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Burnet County Republican Women

Region: XI • Senate District: 24

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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SEE YOU THERE!

**BURNET
COUNTY
REPUBLICAN
WOMEN**

Thursday, December 12, 2019
Reed Building / Burnet
11:30 AM / \$15.00
Reservations Requested

*Speaker: Wiley B. "Sonny" McAfee
District Attorney,
33rd & 424th Judicial Districts
Blanco, Burnet, Llano & San Saba Counties*

Wiley "Sonny" McAfee has worked in the field of public service in Texas for decades as a well-respected leader. He is committed to making the 33rd & 424th Judicial Districts one of the safest areas in the state with the efforts of concerned citizens, law enforcement officers and those who serve in the

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DA's Office.

Sonny McAfee has over forty years of experience in Criminal Justice with 22 years as a prosecutor, legal advisor, and legal expert instructor and 20 years prior to that as a police officer with Houston Police Department. Sonny retired as a lieutenant in the Houston Police Department Homicide Division. He became a Houston Police Officer at the age of 19 and stayed with the department where he worked his way up in investigative divisions such as Narcotics, Internal Affairs and Homicide. Sonny also served as a helicopter pilot for the police department and as a member of a patrol tactical unit. He is a graduate of the 129th session of the FBI National Academy.

Sonny obtained his law degree from the University of Houston and was licensed as an attorney prior to his retirement from the Houston Police Department. Upon retirement Sonny worked as an attorney for the First Court of Appeals in Houston. He was a prosecutor in Harris County and later in Smith County. As a prosecutor Sonny tried cases ranging from Driving While Intoxicated to Death Penalty Capital Murder cases. He became the Legal Advisor for the Irving Police Department where he worked as legal counsel for the police department, trained officers in legal aspects of investigations and represented the Police Department in litigation.

Following 911, Sonny went to Europe for the Department of Justice in Albania as the senior anti-human trafficking advisor. His next assignment was as team leader and technical advisor in Bosnia-Herzegovina with his wife, Jill a technical advisor. Together they developed training for police officers and prosecutors in the First Criminal Procedure Code of that country following its war with Serbia. Upon his return stateside, Sonny trained and assisted police officers and prosecutors from Alaska to South Carolina in search warrant writing, trial preparation and criminal investigations. In November 2012, Sonny won election for District Attorney of the 33rd and 424th Judicial Districts of Texas in the Texas Hill Country and took office January 1, 2013.

With his extensive background in prosecution and law enforcement, Sonny approaches prosecution and law enforcement as a co-operative effort to seek justice for citizens. Law enforcement works very hard to investigate and arrest offenders who plague our community through child abuse, crimes against persons and property and drug dealing.

In the last year, the District Attorney's Office led by Sonny McAfee, prosecuted many serious cases and obtained lengthy sentences to prevent criminals from re-offending in our community. Predators of children have been sentenced to terms that prevent them from ever offending against members of our community again.

By effectively prosecuting those who commit crimes, the District Attorney's Office has satisfied its objective to seek justice and help make the four counties of this District one of the safest areas in Texas in which to work, live and raise children.

Entertainment: Graham Avery

*Please be considerate and make a reservation so we
can properly prepare for all of our members and*

guests.*

**Members making reservations are charged \$15.00 regardless of attendance.*

MENU: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Champagne Salad and Red Velvet Cake

MAKE A RESERVATION

A Message from Kay ***Burnet County Republican Women, President***



Message from the President:

Wishing BCRW and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2019 is coming to an end. It's been a great year for our club and I appreciate your support and hard work! Our club is growing and we are standing strong for Republican values in Burnet County.

We will close out the year with a booth at Marble Falls Market Days on December 7th and our December 12th meeting. The meeting will feature a District Attorney Sonny McAfee and special holiday music by Graham Avery. See you at these events.

It's time to buckle up for 2020! Are you ready? Ready to cast your vote down the ballot in EVERY election? Ready to talk to family, neighbors, friends and strangers about key issues and candidates? The stakes are too high not to be involved and committed to defeating the extreme agenda of the liberals. Buckle up. Stand up. Engage. 2020 is too important not to!

Kay

New Members

"No matter how brilliant your mind or strategy, if you're playing a solo game, you'll always lose out to a team." --
Reid Hoffman



COLLEEN HOWARD DAVIS

MARKET DAYS - Thank you Volunteers!



