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Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter
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March 2023 Edition

A Message from the Chair

Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about our election in 2024. Election Judges must be submitted by July 31, 2023. If you are interested in being an Election Judge please go to the [Ellis County GOP website](#) and fill out the [volunteer application](#) and click on "Election Poll Workers Needed".

City Council and School Board elections will be held on May 6, 2023. For candidate names you may contact your respected cities as well as local Independent School Districts to inquire who will be running in those spots. These positions have the greatest effect on your day-to-day life as they affect your taxes as well as vote on how to spend local tax dollars, your money.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 7th at The Enchanted Point, 1511 Ovilla Road. The social hour will begin at 5:30 P.M. with Good Directions Barbecue providing food for a reasonable price. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. followed by local City Council and School Board candidates being allowed to speak their platforms

Hope to see you there,
Randy Bellomy
Chairman
Ellis County Republican Party

Legislative Update

Well #TXLEGE23 is alive and well. With Committee Hearings starting up in both the House and Senate. With bills already passing out of committees.

At the last GOP meeting we were still awaiting Speaker Phelan's committee assignments, and low and behold he announced them the very next day.

Here is the link to the House committee's:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Committees/CommitteesMbrs.aspx?Chamber=H>

Please note: We were able to diminish the number of Democrat Committee Chairs from 13 to 8. Thank you to all who made phone calls, sent postcards, sent emails, and showed up to the Opening Week of session in your *No Dem Chair* shirts. We will not change the way Austin runs overnight, but we are on the path to making change.

Please note that 2 special committee's have formed, and they need to be duly noted.

The House Committee on Youth Health & Safety, Select. Chair is Rep. Senfronia Thompson (Democrat). This is the committee that any transgender bills will go through.

The House Committee on Community Safety, Select. Chair Rep Ryan Guillen (Republican).

This committee will focus on matters related to the possession, use, sale, and transfer of all firearms and ammunition, as well as any associated criminal offenses and penalties.

Governor Abbott also declared his Legislative Priorities:

1. Cutting property taxes.
2. Ending COVID restrictions forever.
3. Education freedom for all Texans.
4. School safety
5. Ending "revolving door" bail
6. Securing the border
7. Fighting fentanyl crisis

Just in case you did not hear Speaker Phelan has been releasing his Legislative Priorities as well. Due to the Legislative Priorities being released nearly every other day, feel free to reach out if you would like to know what they are. Let's just say they are far from the GOP priorities and not even close to Governor Abbott's priorities.

When I say, "That no Legislative Session ever runs the same as the year before," believe me. This one is truly a differing entity from the past 2 sessions. Be fluid, for the Legislative Session is a crazy roller coaster and ever changing ride.

With all that said, committee hearings are taking place, public comment is being made, bills are being passed out of committees, and bills are still being filed.

If you have not created your TLO (Texas Legislature Online Account) there is still time to do so. You will receive email notifications for all your committee's and bills. You will receive public hearing notices within one minute that the hearing is posted. Please reach out and we will help set you up.

It is going to get fast and furious in Austin by the time you read this. If you would like to be on the email list for Calls to Action, or text message the information please contact me.

We have many battles to pass good legislation.

We have many battles to defeat bad bills.

We need your testimony.

We need your phone calls.

We need your voice.

All to Keep Texas Texas.

Onward to the journey of #TXLEGE23.

Kathy Ponce

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Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

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



"The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

This is true today, just as it was over 2000 years ago when first uttered by Plato.

The following candidates have submitted requests for consideration by the Ellis County Republican Party for endorsement:

Ferris School Board Place 7

Samantha Buford

Midlothian Mayor

Justin Coffman

Midlothian City Council Place 1

Allan McKeever

Allen Moorman

Midlothian City Council Place 2

[Walter Darrach](#)

[Mike Rodgers](#)

Midlothian City Council Place 5

[Edward Gardner](#)

[David Hurst](#)

Midlothian School Board Place 7

[Ed Harrison](#)

Red Oak School Board Place 3

[Bill Foster](#)

Red Oak School Board Place 4

[Kim Sturman](#)

Red Oak School Board Place 5

[Penny Story](#)

Waxahachie School Board Place 2

[Jason Southerland](#)

Many of these candidates will be at the March 7th meeting. In accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, the Executive Committee will vote on the question of endorsing each at the March 7th meeting. Candidates that are endorsed will be able to promote that they are endorsed by the Ellis County Republican Party.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our monthly meeting:

Date: Tuesday, March 7th

Time: 5:30PM Social and Supper Hour (BYOB) 6:30PM Meeting

Food Truck: [Good Directions BBQ](#)

Please patronize the food truck. They are providing this service without any guarantee or cost to the Ellis County Republican Party.

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

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](#)



THE ELLIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
LINCOLN DAY RECEPTION
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Home of Teresa and Joe Aguilar
7241 Springer Road
Midlothian, Texas 76065

Master of Ceremonies
County Commissioner Pet. 2 ~ Lane Grayson

Keynote Speaker

GLENN HEGAR ~ TEXAS STATE COMPTROLLER



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6:00 pm ~ VIP Reception/Photo Op/Main Reception ~ \$100 per person
6:30 pm ~ Main Reception ~ \$50 per person
The Program begins at 7:00 pm

Parking on the street is welcome. Please do not park on the neighbors' grass!

For tickets, please contact:

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Pandora's Box: HB 23

I believe most of us are familiar with the Pandora's Box myth, and the way the phrase is used today in colloquialism. Once the box is open, there is no telling what is going to come out, and how can we stuff it back in once it is out? Or, can we even attempt to put anything back in the box, and are we to live with the consequences of the box running amuck? I think we all noticed the transgender issues being brought to a head over the past 3 or 4 years. In my time as a high school coach, I was seeing this trend in women's sports over 10 years ago, and it is one of the major reasons I decided I could not be a part of that world anymore. House Bill 23, if past, would protect females and their right to compete against other biologically born females. How is it, that we have to put teeth into already existing Title IX legislation? That is rhetorical, I know the answer. We can no longer sit on the side as the decline of morals and values plummet into a proverbial Sodom and Gamora. As a former female athlete and former female coach, I can provide personal testimony as to why the protection of female athletes must pass in proposed legislation. I think the bill could be more conservative as it allows for the opposite for transgendered boys to participate in male sports. How about, if a child's parent allows this kind of nefarious change in their kid, there is no participation in any sport as there are UIL rules banning the use of steroids. I never understood how female to male and male to female athletes were able to get around that rule as I was always referred back to Title IX. At any rate, female sports must be protected. Maybe we can stuff some of the depravity back into Pandora's Box.

Food for Thought

(Submitted articles from subscribers)[Harrison: Property Tax Increases](#)
[Ellzey: UkraineTexas Scorecard: Illegal ImmigrantsHall: Ending Gender Reassignment Surgery in Children](#)

Join the Legacy Circle!

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!

Bronze level contribution - \$100

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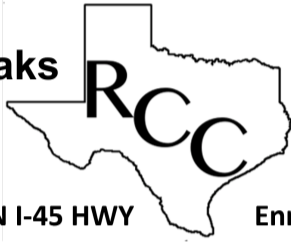
Gold level contribution - \$500

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