

# The **Republican Women's** *VOICE*

**May 2022**

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## *President's Message*

Three of us from CCRW attended the Republican Women of Greater North Texas meeting in Frisco on 12 April. Thank you, Janice Cooper-Eddy and Cathy Hallmark for going with me! Hector Garza, Vice President of the National Border Patrol Council, was the guest speaker. During his talk he reported on the increasing numbers of people coming across the Texas Border on a daily basis.

The talk took a different tone as he spoke about the effects of the humanitarian crisis the border policy has brought. The Biden Administration has held the open border out as a carrot to draw people in but without a solid plan to manage the numbers of people. Law Enforcement lacks adequate staff to process administrative work and handle humanitarian needs at the same time. The staff deal with migrants that are sick, not tested for Covid and released out into the community. They are living with inadequate shelter and in some cases camped out under the bridge. Unaccompanied children pull their attention while thirteen cartels control the border. The cartels work in concert to achieve the main goals, getting drugs into the country for future sale. Secondly, get as many migrants as possible in a stash house to use them for drug sales, human trafficking, etc.

Title 42, a Trump policy, has helped to limit illegal immigration. Biden is set to end Title 42 in May, allowing illegal immigrants to further overwhelm the law enforcement resources. AOC, Pressley, Omar and Tlaib wrote to Biden in February demanding Title 42 be lifted. 100 Democrats in Congress went along with it. In my opinion, these are the last people to understand anything about the Texas Border!

Garza stated the most helpful thing that can be done to show support for all law enforcement on the border is to tell the Biden administration how lifting Title 42 will harm border communities, Texas and the country. Texas AG Ken Paxton has filed a suit against the Biden administration relative to Title 42. He feels Texas will win the suit. It might be a good idea to encourage him with a letter or email as well. *Attorney General Ken Paxton, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548. [Contact Us Online Form](#) | [Office of the Attorney General \(texasattorneygeneral.gov\)](#) or call Main Switchboard 512-465-2100.*

*Margaret Carter, 2022 Club President*

### Next Meeting:

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022, 7pm**

**CANDIDATE FORUM – COUNTY JUDGE & COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4**

*(see more details on page 2)*

**First Christian Church Christian Life Center  
401 N. Dixon St., Gainesville**

### **2022 CCRW OFFICERS**

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Cooke County Republican Women, organized in 1991, is a Local Club of the **Texas Federation of Republican Women** (Region III, Senate District 30) and **National Federation of Republican Women**.

[www.cookegop.com/ccrw](http://www.cookegop.com/ccrw)  
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[www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)





**COUNTY JUDGE; COMMISSIONER  
PRECINCT 4 Runoff Candidates  
featured at May 5 meeting**

--VP Programs, Jennifer Jonas, [jenjonas@icloud.com](mailto:jenjonas@icloud.com),  
940-391-9991

No statewide candidates have committed to coming to our **May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for a Forum**. However, ALL FOUR of our Cooke County candidates will be there. Save the date!

COUNTY JUDGE: **LEON KLEMENT  
JOHN O. ROANE**  
COMMISSIONER, PREC. 4: **JOHN METZLER  
MATT P. SICKING**

**Membership Chair Pam Dill** says "Bring a Friend to the May 5<sup>th</sup> Candidate Forum"! It's a great opportunity to introduce someone to CCRW! See you at the sign-in table!

*Hospitality . . .*

**Join us for our May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting;  
Bring a Cinco De Mayo Treat**

--Daria Hollandsworth, Hospitality Chair,  
[bdhollandsworth@yahoo.com](mailto:bdhollandsworth@yahoo.com), 940-665-5676

Bring your favorite Cinco de Mayo finger food or snack! We are expecting a large turnout for the forum. **Please let me know if you can help by bringing food, helping with set up and/or clean up after the meeting.**

In addition to Mexican food, we're looking for things like cheese and crackers, chips and dip, cookies and brownies.



*Yummy \* Yummy \* Yummy \* Yummy \* Yummy*

***Bring supplies for BORDER AGENTS, May 5<sup>th</sup>!***

In 2020, the **Camino Real Republican Women** of San Antonio, heard of a need by men and women patrolling the southern border. To help meet that need, they started the **Border Care Project**. Several Republican Women clubs have joined in, and now the CCRW Executive Committee has adopted this project for 2022.

