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## Presidents Pen - Janet Brown

Happy Easter! Plan your day and life as we say hello to April, Spring flowers, and look ahead to Summer activities. CTRW has stellar programs ahead with our Annual Scholarship Luncheon, where we award two local students \$1000 each from our CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation. You will want to attend and listen to what these inspired students say.

Have you renewed your membership for 2023 with CTRW? Did you know this is a Convention year? Yes, both TFRW and NFRW will hold conventions. The NFRW Convention is from September 28-30, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK. If you plan to attend the TFRW Convention held October 12-14, 2023, in Irving, TX, as a Delegate, now is the time to join or renew your membership, as our strength in membership determines our delegate numbers. All delegates will have their Early Bird Registration funded.

Have you been tracking the action in the Texas 88th Legislative Session? Things are heating up as our Senators and Representatives consider how best to lead Texans while keeping Republican priorities in mind. Locally, we will have Bell County Municipal and School Board elections, with Early Voting commencing on April 24, 2023. Be sure you are a registered voter and informed on the best candidate.

In May, we have two stellar events to look forward to. The National Day of Prayer is on May 4, 2023, with a theme of "PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH." Please plan to join us on the Bell County Courthouse Steps at 10 a.m. as CTRW & SARW participate together in this special event (more details in May), along with assistance from the Bell County Sheriffs Honor Guard, special guests, and songstress Kathleen Brown. I hope you will attend as we pray for our cities, states, and nation.

**Stand proud, Republican, as we keep TEXAS RED!**

# APRIL 2023

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**SAVE THE DATE**

- 4/6/23 Executive Board Meeting
- 4/6/23 Pints and Politics 6:00 PM  
Dead Fish Grill Lake Belton
- 4/10/23 Bell County Republican Executive Committee Mtg - 6 pm  
Bell County Courthouse
- **4/17/23 CTRW Luncheon Meeting at The Gin Restaurant, Belton, TX**  
**11:00 AM Registration/Networking**  
**11:30 AM Meeting Called to Order**  
The cost is \$20

**RSVP Required by 4/14/23**

- 4/24/23 BellCountyTXYR 6:00 P.M.
- 4/27/23 SARW Luncheon Meeting,  
RSVP Required by 4/21/23.



**1st VP Programs/Linda Hagler**

Thank you to all that attended our March meeting. Nick Adams is quite the inspiration! He truly loves America and is doing everything possible to keep America a Constitutional REPUBLIC! WOW!

Our April luncheon will feature the Scholarship Endowment Award winners and their parents. Tom Maynard, State Board of Education Trustee District 10, will be our guest speaker. Tom has been actively engaged in education as a parent, teacher, school board trustee, and administrator for over 20 years. Tom will explain "Liberty: The Overarching Mission of Public Education."

**Please be sure to attend this exceptional luncheon presentation.**

**2nd VP Membership/Marilyn Beasley**

A total of 25 new members have joined our club for a total of 112 Primary members. In addition, 45 Associates have renewed or joined. Our total member count for 2023 is 154, making Central Texas Republican Women a TFRW Jumbo Club.

Please keep sending in your Renewal for membership or refer a friend today as we prepare our Membership Directory and prepare for TFRW Convention.

**Texas NEEDS YOU!**



**JOIN**  
★ ★ ★  
**RENEW**



Central Texas  
Republican Women



Central Texas Republican Women established a Scholarship Program in December, 1999, to honor the future women of Bell County. A Non-Profit organization known as the CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation was established to manage and to support this scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded in August, 2002.



Kitty Pope was the driving force behind much of the work for the scholarship—the idea was mainly hers. The Foundation named the scholarship in memory of Kathryn “Kitty” Pope, whose vision and effort were a catalyst for its establishment. Kitty was a long-time Temple resident. She and her husband, Hermon “Sonny” Pope, were enthusiastic and dedicated Republican volunteers.

The then \$500.00 scholarship has been awarded each year to a Bell County woman that has, or is completing high school within the county. The Amount has increased over the years and a \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded this year to a female recipient. A second Scholarship was later established in the name of Sonny Pope, Kitty’s husband and may be awarded to a male or female recipient. Process for applicants includes TWO Letters of Reference, copy of the official transcript, a copy of all areas of service to school and their community, and the hardest, a printed opinion/essay answering the question “What does it Mean to Be an American?”

