

Republican Women of Gregg County

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Region 5, District 1

Dear RWGC Members -

As we move confidently into February, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to Republican Women of Gregg County. Our organization remains strong because of the dedication, experience and leadership within our membership and the energy that is brought to every meeting and initiative.

I am pleased to remind you that our February 18th meeting will feature State Representative Jay Dean, who is currently serving our district and is an incumbent candidate in the upcoming State Representative race. We look forward to hearing his perspective on legislative priorities facing Texas and the important work ahead.

I also want to highlight a recent letter from our President of the National Federation of Republican Women, Martha Jenkins, in which she powerfully affirms that our Federation is recognized as the Foundation of the Republican Party. That statement speaks volumes about the influence, responsibility and impact of Republican women - locally, statewide, and nationally.

The months ahead are critical. Winning the midterms and maintaining Republican leadership in both the House and the Senate will require engagement, unity, and action. Our success depends upon strong participation - from attending meetings and community events to serving on committees and supporting our collective efforts. Every role matters, and every member makes a difference.

Let us move forward with optimism, purpose, and shared resolve. Together, we will lead with integrity, strengthen our presence in the community, and ensure Republican values remain strong in Gregg County and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you on February 18th and to the meaningful work we will accomplish together.



With Warm Regards - Linda Bobo
President, Republican Women of Gregg County



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
TRICIA OXTON – 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

We are delighted to **WELCOME 26 NEW MEMBERS** to RWGC!

They are **Kelly Anderson, Charlotte Blaylock, LaNae Bond, Joanna Bounds, Davy Bridges, Beth Chrimer, Judy Emmons, Shawn Fields, Phyllis Gilmore, Trudy Godsey, Rachel Hale, Jennifer Harrison, Kim Hawes, Diane Henderson, Cyndy Huggins, Calva James, Alice Johnson, Janie Kelley, Virginia Lester, Donna Mitchell, Sandy Odom, Shar Parr, Becca Sheehan, Cherry Sikes, Sharon Staehs and Brenda Yoder!** Please go out of your way to welcome them and get to know them as we move forward together in 2026!

It was so exciting to have **36** members at the January Membership meeting including **11** of our new members. We also had **24** guests who attended the meeting! These were our guests who signed the guest register: **Rob Woods, Cyndy Huggins, Vickie Vetrano, Sherrie Arnold, Fuzzy Harmon, Bettye Lemon, Kerry Hudson, Mary & Eddie Napps, Chris Williams, Dorothy Jordan, Becky McDowell, Betty Barnett, Sheila Youngberg, Kymberli Stanley, Dorrie Richey, Erich Bui, Brad Clark, Setella Parks, Jordan Green, John Bisese, Kori Peterson, Merel Pontier and Sarah Perimon.**



Pamela Bell 2-1 Debra Shipp 2-21 Tricia Oxtan 2-22 Nancy Holly 2-26

PLEASE NOTE: TFRW deadline for membership renewals is 2-28-26! Turn in all applications and due to Tricia Oxtan by 2-26-26 so she has time to prepare the membership to send to TFRW. A membership application can be found at the end of this newsletter. Fill in all blanks on your application, including the questions highlighted in yellow. Please email Tricia Oxtan at triciaoxton@yahoo.com with any membership questions. She will be happy to help!

“In whatever you do, don’t let selfishness or pride be your guide.

Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves.” - Philippians 2:3

Political Campaign Activities

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES - REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES NEED YOUR VOTE!!

greggcountyvotes.com

Feb 2 Last day to Register to Vote

Feb 17 First day of Early Voting in person

THERE ARE 8 EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN GREGG COUNTY:

MAIN LOCATION: GREGG CO. ELECTION OFFICE, 100 E. Methvin St., Longview, TX 75601 (THIS IS THE NEW PARKING GARAGE)

Hours for the Main Location are:

WEEK 1: Tuesday, February 17-Friday, February 20 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
and Saturday, February 21, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WEEK 2: Sunday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, February 23-Friday February 27, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BRANCH LOCATIONS:

Judson Community Center, 1129 FM 1844, Longview, 75605

Pine Tree Community Center, 1701 Pine Tree Rd, Longview, 75604

Community Connections (Pending), 501 Pine Tree Rd, Longview 75604

White Oak Community Center, 1103 W. White Oak Rd, White Oak 75693

Meadowbrook Golf & Event Center, 1306 Houston St, Kilgore 75662

Broughton Recreation Center, 801 S. MLK Jr. Blvd, Longview 75602

Elderville Community Center, 10450 Hwy 349, Longview 75603

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Feb 20 Last day to apply for a Ballot by Mail (RECEIVED, not postmarked)

Feb 27 Last Day of Early Voting in person

March 3 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito has served on the Court for 20 years. He is the author of the Court's Dobbs decision which overturned Roe v. Wade. *"For almost all of us, there will be troubling times, times of temptation,"* Justice Alito warned in 2024. *"When they come, if we have fixed and clear principles,*

principles that are written in bold letters in our hearts, we may be able to find our way through, but if we don't, we could easily go astray."

