

# ECRW NEWSLETTER



*Per the Pres*

*by Rachel D. Minor*

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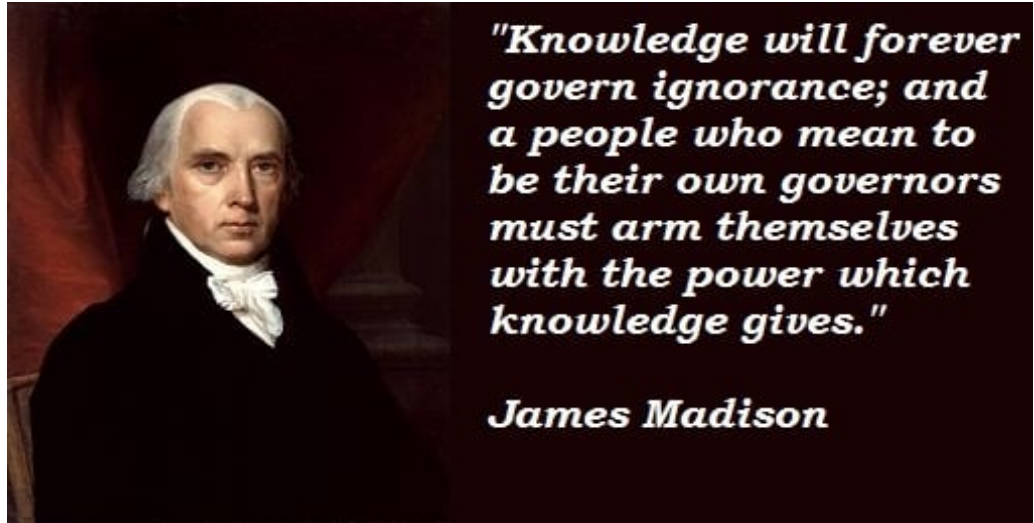


**Register for Luncheon – [ecrwodessa.com](http://ecrwodessa.com)**

**We need YOU to get involved.**

**Membership Dues**

**Happy Thanksgiving**



**James Madison**

Our focus for 2021 has been to educate, promote, support, and increase the Republican political action in Ector County. I think your 2021 ECRW board has done a fantastic job at keeping that focus before us and helping our members to do the same. I hope our luncheons, speakers and Educate and Engage trainings which many of you have attended gave you the knowledge, resources and spur you into ACTION to help keep Texas red. I have been told the little counties in Texas need to get out and vote at 95% next November in order for us to overtake the larger more blue areas of Texas. We have lots of local and state elections in 2022 and we, as Strong, Stubborn, and a little Sassy West Texas Women (& men) must take ACTION!

If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a candidate for any of the upcoming local races, please reach out to one of our board members. If you are interested in helping support a local candidate or would like more information on how you can help with the 2022 elections, we will have several opportunities for you to learn about different avenues for you to get involved. During the beginning of 2022; our Educate and Engage will focus on teaching about elections, primaries, state convention and many more topics that will help promote and support the Republican Party.





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PLEASE BE OUR GUEST FOR THE  
ECTOR COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S

*Membership Drive*

KARLA MILSON'S HOME

6900 SLEEPY HOLLOW  
PONDEROSA ESTATES

NOVEMBER 18TH  
6:30-8:30 PM

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE



## *NFRW 41<sup>ST</sup> Biennale Convention Orlando, Florida Sept 23-26<sup>th</sup>*

*Judy M Calloway, "Delegate to NFRW Convention"*

### **"NFRW LAUNCHING LEADERS"**

As a member of ECRW you are automatically a part of the National Federation of Republican Women. Every two years this convention occurs organized by the federation. It is a great experience to attend one of these conventions. Our Club had five ladies attending, which is remarkable for all of us. Rachel Minor, Denise Swanner, Debi Hays, Judy Calloway and Sherry Hurt all had the honor of being part of this event.

From the location of JW Marriott Resort, Grand Lakes, to the speakers and networking, it was a wonderful event. Just to hear the line up of speakers was worth the trip. Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida was our first speaker on Friday at the Welcome Reception. He is just as amazing in person as on television.

On Saturday we attended the first General Session. The opening ceremony was spectacular with the introduction of Past NFRW Presidents and the welcome to Florida by the Honorable Jeanette Nunez, Lieutenant Governor of Florida. After the reports on credentials, standing rules of order, minutes, and adoption of election rules we got to hear some impressive speakers. The morning speaker was The Honorable Mike Huckabee who brought the house down with his speech. More reports on nominations and the Campaign Volunteer Awards. Then we were privileged to hear Republican Congresswomen Claudia Tenney of New York's 22<sup>nd</sup> District. Refreshing to hear a conservative Republican female from New York!

The Saturday lunch was another fantastic opportunity to hear great speakers. We got to see the trailer of the new motion picture, *Reagan*, starring Dennis Quaid as Ronald Reagan. Followed by the Honorable Kristi Noem, Governor of South Dakota. The big ending to Saturday was the awarding of the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award. This is the highest award a state president can receive, and all 50 states has a nominee. Our own Glynis Chester, TFRW President won the award. Made all of us so proud to be from Texas.

The Saturday afternoon workshops took place from 3pm to 4:30pm. All of us split up and went to different workshops. In doing this we were able to attend the Parliamentary Basics & Bylaws, Growing your organization a membership class, Critical Race Theory and Election Integrity. Hopefully, we all learned something to benefit ECRW.

Saturday evening was the big awards ceremony from 5pm to 6:30pm in the Mediterranean Ball Room. The NFRW Achievement award demonstrates membership development, campaign activities, programs, community relations, leadership development and club functions. Despite all the challenges of 2020 this was something for our club to celebrate. Of the 501 clubs receiving the award, ECRW received the Diamond Award, the highest level of the National Achievement Award.

