The Groom Rews

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Thursday, December 17, 1998

School Board Votes To Uphold Superintendent's Decision

In stunned silence, a crowd of 25 to 30 interested students, parents and community members, watched and listened as the Groom Independent School District Board unanimously voted to uphold Superintendent Ben Ingham's decision to suspend Counselor Debbie Addy's duties as counselor as well as her other extra curricular sponsorships.

Addy is a 19 year veteran of Groom ISD. She teaches Junior High English, is the School Counselor and sponsors may other school activities for both high school and junior high.
The Level III grievance

is the result of an event occurred in that September in which Ms. Addy sent a school memo to all secondary teachers via the teachers mail boxes in the teachers lounge. The teachers lounge. memo was to inform teachers that some students still needed to pass part of the TAAS exit level tests. T h e memo was as follows:

"September 17, 1998 Teachers:

All of our seniors have passed the TAAS tests which is great news. However, we still have several juniors who have not passed all sections of their tests. The TAAS tests will be given again in October for these juniors. If you have these students, please encourage them to do their best on these upcoming tests. still do not realize the importance of the tests. e students and the tests they must take are as follows:

[This is where the names of the students and what part of the tests they needed to take were listed].

Thank you for all you do for each and every student in this school. Without your hard work rate that we do. I know that the students for Texas appreciate all of you.

Thanks again, s/Debbie Addy

Counselor"

On October 21, 1998, Ben Ingham sent Ms. Addy a letter citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as the basis for her suspension and possible non-renowal of her contract.

"To Debbie Addy From: Ben Ingham, Superintendent

Date: October 21, 1998 It has come to my attention that on September 17, 1998, you placed a letter in the boxes of secondary The letter teachers. listed the students, currently classified as juniors, who had not passed the EXIT TAAS.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), assigned to you, including personally identifiable your supplemental duty student information as cheerleader sponsor, should not be disclosed have been terminated. in this manner unless the "agency has determined that legitimate educational interests are present." In this case, Groom Independent School district, the agency did not make the relates, in any way, to determination that a should h

TAAS results.

EXIT TAAS results and students' names are personally identifiable information. Further, this is confidential student information and this manner of disclosure did not serve professional purposes. Therefore, and dedication, we would not have the high success and the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices Educators may have been violated.

I believe that the failure to maintain this Debbie Addy, information in a confidential and appropriate manner is a failure to comply with Board Policies and a failure to comply with District standards of professional conduct. Please note that each of these are reasons for nonrenewal.

> your Because of actions, and the seriousness of this situation, have determined that you are suspended with pay from your job assignment as school counselor. This suspension will remain in place through the end of the current semester. In addition, please advised that supplemental duties which have previously been You have no further responsibility or authority with regard to supplemental duties. you have any documents or school property in your possession which your supplemental duties, you should deliver these

made concerning EXIT items to my office as soon as possible.

> During the term of this suspension, it is my expectation and recommendation that you will concentrate on your classroom teaching duties and focus on maintaining effective working relationships and good rapport with faculty, student body and with body a... Because administration. this is a professional matter, I am confident you will treat it as such and there will be no disruptive or derisive I would activities. recommend and direct you to continue to remain in your classroom when students are assigned to you and that the classroom activities of other instructors not be interrupted. Finally, I would recommend and direct that the first period time slot now be used for classroom teaching purposes and/or professional development. The productivity of this time should be maximized by such work being done at your home room, work room for copying, or other productive undertakings, or at any other location for which you would request my

approval. Please be advised that any additional violation of school policy and the actions cited in this memorandum may be additionally used as a basis for nonrenewal of contract. In addition, please be advised that any of these future activities can be used as a basis for nonrenewal or

See Board, pg. 6



Williamson's Wins City Holiday Decorating Contest

Groom has done an exceptionally nice job of decorating for Christmas this year.

Mayor Joe Homer stated that he and the council appreciated everyone's hard work and effort to make the city look so festive.

Homer

pleased to announce the winners of the 1998 home decorating contest. First place went to the Byron Williamson home located at 401 East 1st. Second place went to Lynn Barker at 97 Collier and third place was David Randell at 201 Kirkman.