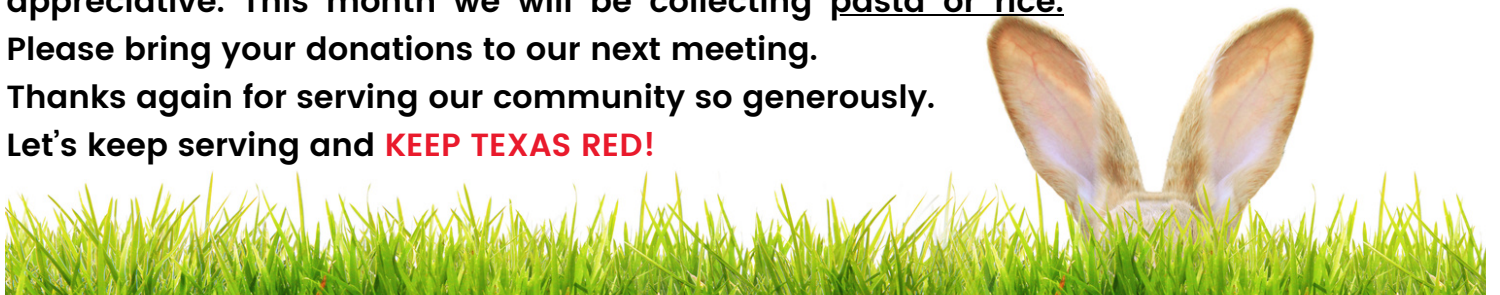
This year’s applicants are all qualified for scholarships. Unfortunately, we can only award two scholarships. We have a very special program scheduled for our upcoming April 17th luncheon. Please join us in Congratulating our winners.

### **Caring for America Chair/Kathy Ruiz**

Happy Spring, CTRW family! Thank you to everyone who donated boxed juice for the Killeen Food Care Center. We collected 57 pounds of juice, and the food care center was very appreciative. This month we will be collecting pasta or rice. Please bring your donations to our next meeting.

Thanks again for serving our community so generously.

Let’s keep serving and **KEEP TEXAS RED!**



## 2023 CTRW Officers

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★ ★ ★ WE NEED ★ ★ ★  
**YOU, YOU & YOU**

Share your gifts & talents.

Be involved and learn more about Central Texas RW by volunteering to help on one of our Teams like Fundraising, Hospitality, Membership, Armed Forces, Website, or Caring for America,

### Chaplain/Rebecca Tong

#### Hallelujah! Jesus has Risen!

After my 10-day trip to the Holy Land my mind and heart is full of praise. To have gone to the birthplace where Jesus was born, to be re-baptized in the Jordan River like Jesus, to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, to see the place where Pontius Pilate presided over the trial and ultimately ordered the crucifixion of Christ, to walk the route of Via Dolorosa, the "Way of Suffering", to see Skull Hill or as we know it Golgotha, the place where Jesus died, to actually walk into the Garden Tomb and then to see that the stone was rolled away and that our Lord and Savior was raised from the dead makes me stand still in awe. To have read these stories then to see the places makes my heart shout "He is Risen!"

This month let us remember to forgive as Jesus forgave, to remember why He gave His life for each one of us. No matter your political affiliation, we need Jesus, we need to give forgiveness and to be forgiven.

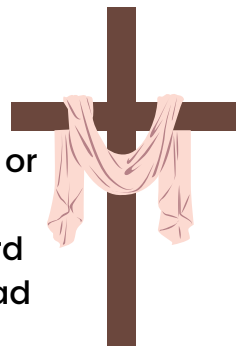
I, as a follower of Christ and a Chaplain make my self available to everyone reading this newsletter. If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, now is the time to do so. I am here to pray with you.

He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore!

He is risen, He is risen!