The networking with ladies of other states, meeting so many ladies with our same conservative values. New friends, club contacts and knowledge gained to carry home. These were all high points. National Convention is a Bucket List Event and did not disappoint us.



*Debi Hays, Rachel Minor, Denise Swanner, Judy Calloway*



## *Sunday at NFRW Convention Orlando Florida*

*Judy M Calloway Texas Delegate NFRW*

Sherry Hurt and Judy Calloway were only attendees that stayed for Sunday events. Denise, Debi, and Rachel all left Sunday morning back to Texas and missed one of the best days at convention. National Convention is different from our state convention in that it runs full blast Friday till Sunday evening. Texas Convention starts on Thursday and ends on Saturday.

Sunday started with the Prayer Breakfast at 7:15am. This is a much in demand ticketed event with all tickets selling out days before the convention began. Sherry Hurt did not get a ticket and was sad she missed it. Texas own Janis Holt, NFRW Faith Coalition Chair organized and moderated the event. A time of sisterhood, communion, and prayer at "Be the Light" breakfast.

The group enjoyed a Texas size breakfast as we listened to gospel music provided by Vennia Francois (candidate for Florida U.S. House Rep District 7) Carolyn Pankalla and Praise Team. This was a wonderful time of praise and worship followed by Remembering our deceased sisters. As each state announced the names of all the women who died in last year rolled across a giant screen. When it came to Texas there were 8 pages of TFRW ladies who were no longer with us, a very touching presentation.

Keynote speaker, Rabbi Aryeh Spero, author of "Push Back" The Battle to Save America's Judeo-Christian Heritage. Rabbi Spero spoke on the progress Trump administration made in Israel with middle east peace is in danger of crumbling with the current administration. The signing of "The Abraham Accord" by Trump was the strongest stand ever taken by the United States in its partnership with Israel. Senator Ted Cruz has a big part in this accord coming to fruition.

The group joined in reciting PSALM 100 in a corporate reading followed by 911 Tribute Video. The video that recording was part of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 attack. Janis Holt spoke words of encouragement and challenge in her: "Be the Light" comments. Benediction was "The Lord's Prayer" chorus lead by Vennia Francois, Carolyn Pankalla and Praise Team

Following the breakfast was the last General Session at 9:15am Highlights of this session included Patriotic Music by "Spirit of 76 Band" Dressed as 1776 war characters the group gave us a memorable journey of the music of that time. This group composed the anthem for the U.S. Space Force and if adopted by Congress, they will be the first Hispanic/Latino composer of a military anthem. They are traveling across America to gain support of the project. The group performed TFRW, and Rachel talked to them about coming to Odessa in 2022.

Speakers included Rabbi Aryeh Spero and British Political Comedian Kati Hopkins, who performed at the TFRW convention also, adding humor was greatly appreciated. Gordon Chang who is a top China expert warned of the takeover of America happening before our eyes.

Honorable Kat Cammack, Congresswoman for Florida 3<sup>rd</sup> District was the youngest women in Congress at time of her election 10 years ago.

Club National Awards given at luncheon included: Caring for America; Armed Services Award, Betty Heitman State Award. The results of the election of the National slate of officers end the session with the passing of the gavel from Ann Schockett to Eileen Sobjack of Washington state. Sobjack takes office in January 2022.

*The Painting Party was a Colorful One!*



At Happy Everything, Kim can make anything blossom!!! She adds that special character that perhaps you might have missed!!! It was lots of fun. Planning another next year!





Kim & Jolene



Sandy Ellison



Pam & Sandy



Jill & Ashleigh



October 15th, 2021

### **"Build Back Better" Will Demolish Small Businesses**

Before COVID hit, we truly had the best economy in generations thanks to pro-growth, Main-Street focused policies put in place by a Republican majority.

Most notably, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act doubled the standard deduction, lowered taxes for individuals across the board, cut taxes for Main-Street businesses, prioritized rural America, and enacted policies like full expensing that spurred job and wage growth for hardworking Texans.

And guess what? We became the most competitive economy in the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed an unprecedented and unexpected challenge to our economy – many of those in the 11<sup>th</sup> District of Texas being on the front lines.

Unfortunately, I'm afraid we've taken the complete wrong direction in our economic recovery.

The message I've received from business owners across the district is that it's hard, if not impossible, to find workers to hire, input prices for nearly everything is rising due to inflation, and supply chain disruptions are seriously crippling their operations.

With these issues at the forefront, Congress should focus on policies that empower Main Street entrepreneurs and bring down inflation for the American people.

Sadly, Washington Democrats are instead pursuing a partisan tax-and-spend agenda that will be devastating for businesses and result in serious economic consequences for our country.

This week I spent time with small business owners in Llano. These entrepreneurs all told me that they fear higher taxes will make it even harder to stay open.

My number one economic priority is defeating the Biden Reconciliation Bill and championing the pro-growth, America first policies that led to the historic economic boom we experienced under President Trump.

Let's unleash a new wave of job creation and opportunity that will build on what we achieved prior to the pandemic.



### **Odessa Town Hall**

We had a great town hall in Odessa on Thursday discussing some of our challenges and successes as a Nation.

Although we are facing enormous crises in our economy, on our border and more, I have hope. And that hope lies in the good people who I had the honor of visiting with at the town hall—law enforcement officers, doctors, nurses, oil field workers, and others are on the front lines of this community that fuels America and the world.

I left feeling inspired to look for ways in my own life where I can make more of an impact, and I would like to encourage you to do the same.

Reach out to a friend, neighbor, or veteran to see where you can lend a helping hand. Volunteer at your church or a local spot in your community.

Above all, never forget the blessings we all enjoy as citizens of the USA—the greatest country the world has ever known.



### **IRS Spying on Our Bank Accounts**

This week Speaker Pelosi confirmed that Democrats are moving forward with their plan to give the IRS more power to spy on our finances by tracking every transaction over \$600.

