

# The McLean News



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## Reminder

**IMMUNIZATION**  
Clinic will be held on April 22, 2002 at McLean School from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**THE END OF** the 5th 6 week period for school will be April 12, leaving one more 6 week period before school is out for the summer.

**CENTENNIAL** Committee has another clean-up day planned for Saturday, April 13. Volunteers are needed. Work on the Bank of Commerce gazebo is planned. For more information contact Butch or Katie.

**DON'T FORGET** to plan for the City wide garage sale on Saturday, May 25. This is a good time to get rid of a lot of good items that you don't use any more.

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

**THE LIVESTOCK** Boosters Appreciation Dinner will be held Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gerald Tate Memorial Building.

**2ND GRADE** presents Dinosaurs at 2:30 at the Elementary School on Friday, April 12.

**KINDERGARTEN** Registration is coming up on May 1 and 2, at 2:30 p.m. You will need to bring your 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. They must be in the alley on the 6th as only one trip will be made. Landfill will be free that week to City residents.

**SENIOR** Citizens will be having lunch Tuesday the 16 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish and a friend. Following lunch, Sheryln Holmes will be conducting a free water color painting class at 2:00.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Regional Golf Tournament is April 22 and 23 in Sundown for the girls and Levelland for the boys. Good luck!

2nd place essay winner..

## 100 Years Of McLean Businesses

By Travis Fish

Wow!! McLean has been here 100 years. McLean has been here a long time and a lot has changed...and change is always good.

I interviewed a woman who has lived here for 71 years. She mentioned that she was a waitress at a restaurant called the Fuqua. She also said the jobs in McLean were not what they are now. Several jobs that we do not have today are department store clerks, pharmacists, and theater employees. She said that some businesses in McLean included several hotels, service stations, two department stores, three theaters called the Avalon, The Lone Star, and The Derby Drive-In,



two drugstores, one named Rexall, and the other The Greyhound, two grocery stores, and several cafes.

During my interview, I learned some interesting facts about McLean. For instance, McLean was the first town to be incorporated in Gray County. The first Pioneer Study Club was organized in 1931. The first president for the club was Mrs. W.E. Bogan, who served from 1931-1932.

The Prisoner of War  
See Essay, pg. 10

## Haynes Receives Choate Award



### HAYNES

Mike Haynes, a 1969 graduate of McLean High School, received the Charles T. (Chuck) Choate Memorial Adviser of the Year Award, March 29 at the Texas Interscholastic Press Association convention in Fort Worth.

Haynes, son of John M. and Joyce Haynes of McLean, has been a journalism adviser and instructor at Amarillo College for 11 years. He and colleague Lana Jackson advise The Ranger newspaper and AC Current magazine, which was inducted into the Association Collegiate

Press Hall of Fame in 1993.

He was nominated for the Choate award by the student editor of Amarillo College newspaper, Jennifer Schraag.

From 1983 to 1990, Haynes was editorial adviser for The University Daily newspaper and La Ventana yearbook at Texas Tech University. In 1986, he received the Honor Roll Award from College Media Advisers for advisers with experience of five years or less.

He has been a copy editor and assistant city editor at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, regional editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, sports editor for Houston Community Newspaper and editor and publisher of The McLean News.

Haynes has done freelance writing for The Dallas Morning News and United Press International and, for the past five years, he has written a religion column in the Globe-News twice a month. He placed

See Haynes, pg. 8

## Old Avalon Theatre In McLean Receiving Facelift For Centennial Celebration



The old Avalon Theater is receiving a sprucing up this week in preparation for the Centennial Celebration. Sarah and Jennifer Myers are painting a mural of Uncle Sam on the side of the building while their father Leland helps Delbert Trew paint the rest of the building. The old Avalon Theater closed sometime in the 60's and it has been deteriorating ever since.

The City Council voted to give the new EDC 44,000 from the old EDC account to be distributed to resident and business owners to clean up McLean, a \$500.00 per person limit has been set. If you are interested contact Jim Reyna at 779-2548.

## McLean City Council Votes To Stay With Southwestern Bell

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, April 8, 2002, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Pro-tem and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, LaVon Watson, Joe Lamb, and Jim McDonald.

Others present: Steve Bowlin, Toni Bohlar, Bill Anderson, Allen Mixon, Jim Adams, Mindy Reeves, Loyd Bybee, and Jim Fling.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

No report was given on the landfill, every thing is going well.

No report was given on City water at this time. It has been temporarily put on hold while dealing with the sewer plant.

At the sewer plant, the v-notch was installed and

readings were taken every hour for 72 hours, the results showed that the City was averaging approximately 88,000 gallons a day and we are permitted for 280,000 gallons a day. The engineers will send a letter to the T.N.R.C.C. with this information and they feel that this will help prove our case.

Loyd Bybee and his attorney Jim Fling addressed the council concerning Mr. Bybee's property on 7th and Rowe Street. Mr. Fling told the council that according to two surveys that Mr. Bybee had done that Mr. Bybee's property extends approximately 20 feet further to the East than his original property line showed, and that a judge had ruled to that effect also.

Jim McDonald told them that the council's concern was that the City may have utilities there. Mr. Bybee and Mr. Fling assured the council that

if there were utility lines there an easement would not be a problem. Jim McDonald told them that a decision could not be made tonight, that the City's attorney would have to be contacted.

The City had received proposals from NTS, Birch Telecom and Southwestern Bell telephone companies concerning their local service. The council voted to stay with Southwestern Bell and sign a year contract for a 6% monthly discount.

The Public Utility Commission had sent the City a form requesting the council to select a option on telephone access line rates. ... the present time they are at residential-\$1.33, non-residential-\$3.04. The PUC wanted the council to decide whether they wanted to raise those rates to residential-\$1.34 or non-residential-\$3.08

See City Council, pg. 10

**CORRECTION**

We inadvertently left a name off of the Livestock Boosters Thank You Note. McLean Feed Yard should have been included. Our apologies and a big thank you for all you do!