Come on and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Luke 24:1-12





**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 10 JUNE, 7:00-10:00 pm**

*I am getting so excited about our upcoming KARAOKE fundraiser.*

A vibrant yellow flyer for a Karaoke Party. The word "Karaoke" is written in a large, red, cursive font. Below it, it says "PARTY with D.J. Terrell Simmons". The event is on "SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7:00 P.M." at "MILILANA WOODS 1100 OLD NOLANVILLE RD. NOLANVILLE, TX". The flyer lists three ticket options: "\$25 PP includes: Lite Hors d'oeuvres Dessert Bar CASH WINE/CHAMPAGNE BAR", "\$10 EACH GOLDEN CUPCAKE 2 fabulous prizes, only 48 cupcakes available", and a logo for "Central Texas Republican Women FUNDRAISER".

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**  
**June 10, 2023**

**We have 2 door prizes you can win.**

**If you purchase the winning "GOLDEN CUPCAKE."**

**We have a great DJ (Terrell Simmons) with over 7000 songs.**

**Our beautiful event center is Mililana Woods in Nolanville.**

Our menu is set with lots of delicious food.

Even if you don't sing, watch and listen to others, and cheer them on.

Plan to attend to have fun and fellowship and help raise funds for our club.

**Karaoke Tickets are on sale at \$25 per person.**

*(Eventbrite or from a CTRW Member)*

**(Limited) Golden Cupcakes are on sale for \$10 each**

**I look forward to seeing you there.**

A black flyer with gold stars and a cupcake icon. The text reads "Golden Cupcakes" and "\$10 each - 2 prizes". It lists two prizes: "Stonetree Golf Club 2 Rounds of Golf w/cart - 1 person" and "Johnny & Kim Frederick (H&F Pawn) Ladies Fancy Diamond Ring - \$400 value". The logo for "Central Texas Republican Women" is in the top right corner. A disclaimer at the bottom reads: "DISCLAIMER: Political ad paid for by CTRW (PAC) which is a nonprofit organization under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to CTRW (PAC) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Corporate contributions are not permitted. Not authorized by any candidate."