Check the Facebook page **Border Care Project** to see what's been done. Items will be distributed to all those working the border, including U.S. Border Patrol, DPS, Texas National Guard, and local Sheriffs' stations.

***BORDER CARE PROJECT***  
*IN APPRECIATION*



***Caring for the Agents Who Protect Us***

**ITEMS NEEDED AT THIS TIME**

- first aid kits, band aids, latex gloves, bug spray
- Liquid IV hydration and Gatorade powdered sports drink packets
- hand sanitizer wipes
- microban sanitizing spray
- AA/AAA batteries

These should be individual packets so the agents can take them daily in their backpacks. I was able to easily find all of them on Amazon, but imagine the Dollar stores, Walmart, Big Lots and other local stores would handle some if not all of them. The sports drink packets are to be poured into an individual water bottle.

There will be a box for your contributions to this project as you come to our monthly meetings. A table with thank-you cards that you can sign and/or put your sentiment in will also be available. A jar for monetary donations will be available for us to purchase fast food meal cards to enclose with the cards.

Morale is low for these hard-working men and women. We want to encourage them and let them know that we're all thinking of and praying for them as they work to keep us safe from this invasion.

If you have any questions about this project, please call **Cathy Hallmark, Americanism Chair, at (661) 477-2822**.

## ***Hop on the Float! Medal of Honor Parade, April 23, 10 a.m. —All Aboard!***

--Americanism Chair, Cathy Hallmark, 661-477-2822, [merlenc48@gmail.com](mailto:merlenc48@gmail.com)



You can be part of our float in the Medal of Honor Parade!

### **Saturday, April 23 Parade Day!**

Come to help decorate the float at **8:am at the First Christian Church** parking lot, then climb aboard to get in our assigned position on Broadway St. for the parade, which starts at 10am. Please call me **Cathy Hallmark (661) 477-2822** if you have any questions

*Learn more about Gainesville's Medal of Honor Host City Program, the only one in the nation, and the entire schedule of events for Medal of Honor week at [Medal of Honor Host City Program – Gainesville, Texas](#)*

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## ***Legislatively Speaking . . .*** --From President Margaret Carter

As mentioned in my Letter on page 1, I attended the April 12 meeting of Republican Women of Greater North Texas in Frisco. I would like to share some ideas from their Legislative Chair. This is not exactly legislative, but they shared a simple, effective idea to spread the Republican message.

The example the Chair gave was that she and her husband made a sign that says "Tired of this, Vote Republican." Whenever they have a little time, they take the sign and stand on public property in front of a busy filling station for a few minutes. Gets the message across but is not offensive and they have a little fun talking to folks. Living in a rural area is slightly different from their urban setting, but with some creative thinking we could come up with some fun ideas to ***Spread the Red*** as well.

The legislature goes back into session in 2023, and work is already underway. Will anyone challenge Rep. Dade Phelan for the Speaker position? The Speaker of the House will be making committee chairman appointments. We need to let him know that we expect our **Republican** Representatives to be appointed to committee chairmanship positions since Republicans are in the majority.

Last session, there were several Democratic Chairmen appointed. If the Chairman does not make certain bills priority, they linger and die without a vote that may or may not be for a good reason. But we should see a conservative agenda passed in 2023. This is important and the legislature needs to hear from us.

To email Speaker Dade Phelan: [Texas House of Representatives : E-Mail Rep. Phelan, Dade](#)  
Or write to: Representative Dade Phelan, P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768  
Or call 512-463-1000

To email Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick: [Contact: Share your opinion \(texas.gov\)](#)  
Or write to: Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711  
Call his office 512-463-0001, or leave a message at 512-463-1000

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 7am – 7pm**



## **SATURDAY, MAY 7 – COUNTYWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION**

The proposed constitutional amendments result from two joint resolutions by the 87th Texas Legislature, Second Called Session and Third Called Session. The propositions will appear on the May 7, 2022 ballot as follows:

### **STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION No. 1**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

Here is a link where you can research additional information:

[Texas Proposition 1, Property Tax Limit Reduction for Elderly and Disabled Residents Amendment \(May 2022\) - Ballotpedia](#)

### **STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION No. 2**

"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."