**SCHOOL MENU  
APRIL 15-19**

**Breakfast**  
Monday: Donuts, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: Pancakes, bacon, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

**Lunch**

Monday: BBQ on bun, tator tots, veggie sticks, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Taco salad with meat, salad, refried beans, fruit salad, milk.

Wednesday: Hot turkey sand., Texas toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, brownies, milk.

Thursday: Hot dogs with chili and cheese, baked beans, tator tots, rice krispie treats, milk.

Friday: Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

**HAYNES**

third nationally in the Amy Writing Awards competition in 2001.

He is in his fourth year on the board of the Panhandle Press Association. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Amarillo.

Haynes earned a B.A. in journalism in 1973 and an M.A. in mass communication in 1991, both at Texas Tech University.

**McLean Birthdays  
Anniversaries**

April 12 - Virginia Dalton, Aline Winegeart.

April 13 - Lela Kennedy.

April 15 - Ilene Barker, Vernee Bowling.

April 16 - Sammy Don Haynes, Misty Magee Hannon, Janet Glass, Dale Steel, Mark Tate.

April 17 - James Reyna, Mickey Jackson, Cheryl Smith, Carl Dwyer, Frank Sparling, Skee Burkes.

**PIONEER STUDY  
CLUB MEETING**

The Pioneer Study Club met April 4 in the Pioneer Museum. The meeting was called to order by Ruth Trew.

Jerry Corbin called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

There was some discussion of plans for the senior tea. The senior tea will be April 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex.

Wanda Lamb presented a very interesting program about the history of funeral customs around the world. She also gave the history of the funeral business in McLean.

Margaret Grogan served refreshments to: Mary Powell, Lynn Reeves, Angie Ward, Mickoy Jackson, Mary Lou Glass, Ruth Trew, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Babe Brown, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Magee, Zelda McClellan, Mary Emma Woods, and Wanda Lamb.

**Letter To The Editor....  
Ordinances Should Be  
Enforced By Council**

I would like to commend the Chamber of Commerce for the work that was done on Saturday, March 30. I was surprised to see them cleaning the gutters

on Main Street. I thought that has always been the city's responsibility. It is my opinion that the city council and city superintendent should be embarrassed that the Chamber of Commerce would have to spend a special work day to clean the gutters of main street.

What in the world are all of the city employees doing? I think it would be a good idea to start accounting for the employee's time. It would be fairly simple for the workers to keep a daily log of their activities. It would be a good business practice. It would also be good reading in the newspaper. The citizens of McLean would know what they are paying for.

I would also have to say to the new citizens in our community that trying to clean up McLean is like trying to cure the common cold. It ain't going to happen. Several years ago I was on the city council and pushed the idea of ridding the city of

unkept and junk properties. Junk in McLean is like a religion, the one's that have it don't see that it is an eyesore. They think the people that do see it should mind their own business. There are ordinances against unkempt properties on the books in City Hall. The problem is getting someone to enforce them. The city would have to hire or appoint a city Marshall and a city Judge. Who would want that job? My best advice would be to send

out letters to the property owners and ask them to clean their property. Send 3 letters. After the 3rd letter, the city should clean the property and bill the property owners. If they refuse to pay, turn off the utilities to that property and do not turn them back on until it is paid. The council would have to stick together and then stick to their guns to make this work. If our city does not get this job done, the town will keep going towards being one big junkyard. This is your city councils responsibility. Please encourage them to do something.

Brad Dalton

Some people are still unaware that reality contains unparalleled beauties. The fantastic and unexpected, the ever-changing and renewing, is nowhere so exemplified as in real life itself.

-Berenice Abbot



**Mindy Reeves**  
would appreciate  
your vote  
for City Council  
on May 4th.

**Services Held  
For Former  
McLean  
Resident**

**DANNY LEE**  
AMARILLO-Danny Cliff Lee, age 51, died on April 2, 2002.

Services were held on Thursday, April 4, 2002, at Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. The Reverend Brian Quisenberry of the First Baptist Church of McLean officiated.

Danny was born on March 14, 1951, in McLean, Texas, to Otis King and Maggie Bearden Lee. He attended McLean Public Schools, and moved to Amarillo in 1989 from McLean. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include one son, Lester Lee and wife Katricia of New Boston, Texas; one daughter, Terri Adams and husband, Jim Bob of McLean; six brothers, Buck Lee and Ray Lee of McLean, Junior Lee, James Lee, and Lawrence Lee of Pampa; and Paul Lee of Shamrock; four sisters, Colleen Franks of Amarillo, Mable Pletcher of Pampa, Willie Mae Carter of Bentonville, AR., and Evelyn Street of McLean; and four grandchildren, Daniel and Blake Lee of New Boston, Texas, and Tucker and Shelby Adams of McLean.

The family suggest memorials be to BSA Hospice.

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**McLean Church Directory**

**Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon**  
779-2548  
Sunday Bible School 10 am  
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Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**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**  
Kellenville Road  
Sunday 9:15

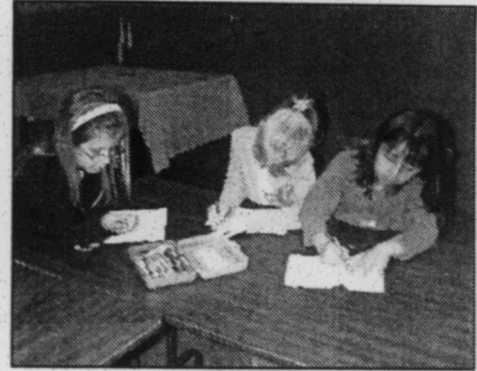
**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

**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.

## Brownies Prepare for Centennial

On every other Wednesday, Brownie Troop 126 meets at the Assembly of God Church at 3:30 p.m. They have accomplished a lot this year. They have gone camping and learned survival skills as well as life skills, and lifetime friendships have been formed.