## Upcoming May Events

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 4, 2023 - 10:00 am

Northside Steps

Bell County Courthouse

featuring

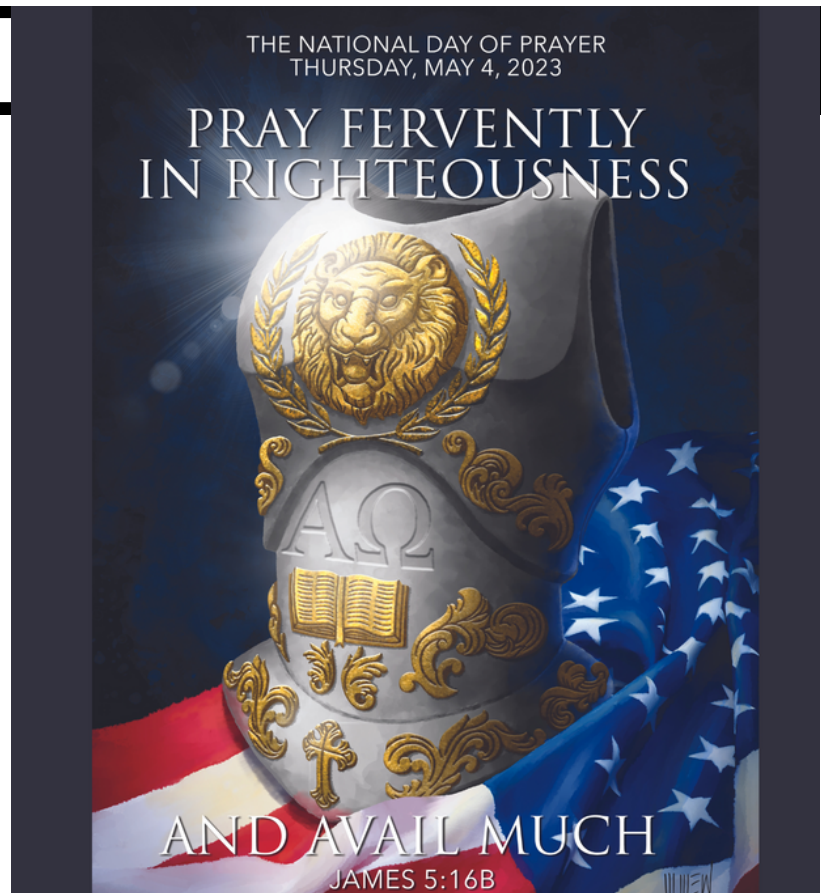
Bell County Sheriff Honor Guard

Governor of Texas Proclamation

Prayer

Vocalist: Kathleen Brown

Central Texas RW & Salado Area RW



## Be Your Own Queen at A "FUN"draiser MOVIE NIGHT

\$15 includes a movie, fountain drink & popcorn.

DATE Night!

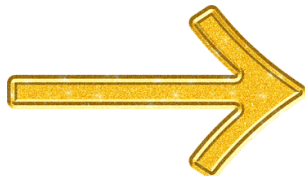
Girls Night Out!

"The Young Victoria"

A "FUN"draiser Night Out  
When: Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
Where: The Beltonian Theatre  
219 E. Central Ave, Belton, TX

Time: Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Movie starts at 6:30 pm  
Price: \$15 per person  
(includes a movie, Fountain  
Drink & Popcorn)

A movie night poster for 'The Young Victoria'. The top part features the text 'BE YOUR OWN QUEEN' and 'Movie Night A "Fun"draiser Night Out'. Below that, it says 'When: Tuesday, May 23, 2023', 'Where: Beltonian Theatre - 219 E. Central Ave, Belton, TX', and 'Time: Doors Open - 6:00 pm &amp; Movie starts - 6:30 p.m.'. The price is '\$15 Per Person (Eventbrite or at the door) Includes: Movie, Fountain Drink &amp; Popcorn'. There are also phrases 'Have a Girls Night Out' and 'Have a date night'. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'Additional items for purchase at Concessions to include wine, mixed beverages, snacks, candy, and Margaritas'. A small logo for CTRW (PAC) is also present.



Additional items for purchase at Concessions include wine, mixed beverages, snacks, candy, and Margaritas  
Purchase tickets on Eventbrite or at the door.



Americans have many traditions.

People who are not from America may not understand or may question many of these traditions, but those who choose to make America their home, come to understand and embrace what America is.

**Traditions we celebrate:**

- 1 Christmas
- 2 Thanksgiving
- 3 Independence Day

**Traditions we live by**

- 1 Morality
- 2 Honesty
- 3 Truth
- 4 Faith

**Remembrance and Historical information**

4/2 World Autism Awareness Day

4/3/1865 U.S Supreme court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans can not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries.

4/11/1970 The famous line “Houston” we have a problem was spoken from Apollo 13

4/15 Tax Day

4/30/1789 George Washington inaugurated as our first President.



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Volunteers (3-hour shifts) are needed to help at the Bell County GOP Headquarters weekly, Monday through Saturday. This is a great entry point to learn more about the workings of the Republican Party from the grassroots ground level, meet people, and discover how your valuable talents can help Bell County.

Volunteering involves greeting, answering phones, answering questions, and learning new skills. And volunteering is lots of fun as you support your local Republican Party.



The Texas Legislature has been busy this past month filing bills and holding hearings. They are considering nine bills aimed at strengthening the state's electricity grid. Among those is SB 6, which would direct the state to hire one company (or more) to build up to 10,000 megawatts of new gas-fueled power generation that can be activated during emergencies. SB 7 would allow power generators to bid a day ahead on providing a specific service separate from the everyday energy market. SB 2012 would provide parameters for a proposal to the Public Utility Commission to incentivize companies to build more dispatchable power or keep existing dispatchable power online. SB 1287 would require the PUC to cap how much Texans would pay for power producers to connect to the state's power grid and require the companies to pick up the remaining cost.

Also submitted were:

-**SB 15** would require participation in intercollegiate sports competitions based on the student's biological sex.

-**SB 12** would prohibit sexually explicit performances like drag shows from being performed in the presence of a child.

-**SB 1927** would allow the Texas Supreme Court to appoint a state prosecuting attorney. It would give the prosecuting attorney jurisdiction to prosecute election crimes, abortion crimes, bribery and corruption, and other crimes that might be politicized.

