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Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter
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September 2023 Edition

A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans,

We live in a very contentious time. It is more important than ever that we have Joshuas. Joshua served Moses in several capacities: helping him lead the Israelites out of Egypt, as one of the twelve spies gathering information on the Promised land, and at the end, replacing Moses as God's chosen leader to take the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua served in many capacities, but first of all, he served God and relied on God to give him strength and direction to accomplish the task before him. We desperately need more Joshuas to serve and lead and, most of all, rely on God to direct them. Once again, America is at a crossroads. The next fifteen months will determine the direction of this country for the next decade or longer. It will require sacrifice of time, money, and resources. The rule of law that this country's freedom is based on is under attack. No one is safe under the current federal administration. The only way to stop this tyranny is to vote out the left-leaning communists and the ones who pander to this group which is trying to destroy this country. A lot of people say no matter how they vote, nothing changes, and their vote does not count. The only way to make sure the vote count is correct is for everyone to get involved in the process. We need election judges, clerks, and poll watchers at every polling location.

Campaigns are getting started as we get closer to the filing period of November 11, 2023 through 6:00 p.m. December 11, 2023. This leaves only 85 days (including the holidays) until the March 5th primary. Even though we are seven months away from the primary, time will fly, and these 26 races will be upon us.

The Ken Paxton impeachment will start Tuesday, September 6th, in Austin in the Senate Chamber. We pray the rule of law is followed, and the outcome will turn out well because we need him back in office keeping the Biden Administration at bay.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 5th. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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



Recent News

As August comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who has attended an event, opened up your business to me for a tour, or just said hello around town. The best part of this job is getting to connect with so many great Texans as I travel through District 6. This month at home has rejuvenated me, and I look forward to getting back to D.C. to continue working hard for all of you.

District Update

This month, I was able to meet with over 30 groups, tour 13 different businesses and facilities throughout the district, and hold a very informative telephone town hall. We have such a diverse district, and it was so great getting to travel to every county this month. We covered a lot of ground, but I look forward to continuing my visits throughout this year. If you want to learn more about our district and how to get more information, check out the "Get to know your District" section below!

It was so great to kick off the school year with Ferris ISD! Good luck to all the students and teachers!

Met with the outstanding Eagle Oak Retreat!

Toured the Huntsman's Building Solutions facility in Arlington! I learned a great deal and look forward to seeing their impact on our community.

Had the opportunity to give a Legislative update alongside State Representative David Cook. Thank you to the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce for hosting an outstanding event!

Alongside Senator Cruz, I visited Oil City Iron Works, and we discussed the importance of manufacturing jobs and their importance to our communities.

I was honored to meet with great people in Palestine at the Southside Baptist Church.

Thank you to Sellmark Corporation for a great tour of your facility in Mansfield, TX!

Attended a great Luncheon with the Dallas Friday Group!

Wrapped up the month with a Telephone Townhall with Navarro County Sheriff Elmer Tanner!

D.C. Update

Here is just a snapshot of some of the legislation I was able to cosponsor before the August recess.

-H.R. 4563, To promote election integrity, voter confidence, and faith in elections by removing Federal impediments to, equipping States with tools for, and establishing voluntary considerations to support effective State administration of Federal elections, improving election administration in the District of Columbia, improving the effectiveness of military voting programs, enhancing election security, and protecting political speech, and for other purposes.

-H.R. 4772, To require that a State be ineligible to receive funds under certain Federal programs unless the State has in effect a State law restricting the purchase of agricultural land by certain foreign persons, and for other purposes.

-H.R. 4886, To provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Get to Know your District

The Geographical area of District 6.

I wanted to take some time to answer a few questions about our District! As you know, I represent Congressional District TX-06. A question I hear a lot when I am back home is what makes up our District. The congressional district lines were redrawn in January 2023, and now TX-06 includes all or parts of 9 counties: Ellis, Navarro, Anderson, Hill, Cherokee, and parts of Tarrant, Dallas, Freestone, and Johnson counties. This is a big change from our previous District, but it is something that only happens every ten years. I want to start by saying I love our new District, and it is a privilege to serve the people of our community in Congress. It is a job I take very seriously, and I enjoy every minute of it.