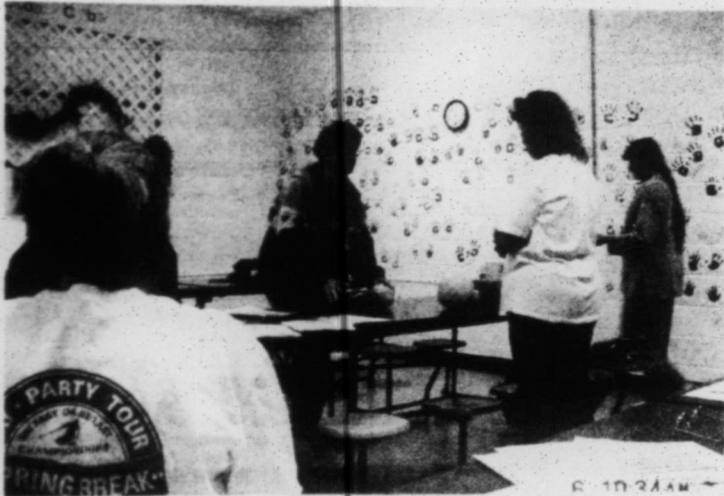
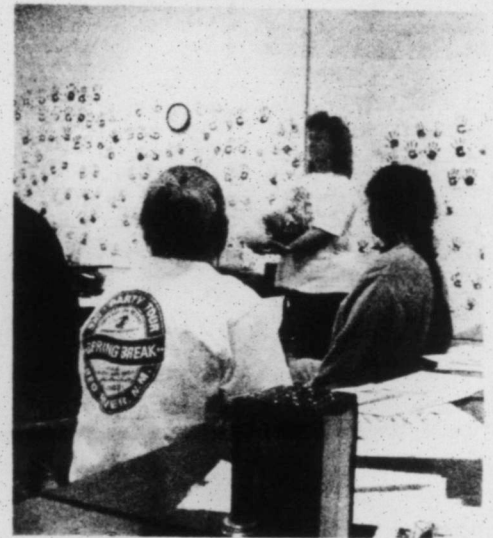
This week the girls worked on flags they intend on attaching to their bikes for the Centennial Parade in June. Each girl has designed and made their own flags for this event.



Students of the Week for April 1 - April 5: Kindergarten-Ian McMordie; 1st Grade-Kaela Lee; 2nd Grade-Ashley Russell; 3rd Grade-Timothy Jeffries; 4th Grade-Tucker Adams; 5th Grade-Tanner Wilhelm; 6th Grade-Mark Smith; 7th Grade-Anthony Ruiz.

## McLean PTA Hosts CPR Classes

The McLean PTA hosted a CPR class on Saturday, April 6. It was well attended by the community. Many of the teachers took advantage of the class to be re-certified. Amanda Crawford conducted the class teaching skills to save the life of someone whose heart stopped, or who had stopped breathing. The students were also taught how to dislodge a foreign object from someone's throat who is choking.



Amanda Crawford provided CPR training at the elementary school on Friday night to a nice sized crowd. CPR and basic first aid information are helpful to all who take the time to take the course.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

To the Regional qualifiers in Golf and Tennis. In Men's Golf, Tyler Hanes took 5th place individual and in Women's Golf the team took 1st place in District. Individually Shaley Steel took 2nd place, Randi Riley 5th place, Nikki Hefley 6th place, and Sandi Anderson also competed.

In Tennis, Randi Riley will be going on to Regionals.

Congratulations to the Area Qualifiers in Track- Ashley McClendon 3200 Meter Run, and Randi Riley, Danielle Dampier, Jennifer Greer, Ashley McClendon for the 1600 Meter Girls Relay.

In the Boy's 400 Relay, Chris Sparing, Dusty Moody, Nick Jones, and James Alexander. Thanks to all the Coaches and all their hard work.

GOOD LUCK!!

The McLean Athletic Boosters

### SPORTS NEWS

In Golf the girls took first place in the District Championship and will advance to Regionals in Sundown on April 22 and 23. Shaley Steel took second place overall individually with a score of 112. The other scores were Randi Riley-126, Nikki Hefley-128, and Sandi Anderson 139.

The boys took third place in District with Tyler Hanes taking fifth place overall with a score of 86. He will advance to the Regional competition in Levelland on April 22 and 23. Zane Richardson is first alternate scoring 97. Other scores were Josh Seymour-113, Lucas Seymour-138, Jacob Eddleman-128, and Mitch Steward-139.

Congratulations to the Little Dribblers. They did a great job representing McLean. The last tournament was held in Miami last weekend. A special thanks you to the coaches for their time and hard work spent with our young people.

### GOLF

The McLean Golf Association will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 16, at

7:00 p.m. to elect officers and to discuss this year's goals for the golf course. The meeting is set to be at the golf course, but, in the event of bad weather we will move to the Assembly of God fellowship hall located at 4th and Main. This meeting will also begin a new year of golf for the

area of McLean therefore annual dues are due again. So everyone who plays golf here in McLean please get your dues in so we can maintain the golf course. You can send your dues to: McLean Golf Association, P.O. Box 665, McLean, Texas 79057. Dues are \$60.00 for one year.



### Limb Falls On Apartment

A combination of Billingsley Street last week. No one was hurt and the damage is undetermined.

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## Essay

Camp was built in 1942. McLean was chosen as a camp site because of its distance from a coastline and had the convenience of a railroad. The first company of 250 soldiers of Rommel's North Africa Corp arrived by train in mid-summer 1943. The prisoners were very well behaved. Many of the prisoners were very talented craftsmen. My great-grandfather worked at the camp as a plumber.