-**SB 16** would prohibit a faculty member of an institution of higher education from compelling or attempting to compel "a student enrolled at the institution to adopt a belief that any race, sex or ethnicity, or social or religious belief is inherently superior to any other race, sex, ethnicity or belief."

-**HB 900** Relating to Sexually Explicit Library Materials – would require book vendors to adopt and rate books that include "sexually explicit material" and "sexually relevant material", and prohibit book vendors from selling "a book containing sexually explicit material to a school district or open-enrollment charter school."

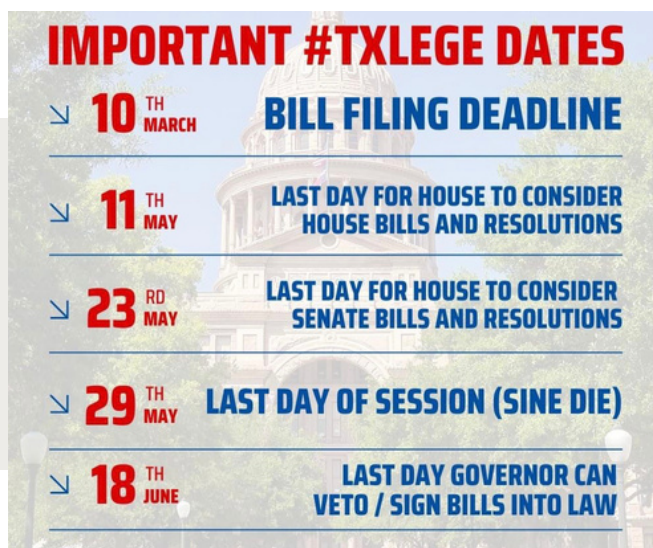
-**HB 1635** would prohibit a party official (for example, a County Chair) from denying a candidate a place on the Ballot who has otherwise complied with the requirements set forth in the Texas Election Code.

To follow Texas Bills, Support, and watch Hearings.

Go to Texas Legislature Online (TLO)

at: [www.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.capitol.texas.gov)

Be sure to set up a personal account in order to testify on a Bill.



**IMPORTANT #TXLEGE DATES**

- 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH BILL FILING DEADLINE
- 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY LAST DAY FOR HOUSE TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
- 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY LAST DAY FOR HOUSE TO CONSIDER SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
- 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY LAST DAY OF SESSION (SINE DIE)
- 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE LAST DAY GOVERNOR CAN VETO / SIGN BILLS INTO LAW

*The adventure has started!*

The GOP Truck made a stop at the March CTRW Meeting! The GOP Truck showcased the Top CTRW Political Activity Hours for the 4th Quarter of 2022 and the whole of 2022!

The most Volunteer Hours for the 4th Quarter 2022 was Dawn Mischtian at 255 Hours!

The most Campaign Calls for the 4th Quarter of 2022 were Janis Bartz at 3,245 Calls!

Total Reported Hours to TFRW for 2022 was 41,394

Total Reported Calls to TFRW for 2022 was 7,690

Thank You, Everyone, for a Fantastic Year!!!

Thank You Dawn Mischtian and Janis Bartz!



“Volunteer.

Start where you are.

Use what you have. Do what you can!”

-Arthur Ashe

It’s almost a wrap for the First Quarter, Ladies!

You have been working hard on different projects and making phone calls, so please send me your Political Activity Hours! We want to see who is taking the next ride in the GOP Truck again, so get me those hours by April 9th!

Just a reminder - Don’t forget to count the hours you put into travel, too! Let me know if you have any questions regarding what counts towards Political Activity Hours.