This is an unprecedented expansion of government surveillance that will turn our community banks into an arm of the IRS.

If you buy your son or daughter a new computer for college or purchase of a new set of tires for your truck with their radical plan to require banks to report every transaction over \$600 to the IRS.

In addition to being a grave invasion of privacy, the IRS boasts a poor record of protecting personal data and have a history of acting as an unfair leftist agency. Using this tool to snoop on law-abiding Americans puts those of us with conservative viewpoints at risk. Not to mention, the agency has had serious issues with the leaking of sensitive financial information.

We should not be forced to trust the IRS with more of our personal financial data. I am proud to support legislation to block this proposed policy and remain committed to holding the line against this radical idea.



### **Biden Picks Putin over Permian**

President Biden hates American energy so much that he is begging our foreign adversaries to produce more oil instead of unleashing producers in the Permian Basin who are more than capable of supplying our Nation with affordable, abundant energy.

Instead of calling Saudi Arabia and Russia to produce more oil, President Biden should get out of the way and allow producers in the Permian Basin and shale patch, who are more than capable, to supply our Nation with the affordable, reliable energy we need to flourish.

This week [I sent a letter](#) to President Biden with House Republicans urging him to reverse his disastrous policies like cancelling the Keystone XL pipeline while allowing Nordstream II to be completed; declaring a moratorium on oil and natural gas leases on Federal lands and waters; and changing tax law to harm domestic production. We must have American energy...now!



Happy  
Thanksgiving



## Visiting Home Depot

This week I enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Home Depot in Odessa.

They have some awesome employees, but what their leadership told me is that it's extremely hard to find workers.

In fact, we have over 10.4 MILLION unfilled jobs in this country. Biden's "Build Back Better" will make sure the staffing shortage rages on. We must champion pro-growth policies.

Thank you for reading. It is the honor of my lifetime to serve you in Congress. Please follow me on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for daily updates.

Rep. August Pfluger  
Member of Congress

Congressman August Pfluger | 1531 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515



### *Governor Abbott Statement On Third Special Session*

October 19, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement upon the conclusion of the third Special Session:

"Property tax relief, appropriating funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and redrawing legislative districts were at the forefront of the agenda for the third Special Session. Texans tasked the Legislature with delivering on these priorities, and I am proud to say not only did we deliver on these priorities, but the Legislature went above and beyond to solve other critical issues to ensure an even brighter future for the Lone Star State.

"The Legislature successfully passed an innovative distribution package for ARPA funding — appropriating billions of dollars to bolster COVID-19 recovery, public safety, broadband infrastructure, cybersecurity, healthcare, and more. Legislation was passed that secured a vote on a constitutional amendment that will provide property tax relief to Texas homeowners. Both chambers also passed legislation to protect the integrity of Texas high school sports, strengthen higher education, protect dogs from cruelty and abuse, and expand access to education grants for children of fallen first responders.

"These dynamic achievements would not have been possible without the men and women of the Texas House and Senate who worked tirelessly through the third Special Session to ensure these priorities made it across the finish line. Because of their efforts, the future of Texas is stronger, safer, and freer."

*Governor Abbott Signs Border Security Funding Into Law*

September 17, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today signed House Bill 9 into law, which will provide an additional \$1.8 billion in state funding for border security over the next two years. The Governor signed the legislation at the Fort Worth Police Officers Association (FWPOA) headquarters and was joined for the ceremony by the bills authors, Senator Jane Nelson and Representative Greg Bonnen, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, FWPOA President Manny Ramirez, and other members of the legislature.

"Our border crisis goes beyond the Rio Grande Valley and our South Texas communities — the smuggling of drugs, people, and weapons reaches far and wide throughout our state, and it affects all of us," said Governor Abbott. "That is why border security funding is crucial to our efforts to keep the entire state of Texas safe and secure. This funding will provide our agency partners with even more support to address the influx of unlawful migrants and prevent dangerous people and contraband from entering our state. I thank Senator Nelson, Representative Bonnen, and the entire state legislature for ensuring that this important bill made it to my desk. I am proud to sign House Bill 9 into law and will continue to work tirelessly to secure our border and protect the people of Texas."

House Bill 9 includes \$32.5 million to the Office of Court Administration for court costs; \$301.0 million to the Texas Military Department for additional personnel; \$154.8 million to the Department of Public Safety for Operation Lone Star surge costs, replacement tactical marine units, and additional intelligence personnel; \$273.7 million to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for increased corrections costs; \$214,785 to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for employee overtime and travel costs; \$1.02 billion for barrier construction, local grants, and establishing processing centers; \$3.75 million for Border Prosecution Unit funding; and \$16.4 million to the Texas Department of State Health Services for contracted ambulance services. House Bill 9 also includes extensive reporting requirements for the use of this funding.

Governor Abbott made border security funding a priority for the first and second special legislative sessions. The Governor launched ***Operation Lone Star*** in early March to help secure the border and combat the smuggling of people and drugs in Texas. There are currently DPS troopers, agents, Guardsmen, and rangers, who are engaged in the mission and working with local law enforcement. The Governor expanded the mission shortly after its launch to include anti-human trafficking efforts. Governor Abbott's plan to secure the border also includes strategic fencing, barriers, and the construction of a border wall. [A project manager for the initial stage of building the wall was announced yesterday.](#)



## *September Speaker Representative Brooks Landgraf*

*By Jaye Nabarette*

Representative Brooks Landgraf spoke to a crowd very familiar to him. He updated us on the current political climate in Austin and discussed the bills that are currently being introduced. Top conservative victories include balanced the budget; defended religious freedom; restored election integrity; advance pro-life laws; strengthened 2nd amendment rights. Top Pro-West Texas accomplishments include protected Permian energy; stepped up border security 7 community safety; banned high-level radioactive waste; improved public schools; and expanded broadband access.

