

# The McLean News



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## Reminder

**SHOT CLINIC** has been changed to May 7 from 1-3 at the Elementary School. If your child is starting Kindergarten next year and needs some booster shots you can get them at this time. It is also open to the community.

**KINDERGARTEN** Registration is coming up on May 1 & 2 at 2:30 p.m. You will need to bring you child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP** will be May 6-10. The city will pick up items in the alley on the 6th. Only one trip will be made. The Landfill will be free that week to City residents.

**FAMILY READING** Night is Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the School Library.

**DON'T FORGET** to plan for the City Wide Garage Sale on Sat., May 25. This is a good time to get rid of a lot of good items that you no longer use.

## SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 29 & 30

### Breakfast

**Monday:** Monkey bread, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.

### Lunch

**Monday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, pudding milk.

**Tuesday:** BBQ sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, texas toast, lazy daisy cake, milk.

## McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

April 25 - Dec Perkins, Zachary Odom.

April 26 - Betty

April 27 - Ann Williams, Clyde Richard Brown, Marye Thomas, Maxine Watson.

April 28 - Alisha Hallum, Cindy Lee, Andrew Bybee, Billy Smith, Gaylord and Missy Van Brocklin (A).

April 29 - Toby Purcell.

April 30 - Amber Thomas Smith, Kathy Reynolds.

May 1 - Bryan Shackleford.

## "In God We Trust" Catching On In Classrooms Around The State Thanks To Local Man's Work

Like ripples on the water when a stone is cast into a pond, so, the results of an effort made by Archie Cooper the night of July 10, 2001 is still being seen. The people present cheered when he McLean school board voted unanimously to allow Archie Cooper and the cooperating ministers to post our national motto "In God We Trust" throughout the class rooms and where every they chose to put them including the hamburger stand at the games. Cooper had a strong desire to try to turn our nation back toward God, and when he saw this motto advertised for this purpose by the American Family Association, (AFA) he felt like this would be next best to the Ten Commandments. The 11 by 14 inch poster has a American flag background with beautiful gold letters, and the AFA had delivered a framed copy to nearly every congressman in the US

Capitol. The House gave a unanimous vote to encourage the posting of this motto in schools and public offices. When Cooper had knowledge of what the AFA had done, he didn't wait for the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001 to prompt him to meet with the school board.

The McLean school was the first in the State of Texas to our knowledge, to get the posters in all rooms. Rev. Cooper takes a few posters with him as samples, when he goes from town to town to promote the posting of our national motto. One young man took a copy to his pastor in Turkey, Texas and son got the posters in the school there, and other schools around them. Cooper's niece took one with her to Burkburnett, Texas and more than 300 posters were put in the schools there, and Thomas and Anna Trout received more than a hundred

See Cooper, pg. 9



Senior show off their laundry bags complete with their name after the Pioneer Study Club Senior Tea.

## Pioneer Study Club Hosts Senior Tea, Former Student Gives Inspirational Talk

The Pioneer Study Club honored the 2002 McLean High School Seniors with a tea on Sunday afternoon, April 21, 2002 in the Church of Christ Annex.

The speaker was Bryan Smitherman, M.D. from Lubbock, Texas. He passed out leaflets to each of the seniors and asked them to mark out six letters and find the

hidden word. His message from that was that life is listening and following instructions and he recommended that they each read Bruce and Stan's book titled: "God is in the Small Stuff." He asked them to stay connected to God at all times and that all else in their lives would fall into the proper place.

Dr. Smitherman gave each senior a little gold

gift box with three items in it: 1) A map of McLean to keep them reminded of where they came from; 2) A blank key to their future (blank so that they could each cut it anyway they choose); 3) A cross to remind them to keep God in sight at all times.

Delicious punch and finger foods were served to the seniors, their parents and friends.

## Economic Development Works On Clean Up - Fix Up Projects

The McLean EDC 4b met in regular session on April 18, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Library. Directors present were Laverne Back, Steve Bowlin, Betty Morgan, Jim Reyna, and LaVon Watson. From the community were Butch and Katie Warner, Mindy Reeves and Bob Martin. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$8,161.54 as of April 18, 2002. This included \$4000 given to the EDC from the City Council and earmarked for clean up funds.

The EDC is funding the construction of a new concrete ramp for the City Library. Patches of concrete will also be repaired. A new sprinkler system will be installed.

Very soon, the EDC will be on the internet. Look for www.McLeanTXEDC.org in the near future!

The EDC was pleased to hear from Butch Warner, the McLean

Chamber of Commerce President. The Chamber and the EDC will work closely to make McLean the best little town in the panhandle. The Chamber has been doing a lot of clean up work lately in the downtown area. The Chamber has many ideas to further beautify the downtown area. The desire of the EDC and the Chamber is make McLean more conducive to attracting new businesses and making it a more pleasant place for those who already live here.

The clean up funds given by the City Council to the EDC have some specific guidelines. These funds are not to exceed \$500 per project. The funds are intended to pay for materials and not the labor involved. Application forms for these funds will be available within the next 7 to 10 days. Please contact Jim Reyna at 779-2548.

During the Open Floor session, Mindy Reeves asked about securing a pair of large, ornamental scissors for Ribbon Cutting ceremonies.

In the near future, the EDC will investigate the feasibility of securing wireless internet service for McLean. Some factors include public interest and costs.

The EDC is formulating a long-term project of commissioning a sculpture of some type of outdoor artwork to be placed near the current "Heart of Old Route 66" sign. The intent is to create an attraction to coax people off the interstate and spend some time in McLean. Also,

it should be aesthetically pleasing for local residents, too.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The EDC welcomes public participation at its meetings. The meeting date and time is posted

at the City Hall at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Complete minutes of the meetings are available. Want to

know more? Please come to the meetings and participate! Together we can make McLean better!



Before Commencement Commences....

