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Birthdays

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Margi Wilson: May 28
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President's Pen

Wilson County's Got Style V. Deux!



Friends step into the inviting, festive ballroom and scan the room until they spot their table. They greet acquaintances along the way, choose their seats and then head over to the Silent Auction.

Behind the scenes, the Mistress of Ceremonies checks in with each boutique, confirms the order of the models and their styles, and arranges the show into coordinated sets.

Before long, it's showtime. Guests are welcomed, the invocation is offered, and everyone joins in the pledges to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag

Then Wilson County's Got Style V. Deux begins. The Mistress of Ceremonies describes each carefully selected ensemble as models glide through the room, weaving between tables to the delight of the crowd. It's a relaxed, fun evening filled with fashion highlights from participating boutiques provided by up-close views as models circulate among the guests.

As the night wraps up, guests return to the Silent Auction to see who won the bid. Sincere thanks to the sponsors, boutiques, Silent Auction donors and bidders, guests, and everyone who helped make this wonderful event possible. If you missed this year's event, join us next year!

Runoff Election

Please, please, please! Vote in the Runoff Election. Early voting is only one week, May 18th to 22nd. Only at the elections office in Floresville. Election Day is May 26th, which also happens to be the next WCRW meeting day. These are five hotly contested races. U.S. Senate is John Cornyn or Ken Paxton. U.S. Representative CD35 is John Lujan or Carlos De La Cruz. Texas Attorney General is Mayes Middleton or Chip Roy. Railroad Commissioner is Bo French or Jim Wright. Criminal Court of Appeals Pl. 3 is Alison Fox or Thomas Smith.

Anna

Anna Willis
President

Wilson County Republican Women's Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Doors open @ 11:30 AM

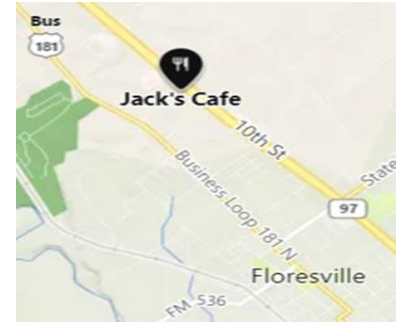
Meeting starts @ 12:00 PM

Speaker: Karen Newton, NFRW 1st

VP/TFRW Deputy President of
Region 14

History of the NFRW

Jack's Cafe
507 10th Street (Hwy 181)
Floresville, TX



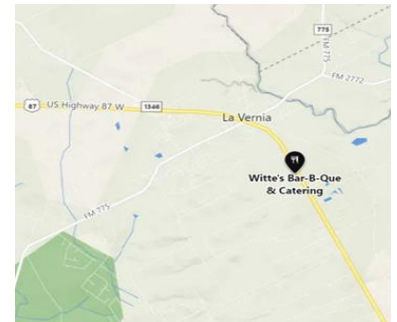
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Doors open @ 5:30 PM

Meeting starts @ 6:00 PM

Speaker to be announced

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



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

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Americanism and Armed Services



Did You Know?

Who was the most decorated U.S. Soldier in World War 2?

The correct answer is Audie Murphy. He was born in Kingston, Texas on June 20, 1925. He had twelve siblings and helped his mother to feed them by hunting small game. After his mother died, he was moved to do something to honor his mother's life. He enlisted in the military ten days after his 17th birthday.

After extensive training, his division moved to Sicily. He impressed his superior officers and was promoted to corporal. Despite setbacks like contracting malaria and many injuries he continued to distinguish himself in battle. He was enraged when his best friend was lured into the open and killed by a German soldier. He then killed the German along with many others. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions. His acts of valor and unwavering courage under fire earned him a remarkable total of thirty-three U.S. military decorations. Among these honors were three Purple Hearts, which recognized his injuries sustained in combat, and the prestigious Medal of Honor, awarded for his extraordinary heroism and leadership in the face of danger.

In 1949, Murphy published his autobiography, *To Hell and Back*. This led to his acting career, and he went on to make 44 feature films. He also became a successful country music songwriter.