Rep. Brooks then took some time to explain the eight Proposed Constitutional Amendments that will be presented on the November Ballot. Specifically, he drew attention to Proposition 3 protecting religious freedoms and Proposition 6 allowing the elder to designate a caring advocate that cannot be prohibited from seeing them. He concluded with a lengthy Q&A that was very informative.



# Our September Luncheon With Brooks Landgraf





## *Christina “Chris” Bryson for District Clerk*

Hello, I am **Christina “Chris” Bryson**. I have decided to run for District Clerk in Ector County. I was born and raised here in Odessa. My Parents are Jimmy and Deborah Peacock. I have two grown children. Nicholas Bryson, who is a Landscape Architect, that has his own business. Paige Bryson is a school counselor with ECISD, and a mother of two beautiful girls Kylee and



Karter. I attend church at St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Church. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from UTPB and currently working for Ector County for the past 28 years. I worked five (5) years in the District Clerks Office under Jackie Sue Barnes. I have worked as a probation officer for 22 years. I did work one year as the Director of the Compliance Department working with individuals having to make payments to the County for court costs. I worked with budgeting for the office as well. I have enjoyed all of my years of service for the county.

I have worked with the public in all aspects working very closely with many of the Judges that have served in the past and current. Also, I’ve worked with most of the legal community in Odessa on both civil and criminal side. I have worked closely with the different law enforcement agencies (Local, State and Federal). I want to continue to work for Ector County, but would like the opportunity to do it as the District Clerk.

The Following are some of the responsibilities of the office I am running for:

- The District Clerk is the office that records criminal proceedings that take place in the District Courts. This consists of felony indictments filed, placed on dockets and appropriate paperwork issued and sent out to all parties involved. The Clerk is responsible for the timely filing and preparation of the records for post convictions, writs and appeals.
- The District Clerk’s office records the record of Civil proceedings heard in the District and County Courts such as: All Divorces, Child Support, Consumer Lawsuits, Contract Disputes, Custody Cases, Real Estate, Serious Personal Injury, and Tax Collections.
- The District Clerk issues Abstracts of Judgment, Citations, Collections of Court Costs, Preparation of Warrants and Writs.
- The District Clerk handles all of the Juries for Criminal and Civil trials for all of the courts as well.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read this information about me and the office I am running for. Have a safe and blessed day.

Sincerely,  
*Chris Bryson*

This is not an endorsement of ECRW, it’s President or it’s Campaign Activities Chairman, only candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice.

## THE KEEP NINE AMENDMENT TO BAN SUPREME COURT PACKING

*By Judy Calloway*

*“The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of Nine Justices”*

This is the language of the proposed “Keep Nine” amendment to the U S Constitution. It would permanently preserve the independence of the Supreme Court. We need to urge Members of Congress and candidates in both parties to endorse it.

While attending the NFRW Convention in Orlando Florida we became very much aware of this movement called” Keep Nine”. The group was everywhere with huge posters and handouts. They wanted to talk to everyone about the amendment. Age of the group were from College Age to Retirees that were enthusiastic about this amendment.

The Constitution is silent on the size of the Supreme Court. Without an Amendment defining the number of Justices, a future Congress and President could change that number for political advantage. This strategy is known as “Court packing.” The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who opposed Court packing, had called nine “a good number”.

In the same way the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment codified the longstanding two term limit for Presidents, a new 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment would permanently preserve the current number of Nine Court Justices. Polling shows that many voters believe that packing the Court would weaken the checks and balances on the abuse of by a future President or Congress. To prevent this manipulation a Constitutional Amendment is required.

This a Bipartisan Effort by a group of former State Attorneys Generals that created the Coalition to Preserve the Independence of the United States Supreme Court. This group was formed in 2020 and of the original 15 AGs, 8 were democrats and 7 were Republican. A resolution has been introduced in both Houses of Congress to support the Keep Nine amendment.

Ways to help include the following suggestions.

1. Call the office of elected official or candidate and ask where they stand on this amendment
2. Visit the website [www.KeepNine.org](http://www.KeepNine.org) and sign up for the emails and information updates
3. Talk about: Keep 9 via Facebook, Linked In, Twitter, Instagram, letters to editors and call in Talk Shows
4. Attend GOP, community & local government meetings and ask them to pass Resolutions endorsing “Keep Nine”
5. Recruit activists for the Coalition groups including “youth, veterans, retired judges, local government officials and Democrats.
6. Become a speaker for the coalition they will train you

[www.KeepNine.org](http://www.KeepNine.org)    [Leaders@KeepNine.org](mailto:Leaders@KeepNine.org)    call: 202-270-5400

See the brochure of info that follows.

## COURT PACKING WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR AMERICA.

### THE "KEEP NINE" AMENDMENT WOULD BAN IT!

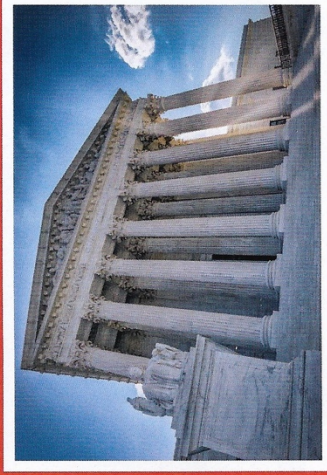
- Court packing would be a law passed by Congress to increase the number of Supreme Court Justices so the Court would do more of what Congress wants.
- Court packing would make the Supreme Court a virtual puppet of politicians in Washington.
- It would weaken checks and balances on the abuse of power by a future President or Congress.
- It would undermine the respect for the rule of law that protects our Constitutional rights and freedoms.
- It would weaken the ability of the Court to resolve divisive issues in ways that are accepted by all.

For more than 150 years an independent Supreme Court has protected our Constitutional rights.

Now it is time to permanently end the threat of Court packing by persuading Congress to propose and states to ratify the "Keep Nine" Amendment!