Volunteer Help Needed

MARKET DAYS

TRUMP

KEEP AMERICA GREAT!

2020

REPUBLICAN BOOTH

Marble Falls December 7



Volunteers needed to help Londa
Shifts are 10-12, 12-2, 2-4

Hats & Visors will be available for purchase
and Registering Voters

To volunteer - please contact:
Londa: londaachandler@gmail.com
or text 830-220-1304
Gail: gailteegarden7@gmail.com

DECEMBER 7 VOLUNTER SHIFTS - REMINDER

SHIFT 1: 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Dottie Steuckroth, Carolyn Alexander, Kay Stripling, Londa Chandler, Gloria Pollard

SHIFT 2: 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Gail Teegarden, Londa Chandler, Gloria Pollard, Liz Shelton
Toni Rysdam-Shorre, Kathy Schwartz

SHIFT 3: 2:00 P.M. - 4:P.M.

Londa Chandler, Gloria Pollard, Jessica McMurry, Carolyn Richmond

Dues Renewal Time is Here!

Membership Update:

It's time for Burnet County Republican Women to RENEW our dues for 2019!

Dues are \$35 for members and \$20 for associates. Remember, spouses can join as an associate member and attend all of our meetings. Just print, fill out the information and either mail or bring with you to the next meeting.

Please ask your friends, neighbors and family members to join BCRW as members or associates. Bring them to our next meeting.

Membership, Dottie Steuckroth



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

New _____ Renew _____

NAME: Last _____ First: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

(Give name here, but please complete separate application for spouse if associate member.)

ADDRESS: Street / PO Box _____

City: _____

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER

(Required by Texas Ethics Commission)

PHONES:

Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Cell: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Active Member - \$35.00

Associate Member - \$20.00

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P.O. Box 1055
Marble Falls, Texas 78654

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Look how many boxes you donated!



November Meeting Highlights

with State Representative Terry Wilson

If you helped or attended this event - Campaign Hours can be counted.

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THANK YOU State Representative Terry Wilson HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 86TH LEGISLATURE

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FISCAL DISCIPLINE

- **House Bill 1** is a balanced budget. After accounting for \$5 billion in property tax relief, the budget stays under the rate of population plus inflation and stays under all four constitutional spending limits.

TAXPAYER RELIEF, REFORM AND PROTECTION

- **House Bill 3** provides almost \$5 billion in property tax relief. It increases the state's share of education funding in order to buy down school district property taxes, mandates ongoing reductions in school property tax rates, and requires districts to conduct efficiency audits to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly.
- **Senate Bill 2** reforms the property tax system to make it more transparent. It provides real-time tax information to inform property owners who are proposing to raise their rates, by how much, and when and where they can go to protest. Additionally, it lowers the voter approval rate to 3.5% for most taxing units, triggering an automatic election for voters to approve the increase when it exceeds the voter approval rate.
- **Senate Bill 68** requires a fiscal review of every state agency under review by the Su

net Advisory Commission to promote transparency, identify waste and inefficiencies and ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

- **House Bill 3143** increases transparency and public participation in the Chapter 312 tax incentive and economic development program by imposing additional public notice, hearing and reporting requirements for certain agreements.
- **House Bill 1883** allows active duty military to pay property taxes late without penalty when away from home for military service.
- **House Bill 492 and HJR 35** provide for a temporary property tax exemption during a declared disaster.
- **House Bill 1060** allows a property owner to request the notice of an appraisal protest be sent by email.
- **House Bill 1885** makes it possible to waive penalties if a bank fails to forward the tax bill to a property owner in time, protecting homeowners from unreasonable fines that are out of their control.
- **House Bill 440** allows for more oversight and transparency when a local government is issuing bonds for projects or wants to use unspent bond proceeds for another purpose.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- **House Bill 3** is transformational school finance reform. It devotes \$4.5 billion to education reforms, \$2 billion for dynamic teacher pay raises, and will reduce recapture by \$3.6 billion.
- **House Bill 3906** reduces testing stress on teachers and students by allowing STAAR and end-of-course assessments to be administered in multiple parts over more than one day. Additionally, this bill limits the number of multiple choice questions that can be included on STAAR tests, eliminates the stand-alone writing tests in grades 4 and 7, requires the state to develop a plan to transition to electronic assessments, and establishes a pilot program to explore the possibility of replacing the STAAR with a different test.
- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$219 million for various special education programs to comply with federal maintenance of financial support.
- **House Bill 111** requires training for teachers in signs of child abuse.
- **House Bill 403** requires administrators to be trained in recognizing human trafficking.
- **Senate Bill 11** will "harden" schools to make them safer, adding security personnel, making building security upgrades, providing technology and more.
- **Senate Bill 1230 and Senate Bill 1231** protect students in private schools from educators with a history of inappropriate misconduct.
- **Senate Bill 1451** allows a teacher to remove a student from a classroom or take disciplinary action without repercussions.
- **Senate Bill 2432** protects teachers from harassment by students.

