## School Board Votes To Uphold Superintendent's Decision

 parents and community members, watched andlistened as the Groom Independent School District Board unanimously voted to
uphold Superintendent uphold Superintendent
Ben Ingham's decision to 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 even that occurred in September in which Ms. Addy sent a school memo to all secondary teachers via the teachers mail boxes in the memo was to inform teschers that worm students still needed to students still needed to pass part of the TAAS exit level tests. T h
memo was as follows:

## "September

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. Some still do not realize the importance of the tests. The students and the
[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 and dedication, we would not have the high success rate that we do. I know that the students appreciate all of you.

Thanks again,
Thanks again,
s/Debbie Addy
Debbie
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 slaced a letter in the blaced a letter in the boxes of The letter
teachers. The listed the students currently classified as juniors, who had not passed the EXIT TAAS.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") personally identifiable student information should not be disclosed in this manner unless the in this manner unless the agency has determined that legitimate educationa interests are present." In this case, Groom Independent School district, the agency did not make the determination that a disclosure should be
made concern
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 FERPA, school policy and the Code of Ethics and Standard Or Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators may have been violated.
I believe that the failure to maintain this information
confidential
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.

## Because of your actions, and the

 seriousness of this situation, I 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 be advised that al supplemental duties which have previously been assigned to you, including your supplemental duty as cheerleader sponsor have been terminated You have no further responsibility or authority responsibility or authority with regard to supplemental duties. If you have any documents or school property in your possession which relates, in any way, to your supplemental duties, you should deliver theseitems to my office as soon as possible.
During the term of this suspension, it is my expectation and will concentrate on your classroom teaching dutie classroom teaching dutie and focus on maintaining effective working relationships and good rapport with faculty, student body and administration. Because this is a professional matter, I am confident you will treat it as zuch and there will be no disruptive or derisive activities. I would recommend and direct you to continue to remain in your classroom when students are the classroom activities of other instructors not interrupted. Finally, would recommend would that the first period direct that the first period time slot now be used for classroom teaching purposes and/or
professional development. The productivity of this time should b 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 advance request

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

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## City Checks Into Putting Well On City Property

[^0]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 off. These would be
collected should these people ever try to reconnect. They were Don Brister, \$193.36; Nugget Bland $\$ 136.50$; and 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 Second Street.
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.


Williamson's Wins City Holiday Decorating Contest

Groom has done an exceptionally nice job of decorating for Christmas decorating' for Christmas this year. Mayor Joe Homer stated that he and the everyone's hard work and effort to make the city effort to make the city ook so festive

Weinheimer Named To AllRegion Team

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

## Community Calendar

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

SEMESTER TESTS are slated to begin on
Dec. 18, Friday with 1st Dec. 18, Friday with 1 st period \& 6th period
testing.
On. Monday, testing. On Monday,
Dec. 21 testing for Black 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 testing according Check school policy. Check instructor to be sure.
pleased to announce the winners of the 1998 home decorating contest. First place went to the Byron Williamson home Byron Wiliamson home located at 401 East lst Second place went to Collier and third place Collier and third place was David Randell a
 k's story.

COME IN TO the Groom News or call 248 7333 to get a greeting in the Christmas edition next week. GROOM ISD will have a Christmas program on Dec. 17th at p.m. Contact Groom


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## Local Happenings

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| :---: | :---: |
| are proud to announce | Brown. |
| the birth of their new | Groom School Menu |
| tar Lambert on Friday, | December 21-22 |
| tar Lambert on Friday, | Monday Breakfas |
|  | Cold cereal, |
| weighed 6 pounds 1 | juice, milk. Lunch: Ham |
| ounce, and was 19 inches | \& cheese sandwi |
| long. Parents of Kenlee are | apple, milk. |
| Parents of Kenlee are | Tuesday Breakfast: |
| Ronnie and Cindy | Pancakes, peanut butter, |
| Lambert of Memphis, and | sausage, juice, milk. |
| paternal grandparents are | Lunch: Turkey \& cheese |
| Porter and Nancy | sandwiches sack lunches, |
| Lambert of Memphis. | chips, orange, milk. |

## (1) 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.

December 17 - Renee Barkley, Franklin Leven, Anthony, Brent Stephens, Joannie and Douglas Verda Lee Littlefield, Kling (A) Byron Williamson., Byron
and Jana Williamson (A). December 22 - Jerry and Jana Williamson (A). Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. December 19 - Stella Ralph Hutsell (A), Mr. Patterson, Amanda and Mrs. Milton Martin, Pete and Viki Thompson (A). $\underset{\text { December } 20-W a d e ~}{\text { Ham }}$ Ritter, Mrs. Bill Bohr. Thompson (A). Marion Pool, Ruby Faye Latta, Rebecca Conrad.