### THE "KEEP NINE" AMENDMENT:

- Permanently preserves the current number of 9 Supreme Court Justices.
- Protects the independence of the Court from any attempt by Congress to increase or decrease its size.



The bipartisan "Keep Nine" Amendment was first introduced by a Democrat in the U.S. House and a Republican in the U.S. Senate.

Just as pressure from voters and states forced Congress to propose Amendments for a Woman's Right to Vote, and Presidential Term Limits, similar pressure can force Congress to propose and states to ratify the "Keep Nine" Amendment.

### GROWING SUPPORT FOR "KEEP NINE"

- Polling shows that votes would favor the "Keep Nine" Amendment by a 3-1 margin!
- More than 200 Members of Congress and 800 state legislators now support the "Keep Nine" Amendment.
- 19 State Legislative Chambers have passed Resolutions urging Congress to propose the "Keep Nine" Amendment.
- The "Keep Nine" Amendment is the most widely supported Supreme Court reform proposal in America!

## JOIN US!

Contact the "Keep Nine" Coalition today.

- Ask your elected officials where they stand on the "Keep Nine" Amendment.
- Ask your friends to do the same.
- Visit [www.KeepNine.org](http://www.KeepNine.org) to find out more about how you can help.



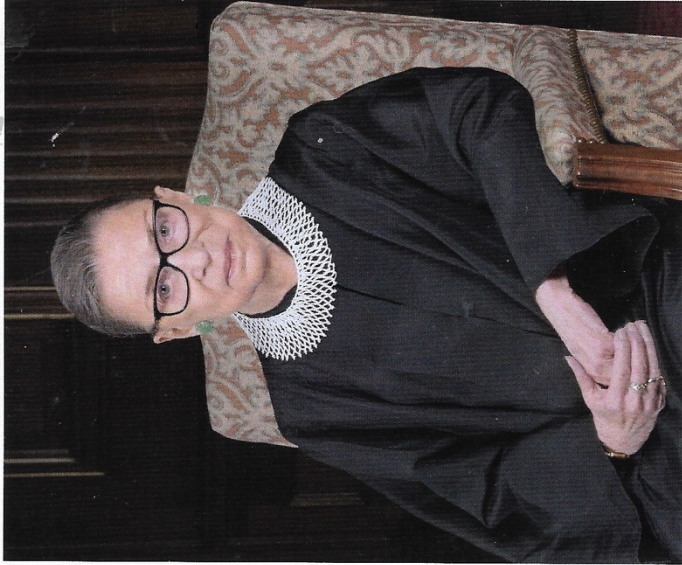
The Keep Nine Coalition  
[www.KeepNine.Org](http://www.KeepNine.Org)

**HOW CITIZENS, STATES AND ALLIES IN CONGRESS CAN WORK TOGETHER...**

To force Congress to propose the "Keep Nine" Amendment...

- Pass Resolutions in 2/3 of the States' Legislatures urging Congress to propose the Amendment.
- Earn endorsements for the Amendment from community, state, and national groups and leaders.
- Build a grassroots network to demand that candidates and elected officials tell voters where they stand on the "Keep Nine" Amendment to preserve the current number of 9 Supreme Court Justices.

**PRESERVE AN INDEPENDENT SUPREME COURT!**



*"Nine seems to be a good number. It's been that way for a long time."*

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
United States Supreme Court Justice  
1993-2020



The Keep Nine Coalition  
(202) 270.5400  
Leaders@KeepNine.Org

[www.KeepNine.org](http://www.KeepNine.org)

The **KEEP 9** Amendment

TO BAN SUPREME COURT PACKING

**"The Supreme Court of the United States Shall Be Composed of Nine Justices"**

A bipartisan citizens movement can preserve an **Independent Supreme**

*Wilda Marie's Lazy Potatoes**Submitted by Donna Kelm*

4 cups diced potatoes, peeled  
1 cup chopped bell peppers  
½ cup onion tops (optional)  
1 – 10 oz can cream of mushroom soup  
¾ cup water  
1 to 2 cups diced smoked sausage  
½ to 1 Tbsp “Slap Ya Mama” Cajun Seasoning

- ✓ Heat oven to 425 degrees.
- ✓ Mix all ingredients in 3 qt casserole dish
- ✓ Cover and bake for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally
- ✓ Remove cover & bake an additional 15 minutes
- ✓ Serves 4 to 6

Recipes at [slapyamama.com](http://slapyamama.com)



*October Speaker Jon Shock*

*by Donna Kelm*

**Jon Shock was one of our guest speakers for October and if you missed it, you missed a lot of information on what the DPS is doing to protect us and our border.**

Operation Lone Star. Jon was among the first team that went down to the border in March this year. They cover an area from Brownsville to El Paso. This is just Texas DPS. We have 3,000-3,500 commissioned troopers with the state and at any one time we are sending appx 1,000 down there. We stay 2 weeks or more and then rotate back to our areas to work here. I can't tell you how proud I am to be part of the DPS and watch the fine men and women down on the border. They are doing an amazing job!

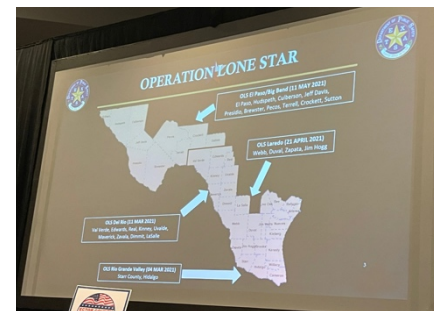


We have a very young staff currently. We are supervising between 16-32 troopers and we will span 2-3 counties or more while at the border.

Our primary job is to promote the great state of Texas. We are not immigration officers. Under the Governor's orders and his direction, our job is to apprehend all the criminals associated with the illegal immigration. We primarily look for the smugglers, human traffickers, drug dealers and gang members or those facilitating the movement of drugs, sex trafficking and human trafficking across the border. We have a lot of it going on!

