

ECRW NEWSLETTER



Per the Pres

by Rachel D. Minor

Resolve of a Nation,

I sat in church this morning on 9/11 and watched a video about remembering all that was lost on September 11, 2001. As I remembered, watched, and listen the same feelings from that day and the days to follow all those years ago rose up and filled my mind and body. But the narrator said these words it gave me hope as I remembered all that was gained during that horrible time in our nation.

Chaos became **COURAGE**
Fear transformed into **FORTITUDE**
Destruction gives way to **DETERMINATION**
In the midst of brokenness,
FREEDOM STOOD INMOVABLE.

You see so many of our freedoms have been slowly eroded and methodically made to seem less important. Our nation's leaders seem to not care what the masses of my friends and family are screaming, what our elected officials are voting against, our nation is crumbling around us. Yet we must **STAND WITH COURAGE, FORTITUDE A FORTITUDE AND DETERMINATION!**

Election season is upon us, and we must stand for the republican candidates, we must stand for Texas, we must go to the polls and vote, we must be active in our community encouraging others to be informed voters. I shared

this fact at our last luncheon, we in West Texas and other rural counties across Texas must come out to vote in full force or the metroplex areas will out vote us and we will lose Texas to the Democrats and their liberal platform.

We have 117,326 people in Odessa (according to our census). We have 82,000 registered voters in Ector county and in the last Presidential election we had 44,923 people vote, in the last Gubernatorial election we had 30,983 people vote, and in our local city official, constitutional amendments, school board and hospital board elections less than 10% of registered voters went to the polls. Ector County Republican Women have registered over 25 new voters at the Permian Basin Fair, we have blocked walked for Governor Abbott, we have invited local Republican candidates to speak at our October luncheon, we have adopted Katherine Parker candidate for HD 74 and are planning to help campaign in her district.

Along with helping with the election we are doing fun stuff too, make plans to attend our painting party or join us for our Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser that is scheduled for October. We are busy but with a purpose and passion behind our actions. *Consider how you can participate and not let chaos, fear and the view of destruction sway you from **COURAGE, FORTITUDE AND DETERMINATION** to keeping the Permian Basin, Texas and America **RED & FREE!***



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October 11th
Last day to register to vote

Painting Party
Sept. 22nd

Support
First Responders!



ECRW luncheons will be hosted at the **Odessa Country Club located at 1 Fairway Dr, Odessa**. Mark your calendar for our next luncheon on September 21st at 10:30 for Meet the Speaker and 11:30 for the luncheon.

Please mark your calendar or save the date for these great meetings.

3rd Wednesday October 19, 2022

3rd Wednesday November 16, 2022

Christmas Lunch TBA 2022

ECRW we need your help!!!

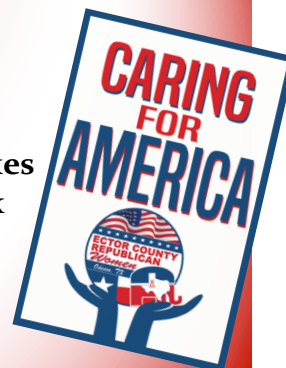
We are gathering materials to make baskets for The First Responders of Odessa. You can bring your donations to the August meeting or contact Jaye 432-352-1815 or Donna 432-413-8894 to arrange for pickup/delivery. Basket making is planned for September 15th, thank you cards completed by Sept. 26th and delivery of baskets on Sept. 27th - 29th. That is our tentative plan. There are so many First Responders therefore; we need lots of donations. As West Texans, we must "Appreciate" and be "Thankful" for what our First Responders do for our society!

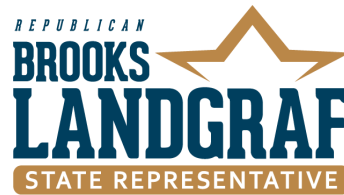


- Peanut butter crackers**
- Beef jerky**
- Flavored Water/vitamin water/sparkling water**
- Fruit snacks**
- Individual snack packs**
- Cookies**
- Breakfast bars**
- Over the counter meds**

- Individual chips**
- Candy**
- Crackers**
- Popcorn**
- Nuts**
- Pretzels**
- Snack cakes**
- Chapstick**

****Would you please help! ****





We Must Never Forget

By: State Rep. Brooks Landgraf

September 11, 2022

On September 11, 2021, I was a student at Texas A&M. That day was one enveloped by darkness – hijacked planes struck the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center to the ground and nearly 3,000 innocent Americans perished. But when the nation was in peril, Americans answered the call.