RETIRED TEACHERS

- **Senate Bill 500** dedicates \$589 million to TRS to provide retired teachers with a \$2,000 13th check on average.
- **Senate Bill 500** also dedicates \$524 million to make TRS actuarially sound, which needed to happen before the state can provide a cost of living adjustment down the line.
- **Senate Bill 500** also dedicates \$230.8 million to cover shortfalls at TRS and ensure retired teachers' healthcare premiums do not increase.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- **House Bill 1** provides \$500 million

in increased formula funds for all higher education institutions.

- **House Bill 1735 and Senate Bill 212** better protects students from sexual assaults on campus.
- **Senate Bill 25** streamlines the transfer of credits between community colleges and general academic institutions.
- **Senate Bill 38** better protects students from hazing.
- **House Bill 1702** creates a foster care liaison at institutions to help students who were formerly in the foster care system.
- **House Bill 3652** creates a state repository for Open Source Materials which will save students money on textbook costs.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- **House Bill 1941** allows the Attorney General to investigate and file a restraining order against freestanding emergency rooms that are price gouging their patients.
- **Senate Bill 1624** bans balance billing, which occurs when consumers are led to believe their medical treatment is covered by insurance when it isn't and are left to pay the balance. This bill creates a new system that removes consumers from balance billing disputes, leaving the settlement over reimbursement between the insurer and provider.
- **House Bill 2624, House Bill 2625 and House Bill 2945** criminalize card skimming and possessing card skimming devices and implement measures to monitor gas pumps to prevent future criminal actions.
- **House Bill 2697** gives victims of identity theft who are threatened, abused or deceived into providing identifying information the same access to recovery tools as nonconsensual identity theft.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- **Senate Bill 500** dedicates over \$2 billion to the Governor's Office for disaster grants and hurricane Harvey recovery.
- **House Bill 5** creates a catastrophic debris management plan for local communities to expedite debris removal following a disaster.
- **House Bill 6** creates a "Disaster Recovery Task Force" to help communities with specialized assistance when a disaster strikes until long-term recovery.
- **House Bill 7** compiles disaster regulatory waivers needed during a disaster to have them ready to go (expedites response/recovery).
- **Senate Bill 7** creates the Flood Infrastructure Fund to fund a statewide effort for regional flood planning and flood mitigation projects to strengthen our state's infrastructure.
- **HJR 4** proposes a constitutional amendment for voters in Nov 2019 providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in financing drainage, flood mitigation and flood control projects.
- **House Bill 2305** enhances emergency management training for personnel at the state and local level.
- **House Bill 2320** improves public infrastructure and the hardening of utilities and facilities.
- **House Bill 2340** strengthens data sharing and technology used in emergency management operations.

FIGHTING SEXUAL ASSAULT

- **House Bill 8** eliminates the backlog of rape kits.
- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$56.6 million to eliminate the backlog and increase crime lab capacity.
- **House Bill 1** provides \$8.6 million for rape crisis centers and SANE nurses to the Office of the Attorney General.
- **House Bill 616** streamlines procedures related to the processing

and collecting of evidence related to sexual assault, making it easier for healthcare providers to get reimbursed for the medical exams and less burdensome for the law enforcement agency to facilitate that process. It also extends the period during which a sexual assault offense has to be reported.

- **House Bill**

3106, "Molly Jane's Law", requires law enforcement agencies to enter the personal information of suspects of sexual offenses into a statewide database to improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to identify statewide assault patterns and investigate across jurisdictional lines.

- **House Bill 3809** doubles the amount of time a victim of childhood sex abuse has to file a civil lawsuit against their abuser from 15 to 30 years.