He was married twice and had two children. Sadly, he was plagued with "battle fatigue" now known as post-traumatic stress disorder. He suffered a powerful addiction to sleeping pills. He went to Congress and was part of getting the United States government to give more consideration and study to the emotional impact combat had on veterans and to extend health care benefits to address PTSD and other mental health problems of returning war vets.

He died in a plane crash and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Medal of Honor recipients are usually buried with goldleaf on top of the headstone. He had previously requested that his stone remain plain like that of an ordinary soldier.

God Bless our troops past and present for our Freedom comes from them.



Legislation



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The Talking Filibuster

March was a busy month! I had the honor of presenting a *Legislative Advocacy Training* at the **NFRW Legislative Day** in Washington, D.C. on March 12th, and in preparation for that presentation, I interviewed some legislative staff. Here is some of what I learned.

Republicans need to talk about the *Working Families Tax Cut* (Trump's Big Beautiful Bill passed in 2025) and let people know the victories that Republicans secured for them. The Senate Republican's website has talking points, a printable one-pager and brochures, and a link to how much working families' take-home pay will increase by state (Texas up to \$9,300!).

Take a look for yourself at <http://www.republican.senate.gov/workingfamilies/> and share the good news with family and friends. See also <https://home.treasury.gov/wftc/>.

I also learned about the "talking" filibuster that seems to be dominating the news coverage as Republicans try to pass the *SAVE America Act* (S. 3752) which, in elections for federal office, will require voter ID at election polling locations and proof of citizenship for new voter registrations or for existing registrations that require updating (change of address, change of name).

The "**talking**" filibuster is the "original" filibuster. It has been in the Senate rules since 1806. From 1806-1917 (when cloture was introduced), the only way to end debate was to stop talking! In 1917, the Senate adopted the **cloture procedure**¹ which required two-thirds (67) of the senators to vote to end debate. In 1975, the Senate reduced the number of votes required for cloture to three-fifths (60) of all Senators "duly chosen and sworn."

Here's how the SAVE America Act could move forward. The Majority Leader would make the SAVE America Act the pending business before the Senate. Because there is not unanimous consent on this bill, the Leader (or possibly his designee) would offer a motion to proceed to consider. This motion would be subject to cloture and likely would fail because there currently are not seven Democrats who will vote to proceed on the bill. Democrats who oppose the bill will be on record.

¹ Cloture is the formal way to end debate on a matter so that the chamber may proceed to a final vote. To start the cloture process, at least 16 Senators must sign a motion to end the debate. Once the motion is filed, the Senate usually waits one full calendar day before the vote to end the debate actually happens. For most legislation, 3/5 vote of the entire membership is required to end the debate and move to a vote. If all 100 seats are filled, this means 60 votes are required.

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If the Republicans have 50 members who will vote in favor of the motion to proceed, the Leader can move to proceed again and **not** file a cloture petition on it. At this point, debate can begin indefinitely.

However, there are rules that apply to this period of indefinite debate. Per **Standing Senate Rule XIX**, senators are limited to two speeches per legislative day on the same question during the debate on the bill. A legislative day is not a calendar day; it is the period beginning when the Senate convenes and ending when it adjourns. Legislative days do not align with calendar days. A single legislative day can last several days, weeks, or even months. In this scenario, the legislative day would last as long as debate continues on the **SAVE America Act** and through a vote on the bill.

This means that all 47 Democrat Senators in the minority, should they oppose the bill, would have two indefinite times to speak on the **SAVE America Act**. Each time period could last several days, weeks, or months, depending on the Senator's stamina. This approach would mean Democrat Senators were engaging in a talking filibuster. Per the Senate Rules and tradition, when holding the floor and speaking, a Senator cannot sit, cannot take bathroom breaks, and cannot consume anything except water or, by existing precedent, milk.

Throughout the filibuster, Senators opposed to the bill would try several parliamentary tactics to derail the bill. This includes calling votes on motions to adjourn, requesting votes on amendments (unlimited amendments

can be offered)², and conducting a quorum call that forces all Senators to the Senate floor to be counted as present. In this scenario, Republican Senators in the majority must stay at or near the Senate floor to be present for voting on these measures or to be counted during a quorum call.

Ultimately, the talking filibuster on the **SAVE America Act** would end with either all of the opposing Democrat Senators using up their two speeches each or one side giving up due to exhaustion.

