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Veronica Arriaga: June
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Louise Jung-Jenschke:
July 6
Betty Maulsby: July 11
Sarah Gella: July 13
Awilda Borchers: July 15
Wanda Reid: July 17
Iris Burris: July 25
Susan O Lasiter: July 29
Lauren Gaudlitz: July 30

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President's Pen

I'm Going to the Texas State GOP Convention!

In a few days, I will start getting ready to head to Houston for Texas State GOP Convention, June 11 through 13, 2026. This entails getting the vehicle ready, since this will be a road trip to Houston. Besides outfits for the three days, there are toiletries, water, and snacks. But I'm jumping ahead. How did this come about?

The Wilson County Republican Party printed flyers announcing the Precinct Conventions and the County Republican Convention to be held on March 28, 2026. These flyers were made available to the voters during the Texas Republican Primary election, early voting, and on election day March 3, 2026. Republican voters could attend the Precinct Convention to be nominated as a delegate to the State Convention. They could next attend the County Republican Convention and be elected as delegates to the Texas State GOP Convention. The county convention introduces and votes on resolutions. These resolutions are forwarded to the state GOP convention. Resolutions are sorted according to committees. Any resolutions making it out of committee can eventually become part of the official state party platform or legislative priorities for the next legislative session. The 90th Session of the Texas State Legislature begins at noon January 12, 2027, and lasts 140 days. So, time's a wasting!

The Wilson County Republican Women has eleven members and several associate members as delegates to this year's convention. It is an honor and a blessing that we have this opportunity to participate in this grassroots initiative, to have an active voice in our government. Any registered voter in Texas, affiliated with the Republican Party, can participate. After 52 years, the women's suffrage amendment, known as the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, was ratified in 1920. This legally guarantees American women the right to vote. It prohibits the federal government and all states from denying or abridging a citizen's right to vote based on sex. However, many women did not vote for years afterwards. Restrictions remained as several Southern Democrat states required literacy tests or poll taxes to register to vote. When I was growing up, my mother never voted for the longest time because of the Poll Tax. The Poll Tax was created and implemented in 1904 by the Democrat Party. Only my father voted because my folks agreed that the Poll Tax was an extra expense they could not justify. The 24th Amendment to the US Constitution, prohibiting a poll tax for federal elections, was passed and ratified in 1964. The poll tax was enforced in state and local elections until a three-judge federal court on February 9, 1966 ruled the Poll Tax unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. On Nov 8, 1966, Texas voters approved Proposition 7, which abolished the Poll Tax. So, all our voices matter. Things do change!

I hope to see many of you in H town!

Anna

Anna Willis
President

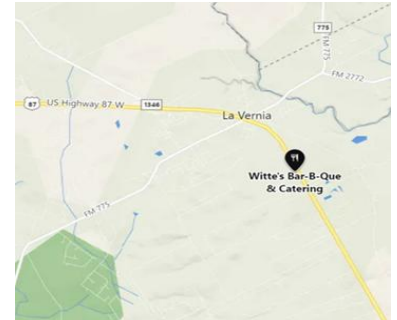


Wilson County Republican Women's Meeting

No meetings are scheduled in June and July. Enjoy your summer and see you in August!

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Doors open @ 5:30 PM
Meeting starts @ 6:00 PM

Witte's BBQ & Steakhouse
12153 US Highway 87 W
La Vernia, TX



Guest Speaker: Ryan Guillen,
Texas House Rep. District 31

**Meeting is open so please
bring a friend or relative.**

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A Reason for Pause

Marguerite Griffin
VP-Americanism and Armed Services



Memorial Day is quickly approaching. To some, it just means the beginning of summer. Although most may know Memorial Day is a day of remembrance, many don't know its exact history, importance, or how to properly pay tribute. We will never forget that Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor all of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving this country.

After the Civil War, Americans across the nation began holding tributes to honor the approximately 620,000 soldiers who lost their lives - about 2% of the population at the time. These early observances typically included decorating graves with flowers, reciting prayers and paying respect to the fallen.

There are many theories on how it started but in 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York the official birthplace of Memorial Day when President Johnson signed a presidential proclamation stating Waterloo celebrated the first Memorial Day. That day, in 1866, the city closed all businesses so residents could decorate the gravesites of soldiers with flowers and American flags.

For many, this day is not a happy occasion but a solemn one. Here is some guidance on the appropriate messages to convey:

*Rather than "Happy Memorial Day," say something like "Have a meaningful Memorial Day."

*It's also not appropriate to thank a service member for their service on this day, as it is a day for remembering and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

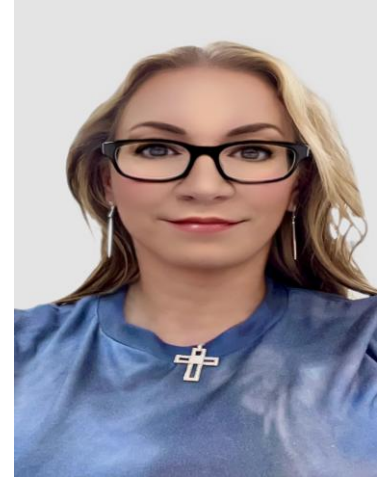
*Take a moment to recognize and remember. Take a moment of silence at 3 pm, take part in local activities or display a flag at half-staff from sunrise to noon.