Email me your Political Activities  
christywb@yahoo.com  
or call me at (706) 905-0876





## IMPORTANT TFRW DATES

### Mark Your Calendars

- April 14-15      2nd Qtr Board Meeting - Sheraton Georgetown
- July 14-15      3rd Qtr Board Meeting - Courtyard, Pflugerville
- September 28-30    2023 NFRW Convention - Oklahoma City, OK
- October 12-14      2023 TFRW Convention - Irving, TX

## WEB RESOURCES

http://



NFRW: [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

TFRW: [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

Bell County Texas GOP: [www.belltxgop.org](http://www.belltxgop.org)

CTRW: [www.ctrw-pac.com](http://www.ctrw-pac.com)

CTRW Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ctrwpac](http://www.facebook.com/ctrwpac)

## Our April Birthdays!

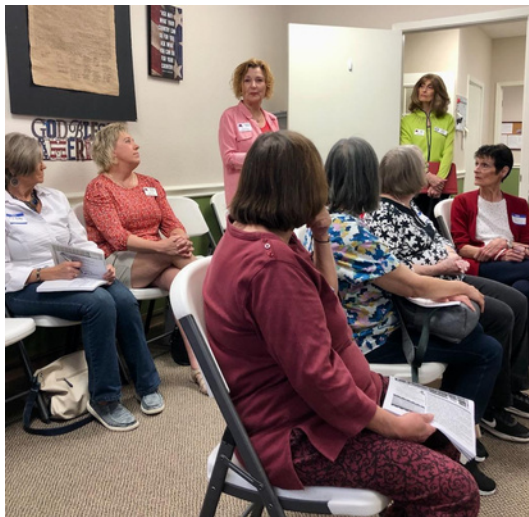
- Marilyn Beasley
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- Ann Blackburn
- Jamie Hensley
- Aimee Bivens
- Paula Rickey
- Marlean Druce
- Jacqueline Cathers
- Marilyn Allison
- Jean Gozney
- Ashley Bennett
- Theresa Osuch





# CTRW Member Club Activities

*New Member Orientation  
March 25th, Bell Co Republican HQ*



*Welcome to all our new members!  
Great sharing of information and getting to know each other*





*Celebrating Spring & American  
Exceptionalism with  
Nick Adams  
March Luncheon*



*Happy to have  
Gail Teegarden  
TFRW,  
Senate District 24 Director  
& Gay Lock,  
Coryelle County RW President  
visit us*





# Central Texas RW Meeting at March Bell County



CTRW Members in attendance having fun and making new friends while sharing politics.



Visiting with Bell County GOP Chair Mack Latimer

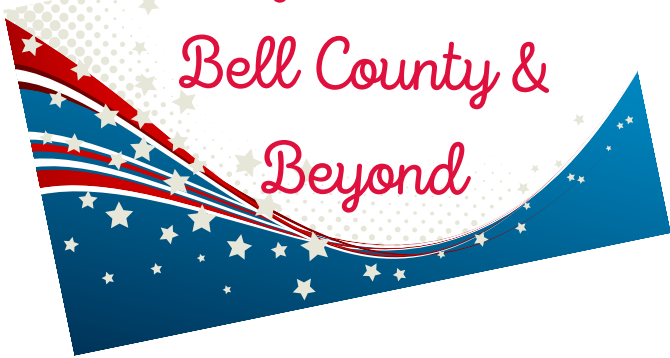






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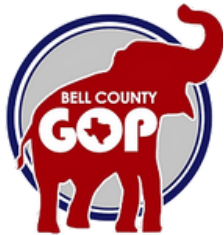
See you around  
Bell County &  
Beyond



April 6, 2023

6:00 pm

Deadfish Grill  
overlooking beautiful  
Belton Lake



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## BELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Executive Committee Meeting Bell County  
Republican Party

Monday, April 10, 2023  
Commissioner's Courtroom  
Historic Belton Courthouse  
101 East Central Avenue  
Belton, TX 76513

Registration: 5:00 - 6:00 PM  
Meeting: 6:00 PM  
All Patriots invited to attend



## Bell County Young Republicans

Social Meeting  
April 24, 2023, 6 p.m.

Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue Come  
and join us for a great conversation  
and delicious food! Join us in talking  
politics and learn how to get more  
involved in how your government is run!  
We hope to see you there!



## SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

SARW Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2023  
Upstairs, Salado Civic Center 6:30 PM

RSVP no later than April 17, 2023, to:  
sherril.gardipee@gmail.com  
Topic: Water Rights, Brazos River Authority

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