## The Graduation Edition!

Sponsor your favorite senior, or their invitation, kindergarten picture, or just say congratulations in this special keepsake edition. Call Today @ 779-2141 The McLean News

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Friends;  
 Next week, both Jim and I are going to be having minor surgery. Due to this, I will be trying to gather material for the next two issues of The McLean News this week. Both papers will be published at their regular times. If you have articles, information, or ads that need to be included, please contact the Groom office. The staff will be happy to

help you in any way. The toll free number is 1-888-869-6599. The deadline is noon on Tuesday, but the sooner you get it to them the better!  
 I'm sorry for the inconvenience. I am expecting a speedy recovery and hope to see you next week!  
 EllaMae Reyna  
 McLean Editor

## Letter From The Editor

There is definite better news on the McLean ISD financial front. I was advised by Superintendent Downs that the district has some \$750,000.00 in the bank, that the funds borrowed last year have been repaid and that the district will end the current year in the black. What a difference a year makes! There are some indications that there will be a greater degree of openness in school operations than we have seen in the past. The financial turnaround won't be as easy as it took awhile to go downhill but there

are some real positive indicators.

I read with interest State Senator Teel Bivens response to a letter from a Groom citizen relative to the financial plight of the Groom ISD. While the response was interesting, it was way too long and said way too little to be of any immediate help for the Groom students. There are other small schools in the Texas Panhandle having similar financial problems, having to cut services and instructional courses; Texline for one.

Politicians, local state and federal, have used the education issue as voter bait for years.

Occasionally, they sling some money at it that in the main misses the mark. It's like trying to irrigate a piece of land. The water is there but broken ditches and busted pipes leave some rows high and dry. Education funds are siphoned off and fail to reach the class rooms. The health and well being of a community is commensurate with that of its school.

A suggestion. McLean has 10 graduating seniors this year. If you, your group or club has any discretionary funds on hand that don't represent immediate personal needs, or that would disenfranchise a sixth or seventh cousin should you shuffle off this sorrowful orb, work with school officials and develop scholarships for those graduating seniors who have college plans. If could very well be the best investment you ever made.

Bill Reeves

### FUNDRAISER

A second fund raiser has been set to help Peri Grigsby with her medical costs. The Centennial Committee is sponsoring a Cookbook Tasting Party on Saturday, May 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Devil's Rope Museum. Baskets will be set up to accept donations for Peri. There has also been an account set up at the McLean Bank of Commerce to accept donations.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of McLean met in a special session Friday, April 19, 2002 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Billingsley, Joe Lamb, Doyle Lee, Jim McDonald, LaVon Watson and Bob Martin.

Others present: Ellen Malone, Toni Bohlar, and Mindy Reeves.

Discussion was held concerning the hiring of a Librarian.

Ellen Malone informed the Council that the Library Board had met and reviewed the applicants and their qualifications and interviewed 5 of the applicants and they recommended hiring Sally Bohlar. The council voted to go with their recommendation and hire Sally Bohlar, as the new Librarian.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

## Tragedy Nets Illegal Aliens

The Department of Public Safety was kept busy this week on Interstate 40 near McLean last week, beginning Wednesday the 17, when a 1989 Chevy Suburban carrying 20 people rolled killing one man.

Authorities said the Suburban rolled when the right rear tire blew and swerved onto the grass median rolling two times and landing upright. Seven or eight people were thrown from the vehicle killing one identified man and critically injuring two others who were air lifted to Amarillo. Seven others were transported by ambulance. The

deceased was taken to Bailey Ware Funeral Home. The other 10 passengers were turned over to the INS. DPS officers also stopped a late model pickup truck with a camper shell carrying 20 more illegals that were following the Suburban. The occupants were also turned over to the INS.

On Saturday, April 20 at 9:45 p.m., Salvador Pentate, 24, of Los Angeles was found to be carrying 5 lbs. of marijuana in a speaker box in the back seat of a 2000 Ford Exposition. The marijuana had a street value of \$2,945.00. Mr. Pentate was stopped for traffic violations at mile marker 102, eastbound. It is believed the marijuana was coming from Los Angeles, California and going to Norman Oklahoma.

On Sunday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m., Ricardo Jackson, 43, of Los

Angeles California, was stopped for a traffic violation at mile post 105, eastbound. Thirty lbs. of marijuana with a street value of \$17,670.00 was found. The drugs were found in the trunk of his 2002 Chrysler four door. It is believed the drugs were being transported from Los Angeles, California to Arkansas.

Finally, on Sunday April 21 at 4:45 p.m., Mark Anthony Jones, 31, of New Port News, Virginia was found to be carrying \$16,000 in the bumper of his 2002 Honda Accord. Mr. Jones was pulled over for a traffic violation near McLean at mile marker

144 traveling west. The money was coming from Virginia en-route to California.

### Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Rising again in America's kitchens is the croissant, a signature, crescent-shaped roll said to represent the finest in French baking. Master chefs at French SAF Perfect Rise Yeast have created a delicate French croissant recipe that is easier to make than you might think possible.

How do you talk to your children about sex? Having that important conversation may be easier for some parents than others, says Jane DiVita Woody, author of *How Can We Talk About That? Overcoming Personal Hang-Ups So We Can Teach Kids The Right Stuff About Sex and Morality* (Jossey-Bass, \$17.95).



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**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15  
 Sunday Evening 7:00  
 Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
 Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study  
 2 Home Bible Studies

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm  
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm  
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
 Kellerville Road  
 Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
 Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

**Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse**  
 Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins  
 779-2456 or 779-2965  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.  
 Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.



# McLean School Honor Roll

## A-HONOR ROLL

First: Emilee Bolton, Nathan Brantley, Kaela Lee, Miranda McMordie, Kendra Richardson, Rocco Rodriguez.

Second: Tori Bybee, Jordan Herring, Jace McLain, Rebecca Reyna, Ashley Russell, Moriah Woodridge.

Third: Tyler Lamb, Nicole McClendon, Holly Phillips, Erin Vassey.

Fourth: Tucker Adams, Daniel Conners, Sheri Haynes, James Krueger, Amber Staton, Stephen Williamson.

Fifth: Emory Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Jamie Sanderson, Tammy Syfrett, Dashae

Tolleson, Arelly Vega. Sixth: Travis Fish, Kristen Odom, Mark Smith, Lucious Webb.