Weinheimer Named To All-Region Team

Wyatt Weinheimer also earned top honors in football. He was named All-Region offensive end. He was left out of last

Community Calendar

COMMUNITY Choir will have a Christmas Program, "Joy In This Place," Sunday December 20 at First Baptist next week. Church, 6:00 p.m.

SEMESTER TESTS are slated to begin on Dec. 18, Friday with 1st period & 6th period testing. On Monday, Dec. 21 testing for Black Day, Blocks 1,2, & 3. Tuesday, Dec. 22, Red Day Blocks 1,2, & 3 testing will be completed.

Juniors and Seniors may be exempt from testing according to school policy. Check with the classroom instructor to be sure.

COME IN TO the Groom News or call 248-7333 to get a greeting in the Christmas edition

GROOM ISD will a Christmas have program on Dec. 17th at p.m. Contact Groom School for more details.

TUESDAY PRICES GRAIN CO. Wheat-\$2.55 Milo-\$3.34 Corn-\$3.65 Soybeans-\$4,83 No Moisture Reported This Week

City Checks Into Putting Well On City Property

Council met in regular session with Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, Don Case and Ham present. Aldermen Jimmy Britten and Mary Margaret Brooks were absent. Employees Donnie Evans and Mary Sue Lyles were also in attendance.

Minutes of the November 10 meeting

were read and approved. The financial statement and bills were approved.

Ordinance #182 was approved concerning meter application for connection, contents and meter deposits.

The State National Bank was approved as the depository.

Three past due water accounts were charged These would be off.

collected should these people ever try to reconnect. They were Don Brister, \$193.36; Nugget \$136.50; and Bland Russell Ornealas \$20.20.

Bids were opened on the surplus computer equipment. Donnie Evans won the bid with \$301.00.

The Council went into executive session at 7:25 and reconvened into open

session at 7:35. The Council agreed to look into locating the new city water well on city property located between Texas Avenue and Newcome Avenue on

The Council voted to pay \$175.00 longevity pay to full time city employees and half that amount to the city's animal control officer.

Second Street.

The Groom News

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Get your Christmas Greeting in next week's special edition.

Rip and Joy Snyder Saturday in McLean at the Care with Truman Goodlett, Dorothy and Bill McKee, M.L. Rowan and Mrs. Knowles.

Members Church of Christ enjoyed supper at the home of Witt Sunday evening after They were greeted by a talking wreath wishing "Merry Christmas." They had good food, fellowship and



Movies & Food ***New Movie Releases***

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Local Happenings

Jimmy and Sue Britten proud to announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Star Lambert on Friday, December 4, 1998, at 3:04 P.M. Kenlee weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce, and was 19 inches

Parents of Kenlee are and Ronnie Lambert of Memphis, and paternal grandparents are and Porter Lambert of Memphis.

III Or Recovering Wade, Lonny Helen

Groom School Menu December 21-22

Breakfast: Monday Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham cheese sandwiches sack lunches, apple, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey & cheese milk. sandwiches sack lunches, chips, orange, milk.

Cindy Nancy

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

December 17 - Renee Anthony, Brent Stephens, Lee Littlefield, Byron Williamson., Byron and Jana Williamson (A).

December 19 - Stella Patterson, Amanda Martin, Pete and Viki Ham (A).

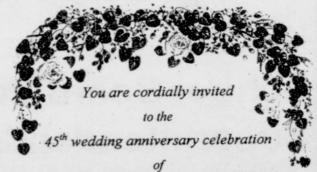
December 20 - Wade Ritter, Mrs. Bill Bohr.

December 21 - Thane

Barkley, Franklin Leven, Douglas Joannie Kling (A).

December 22 - Jerry Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hutsell (A), Mr. Milton Mrs. Thompson (A).

December Marion Pool, Ruby Faye Latta, Rebecca Conrad.



Pobert and Alice Luchler,

hosted by their children

December 19,1998.

This event will begin with mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church,

4th and Ware, Groom,

at 5:30 p.m.

