

FIRING UP FOR 2024!

UPCOMING

EVENTS

HCRW Meeting

October 10

6:00 @ Welcome Center
*Immediately following,
meet us at Hays City Store*

Dinner, Drinks & Discussion

Thursday, Oct 19
4:40-7:30

RR12 The Supper Club
of Wimberley

HCRW Meeting

Election of Officers

November 14

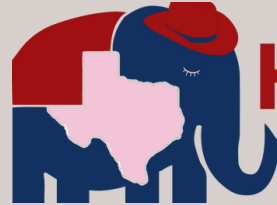
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Wreaths, Wine, and W-recap

Installation of Officers

Vintage Oaks Farms

December 2
5:30-8:00



HAYS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

ONE STOP SHOPPING VOTING INFORMATION

**Early Voting October 23-November 3
Election Day- November 7**

**[Click here for more information on times
and polling location](#)**

**What's on the ballot?
[Find out more here.](#)**

**Are you registered to vote?
Tuesday, October 10 is the
last day to register.**

[Check your status here?](#)

Why Join HCRW? by Deanna Rademachir

As the Membership Chair, I have had the opportunity to meet women from all over the county at Republican events. They stop by our table and are interested in what we are doing in the community. When I ask if they would like to join HCRW, I often get different responses.

So far this year we have had over 20 events that we sponsored or set up booths to reach Hays County residents.

Recently at the GOP picnic I asked a woman from Wisconsin this question. She was hesitant and asked if we were an active club. The Republican Woman's club where she was a member in Wisconsin was not active in the community, which made her hesitant to join us. I let her know that we are very active in the community. So far this year, we have had 20 events that we sponsored or set up booths to reach residents in the Hays County community. All in a non-election year!

It is our goal to reach all 5 towns representing Hays County whether it's sponsoring the Back-to-School Backpack program, hosting multiple "See You at the Library" Story Hours, a float in the Wimberley 4th of July parade, or hosting the "Back the Blue" Luncheon.

We are active in our community! Most all these events were set up and managed by our board members, which are a team of 13 wonderful ladies who I am blessed to work alongside. We are all volunteers, and we must increase our volunteer base to help our county. I reached out to several guests who attended our Easter Egg Event in March to ask if they would be willing to join us. One woman asked, "Where specifically do you need help." She was a young mom working full time, involved in her kids' school, and could not commit to something else. I would say to younger moms in the community, we need your voice. You do not have to attend every event, every meeting, but we need and value your input. We do not want to be a group of only mature women. We encourage the younger stay-at-home and working moms to get involved. We are so grateful for our new board members Carly French and Olivia Alexander who are our Events Co-chairs. They joined us from the TXST College Republicans, and they bring such a fresh insight that reaches our 18 - 25-year-old voters.

Next year will be an election year. To return Hays County Red, we need more member participation. Every event email is an invitation for you to come and not only be a part of our community, but to be a world changer. If you listen to any grass roots news organization such as Real America's Voice, they all say the same thing, "Change in America starts in your county, in your community." If we want to help America get back to being a great country again, it will require all of us to sacrifice a little time and bring our God given talent to the table. Before I became the Membership Chair, I was a member like you and helped in any way I could. When my time as Membership Chair is done, I will gladly be a member again and will continue to help. So, as we begin a new membership year, please renew, or join, and think about how you would like to participate. Teamwork makes the Dream Work!

[Join HCRW HERE!](#)

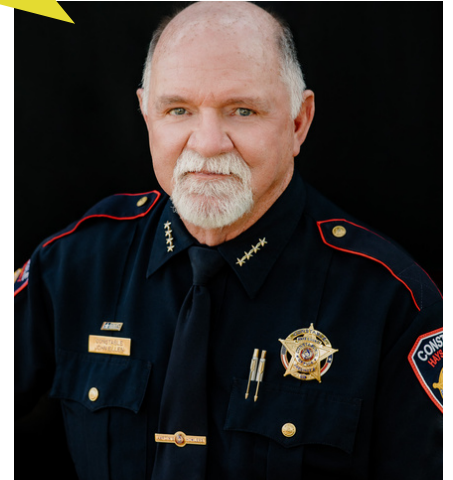
HAYS COUNTY CANDIDATE

John Ellen

Candidate for Hays County Pct 5 Constable

Come to Re-Elect
John Ellen
Fundraiser.
Get tickets
here.