McLean actually started

in 1901, when a loading switch was laid and cattle chutes were built close to the railroad line for shipping cattle from the Rowe, Morse, Byrons, and Gething Ranches. Alfred Rowe gave a section of his ranch land so that a town could be built near the railroad. This town was named McLean after W.P. McLean, secretary of the Texas Railroad Commission. Alfred Rowe died in 1912 on board the Titanic.

## Visitors For March Include People From 32 States & 6 Foreign Countries

By Davie Gipson

March blew in and out and we haven't blown away yet. Attendance has begun to pick up with 327 visitors in March. Thirty-two states were represented. Of these visitors, sixteen were from six foreign countries. Countries represented were: Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Germany, and Portugal.

Twenty four Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten children and two teachers visited us from the Kelton School District. They were very happy well behaved kids and seemed to enjoy everything about the museum.

A man from California

called wanting a key chain for his son. They had been in the museum last year and bought key chains. In the meantime the son had spent time in Kosanovo and lost his key chain. Dad wanted to buy another for him. We sent him another one, compliments of the museum as our thank you for his help in keeping our country free.

April looks like it will be a good month. Our Barb Wire Super Show will be at the Big Texan in Amarillo April 18, 19, and 20. If you are in Amarillo any of those days, stop by and visit with the collectors. They are all good people and have some very interesting displays.

Ranching was not the only industry in early McLean. Each year, several hundred carloads of hogs and three to four hundred carloads of watermelons were shipped each year by rail. Another big boost came to McLean in 1928, with the discovery of oil in the area.

McLean's fist school was built in 1906 and the size was doubled in

## CITY COUNCIL

different companies and for several different brands of lawn mowers. After some discussion on the different brands and prices it was decided to buy the Kubota diesel 18 hp, 53" cut from Lindley Farm Eqpt. for \$7,950.00.

The City Council voted to buy a banner for \$425.00 and the funds to come out of the old EDC account. This banner will be used for the centennial celebration and for other occasions as well.

Bob Martin entered the meeting at this time.

Spring Clean-up will be May 6-11. The City will pick up items in the alley the 6th thru the 10th, but the items will need to be in the alley by the 6th and only one trip will be made. Landfill will be free that week to City residents only on the regularly scheduled days-Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Council also decided to give the current EDC \$4,000.00 from the old EDC account to be given to help clean up McLean, with a \$500.00 limit per person. Application for these funds will be made through the current EDC.

The Council set the special meeting to canvass the election results on May 9th at 6:00 p.m.

The Council voted to accept Librarian Ellen Malone's resignation. They then voted to start the new Librarian at \$1,100.00 a month, with the benefits of health insurance and retirement.

Joe Lamb asked Steve Bowlin to come up with some guidelines for a policy on the use of the or to stay at the present rate. The council voted to stay at the same rate.

The City received a sealed bid for an old school bus from Johnny Hawkins for \$25.00. The council voted to accept his bid.

Steve Bowlin brought the council lawn mower quotes from several repossession sale; a credit card issue takes less than the full amount owed on an outstanding bill; and you have defaulted on a loan and the debt was written off.

1908. McLean continued to grow and in the 1950's, a medical clinic and hospital was opened and the Lovett Memorial Library was built. Also in 1957, an undergarment factory was built, and employed several hundred people before closing in the 1970's.

When the new Interstate 40 was built several years ago, McLean and many other small towns suffered from the business loss, but has adapted well. It is still a great place to live with a lot of good folks. I predict that in the next 100 years, there will be as many exciting changes as there have been up until now. As I said, change is always good, and I am excited to be a part of that change.

## FFA Judging Teams Compete

The McLean FFA supported their judging teams this year. The livestock team consisted of Josh Seymour, Chloe Smith, Krista Smith, and Trent Cadra. Members of the horse team were Nikki Hefley, Lucas Seymour, Sandi Anderson, and Drew Barker. These two teams traveled to WTA&M on March 22 and Clarendon College on the 23rd to practice their skills. The members of the land team were Kevin Smith,

Nicholas Odom, and Zach Sanderson. They practiced at Clarendon College on March 23 and then competed at the District Contest on April 3 at Wellington, where they received a fourth place District banner. All three teams traveled to Texas Tech University on April 5 and 6 to

compete in the District and Area contests. The horse team won a third place banner and the livestock team won a fifth place banner for District. The land team placed sixth at Area. None of the teams advanced to the State contest.

## MCLEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m.

McLean Golf Course

*\*In case of bad weather meet at the Assembly of God Fellowship Hall*

Agenda: To elect officers &

discuss this years goals for the golf course.

Yearly dues do: \$60.00

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(AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of MCLEAN, Texas  
(A los votantes registrados del Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on MAY 4  
Notice se hereby da que los lugares de votacion listados abajo se abriren desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de MAY de 2002 for voting in a TRUSTEE election to elect (2) two full term trustees.

(Manifestase, por las presentes, que los casillas electorales nombradas abajo se abriren desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de MAY de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion para elect (2) two full term trustees.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES  
(DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at  
(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

MCLEAN ISD BUSINESS OFFICE, 4TH & ROME STREET, MCLEAN, TEXAS  
(Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on APRIL 17, 2002  
(entre las 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. de la mañana y las 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el APRIL 17, 2002) (fecha)

and ending on APRIL 30, 2002  
(y terminando el APRIL 30, 2002) (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:  
(La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de la manera:)

Date (Fecha) \_\_\_\_\_ Hours (Horas) \_\_\_\_\_

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaron en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Leslie Darsey  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Ausencia)

P.O. Box 90  
(Address) (Direccion)

McLean, TX 79057  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on  
(Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaron en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las h-ras de negocio el)

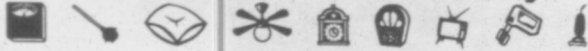
APRIL 26, 2002  
(date) (fecha)

issued this the 5th day of APRIL, 2002  
(Emitida este dia 5 de APRIL de 2002)

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Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma de Oficial que Preside)

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**Deadlines & Payment** - Deadline for classified ads- noon Tuesday. All other ads and news submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Payment is due at the time you place the ad, unless you have an established account.