A reception and dance will follow

at the

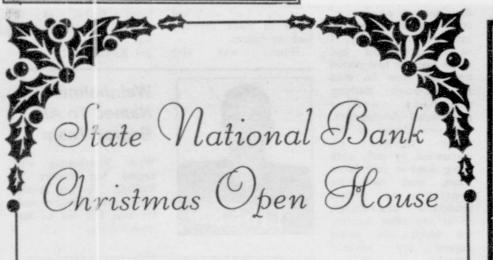
American Legion Hall.

Your presence is a cherished gift. We respectfully request no other.

Last Minute **Gifts**

Mens, Women Fragrances, Jewelry, Christmas Demos & miscellaneous

at cost . My Home Tuesday, Dec. 22 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Janie Britten Avon Independent Sales Rep.



You are cordially invited to attend our Christmas Open House to be held on Tuesday, December 22

We will be serving refreshments from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We hope all our friends and patrons can come in for a visit and a holiday greeting.

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Athletes Attend Vernon Tourney

The results of the Vernon Tournament are as follows:

Tigerettes 50 Peaster 55 Scorers were Krisanne Davis 2; Jessica Stapp 8; Sara Britten 6; Carrie Davis 13; Karen Conrad 9; Candace Bohr 1; Jessica Kepley 11.

Tigerettes 46 Graham 65 Jessica Stapp 8; Sara Britten 4; Carrie Davis 10; Jodi Homen 9; Karen Conrad 8; Candace Bohr 3; Jessica Kepley 4.

Tigerettes 48 Quanah 37 Krisanne Davis 2; Jessica Stapp 12; Sara Britten 3; Carrie Davis 9; Jodi Homen 2; Karen Conrad 8; Candace Bohr 2; Jessica Kepley 10.

Tigers 36 Gainesville 80 Dean Fields 2; Caleb Pool 1; Josh Evenson 13; Dewayne Gray 3; Chris Ollinger 7; Wyatt Weinheimer 8; Dusty Crump 2.

Tigers 28 Holliday Josh Evenson Dewayne Gray 7; Evan Crowell Dustin Chris Babcock Ollinger Wyatt 3; Weinheimer 5; Dusty Crump 2. Tigers 58 Memphis 46

Dean Fields 3; Daniel

601 Wate, Groom, Texas Treadwell 3; Wade Ritter 3; Josh Evenson 17;

Dewayne Gray 2; Dustin Babcock 10; Chris Ollinger 6; Wyatt Weinheimer 13; Dusty Crump 3.

New Arrival

Kevin and Sharolyn Kerlee announce the birth of their son, Devin Scott. He was born December 1, 1998 and weighed in at 6 pounds and 7 He measured ounces. 19" long.

Big sister, Brooklyn, age 3 welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Barbara Milhoam of & Clarendon and Brenda and Glenn Sain Dallas.



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Groom Tiger & Tigeretter



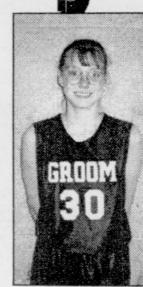
Brin Burgin SUPER FANS *********************

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Lainie Britten





Britteny Martin



Staci Britten

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Letter To The Editor

Regarding Groom Grocery and other local businesses.

Groom is an ideal place to live and raise a family. We would never leave here if given the choice. Without the support of the local community, businesses would not be We able to survive. would like to sincerely thank all of our loyal customers who buy the bulk of their groceries at Groom Grocery. could never tell you how much you are appreciated. For every one else who shops in Amarillo and Pampa, we have a few things to say to you. We would love to list officials and other pillars of the community who do not patronize their local businesses. However, we do not feel this is necessary. You know who you are.