My name is John Ellen, and for the past seven years, I've had the privilege of serving as your Constable in Precinct 5. My time in office has been dedicated to fostering a safe environment for you and your family. In support of this goal, I have initiated programs such as:



- **CHILD ID PROGRAM** This program helps to safeguard children by providing parents essential information in the form of ID cards containing vital information such as photos and electronic fingerprints, to aid law enforcement in emergency situations.
- **TRAFFIC SAFETY** This program prioritizes driver education, increases traffic patrols, and maintains stricter enforcement of traffic laws.
- **CROSSING SAFETY** In collaboration with Southern Pacific Railroad, this program focuses on decreasing accidents and fatalities at railroad crossings by providing driver education and increased enforcement of dangerous acts involving railroad crossings.
- **CLOSE PATROL** This program provides additional residential patrol time upon request, for persons who are away for an extended time or who have special circumstances warranting increased patrol activity.

I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me as your Constable. I pledge to continue my work refining existing initiatives and exploring new opportunities to improve the well-being of our community. I am committed to understanding and addressing the concerns of Hays County residents on a personal level. I believe in the power of learning from members of our community, and I will continue to listen to and address those concerns. With your help, we will continue to improve, innovate, and protect our community. But to do this, I NEED YOUR SUPPORT. The upcoming elections are much more than just a vote for your Constable. It is a mandate, a reaffirmation of our shared commitment to a stronger, safer community. Thank you for your consideration, your support, and your continued trust in me.

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Coming soon... reelectjohnellen.com



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

What is Commissioner's Court?

It is the Hays County governing body which oversees the functions and budget for county-related business. Click below for schedule of Commissioner's Court dates, agenda, live video feed and minutes. Stay informed.

Commissioner's Court Link

Hays County GOP Executive Committee Resolution to condemn the Ken Paxton Impeachment which passed 16-14.



HAYS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE IMPEACHMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN PAXTON

28 August 2023

Whereas the Texas House of Representatives voted to impeach Ken Paxton and submitted a resolution recommending impeachment. The Hays County Republican Party find the process of seeking an impeachment non-transparent, void of precedence in impeachment procedure, failed to meet the standard of due process and due diligence and ignored precedence in past impeachment procedure.

Whereas outside the knowledge of the rank-and-file members of the Texas House, the General Investigations committee hired a group of partisan investigators and used second and third hand testimony gathered by this hired group, and

Whereas the committee nor any other member of the Texas had an opportunity to question a single 1st hand witness, and

Whereas there is no evidence any witnesses were under oath as required under Texas Government code 301.022, and

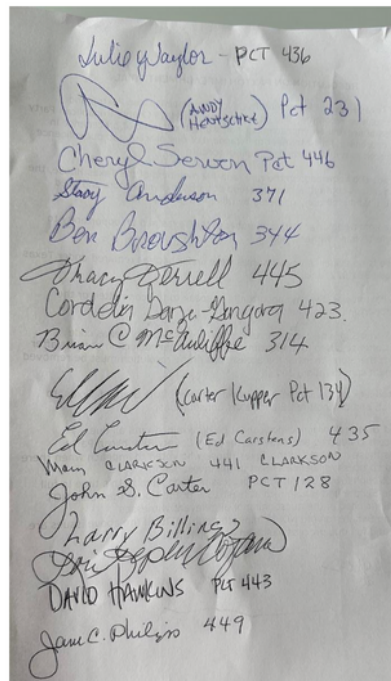
Whereas Ken Paxton was given no opportunity to speak to the committee or the House nor an opportunity to present evidence, and

Whereas the Texas Supreme court has ruled in Reeves vs State of Texas code 665.081 means offenses used for impeachment must be after reelection not just after original election; therefore, many of the accusations in the resolution must be removed from impeachment consideration, and

Whereas elected legislators are sworn to uphold the laws of the State of Texas, to preserve, protect, and defend the US and Texas Constitutions,

Be It Resolved that guilt or innocence cannot be determined until all due process/diligence is conducted and therefore the Hays County Republican Party •Condemns those members of the Texas House who voted to impeach when there was no due process /diligence as part of the investigation

- Calls for through lawful due diligence process be conducted at this time in full view of the Senate and House with at least 15% of the House members NOT voting YES included in the questioning of all relevant witnesses
- Calls for the Senate to vote NO on impeachment UNTIL all the above issues are corrected and full due process has been accomplished.