Although it reminds some of the horrors of war, at the same time, it reminds us of all that while the day-to-day events of the world often paint a picture of gloom and doom, we still live in a place where heroes are among us. While these brave souls have passed in service, their memory is honored on Memorial Day to remind us that we had the privilege of existing on the same plane as them, even if it was only for a moment. God Bless our troops and God Bless the United States of America

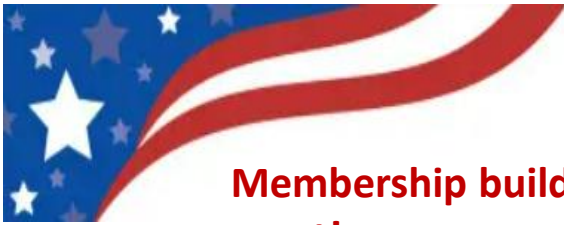
School Choice Law passed by 89th Legislature

Texas Leads the Way in School Choice

The law establishes an Education Savings Account program allowing eligible students to direct funding toward their choice of pre-approved educational providers and services such as private school tuition, instructional materials, and educational therapies. With \$1 billion in funding for the 2026-2027 school year, the program will be the largest day-one launch in the **country!**



Melissa Moczygemba
Legislative VP
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Membership building is a team sport!

We need a minimum of 12 more members.

Membership



Ruby Manen – Membership VP
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***Primary Members: \$30**

Associate Members: \$10



***Includes membership in Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)**

***Includes membership in National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)**



Caring for America

Tuesday, May 20, 2026

Wilson Co. Expo & Community Center (Show Barn)



Lori Hrna, Chairman



Yvonne McMurray, Lori Hrna, Carol Chitty, Theresa Soberoski, Sarah Gella, Veronica Arriaga, Anna Willis



Bingo Birthday Bash

WCRW celebrating birthdays
with seniors for lunch & games



2026 Birthday Bingo Bash dates for 2026 (All Wednesdays)

June 17, 2026 – Theresa Soberoski, Louise Jung-Jenschke, Dawn Barnett, Yvonne McMurray, Lori Hrna

July 15, 2026 – Sarah Gella, Loretta Carter, Ginny Glowka, Yvonne McMurray, Lori Hrna

August 19, 2026 – Lori Hrna, Sharon Meyer, Mata Orth, Louise Jung-Jenschke, Yvonne McMurray

September 16, 2026 – Lori Hrna, Yvonne McMurray, more volunteers needed

October 21, 2026 – Lori Hrna, Yvonne McMurray, need more volunteers

November 18, 2026 – Sarah Gella, Melissa Moczygemba, Carol Chitty, Ruby Manen, Lori Hrna, Yvonne McMurray

December 16, 2026 – Sarah Gella, Melissa Moczygemba, Carol Chitty, Ruby Manen, Lori Hrna, Yvonne McMurray

If you haven't signed up for a month, check with Lori Hrna, 210-382-8766.

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Community Engagement

Debra Harper, CE Chair
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What is Community Engagement?

What is Community Engagement? What do we do? Why is it important?

TFRW Community Engagement is all about establishing relationships with potential new Republicans and non-traditional voting blocs.

Across the state, Texas has a wide range of demographics. TFRW looks for like-minded groups to find common interests. We engage in their activities and invite them to our clubs. Regional Councils and Clubs are autonomous. They select their local engagement based on the make up of their community.

For example, the club may be in a university or military community. Others may be in border cities or metro areas with various ethnic groups living in the area. Some clubs partner with established institutions and organizations. The goal is to identify those groups, develop a strategy and reach out to expand membership and create future opportunities.

So far this year, at least ten clubs have formally appointed a Community Engagement Chair and reported the name to TFRW. Those clubs have created an engagement strategy and started their outreach projects. TFRW provides ideas and examples of projects.

We also highlight projects our members are working on.

This month, we are highlighting the **Dallas County Council of Republican Women** for creating a **Club Growth Project** to **Turn Dallas County Red**. The goal is to grow the strength and influence of Republican Women in Dallas County for the mid-term elections this year.

At least 104,000 Republicans voted in the March Primary. The Committee believes there are at least 5,000 women in Dallas who understand the battle before in the November election. The Council has the voter list and *is seeking volunteers to call Republican Women voters* and invite them to club meetings.

If you would like to participate, please contact Susan Fountain at susanwho@protonmail.com. Susan is a proud member of **Preston West Republican Women**.