- **House Bill 4345** guarantees civil immunity for employees of charitable organizations who act in good faith to report individuals with a history of sexual misconduct. This bill breaks the cycle of predators moving between charitable organizations and prevents them from harming others.

- **House Bill**

667, "Melissa's Law", enhances the penalty for crimes of incestuous sexual assault from a second-degree felony to a first degree felony.

- **House Bill 531** prohibits hospitals from destroying medical records from forensic medical examinations of sexual assault victims until 15 years after the records were created.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND BORDER SECURITY

- **Senate Bill 20** codifies recommendations from the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force report issued in December 2018. These recommendations crack down on illicit massage businesses, enhance investigative and prosecutorial tools and protect trafficking victims.

- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$27.8 million for human and child sex trafficking investigative squads, anti-gang squads and regional human trafficking investigative squads at DPS.

- **House Bill 1** provides \$5.5 million for anti-human trafficking enforcement unit at TABC.

- **House Bill 1** funds \$3.4 million for the expansion of the Human Trafficking Prevention section at the Office of the Attorney General.

- **House Bill 1** devotes \$1.5 million for the creation of a Human Trafficking Team and to increase inspections of establishments with a high risk for human trafficking at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

- **House Bill 1** maintains the levels of funding for border security over the previous biennium.

- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$5 million to Texas Parks and Wildlife for equipment to improve game wardens' communication statewide, \$7.5 million to DPS for Operation Draw Bridge Cameras and 4 analysts for the Transnational Intelligence Center and \$1.7 million in grants for border prosecution, border zone fire departments and economic development along the border.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT, MILITARY FAMILIES AND VETERANS

- **House Bill 1883** allows active duty military to pay property taxes late without penalty when away from home for military service.

- **Senate Bill 1200** allows Texas licensing

agencies to grant temporary licenses to a military spouse moving to Texas who carry a comparable license from other states.

- **House Bill 1597** helps students in military families more easily establish residency to attend charter schools.
- **House Bill 3601** allows institutions of higher education to offer competency-based programs for military servicemen.

MENTAL HEALTH

- **House Bill 19** places non-physician mental health professionals at education service centers to provide resources for educators and administrators in school districts and charter schools.
- **Senate Bill 11** creates the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium to facilitate access to mental health care services through telehealth and the child psychiatry access network and expand the mental health workforce through training and funding opportunities.
- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$7.7 billion for behavioral health and substance abuse services.

HEALTHCARE

- **House Bill 1** allocates \$86 million in rate increases for community care and Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) providers, pediatric home therapist and pediatric private duty nursing.
- **House Bill 1** provides \$48 million for rate increases and cost growth for Early Childhood Intervention, \$11.7 million for salary increases to hire and retain Adult Protective Services workers and supports Community Based Care expansion for foster care.
- **Senate Bill 1207** increases access to resources and information for families of medically fragile children in Medicaid, establishes an independent review of managed care decisions and puts greater protections in place for medically fragile kids and their families.
- **Senate Bill 1096** improves medication access for kids with disabilities by prohibiting prior authorizations or any other barriers from being used to negatively impact a child's access to care and streamlines the prior authorization process when a child is hospitalized.
- **House Bill 72** allows adoptive parents continued access to intensive Medicaid services post-adoption for a child with a chronic health condition and establishes a program that protects the continuity of care for each child following adoption.
- **House Bill 2050** protects residents in nursing homes and long-term care facilities from being coerced, influenced or unknowingly administered an antipsychotic or neuroleptic medication without written consent from the resident or a person authorized to consent on their behalf, reducing the potential for abuse.
- **House Bill 1576** provides flexibility in the Medicaid medical transportation program by allowing Medicaid clients to utilize ride-sharing companies to provide transportation to appointments.
- **House Bill 4533** establishes a pilot program to provide long term services and supports within Medicaid managed care for those with IDD and a pilot program for providing dental services in Medicaid to those with IDD.
- **House Bill 123** allows youth in foster care, youth experiencing homelessness, and unaccompanied minors to receive a copy of their birth certificate without parental consent and with no fee and apply for a Driver's License or state ID without paying a fee.
- **Senate Bill 1564** improves access to medication-assisted treatment for Texans with substance use disorder by authorizing Medicaid reimbursement for the prescribing of buprenorphine by an advanced practice registered nurse. Buprenorphine counteracts opioid addiction.
- **House Bill 3345** requires private health plans to cover telemedicine just as they would an in-person visit.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