Signed by the following Pct. Chairs:	
Julie Taylor	- Pct 436
Andy Hentschke	- Pct 231
Cheryl Serven	- Pct 446
Stacy Anderson	- Pct 371
Ben Broughton	- Pct 344
Tracy Terrell	- Pct 445
Cordy Garza-Gongora	- Pct 423
Brian McAuliffe	- Pct 314
Carter Kupper	- Pct 134
Ed Carstens	- Pct 435
Mary Clarkson	- Pct 444
John S. Carter	- Pct 128
Larry Billings	- Pct 332
Lori Kepler Cofano	- Pct 320
David Hawkins	- Pct 443
Jane C. Philips	- Pct 449

Another Resolution was voted on at Hays County GOP Executive Committeeon to support Orange County's censure of Dade Phaelan. It did not pass by a vote 14 to 15.

Want to be a Hays County Republican Precinct Chair?

Be part of the process . Visit Hays County GOP webpage for more information.

Hayscountygop.org



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State Representative Carrie Isaac

“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”

88th Session Recap

November Ballot Propositions



DONNA CAMPBELL, MD
DISTRICT 25

For Immediate Release:
September 16, 2023

Contact: 512-463-0125

**Senator Donna Campbell, MD Statement
on the Impeachment Trial of Ken Paxton**

In May of 2023 we, the Senate, received articles of impeachment for Attorney Gen. Ken Paxton. The Senate is required to accept the articles. An impeachment is a political trial, not a criminal or civil trial.

Proverbs 18:17, says “The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward to question him.”

We value innocence until proven guilty, it is our right, but the house impeachment process moved like a criminal trial but with a presumption of guilt and suspicion.

The house impeachment process DID NOT follow precedence of previous impeachment trials (see Rep Smithee link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwzPWa5Xxm4>). We will never know if the impeachment would have stopped on the house floor if precedence was followed.

The “burden of proof” for the articles of impeachment rested squarely on the shoulders of the prosecution, and each article had to be proven IN COURT. The bar of evidence used by the prosecution relied on “Good Faith Beliefs,” which means, what the witness believes occurred.

Opportunities to confuse opinion, as fact, were seized upon. The prosecution left the door open to speculation and assumptions. There are questions that remain unanswered and only time will tell. The burden of proof rested on the prosecution. I believe the great prosecutors failed to prove any article beyond reasonable doubt and in addition, the articles did not rise to the level of removal from office.

In the 15th – 18th centuries, women were called witches on “good faith belief”, executed, then their bodies burned for all to see.

9/16/23 Attorney General Ken Paxton was acquitted by us the Senate, on all 16 articles taken up by the Senate. We also voted to dismiss 4 articles we did not take up.

This was a historical event and I’m glad the right of innocent until proven guilty prevailed.

God bless you all.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Asking Speaker Dade Phelan to Resign as Speaker or For the House to Vacate the Chair

POSTED 9.25.2023 - by James Wesolek

WHEREAS, Texas House Speaker Matthew McDade “Dade” Phelan voted for the impeachment of Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr. and through his leadership team pressured other House members to vote for the impeachment as well, and Speaker Phelan continues to defend this action despite the weaknesses of the case, which were demonstrated in the Senate trial that resulted in Attorney General Paxton’s acquittal; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Dade Phelan appointed nine Democrats to chair important legislative committees, in direct defiance of the wishes of Republican voters and the Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Dade Phelan ignored or actively undermined several GOP priorities during the regular session and failed to advance salient legislation to secure our borders and our elections; and

WHEREAS, new leadership is needed in the Texas House of Representatives for the upcoming special session, and potential subsequent special sessions, to ensure that conservative priorities are achieved and that members are no longer pressured to act and vote contrary to the Platform, Principles, and Priorities of the Party they represent and of its voters; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls on Speaker Dade Phelan to step down from his leadership role as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and to allow a new Speaker to be elected after a caucus vote held in accordance with the Republican Party of Texas Platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should Speaker Dade Phelan fail to step down from the Speaker chair for this upcoming special session, the Republican Representatives should vote to vacate the chair and allow for a new Speaker – one who has pledged to honor and support the Priorities and Principles of the Republican Party – to be elected.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