If you added up your gas money and all the extras you buy, that you don't need, are you really saving enough to justify the grocery store closing Because that is here. exactly what is going to happen. We do not have enough business to keep the doors open. In the last two months we have gone into debt trying to stock the store with everything you might need. We have tried everything we know to get your bus ness back. Now we are facing the possibility of not being to meet our indebtedness for lack of support from our community. We realize we can not carry everything that the big grocery stores do, but we try to get what you ask

If you were to for. compare prices you would find we are higher compare on some items, but we are lower on some, too. We are doing out best to keep prices competitive We, for your bene it. personally, do shopping out of town, for things we can not get in Groom, and that is understandable. We are a small community but there is a hardware store, service station, gift shop, feed store, viceo store, mechanic shops, insurance company and restaurants that we are sure share our feelings. None of us can survive without your Without the support. local businesses, the community has nothing to offer to young families wanting a safe place to raise their children, not to mention the people living here now. How can we be a proud community when we have nothing to be proud

Groom is more of a home to us than any other place we have ever See Letter, pg. 5





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Potatoes ... 10 LB. BAG 139 WASHINGTON EX-FANCY RED DELICIOUS Apples 49

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Letter

Sincerely,

Wanda Barker Groom Grocery

been. We are not asking for a handout, we are asking for your support. Our intention is not to offend but to make you realize that without your help, Groom Grocery will no longer be a home owned business or else it won't be opened at all.

Dondra Rogers and

Card Of Thanks Many thanks for all

the kindness shown to

me during my recent illness. The cards, calls, flowers, food and prayers

were just wonderful. I

am on the mend and

already 80 pounds lighter.

Local Happenings Dr. and Mrs. Dan Witt

of Hoisington, Kansas visited Helen Witt over

celebrated a late Dan's

birthday and an early

In honor of Donald

and

Mr. and Mrs. Al

B.R. and Jolynn Cash

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton

Ambulance Service

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Patti

Janice

the weekend.

Christmas.

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Ritter: Forrest

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Toasties.

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REG. 219

Williams Pat Ashford

Carson County Commissioners' Court

Moore and Family

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on December 14, 1998 with all present. Visitors to the meeting were J.D. Shadid, Jim West, J.D. Kelly and Kenneth Ware.

Minutes were read and approved and all claims were approved.

Judge Roselius informed the court that one of Carson County's law enforcement vehicles had recently been involved in an accident. The vehicle had been dedicated to be taken out of service in January. A new vehicle had recently been purchased replacement.

Commissioners made aware of a meeting concerning certification of county employees to apply herbicides. Individuals can pick up several hours of certification credit at the meeting.

The court reviewed a bid for insurance coverage presented by A.J. Weiser and Company. The bid covered General Liability, Business Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, and Property Insurance.

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Board

termination of your contract."

Ms. Addy, along with her attorney and TEA Representative Sharon

Carman, asked the Board, represented by Attorney Allan Rhodes to reinstate Addy's duties and remove the letter or reprimand from her personnel file.

The following is an excerpt of Ms. Addy's answer to the "Breaking o f Student Confidentiality" allegation: . . . Let me address issue of TASAS confidentiality - when I was accused, I looked to see what other Texas schools were doing to let teachers know those students who might need help or reminding that they needed to retake the Without TAAS. exception, I found that other schools from the smallest classification to largest, notify teachers in writing; some lists of all who need to TAAS

memos that are placed in faculty boxes. Further, I told by the counseling department of a large 5-A high school that such notification does not break any rules of confidentiality regarding the TAAS. The intent of the law/guidelines of TAAS says that a professional (usually the counselor) can communicate names other information about the TAAS to another professional (usually classroom teachers) as long as the information does not affect the student's TAAS scores - like teaching part of the test or deliberately hindering a student from his/her best performance. The communique does not have to be in a sealed envelope - it only has to

be between one professional and another.
At no time was I advised that the Groom administration wished TAAS information to be

communicated differently than what my office had done during the years that I had been counselor. As a member of the Groom staff that cares and supports kids, I would have used the new guidelines had I been given them.

And, so I am also here tonight to tell you what I stand for. I stand for kids. I always have and will continue to be a child advocate. I want students who leave this school to know that teachers care, that I care and I want them to remember that Groom teacher believed in them for who they were and are and have yet to become.