Seventh: John Haynes, Samantha Krueger. Eighth: Krista Smith, Savannah Williamson.

Ninth: Philip Jones, Ashley McClendon, Antonio Montoya, Chloe Smith.

Tenth: Katrina Routen, Shaley Steel. Eleventh: Nikki Hefley, Randi Riley.

## A-B HONOR ROLL

First: Shiloh Brown, Stormy Manns, Sami Sanderson, Rachel Young.

Second: Jamie Alvarez, K.J. Averett, Saber Bohlar, Daniel Jeffries, Trent McAnear, Victoria Newton, Chelsey Simms, Rena Smith.

Third: Jacob Azzazi, Ashley Byron, Clay Crockett, Timothy Jeffries, Zachary Seymour, Anthony Shackelford, Sami Staton.

Fourth: Nancy castillo, Caleb Crawford, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Mark Jeffries, Hogan Ketcherside, Dustin Lee, Zachary Odom, Jessica Skipper.

Fifth: Nikki Alvarez,

Thomas Bencomo, Chase Bohlar, Suzanne Howard, Evan McMordie, Amanda Loya, Jon McAnear, Evan McMordie, Chris Walker.

Sixth: Ronnie Alexander, Autumn Dillman, Stephanie Henson, Stephen Ingle, Casey Phillips, Trey Skipper, Logan Sparling, Lacey Wallis.

Seventh: Kutter Anderson, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour, Chisum Smith.

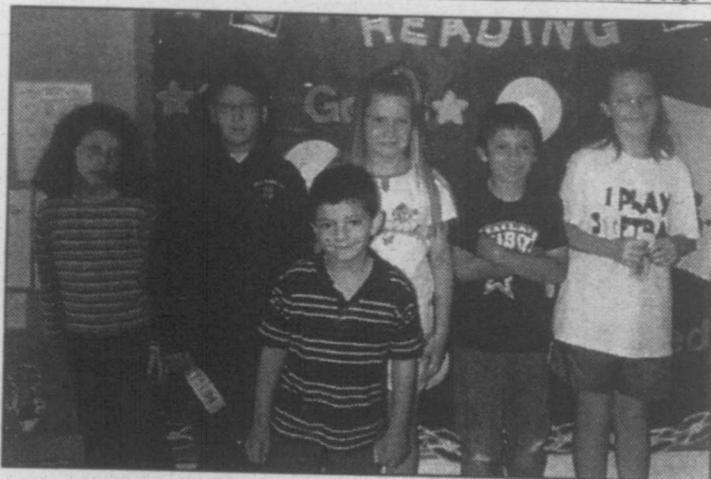
Eighth: Manden Conklin, Thomas Galzener, Nicholas Odom, Kevin Smith.

Ninth: James Alexander, Tyler Haynes, Lucas Seymour, Mitchell Steward.

Tenth: Sandi Anderson, Emily Bolin, Danielle Dampier, Reo Dennis, Jennifer Greer, Jaci Grigsby, Tracy Rigsby, Jamie Seitz.

Eleventh: Drew Barker, Trent Cadra, Amanda Hauck, Tami Marsh, Brittany Primavera, Josh Seymour, Jennifer Smith.

Twelfth: Chase Barnes, Candice Barnes, Laura Thomason.



Students of the Week for April 8 - April 12: Kindergarten-Jordon McLain; 1st Grade-Chance Roland; 2nd Grade-Rudy Rodriguez; 3rd Grade-Katy Acuna; 4th Grade-Mark Jeffries; 5th Grade-Nikki Alvarez; 6th Grade-Autumn Dillman; 7th Grade-



## Cub Scouts Hold Pinewood Derby

The local pinewood derby for all McLean Cub Scouts was on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Each scout made a car from a kit, which includes a block of wood, axles, and wheels. The boys design the cars and put them together with a lot of special technology and a little assistance from an adult.

Placing first was Kelby McClellan; second, Jace McLain; third, Jordan Herring; fourth, Bradley Howard; and fifth, Dustin Lee. Special awards included Most Unique, Tucker Adams; Best Design, Jacob Jones; and Best Paint Finish, Jack Odom.

The Tiger Cub (1st grade) participants were Stormy Manns, Chance Roland, Shiloh Brown and Jacob Jones. Representing the Wolf

Cubs (2nd and 3rd graders) were Bradley Howard, Jordan Herring, Jack Odom, Anthony Shackelford, Kelby McClellan, and Jace McLain. Webelo Cub Scouts (4th and 5th graders) entries were

Tucker Adams, Zachary Odom, Dustin Lee, Stephen Williamson, Brian Shackelford, Caleb Crawford, and Mike Krueger.

Cubmaster, Beverly

Odom, presented each Cub Scout a blue ribbon. Conducting the race was L.H. Webb, our local Boy Scout Leader, and Boy Scout member, Lucas Webb. They also helped with the district race in Pampa on April 6 along with Travis Fish. Fifteen Cub Scouts from McLean entered. Six placed in the top five in their age group and two received special design awards.

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## Son of Local Couple Receives Award In The Morton Area

The Morton Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held their 38th annual banquet April 13. The event was at the Morton High School cafeteria.

Former Shamrock resident Scott Newsted has honored as Business Person of the year. Scott is Operations Manager over the Thriftway Grocery Stores in Morton and Olton.

The banquet quest speaker was Don Rives,

a former Wheeler resident. He is Athletic Director at Morton High School.

Former Quail resident Fredda Schooler is Superintendent of Morton Schools. She began her teaching career in Shamrock in 1965. She plans to attend the ex-student reunion in July.

It was also announced that Scott has been elected President of the Morton Chamber of Commerce for 2001-2002. He has also been appointed to the Texas Work Force Commission and is trying to secure more jobs for Cochran County.

Scott is the son of Shamrock residents Jim and Linda Newsted. They attended the banquet to see Scott honored. Jim and Linda worship in McLean and have close ties to this community.

Scott, Caroline, Crystal, and Tyler moved to Morton in May 2000.

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McLean Seniors enjoy delicious refreshments at the Senior Tea sponsored by the Pioneer Study Club each year.