YOUR PRIMARY VOTE IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN, NOT ONLY FOR CANDIDATES, BUT FOR BALLOT PROPOSITIONS. PLEASE STUDY THESE ISSUES AND BE READY TO CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY!

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
★ REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT ★
= MARCH 3, 2026 ELECTION =

Proposition 1
Texas property taxes should be assessed at the purchase price and phased out entirely over the next six years through spending reductions.

Proposition 2
Texas should require any local government budget that raises property taxes to be approved by voters at a November general election.

Proposition 3
Texas should prohibit denial of healthcare or any medical service based solely on the patient's vaccination status.

Proposition 4
Texas should require its public schools to teach that life begins at fertilization.

Proposition 5
Texas should ban gender, sexuality, and reproductive clinics and services in K-12 schools.

Proposition 6
Texas should enact term limits on all elected officials.

Proposition 7
Texas should ban the large-scale export or sale of our groundwater and surface water to any single private or public entity.

Proposition 8
The Texas Legislature should reduce the burden of illegal immigration on taxpayers by ending public services for illegal aliens.

Proposition 9
The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature should stop awarding leadership positions, including committee and subcommittee chairmanships and vice chairmanships, to Democrats.

Proposition 10
Texas should prohibit Sharia Law.

CollinCountyGOP.org
Byron Henry, Chairman

COLLIN COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY

Thank you to Collin County GOP for the cool graphic!

Samuel Adams



Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote...that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.

AZ QUOTES

RWGC members are invited to participate in the upcoming Americans for Prosperity discussion on Thursday, February 19th at 9:00 a.m. at The Butcher Shop.



HOT COFFEE & HOT TOPICS

Please Join Americans For Prosperity - East Texas

“Identifying Needs vs Wants”

Our monthly coffee and comments brings forth discussions that result in REAL change in our communities!

~ Bring A Friend ~

Thursday, Feb 19, 2026
9am - 10:30am

The Butcher Shop
Longview, Tx

TO RSVP, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Kay Burton. 903-799-9225
kburton@afphq.org



Members In the Spotlight



RWGC founding member Marty Rhymes serves as vice chair of the Republican Party of Gregg County, organizer of The Republican Club, and as Precinct 12 Chair, among many other endeavors to promote the principles and candidates of the Republican Party.

Marty with Nathaniel Moran, U.S. Representative for the 1st District of Texas

RWGC members are women of purpose and action! We appreciate the following Precinct Chairs who have stepped up to do the important work of ensuring our local elections are carried out in accordance with election laws:

Amy Bridges - Precinct 4, Marty Rhymes - Precinct 12, Nancy Holly - Precinct 1, new member Sandra Odom - Precinct 14, Jennifer Kranzman - Precinct 18, and Gwen Wuori - Precinct 20.

According to William McWhorter, Chair of the Republican Party in Gregg County, Republican Precinct Chairs are needed in the following precincts: 1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 15, and 17. If you live in one of these precincts, please talk with one of the RWGC precinct chairs listed above, or contact William or Marty at info@greggcountygop.com to learn how you can become involved in this crucial part of our electoral process.

Americanism
Gail Apple - Chairman

How well do you know the Constitution? Do you *really* understand your rights?
Do you know when they have been infringed? Do you have a Biblical World View?
Do you know what is meant by a Bible World View?

Come out and see for yourself what is really in the Constitution!

BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP IN MODERN AMERICA



On the following Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. - Covered Dish
February 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27, June 10
LOCATION: GOP Office, 2802 Gilmer Rd, Longview, TX 75604

No cost for the class, workbook is \$10

This class is hosted by The Republican Women of Gregg County with Richard Apple & RWGC member Gail Apple hosting. Contact Gail at foundersdocuments@yahoo.com or (903) 235-4149 with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you at the event!

Register online at: <https://www.patriotacademy.com/coach/register/10451>

"Taking the Biblical Citizenship Class strongly validated beliefs that I have always held, specifically, proving how the Christian faith guided our founding fathers to frame our government based on the Bible." - Connie Gipson

"Too many Christians think they shouldn't get involved in politics, but the truth is, we need to be good stewards of the country God has entrusted to us. This class shows why and how we should be involved in politics." - Teresa Cook

These classes are dedicated to all that Charlie Kirk stood for and promoted.

