

I was born in Bossier City, Louisiana at Barksdale Air Force Base into a military family with two older brothers. We lived in Missouri and Washington as well. When my dad was deployed outside of the USA (Turkey and Canada), my mom and I, with my two older brothers, stayed with my grandparents in Missouri. When my dad retired in 1974, we made Missouri our home; until, he decided to move us all south. We made our new home in Panola, Texas, where I graduated high school in 1980. I worked in our school cafeteria during lunch as part a high school jobs program.

I have worked all my life - as my dad always told me, "if you want something, you have to earn it...nothing is free." I am currently employed at Doty Funeral Home and am an EMT, First Responder, Firefighter, and Pyrotechnician. I have worked in the food industry, a

nursing home, and a grocery store. I've been a meat cutter and have even driven an 18-wheeler cross country. I'm not afraid to roll up my sleeves and get the job done.

I moved to Horseshoe Bend in 1988 to help my grandmother with my grandpa, as his health was failing due to cancer. She owned and operated "The Trading Post" here in town. Horseshoe Bend is where I met my husband, Mike, and where we raised our family. Our four sons attended Violet Hill School and ICC.

Mike and I have always tried to do what we can to pay it forward. Being in the Fire Department, serving the city in times of need, whether fire, medical, other reasons, is one way we volunteer and serve our home town people. Mike and our son, Wade, also serve in the Fire Department. I have also served on the 911 Addressing Committee through Tammy Sanders, the County Assessor, on the Horseshoe Bend Medical Board Committee, as a member of the Horseshoe Bend Little theater, and as a leader in the Horseshoe Bend Area Chamber of Commerce and in the Izard County Area Chamber of Commerce. Horseshoe Bend has a deep history of volunteering and doing for others, and I will continue to seek ways for these traditions to continue through the years on down the road.

In 2017, I was asked to serve on the City Council by the mayor because he recognized my knowledge of the history of Horseshoe Bend and my commitment to a prosperous and neighborly community. I have proudly served Ward 2 and the city of Horseshoe Bend since 2017. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and helping Horseshoe Bend navigate this exciting new journey we have embarked on.

Please vote for me, Jeannette Hilliker, for stability and integrity while we navigate our new journey. I look forward to serving Ward 2 and Horseshoe Bend for another two years.

Jeanette Hilliker

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