Pobort and Alice Zoohtor,
hosted by their children
on
December 19,1998.
This event will begin with mass at
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, $4^{\text {th }}$ 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.


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.
come in for a visit and a holiday greeting.

Loretta Britten, L.V.N. Mon-Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jerry Wilson, P.A.
Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Athletes Attend Vernon Tourney

The results of the $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The results of the } \\ \text { Vernon } & \\ \text { Tournament }\end{array}$ as follows: Girls
Tigerettes 50 Peaster 55 Scorers were Krisanne Davis 2; Jessica Stapp 8; Sara Britten 6; Carrie Davis 13; Karen Conrad 9; Candace Bohr 1; 9; Candace Boh
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.
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Boys
Tigers 36 Gainesville 80 Dean Fields 2; Caleb Pool 1; Josh Evenson 13; Dewayne Gray 3; Chris $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Ollinger } & \text { 7; } \\ \text { Weinheimer } & \text { Wyatt } \\ \text { Dusty }\end{array}$ Crump 2.
Tigers 28 Holliday Josh Evenson 8; Crowell 2 ; Evan $\begin{array}{llr}\text { Babcock } & \text { 1; } & \text { Chris }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Babcock } \\ \text { Ollinger } & \text {; Wyatt }\end{array}$ Weinheimer 5; Dusty Crump 2 . Crump 2.
Tigers 58 Memphis 46 Dean Fields 3; Daniel

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 ounces. He measured $19^{\text {" }}$ long.
Big sister, Brooklyn, age 3 welcomed him age ${ }^{3}$
Grandparents
Barbara Milhoam of Clarendon and Brenda and Dallas.



Brin Burgin


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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 sumport of local businesses would not be able to survive. We would like to sincerely thank all of our loyal customers who buy the
bulk of their groceries at bulk of their groceries at Groom Grocery.
could never ell 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 pillars of the community pillars of the community
who do not patronize their local businesses. However, we do not feel However, we do not feel this is necessary.
know who you are.
know who you are. gas money and all the extras you buy, that you don't need, ars you really saving enough to justify the grocery store closing here. Becalse that is exactly what is going to happen. We do not have enough business to keep the doors open. In the last two montis we have gone into dett trying to stock the store with
everything you might need. We have tried need. We have tried everything we know bus ness back. Now we are facing the possibility of not being indebtedness for lack of support from our community. We realize we can rot carry everything thet the big grocery stores do, but we for. If you were to compare prices you would find we are higher on some item, but we are lower on some, too. We are doing out best to keep prices competitive for your bene it. We, personally, do some personally, out of town, for things we can ot get in things we can lot get in Groom, and We are understandable. We are a small community but there is a hardvare store, service station, gift shop, feed store, video store, mechanic shops, insurance company and restaurants that we are sure share our feelings. None of us can survive without your support. Without the 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 living here now. how community when we have nothing to be proud of.
Groom is more of a home to us han any other place we have ever
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Board
termination of your contract."
Ms. Addy, along with her attoney 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 $\begin{array}{lll}0 \text { f } & \text { S t u d e n t } \\ \text { Confidentis }\end{array}$ et me address the issue of TASAS confidentiality - when I was accused, I looked to see what other Texas see what other Texas schools we e doing to let teachers know those students who might need help or reminding that they needer to retake the TAAS. Without exception, I found that other schools from the smallest clissification to the largest, notify teachers in writing; some supply lists of all students who need to retake the TAAS in
communicated differently memos that are placed in than what my office had faculty boxes. Further, I done during the years was 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 or other information about the TAAS to another professional (usually 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
that I had been counsh 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 them to Groom teacher believed in them for who 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

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reach out for that support for the TAAS retake students - thus allowing our village to help ensure our village to help ensure success for every student. I am a good leacher, 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 school village where I am the best that I have to contribute.
Board President, Dennis Babcock, allowed everyone who wished, a chance to speak during the open forum
Several co-workers spoke in her behalf.
Addy's) - 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.
put ... She has always put the welfare of the child first
commented Business Teacher Georgann Hinson.
Lynn Britten, a parent of three children, two who 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 hat has heen done and what hat has. done and what our achievements
are. . ." 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 chool'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 ach answered a firm "yes." answered a firm
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 Ingham due to the illness
in part
Option 4: No decision at this time.
Option 5: Postpone action until the next meeting.