**Errors** - Check your ad for errors on the first publication. The News will not be liable for errors after the first publication. The Groom-McLean News does not vouch for the legitimacy of any ad, job or money making opportunity. We suggest that you thoroughly check out any offer before making a commitment or give out personal information.

**HOMES FOR SALE:**  
3 br. 1 1/2 bath-2 car garage & shop. Newly remodeled throughout-208 Martin.

3 br. 1 3/4 bath, 99 model Silver Creek doublewide, central heat and air, total electric with security system-108 Collier.

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## Community Calendar

**METHODIST** Senior Supper will be held on April 16.

**BAPTIST** Church will hold their Senior Supper on April 23rd.

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

**IMMUNIZATION** Clinic will be held on April 23, 2002 at Groom School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**THE K-4** Band Concert will be held on May 14.

**TAAS TESTING** will be done at Groom School during April 16-19.

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

**AFTER** Graduation Party Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 15 at the Dairy Queen. Everyone is invited!



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## Ettes Bring Home District Tennis Title

### Three Players To Advance To Regional

The Groom Tennis teams competed in their District Meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2-3, at Pampa High School. Because of 50 mile per hour winds and cold temperatures, the tournament was played on just four courts so the wind screens and buildings could protect the players. Despite the weather, Groom will have 3 players, Cody Bivens,

Brin Burgin, and Lauren Crowell, advancing to the Regional meet in Levelland on April 24-25.

The Tigerettes brought home the District Championship for the third straight year. Brin Burgin and Lauren Crowell won first place in the girls doubles and Candace Bohr and Nichole Barnett were

See Tennis, pg. 4



Groom's Tennis Team braved extremely windy and cold conditions to play in the District Meet. Pictured are some of the members of the Girl's Team, Nichole Bohr, Stephany Fraser, Lauren Crowell, Brin Burgin, Candace Bohr, and Coach Shirley Fields.

## Top Groom Athletes Advance To Area Meet Today

Groom Ettes were a force to be reckoned with at Lefors last week as they competed in the District Track Meet. The girls out distanced the second place Hedley team by a whopping 72 points. Groom's total for first place was 177, 2nd was Hedley with 105, 3rd was Follet 104, 4th was Miami with 98, 5th was Lefors with 38, 6th was Higgins with 28, 7th was McLean with 14, 8th was Fort Elliott with 4, 9th was Samnorwood with 4 and Allison took 10th place with 1 point.

The top 4 athletes in each event will go on to

compete in the Area meet that will be held in Dumas, today, April 11.

Krisanne Davis brought home gold for Groom in the long jump and triple jump. Amanda Conrad placed 5th and 6th respectively in these events.

Laurissa Noack placed 2nd in the Discus.

Candace Bohr won first place in the high jump and Staci Britten placed 2nd.

Jennifer Jenkins placed 2nd and Laurissa Noack placed 4th in the Shot Put.

Candace Bohr placed 1st in the pole vault

event.

Lauren Crowell placed 2nd in the 3200 meter run.

Groom's relay teams made a clean sweep of all the relay competitions winning the 400 meter, the 800 meter and the 1600 meter relay competitions.

The team of Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten and Amanda Conrad advanced with their first place win in the 400 meter relay.

In the 800 meter relay, Krisanne Davis, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr and Amanda Conrad earned gold.

The 1600 meter relay team consisted of Staci Britten, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett and Amanda Conrad. They also placed 1st.

Nichole Barnett placed 1st in the 800 meter run.

Caren Howard placed 3rd in the 100 meter high hurdles.

Staci Britten gave an outstanding performance winning the 400 meter dash. Brittany Martin and Amanda Martin placed 5th and 6th, respectively.

Lauren Crowell placed 2nd in the 1600 meter run.

There were only 3

events that will not have a Groom athlete representing our school in the area meet.

Groom boys placed 3rd in a much closer district competition. Miami won the meet with a total of 158 points. Hedley was 2nd with 124, while Groom was 3rd with 102. Lefors placed 4th with 66 points. Follet with 5th with 44. Fort Elliott gained 42 points for 6th place. McLean garnered 13 points for 7th place, Samnorwood 6 for 8th place, Allison and Higgins tied for 9th and 10th place.

See Track, pg. 4



"Keep Groom Beautiful Annual Clean-up Day" was held inspite of nasty weather. Lanna Brown and Jennifer Jenkins have their work cut out for them as they pick up trash caught in a fence row along Bivens Street. See story on page 3.

## Trooper Storm - 2 April Fools - Zip DPS Officers Make Drug Arrests

On April 2, Trooper Tony Rocha was called to an accident on I-40 at the 124 mile marker. A truck tractor pulling an empty cattle trailer had rolled onto it's side. A Gray County Deputy was traveling behind the truck and trailer and witnessed it roll over. The high

wind that day had simply lifted the trailer off of its wheels and rolled it onto its side.

Madison His of Hereford was driving the truck and received only minor injuries.

Later that afternoon, troopers stopped a 2001 Hyundai near the 120 mile marker for following too closely and cutting in after passing. K-9 was

called to the scene and alerted to the vehicle. Approximately 20 pounds of marijuana was seized. Arthur Coleman of Louisville, Ky and Stacey Haley of Jeffersonville, In. were placed under arrest and taken to the Donley County Jail for possession of marijuana.

Later that same evening, Trooper Nesbitt made a traffic stop on a 2002 Ford Escape near the 114 mile marker. Again, K-9 was requested and Trooper Storm alerted to the vehicle. Approximately 25 pounds of marijuana was found and seized from the vehicle. Todd Waters and Tonjua Williams both

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## April Burton Attends Research Conference

Four West Texas A&M University students in the McNair Scholars Program presented their research at the Fourth Annual Texas McNair Research Conference Feb. 22-24 at the University of North Texas.