Here is a link where you can research additional information: [Texas Proposition 2, Increased Homestead Exemption for School District Property Taxes Amendment \(May 2022\) - Ballotpedia](#)

<b>Joint General Election &amp; Constitutional Amendment Special Election May 7, 2022 Polling Locations and Times</b>				
<b>EARLY VOTING LOCATION - Dates &amp; Times</b>				
Early Voting	Cooke County Courthouse Annex Courtroom	112 South Dixon St.	Gainesville	76240
Early Voting Begins April 25 - Ending May 3 (Weekdays Only)				
<b>EARLY VOTING OPEN 8 AM to 6 PM</b>				
<b>ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN 7 AM TO 7 PM</b>				
Precinct	Location	Address	City	Zip Code
1 - 1C - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4C	Courthouse Annex	112 S. Dixon	Gainesville	76240
6	Callisburg Community Club	92 McDaniel St.	Gainesville	76240
7 - 8	Callisburg Elementary School	648 FM 3164	Gainesville	76240
10 - 11	Valley View Baptist Church	504 North Lee	Valley View	76272
12	Era Community Center	102 Malone St.	Era	76238
17 - 18	First Baptist Church	121 North Pecan St.	Muenster	76252
22	Lake Kiowa Lodge	905 West Kiowa Dr.	Lake Kiowa	76240
21 - 33	Conrad Hall	431 Ash Street	Lindsay	76250

**From TFRW: FIND AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER-- WHY TO "VOTE FOR BOTH"**

## **ALSO SATURDAY, MAY 7 – SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

The following school districts also have elections on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Two districts have bond elections; three are electing school board trustees. The links will take you to SAMPLE BALLOTS:

- **GAINESVILLE ISD Trustees** [Gainesville ISD Sample Ballot May 7 22.pdf \(state.tx.us\)](#)
- **CALLISBURG ISD Special Election** (bond election): Proposition A \$11,481,250 for construction of school facilities; Proposition B \$9,893,750 for construction and equipment for a football stadium; Proposition C \$7,125,000 for construction and equipment for new baseball and softball fields and tennis facilities. [Callisburg ISD Sample Ballot May 7 22.pdf \(state.tx.us\)](#)
- **ERA ISD Special Election** (bond election): Proposition A, \$12,720,000 for constructing, renovating, improving and equipping school facilities. [Era ISD Sample Ballot May 7 22.pdf \(state.tx.us\)](#)
- **LINDSAY ISD School Board Trustees** [Lindsay ISD Sample Ballot May 7 22.pdf \(state.tx.us\)](#)
- **VALLEY VIEW ISD School Board Trustees:** [VVISD ISD Sample Ballot May 7 22.pdf \(state.tx.us\)](#)



## **TUESDAY, MAY 24, 7am – 7pm PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

### **Joint Primary Runoff Election**

**May 24, 2022    Polling Locations and Times**

<b>EARLY VOTING LOCATION - Dates &amp; Times</b>				
<b>Early Voting</b>	Cooke County Courthouse Annex Courtroom	112 South Dixon St.	Gainesville	76240
<b>Early Voting Begins May 16, 2022 and Ending May 20, 2022</b>				
<b>EARLY VOTING OPEN 8 AM to 6 PM</b>				
<b>ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN 7 AM TO 7 PM</b>				
Precinct	Location	Address	City	Zip Code
<b>1 - 1C</b>	Gainesville Civic Center	311 S Weaver St.	Gainesville	76240
<b>2</b>	First Christian Church	401 N. Dixon Street	Gainesville	76240
<b>3</b>	Crossroads Baptist Church	2201 W. California St.	Gainesville	76240
<b>4 - 4C</b>	Hillcrest Church of Christ	1712 E. O'Neal Street	Gainesville	76240
<b>6</b>	Callisburg Community Club	92 McDaniel Street	Whitesboro (Callisburg)	76273
<b>7</b>	Tabernacle Baptist Church	305 CR 194	Gainesville	76240
<b>8</b>	Callisburg Elementary School	648 FM 3164	Gainesville (Woodbine)	76240
<b>10</b>	Cross Timbers Church	6134 FM 922	Valley View	76272
<b>11</b>	Valley View Baptist Church	504 North Lee	Valley View	76272
<b>12</b>	Era Community Center	102 Malone Street	Era	76238
<b>17</b>	Muenster VFW	136 Ash Street	Muenster	76252
<b>18</b>	First Baptist Church	121 North Pecan Street	Muenster	76252
<b>21</b>	Conrad Hall	431 Ash Street	Lindsay	76250
<b>22</b>	Lake Kiowa Lodge	905 West Kiowa Drive	Lake Kiowa	76240
<b>33</b>	Moss Lake Fire Station	160 FM 1201 EXT	Gainesville (Moss Lake)	76240

Both the Republican and Democrat Parties have runoffs on statewide races. In addition, of course,

Cooke County Republicans will choose their nominee to oppose the Democrat candidate for COUNTY JUDGE in the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Candidates in the runoff are:

- **Leon Klement**
- **John O. Roane**

Cooke County voters who live in Commissioner Precinct 4 will choose who will be their county commissioner 2023 through 2026.