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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 1999Staffing for the 1999discussed in executive 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


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## Students Perform Holiday Favorites

Mrs. Judith Watkirs, Valerie Joiner, Sophie Howard, Trey Skipper, the Second through Fith Kochmann, Brett grade and the Mclean Montgomery, Lacey Steel, Tiger choir gave parents and friends a spiritid start
season. season.
The

Fifth grade then through The Tiger choir startid a fine-feathered musical the evening with a entitled "How the collection of Christmis Penguins saved songs fit for the seasol. Tiger choir members ae Donald Basham, Victor a Bradley, Melissa Foshe:, Melissa Foshe? Emperor Penguin old Vanessa Glass, Gay played by Russell Anglin. Jones, Destiny Kirklan!, A solo performance was Brodey Carter, Charlis given by Talitha Newton. Carter, Casondra Floyc, The penguin colony and Pamela Greer, Gini Santa's reindeer wer Gutierrez, Ike Hanes, played by: Suzann

## Commumity

 1) IUantata yे"Best Gift of All"
December 20th 7:00 p.m. McLean United Methodist Church 219 N. Gray


Matthew Jeffries, Travis Fish, Joshua Jeffries, Lindsey Ruiz, Kevin Smith, Justin Wehrenherg, Dustin Kirkland, Cameron Dustin Kirkland, Cameron Taylor, Katie-Lane Thompson, Lacee Wallis, Jacob Conners, Stephanie Henson, Arely Vega, Mark Smith, Trenton Darsey, Tammy Syfrett, Anna Shackleford, John Haynes, John Jeffries, Josh Wagner, Cole Dampier, Alica Tayior, Chase Bohlar, Jacob Tolleson, Tobey Folken, Amanda Love, Luscas Webb, Nikki, Luscas Brooke Seymour Eri, Brooke Seymour, Erin
Bailey, Seth Childers, Bailey, Seth Childers, Tamara 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, Fricks, Jamie Sanderson,
and
David
Jeffries. and David Jefrries. were provided by Shaun Crawford.

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

## Carter Bids News Farewell

Lena Carter has written her and the people in the for the McLean little town of Alanreed Newspaper off and on informed of the Baptist since the forties. She Church activities, the started writing the neighbors, friends and Alanreed News when she newcomers to the area. was approached by the owners of that time, Lester 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


## Winterfest Draws Good Crowd

The Chamber of Commerce held it's first ever "Winterfest" on December 12. Many 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 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 9-11 year oids, first place was Valerie Bradley, second place Josh
Wagner, and third place

## place

## McLean <br> Reminders.


#### Abstract

frst place Bailey. Each 5 place winner won nd second place won $\$ 3$, vinner won $\$ 2$ The Chamber ffled off itemser then by local businesses donated winners 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 Tayior Mart; Terry smith, $\$ 10$ gift certificate from Country Corner; Bill McKee, $\$ 10$ gift certificate from Red River Steak House; Alta Mason $\$ 25$ Rifa certificate from Corinne's Caitlin Mantom Corinne s, Caitlin Mantooth, $\$ 25$ gift certificate from McLean Feed Yard; Roy Richardson, Mary Kay


## PIONEER Study Club

 will have a Christmas 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 .

## products from Roxie

 McMordie; Rhonda Sparling, Avon products from Tammy Hanes; Manuel Alvarez, signed$\qquad$ Barbara Bode; Bonnie Fabian, potpourri jar from Seasons; Gene Smart crafts from Ann Pierce: crafts from Ann Pierce;
Cozy Parsons, from Parsont', turkey Gray, hair products from 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; Caria Kirkland, Candle from the Hair Gallery; Gene Smart, Cake from Vond Averett; Julie Wagner,

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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 2:05-3:30 7th Hour Friday, December 18 8:15-10:00 2nd Hour 10.10 - 12:00 4th Hour 12.00 12.00 4th Hour $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 12:00-12:25 } & \text { Lunch } \\ \text { 12:30 - 2:00 } & \text { 6th Hour }\end{array}$ 2:00 - Dismiss School

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Birthdays \& Anniversaries
 December Davis. December 22 Glendora Rice, Sherry Martindale, Laura Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stillwell (A). Vrs. Vernon December $23-$ Sue
Cubine, Ott Cubine, Ott Davis, Deb Crockett, W.A. Davis,
Bill and Katy Graham Bill and Katy Graham
$(A)$.