- **House Bill 1** provides a 24.3% increase in women's health funding over the previous biennium.
- **Senate Bill 750** directs HHSC to evaluate and develop a limited postpartum care package for new mothers enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program and to develop strategies to ensure continuity of care for newmothers who transition from Medicaid for Pregnant Women into HTW.
- **House Bill 475** ensures pregnant and parenting youth in foster care receive basic parenting education and services to help preserve and strengthen their families.
- **House Bill 253** requires HHSC to develop and implement a five-year strategic plan to improve access to screening, referral, treatment, and support services for postpartum depression.
- **Senate Bill 748** creates a newborn screening preservation account to establish a dedicated, long-term funding stream for newborn screenings conducted by the Department of State Health Services public health lab. Also establishes several pilot programs related to maternal health: 1) a pregnancy medical home program to coordinate maternity care, 2) a program to improve care coordination services for women at higher risk for poor pregnancy, birth, or postpartum outcomes, and 3) a program to deliver prenatal and postpartum care through telehealth services.
- **Senate Bill 436** improves screening to better identify and care for women with opioid use disorder, improves referrals to treatment and continuity of care, increases access to medication assisted treatment options, and enhances health care provided to pregnant women with opioid use disorder and to infants born addicted to opioids.
- **Senate Bill 2132** improves awareness of the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program by adding information to the notice sent to new mothers who are enrolled in HTW after having a baby.
- **House Bill 1** dedicates nearly \$8 million to the Department of State Health Services to include testing for X-ALD (adrenoleukodystrophy) in newborn screenings.

DRIVERS LICENSE PROGRAM

- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$223.7 million for the driver's license program to reduce wait times, improve customer service, hire new employees, and add three additional driver's license offices statewide.
- **Senate Bill 616** establishes the conditional transfer of the driver's license program from DPS to the DMV and extends the expiration date of a driver's license from 6 to 8 years.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- **House Bill 1300** allows regulated cultivated oyster farming, providing a major economic boost to the seafood and tourism industries along the Texas coast.
- **House Bill 2846** protects the Brazos River basin's economic stability and growth by requiring the City of Houston to transfer ownership interests of the Allen's Creek Reservoir project to the Brazos River Authority. This will develop critically needed water resources, reduce groundwater loss, and secure billions of dollars in economic growth by developing additional water supplies.
- **Senate Bill 26** permanently appropriates the sporting goods sales tax revenue to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to these departments have a dedicated and sustainable revenue source to fund parks and historical sites.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$6.1 billion to TxDOT for non-tolled highway construction.
- **House Bill 1** dedicates \$86 million to TxDOT for building, construction and deferred maintenance. **\$250 million** of the funding is targeted to counties to address critically needed road infrastructure in energy producing areas
- **Senate Bill 14** increases access to high speed internet for rural Texans by allowing rural electric cooperatives the ability to deploy broadband fiber in underserved areas of Texas.
- **House Bill 1** provides additional pipeline inspectors and more resources for abandoned well-plugging to the Texas Railroad Commission.
- **House Bill 1450** requires all electric utilities in Texas to annually inspect their power lines for safety hazards and file reports with the Public Utility Commission in order to better prevent tragedies from occurring.
- **Senate Bill 475** creates the Electric Grid Security Council, comprised of officials from the PUC, ERCOT and Office of the Governor to work with federal energy and national security officials to harden our grid against physical or cyber-attacks.

STRENGTHENING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

- **House Bill 16**, the Infant Born Alive Protection Act, protects babies who survive abortions by requiring doctors to provide the highest standard of medical care possible in an attempt to save the life of the baby.
- **Senate Bill 22** prevents local governments from contracting or conducting any transaction of goods or services with abortion providers and their affiliates, ensuring taxpayer dollars are never used to subsidize the abortion industry.
- **House Bill 1** maintains the state's affiliate ban, which prohibits all abortion providers from receiving state funds, participating in the state's family planning and health care programs, and providing any sort of family planning or human sexuality instruction with public dollars.
- **House Bill 1** dedicates almost \$60 million to crisis pregnancy centers and Alternatives to Abortion, permits an additional \$20 million in funding if demand warrants, and funds abstinence sexual education.
- **House Bill 2271** allows the Attorney General to use up to 2 percent of proceeds from Choose Life license plates for advertising, which would sell more license plates and yield more money for the Choose Life grant program.
- **Senate Bill 24**, the "Woman's Right to Know" act, requires a physician to hand deliver informational materials to mothers seeking an abortion when the initial consultation is conducted over the phone, ensuring they are provided accurate information and made aware of resources, risks and alternatives.
- **House Bill 1504** requires physicians to make a reasonable effort to transfer patients who are on life support and subject to the "10 day rule" to other physicians who are willing to provide life-extending treatment, should the families of the patient choose.