- John Metzler
- Matt P. Sicking

Statewide races that will appear on the ballot are:  
 Attorney General: **Ken Paxton; George P. Bush**  
 Land Commissioner: **Tim Westley; Dawn Buckingham**  
 Railroad Commissioner: **Wayne Christian; Sarah Stogner**

Questions regarding ballots by mail should be directed to  
 County Clerk Pam Harrison,  
 940-668-5420,  
[www.co.cooke.tx.us/page/cooke.Elections](http://www.co.cooke.tx.us/page/cooke.Elections)

### ***Precinct Chair races on May 24<sup>th</sup> Runoff Ballot***

In two of the newly-drawn Cooke County voting precincts, more than one candidate filed to be Precinct Chair.

**Races will be on the ballot if you live in Precinct 6 or Precinct 11:**

(Candidates listed in ballot order)

Precinct 6: **Nenia L. Kahl**  
**Ken Arterbury**

Precinct 11: **Steve Gaylord**  
**Nancy A. Willingham**  
**Richard L. Womack**

The primary roles of the precinct chair are to serve on the Republican Party County Executive Committee in the conduct of Party business and to work to maximize Republican voter turnout in their precinct.

Cooke County Republican Women information is always available at [www.cookegop.com/ccrw](http://www.cookegop.com/ccrw)

**Upcoming meetings, listing of officers, current newsletter, previous newsletters,  
 membership form and club bylaws.**

# Getting to know CCRW

Note: In the April issue we featured President Margaret Carter, VP Membership Pam Dill, Americanism Chair Cathy Hallmark and PR Chair Peggy DeLancy. Here are a couple more of your Executive Committee members.

## *Christi Klement* – Vice President Fundraising



I was born in Muenster, attended Sacred Heart School and married my High School sweetheart, Leon Klement, our Commissioner of Pct 4 and candidate for Cooke County Judge. We have been married 47 years, are proud parents of 3 children and have 8 beautiful grandchildren, the light of our lives.

I grew up working in my parents' Mom 'N Pop fine jewelry store on Main Street in Muenster. This spurred me on later to open and operate my own fine jewelry store on Main for a successful 17 years. I sing and play guitar with a SH church group providing music for many funerals, weddings and Masses over the years. I love to cook, spend time with our family, especially the grandkids, and I keep books for our family farm/cattle business.

As VP Fundraising, I am your Ways and Means Chair and have held various offices over the past 13 years. Being the decorating chair for fundraisers was always fun. It was an honor to receive the TFRW Tribute to Women Award in 2012.

If you want to make a big impact, I invite you to join us to help keep our Republican Conservative Values and Freedoms alive!



## *Kerri Kingsbery* – Immediate Past President



Kerri worked in the Community Association Management Industry for over 20 years. In 2008 she founded Vision Communities Management, Inc., which grew to become one of the largest HOA management companies in Texas. Vision Communities Management is now managed by her son and daughter.

Kerri and her husband Bob moved to Frisco, Texas in 2002, and moved to Cooke County in 2017, when Kerri joined CCRW. Kerri served as President of CCRW from for two years, from January 2020 to December 2021. In 2021, she served on the TFRW Board as Partnerships Chair, and this year was appointed TFRW Region III Deputy President.

Kerri and Bob are the proud parents of two children and five grandchildren.



## From your Cooke GOP. . . Conventions and Fundraising

--County Chair Chris McNamara, [chair@cookegop.com](mailto:chair@cookegop.com), or call  
HQ 940-665-8683, leave a message and I'll return your call.

Thank you to all who attended our County Convention on March 26. We had 51 delegates representing their precincts. We elected 24 delegates and 3 alternates to represent Cooke County at the Republican Party of Texas Convention in Houston, June 16-18. We also passed numerous resolutions that have been submitted to RPT for consideration in the platform.