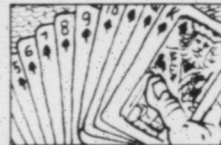
## Centennial committee Plans "Crafty" Event

The McLean Centennial Committee is hunting craft vendors who would like to sell their products on Saturday, June 5, 2002, in downtown McLean. We are planning a Centennial Parade at 10:00 a.m.; Classic Car Show all day; old-timers, bra factory workers, and cowboy reunions; and a rodeo and dance that night. Please call 806-779-3149 for more information.

They are also sponsoring a Cookbook Tasting Part on Saturday, May 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Devil's Rope

Museum. The two museums have a newly published Centennial Cookbook to promote. Come and taste some "Best of Texas recipes." Cookbooks are available for \$12.00. For more information call 806-779-2225. Donations will be accepted for the "Peri Grigsby Medical Fund."

The Committee is also sponsoring a city wide garage sale on Saturday, May 25. We plan to do the publicity; you hold it at the location of your choice, and you keep the profits. Call Mindy 779-3149 to be included or for more information.



The odds against a bridge player getting all 13 cards in the same suit in one deal are about 158,753,389,899 to one.

## Gray County Court Continues Discussion Concerning Forfeited Money

Gray County Commissioners continue their disagreement with District Attorney Rick Roach on just where forfeited funds should go and how they should be spent. The conflict began with the disagreement as to where the money confiscated from drug dealers and other criminals would be deposited. Roach had control of the funds wanted to deposited them in the Wheeler County depository which is near his office.

The District Clerk wanted the funds in the Gray County depository. After a heated discussion, Gray County was selected as where the money would be kept pursuant to the decision that the District Judges decision on April 3.

Commissioners Green Hefley and Judge Peet voted against an amended Forfeiture Budget for Jan. 2001 through Dec. 2001. The court voiced concerns over approving a budget for 2001 that has already been spent.

Roach then submitted a 2002 Budget amended for Jan. 1, 200 through Feb 28, 2002 and March 1-March 31. Commissioners Wheeley, Greene, Hefley and Judge Peet were opposed.

The court had questions concerning the budget. Commissioner Hefley was charged with communicating with Roach on the amendments and will report to the Court at the next regular meeting.

In other business, the court voted to add the

## Extra Curricular Expenses Discussion Tabled Until May Meeting

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2002. Board members present were John Holland, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom, Mike Darsey, Joe Riley and Billie Ward. Others present were Superintendent, Bob Downs, Blaze Herring, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, Mindy Reeves, Bill Anderson, and Sheila McFatridge.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by John Holland. Billie Ward gave the opening prayer.

A motion was passed to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2002.

Sheila McFatridge addressed the Board to express her feelings, in that the Board used bad judgement in the events leading up to Mr. Griffin's resignation and

the termination of Sue Griffin as bus driver.

The canvass of the School Board election, and appointing officers will be held on May 7, 2002, in the Business Office at 7:00 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:20 p.m. Return to open session came at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Downs had prepared a 2002-03 Teacher Salary Schedule, and it was approved.

Mr. Downs presented a policy pertaining to expenses for students in extracurricular activities for the next school year. This item was tabled until the next regular Board meeting.

A motion was passed to amend the 2001-02 Budget, in order to move \$20,000 from Function 31 to Function 41.

Mr. Downs updated the Board on the health insurance, and how a formula is used to figure the funding provided by the State to each individual school. The deadline for teachers to sign up will be May

17th, and the insurance will go into effect on September 1, 2002.

Mr. Downs informed the Board that there had

been four applications received for the Maintenance/Custodial job, and it would be narrowed down to one applicant, who would visit with the Board at the next meeting.

A motion was passed to approve Financial Reports A, B, & C.

A motion was passed to approve to pay the March bills as presented.

Under other business the Board training spring workshop will be at WTA&MU in Canyon on May 15, 2002. The delinquent cafeteria bills will be discussed next month, and the possibility of filing suit in small claims court. Mr. Downs also received a letter from TEA stating the District could be classified as a Chapter 41 (rich) school in the future because of the high taxable valuations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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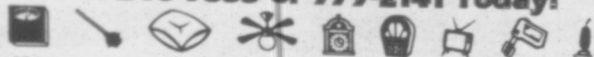
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### Political Calendar

The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002, a fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

#### DEMOCRAT

For Carson County  
Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 1  
**Bill Hinson**

For Carson County  
Treasurer  
**Jeannie Cunningham**

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## Community Calendar



**MOTHER'S DAY** is May 12th.

**EARLY VOTING** will continue through April 30 for the school board election. Those wishing to vote early may vote at the school business office at Groom ISD during regular working hours.

**GROOM ISD** will hold a kindergarten round-up on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 in the Kindergarten Room.

**THE SPRING** Jr. High and High School Band Concert will be held on May 16.

**KINDERGARTEN** through 4th grade will have a concert on May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY** is May 12.

**REGIONAL TENNIS** Meet is April 24th and 25th in Levelland.

**GROOM ISD** High School Awards Assembly are scheduled for May 15 at 8:00 a.m.

**JERICO CEMETERY TO BE PROCLAIMED HISTORICAL TEXAS CEMETERY**

On April 27, 2002, the Jericho Cemetery which was founded in 1894 will hold a special ceremony as it unveils its historical marker and the Texas Historical Medallion.

The cemetery is located on Highway 70 just south of Interstate 40. The dedication is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

### Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

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## Groom City Council Votes To Have County Assessor Collect Taxes Instead Of Appraisal District

The City of Groom has decided to let the Carson County Tax Collector do its tax collections beginning with the 2002 taxes that will become due in January 2003. The decision was made after the council received a proposal from the Appraisal District to continue collecting taxes for a fee of at least 371.36 (based on the levy for the year 2000 tax collections.) The Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector proposed to do the collections for 76.80 per year with a one time fee of \$500 for the transfer of records from the Appraisal District to the County Tax Office.