ADVANCING SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

- **House Bill 121** protects law-abiding handgun license holders from being penalized for accidentally carrying their handgun into an establishment where firearms are prohibited.
- **House Bill 302** prohibits "no-firearms" clauses in residential leases, restores the rights of tenants to possess lawfully-owned

firearms and ammunition in the homes or spaces under their control, and protects their ability to freely transport firearms between a vehicle, home or office without violating firearm trespass laws.

- **House Bill 1177** allows Texans without an LTC to lawfully carry a handgun while evacuating from and returning to a declared disaster area, giving them the ability to protect their families during emergencies and put a stop to looters who steal others' firearms when evacuations occur.

- **House Bill 2137** honors the sacrifice and expertise of retired peace officers with a proven handgun proficiency by exempting them from the classroom instruction component that is usually required to obtain a license to carry.

- **House Bill**

1791 closes loopholes in the state's "wrongful exclusion" law, which local governments and state agencies frequently use as a way to restrict licensed gun owners from carrying in government buildings.

- **House Bill 2363** makes it easier for Texas foster parents to readily access a weapon by allowing them to store firearms and ammunition in the same locked location rather than in two different locked locations, as current law requires.

- **House Bill 3231** ensures a more consistent, uniform approach to enforcing firearms and ammunition ordinances statewide by incentivizing cities and counties to comply with state law instead of adopting patchwork regulations that are intended to restrict the 2nd Amendment rights of Texans.

- **Senate Bill 535** removes churches, synagogues and other places of worship from the list of locations where carrying a firearm is statutorily prohibited, restoring their right as private property owners to decide whether licensed carry is permitted on their premises.

- **Senate Bill 741** protects lawful gun owners who live in neighborhoods with homeowners' associations by prohibiting HOAs from regulating or restricting the possession, transportation or storage of firearms in homes.

- **Senate Bill 772** ensures that business owners who choose not to post signs forbidding handguns on their premises do not have greater liability than businesses that do, allowing them to base that decision solely on their preference, rather than the fear of lawsuits and added liability.

PROMOTING INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

- **Senate Bill 1978** prevents governmental entities from denying contracts, loans, licenses or employment opportunities to any person or business based on their religious affiliations.

- **House Bill 1631** bans the use of red-light cameras in Texas.

- **House Bill 234** ensures Texas children have the freedom to set up a neighborhood lemonade stand without being shut down because they don't have a permit.

- **Senate Bill 18** protects free speech on college campuses and prevents students from being silenced for exercising their First Amendment rights.

- **HJR 38** gives Texas voters the opportunity to authorize a constitutional amendment removing the current option for a state income tax.

- **House Bill 1545** allows consumers to buy a case of "beer to go" at local breweries.

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Market Days Booth

9:00 am.m - 4:00 p.m.

Marble Falls

Thursday, December 12

Burnet County Republican Women Meeting

402 E. Jackson Street - Reed Building

Burnet

11:30 am - \$15.00 - Reservation Requested

GUEST SPEAKER: District Attorney,

Sonny McAfee

Tuesday, January 9, 2020

Burnet County Republican Club Meeting

River City Grille

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:30

p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Texas Criminal

Court of Appeals Judge Kevin Yeary.

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Burnet County Republican Women Meeting

402 E. Jackson Street - Reed Building

Burnet

11:30 am - \$15.00 - Reservation Requested

GUEST SPEAKER: Christi Craddick,

Texas Railroad Commissioner

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8th Annual Burnet County GOP Chili Cookoff
and Bake Off

Burnet County Fairgrounds

Special Guests: Agricultural

Commissioner, Sid Miller and

Appointments Office,

Office of the Governor, Cassie Daniel

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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TFRW Regional & District Leadership

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Gail

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Inspire. Unite. Achieve.