LT. GOV. DAN PATRICK: LETTER TO STATE AUDITOR

September 18, 2023

AUSTIN – Today, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick sent an official request to the state auditor to report all expenses from the Texas House of Representatives and Senate related to the impeachment trial of Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr. Here is the letter that Lt. Gov. Patrick sent:

Ms. Lisa R. Collier
State Auditor
Texas State Auditor's Office
Robert E. Johnson Building
1501 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Collier:

As Lt. Governor, I request that the State Auditor's office immediately begin a special audit, pursuant to Government Code Section 321.0135, to determine the total amount of financial expenditures, encumbrances and future unpaid obligations by the Texas House of Representatives, the Texas Senate, and all other legislative entities receiving appropriations through Article X of the State General Appropriations Act, and the Office of the Attorney General, for the time period beginning March 1, 2023 to conclude October 15, 2023.

To be clear, the goal is to determine the absolute total cost to the state of preparing for and conducting this trial from the beginning through its conclusion. This must detail all expenses, including but not limited to, investigators expenses, document production and assembly, attorney expenses, witness fees, travel, food and lodging. This list is illustrative, not exhaustive. Please determine and report on all expenses; if there are invoices outstanding, we seek to know what they are and when they will be received.

Upon completion of your work, I ask that in addition to those entitled to receive State Auditor Reports under Government Code 321.014, that you provide a report to each member of the legislature. I also ask that you prioritize this work so that this special audit may be completed and distributed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Dan Patrick

**[Click here to view
Dan Patrick's
closing statement.](#)**

HCRW NEWS

Brave Book Story Times

Hays County Republican Women along with Dripping Springs Republicans and Wimberley Area Republicans sponsored 5 Brave Book Story Times in Hays County.

Thank you to all who participated in this endeavor.

We will repeat!



SAVE THE DATE

*Join us for Wreaths,
Wine & W-Recap*

Saturday, December 2
Vintage Oaks Farm
400 Limestone Way
Driftwood
5:30 -8:00 pm

**MORE
INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

**Dinner, Drinks,
&
Discussion**

JOIN US!
RR12 THE SUPPER CLUB OF WIMBERLEY
13900 RR12

October 19 from 4:30 - 7:30
2024 Membership Drive
(First beer or wine is on us for renewing or joining.)
Drinks and food available for purchase.

For more information on Brave Books or to purchase Brave Books, [click here.](#)

HCRW NEWS

HAYS COUNTY elected officials for the Texas Senate & House of Representatives.

Keep an eye on legislation and contact your lawmakers to let them know why you may or may not support it and why it is good or bad for Hays County residents.

Your voice matters!

State Senator, District 21
- Judith Zaffarini (D)

State Senator, District 25
- Donna Campbell (R)

State Representative, District 45 -
Erin Zweiner (D)

State Representative, District 73 -
Carrie Isaac (R)

Interested in learning more about the legislative process in Texas?
CLICK HERE.

Want to see a list of filed bills during the 88th Legislative Session, and track their progress? CLICK HERE.

Border Patrol Supplies Needed

Please continue to bring items to the GOP Welcome Center or any HCRW sponsored event.

Our Border Patrol still need the following:

Hand Sanitizer

Hand Sanitizer Wipes

Microban Sanitizing Spray

AA/AAA batteries

Latex Gloves

Disposable Gloves

Insect Repellent

Band-Aids

First-Aid Kits

Liquid IV Hydration Powdered Sports Drinks

Gatorade Powdered Sports Drinks

6 inch Rolled Gauze

Monetary Donations

Gift Cards to HEB, Sam's, Costco or Amazon

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Clarkson.
512-589-4433 or email her at
mbc509@icloud.com.



What can you do? Join HCRW today!