Thank you, Charlie . . .

PRAYER REQUESTS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7

New members would feel welcome and included
Linda Lafferty's husband
Shirley Holloway in the loss of her brother-in-law
William McWhorter, Gregg Co. GOP Chair, comfort in the loss of his grandmother, and for stamina, rest, and wisdom for William and Olivia in caring for newborn, Hampton
Tricia Oxtan and son Tyler
Karen Cundiff oral surgery February 2nd
Club unity and smooth transition in leadership
Equip club leaders to carry out their duties
Cooperation and support for our new president, Linda Bobo
Members willing to engage in new areas to help achieve the club's objectives
Protection and energy through the primary process
Wisdom and courage for our Republican leaders at every level

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY

REMEMBER WHO WE ARE

MISSION: To increase the participation and effectiveness of informed, conservative women, while working for the Republican Party and their nominees at the local, state and national level.

VISION: To be an influential grassroots movement of women encompassing all generations and cultures in Gregg County, working to nurture the importance of faith, family, and freedom and build strong leaders of tomorrow.

VALUES: Unity, Trust, Respect, Kindness, Generosity, Integrity, Service, Excellence, Fun, Generosity.

MOTTO: Leading the next generation to value freedom.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN

The U.S. Constitution written from Judeo-Christian Principles

Pro-Life/Family Values

Protecting the 2nd Amendment

Strong National Defense

Smaller Government

Balanced Budget /Cutting Expenses

Domestic Oil/Gas/Coal Production

Decreasing Regulations

Supporting Business

Repealing Obamacare

Religious Freedom/Standing with Israel

FELLOWSHIP WITH LIKE-MINDED WOMEN

We are an active group of conservative Republican women dedicated to the cause of promoting the Republican Party. Our activism starts with engaging other Republican women in the Gregg County area. If you are looking for a Republican Club to join with like-minded people then you have come to the right place! We would love to have you join our club!

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT TRICIA OXTON at triciaoxton@yahoo.com

