



October 2026 Edition

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A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans:

I had a great time at our fundraiser Saturday night. We had a great lineup of inspiring speakers: State Senator Mayes Middleton, State Senator Bob Hall, candidate for Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3 Thomas Smith, and Representative Brian Harrison was master of ceremonies. In between the speakers, Judge Dan Cox auctioned off several guns and vacation destinations; as usual, there were colorful descriptions of each item and a lot of humor. If you were not there, you missed a good time.

The event was sold out; everything went smoothly, and it was a great success. All due to the hard work of Ashley Collins, Tabatha Davis, and Jennifer Zarate over the last year. Thank you ladies; we are blessed that you are part of the party.

It is thirty days before election day, and we have to get out the vote. We have the votes if we turn out all Republicans and vote all the races from top to bottom of the ballot. So, we will need to call our neighbors, speak to people at church and other organizations we are part of, and walk your neighborhood to encourage everyone to vote Republican. From the start of early voting through election day, we need lots of electioneers. Don't worry if you have never done it, we will put you with someone who will show you how. If you are interested, please call headquarters and leave your name and number. The headquarters' phone number is 972-923-9383.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th, at Gateway Church, 555 N. Walnut Grove, Midlothian. Social hour begins at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6:30. As usual, the BBQ truck will be there for your convenience.

Hope to see you on Tuesday,

Randy Bellomy

Ellis County Republican Party Chairman

News and Notes

- Yard signs for several Republican candidates are available at the office. They are available for pick up Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you are wanting a sign for a specific candidate, please call 972-923-9383 to verify that we have it on hand.
- **Early voting begins October 19th**, and goes through October 30th. To find out when and where to vote, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- To view a sample ballot, please [CLICK HERE](#). You may view a ballot with all races in Ellis County listed, or your specific one.

October Agenda

Ellis County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at Gateway Church, 555 N. Walnut Grove Rd., Midlothian, TX 76065

Social Time - 5:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM

(All Republicans are welcome)

Welcome – Randy Bellomy, County Chair

Invocation and pledges to the flags

Secretary's Report – Terry Todd: Report of Quorum, request approval of minutes

Welcome Visitors - Randy Bellomy

Committee Reports:

- Precinct Chair Development – Sharon Tryon
- Budget & Finance – Tom Manning
- Legacy Circle – Tom Manning
- Communications & Marketing – Joe Lovitt
- Headquarters and volunteers – Kay Dunn
- Events & Fundraising – Ashley Collins
- Victory –
- State Legislative priorities – Kathy Ponce

Parades – Bettie Gray

Young GOP Report – Joshua Southerland

Republican Women's Report – Samantha Buford

Bluebonnet Women's Club Report - Cheree Barrett

Federal Legislative priorities – Dan Altman

SREC Report – Leslie Thomas

New Business

Adjournment



One of my favorite political websites to go to, especially close to elections, is realclearpolitics.com. I often find a few of the articles they link to every day interesting and worth a read, but the frequently-added polls are the main draw for me. Despite unusually competitive contests in Texas and elsewhere that have drawn a lot of media attention, there are a few lesser-publicized races that have the Democrats playing defense:

- In Oregon's gubernatorial election, Republican State Senator Christine Drazan is taking on incumbent Democrat Tina Kotek. A poll from last week

- has Drazan up by 1%. Among likely voters who have either "Definitely" or "Probably" made up their mind on whom they'll pick, Drazan was up by 4%. If Drazan hangs on to win, she will be the first Republican elected to the office since 1982.
- The Senate race in Minnesota features a well-known NFL sideline reporter, Michele Tafoya, against the Democrat Peggy Flanagan. Flanagan has been up slightly in most recent polls, but within the margin of error. This election may be a very realistic opportunity for Republicans to take a seat currently held by a Democrat.
 - Another chance at a Republican pickup in the Senate is in New Hampshire, where John Sununu is running against the Democrat Chris Pappas. Sununu was a three-term congressman from 1997-2003, and senator from 2003-2009. While Pappas has a small lead on Sununu in the polls, Sununu having a prior record to run on could sway enough undecided voters over the next month to close the gap.

The polls for these races, ours in Texas, and others around the country could currently be spot-on or wildly inaccurate. We should approach each election though like we're down by 1% - within striking distance, but with a critical need to encourage and remind other Republicans and conservative independents what's at stake. What ultimately matters isn't what polls project a few weeks out, but who shows up to vote and gets like-minded friends, family, and neighbors out to vote as well.

Joe Lovitt



[DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: Is the fight over Flock cameras masking a much darker surveillance reality?](#)



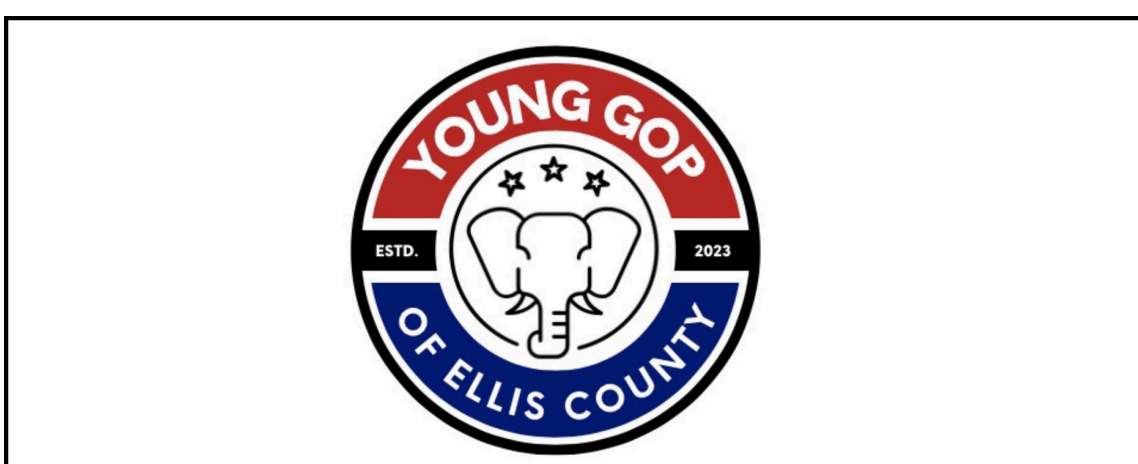
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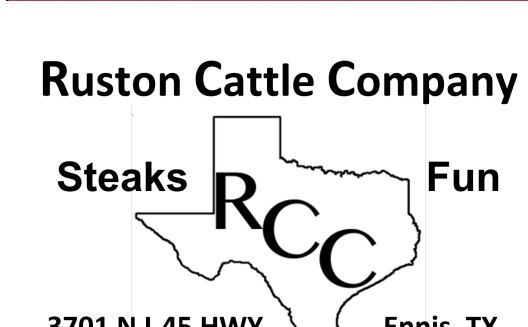
Your valuable annual contribution will go directly to providing a location for our GOP Headquarters in Ellis County.

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

- Bronze level contribution - \$100
- Silver level contribution - \$200
- Gold level contribution - \$500
- Platinum level Contribution - \$1000

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