*TFRW provides the avenue for women to
influence policy, develop candidates, and
elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-
generational, multicultural organization that
provides the structure and support for
political activists to learn, engage, and
flourish.*

Minutes from November Meeting

Burnet County Republican Women PAC Minutes of General Meeting – November 14, 2019 Sylvester H. Reed Memorial Building – Burnet, Texas

Call to Order and Opening Ceremonies: President Kay Stripling welcomed everyone to the BCRW November 14, 2019 meeting at 11:30. Prior to inviting everyone to lunch, President Stripling reminded members of the two big events coming up: Market Days in Marble Falls December 7th and the Chili Cook-Off at the Burnet fairgrounds on February 15, 2020. She mentioned the two sign-up posters on the table, one for each event. Everyone was asked to volunteer by signing up while in line for lunch. The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. Carleen Kaurin gave the Invocation and County Attorney Eddie Arredondo led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Recognition of Officials, Guests, and New Members: In honor of Veterans Day and week, all active duty and veterans were asked to stand and state their military branch. All were given a hearty round of applause and thanks for their service. Family of veterans were recognized also. Elected officials, appointed officials, precinct chairs, TFRW officers, and guests were introduced.

Program: Kara Chasteen introduced speaker State Representative Terry Wilson. Terry spoke about strategy for 2020 in Texas and nationally. He said President Trump acts on his promises and has been most effective in achieving those promises. President Trump is tackling the most difficult problems. It is a matter of messaging. We are our own worst enemy. There has to be a strong message that the Republicans are interested in more than the typical issues such as right to life. The object of the strategy has to be to prevent the loss of 13 seats in the legislature and win back the 12 that were lost. Increasing Republican voter registration is the number 1 strategy. The 10K410R program has been implemented to achieve this.

In conclusion Terry mentioned President Trump's great leadership which is why he has been so successful. It takes strong leadership. Terry praised Burnet County officials for their very strong leadership.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carolyn Richmond reported \$10,347.19 in the treasury; Scholarship fund contains \$476.09.

Reports of Other Officers and Standing Committees:

By-Laws: Janet Crow had copies of the by-law revisions on the tables for members to review. Each by-law revision was read and the rationale given. A motion to approve each was requested, received, and seconded. All proposed changes were adopted by voice vote. Janet Crow was thanked for all the hard work she did. The approved revisions will be sent to the TFRW for acceptance.

Caring for America: The great project for November was to honor our military by sending care packages. It was a huge success. A ton of items was collected.

Membership: Dottie Stueckroth reported 17 renewals; 1 new member; 3 associates; for a total of 55 members

Campaign Activities; Mary Jane Avery thanked everyone for helping with the Terry Wilson fundraiser. More than \$36,000 was raised. A good time was had by all. She also reminded members how important it was to submit their volunteer hours. Kay Stripling mentioned how much Mary Jane does for the club – the untold hours spent giving of her time. Mary Jane was given a round of applause.

Other Fundraising: Darlene Hargett discussed the Chili Cook-Off on February 15, 2020 and the need for volunteers. She asked members to sign up on the poster to volunteer; also, she needs items for the silent and live auctions; there were sheets on the tables listing auction item possibilities. All are needed to make it a success. The money raised will be used to fund 2 years of three Burnet County high school scholarships.

Legislative: Roxanne Nelson discussed the legislative issue of rising property taxes. People, especially seniors, are being taxed out of their homes. She asked members to think about possible alternatives to property taxes and send their ideas to her.

Other Reports:

Burnet County Republican Chair: In Kara's absence, President Stripling reported there will be a Candidate Forum February 4, 2020. BCRW women will be asked to provide cookies; also, there will be a social to mark the end of the filing period at the Trailblazer Restaurant.

Burnet County Republican Club: Londa Chandler reminded members of Market Days, December 7. BCRW and BCRC will share a booth. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

Announcements:

- President Stripling announced that at the November 4th BCRW board meeting, the board approved the cancellation of the February 13th regular BCRW since it was only two days before the Chili Cook-Off. Instead, all members were asked to attend and participate in the event.
- Next month's meeting will be December 12th; Speaker will be District Attorney Sonny McAfee who will discuss the judicial system and the importance of placing conservative justices on the bench.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted as revised,

Ginny Wortham, Secretary



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**Do you or know someone who would donate an auction item to
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