So, I feel that it is time for the board to look at the good of our educational village, don't hide behind rumors or gossip. The reality is that we have a great school. Every member of out staff cares about and supports the students in our school. My letter regarding TAAS was to

reach out for that support for the TAAS retake students - thus allowing our village to help ensure success for every student. I am a good teacher, I have been good for the students at Groom and I will continue to be pro education, pro kids, and pro active to give the Grievalne in past in past the success for every student. Open active to give the growth of the students at Groom and I will continue to be pro education, pro kids, and pro active to give the

to contribute."

Board President,
Dennis Babcock, allowed
everyone who wished, a
chance to speak during
the open forum.

school village where I

am the best that I have

Several co-workers spoke in her behalf.

". . . It was her (Addy's) trustworthiness and her concern for the welfare of the child that compelled her to request the aid of the staff. . . To suggest that Ms. Addy would do anything to betray the students of this school is absurd. . ." stated colleague Leslie Crowell.

"... She has always put the welfare of the child first..." commented Business Teacher Georgann Hinson.

Lynn Britten, a parent of three children, two have already graduated from Groom ISD stated," How is a person supposed to know that something is wrong with the way they have done something for years, unless you tell them... All my kids loved and respected Ms. Addy. . . She attends everything this school has. what has been done and what our achievements

Student Jodi Homen also spoke to the Board.
". . . She has been a great influence on my life. . ."

Misty Homen said
"She is a mentor and
confidant. She is the
backbone of my
education. I still call her
and ask for advice. She
always has time for me."

Allan Rhodes, the school's attorney questioned each Board member asking a series of questions concerning their background, training and family. He also asked each Board member if they had discussed the matter at

hand with their children.

Each answered no, or that the child had asked about the matter, but the Board member chose not to discuss it with them.

He also asked each of them if they could be fair and impartial. They each answered a firm

"yes."

After the lengthy opening the Board went into "Executive Session" to deliberate. After an hour and 10 minutes the Board returned to the open session.

The Board was given five options.

Option 1: Grant the Grievance and reinstate Ms. Addy.

Option 2: Deny the Grievance.

Option 3: Grant the

Grievance in part, deny it in part.

Option 4: No decision at this time.

Option 5: Postpone action until the next meeting.

Board member Barry Fields made the motion, "Based on past and present information, I move we uphold the administrations decision in this matter,"

Brad Rogers seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous as already stated.

Other items on the agenda were as follows: Staffing for the 1999-2000 school year was discussed in executive session. No action taken.

No action was taken concerning Policy Update #59.

The Principal's Report and the Financial Report were given by Ben Ingham due to the illness in Principal Donnie Carroll's family and Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager was also ill, herself.

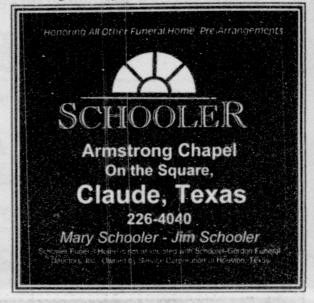
A special meeting is planned for December 21 to hear the audit report and approval by the Board.

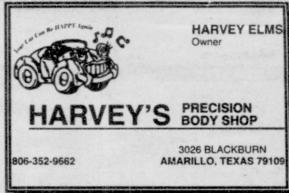
Steward Graduates

Jimmy and Sue Britten are pleased to announce that they attended the graduation of their daughter, Carlene Steward, on December 12, 1998.

Carlene received her Associate Degree of Nursing (R.N.) from Cisco School of Nursing in Abilene, Texas.

Carlene is presently employed at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.





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Students Perform Holiday Favorites

Mrs. Judith Watkirs, the Second through Fifth grade and the McLein Tiger choir gave parents and friends a spirited start to the holiday

The Tiger choir started the evening with a collection of Christm's songs fit for the seaso 1. Christmas." Donald Basham, Victor a Gary Glass, Jones, Destiny Kirkland, Carter, Casondra Floyd, Gint Greer, Gutierrez, Ike Hanes, played

Community

Best Gift of All'

December 20th 7:00 p.m.

