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## Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter Get informed!

October 2023 Edition

### A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans,

Now that we have the wrongful impeachment trial done, our Attorney General is back at work protecting us from the Biden Administration. If you want to hear more about the sham impeachment trial, come and hear Senator Bob Hall give his perspective as to what happened and what he thinks about the upcoming special session on Monday, October 2nd, at the Ruston Cattle Company, 3701 N I45, Ennis at 6:30 p.m. Ruston Cattle Company is usually closed on Mondays; they are opening just for us, so come ready to eat and support them.

The last couple of Saturdays we have had a lot of Republicans at the Red Oak Founders Day and the Ovilla Heritage Day. Thank you to each of the volunteers that helped on the floats and booths. It was a great team effort that was led by our parade coordinator, Bettie Gray. Thanks Bettie. We will also have our regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 3rd. Deputy Voter Registrar training starts at 5:00 p.m. with Social hour at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6:30. It is at our usual location, 1511 Ovilla Rd. in Waxahachie.

Another event coming up is the candidate filing period November 11<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, I will be accepting applications for countywide candidates and Precinct Chairs at headquarters, 613 Ferris Ave. (Hwy 77), Suite 107 in Waxahachie. This is directly across the street from Foodland. Check the website for details. We will also hold an open house at that time so everyone can tour the new Ellis County Republican Party Headquarters

Hope to see you both Monday and Tuesday,  
Randy Bellomy  
Chairman  
Ellis County Republican Party



## BRIAN HARRISON

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 10

### Press Releases & Announcements

#### October Agenda

Ellis County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
Deputy Voter Registrar Training 5:00-6:00  
Social Hour 5:30-6:30  
6:30 Executive Committee

Executive Committee (All are welcome.)

Welcome – Randy Bellomy, County Chair

Invocation and pledges to the flags

Officer's Reports:

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

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance – Tom Manning

Precinct Chairman Development -Sharon Tryon

Communications and Marketing- JJ Brookshire

Headquarters and volunteers- Kay Dunn

Events & Fundraising – Paula Anz

Victory -Jennifer Zarate

Bylaws – Nelson Baird

Legislative and political priorities-Kathy Ponce (state), Dan Altman (federal)

Parades – Bettie Gray

Republican Women's Report – Beverly Gatlin

SREC Report- Mike White

Young Republicans: Report - Daniel Southerland

New Business

General Session

Old Business

General Public comments and Questions

Adjournment.

### Legislative Update

\*\*\*TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL ACQUITTED ON ALL CHARGES.

Governor Abbott has called for a Special Session to begin October 9th. One of the items for the Special Session is School Choice. Gov. Abbott has stated that if School Choice is not accomplished in the upcoming session he will call for another Special Session. At which point if a bill is still not agreed upon, during a 2nd Special Session, that he will take it to the voter's.

The other item that Gov. Abbott has mentioned to add to the next Special Session is the controversial, and dangerous, development known as Colony Ridge located in Liberty County.

If you have not heard about this illegal alien development, please research it.

Many national and local news sources are reporting on it. Our local Border Security groups and activists have great research and data on the development,

especially in regards to the potential collapse of the local ISDs due to the influx of the illegal children in the school system.

AG Paxton has also stated that one of his first orders of business will be dismantling Colony Ridge.

We do not know at this point in time what the actions or legislation will look like. We will keep you updated.

The SREC recently passed a unanimous resolution calling for action in Colony Ridge. Read the resolution here <https://texasgop.org/colony-ridge/>

Update on some recently challenged bills:

HB900 The Reader Act. A motions panel for the 5th Circuit Court has granted administrative stay on previous preliminary injunction barring the implementation of the Reader Act.

In other words, the law will continue along unless the 5th takes additional court action.

SB 12 The Drag Show Bill. We have lost round 2. A federal judge ruled that SB12-Texas Ban on Drag- is unconstitutional.

At this point in time the AG has not made a comment on the current ruling. We will keep you updated on the situation.

As you can see Austin never sleeps. And it is up to us to be the Watchdogs of the actions to ensure we keep Texas Texas with strong conservative legislation.

All Politics is Local

#Onward

Kathy Ponce

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## Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

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

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It's that time again...Time to vote. Early voting will be October 23rd - 28th, October 30th - November 3rd with Election Day on November 7th ([Click Here to visit EllisCountyGOP.org/vote to download polling place information, sample ballot, full text of constitutional amendments and explanatory notes](#)).