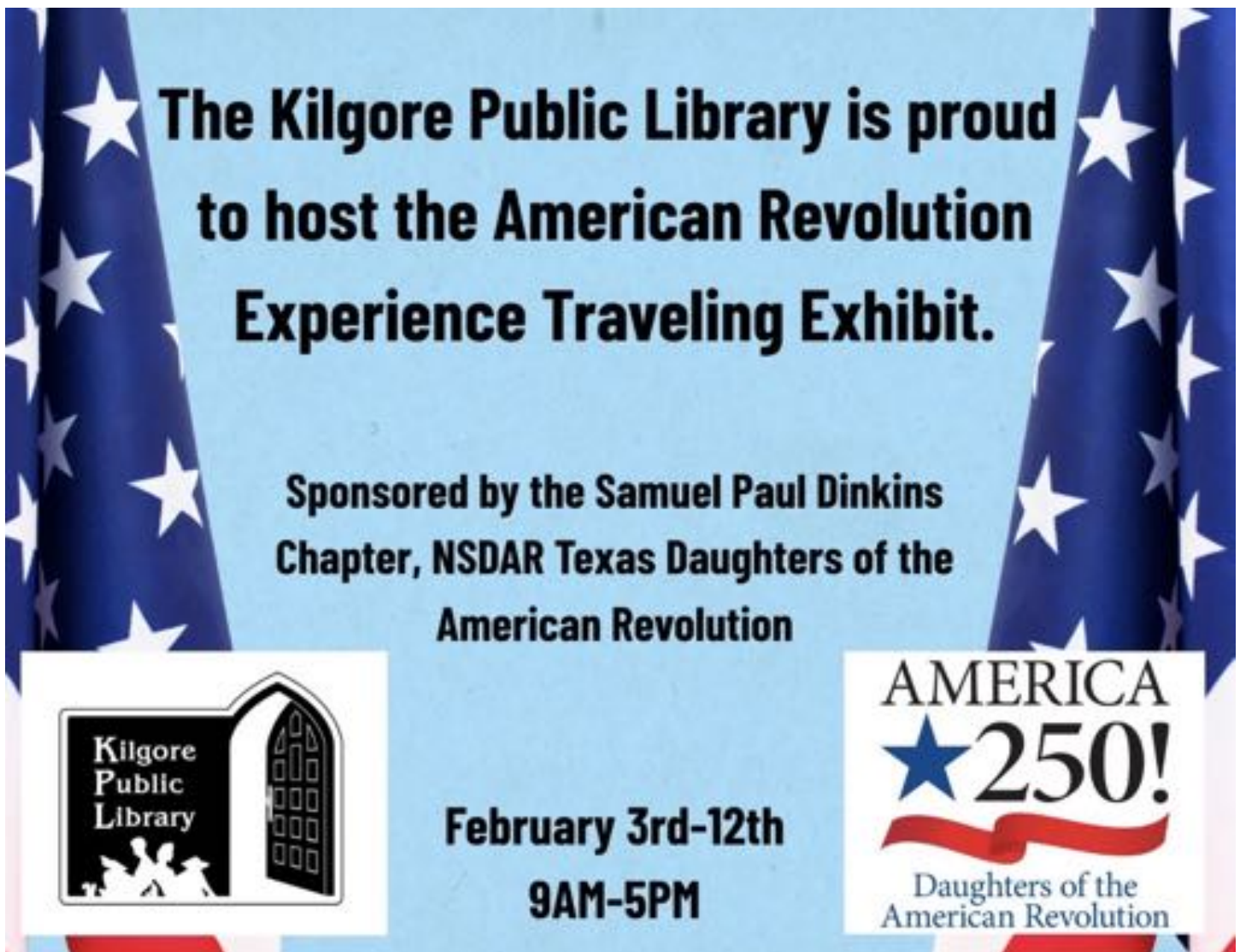
AMERICA 250

There are many ways to celebrate America's 250th birthday! We all are feeling a little extra patriotic this year as we honor the sacrifice of so many individuals who were willing to pledge their honor, their fortunes, and their lives in the pursuit of establishing a unique system of government based upon God-given rights and principles. Here are a few upcoming local events you may enjoy:

February 2 - March 27 - Gregg County Historical Museum Exhibition: "Where Freedom Rides: Juneteenth, Women & the Texas Rodeo Spirit"

February 3 - February 12 - **American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit, Kilgore Public Library, 301 N. Henderson Blvd., Kilgore, Texas**

February 7 - 10:00 - 2:00 - National Revolutionary War Exhibit & Super Saturday, Kilgore Public Library



The Kilgore Public Library is proud to host the American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit.

Sponsored by the Samuel Paul Dinkins Chapter, NSDAR Texas Daughters of the American Revolution

February 3rd-12th
9AM-5PM

AMERICA 250!
Daughters of the American Revolution

February 8 - From the comfort of your home, look for **USA250 patches on the uniforms of the Super Bowl players**

HAMPTON LEE MCWHORTER made his appearance January 7th, several days early! Congratulations to Gregg Co. GOP Chairman **William McWhorter** and his beautiful wife **Olivia** on becoming parents of this precious boy! Here's Hampton, modeling two of the shirts RWGC members gifted him, with his GOP elephant looking on. God bless you, little Hampton!



Dear Republican Women of Gregg Co. Patriots,
Olivia and I are incredibly thankful for the amazing gifts for our son Hampton. We are beyond excited to announce that he has joined us! We cannot wait for him to wear the Conservative Republican onesie clothes, play with the stuffed Republican Elephant, and play with the President Trump rubber duck. We are incredibly grateful for the blessing God has bestowed on us, and truly thankful for friends like you to celebrate this special moment. We look forward to Hampton meeting y'all one day!
With warm wishes & gratitude,
William, Olivia, & Hampton

“For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are your works, and that my soul knows very well.” - Psalm 139:13

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG CO PRESENT:

Diane Henderson

EAST TEXAN & RWGC MEMBER

7 years in Iraq. Hear her stories and urgent plea for America to wake up to this dangerous takeover that is already underway.

Wednesday, March 18
Jalapeño Tree at Noon
Arrive at 11:30 to order



A photograph showing a person holding a white sign with the text "NO SHARIA IN AMERICA" written in black marker. The sign is held up in front of a crowd, and an American flag is visible in the background. The scene appears to be outdoors with trees and a clear sky.

Republican Women of Gregg County

Membership Application

2026 Membership Information

Date: _____

Please check one: \$40.00 Active Membership includes Voting Privileges

\$15.00 Associate Men (no Voting Privileges)

\$15.00 Associate Women with Active Membership in another Republican Women's Club

(Not eligible to vote in RWGC)

Name: _____ Birthday (xx-xx-xxxx) _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthday (xx-xx-xxxx) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

If retired, former Occupation _____ County Voting Precinct _____

Are you a member of another Republican Women's Club? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which club? _____

Active Member in that club _____ OR Associate Member in that club _____

Check if applies: **Allow:** RWGC use of my photo Sharing my contact info with members

OPT- IN: RWGC can post my name, email, and phone number on members only

section of the RWGC website.

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

Campaign Activities _____ Fund Raising _____ Literacy _____ Building Membership _____

Legislative _____ Caring for America _____ Telephone _____ Outreach _____ Publicity _____

Other Talents, skills or interests you have _____

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