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

The bottom line is to find every possible Republican voter, get them involved, educate them about the political process and candidates, encourage them to exercise their **Right to Vote** and **Keep Texas Red!**

May 26, 2026, Jack's Cafe



THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8 AM - 7 PM | Exhibit Hall Hours

9 AM | Opening Ceremonies

11:30 AM | First Senatorial District Caucuses

2:30 PM | Permanent Committees



FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8 AM - 7 PM | Exhibit Hall Hours

7 AM | Lonestar Liberty Grassroots Club Breakfast

8 AM | Second Senatorial District Caucuses

10 AM | Second General Session

1:30 PM | Third General Session

6:15 PM | Gala Cocktail Reception

7 PM | American Patriots Gala



SATURDAY, JUNE 13

8 AM - 2 PM | Exhibit Hall Hours

7 AM | Rooted in Faith & Family Prayer Breakfast

8 AM | Fourth General Session

12 PM | All Roads Lead to Texas Congressional Luncheon

1:30 PM | Fifth General Session



Calendar

TFRW Events

May 1 - Aug 30: Early Bird Tickets - Tribute to Women

July 10-11: Quarter 3 Board/Dir Mtg – Georgetown, TX

Sep 17-18: Quarter 4 Board/Dir Mtg – Round Rock, TX

Sep 19: Tribute to Women – Round Rock, TX

WCRW Events

June 17: Bingo Birthday Bash-Wilson County Expo Ctr, Floresville, 11:30 AM

July 15: Bingo Birthday Bash-Wilson County Expo Ctr. Floresville, 11:30 AM

Wilson County Republican Party Important Dates

June 8-10, 2026: RPT Committees-George R. Brown Conv. Ctr,
Houston TX

June 11-13, 2026: RPT Convention-George R. Brown Conv. Ctr,
Houston TX

Tuesday, July 21, 2026: CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026: CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026: CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6:00 PM

TBD: Christmas Party



Now that the Primary Runoff election is behind us, we need to focus on the next 160 days until Midterm election day, Tuesday, November 3rd. I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the wonderful ladies who worked the polls as either election judges or clerks during the Primary and or Runoff elections. Not only do you get paid for working but you provide an added level of election integrity to the polling site. Here is something for you to think about, ever thought about serving as a Precinct Chair with the Wilson County Republican Party? There are several open positions that needs a Wilson County Republican Woman's touch, give it some prayerful consideration and let me know.

A copy of both calendars styles is provided for your convenience. As always, I am here if you have any questions. Joyce Miller – 210-827-1814

Political Activities



2nd Qrt. Wilson Cty 2026 Political Activities/Events

Event	# time {hours}
Time spent on reading political blogs/articles (TFRW Newsletter; NFRW Wkly Emails; Dailywire; Truth Social; Epoch Times;	
Participated TFRW 2nd Qtr Board ZOOM Meeting (4/10 & 4/11th)	
Attended WCRW Fashion Show Fundraiser (4/23rd)	
Attended WCRW April Meeting (4/28th)	
Worked Runoff Early Voting (5/18th - 5/22nd)	
Worked Runoff Election Day (5/26th)	
Attended WCRW May Meeting (5/26th)	
Rode in the Stockdale Watermelon Parade (6/21st)	
Attended WCRP May Meeting (5/20th)	
Attended RPT State Convention (6/11th-13th)	

What counts:

All campaign activity in getting Republican candidates elected.

All activity that promotes the Republican philosophy & ideals.

Examples:

Time spent on baking items for WCRW/WCRP functions

Time spent picking up/purchasing items for WCRW/WCRP events

Round trip travel time + meeting time, when attending meetings & events

Time spent on reading emails/texts

Example of campaign activities:

Forums	Fundraisers	Rallies
Poll Greeting	Government Activism	Legislative/Local Government Advocacy
Petitioning	Emails/Texts (reading)	WCRW Activities
Prep/Set-up for events	Local GOP Activities (WCRP)	District Convention
Voter Reg. (Training/Events)	School Board meetings	Commissioners court
WCRW/TFRW Training	Voting	TFRW/NFRW Board mtgs & conventions

What DOESN'T count:

Paid Activities Caring for America (community service)

Other Clubs/Org (Lions Club | VFW | Rotary | American Legion | Chamber of Commerce)

When calculating the number of hours please use whole time (ex. 45mins = 1hr | 1hr 10mins = 2hrs, etc)

Cont'd Political Activities

Member Name:

2nd Qtr. Wilson County Political Campaign Activities/Events

April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10 TFRW 2 nd Qtr Bd Mtg (ZOOM Call)	11 TFRW 2 nd Qtr Bd Mtg (ZOOM Call)
12	13 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 WCRW Fashion Show @ WCECC	24	25
26	27	28 WCRW Mtg @ Jack's Cafe	29	30		

May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Early Voting	19 Early Voting WCRP Mtg @ Justice Ctr	20 Early Voting	21 Early Voting	22 Early Voting	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day	26 Election Day WCRW Mtg @ Jack's Cafe	27	28	29	30

June 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	9	10	11 RPT State Convention @ Houston TX	12 RPT State Convention @ Houston TX	13 RPT State Convention @ Houston TX
14 Father's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Stockdale Watermelon Parade
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Report Hrs & Calls				