In all, more than 200 students from 30 colleges and universities presented work at the conference. Presenter from WTA&M are listed alphabetically, along with their classifications, majors, hometowns, presentations and faculty mentors.

April Burton, a senior psychology major from Groom presented "The Alcohol Deprivation Effect and the Role of Anxiety in Relapse Drinking," faculty mentor-Dr. Richard Harland.

## Local Happenings

Allie Hoyt was the honoree at a birthday luncheon in Clarendon, hosted by Nellie Painter.

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to say Thank You to everyone who was so kind to us during our stay in Groom for the Funeral of Margaret Weller. All the while she lived with us in Illinois, she kept saying she wanted to go home to Groom. But since she could no longer live alone, she agreed to move to Illinois so we could be closer to each other. We really enjoyed having her with us during her last years. She missed Groom and all her relatives, friends and neighbors. A Special Thank You to those who furnished the food and prepared the delicious dinner. That was the best meal of the entire trip. Those who wish to remember Mother, might make a memorial or mass in her name at St. Mary's Church in Groom. Again we say Thank You. Her daughter and grandchildren.

Lois and Bob Rooney,  
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## Thank You Card

I really appreciate the concern of my friends while I was in the Pampa Regional Medical Center for three weeks and since I came home, for the prayers, gifts, and food.

When one needs help, you can truly find out who your friends are. You can weep with him, laugh with him, pray with him and through it all he sees, knows and loves you. A friend is one who loves you enough to overlook your faults, a friend is sunshine to warm your days, and starts to light your nights, and rain to wash away your tears, and a friend likes you just as you are and is your shade in the noon day heat.

But most of all friends are a giant blessing that God has given me in abundance.

Love for each of you.  
 Bertha Knight

### Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 11 - George (Jigger) Britten, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bowers (A).

April 12 - Rodney Bohr, Evelyn Ollinger, Brandon Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruthardt (A), Becky and Greg Martin (A).

April 13 - Craig Howard, Caroline Grace Britten.

April 14 - Mrs. George (Jigger) Britten, Jr., Leslie Crowell, Allison Eatmon, Jennifer Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Ollinger (A).

April 15 - Gary Don Babcock, Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers.

April 16 -  
 April 17 - Keith Andrew Britten, Karri Britten, Louis Vega.

## Card Of Thanks

The Groom Community Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Alpha Mu Zi would like to thank

everyone for their participation in the hunt. We would like to thank the following Groom businesses for their donations of money and other prizes: Keith Auto Repair, Brumley Insurance, R & L Fuel, Groom S & H Grocery, Short Grass Feed Co., Wieberg Welding, Great Plains Crop Services, Attebury Grain Co., Circle B Meat Co., Chris Britten Cattle Co., Groom Flying Service, Pav's Tire Service, Dairy Queen, State National Bank, The Groom News, The Groom Hardware and Lumber, The Stop N Shop, and the Golden Spread Grill.

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 Doug Whatley

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 -Woodrow Wilson  
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## Card of Thanks

Thanks to all those who volunteered for the "Keep Groom Beautiful Clean-up Day" and to the State National Bank, Brumley Insurance Agency, and The Texas Highway Department. Your support is appreciated.

David and Lanna Brown

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## Carson Co. Sheriff's Office Short Two Deputies & Dispatcher / Jailer

The Carson County Commissioners Court met on April 8 with all members present.

A discussion was held concerning the possible closing or revamping of railroad crossings on County Roads R, Y, 8, and 12. BNSF will appropriate money to close the crossings and grant money would fund renovations. No final decision was made concerning these issues.

On Judge Powers recommendation, Ron Popperwell will be promoted to full time maintenance personnel, effective May 1, 2002. As part of his duties, Popperwell will do the maintenance on the War Memorial Building, Library and Courthouse. The County will take bids on lawn care for these facilities.

County Clerk Sonya Shieldknight presented the court for acceptance the addition of the Frank Simms Subdivision. The City of Panhandle submitted the plat for recording after approval from that entity on March 28, 2002. The 1.94 acre plat was approved for recording.

Sheriff Gary Robertson asked the court to accept the recognition of Brenda Rich for exemplary conduct in the field of

emergency telecommunications. Ms. Rich is 1 of 83 dispatchers recognized in the state of Texas as a "Silent Hero". Commissioner Howell lead the unanimous vote to commend Rich on her achievements.

Robertson reported to the court that his office is currently taking application for 2 deputies and a jailer/dispatcher. Jay Banks resigned from his deputy position effective march 26, 2002. Robertson also petitioned the court to utilize courthouse security funds to enhance security in various offices in the courthouse. Robertson will seek quotes on different measures to protect the employees.

The Sheriff also reported on that the lighting project was complete for the north entrance of the courthouse. This will enable cameras to detect after hour visitors entering the facility.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cospier reported that 96.99% of the taxes have been collected as of March 31, 2002.

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Thousands of geniuses live and die undiscovered—either by themselves, or by others.  
—Mark Twain  
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## Keep Groom Beautiful "Trash Off" Held



Joining in the "Trash-Off" fun were (above) Bill Homer, Luke Pavlovsky, Garrett Britten, Jill Britten, Cassie Ashford, and (below) Adam Britten and Kelton Weller.



clean up were Bill Homer, Buddy, Charlene and Kelton Weller, Jennifer Jenkins, Pam and Cassie Ashford, Garrett, Jill and Adam Britten, Nathan and Maddie Weiberg, Luke Pavlovsky, Rick and Sharon Prather, and David and Lanna Brown.

Along with everyone who volunteered their time, there were other contributions to help make the clean up a success. The Texas Department of Transportation supplied the trash bags, a special thanks to the State National Bank for buying lunch for everyone at the Dairy Queen and Brumley Insurance for their support with a donation.