In addition to updating [EllisCountyGOP.org/vote](#) you'll find an update to the [EllisCountyGOP.org/events](#) page. October events include The Ellis County Republican Women Membership/Renewal Drive on October 19th at 6:30PM at Tuscan Slice ([please RSVP Jennifer Zarate](#)) and Ellis County Commissioner (Pct 3) Paul Perry's 12th Annual Pumpkin Pie, Brownie & BBQ Party on October 30th 6:30-8:30 PM at Woodrow's in Midlothian ([please RSVP Paul Perry](#)).

Please note that this Tuesday we'll have Deputy Voter Registrar training prior to the start of this month's ECRPEC meeting. All successful graduates will be authorized to register Ellis County residents. If you will be joining us for this valuable training, please [RSVP Paula Anz](#).

One Team, Many Fights!

J.J. Brookshire

Chair - Communications & Marketing Sub-committee & Pct 1034

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PS: Please encourage your fellow Ellis County residents to visit the Ellis County GOP website and subscribe to the Elephant's Ear



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## Unpopular Opinions Some Conservatives Hold

It's me. I'm some Conservatives, and I'm not alone in this boat. For quite some time we have known there is a special session coming up and in it, School Choice will be addressed. I have an extensive background in education, both Public and Private, and I will not bore you with my résumé today. I have gone to battle on this particular subject several times with fellow Conservatives, including ones in Austin, and we have disagreed. I was vehemently opposed to Prop 9 in 2022 which read:

" Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student."

I'm not going to get into the nuances and try to convey my disappointment in the vote count because it was a full year ago, but let's just say "funding following the student" gives red flag vibes. Consider the questions:

Where is the money coming from?

Whose money is it?

What about accountability for the funding?

I'm not about passing a bill so we will know what's in it either, something that was also brought up to me by fellow Conservatives regarding School Choice. #obamacarevibes

The reason many pull their kids out of the school district could be knocking back on our doors if School Choice Legislation gets out of control during this special session.

I'm not sure what is going to happen with School Choice, but you can COUNT on Conservatives being on both sides of the issue. The ones who I agree with, will most likely be vilified in a, "Won't somebody think of the children," type of way.

After being in Public Education for a decade, I've seen some things. My career as an educator is still going, having taught all grade levels at this point. I was met with the statement before about "Public Education being a dumpster fire" and School Choice was a remedy for the situation. Yes, I get it, and I have been there and done that, but I'm more about the sacrifice for my children rather than funding from anywhere besides my own pocket following them. It's tough, but it's worth it to keep Austin and the Fed out of my life.

"Don't take the money then." Yeah, that's gone really well lately. #covidvibes

Is there a way School Choice can exist in a way where it's not intrusive and an extension of an education system on life support? Maybe. Is that what is going to be presented? I doubt it. Either way, I will have a comment after it's all said and done.

Consider the arguments, and decided for yourself. We just might get the chance to do so if it cannot be decided in a special session.

Stay tuned.

Holly Freeman

Editor

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## Food for Thought

[Daily Wire: Inside Colony Ridge](#)

[Daily Wire: Abbott Says Texas Will Address Colony Ridge](#)

[Paxton is Back-Dismantling Colony Ridge](#)

[Texas Scorecard: Elon Musk Visits Border to Expose Crisis](#)

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2. Have training for Precinct Chairman and volunteers
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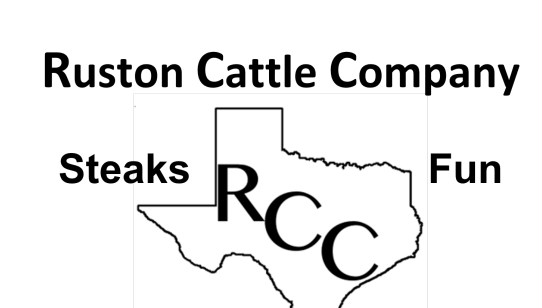
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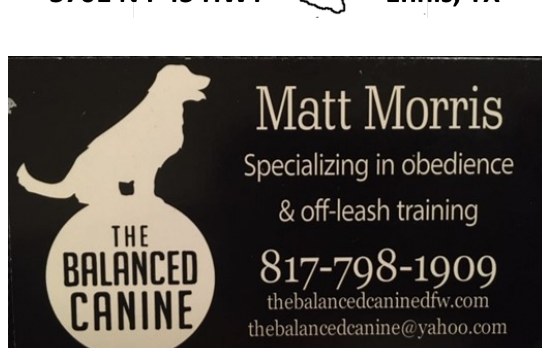


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