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

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

Tuesday morning was spent in the craft department by some 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 residents $\begin{aligned} & \text { played bingo } \\ & \text { with } \\ & \text { Betty }\end{aligned}$ Lowe with Betty Lowe volunteering to help.
Friday Gaye Friday Gaye
provided music for the enjoyment of the residents.

Saturday afternoon was the December Birthday Party celebration. Birthday people were Sue

Cubine, Marjorie Turnage, McClemore and friends. Phyllis Bailey, Pete Everyone really enjoyed Wheeler, Glynda Martin, the music.
Bessie McClemore, Bud Next Saturday, at 2:30 Simpson, and Leon Tate. is the resident's Christmas Entertainment was Party. Come out and provided by Ray enjoy!

## BM B M S B P BlP BUC <br> Annual <br> Chrisemas Eve Candlelighe Service <br> 7:00 p.m. Oecember 24гh <br> beald Unired CDechodıs Church Kellerville Road दW中

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Mclean Elementary Students of the Week November Hetancud December 4th. Kindergarten Samantha Syfrett, 3rd Grade Kristen Corley, 2nd Grade Tammy Syfrett, 3rd Grade Kristen Odom, 4th Grade Brooke Seymour, Sth Grade Justin Wehrenberg, 6th Grade Tyler Hanes, 7th Grade Derek Best, 8th Grade
Jennifer Smith.

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| 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.
The Lady Tigers
traveled to Samnorwood
for a tournament on
December $10-12$. They
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 , Vanessa Glass with 56 points,

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## Alanreed News

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
chagrin, the basement full of co-workers and friends, complete with beautiful cake and trimmings, waiting to express their love and appreciation for the years of association with each other. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation, "a key to See Alanreed, pg. 10

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





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Carson Officials Hold Meeting

The court approved the policy for a premium of $\$ 25,021.00$ The court also released
eceipt from the State National Bank of Groom. The receipt was replaced with a like amount by
the bank
John Dale Kelly met with the court to present a cost estimate to complete the concrete floor at the south end of the County Agriculture Building. Two proposals were presented by Reining Concrete. Proposal \#1 to pour a portion of the ares with concrete at $\$ 6,000.00,40^{\prime}$ concrete at
Proposal \#2, 50' x 75' $\times 5^{\prime \prime}$ to pour all the area with concrete at $\$ 10,800.00$. The court approved to concrete the complete area. Proposal $\$ 2, \quad \$ 10,800.00$. The Agriculture Board will contribute $\$ 3,500.00$ of he funds. The County he funds. The County will furnish the balance of $\$ 7,300.00$ for the project. Completion date 1/01/99.
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 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 emespond to a county respond to a county mergency more quickly.
Court adjourned until Court adjourned until
December 21, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balances All Governmental Fund Types For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1998

REVENTES

Local and Intermediate Sources
State Program Revenues
Federd 1 Program Revenues
Total Revenues
EXPEND ITURES:

Instruction and Instructional Related Services
Instructional and school Leadership
Support Services - student (Pupil)
Admindatrative Support Services
Support Services - Nonstudent Based
Intergovernmental Charges
Total Expenditures

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over
(Under) Expenditures

Other Resources
Other (Useg)

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources over (under) Expenditures \& Other Usea

Fund Halance, September 3 , 1297 (Beqinning)
Fund Balance, August 31,1998 (Ending)


| \$ | 156,698.17 | \$ | 35,972.21 | \$ | 192,670.38 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 60.254.32 |  |  |  | 60,254.32 |
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|  | 555.507.26 |  |  |  | 555,507.26 |
| \$ | $926,696.78$ |  | $66,743.03$ | \$ | $993,439.81$ |
| \$ | 159,967.10 | \$ 1 | 22,206.06) | \$ | $137,761.04$ |
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|  | $966,138.86$ |  | 2,838,46 |  | 967,969.32 |
|  | 104,105.96 |  | 1,624.40 |  | 105,730.36 |


[^0]:    The Groom City Council met in regular session with Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, Don Case and Pete Ham present. Aldermen Jimmy Britten And Mary Margaret and Mary Margaret
    Brooks were absent. Brooks Were absent.
    Employees Donnie Evans Employées Donnie Evans
    and Mary Sue Lyles and Mary Sue Lyles
    were also in attendance. were also in attendance.
    Minutes of the November 10 meeting