Mark your calendars for May 11th. This is the tentative date for the next "Keep America Beautiful" campaign. On this date there will be several different types of activities planned. If you are willing to help or have any specific requests or ideas, please contact David and Lanna Brown. We hope to have 30 to 50 volunteers.

Organizations are encouraged to participate.

Keep Groom Beautiful sponsored the annual "Texas Trash Off" Saturday. In addition to several of the main roads in town being cleaned up, portions of FM 295 and FM 2300 were included.

70 bags of litter were collected and disposed of along with a few other discarded items.

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# Groom Junior High Competes In District

Groom Junior High tracksters traveled to Lefors for the District Track Meet last week.

Berklee Ruthardt placed 6th in the 2400 meter run.

Malorie Homen placed 6th in the 800 meter run.

In the 100 meter high hurdles, Kecia Howard placed 3rd.

Kecia Howard was 4th in the 200 meter hurdles.

Karla Howard placed 6th in the 200 meter dash.

Karla Howard also placed 5th in the high jump competition.

The Junior High Boys earned a total of 45 points in the meet.

Thane Barkley won gold in the pole vault

contest.

Kelby Noack placed 5th in the 1200 meter run.

James Reid took 2nd and Bryan Newton took 3rd in the 110 meter hurdles.

Thane Barkley placed 1st and Bryan Newton placed 5th in the 200 meter hurdles.

Blaine Britten placed 6th in the 400 meter run.

In the 2400 meter run, Kelby Noack placed 4th.

In the 400 meter relay, Daniel Thompson, James

Reid, Blaine Britten, and Bryan Newton placed 6th.

Other team members are Frank Leven, Javier Caro, and Brandon Jenkins.



Amanda Martin competes in the District Track Meet in the 400 meter dash competition.



Luke Pavlovsky passes off to Doug Fields in the 400 meter relay at the District Meet last week.

## TENNIS

In the girls singles, Stephany Fraser came in third and Amanda Conrad placed fourth.

In the boys division, Cody Bivens placed 2nd and Wyatt Britten earned 4th in singles. The doubles teams of Clay Britten/Lance Ollinger and Cody Babcock/Brett

Britten were defeated in the quarterfinals.

JV girls and boys that also participated were Lainie Britten, Cody Schaffer and Chance Barkley in singles, and Caren Howard/Jessica Bates and Doug Fields/Trey Britten in doubles. The teams are coached by Shirley Fields.

## TRACK

Wyatt Britten placed 6th in the pole vault competition.

Garrett Britten placed 4th in the triple jump competition and Clay Britten placed 5th.

In the 3200 meter run, Wyatt Britten and Chance Barkley will advance to area placing 3rd and 4th. Adam Britten placed 5th.

Luke Pavlovsky earned a bronze medal placing 2nd in the 800 meter run.

2nd place Garrett Britten and 4th place Clay Britten will both advance in the 100 meter run.

Garrett Britten placed 1st and Doug Fields 6th in the 400 meter competition.

Lance Ollinger placed 6th in the 300 meter hurdles.

In the 200 meter run, Clay Britten placed 2nd, Calvin Schaffer placed 4th and Trey Britten placed 5th in the 200 meter run.

Luke Pavlovsky placed 2nd and Lance Ollinger placed 6th in the 1600 meter run.

In the 400 meter relay teammates, Trey Britten, Luke Pavlovsky, Doug Fields, and Bobby Ratteree placed 3rd.

The 1600 meter relay team placed 2nd earning a silver medal. The team consists of Doug Fields, Clay Britten, Calvin Schaffer, and Garrett Britten.

Other team members competing in the meet were Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Willie Leven, and Jeff Rios.

## Groom ISD Breakfast & Lunch Menu

April 15 - 19

### 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: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

### Lunch

Monday: Chicken fried steak, ranch beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, pineapple up-side down cake, milk.

Tuesday: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Nachos, pinto beans, lettuce, sopapillas and honey, milk.

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

Friday: Cheeseburgers, baked beans, curly fries, trail mix, milk.



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**STEINKIRCHNER**  
Clarice Jean (Knight) Steinkirchner, 77, Somerset Street, Jennerstown, died April 2, 2002, at Somerset Hospital.

A funeral service was held April 5, 2002 at All Saints Church, Boswell. The Reverend Father Martin Breski officiated.

Clarice was born July 9, 1924, in Laurel, Iowa, as the daughter of Cornell Knight and Ruth (Barton) Knight, who died August 17, 2000, at the age of 98.

She was a member of All Saints Catholic Parish, Somerset Post 181, American Legion Auxiliary, Somerset Country Club, and 55-Speeders. She was a former member of the Soroptimist Club of Somerset County. She enjoyed playing golf and

card games. Clarice retired from the Jennerstown Post Office, with 34 years total service and service as postmistress from 1966 to 1983.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russell F., Nov. 4, 1985; son, Dennis F., July 3, 1964; and sister, Norma Knight. Survived by a son, Dale R., Jennerstown; grandchildren Nicholas and Denise; great-granddaughter, Julie Nicole Steinkirchner; sisters, Shirley, married to Ernest Lamberson, Groom, Texas; Doris Slocum, Amarillo, Texas; and Nell Dean, married to Leon Bagwell, Gruver, Texas; sister-in-law, Eleanor (Steinkirchner) Williams, Somerset R.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to American Cancer Society, 168 W. Union St., or "In-Touch" Hospice, 1590 N. Center Ave., Suite 111, both of Somerset, PA 15501.



**Groom Girls Compete In 4-H Fashion Show** The Carson County 4-H held its annual fashion show. Those competing are (Back row) Britteny Martin - Casual Buying, Bailee Ruhardt - Casual Buying, Cady Wilson - Dressy Buying and Amanda Martin - Formal Buying; (Front Row) Morgan Brittenn - Dressy Buying, and Britteny Weiheimer - Casual Buying. Those competing in the District contest in Berger on May 4th will be Britteny and Amanda Martin and Morgan Britten.