Aldermen Ollinger moved to leave the collections with the Appraisal District. The motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Ellis Stapp and seconded by Chris Welch to have the County Tax Assessor-Collector do the City tax collections. Ellis Stapp, Chris Welch and W.H. Ollinger voted in favor of the motion. Forrest McLaughlin voted against the motion with Don Case obtaining due to the fact that he is a County employee.

In other business, the City Council discussed a proposition by a

interested person to by the old Clinic building. The council discussed advertising for bids for the building. Forrest McLaughlin moved and Don Case seconded the motion to wait until the next city meeting before making a decision, in order to let the GEDC discuss opportunities for utilizing the building.

A motion was passed to allow Dr. Horne, from Pampa, to hold a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats at the Fire Department building on Thursday, May 9, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m.

A motion was passed to leave the access line rates that the telecommunications companies pay for right

of way fees the same as last year. The fees will be \$0.15 per residential line, \$0.39 per commercial line, and \$0.78 per point to point line.

No action was taken concerning the Summer Program since the organizational meeting for the program has not been held yet.

A motion was passed to accept the certification of unopposed candidates for the May 4 election as presented by the City Secretary.

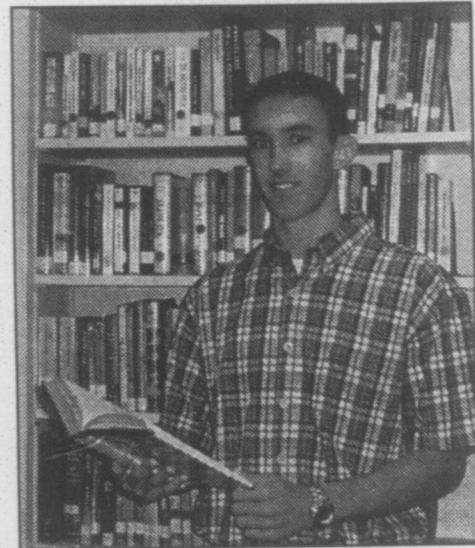
A motion was passed

to cancel the May 4 election since 3 people signed up for the 3 places that will be available.

A motion was passed to table the inter-local agreement with Armstrong County concerning the \$500 per year reimbursement they pay the Volunteer Fire Department. Tony Treadwell, Fire Chief, volunteered to check with other entities who go into that county and help them fight fires to see what Armstrong County pays them. The other counties that Groom has inter-local agreements with and the reimbursement that they pay are: Carson Co.-\$350 per fire call, Gray Co.-\$484 per fire call, and Donley Co.-\$200 per fire call.

A motion was passed to give tax relief to organizations that provide specific charitable services. The city doesn't have any organizations that meet these specifications, but

See City, pg. 4



## Garrett Britten Qualifies For State UIL Meet

Garrett Britten earned top honors at the UIL Regional Competition held last week in Levelland. Garrett was one of eight students from Groom to qualify for the regional meet. He placed 1st in the Newswriting competition. Garrett is a senior at Groom High School and the son of Clifton and Susan Britten. Mrs. Janetta Lamb is his

coach. He will travel to Austin on May 3rd for the contest.

Candace Bohr placed 5th in Feature Writing and is 2nd alternate for the state competition. Also competing in the Regional meet were Jessica Bates, Wyatt Britten, Amanda Martin, Stephany Fraser, Lainie Britten, and Lauren Crowell.

## Jericho Cemetery To Earn Historical Marker, Ceremony To Be Held Sat.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recently recognized the Jericho Cemetery, in the northern part of Donley County, as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it a Historic Texas Cemetery Medallion and an Official Texas Historical Marker. The Jericho Cemetery has received these designations through an application process that documents the history and significance of the burial ground.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the placing of the marker and the unveiling of the medallion will be held at 2:00 p.m. on April 27th, at the Jericho Cemetery which is located 16 miles north of Clarendon on State Highway 70, and 1 mile west on Country

Road B.

The ceremony will consist of the presentation of the flags, a reading of the Cemetery history, speakers from four pioneer families and the official unveiling of the medallion.

"The designations are tools that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC. "Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a cemetery."

The distinctive medallion is a recognized symbol of preservation efforts and is placed at the entrance to the Jericho Cemetery. The

Historical marker helps provide an awareness of the fascinating history of Donley County. It is located by the side of Highway 70 near the road to the old Jericho community.

"It is important that as we look toward the future, we do not forget our past," stated Jean Stavenhagen, of the Donley County Historical Commission. "Preserving cemeteries will provide valuable historical information for those who follow."

The public is cordially invited to attend the dedication. Some seating will be provided, but everyone is encouraged to bring a chair.

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 Lucille Britten

## Local Happenings

### Britten Takes Medical Boards, Mom & Aunt Tour Hospital

Sharon Britten and Shelly Britten recently traveled to Houston where they visited with their sister Schellon Major and her family as well as Sharon's son Bart Britten.

Bart is about to begin his clerkship rotation at the Herman Memorial Medical Center in Houston where he is completing his second year medical boards. When his board tests are completed Bart will begin seeing patients under the direction of a third year medical student and a doctor. He will spend several weeks in each area such as surgery, family practice and psychiatry.

Bart is a 1995 graduate of Groom High School. He attended West Texas A & M University and the University of Texas in Houston.

Sharon and Shelly received a VIP tour of the hospital and enjoyed meeting with those who will be working with Bart during his training.



### Granddaughter Earns Award

The 9th Annual Student-Athlete Academic Awards Banquet was recently held at Wes Watkins Center on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The banquet was developed to recognize

outstanding achievements of Oklahoma State University student-athletes. Lori Walling was recognized as the first student in OSU history to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Athlete Training. Lori entered into the athletic training program as a freshman before it was an accredited degree plan. She has worked with the university the past five years to help it become an accredited degree program. Lori graduated from Pampa High School, where she worked under the supervision of Stuart Smith. Lori will continue her training as the Head Athletic Trainer at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Lori is the daughter of Jerry and Andrea Walling, Pampa, TX, the granddaughter of Bobby and Darlene Jones, Groom, TX, Lendon and Joyce Walling, Munday, TX, and the great granddaughter of Cleo Nix, Groom, TX.

