other specialties include neurological rehab, aquatic therapy, and speech therapy.

Mark has an additional staff of six physical therapists who provide a variety of specialized services for patients. In addition, he has one therapist who provides services to both adults and children who suffer from speech, language, swallowing or voice disorders.

The most recent member of our Club is Ron Henry. Ron first became a member of our club in the Fall of 2010, when he held the position of Professor of Military Science with the Tarleton Texas Battalion. During this time he was responsible for cadet training and leadership development to commission second lieutenants in the Army. In 2012, Ron was assigned to Ft Lewis, Washington and resigned from the Club.

Ron recently retired with 24 years in the Army where he held multiple supervisory and leadership positions in the infantry and human resources assignments.

Ron grew up in Aledo, Texas. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Central Michigan University



Mark Blackburn spoke to the Club at a recent noon meeting. Mark is the owner of Stephenville Sports Rehab.

Mark also owns Weatherford Physical Therapy and Active Physical Therapy in Aledo, Texas. Thanks to Mark for a wonderful program.



Welcome back! Ron Henry rejoins the club after he finished a 24 year career with the Army. Its good to have him back!

with a Masters of Science degree in Administration.

Ron came back to Stephenville because he believes this community is a great place for him and his family. His son is a freshman at Tarleton and two daughters are in the 6th and 9th grades in SISD.

Welcome Back , Ron! Thanks for your service



Be a gift to the world

Happy Birthday!!

Bob Collins Oct 24

Burton Smith Oct 28

T. Roosevelt Oct 27

John Adams Oct 30

Club Honors Students of the Month for August and September



Pictured from left to right, Kristi Adams, Student Counselor, Shelley Noble, and Chili Alexander.

Noble Alexander is our Student of the Month for August. In recognition for his sustained excellence in academics, he is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and the Spanish Honor Society (SHS). For the last two years in soccer, he has been honored as an all-district academic performer.

He is a member of the Yellow Jacket marching band where he is a Drum Captain and Vice President. He has also won gold medals at state for both the solo and ensemble competition.

In the community, Noble is a member of the Boy Scouts where he has completed all requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He is also a faithful member of his Church where he spends numerous hours in service to the community. He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

After graduation next spring, Noble plans on attending college where he will pursue a degree in nursing with a minor in Spanish. Noble is the son of proud parents, Chili and Shelley Alexander.

With all due respect for our Texas Aggie friends:

A Texas Aggie rancher visited another rancher in Australia. Being shown the Australian rancher's large farmland, the boisterous Aggie proudly proclaimed that his ranch in Texas was several times larger. The two then walked over to where the Australian cattle were grazing. Not surprisingly, the Aggie bragged his longhorn cattle were twice as large.

A few moments later several Kangaroos hopped past the two and the Aggie asked, "What in the world was that?"

The Australian rancher replied, "Don't you have grasshoppers in Texas?"



Pictured from left to right, Kristi Adams, Student Counselor, Renee Eckert, Michelle and Bill Davison.

Renee Eckert is our Student of the Month for September. For her excellence in academics, Renee is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and the Spanish Honor Society (SHS). She serves as Secretary of the NHS and Vice President of the SHS.

She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and EPIC (Encouraging People in our Community) where she serves as EPIC President.

In the community, Renee is an active member of the United Methodist Church where she spends time in service to the community. She also shadows a Physical Therapist at Stephenville Rehab.

Renee plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in Biomedical Science with a minor in Spanish. After graduation from A&M, she will apply for Medical or Physical Therapy School. Renee is the daughter of Bill and Michelle Davison.

With all due respect for our Texas Longhorn friends:

Two Texas offensive linemen are told they cannot play football until they successfully pass a required exam they have both missed. So, the instructor puts them in an exam room and lays out the test. "I will return in 45 minutes to grade your papers" and leaves the room. The first lineman reads the first question aloud. "Old MacDonald had a blank. Man this first question is hard!" The second lineman answers, You meathead its Old MacDonald had a FARM!" So they both start to write the answer down. Then the first lineman says, "How do you spell farm?" The second lineman says, "Boy are you a meathead, You spell farm, EIEIO!"

At a recent noon meeting, Jonathan Weiss recently reported on his efforts to convince the Veteran's Administration (VA) to locate an outpatient clinic in Stephenville. Jonathan is a former marine who is disabled suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). For those veterans living in Stephenville, the closest VA clinic is in Brownwood and a trip to the clinic and return consumes the better part of a day.

Echoing the words of Tamara Barker, Erath County Veteran's Service Officer, of the approximately 2,300 veterans, only 400 or 17% have registered with the local office. In an environment of scarce resources, the VA is charged with the highest and best use of available resources and will locate clinics where it will benefit the most veterans. Perceived non use of benefits may cause a reprogram of funding resulting in those benefits being unavailable in the future. All veterans should register with Tamara if you live in Erath County. Contact the VA Service Office at: erath-vet@co.erath.tx.us or 254 965 1443



Jonathan Weiss speaks to the Club on the possibilities to locating a VA clinic in Stephenville.



Pet Partner Therapy Team members Lyndi Hanna and her dog, Annie, spoke to the Club about the benefits of animal therapy.



Rotarian Richard Sanders reports on the possibility of applying for a District Grant to fund up to 50% of a project to address immediate needs of a medical mission to Samchique, Mexico. The hospital is supported entirely by private citizens and Rotary clubs.

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