We also had a very successful **Bring Your Own Gun** sporting clay shoot fundraiser on April 9. These generous sponsors played a huge role! Thank them when you see them!



### Field Sponsors

Nortex Communications  
Representative David Spiller  
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Clem & Pauline Lesch  
Chuck Bartush - Awards

### Lunch Sponsors

Gainesville Title Company \* Craven McGouirk Heating & Cooling  
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### Station Sponsors

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Bob Earley, Precinct 4 Chair \* David L. Eurich, DDS \* Tim Felderhoff/T&R Ranch  
Fischer's Meat Market \* Steve Gaylord, Attorney at Law \* Hennigan Auto Parts  
W. W. Howeth Company \* Leon Klement for County Judge  
Klement Ford of Muenster \* Steve Kitchen/KickinK Ranches \* Sharon & Clark McCormack  
Richards Monument Company \* Commissioner Jason Snuggs  
District Attorney John Warren

## Volunteer Engagement Project Update--Membership Promotion



Part of TFRW's Volunteer Engagement Project includes attracting more Republican Women to our club. TFRW has provided us with a spreadsheet of Cooke County women who vote in Republican primaries and who are not members, as well as postcards and postage to invite them to attend our May 5 Meeting and Candidate Forum.

Margaret Carter, Pam Dill, Peggy DeLancy, Cathy Hallmark, Dianne Helms and Susan Schaub have gotten a great start writing messages, with mailing labels and return address labels printed out by Pauline Lesch. All members are encouraged to get involved! Contact Margaret at 830-522-1775.

**VOTER REGISTRATION, ELECTION  
INFORMATION, GET OUT THE VOTE,  
CCRW PROMOTION -  
All at ART IN THE PARK,  
Saturday, April 30,  
at the Muenster Park Pavilion**

CCRW will be in Muenster at "Art in the Park" on Saturday, April 30. The event is sponsored by North Texas Visual Arts. We were invited by NTVA President Peggy DeLancy, CCRW's PR Chair. The cost of the booth is being covered by the Cooke County Republican Party.

- Set up starts at 7 a.m.
- Event opens at 8 a.m.
- Closing is at 4 p.m.

NTVA will have coffee, water and sodas available for a donation.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) Sign up for an hour or two at the CCRW booth! You'll get to visit with folks and also see the artists and other vendors. Call or text me.
- 2) If you know of another community event where we can promote conservative values and introduce people to our Club, let me know!

--Pauline Lesch, VP-Campaign Activities  
[plesch@ntin.net](mailto:plesch@ntin.net), call or text 214-212-9417





*Elect*  
**John O. Roane**  
FOR COOKE COUNTY JUDGE

“  
*I will do all I can to provide better services for our citizens.*”

**PREVIOUSLY SERVED**

As Justice of the Peace 1997-2009 and Cooke County Judge 2009-2015 (Left Office to Care for His Ailing Wife, Gail)

**FOURTH-GENERATION**

Cooke County Resident

**SPENT 20 YEARS**

In The US Air Force (Served as an RF-4 Phantom Pilot)

**BELIEVES**

The Office of County Judge Should Serve "All The People."

**UNIQUELY QUALIFIED**

On "Day One" For The Job.

**GOALS**

Greater Internal Communication and Cost-Effective Management of the County

*Voting*

**EARLY VOTING: FEB 14TH - 25TH    ELECTION DAY: MARCH 1ST**



[johnroaneforjudge.com](http://johnroaneforjudge.com)



940-736-3526



/ johnroaneforjudge

Pol. adv. pd. for by John Roane Campaign, Tim Stobaugh, Treasurer. 515 E Spring Creek Rd, Gainesville, TX 76240



JUDGE JOHN H. MORRIS

*With Thanks...*

To all Cooke County citizens who supported my campaign, donated of their time and resources, and sent encouraging words and messages, I thank you. This campaign has been like no other in my career, yet I'm happy to say, it was run almost exactly the same: with dignity, honesty, and respect. These characteristics are seldom found in campaigns of today. Regardless, you voted in my favor, and I will continue to humbly serve Cooke County from the county court at law bench.