Last week we had one of our troopers stop a 15-year-old. He drove his mother's car all the way from Houston to pick up six illegals as a way to make money.

The other areas we are covering are the Laredo sector and El Paso. (Our Western Areas). There isn't as much movement in the Big Bend area because of the size to cross as they can just step across the river in Del Rio and Rio Grande area. The Governor is starting a process of building a fence so that we can start to charge people with state crimes. We can't touch migrants that cross the border as we are not Federal Agents. But if you cross a state fence then you have committed a state crime and we are able to enforce those laws. All the ranchers along the border have been asked to signed affidavits of criminal trespassing so if a migrant cross their fence then we as DPS Officers can enforce our state laws.



Jon shared numbers as of October 14<sup>th</sup> – We've only been doing this since March! The DPS Officers have made 7,700 arrests. We've filed over 6,000 felony charges, we've captured over 73,00 migrants, just troopers driving down the road. Fentanyl is the biggest 28 million lethal doses captured, 1500 lbs of meth/cocaine and 10,000 of marijuana. About 13 million in money.

We have a criminal migrant processing facility. One of the problems of local counties is they are not setup, nor do they have the room to store large number of criminals. One area the jail only holds nine people and the DPS bring nine in an hour. The Governor came up with an idea to use the TDC jail, which is what I call tent city. We are able to take them to that facility and process them and send out on TDCJ buses and sent to local TDCJ to be held. That has helped us out tremendously, so we don't have to let smugglers go due to no room.

Our Texas Military and National Guard has assisted us there. They are observers on the border and report to us what they've seen. Border Patrol are doing a fantastic job and working their hearts out. If you see a DPS agent or Border Patrol, please tell them thank you for doing an outstanding job!

On this last leg a 3-year-old hadn't eaten in three days. On an earlier one a 7-year-old with her siblings had walked all the way from Honduras by themselves. They depended on donations along the way.

The pursuit stats: Del Rio sector where my group (Odessa Troopers) is at - 984% increase in pursuits since March! The DPS are excellent at throwing the stop sticks and the spikes!!!!

Gang members are a big thing to cross: Tango Blast, Mexican Mafia, Banditos, prison gangs and white supremacist. Actively trying to smuggle for slave labor or sex trafficking. Officer Shock shared a video that I can't describe! Horrid what our officers go through.

Basically, in three days we went from 7,000 to 15,000 immigrants crossing under the international bridge in Del Rio. It was overwhelming. At one point the Troopers lined their DPS vehicles side by side for a mile to hold back immigrants. Between us and Federal Agents we were able to process all 15,000 in four days. There is another group on their way up, currently in Southern Mexico. We are making preparation for them. The most disturbing thing about the Haitians is they do not respect the land or the group around them. Troopers had to be careful where they walked as they would be walking in human waste. They had to bulldoze that area once everyone was processed just for sanitary reasons.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, DPS Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a Dodge pickup towing a white trailer. Troopers discovered 21 migrants in the trailer and referred them to USBP. Another instance a trooper pursued a pickup with a 19-year-old girl driving and 11 illegals in the bed of truck. She made a new express lane in the local Sonic, then thru a fence ejecting about half of the illegals. The girl was high on heroin.

These are just some of the stories shared. Please keep our DPS Officers, Border Patrol, Texas Military and the National Guard in your prayers as they continue to battle the flood of immigrants into our state.









Please Join Us  
for our  
ECRW  
Come & Go  
Christmas Party

December 15th  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Home of Sara Billingsley  
80 Shiloh

Hors d'oeuvres  
New Officer Installation  
Door prizes

## Local News



Posted on: October 7, 2021

### October Sales Tax Check

The City saw an increase in sales tax revenue with October's sales tax revenue total of \$3,487,400.97 which reflects a \$378,564.04, or 12.18% as compared to October 2020.

The City of Odessa received its October sales tax check, in the amount of, \$4,359,251.21. This amount includes the Economic Development sales tax of ¼ cent. The City of Odessa will receive \$3,487,400.97 and the Odessa Development Corporation will receive \$871,850.24.

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The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 is up 25.49%, or \$708,415.42 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 \$378,564.04 or 12.18%.

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

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



## NEWSLETTER

Anyone interested in submitting information to be placed in our newsletter please email to: [dkelm2005@att.net](mailto:dkelm2005@att.net) 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.

***GOP Chairman Matt Rinaldi***

*by: Donna Kelm*



The new normal Cliché now – “This is the most important election of your lifetime!” We used to worry about how much money we were going to spend in our budget or how much property taxes are going up! But now all we are talking about is America going to become a socialist nation? Are we going to abandon all the principles that we have held dear and loved about this country and seed them to socialist? So - our children will not grow up in the country we grew up in?

Red states are the only defense we have. This is a new type of politics. We have a duty to preserve Texas, because preserving Texas means winning a bigger battle for America. Preserve the American dream for our children.

Democrats across the country believe a lot of things that aren’t so. Democrats believe the government has all the answers. If you’ve ever visited the DMV, you’d realize our government doesn’t have all the answers!!!

- They believe the western family needs to be destroyed. People need to be encouraged not to have children, not to have families!
- They believe natural rights due process, quality under the law, and color blindness are tools of systemic races.
- They want to destroy private property – individuality.

Large changes in government, people that were in them at the time didn’t realize the outcome under afterwards. People will look back at this fight in 100 years between socialism and capitalism; between American and something else we’ve become, and they will see who has won. Red states are the only defense we have!!!!

Savings are being destroyed by a wealth tax hidden by inflation because the government told everyone to stay at home from work and pour trillions of dollars into the economy devaluing our life savings. Not that inflation doesn’t have an effect since there isn’t anything on the shelves to buy. We have supply chain problem because we pour trillions of dollars into the economy synthesizing people not to work. Democrats have weaponize our institutions against us, against parents against schools. We saw that with the DOJ with a letter from the National Association of School Boards. We see them destabilizing society in multiple ways, thru Covid lockdowns, riots this year, masks in schools being a permanent fixture. They are destroying our country and the situation is dire.

