



THE ELEPHANT'S EAR

Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter Get informed!

December 2022 Edition

A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans,

A lot has happened since we last published the Elephant's Ear. We have seen more republican votes than ever before in the governor's race, but we lost percentages to the democrats. This shows we have more work to get our republican voters out. We can debate a lot of reasons for this, but we cannot let this trend continue. Once again, I want to say thank you for all the hard work and sacrifices our election workers, electioneers, and poll workers did during this election season.

The next season will be here in about a month, and that is the legislative season. The Texas legislature only meets for five months every two years, and we need to be there to encourage our representatives and senators to do the right thing. On December 15th, Kathy Ponce will hold a training session on how to maneuver the Texas Legislative website. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the new headquarters, 613 Ferris Avenue, Suite 107, Waxahachie.

The holidays are upon us, and there are lots of things going on. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have been in several parades: Waxahachie, Ennis, Midlothian, and maybe a couple more.

Our last meeting for this year is December 6 at The After Church, 1511 Ovilla Rd, Waxahachie. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m. After a short general meeting at 6:30 p.m., we will celebrate the victories of the past month. But, most of all, we will celebrate the birth of Christ and the forgiveness of sins He gave us as a free gift for the asking.

Hope to see you Tuesday, and don't forget Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

See you soon,
Randy Bellomy
Chairman
Republican Party of Ellis County



December's Monthly Meeting - December 6th

Invite your friends, family and neighbors and join many of your elected representatives and the members of the Ellis County Republican Party Executive Committee for our December meeting and Christmas Social (including some door prizes). Great food will be available for sale from the Ruston Cattle Company food trailer. Enjoy a burger fresh off the grill or one of their TX Cheese Steaks (they don't use brisket in Philly), fries, banana pudding and a soft drink for only \$20. Doors open at 5:30PM for Social, Setup and Supper with meeting starting at 6:30PM. We will also be gathering toys in support of the Toys for Tots. Along with an appetite and Christmas spirit please bring a new unwrapped toy \$10+ value.

Date: December 6, 2022

Time: 5:30-6:30 Social, Setup & Social

6:30PM Meeting followed by more social time and Christmas celebration

Location: [The After Church, 1511 Ovilla Rd, Waxahachie, TX 75167](#)

Legislative Update

Legislation Matters.

Never has that been more evident than this past Mid Term election cycle. Where would Arizona be today if the bill to Ban Ballot Boxes was passed out of Committee?

Where would Nevada be today if the bill to allow Mail In Ballots with no provisions to all residents was voted down?

These are just 2 examples of states where people were complacent and not involved in their legislative process. Despite numerous calls to action.

Do not let this happen in Texas.

Be involved. #LegislationMatters #ElectionsMatter

Bills are currently being filed and the team at the RPT is reading through the bills that meet the RPT requirements for conservative legislation. Stay tuned....

Kudos to our State Rep Brian Harrison and State Senator Bob Hall for leading the charge on many of the Conservative issues near and dear to our hearts.

Here are some reminders to be involved.

TLO Training.

Join us December 15th at 6:30 pm for a training session on how to maneuver the TLO website.

If you have ever wanted to monitor bills or committee hearings or watch a public hearing on video then this class is for you. We will meet at the new Ellis County GOP headquarters:

13 Ferris Ave, Suite 107, Waxahachie TX. Bring your fully charged electronic device to be able to access the TLO website.

Austin Field Trips: Jan 10th and 12th.

Email or text me if you are going. Information is also available on the Ellis County GOP Events page.

[Click Here](#) to email or send Text to: 214.334.5087

[Click Here](#) to purchase your No Dem Chairs shirt if you are attending the Jan 12th Texas State House rules vote:

[Click Here](#) to read the first Legislative update from SREC Rep Jill Glover. If you are not receiving these emails scroll to the bottom and there is a link to sign up. You will receive these emails during the Legislative session with a great amount of bill information and Calls To Action.

[Click Here](#) to read the article by Texas' own Christian Collins: Republicans Have To Get Smart at Winning Elections. Red states must solidify Election Integrity and Blue States must learn to play the left's game.

While I know it is tempting to focus on The White House and 2024. We still have big issues to work together on in 2023. Legislative session and May Elections (School Boards and City Council races). All Politics Is Local and it starts from the bottom up.

Let's all work together to achieve great legislation for Texas. 2024 will come soon enough but we only get 5 months, every 2 years, to pass strong Conservative Legislation.

In Unity to #TXLEGE23.

Kathy Ponce

Legislative and Political Priorities.

Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

[Precinct maps and Chair listing found HERE.](#)



Learning from Victory

Once again Republican candidates won in every partisan race in Ellis county on the ballot in November. Congratulations to all of those victors to include Judge Bob Carroll (reelected 40th District Judge), Dan Cox (reelected Justice of the Peace - Pct 3) and Louis Ponder (elected Justice of the Peace - Pct 4).

Nelson Mandela is credited with saying "I never lose, I either win or I learn." Not to disagree with the late President Mandela, but I contend that win or lose, there is always room to learn. So I ask you to bear with me while I cover some stats and lessons to be learned from our many victories in the November election (focused on Ellis County).

First let's compare some numbers from 2018's midterms and this year's election:

Registered Voters

2018: 108,826

2022: 131,344 (17% increase)

Voter Turnout

2018: 60,850 or 55.91%

2022: 68,079 or 51.83%

% voting for Governor Abbott

2018: 72.14%

2022: 67.2%

Votes for Judge Bob Carroll (only opposed county-wide candidate in 2022)

2018: 45,879 (unopposed) with 8,501 undervotes (calculated)

2022: 46,732 (71% of votes cast) with 2,262 undervotes (actual)

Now for some quick analysis...