How do I spend my time in the District?

An unfortunate part of being elected to Congress is that, from time to time, I must leave the great State of Texas and go to Washington, DC. Unfortunately, that means there are fewer days back home in the District than I would like. That said, I am committed to visiting each county in the District as often as possible!

You will often find me hosting “Coffee with you Congressman” events, speaking at chamber luncheons, or touring some outstanding businesses throughout our communities. I love attending events throughout our District and do my best to attend as many as possible during my time at home.

Often, my staff and I visit the places that reach out to our office and invite us to attend or speak at their event, tour their facility, or sit and meet with them about issues important to them. That said, we are always looking for new opportunities to visit with folks in our District, so please don’t hesitate to contact our office and let us know what’s going on in your community!

How can I be helped in the District?

We have two main offices in the district, one in Ellis County and one in Navarro County, as well as floating office hours throughout the District. I view the number one job of any Congressman is to provide good constituent services. To do that, we have a dedicated district team and two full-time caseworkers who can help you with over 400 federal agencies. You can come to us, or we can come to your area. If you need help, please call our offices.

Our district team can also help with grant information, community recognition, and many programs for students. Please know our Washington, DC, team is also available to help with your policy questions, tours, flag orders, and numerous other items.

How do I get information?

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter and staying engaged with my office. Without your input, I cannot do my job. I hope you can join a telephone town hall that we do monthly, catch my weekly “Walk with Jake” that is posted on Facebook, and come to the closest meet and greet event we hold in your community. You can also send us a message or note through my website. I appreciate the over 35,000 of you who have written to my office this year about issues important to you and your families!

Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout on my [Facebook page](#) for more information about the following Events this month!

September 5th – Service Academy Forum - Palestine in Anderson County

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September 11th – Service Academy forum - Waxahachie in Ellis County

September 12th – Service Academy Open House Corsicana in Navarro County

September 25th – Coffee with your Congressman – Las Colinas, Irving in Dallas County

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Walk with Jake



BRIAN HARRISON

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 10

Press Releases & Announcements

September Agenda

Ellis County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday September 5, 2023

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

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

Old Business

General Public comments and Questions

Adjournment.

Legislative Update

Legislative Report: Yes, they are still up to political shenanigans in Austin.

In early August the Texas House Select Committee on Education and Enrichment released its Interim Report.

While I am not advocating one way or the other for School Choice or Public Education, I do believe that if this is a battle you are passionate about then you should be equipped with the information.