Along with my wife Galene, we are grateful,  
*Judge John H. Morris*

Pol. Adv. by Judge John Morris Campaign, Charles Draper Treasurer, 2022 Maplewood, Gainesville, TX

"I would be honored to serve you as  
Cooke County Judge." -Leon Klement

**Election Day MAY 24th**  
Early Voting  
Mon-Fri May 16-20 8 am - 6 pm @ Cooke County Annex

 **Vote LEON**

**KLEMENT**

 **for County Judge**  
**PROVEN CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP**

POL. AD PD. FOR BY KLEMENT FOR COUNTY JUDGE CAMPAIGN,  
2762 FM 2739, MUENSTER, TX 76252



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cooke County Republican Women Regular Meeting • April 7, 2022

*Location: First Christian Church, Gainesville*

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Meeting called at 7:05 p.m. by President Margaret Carter. Public Relations Chair Peggy DeLancy led the invocation and pledges. Guests, members, and new members welcomed. Elected officials and runoff candidates in attendance introduced themselves.

- **Report from Cooke County Republican Party Chair:** Chris McNamara reported on the recount of the County Court At Law race. John Morris remained the winner as count was unchanged. He also reported on the Bring Your Own Gun event, the county convention, and delegates to the upcoming state convention.
- **Minutes:** March meeting minutes were approved without objection.

**By-Laws:** By-Laws Committee Chair Dianne Helms reported on the minor changes required by TFRW, including a 7-day notice of any meeting change of time or location. If an electronic meeting is to be held, the Executive Committee has to approve. A vote to accept the changes will be held at the May meeting.

### **Americanism Chair Cathy Hallmark:**

- **Border Care Project** -- CCRW is joining with other clubs in Texas to provide specific care packages for personnel at the border, including Border Patrol, DPS, and sheriffs.
- **Medal of Honor Parade** – information on April 23<sup>rd</sup> parade and request for helpers to finish float on April 22

**Public Relations Chair Peggy DeLancy:** Art in the Park event April 30 with CCRW booth, by North Texas Visual Arts in Muenster. Peggy has fliers.

**Speaker:** Dianne Helms introduced Senate District 30 State Senator Drew Springer who spoke on the Sunset Committee and the electric grid.

**Final Words:** President Carter thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Shelby Cranfill \_\_\_\_\_

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_ as presented \_\_\_\_\_ as corrected

### **CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS!**

There is a complete listing of elected public officials--federal, state and local--in your Membership Directory and Yearbook. If you ever want an up-to-date edition, just email Pauline [plesch@ntin.net](mailto:plesch@ntin.net), or call/text 214-212-9417, and she will email the latest digital edition to you. In addition, local elected public officials are listed on the last or next to last page of each newsletter (see next page).

**Senator John Cornyn**, 517 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-2934, <https://cornyn.senate.gov>

**Senator Ted Cruz**, 404 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20210, 202-224-5922, <https://cruz.senate.gov>

**Congressman Ronny Jackson**, 118 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, 202-225-3706

<https://jackson.house.gov/contact/>

**Governor Greg Abbott**, P. O. Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711, 512-463-2000 <https://gov.texas.gov/contact>

**Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick**, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711, 512-463-0001, <https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/contact>

**State Senator Drew Springer**, State Capitol, Room E1.712, P. O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2068

Senate District 30, 512-463-0130, [drew.springer@senate.state.tx.us](mailto:drew.springer@senate.state.tx.us)

**State Representative David Spiller**, House District 68, State Capitol Extension, Room EXT E2.602, P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910, 512-463-0526, [district68.spiller@house.texas.gov](mailto:district68.spiller@house.texas.gov)

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**Upcoming meetings, listing of officers, current newsletter, previous newsletters,  
membership form and club bylaws.**

## STANDING COMMITTEES/2022 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs) . . . . .	Jennifer Jonas	940-391-9991
Americanism . . . . .	Cathy Hallmark	661-477-2822
Bylaws . . . . .	Dianne Helms	940-368-0007
Campaign Activities (VP- Campaign Activities)	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417
Caring for America . . . . .	Nenia Kahl and Nancy Willingham	940-641-2922 and 940-231-0725
Chaplain	<b>Opportunity!</b>	<b>803-522-1775</b>
Historian . . . . .	Sharon McCormack	817-996-3265
Hospitality . . . . .	Darla Hollandsworth	940-902-3295
Legislative . . . . .	Elsa Young	214-535-8433
Literacy . . . . .	Janice Stalling	972-948-9033
Membership (VP-Membership) . . .	Pam Dill	469-381-0097
Newsletter (The "VOICE") . . . . .	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417
Parliamentarian . . . . .	<b>Opportunity!</b>	<b>803-522-1775</b>
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**What project and priority  
would YOU like to work on  
in 2022?**

Call me to talk about what  
interests you!