Clearly we are seeing incredible population and registered voter growth and if the Governor's race is any indication, this growth is not solid red. A portion of the 5% drop in voters supporting Governor Abbott can be attributed to the name recognition delivered by his opponent, Robert Francis O'rourke. Just stop for a moment and see if you can remember (without using Google) Governor Abbott's opponent in 2018. With the elimination of "straight party" voting, name recognition carries more weight than ever, but it is readily apparent that we need to not be complacent as the population continues to grow in Ellis County.

The victories earned by our candidates and the many volunteers who supported them are undeniably the best news from the recent election but I don't want to miss what I consider a potentially overlooked positive result. This is the fact that Judge Carroll saw a 73% reduction in undervotes while receiving more votes from Ellis County voters than did Governor Abbott. This indicates solid success in getting the message out to voters to vote down ballot and increasing Judge Carroll's name recognition.

Now is not the time to rest on our laurels. We must continue to recruit active conservatives throughout the county. All of us need to invite others to attend events and meetings, recruit volunteers, help grow organizations such as the Ellis County Young Republicans and Ellis County Republican Women.

Just in case you thought 2023 is an "off year", keep in mind that from Alma to Waxahachie, there will be 79 offices on the ballot in 2023.

One Team, Many Fights!

J.J. Brookshire

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The State of the Union

I went to Big Lots on Thanksgiving Eve. I had the PERFECT idea for a Christmas decoration and needed wrapping paper. I went in and grabbed some shiny rolls. I then proceeded to look for gift-wrapping tape. I could not find that darn tape anywhere. While I was paying I asked the cashier, a 100% Gen-Z aged girl, "Do y'all have any gift-wrapping tape?" She looked at me and said, "I'm not sure." I figured she would offer me something like, "Let me ask someone who would know." She did not. She just stood there with a bewildered look on her face and told me the amount I owed. STOP. I am an old Millennial, 35. I have worked a few minimum wage jobs, even in my latter adult years. I know for a fact the response that this girl should have been trained to give or even critical-thinking wise was, "Let me ask someone who knows." PLAY. I did not stick my card in the reader, I asked, "Is there someone who would know?" She got on her ear-piece and asked someone in the back, not once, not twice, but three times where the tape was. She received an answer, looked at me and said, "It's by the light bulbs." STOP. I don't know if you have ever been into a Big

Lots, but there are no aisle numbers and it's kind of difficult to navigate the aisles if it's not seasonal. PLAY. She described, very poorly, where the light bulbs were, and honestly, she might as well have just said, "The tape is on this particular aisle, if you see lightbulbs you are on the correct aisle." Instead of a manager coming to help or another worker taking me to where these damn light bulbs were, I set out on a hunt like the old show 'Supermarket Sweep.' I, however, did not win the \$5000 because it definitely took me longer than 60 seconds to find the aisle with the light bulbs. Guess what? NO FREAKING TAPE! I bet you forgot I was looking for tape! I went back to the register, paid, and left.

On my way home, I was replaying the scenario in my head. I am very patient with customer service folks, no matter the age, because it is a tough job. Those people take the brunt of other people having a bad day. This worker, who could not have been over 22 or 23, was A. New and training, B. Had zero critical thinking skills, or C. Simply did not care. Where was her manager? Was there no training? Where was the integrity? Where was the critical thinking? Then another scene came into play later that evening, that answered all those questions. Briefly, having a farewell gathering for a friend going to Indonesia to teach, he said at his first school in Indonesia, a Chinese-based school, he was commissioned to teach a class to 9th graders called, "Critical Thinking." It dawned on me. Instead of these people being allowed to learn to use critical thinking on their own, these skills are being manufactured. Critical thinking skills are acquired through experience. We have short-changed a generation, maybe even two, or three, generations of critical thinking experiences. There was a new term coming about when I was teaching, "helicopter" parents were being replaced with "lawn-mower" parents. Instead of parents hovering over their children and their problems while their children solved the problems, they were bulldozing their problems down for them. I saw it in the classroom and the consequences are now playing out in the work-force. We have enforced mediocrity for so long, that it's now the gold-standard. We have been okay, to suffer our children's consequences and problems, rather than letting them grow and mature from them. I do not see it getting better with the tail-end of Gen-Z. All those Beto voters who want a "fair wage" don't even know how to find a roll of tape in the store at which they work. They have been indoctrinated by Hollywood, Social Media, and now it's seeped into the classroom. The indoctrination has been that feelings matter more than liberty. When feelings matter more than liberty, there can be no critical thinking. Where the Chinese control through fear and Western-bigotry, the United States controls by feelings. That, my friends, is the current State of the Union, and all I had to do was go to my local Big Lots to see for myself.

Holly Freeman
Editor

Food for Thought

(Submitted articles from subscribers)[Harrison: Texas InsiderCornyn and Elzey.](#)
[Bill Honor WrightBob Hall: On School Vaccine Requirements](#)
[Bills Lay Groundwork for School Choice Fight](#)

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When you become a Legacy Circle member of the Republican Party of Ellis County you will be a vital part of helping us build a powerful and influential presence.

Your contribution will help keep Ellis County and the great state of Texas, RED!

Your valuable contribution will go directly to providing a permanent location for our GOP Headquarters in Ellis County which allows us to do the following:

1. Hold our GOP monthly meetings open to all citizens
2. Have training for Precinct Chairman and volunteers
3. Host our 'Get Out The Vote' efforts at election time
4. House our resources such as our candidate campaign signs and literature
5. Be a center for town hall meetings to educate and inform our citizens

There are several levels of membership – please choose the one that is right for you!

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