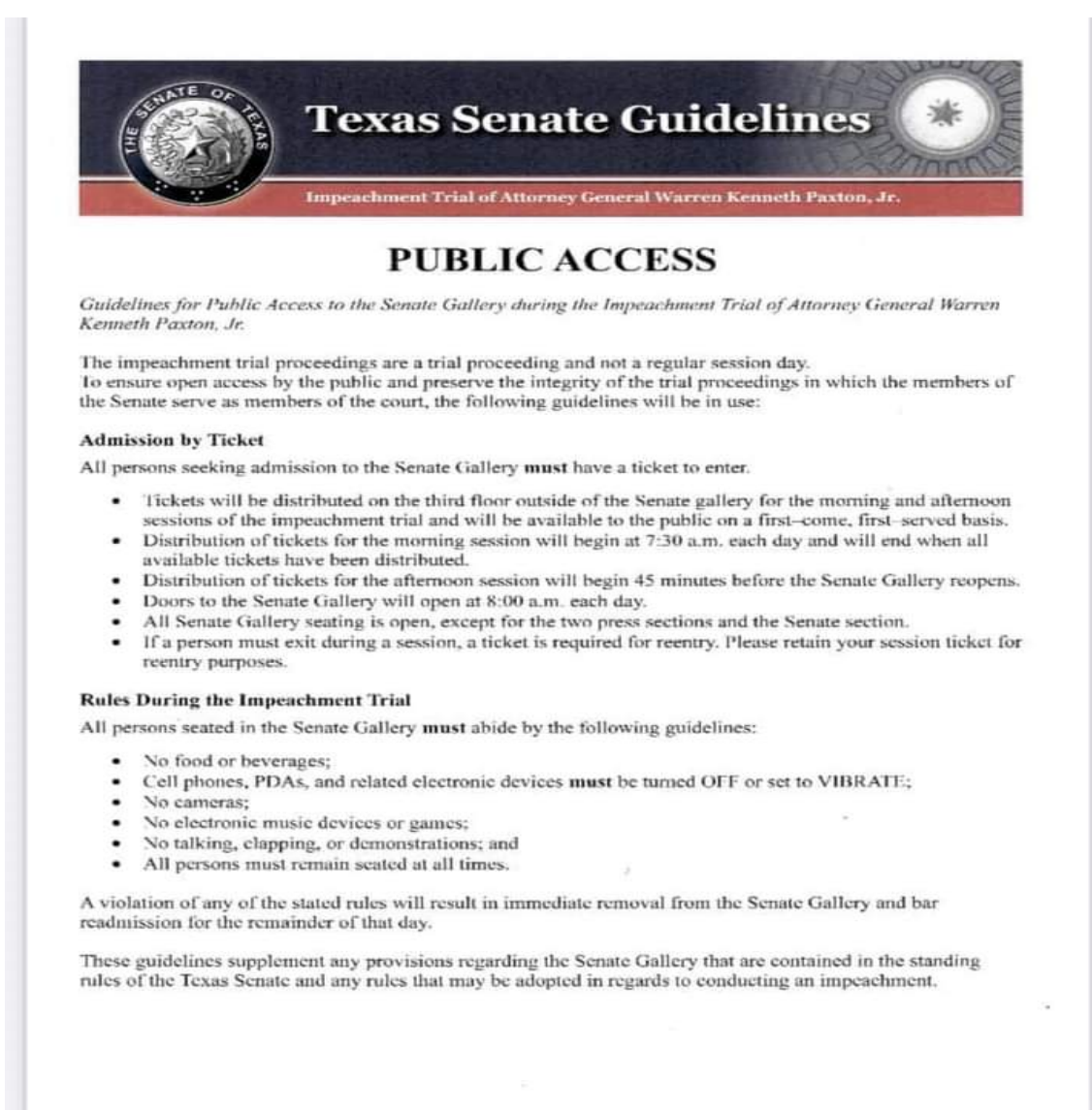
Look for a Special Session on School Choice to be called possibly around October. After the Paxton Senate hearings.

Here is the report:

Click: [REPORT](#)

As most you know the Texas Senate will be conducting its trial on the Paxton Impeachment process starting Tuesday, Sept 5th.

Here is the information if you plan to be in Austin for the trial.



The Texas House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety had a working committee meeting in Eagle Pass on September 1st.

This meeting was in regards to Border Security with the emphasis on Operation Lone Star.

It is with great hope that a possible Special Session in regards to Border Security will be called. Public comment is being accepted through the House Public Comment link. If you would like to receive these updates, please email me at: texaspoliticstx@gmail.com

Austin never sleeps, but we will be ever vigilant in protecting our freedoms and rights and the great state of Texas.

Onward we go!!

Kathy Ponce

Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

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



April of 1775 sees the British marching on Lexington and Concord in a failing effort to seize John Hancock and Samuel Adams. Two months later, the British "win" the battle of Bunker Hill but suffer over 30% casualties (compared to less than 20% for the rebels). By the fall of the same year, the British effectively occupy Boston and George Washington is appointed commanding general of the newly established Continental Army. Over the next few months, the 13 colonies send volunteers to join the Continental Army facing the British in Boston. In October, a committee of the Continental Congress convene at Tun Tavern, less than a half mile from Philadelphia's Independence hall where they drafted articles of war and commissioned a Continental Navy. On November 10, 1775 the committee agreed to a resolution creating two battalion of Marines to serve on board naval vessels. Some of the Marines that enlisted that month in Philadelphia were carrying drums painted yellow, emblazoned with coiled rattlesnake, sporting thirteen rattles, and the motto "Don't Tread on Me."