Everyone in the Texas Republican Party –

We need to elect Republicans next November

We need to pick the best candidates in the primary – very important

We need to turn those victories into policy victories

Get boots on the ground, we’ve gone to 84,000 houses already

We have a victory project in Texas that we are ramping up for 2022

1,000 phone calls

Hired 20 staff members that will be calling on voters

We have 5 fulltime Hispanic engagement employees

We have community centers in Laredo, McAllen, and San Antonio for Hispanic outreach.

We are opening an office this week in Coppell, which is the largest Asian population in Texas.

Helping local candidates – Republican Party needs to be involved with the candidates – all Republicans.

Candidate recruitment predominately democratic areas.



*October  
Luncheon*

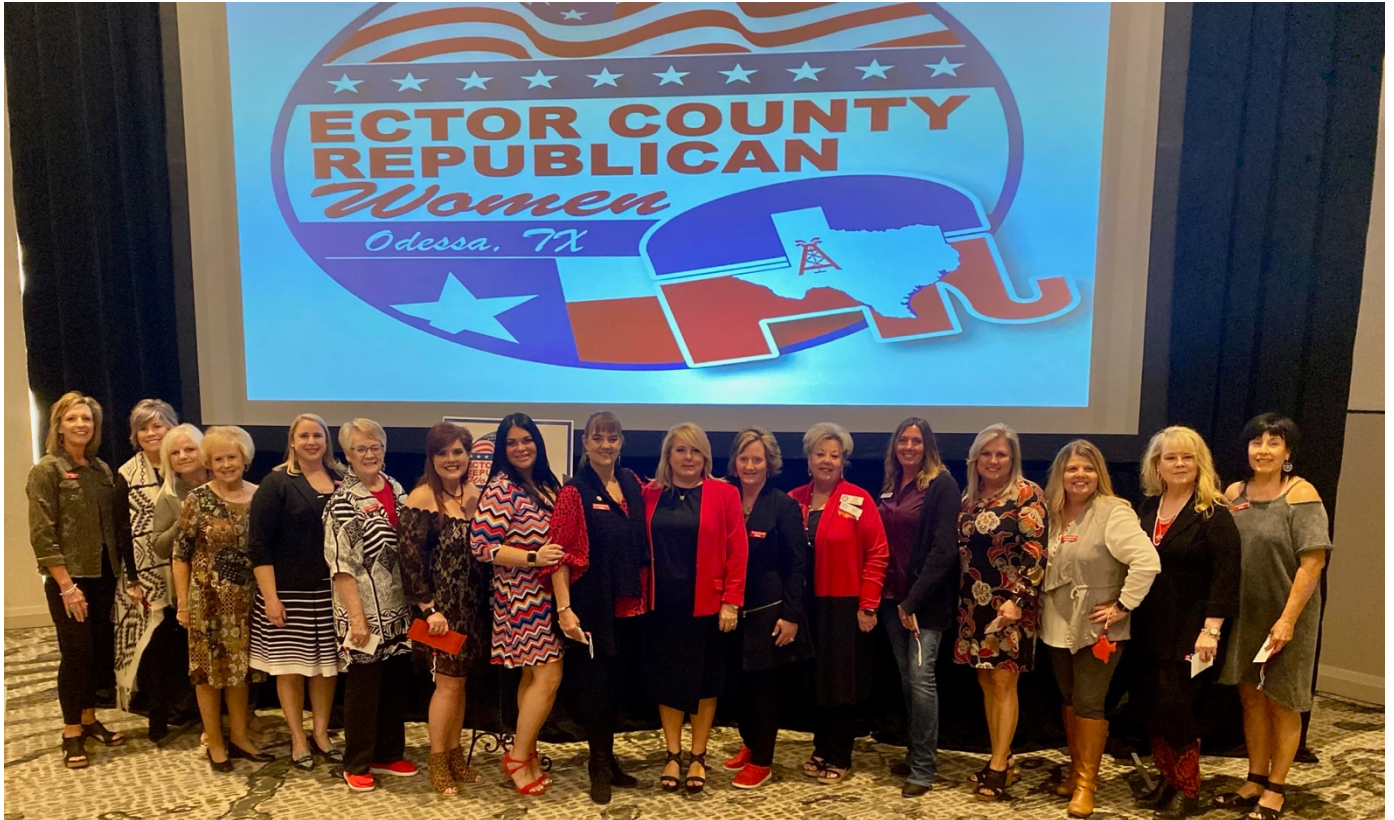
**Jamie Butts and Tony Dennis**



**Greg Simmons**

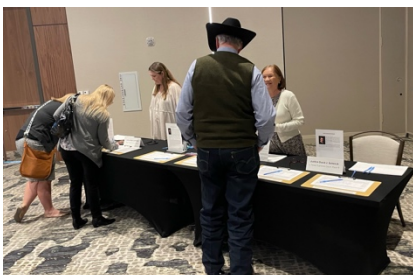


**Kevin Sparks for Texas Senate**



**Your 2021 Board**

**Shelley Rogers, Shaye Lane, Julie Adams, Judy Calloway, Brooke Hendricks Green, Jolene Hawkins, Jill Miller, Sara Billingsley, Jaye Nabarette, Rachel Minor, Denise Swanner, Debi Hayes, Anne Darville, Donna Kelm, Dottie Chavez, Sherry Hurt, Traci Gregston "Kat"**