### Burton Attends Conference

April Burton, a senior at West Texas A & M University recently attended The Southwestern Psychological Association Research Conference held in Corpus Christie on April 17-20. Burton did a poster presentation entitled "Procedure Variables in the Elevated Plus Maze". She was given second authorship on the research and presentation behind Dr. Richard Harland.

Upon her return, she attended the Education and Social Services Honor Banquet and was awarded the J. Allen Mathis Memorial Scholarship, for the fall semester when Burton will begin her studies for her master's degree.

**Correction:**  
 Molly Stewart was incorrectly listed as Molly Brown in last week's paper. We apologize for the mistake.

**ON THE ILL OR RECOVERING LIST**  
 Louis Ruthardt, Nellie Painter, Agnes Wetsel, Staci Ford.

### Scholarship Awarded

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell attended the Annual Golden Nail Awards Gala at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza Saturday evening as nominees for the awards.

Farmers Insurance Group Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Marcus Miller, son of Phil Miller of Groom and Ila Miller of Pampa. Miller is a Finance major and a junior at the University of Oklahoma. He had to maintain a minimum of a 3.25 GPA to be eligible for the award. The Award and others were presented to recipients of the Michael F. Price Business College at the University of Oklahoma.

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## Carson County Sheriff's Department Arrests 8 During Week of 4-15 to 4-21

There were eight people booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of April 15 through April 21, 2002. Currently there are 15 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 11 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Arrest made this week include:

James Waire, age 45 of Farmington, NM-Assault-Family violence.

Pamela White, age 34 of Amarillo, TX-Terroristic Threats.

David Harrington, age 38 of New Castle, DE-Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

Jeremy Ackors, age 21 of White Deer, TX-Aggravated sexual assault of a minor.

Salvador Penate, age 24 of Los Angeles, CA-

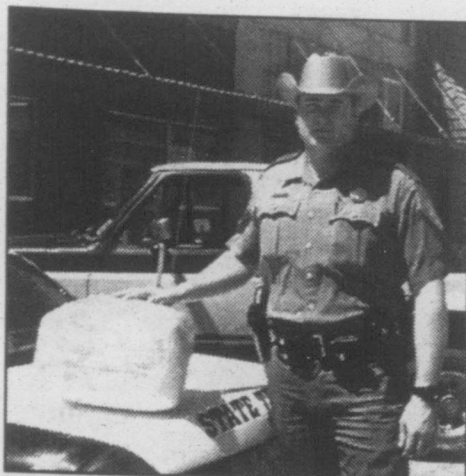
Possession of marijuana more than 4 oz. but less than 5 lb.

Ricardo Jackson, age 43 of Los Angeles, CA-Possession of marijuana more than 5 lb. but less than 50 lb.

Donald Brittain, age 39 of Amarillo, TX-Driving while license suspended, fail to identify to Peace Officer, unauthorized carrying of a weapon, and bond surrender-Potter County.

David Harmon, age 42 of Panhandle, TX-Possession of controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

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There is no waste of time like making explanations.  
-Benjamin Disraeli  
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### Groom Trooper Takes \$18,000 Worth of Drugs Off The Streets

Trooper Rusty Nesbitt got his week off to a good start when a routine traffic stop netted him 30 pounds of marijuana and another bad guy off the sheets.

Richardo Jackson will be a quest at the Carson County Jail after getting pulled over for speeding at the 105 mile post on Interstate 40 East. The plate on the car came back to a 3rd party rental.

Trooper Nesbitt said the odor of marijuana was noticeable as he began to talk to the man.

He received a consent to search from the man

and discovered the drugs in a plastic filing box in the trunk.

Jackson has had three arrests this month alone for transporting drugs. (The other two arrests were in Oklahoma) with a total of five on his record. The drugs have an estimated street value of about \$18,000.

#### Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 25 - Mrs. R.G. Weller, Sherri Weinheimer Wood, Loretta Kepley Shuck, Karri Britten.

April 26 - Ruth James, Tanner Lewis Case.

April 27 - Madison Friemel, Glynn D Harrell, Jeremy Jason Lewis.

April 28 - Lucille Case, Britteny Martin, William Myles Friemel.

April 29 - Michelle Rene Stephens, Willis Gray.

April 30 - Dennis Babcock, Stanley Homer, April Burton, Mamie Poole.

May 1 - Pat Pool.

### Grandview Hopkins Honor Roll

#### A-HONOR ROLL

First: Claire Hopkins, Alex Stevens.

Second: Ty Baggerman, Hilary Zedlitz.

Fourth: Hilary Acker, Zachery Ponce.

Fifth: Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins.

Sixth: Rusty Warner.

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

First: Alex Ragsdale,

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Third: Reid Bradley, Kyle Turner.

Fourth: Robert Ponce,

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Fifth: Tyler O'Neal.

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**CITY**

because this is new state legislation, the city needed to address this issue.

A motion was passed to allow the Volunteer Fire Department to begin the process of putting up a new 20 X 80 foot building between the water tower and Beulah Shockley's property, and to allow them to make a down payment on a building as long as the total cost of the project will not exceed the state minimum bid requirements of \$25,000. Tony Treadwell agreed to make sure from a survey that there is plenty of room and make sure that they can do something with the building that belongs to Groom Cemetery Association.

The maintenance task list was reviewed by the council.

A motion was passed to look into opening the lots down by the City well for truck parking. The sand and gravel and dirt piles that are stockpiled there will have to be moved to open the lots up. The City Secretary is to check with someone about the cost of having a sign put there to notify truckers of free parking and is to check with Panhandle

about their junk car ordinance.

A motion was passed to not send clean-up letters this month.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as reviewed.

A motion was passed to approve the bills and financial statements.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The following members and visitors were present: Mayor Joe Homer; Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, Chris Welch; and visitors Tony Treadwell, Clint Babcock, Donita Davis, and Mary Sue Lyles.



New pipe is being laid between the new water well and the water tower.

**County Commissioners Court Proclaims Community Action Month**

Carson County Commissioners met on April 22 with the following present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell. The court approved a road crossing on County Road M in Precinct #3 by Valor Communications.