McLean United Methodist Church

219 N. Gray

Valerie Joiner, Sophie Kochmann, Montgomery, Lacey Steel, Annie Weaver Lauren Williams.

The Second through Fifth grade then presented a fine-feethered musical "How the entitled Penguins saved Santa was Tiger choir members are played by Nicholas Odom and the Bradley, Melissa Fosher, Emperor Penguin was played by Russell Anglin. A solo performance was Carter, Charlie given by Talitha Newton. The penguin colony and Santa's reindeer were played by: Suzann

Howard, Trey Skipper, Chase Bohlar, Loya, Anthony Ruiz, Megan Keelin, Zachery Richardson, Tanner Wilhelm, Logan Sparling, Emory Crawford, DaShae Tolleson, Christopher Walker, Kristen Ellis. Ben Thompson, Xenia Buckhaults, Evan McMordie. Amanda Fricks, Jamie Sanderson, David and Sound Technician services were provided by Shaun Crawford.

Christmas Greetings News 779-2141 or tollfree 1-888-849-6599 to greeting in next week's special edition.

Matthew Jeffries, Travis Fish, Joshua Jeffries, Lindsey Ruiz, Kevin Smith, Justin Wehrenberg, Dustin Kirkland, Cameron Taylor, Katie-Lane Thompson, Lacee Wallis, Jacob Conners, Stephanie Henson, Arely Vega, Mark Smith, Trenton Vega, Darsey, Tammy Syfrett, Anna Shackleford, John Haynes, John Jeffries, Josh Wagner, Cole Dampier, Alica Taylor, Jacob Tolleson, Tobey Folken, Amanda Love, Luscas Webb, Nikki Alvarez, Brooke Seymour, Erin Bailey, Seth Childers, Richardson,

Call The McLean your Christmas

Carter Bids News Farewell

Lena Carter has written for the McLean Newspaper off and on since the forties. She started writing the Alanreed News when she was approached by the owners of that time, Lester and Martha and Martha Campbell.

Lena has maintained several friendships over the years with people who have moved away from the Alanreed area by writing for the paper. She has enjoyed working with the paper and the people of Alanreed. The articles she has written is a hobby that has kept

her and the people in the little town of Alanreed informed of the Baptist Church activities, the neighbors, friends and newcomers to the area.

Lena is moving to Amarillo at the close of this year. She has a new home there and feels the need to be closer to her family.

The McLean News is very appreciative of the job Lena has done over the years. She has been valuable volunteer. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck



Winterfest Draws Good Crowd

Chamber Commerce held it's first ever "Winterfest" Many December 12. people gathered to see the lighting of the trees on the bank parking lot. Santa showed up to take all the children caroling and for picture taking. The Chamber also held a coloring contest judged by Mayor Charlie McClendon. In the 0-3 year old category, the winner was Cody Azazzi. In the 6-8 year old category the first place winner was Kristen Odom; second place was Nikki Jo Alvarez, and third place winner was Logan Sparling. In the 9-11 year oids, first place Valerie Bradley, second place Josh Wagner, and third place

was Erin Bailey. Each first place winner won \$5, second place won \$3, and each third place winner won \$2.

The Chamber then raffled off items donated by local businesses. The winners were Krystal McClellan, \$25 cash from B&B Turbine; Molly McDowell, \$15 gift certificate from C&H Supply; Jake Hess II, assorted gifts from the Taylor Mart; Terry Smith, \$10 gift certificate from Country Corner; Bill McKee, \$10 gift certificate from Red River Steak House; Alta Mason, \$25 gift certificate from Corinne's; Caitlin Mantooth, \$25 gift certificate from McLean Feed Yard; Roy Richardson, Mary Kay

products from Roxie McMordie; Rhonda Sparling, Avon products from Tammy Hanes; Manuel Alvarez, signed

print art work from Barbara Bode; Bonnie Fabian, potpourri jar from Seasons; Gene Smart, crafts from Ann Pierce; Cozy Parsons, turkey from Puckett's; Larry Gray, hair products from the Hair Gallery; Cindy Glass, \$20 gift certificate from Alberta's; Georgia McPherson, Cookies from Rhonda Graham; D. McKee, one session of therapeutic services from Martin Graham; Carla Kirkland, Candle from the Hair Gallery; Gene Smart, Cake from Vonda Averett; Julie Wagner,

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McLean Reminders.