Not long after the attack, firefighters, police, and EMS ran into the fire and smoke without any regard to fear – risking their lives to save others. Days later, thousands of brave men and women, including many West Texans, enlisted in the armed forces to take the fight overseas. The unimaginable acts of terrorism sought to bring down a country, but in the face of evil America rose from the ashes and 21 years later she stands strong in defiance.

We must never forget. Like President Ronald Reagan, I too believe that all great change begins at the dinner table. Through our daily conversations we can ensure that future generations know of the events that transpired on 9/11 and the united America that in grief, stood together with a renowned purpose.

Today, a new tower stands erected just blocks away from Ground Zero and a generation of Americans that were not yet born on September 11, 2001 are about to be of legal drinking age. They grew up in a different country than most of us, and I'm not just talking about social media and cell phones. America has not been the same post-9/11.

Since 9/11, the United States has found a way to be secure from the outside, while becoming increasingly less secure from within. Rather than one foreign enemy we can all collectively fight against, individuals are turning against their neighbors.

Instead of foreign terrorists attacking American energy assets, our own elected officials and bureaucrats are doing everything they can to shut down the Permian Basin.

Soothsayers and demagogues string us along with non-facts and half-truths simply to stir up conflict and create strife, or at worst, incite violence. The current sitting president has alienated and maligned half a country – demonizing all with beliefs different than his own.

But here is the truth: If we love our country, we should also love our countrymen.

The current state of affairs can lead anyone to lose hope, especially, I'd imagine, for someone who never saw what this nation was like before the twin towers fell. But, in spite of all of the chaos, despite all of the hurtful rhetoric and doomsday prophecies, there is reason to hope.



After decades of fighting to overturn Roe v. Wade, it has finally happened. I was proud to vote for legislation in 2021 that was forward looking enough to see this as a possibility. HB 1280 makes abortion illegal in Texas now that the Supreme Court has seen the error of its ways.

Despite attacks from the Biden Administration, Texas oil and gas is here to stay, helped in part by technologies that reduce waste and emissions continue to improve and become less expensive. The modern world can't function without hydrocarbons, and we know how to extract them more efficiently and cleanly than anyone on earth.

I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul's words, "where sin abounds, grace abounds also." I wholeheartedly believe that the strife we are experiencing today will lead our nation to greatness we could not have otherwise achieved. It's up to each of us to believe, to act in love and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom by living life to the fullest.

America is poised to be a light to the world in economic opportunity and freedom for many decades to come.

This time of remembrance offers us the perfect opportunity to take a moment to reflect on how blessed we are to be citizens of this great nation. Our country is a beacon of hope, and now, more than ever, I am grateful to be an American.

God bless Texas!

State Representative Brooks Landgraf



Cornhole Competition

by: Ashleigh Amonett & Jill Miller

Join Us For Ector County Republican Women's

ECRW FUNDRAISER

CORNHOLE

Tournament!

OCTOBER
2022

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

FUN FRIENDS - MUSIC - GOOD EATS & DRINKS!

\$25 PER PERSON TO ENTER

Sign Up Information Coming Soon

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*Heritage Corner**by Shaye Lane*

IN GOD WE TRUST
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THIS NATION UNDER GOD

MONUMENTS TO AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

*I*T IS AMAZING THAT, at a time when such a concerted effort is underway to erase the role of God and faith in America's public life, our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., is filled with Christian religious symbols that adorn its buildings and monuments as an abiding evidence of God's role in America's heritage. From the halls of Congress, to the monuments, to nearly every landmark building, biblical and religious quotations and images are inscribed and preserved as an official testimony to the true place God has in our nation's birthright and history.



Painting Party - Sept. 22nd 6:00-9:00 Happy Everything * 110 E. VFW lane

It's back by popular demand!!! These beautiful ladies appear to be fabulous painters And they are with the help of Kim from Happy Everything! You paint in the lines and she makes it a beautiful piece of art for your home!

Please text 432-413-8894 or signup online on ECRW website under *EVENTS* if you would like to attend.

I guarantee it will be fun!!! We will have snacks & possibly wine for those that need a little encouragement. Bring a friend! We need 10 people to hold our spot, sign up!