## DISPATCHER RECEIVES AWARD

Brenda Rich, Jail Administrator and Dispatcher for the Carson County Sheriff's Department, was recently awarded the SILENT HERO Certificate of Achievement from the Commission on State Emergency Communications. This award is in recognition for her professionalism, dedication, positive attitude and tireless efforts to serve the Citizens of this County.

This certification is awarded annually to those in the Emergency Telecommunication field and this year Brenda joins the ranks of only 83 other persons statewide to be recognized.

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## ARREST

of Phoenix were placed under arrest for possession of marijuana and taken to the Carson County Jail.

A reminder, now that the temperatures are warming up, please use a little extra caution while driving the streets. Children will be walking

and riding their bikes so please be on the lookout for them. Also, be sure to use caution at intersections. If you are supposed to yield, please yield. If you are supposed to stop, please stop. Please buckle up and be careful.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were seven persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of April 1 through 7, 2002. Currently there are 10 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:

Atiya Kirkland, age 24 of Tucson, AZ-Possession of marijuana more than 5 lb, but less than 50 lb.

William Brown, age 29 of Tucson, AZ-Possession of marijuana more than 5 lb, but less than 50 lb.

Kirk Durham, age 40 of Carrollton, TX-Other agency warrants-Swisher Co.

Tonjua Williams, age 32 of Phoenix, AZ-Possession of marijuana more than 5 lb, but less than 50 lb.

Todd Waters, age 32 of Phoenix, AZ-

Possession of marijuana more than 5 lb, but less than 50 lb.

Richard Newport, age 23 of Panhandle, TX-Theft more than 1,500, but less than 20,000.

Zacary Mabry, age 25 of Mobeetie, TX-Fail to update registration as sex offender and theft more than 20, but less than 500.

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When facing hard time, settling a debt for less than you owe can make good financial sense, but it can also come back to haunt you. "When you settle a debt or if a

creditor forgives a debt by writing it off, the amount that was forgiven needs to be reported when you file your taxes," said Mike Kidwell, vice president

and co-founder of Myvesta, the nation's only financial health center. "The amount is considered income since it was originally loaned to you but now you do

not have to pay it back." After settling a debt your creditor should send you and the Internal Revenue Service a Form 1099-c or 1099-A at the end of the year. Both

forms are for the reporting of miscellaneous income. When you file your taxes you'll need to record the amount on those forms along with your income for the rest of the year.

"Even if your lender didn't send you the proper form, you don't want to gamble that they didn't send it to the IRS," Kidwell said. "If you don't report that income and the IRS was

notified of it, you might be sent a tax bill or even worse an audit notice."

Kidwell mentioned these situations where a settled or defaulted debt needs to be recorded as income: A mortgage lender forgives the balance owed after a short-sale of a home or a foreclosure sale; a car lender forgives the balance due after a



USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans for Single Family Dwellings offers hope for those who want to own a home, but have not managed to save for a down payment. The program is the best option for eligible low and moderate-income applicants to move into a home without a down payment. In many cases, most of the closing costs associated with purchasing the house can be financed into the loan up to the appraised value of the property. Loans can be made to purchase new or existing homes that meet Agency requirements.

In addition to allowing a Maximum Loan to Value ratio of 100%, another very attractive feature of this loan program is that the borrower is not required to pay mortgage insurance. Other zero down programs charge an up-front mortgage insurance premium that is due at closing, with monthly mortgage insurance for the remaining term of the loan. In comparison, the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program offers significant savings to borrowers by only charging a two percent (2%) guarantee fee that is due at closing, and no monthly mortgage insurance. Typical savings for a family can range between \$30.00 and \$60.00 per month. A loan comparison calculator is available on our website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/loancomp.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/loancomp.htm).

USDA Rural Development housing programs target communities with populations of 10,000 or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Many areas are eligible - never assume your area is not eligible. Eligible areas are illustrated on maps available on the Texas USDA Rural Development website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/eligible.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/eligible.htm).

The program is designed to provide credit for people in rural areas who are unable to afford a conventional loan. In order to obtain a loan, applicants must be without ownership of safe and sanitary housing and meet the following criteria:

### Texas Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans

- Have an adjusted annual household income that does not exceed the applicable moderate income for the family size and the county where the property being financed is located. A family of four with a household income of \$60,400 meets the income guidelines in most areas of the state. The income limits are higher in some areas.
- Have adequate and dependably available income that is sufficient to pay for the cost of home ownership and existing long term debt obligations. The maximum housing expense (PITI) ratio and total debt (TD) ratio typically cannot exceed 29% and 41% respectively. In some cases, PITI ratios in the mid to high 30s and TD ratios in the mid to high 40s may be acceptable if legitimate compensating factors exist. Generally, the stronger the compensating factors, the more flexibility there will be on the debt ratio exceptions.
- Have an acceptable credit history that demonstrates an applicant's willingness and ability to repay the mortgage loan being requested. The buyers' credit history does not have to be perfect. Lenders may consider extenuating circumstances and grant exceptions when evaluating an applicant's credit history.

Private lenders, such as mortgage companies and commercial banks make USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Loans. The loans have a 30-year term and a fixed interest rate. Unlike other zero down loan programs, the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program does not have loan limits. The maximum loan is determined by the applicant's income and repayment ability. The unique features of these loans may allow the buyer to qualify for more home than they may think. For more information visit our website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/rfh.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/rfh.htm) under "Texas Regulations". You may contact us via E-mail at [Scouter.Brockette@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Scouter.Brockette@tx.usda.gov) or [Daniel.Torres@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Daniel.Torres@tx.usda.gov).

### ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Carson County Appraisal District.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Donita Davis, chief appraiser of the Carson County Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit", Davis said, "the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

"If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Davis said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Davis stressed that the tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home, it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up. She said, "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time. However, filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Davis said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Carson County Appraisal District, at 102 S Main or at 806-537-3569.

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