Approval was given to the City Of Panhandle

after the court was petitioned for a deed on a parcel of land located just north of the Carson County Appraisal Office. The City currently maintains the lots of 8-9 and part of 10, Block 21 of the Original Town which is owned by the County, Panhandle ISD and the City.

Judge Powers informed the court that the Carson County Historical Commission has successfully fulfilled all requirements to receive the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding preservation work accomplished in 2001. The award was presented on Friday, April 19th in Abilene.

The Court approved a resolution presented by Donna Blanks with the Panhandle Community Services that proclaims May 2002 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Panhandle Community Services.

A resolution was adopted that would allow the county to participate in the Indigent Defense Grant Program. The approval will make the county eligible for grant monies totaling at least \$6,882 to fund court appointed attorneys. Attorneys appointed as

guardian ad litem for child protective cases were addressed. Judy Powers stated that the guidelines and forms would be the same as any other court appointed attorneys before any claims would be paid by the county.

Sheriff Gary Robertson reported that the forfeited funds currently has \$1794.36 in that budget. Robertson also reported on personnel changes for that office. Deputy Jason Collier resigned effective April 30, 2002 to accept a position with the City

of Panhandle. Drew Brasfield and Terry Brown were hired as deputies effective May 1, 2002. These individuals were approved for hire.

Auditor Jacqueline West presented the March 2002 monthly report, the 6 month budget report for 2001-2002 and the annual report for 2000-2001. The reports were approved.

Commissioners approved the local option of homestead exemptions and discounts for the 2002 taxes. A 2% reduction will be given for taxes paid in October, 2% reduction for November and 1% discount for December.

The Court will meet again on May 13, 2002.

**GROOM SCHOOL MENU**  
May 6-10  
Breakfast

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

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

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

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

Friday: No school.

**Lunch**

Monday: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, fruit cocktail, bread sticks, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Char-broiled steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, rice krispie treats, milk.

Wednesday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle pears, pears, milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, brownies, hot rolls, milk.

Friday: No school.



**Celebrating 80!**

Callie Mae Gunter Combest will be 80 years young on May 1st. She is enjoying excellent health and still believes there is "no such thing as too much fun."

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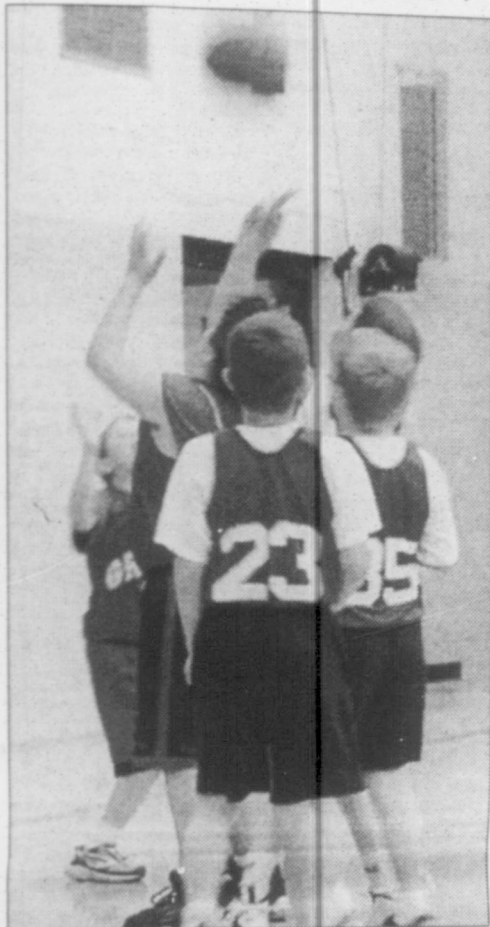


# America's Defenders

## Honoring Veterans And Celebrating America

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of patriots.

Rocky Bleier, a veteran of the Vietnam War, will deliver a keynote address during a candlelight ceremony on Aug. 23. Bleier was drafted twice in one year, once by the Pittsburgh Steelers, once by the U.S. Army. Sent into combat in Vietnam, Bleier was seriously wounded when his platoon ran into an ambush. He received leg wounds from both rifle fire and grenade fragments. Barely able to walk, it seemed his professional football career was over before it began.

Bleier's story is one of courage and determination. For more than two years he fought his way back. Not only did he rejoin the Steelers, he eventually became the team's star running back, helping them win four Super Bowls.

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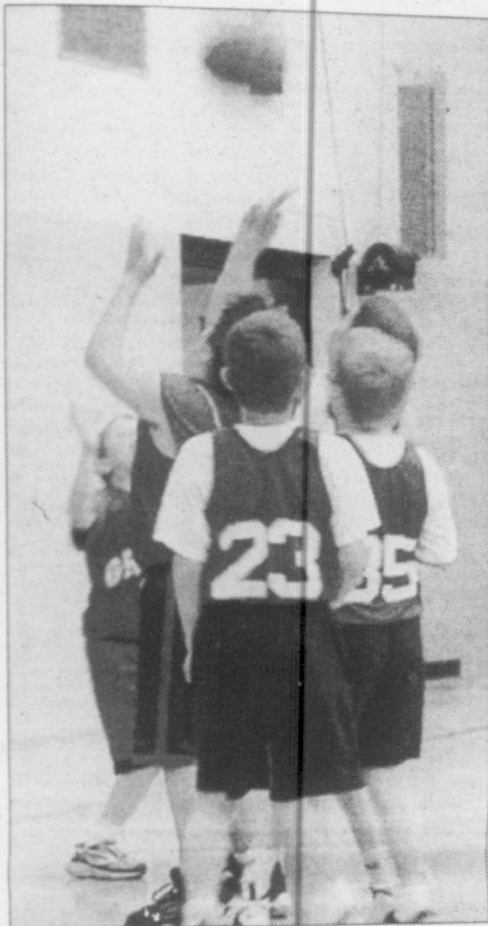
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## White Deer Celebrates Earth Day

Bus tours, music, barbecue and other entertainment provided a day of recognition for the wind power generators in White Deer on Monday as well as noting Earth Day.