How I Will Vote in November

I will vote for the most pro-active candidate that speaks up for those who cannot speak for themselves.
(Proverbs 31:8-9)

I will vote for the most pro-Israel candidate, because God blesses those who Bless Israel and curses those who don't
(Genesis 12:3).

I will vote for the most pro-debt reduction candidate, because the borrower is servant to the lender
(Proverbs 22:7).

I will vote for the most pro-work candidate because God says if a man won't work let him not eat.
(2 Thessalonians 3:10).

I will vote for the most Pro-Marriage candidate because God is for marriage as defined in
(Genesis 2:24).

I will vote for the candidate who most closely believes government's purpose is to reward good & punish evil
(Romans 13).

I will vote based as close as I can on God's Word
(2 Timothy 3:16)

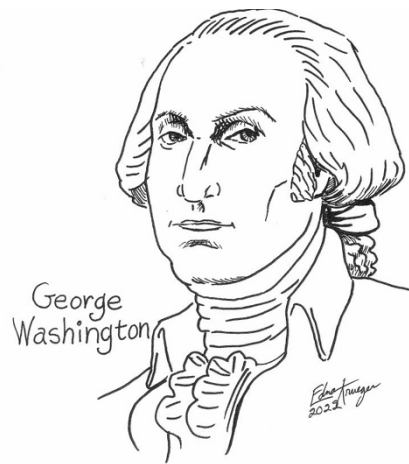
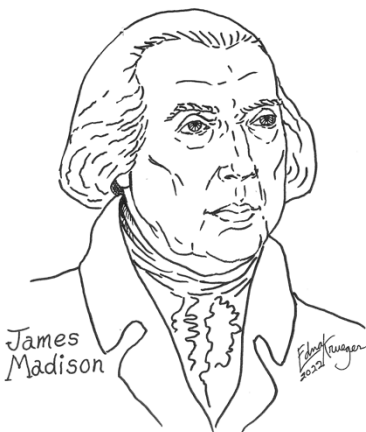


Constitution Day

CELEBRATE THE RATIFICATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION



Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day), is an [American](#) federal [observance](#) that recognizes the adoption of the [United States Constitution](#) and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is normally observed on September 17, the day in 1787 that delegates to the [Constitutional Convention](#) signed the document in [Philadelphia](#)



These drawings are compliments of Ms. Edna Krueger. We have the originals if anyone would like a copy for their children / grand children to color. We wanted something special to honor Constitution Day!

District Director SD31

by: Judy Calloway

ECTOR COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN INVOLVED IN NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTIONS

We are being a politically active group of Republican Women this election year. A group of our ladies' block walked in August for the Abbott campaign. Some of our members have been active in the Voter Engagement Program (VEP) by working the Red Dialer phone banking. Our club will have opportunity to do more of the phone banking in October as this is a crucial election to Keep Texas Red.

Voter Registration is a key point in winning elections. ECRW is doing our part with our members attending Voter Registrar's class right before the Permian Basin Fair week. At our booth one of the primary goals was to register voters, and we register around 30 voters. We have till October 11th to continue registration of voters.

The first day of Early Voting is September 24th and runs through October 4th. Early Voting takes place at five locations. Ector County Annex, Kellus Turner Community Center, MCM Elegante Hotel, The Globe Theater and Salinas Community Center. All these locations are open 7am to 7pm during early voting,

Locally we have a city council election on the ballot with only one position District 5 being contested. *Shaye Lane and Chris Hanie* are candidates for the Place 5 position. Both are working to get the voters out and will be part of our October 19th meeting. Place 4 has *Greg Connell* is unopposed as well as the Place 3 candidate is democrat *Gilbert Vasquez*. *Billy Hall* is the Republican candidate on the November 8th ballot for Precinct 4 Commissioner against a Democrat opponent.

State candidates are traveling throughout the state campaigning and asking for our votes. Attorney General Ken Paxton was the guest speaker at the Sept 6th of the High Plains Republican Women in Amarillo. The Midland Republican Women are having Lt Governor Dan Patrick as their September 15th speaker. Our club is having HD 74 candidate, Katherine Parker of Alpine as our October speaker, so candidates are making the rounds.

TFRW has a list of 10 state candidates that are considered critical races for Republicans. Many of these are along the border where Republican Women candidates have created a red wave. Our speaker for October Katherine Parker, HD 74 is one of the 10 on that list. Her area goes from El Paso area down to Del Rio with 13 counties that has an 81% Hispanic population. ECRW has adopted her as our Candidate to help. Many of her cities are border towns and they need lots of help. So lets do our job and **KEEP TEXAS RED!**



Chris Hanie

Candidate, District 5

I'm Chris Hanie and have lived in the same West Odessa house for over 20 years. I've been married to my wife just as long. Together we have five kids and seven grandkids who we absolutely love. We are faithful and committed to our church OCFC.