SCHOOL WILL be dismissed at 2 pm on December 18.

THERE WILL be a School Board meeting at 7:00 pm on Dec. 21.

SCHOOL HIGH basketball games will be at Allison on Dec. 18, 6:30 pm.

PIONEER Study Club will have a Christmas Party at 2 pm on Dec. 17, in the home of Wanda Lamb.

HARRINGTON Cancer Center will have the Mammogram van at the library on Dec. 30.

THE SENIOR Citizens will be serving dinner on Dec. 25 at noon.

THE HOLIDAY Home Lighting Contest will be judged the week of December 20.

ANNUAL Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the Heald United Methodist Church, see page 8 for details.

McLean Semester Test Schedule

Thursday, December 17 8:15 - 10:00 1st Hour 10:10 - 12:00 3rd Hour 12:00 - 12:25 Lunch 12:30 - 2:00 5th Hour

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12:30 - 2:00 6th Hour 2:00 - Dismiss School

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dorotha Bybee, Wanda

December 18 -

December 19 Colleen Mertel, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.

Morris, Jamie Kingston,

December 21 - Jana Davis.

December Glendora Rice, Sherry Martindale, Laura Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stillwell (A).

December 23 Cubine, Ott Davis, Deb December 20 - Candi Crockett, W.A. Davis, Bill and Katy Graham

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Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School provided the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon church services were with the Methodist Church. Attending were Emma Graham, Florence Drake, Truman Goodlett, Cubine, Vernee Sue Bowling, Essie Knowles, Dorothy Patterson, Phyllis Bailey, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Jess Coleman, Dick Wheeler, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Collie, Versie Eula Morrow, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Ora Billingsley, Jessie Watson, Gladys Andrews, Thelma Finson, Christine Shipley, Don York and Bud Simpson.

Monday morning was

nail care and later in the games afternoon Afterwards residents enjoyed bananas furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday morning was the craft spent in some department by while others worked on their Christmas Card list.

Wednesday morning was circle time and resident council meeting. Refreshments were served. In the afternoon a movie was watched by some and others worked on Christmas cards.

Thursday afternoon residents played bingo with Betty Lowe volunteering to help.

Gaye Friday provided music for the enjoyment of the residents.

Saturday afternoon was the December Birthday Party celebration. Birthday people were Sue Cubine, Marjorie Turnage, Pete Bailey, Phyllis Wheeler, Glynda Martin, Bessie McClemore, Bud Simpson, and Leon Tate. was Entertainment Ray provided

McClemore and friends. Everyone really enjoyed the music.

Next Saturday, at 2:30 is the resident's Christmas Come out and Party. enjoy!

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Varsity Tigers have been doing really well this season. On December 8, the Ladies played the Trinity Lions and won 48-42. Scoring for the team was Rachel Galley with 19, Lacey Steel with 14, Amanda Cline with 9. Annie Weaver scored 4

and Vanessa Glass had 2. Lady Tigers traveled to Samnorwood for a tournament on December 10-12. came home with a second place trophy, defeating Lefors 57-24 and Ft. Elliott 59-52. The team was defeated by Wheeler 40-47 for first place. Scoring for the team was Rachel Galley with 46 points, Vanessa Glass with 51,

Amanda Cline with 15, Jessi Fish with 2, Valerie Joiner with 4, Lacey Steel scored 22, Cesily Cadra scored 2, Lauren Williams had 1, Randi Riley scored 6 and Annie Weaver scored 7.