Bus tours were taken in the afternoon up into the evening to the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch

site northwest of town to view the 80 turbines on nine square miles. It produces 80 megawatts of electricity, which is enough for about 26,000 households. The facility started producing power in January. James Scott is the business manager for Texas Wind Power

Company in White Deer and employs nine people. He stated that the Texas Panhandle is one of the prime spots for generating wind power in the United States. He also added other farm sites are being sought to increase the electricity output with wind.



### CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



#### A Silent Killer

Last fall, Lydia Evans entered her sophomore year at North Texas University as a healthy 20-year-old. Now she's lost both of her legs, parts of seven of her fingers and has endured 15 surgeries and intense physical therapy. She is a victim of a terrible, yet little-known disease called meningococcal meningitis.

Nearly 3,000 Americans contract meningitis each year. It is a serious illness that can result in deafness, blindness, amputations, permanent brain damage and even death. Approximately 10 to 13 percent of Americans afflicted die despite receiving antibiotics immediately after diagnosis. Last year 198 Texans became ill with this disease. Seventeen died.

#### Warning Signs

The bacteria that cause meningitis can be found in the noses and throats of many people who never become sick. In isolated cases, however, the bacteria can travel to a person's blood, brain or spinal cord, causing an infection that leads to the illness.

The bacteria is spread through sneezing or coughing directly in someone's face, kissing, sharing eating and drinking utensils, or any exposure to another person's saliva. Severe symptoms can appear suddenly in a matter of hours, or may begin with flu-like symptoms. Abrupt onset of high fever, severe and persistent headaches, a stiff neck, nausea or vomiting requires prompt medical attention. Also, dramatic behavioral changes such as disorientation, sleepiness and difficulty waking may be later warning signs.

#### Who's at Risk?

Meningitis occurs most frequently in young adults living in dormitory settings such as college campuses and boarding schools. Currently, the U.S. Armed Forces are routinely vaccinated, but it is not required for the general population.

One Texas mother, Carolyn Waghorne of Dallas, contacted me after the tragic death of her son, Carter, who contracted meningitis at boarding school in 1998. Mrs. Waghorne has led the battle in our state to create more awareness about the dangers of the illness. After hearing her story, I knew we needed to help educate all Americans about this devastating — yet preventable — disease.

Last year I introduced the "Meningitis Immunization Awareness Act" (S. 1009) along with my colleague, Senator George Voinovich from Ohio. The legislation would raise awareness about meningitis by requiring the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to consult with the Centers for Disease Control to provide information about the disease and available vaccinations. These resources would be distributed to locations with high-risk populations to help educate parents and families who are often unaware of the risks their child may face.

#### Protecting our Children

There are many steps we can take to prevent this disease. Currently, a vaccine for most strains of meningitis is available and it is effective for three to four years. It helps prevent the onset of the infection, yet it can take up to two weeks for protection to begin. Easy tasks such as covering your nose and mouth when sneezing, washing your hands regularly, and avoiding sharing utensils and drinking bottles, can help reduce the risk of contracting the illness.

#### Educating Texas Families

Texas has joined 13 other states in taking the important step to protect our youngsters from meningitis. Last year, a Texas law was implemented that requires the distribution of meningitis information to Texas public schools and higher education institutions. The Texas Department of Health has been working hand-in-hand with the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide schoolchildren and their parents with information about symptoms, transmission and treatment of meningitis.

The Meningitis Immunization Awareness Act will be part of a comprehensive package of legislation called the "Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act." I will be working with my colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation, so we can ensure that all Americans will have information to help prevent this horrible disease.

For more information about preventing meningitis, please visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or the Texas Department of Health at [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us)

## Have Your Will Written

While a discussion of your will is probably not popular cocktail conversation, writing a will is probably one of the most important things you will do in your lifetime. Yet every year, thousands of Americans die without leaving a will expressing their wishes for the final disposition of their property. When this happens the estate could end up in court with family members feuding and the court dictating how your property will be divided.

Having a will that specifies how you want your estate divided will greatly benefit your family during an already difficult time of stress and grief. A will can also minimize tax implications at the time of your death so that you beneficiaries receive your estate rather than the government.

#### BASIC ELEMENTS OF A WILL:

- \* Your name and place of residence
- \* Brief description of your assets
- \* Names of spouse, children and other beneficiaries
- \* Alternate beneficiaries
- \* Specific gifts, such as treasured family heirlooms, auto or residence
- \* Establishment of trusts, if desired
- \* Name of the independent executor to manage your estate
- \* Name of guardian for your children
- \* Name of alternative guardian should your first choice be unable to care for your children
- \* Your signature
- \* Witnesses' signatures
- \* Self-proving affidavit (to avoid having to find your original witnesses when your will is probated)

A will is especially important if you have young children. If you die without designating a guardian for your children, the court will determine who gets custody.

Remember to share with your attorney the existence of any accounts that you might have that are joint accounts with rights of survivorship or "pay on death" accounts. Your will does not dispose of these! This is also a good time to review your beneficiary

designations on insurance and retirement benefits.

Safe guard important documents. Always keep a comprehensive list of your important documents and store original documents in a safe and easily accessible location. If you have an attorney, you might consider storing original documents in his office.

Always keep copies of documents at home, with a notation as to the location of the originals. Important documents might include:

- \* Bank accounts where you have deposits
- \* Insurance policies
- \* Credit card numbers
- \* Names and phone numbers of key financial advisers such as your attorney, banker, accountant
- \* Social Security number
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- \* Income tax returns for the last three years

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas encourages you to update your will every few years. Changes in marital status, birth of a child, or move to a new state means your will needs updating.

When you obtain your will, also consider the value of preparing a durable power of attorney, appointing a trusted person to act for you in the event of your incapacity. Other helpful documents to consider include a medical power of attorney, directive to physicians (living will) and instruction regarding body disposition.

No one wants to dwell on death, but ensuring that your loved ones are taken care of and that your estate is handled according to your wishes is important for your peace of mind.

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