I am very thrilled to be running for City Council District 5, to create and make positive changes in our community.

PERSONAL BIO 2022:

GREG CONNELL

<https://www.facebook.com/GregConnellOdessaTX>

Precinct 4

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Bachelor of Science, Public
Affairs and Community Services.

LOCATIONS:

As a young man, my Dad was a
Sears store manager. We were
transferred every 3-4 years.
Born in Lubbock, moved to
Corpus, Midland & Houston.
Then to Omaha, NE. Since then
I have accepted job offers from
Chicago, IL, San Diego, CA,
Spokane, WA, Phoenix, AZ, Tyler
& Abilene, TX. I am semi-Retired
in Odessa. The best US city!

OCCUPATIONS:

USMC Veteran. At present: I am
a Texas Test Administrator.
Previous: Banking Branch
Manager. Prior: I owned a
Portrait Studio. Previous to that I
was a corporate officer for a CA
Corporation. Prior to that, I have
worked in both corrections and
social work.

INTERESTS:

Following Jesus Christ! Today: I
enjoy investing, dogs, cooking,
star watching & photography.



***Bill Bowen******JP Court – Precinct 3***

I am a lifetime resident of Odessa Ector County and Prct. 3. I was educated in Odessa Public Schools graduating from Odessa High School, then onto Odessa College. My brother Gerrid Bowen served as Ector County Commissioner Pct 3, and my sister in law, Carolyn Sue Bowen served as Ector County Treasurer for 24 years. My family has a history of serving our county. I served as Deputy Sheriff for Ector County as well.

I have 12 years Civil and Criminal Law Experience and 20 plus years Administrative Management experience. I feel that every case that comes before the court must be handled with justice, respect and dignity, in a manner that I would like to be treated.

Fairness and justice will be my mission for this office.

Billy Hall

Billy was born in Crane, Texas and moved to Odessa over 30 years ago where he has raised his three children with his wife Marilyn.

Billy has been the owner of Hall Electric for almost 18 years; Hall Electric specializes in commercial/industrial power applications and projects.

Marilyn Hall serves as Hall Electric's office manager, and has been a dedicated homeschool volleyball coach for over 25 years. Marilyn also serves as a Sunday School teacher.

Billy and Marilyn have attended Westover Baptist for over 30 years and Billy serves as a church Trustee, serves on the church finance committee and is a praise team leader.

Billy and Marilyn's children are Hanna Hartman whose husband Kendal is a Crane County Deputy Sheriff, daughter Cheyenne is the appointment manager for a Midland dentist and son Ben works with his dad at Hall Electric.

Billy's motto is "Driven To Excellence" and he is looking forward to bringing his business experience and open door policy to the Ector County Commissioner's Court.

Ector County Commissioner



Permian Basin Fair 2022
Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and efforts in helping with our booth!





August luncheon at the Country Club

Congressman August Pfluger & Rep. Brooks Landgraf present flags from the State Capitol and the US Capitol to Dub Riley, a Veteran and the oldest male member of our club! Kevin Sparks also pictured.



Speaker August Pfluger

Contact US!

We welcome your feedback and want to hear from you.

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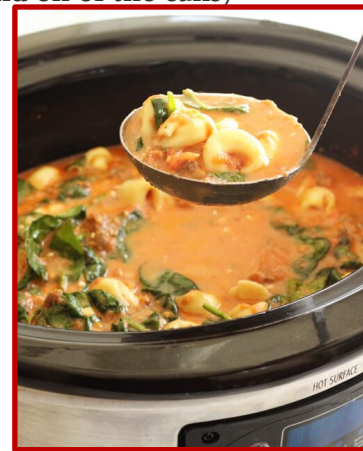


Submitted by: Ashleigh Amonett

Creamy Tortellini Soup

Ingredients

- 1 lb Italian sausage browned and drained
- 1 small white onion diced
- 16 oz cheese tortellini
- 5 oz fresh spinach
- 2 14.5 oz cans of Italian style diced tomatoes drained (blend on of the cans)
- 8 oz cream cheese softened and cut into chunks
- 3 cups chicken broth
- ¼ cup of heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- Salt to taste
- Italian blend shredded cheese for garnish



Instructions

1. Brown Italian sausage and diced white onion.
2. Put all ingredients in the slow cooker on low heat.
3. Cook on low for 4-6 hours, stirring occasionally if possible.
4. Stir well and serve in individual bowls.
5. Garnish with shredded Italian blend cheese.