EDITORIAL: SOCIAL MEDIA--LOVE IT OR HATE IT; IT IS HERE TO STAY BY PAMELA EAKIN

Entering into the 2024 Election Year, it is time we move the needle Red with Social Media. It is more important than ever for conservatives in Hays County to use the internet effectively, especially social media platforms. Working together we can and will get Republicans voted back into office in 2024, that is our goal. The Democrats provided us with a plethora of examples on how they use social media effectively, going back to how Obama won with Facebook in 2008 and Trump with Twitter in 2016. We must pay attention to the power of social media. This effective communication is inexpensive and effective, as most social media platforms are free. Money can be added for advertising when it is needed.

Hays County 2022 Election Data showed that we severely lost the 18-40 year old voters. With this said, “if you want to hunt ducks, go where the ducks are.” The demographic age group of 18-40 primarily get their news from social media platforms. Some rarely go to their mailbox but they use their phone. Social Media platforms engage more than 2 billion users. Utilizing the Social Media platforms are not a choice; we will not win in 2024 unless we are effectively using them. Steven Rowe from Leadership Institute states that in the past

Big War Chests were the predictor of who had the best chance to win an election. Now, it's not the War Chest but how effectively social media is used to get voters to the polls, persuade voters and communicate the GOP message. Winners in today's political climate must adapt quickly. Have we adapted to this change? Are we using our social media platforms correctly? What can we do better?

We must POST CONSISTENTLY. If our goal is to increase new followers on Twitter, it takes 12-15 tweets per day to build 1,000 new followers in 3 months. A good example is Travis County GOP, they have +5,500 followers. They started tweeting 3 times a day last year; morning, noon and late afternoon, where each tweet included 2 to 3 posts. What a success! They are gaining followers and keeping their followers engaged. This one example shows that we must move beyond posting only about events and holidays once a week. We need to continue posting this but add a little spice, interest, laughter and at times controversy to our posts.

We should target the big three: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. There are other places we might move into in the future, but for now these are getting the most traffic.

We must ENGAGE our voters on our platforms--Curiosity often will get the click. Take a look at the likes and comments on the platform. We want the banter; it means we have captured our follower's attention. Are our followers sharing the information? Actively encourage it. We must be prepared to accept negative comments; we just move on. Successful platforms will gain new followers. In addition to building a broad base, we watch the statistics. For example, check the open rate of e-mails. HCRW is proud of their 56% open rate on email communications (where the national average is around 27%). We need to work to keep that great open rate. Surveys are another way we can engage voters. Remember people like to talk, vent, and voice opinions—this is a positive thing. We want to hear their voices.

Web Sites and Posts must be EFFECTIVE. Our webpages should clearly state our message, goal as well as any benefits. This should be highlighted on the banner and the first page. It should be clear what our goal and benefits are for voting Republican. Look at the effectiveness of the competition we face in Hays County, the Democrat webpage. They have a slick use of web design plus they have a tab at the top that takes one immediately to the Spanish version. Look for areas of improvement. All published webpages should be kept up-to-date. An out-of-date web page does more harm than good, there must be trust in information obtained from a reliable site. First impressions mean everything. The webpage “look” is extremely important. A modern, current look will capture the 18-40 year old voters. Attend to the photos and make sure they represent our large voter base. Be careful about asking for money, don't make the ask the main focus. That's an immediate turnoff for users trying to get voting information. Determine when it is time to bring in webpage designers for a professional approach. Take a close look at the graphics your group is creating. Are they readable, current, eye-catching and youthful?

Ask for other's feedback before publication, extra eyes are a plus. Long, lengthy narratives are not usually read. One great thing to focus on is writing your headline and subject lines. This will increase your e-mail open rate and get attention on important information on the website. What will make a person click to open your email? Capture their attention and interest. There are tools available to help such as CANVA
coschedule.com
headlines.sharethrough.com
to build effective graphics or analyze your headline.

In my opinion, we have a lot to do in Hays County before the 2024 Elections. How do we get started improving our Social Media? First, get educated on what's available and how it's used. Leadership Institute has many online workshops that are free or inexpensive which offer a range of information from Instagram, Linked-In, Canva, Social Media Bootcamp to just name a few. Secondly, develop a plan and goal on how to accomplish social media outreach. Stick to it. Maybe it's time to invest money in a social media management APP, such as MavSocial or HootSuite and hire web designers. We must move forward on Social Media.

As Einstein said, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.” It is time to change and get a Red Hays County! We can do it!

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Take a close look at other web pages and social media sites. (Especially the Democrats.) Compare.