If the Republican majority can outlast the Democrat minority speeches (which could take weeks) or can exhaust enough Democrat Senators to the point of signing a cloture petition to end debate (currently, there must be at least seven Democrat votes to reach 60 for cloture), then a final vote on the **SAVE America Act** would take place at a simple majority threshold of 51 votes.

Basically, this is the “talk until you drop” way of opposing a bill. It is not without its risks – i.e., amendments that could be added, precedent set for the future conduct of business in the Senate.

Stay tuned. I may be writing about the ongoing filibuster next month!

As always, if you have legislative-related questions or would like more information, email me at vplegislation@tfrw.org.



² Senate rules allow two 1-hour speeches on every amendment.

Membership



Membership is the responsibility of all WCRW members. TFRW has designated April as the month to work on getting previous members to rejoin. But we need to push for new members as well.

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***Active Members: \$30**

Associate Members: \$10

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

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

Meeting Schedule

May 26, 2026

August 25, 2026

September 22, 2026

October 27, 2026



Caring for America

Tuesday, April 15, 2026

Wilson Co. Expo & Community Center (Show Barn)



Lori Hrna, Chariman



Delfina Matay, Lori Hrna, Anna Willis, Carol Chitty, Yvonne McMurray, Paul Watson, Theresa Soberoski, Ruby Manen, Veronica Arriaga



Bingo Birthday Bash WCRW celebrating birthdays with seniors for lunch & games



2026 Birthday Bingo Bash dates for 2026 (All Wednesdays)

May 20, 2026 – Carol Chitty, Theresa Soberoski, Sarah Gella, Ruby Manen, Lori Hrna– need more volunteers

June 17, 2026 – Theresa Soberoski, Louise Jung, Dawn Barnett, Lori Hrna - need more volunteers

July 15, 2026 – Sarah Gella, Loretta Carter, Ginny Glowka, Lori Hrna– need more volunteers

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

September 16, 2026 – Lori Hrna – need more volunteers

October 21, 2026– Lori Hrna – need more volunteers

November 18, 2026 – Sarah Gella, Melissa Moczygemba, Carol Chitty, Ruby Manen, Lori Hrna - need more volunteers

December 16, 2026– Sarah Gella, Melissa Moczygemba, Carol Chitty, Ruby Manen, Lori Hrna - need more volunteers

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

Wilson County's Got Style Highlights April 23, 2026





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April 28, 2026, meeting with guest speaker, Gail Teegarden TFRW VP
Political Activities





Calendar

TFRW Events

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

May 11: WCRW EC Meeting, Do-Joy House 1406 6th St, Floresville, 12:00PM

May 20: Bingo Birthday Bash-Wilson County Expo Ctr, Floresville, 11:30 AM

May 26: WCRW Monthly Meeting Jack's Café, Floresville, 11:00 AM

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

Primary Election Dates

Monday, May 18, 2026: First Day Early Voting Runoff Election

Friday, May 22, 2026: Last Day Early Voting Runoff Election

Tuesday, May 26, 2026: Runoff Election Day

Wilson County Republican Party Important Dates

Tuesday, May 19, 2026: CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM

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

Political Activities

I am proud to report that we had outstanding 1st Quarter numbers. We submitted 1,486 total number of Calls and 6,905 total number of Hours for our club.



Stephanie Monreal was the “Rock Star” this quarter with her numbers in both the Calls and Hours. She submitted **267** Calls and **538** Hours! Our numbers increased substantially when comparing to 2025 1st Quarter numbers, Calls were 1,074 and Hours were 5,464; for the analyst geeks our calls increased by 38.36% and our hours increased by 26.37%. And get this, we currently have fewer members this year with 71 compared to 83 members in 2025. Everyone deserves a pat on your back for all the hard work and perseverance; we are starting out strong.

Below is a copy of the calendar you can use to assist you with tracking. As always, I am here if you have any questions. Joyce Miller – 210-827-1814

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 2nd Qtr Bd Mtg (ZOOM Call)	11 TFRW 2nd Qtr Bd Mtg (ZOOM Call)
12	13 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 WCRW Fashion Show @ WCCCC	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				

2nd Qtr. 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; Emails; etc)	
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
Roll 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
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)