Local News
 News Releases



Posted on: September 9, 2022

September Sales Tax Check

The City saw an increase in sales tax revenue with September's sales tax revenue total of \$4,342,345.33 which reflects a \$746,354.53, or 20.76% as compared to September 2021.

The City of Odessa received its September sales tax check, in the amount of, \$5,427,931.66. This amount includes the Economic Development sales tax of ¼ cent. The City of Odessa will receive \$4,342,345.33 and the Odessa Development Corporation will receive \$1,085,586.33.

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The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 is up 29.32%, or \$10,993,588.69 as compared to budgeted amount expected at this point in the fiscal year.

In addition, the 2021-22 year-to-date amount is above the previous fiscal year-to-date amount by \$7,134,670.71 or 17.25%.

The City has budgeted \$37,500,000.00 in net sales tax revenues for this current fiscal year.

Hear ye, hear ye

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax revenue from two months prior to collection, i.e., September's collection is based on July sales.

NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in submitting information to be placed in our newsletter please email to: ecrwtxas@gmail.com ECRW allows all Republican candidates to place articles as well. **ECRW does not support one Republican candidate over another.** We just support Republicans as a whole! If you have any questions, please contact

Donna Kelm cell: 432-413-8894.



ECRW Guest Speaker for September
Stephen Robertson; Kit Whitehill
& James Beauchamp

Wednesday, Sept 21st
Odessa Country Club

Tickets are \$25 in advance, plus processing fees. .

(A limited number of seats will be sold at the door for \$35)



Stephen M. Robertson is an attorney with former private practice experience specializing in oil and gas title and transactional work. Currently, Stephen is the Executive Vice President of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, an oil and gas trade association based in Midland. He is their consulting attorney, manages the daily operations of offices in three cities, supports and grows the association's membership, and advocates on behalf of the West Texas and southeastern New Mexico oil and gas industry on the local, state, national, and even international level. This includes handling legislative, legal, regulatory, and public relations matters.

Beyond his professional life, Stephen is active in the community through civic and charitable organizations. He volunteers with Upward Basketball, has served on the board of directors for Centers for Children and Families and the Midland Chapter of the Texas Exes, and currently serves on the board or as a member of the Texas Tech University School of Law Energy Law Advisory Council, TxDOT's Permian Basin Freight Plan Advisory Committee, the Midland College Bruno Hanson Environmental Excellence Advisory Committee, the MOTRAN Alliance, the Midland County Public Library Foundation and the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series Advisory Committee. He was also named one of Midland Magazine's 20 under 40 emerging leaders, and is a member of the board of directors of the Texas Lyceum, a stewardship association focused on developing the next generation of leaders across Texas.

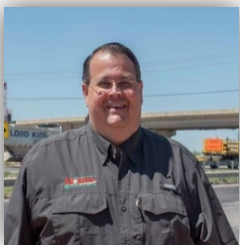
Stephen received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and his law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law with a Certificate of Law and Science in Oil and Gas. His greatest joy, however, is raising his two children with his wife, Leah.

September speaker continued.....



Kit Whitehill is the 2022-2023 TFRW President. She previously served as the 1st Vice President-Special Events, the Community Engagement Chair, and the 2017 TFRW Convention Chair. She has presented at numerous TFRW Nuts and Bolts Trainings, and at the 2019 NFRW Region III Training held in New Orleans. Kit has made a great impact on the local level as well, founding the Coppell Republican Women in 2012 and serving as their President three times and Programs Chairman twice. She is a Dallas County precinct chair and served as the Dallas County GOP Secretary for 5 years. Kit was the Campaign Manager for her husband, Justice Bill Whitehill of the Fifth District Court of Appeals in the 2012 and 2014 elections. In 2014, the Dallas County Republican Party named her a “Volunteer of the Year” and in 2015 the Coppell Republican Women’s club was honored to be named the Dallas County GOP Club of Year. She was appointed by Governor Abbott in 2019 to serve on the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. Kit and her husband Justice Bill Whitehill have been married 42 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. They have lived in Coppell since 1993 and are active members at Valley Ranch Baptist Church.