Christopher Gadsden, one of the leaders of the Sons of Liberty in South Carolina, was one of three members of the Marine Committee. He received help from Benjamin Franklin, in designing the American rattlesnake symbol used on these drums and what would become known as the Gadsden flag. According to the South Carolina Congressional Journals, Gadsden presented a copy of his flag to his state legislature in Charleston:

"Col. Gadsden presented to the Congress an elegant standard, such as is to be used by the commander in chief of the American navy; being a yellow field, with a lively representation of a rattle-snake in the middle, in the attitude of going to strike, and these words underneath, "Don't Tread on Me!"

Here are a few notes on the flag's design as, written by Ben Franklin:

1. The Rattlesnake is found in no other quarter of the world besides America
2. The rattlesnake also has sharp eyes, and "may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance.
3. She never foregoes an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage
4. The rattle the number of the Colonies united in America



Over 20 years earlier Benjamin Franklin published this "Join Die" image in the Pennsylvania Gazette.

Fast forward nearly 250 years and look over 1700 miles West of Tun Tavern to Colorado Springs. Jeff Yokum, Operations Director for The Vanguard School sends an email to the parents of 12 year old Jaiden Rodriguez, informing them that a Gadsden Flag patch on Jaiden's backpack is "considered disruptive". A teacher is then videoed by Jaiden's mother stating that Jaiden cannot go back to class with the "Don't Tread On Me flag" on his backpack. Note that the teacher did not seem familiar with the term "Gadsden Flag" and she claimed it originated with slavery and the "slave trade" ([video can be see by clicking here](#)). The video quickly went viral and caught the attention of the Vanguard School Board Of Directors. The day after the video featuring non-historian teacher was filmed, the elected board releases the following statement:

"Upon learning of events today. The Vanguard School Board of Directors called an emergency meeting. From Vanguard's founding we have proudly supported our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the orders liberty that all Americans have enjoyed form almost 250 years. The Vanguard School recognizes the historical significance of he Gadsden flag and its place in history. This incident is an occasion for us to reaffirm our deep commitment to a classical education in support of these American principles.

At this time, the Vanguard School Board and District have informed the student's family that he may attend school with the Gadsden flag patch visible on his backpack."

I wanted to take the time to relay all of this as an example of what can be done when we hold our elected officials and public administrators accountable. As we approach elections where state constitutional amendments will be on the ballot followed by "primary season", it is imperative that if we don't want to be "tread on", we "join" together and prove that, like Christopher Gadsden and Jaiden Rodriguez, we too are Sons (and Daughters) of Liberty.

One Team, Many Fights!

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Climate change is THE threat to America.

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1. Buying up our farmland.
2. Building unnecessary wind farms that use oil (their sworn enemy).
3. Growing lab meat.
4. Flying private jets everywhere.
5. Mandating experimental vaccines.
6. Making you cover your face for no reason (admittedly by the CDC).
7. Arresting US citizens while ushering illegal aliens through.
8. Setting fires in and around the United States. (Arsonists)
9. Staging Antifa riots.
10. Indoctrinating our children.
11. Slaughtering our children.
12. Taxing the middle class out of existence.

It's beginning to look a little 1775ish in these parts. Patrick Henry's declaration of, "Give me liberty or give me death," is beginning to hit a little closer to home.

Holly Freeman

Editor

For more ways to stay Red visit www.elliscountygop.org

Food for Thought

[Knowles: Kids Fight Back Against Woke Indoctrination](#)

[Texas Lawmaker Names and Shames Colleagues](#)

[Texas Central and Amtrak Services Seek to Explore High Speed Rail Between Dallas and Houston](#)

[Federal Judge to Block New Law Keeping Explicit Material Out of Schools](#)

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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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