**Margaret Carter**  
**2022 President**  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### April

23 – Sat., 8am decorate float (see story on page 3)  
10am Medal of Honor Parade  
25 – Mon., first day of Early Voting for 5/7 Election

#### May

3 – Tues., last day of Early Voting for 5/7 Election  
5 – Thurs, 5:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
7pm General Membership Meeting AND  
**CANDIDATE FORUM** featuring Candidates  
on the **May 24 Primary Runoff Election Ballot**  
7 – Sat., 7am-7pm Joint General Election and  
Special Constitutional Amendment Election  
(Cities, ISDs, plus Two Constitutional  
Amendments)  
16-20 – Mon-Fri, Early Voting for 5/24 Runoff  
24 – Tues, 7am-7pm at your precinct polling location  
**PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

### SUMMER RECESS!

**NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS IN  
JUNE AND JULY. HAPPY SUMMER!**

#### June

16-18 RPT STATE CONVENTION-Houston

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[www.cookegop.com/ccrw](http://www.cookegop.com/ccrw).

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and would prefer to receive it in color via email,  
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## Cooke County Elected Officials

--effective 01-01-2021

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Commissioner Precinct 2 Jason M. Snuggs (R)  
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County Court at Law Judge John Morris (R) 668-5461  
County Attorney Ed Zielinski (R) 668-5459  
County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R) 668-5424  
County Clerk Pam Harrison (R) 668-5420  
Tax Assessor-Collector Brandy Ann Carr (R) 668-5425  
County Sheriff Ray Sappington (R) 665-3471  
*Justice of the Peace:*  
JP Precinct #1 John J. "Jody" Henry (R) 668-5463  
JP Precinct #2 Carroll Johnson (R) 668-5510  
*Constable:*  
JP Precinct #1 Mark Westbrook(R) 668-5523  
JP Precinct #2 Chuck Owen (R) 668-5523  
*235<sup>th</sup> Judicial District:*  
District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R) 668-5401  
District Attorney John Warren (R) 668-5466  
District Clerk Marci Gilbert (R) 668-5450

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*Excerpts from an*  
**ACTION ALERT**  
*from TFRW President Kit Whitehill*  
*TFRW VP Legislation Robbi Hull*

**Get this information out to family and friends and encourage them to  
VOTE FOR BOTH PROPOSITIONS on the MAY 7 BALLOT.**

**PROPOSITION 2**

is a "no-brainer, plain and simple," according to TFRW. It increases the homestead exemption by \$15,000 for public school purposes.

On the ballot it says: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."

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**PROPOSITION 1**

School districts are limited as to how much they can tax per \$100 valuation. HB 3 (2019) and Proposition 1 would allow the legislature to further reduce the statutory limit the school district can use for taxing purposes, thereby resulting in a reduction of taxes individuals pay to the school district.

HB 3 compressed school maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rates across the board EXCEPT for 65 and over (65+) or disabled because their tax rate already was lower than the new compressed rate for everyone else.

This amendment will provide for the same PERCENTAGE reduction for a 65+ or disabled individual's school district tax rate that everyone else received in 2019.

Some homeowners with the 65+ or disabled exemptions won't see the full benefits until additional legislative action is taken in 2023.

Also, if there is additional school M&O tax rate compression provided by HB 3 in the future, individuals with a 65+ or disabled exemption will receive the same percentage tax rate deduction automatically if this amendment passes.

On the ballot, it says: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

Read Sen. Bettancourt's entire explanation here: [Senator Bettencourt Expands Upon Governor Abbott Setting the May 7, 2022 Election For the Two Property Tax Relief Constitutional Ballot Measures, SJR 2 – 87th Legislature, 2nd Special & SJR 2 – 87th Legislature, 3rd Special – Paul Bettencourt For Senate District 7](#)

TFRW summary: "The bottom line from the people who ... put this amendment on the ballot is that individuals with a 65+ or disabled exemption on their home will receive a reduction on school district property taxes if the proposition passes. **Moreover, if voters pass Propositions 1 and 2, no school district will lose funding as any lost local revenue will be replaced by the state.**"