James Beauchamp is a former state and federal legislative aide, and in 2003, became the President of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, with the task of advancing critical infrastructure in the Permian Basin. During his tenure, MOTRAN has worked to bring over \$3 billion in additional funding to the region, and most recently, was successful in obtaining a designation for the future I-14 to begin here in the Midland-Odessa area.



Since 2004, James has served as a Commissioner for the State Commission on Emergency Communications overseeing our state’s 9-1-1 and Poison Control programs. He also worked with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to bring telehealth resources to trauma and 9-1-1 through Tele-health in the

Permian Basin.

James served 4 terms as the Midland County Republican Chairman. He also serves as a board member of the Southwest 66 Credit Union, the U.S.-Mexico Export Council, and has previously served as a representative to the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

CALENDAR



September

- 21st ECRW Luncheon
- 22nd Painting Party
- 25th First Responders - Make baskets
- 27th-29th Deliver First Responder Baskets



October

- 3rd Board Meeting
- 19th ECRW Luncheon
- TBA Corn Hole Competition
- 31st Halloween

November.

- 1st Board Meeting
- 8th Election Watch Party
- 16th ECRW Luncheon
- 24th Thanksgiving



December



- 5th Board Meeting
- TBA Christmas Come & Go
- 25th Christmas Day

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

**2022
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Decorations**

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Ashleigh Amonett

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Campaign Activities

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Lindy Wright

Legislative Chair

Judy Calloway

Elected Official Liaison

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Erica Hinojos

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Dottie Chavez

Hospitality

Jolene Hawkins

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Special Events

Debi Hays

ECRW Guest Speaker for October 2022

Katherine Parker

Wednesday, October 19th

Odessa Country Club

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Katherine Parker is a successful Business Owner and lifelong West Texan.

She has lived in Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster counties most of her life. She is also a graduate of Sul Ross State University Alpine, Texas. Along with her husband, Chance Parker, they are owners of several businesses, investment ventures, and a cattle ranch in Brewster County & Jeff Davis County.

Having worked in multiple areas of business, Katherine understands and sees there are numerous issues that Texas businesses and employees face. She knows that in order to create an atmosphere of success for economic prosperity for all businesses and workers, it is vital Texans have the opportunity to live free of big government. It takes a team to succeed. Katherine is part of the hard-working Texans, a team of everyday citizens dedicated to securing a prosperous future for generations to come.

Katherine's campaign can be summed up in two words: Truth and Freedom. These are forever intertwined in our history and will determine the victory of our future. Our founding fathers knew this when they established our foundation on the Constitution of the United States of America. Our future is bright – Truth and Freedom must ring loud and clear.



September 16, 2022

Announcing the BUS Act

This morning, I joined Mornings with Maria on Fox Business to announce the BUS Act (*Bringing Undocumented Immigrants to Sanctuary Cities*), a bill I am working on to pay border cities and states back for the costs of busing migrants from the border around the country as we attempt to mitigate President Biden's border crisis.

If self-declared "Sanctuary Cities" want to flout federal law and encourage illegal immigration, Texas shouldn't have to foot the bill.



Condemning Antisemitism

This week, the Foreign Affairs Committee considered H.R. 2374, *the Peace and Tolerance in Palestinian Education Act*. The bill notes that school-aged children in the West Bank and Gaza are learning from American taxpayer-funded textbooks containing materials that delegitimize Israel, denigrate Jews, and support martyrdom. It's alarming to learn that our taxpayer dollars are unknowingly promoting this hateful propaganda.

It's shocking enough that American taxpayer dollars are buying these textbooks, but I also used the opportunity to put lawmakers on record of where they stand on antisemitism. [I introduced an amendment making it crystal clear that antisemitism, xenophobia, and claims that Israel is an apartheid state are unacceptable.](#)

One of the members of the committee, **Rep. Ilhan Omar, refused to vote on my amendment.** This is no surprise, given that she repeatedly makes statements accusing Israel of being an apartheid state and claims Israel has "hypnotized the world." Her hateful rhetoric about the Jewish people and Israel has NO place in Congress, and her refusal to denounce antisemitism is telling.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Committed to Homeland Security

This week, Homeland Security Democrats hosted our final committee markup of this Congress on a climate change bill. This means that in two years, the committee charged with the security of our nation did not hold a SINGLE hearing on border security. Completely unacceptable.