The Tiger basketball team didn't place in the Samnorwood tournament. The team had some good scoring and each game was close. Scoring for the Tigers was Josh Swafford with 4, Brad Sawyer scored Hanes had 46, Gabriel Vega had 9, Brian Fuller scored Sparling had 16, Terrell Hembree had 6, Gary Jones scored 25 and Brett Montgomery had

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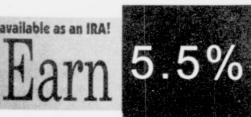
By Lena Carter

On Sunday evening Lena Carter looked at the clock and thought, "I can make the regular Bible study in the church basement if I don't stop and change from my work clothes," so she jumped into the car and drove up to church to find to her utter surprise,

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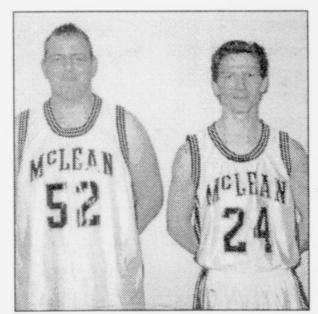
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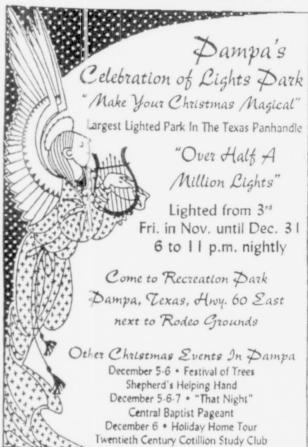
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Pictured left to right are Senior Tigers, Gary Jones and Josh Swafford. Also pictured left to right are Senior Lady Tigers Rachel Galley and Vanessa Glass.







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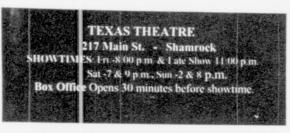
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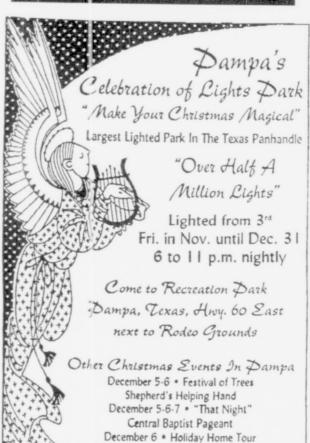
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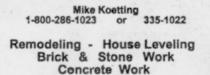
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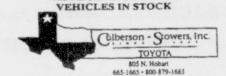
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The next meeting of the Commissioners' Court will be at 10:00 a.m., 12/21/98, with the annual Christmas party to follow at 11:00 a.m.

Judge Roselius reported that a new updated version of the Carson County Emergency Management response maps and directories had recently been distributed to Carson County Mayors and emergency responders in the county. The maps and directories will help emergency responders to respond to a county emergency more quickly.

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REBATE

and Changes In Fund Balances All Governmental Fund Types For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1998

> Fund \$ 1,063,971.98

> > 555,507.26

General

Governmental Fund Types

2,829.51

Special

Revenue

\$ 1,066,801.49 59,680.46 4,718.90

555,507.26

Totals

(Memorandum

Only)

Total Revenues

EXPENDITURES:

State Program Revenues

Federal Program Revenues

REVENUES:

Instruction and Instructional Related Services Instructional and School Leadership

Support Services - Student (Pupil) Administrative Support Services Support Services - Nonstudent Based Intergovernmental Charges

Total Expenditures

Local and Intermediate Sources

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures

Other Resources Other (Uses)

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses

Fund Halance, September 1, 1997 (Beginning)

Fund Balance, August 31, 1998 (Ending)

22,691.90 36,988.56 4,718.90

\$ 1,086,663.88 \$ 44,536.97

\$ 1,131,200.85

156,698,17 35,972.21 192,670.38 60,254.32 60,254.32 76,794.29 30,770.82 107,565.11 30,456.14 30,456.14 46,986.60 46,986.60

926,696.78 \$ 66,743.03 \$ 993,439.81

\$ 159,967.10 \$(22,206.06) \$ 137,761.04

22,000.00 22,000.00 22,000.00) 22,000.00)

\$ 137,967.10 \$(206.06) \$ 137,761.04

966,138.86 1,830.46 967,969.32

\$ 1,104,105.96 \$ 1,624.40 \$ 1,105,730.36