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***Did you know that
Texas State College Republicans
is the largest College Republican
Club in Texas?***



**A New Culture
Jim Demczak**

President of Texas State College Republicans

Every start to the semester since I have started college in the fall of 2021 has sparked some sort of covid frenzy. My freshman year semesters did socially distanced classes for the first few weeks and my sophomore semesters had vaccine trucks and people handing out masks on campus every day. Now I am a junior and we are starting to see a push for masking mandates again. Private institutions and colleges across the country have reinstated vaccines, mask, and social distancing mandates for their employees and students. New variants of Covid continuously spark fear in those who follow the media and political elites blindly, and the latest push for mandates only proves this idiocy.

With this push by the left to re-mask everyone, why hasn't there been a larger presence of masking at Texas State University? I believe there are two main reasons. First of all, it is illegal in the state of Texas, along with over thirty other states. Thanks to our Republicans leadership in Hays county and in the state of Texas, we remain free from most of the tierney from the left. However, the more important and primary reason I haven't seen a ridiculous and unjust push for the return of mandates on campus this fall is pretty simple. People do not care about covid in Texas anymore. Liberal students who would have previously believed masks and vaccine mandates were justified, do not even wear masks anymore despite the push from the elites they look up to. In Texas, despite the political divide many take part in, there is truly a bubble from the rest of the country.

It has been over three years since the start of covid and there are millions of Americans from other states that still have not recovered. They live in a "new normal." I have a lot of family that lives in Maryland and to them, bare shelves and a habit to still wear masks is just how they live now. On more occasions than not, they agree with me politically, but the culture where they are from is not like Texas. Texas stands up for what we believe in, and I am proud to be from this great state.

HCRW EXECUTIVE BOARD SPOTLIGHT



Olivia Alexander and Carly French Co-Chairs HCRW Events

Olivia Alexander is going into her Junior year at Texas State University. As a Freshman, Olivia served as President of the Texas State College Republicans, and was elected to the student body Senate, where she was appointed to be Senate Leader. Olivia served as an intern for US Senator Ted Cruz for one year.

As a Sophomore, Olivia was a Legislative Aide for the 88th Texas Legislative Session for Senator Bryan Hughes, where she covered Higher Education and the Nominations Committee. She also wrote her first bill, SB 2313, which was Authored by Senator Hughes and Representative Steve Toth. Olivia was recently appointed Student Body Chief of Staff.

In Olivia's spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, snow skiing, but mostly spending time with her family and friends. After graduation, she plans to attend law school where she will specialize in policy law.

Carly French is currently a junior at Texas State University. During her freshman year, Carly was approached to join the Texas State College Republicans, and after the first meeting, she was sold. She joined the executive board her sophomore year as the Outreach Coordinator and is currently serving as the Vice President. Carly is also active in the student body senate where she was appointed as Senate Leader for this year's term.

During the summer, Carly took on an internship with the Texas Department of Agriculture in the International Marketing Program. Carly has had the opportunity to meet with many different organizations to learn the most she can about international trade and how it can impact Texas' economy. Carly's internship was extended into this next school year, and she is very excited to see where the opportunity takes her!

In her spare time, Carly enjoys listening to music, spending time with her family and friends, being outside, fishing, and hunting. After graduation, Carly hopes to find work within the Texas Department of Agriculture or USDA to continue serving the industry that is the backbone of America.

AMERICANISM

Americanism

by Laura Nunn
HCRW Interim Secretary

A young boy from a wealthy Portuguese family is kidnapped and taken to north America in the mid-18th century. He grows to a towering height and becomes known by General George Washington as the Hercules of the Revolution for his heroic deeds and unwavering loyalty to the ideals embodied in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

This historical figure is Pedro Francisco, Americanized to Peter Francisco. And because he was Portuguese, he also found himself with the nickname Luso.

Today, here in the US, is a living descendant of Peter Francisco; a righteous man who stands alongside Peter's towering height of 6'6". Travis Bowman has written a book about his patriot ancestor and is working on producing a series about him. That series will air on Angel Studios later this year. Click [HERE](#) for that information.

Find out more about Mr. Bowman and his heroic ancestor [HERE](#) and let's celebrate the Americanism demonstrated by revolutionary heroes.

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