I introduced an amendment to their ridiculous climate change bill to review the REAL environmental impacts of illegal immigration... mounds of trash, dead bodies, destroyed farmland, houses burned to the ground, and the enormous amount of money state and local governments have spent cleaning this up and keeping us safe.

Democrats refused to acknowledge the crisis their policies have created, blamed Republicans, and watered down my amendment.

I will continue pushing solutions like my bill, the *American Border Rescue Plan Act*, that would help alleviate some of the financial burdens by allowing state and local authorities to use stimulus funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan to help cover the costs of protecting their communities when President Biden will not. Learn more [here](#).

Fentanyl Roundtable

Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Drug trafficking, illicit manufacturing, and a wide-open southern border have led to fentanyl being the leading killer of our young people ages 18-45. Most who die from fentanyl poisoning didn't even know they were consuming drugs.

This is a tragic crisis exacerbated by President Biden's open border policies. Our community's proximity to the border makes this even worse for our children and families. It's affecting our colleagues, our schools, and our homes.

House Republicans are committed to shining a spotlight on the current fentanyl crisis spreading throughout our country. Thank you to the brave families who shared their stories of loss to fentanyl poisoning at our roundtable. You are heard, and your loss will never be forgotten. I will continue to work on keeping our families safe.

We must close the southern border and protect our communities once and for all. Enough is enough.



President Biden's Inflation Crisis

The Biden White House is entirely tone-deaf. On the day we learned that prices spiked 8.3% in the month of August, and the worst day for the stock market since peak-pandemic June 2020, Democrats celebrated their reckless "Inflation Expansion Act" as a saving grace for the current economic crisis.

These price spikes are largely driven by the extreme uptick in the costs of energy and food. Gas utility bills are **up 33%** and **electricity is 15.8% more expensive than it was a year ago**. It is no wonder that one in 6 American households cannot afford to pay their utility bills.

The Democrats' anti-American energy agenda is crushing American families. We must cut wasteful spending, return to pro-business policies, and unleash American energy independence.

I joined Fox Business to publicly invite anyone in the Biden Administration to come to our district and see the economic disaster their policies have created. We must get our country back on track. Watch my conversation with Kennedy Montgomery on Fox Business by clicking [here](#) or below.



Protecting Our Second Amendment Rights

The International Organization for Standards recently implemented a new code for credit card companies to specifically track firearm and ammunition sales. In an era of unprecedented government overreach, this could be another step towards infringing on our Second Amendment Rights.

I am proud to join my fellow Republicans in demanding answers from the credit card companies and protecting our Constitutional right to bear arms.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Remembering 9/11

This Sunday was the twenty-first anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our homeland that would forever change our nation. We took the time to pause, to remember and to honor the 2,977 Americans who lost their lives in the worst terror attacks on our country, and to pray for comfort and healing for their family members who are no doubt continuously reminded of their grief.

We all remember the day when time seemingly stood still. I was a young airman just about to complete pilot training school in Del Rio, Texas. The events of 9/11 ignited my resolve to serve our country.

Freedom does not come without a cost. So many brave men and women have given everything for the safety of our communities and the security of our children. Every single day, service members and their families make sacrifices to defend our safety, and so that our freedom can be ensured, so that we may never be gripped by such breathless terror again.

I am grateful to have spent a solemn and special morning in Odessa at the 2nd annual 9/11 Never Forgotten Commemoration. My oldest daughter and I were honored to ride in the procession of local law enforcement that drove through Odessa starting at 8:46 a.m. — the exact time the first NYC tower was hit — and ending at the Chris Kyle Memorial.

I want to say a special thank you to Ector County Judge-elect Dustin Fawcett for organizing the memorial, and ALL our law enforcement and first responders.

Thank you to all my fellow servicemen and women and your families for the countless sacrifices you have made over the past twenty-one years to keep our country safe. We must remain vigilant in protecting the security of our Nation. God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.



A Community Leader

It was a pleasure to have Sherley Spears and some of her family stop by during their visit to D.C. Sherley's work as President of San Angelo's NAACP is such an inspiration. She has always gone above and beyond in her dedication to our community, and we all benefit greatly from her leadership.



Midland AIRSHO

I was honored to participate in the AIRSHO at the Midland Airpark last weekend to celebrate American aircraft and aviators.

Thank you to Commemorative Air Force and Chevron for sponsoring, and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the day possible.



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