## CALENDAR

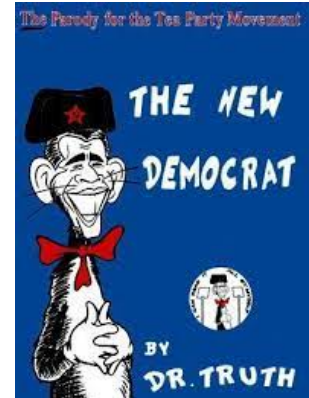
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Days
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Monthly Luncheon
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Fall in Love Membership Drive
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> ECRW Board Meeting
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> ECRW Christmas Party 11:00-1:00pm
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas
- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> ECRW Board Meeting

## November Speaker at The Marriott Convention Center November 17th



*Loren Spivack*

“The Free Market Warrior” was born and raised in Massachusetts and spent most of his adult life in New York City. Before becoming active in politics, Spivack worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies. Spivack founded “Free Market Warrior” in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics. His “Free Market Warrior” store was expelled from Concord Mills Mall in North Carolina in July of 2009 for selling material critical of the Obama Administration. (Mall owners, Simon Property Group, are major Democratic donors.) Since then Loren has devoted his time to teaching conservative groups about free market economics.



He conducts "Economic Literacy" seminars across the United States. So far, Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on “Economic Literacy” to over 200 groups in 20 states. Spivack is also the author of “The New Democrat” a parody history of the Obama administration, based on a famous children's book. With pitch-perfect rhyme and clever illustrations, "The New Democrat” transforms the political personalities of our times into cartoon characters in a conservative morality play.

Spivack’s second book “The Gorax” is an anti-environmentalism/pro capitalism parody starring Al Gore and presenting his movement as a threat to American freedom and standard of living. Once again Spivack is both funny and poignant as he makes the case that capitalism (represented by the “Onepercentler”) is the real victim of environmental extremists who destroy prosperity without achieving even their own goals. Along the way, Spivack takes well aimed shots at everything from “The Fed” to the teachers unions. “The Gorax” came out on July 1, 2013.

Mr. Spivack lives in Massachusetts with his wife and 3 of their 6 children (the other three having grown up.)

## October Speakers Were

*Music by Greg Simmons*

*Invocation by Tony Denis*

*Pledges led by: Major Joven*



*Jon Shock*

**Jon David Shock** was born in Denison, Texas and raised in Pottsboro, Texas. He attended Pottsboro High School, graduating as Valedictorian in the Class of 1990. He attended one year of The Citadel military college in 1990-91, before joining the United States Marine Corps in May of 1991. Jon completed the Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina, earning the honor of top graduate, and then completed Military Police training in San Antonio, Texas. He served at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia; Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina; Okinawa Japan Marine Corps Bases; and Camp Pohang in South Korea.

During his time in the Marine Corps, Jon received three Military Police of the Quarter awards, 2 meritorious promotions, and served on the Marine Corps SWAT team. He received an honorable discharge in 1999 after 8 years of service.

In 1999, Jon joined the Denison Police Department in Denison, Texas. He worked 6 years in patrol, working as a patrol officer, bicycle patrol officer, school resource officer, public information officer, and as a member of the Special Reaction Team.

In 2005, Jon was promoted to Narcotics Sergeant at the Denison Police Department. He worked with local, state and federal agencies in the North Texas area, identifying and arresting numerous members of drug trafficking organizations in the North Texas area. He received DEA certifications related to the assault on, security and clean-up of Methamphetamine Laboratories. He also was the team leader for the Department's Special Response Team.

In 2011, Jon joined the Texas Department of Public Safety as a State Trooper. He has been stationed in Fort Stockton, Odessa, and has worked numerous border security and hurricane assignments throughout the State. Jon promoted to the current rank of Sergeant and supervises a team of 12 State Troopers in Ector County. He is also the team leader for the Region 4A District Crash Team, investigating and reconstructing felony crashes from Brady to Monahans, and Seminole to Fort Stockton.

Jon received his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Grayson County College in 2002, with Magna Cum Laude honors.

He is a Master Peace Officer in the State of Texas. He is currently a Firearms Instructor, a Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor, a Drug Recognition Expert, and a Crash Reconstructionist.

Jon has taught many state and local law enforcement officers in multiple facets of criminal justice topics since 2003.

His hobbies include running, biking, hunting, reading, wood working and ALL of the crazy projects that his girlfriend can think of!



2021

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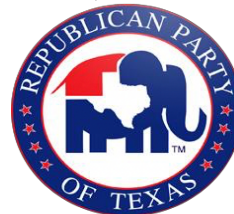
Judy Calloway

# Chairman Matt Rinaldi



Chairman Matt Rinaldi represented northwest Dallas County in the Texas Legislature from 2015 to 2019. During his time in office, Rinaldi was consistently rated among the top two most conservative members of the House by Rice University, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Young Conservatives of Texas and Texas Eagle Forum. Rinaldi was, according to the *Dallas Morning News*, "instrumental in strengthening the punishments in the sanctuary cities ban," and authored and passed into law measures that: remove from office public officials who adopt sanctuary city policies, require government contractors and subcontractors to use e-Verify, revoke pensions of teachers convicted of committing sex crimes against students, allow churches to utilize volunteers to provide security services without risking heavy fines, and prohibit any taxpayer money from going to Planned Parenthood. He served as the Pro-Life Whip for Texas Right to Life in 2017.

Chairman Rinaldi earned his Juris Doctor with honors from Boston University School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from James Madison University. Matt attends St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Coppell with his wife, Corley, and son, Rush.



*Awards Received at TFRW.....Article in next month!*




## *Nominating Committee*

*by: Jill Miller*

The Ector County Republican Women Association is proud to announce it's 2022 Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee met on October 18th and the following candidates were selected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Sherry Hurt- Past President,  
Rachel Minor- President,  
Denise Swanner- Vice President,  
Donna Kelm- Treasurer,  
Jaye Nabarrette- Secretary.

The Executive Committee will be inducted into office at the Christmas Come & Go Party on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sara Billingsley.



*May God Hold You Close  
No Matter Where You Are  
and What You're Going Through  
This Thanksgiving and Always!*