

## **Candidate Republican Primary 2022**

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# December 2021 News...Views & Announcements

## KERR COUNTY CREATES APO ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE CENTER POINT, COMANCHE TRACE AND RIVERHILL NEIGHORHOODS

Kerr County recently made an innovative move that is raising eyebrows across the state of Texas and beyond-in a good way. Mining guarries must go into the areas where the natural resources are, but they have a storied and sordid history of doing so in such a way that often kicks up dust and noise which raises the hackles of neighboring business owners and residents-sometimes leading to public protest, lawsuits and other adversarial fallouts over air quality, noise pollution, impact on water sources and more. There are currently several aggregate production companies in the Center Point, Comanche Trace and Riverhill neighborhoods, so Kerr County leaders decided to take a different, more positive approach for all parties concerned. Earlier this summer, the county commissioners' court formed the Kerr County APO (Aggregate Production Operators) Community Advisory Council. The council, which will feature a cross-section of members, will have a goal of eliminating any surprises that may arise, and will educate nearby businesses and residents so that information is transparent, and the lines of communication are kept clear between all parties. "This is just a real innovative move. Kerr County has stepped out of its comfort zone to ensure best management practices and transparent communication between the county, City of Kerrville, operators, other businesses and residents," Jill Shackelford (Kerr County's consultant to the APO Advisory Council) said. "I'm proud of the county leaders." Kerr County Judge Rob Kelly is pleased with the development, as well. "I'm very excited about the direction we're going," he said. "What could be better than neighbors with diverse interest, getting to know one another on a personal and professional basis to discuss issues of mutual interest and forging best management practices together?" "That sort of community buy-in to sit down and civilly exchange concerns, ideas and possible solutions, or at least mitigate onerous conditions, and try to accommodate all parties' interest, instead of, pardon the expression, "throwing stones at one another" is truly a win-win situation," Kelly added. "I'm very proud of all the stakeholders' willingness to come together for the common good of all the citizens of Kerr County." This is an excellent example of good public policy and leadership...

#### **CENTER POINT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Center Point First United Methodist Church was the host Church for the 2021 Christmas Cantata. This year's music and theme was" A Thrill of hope ...the Weary World Rejoices" by Nick Robertson. Pastor Carrie Land opened the event by welcoming the large gathering of worshipers. The Cantata was conducted by Lisa McCoulskey and readers were Debbie Williams and Joni Wiseman. Along with many Christmas songs the arrangement included two solo numbers, one sung by Sammy Burney and the other by 9-year-old Tessa Guerin. All gathered enjoyed the spiritual nature of the Cantata. *Great way to start the Christmas Season* 

#### WHEN OUR CITIZENS FAIL TO SHOW, 'OUR JUCTICE SYSTEM DOES NOT WORK'

The freedoms we enjoy only exist through each of us embracing our responsibility and sacrificing a few hours of time as jurors. Without, there is not s venue to address our grievances. Without you, there is not a legal check on the legislative and executive branches of government. Without, the system is broken. Twice in the month of November citizens of Kerr County were summoned for jury duty. Fewer than 20% appeared and the courts could not proceed with the jury trials. The failure of the Kerr County citizens to exercise their rights wastes a lot of resources, costs the county and the parties a lot of money and more importantly, shuts down our justice system. It's an insult to our forefathers and our veterans who fought to preserve our freedoms. Please don't give away your liberty. Do your duty and let's protect the fairest justice system in the world. This information is from a Kerrville Daily Times Letter to the editor by M. Rex Emerson, 198th District Judge; Albert D. Pattillo III, 216th District Judge; & Susan Harris, Kerr County Court at Law Judge. If we are so upset about the situation in our country: "We need to walk the walk and not just talk the talk!!"

#### LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association is holding their next show from January 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2022. The event will be at Hill Country Youth Event Center (Ag Barn). Their web address is <a href="https://www.hcdjls.org">https://www.hcdjls.org</a>

## KERRVILLE-KERR COUNTY JOINT AIRPORT BOARD ENDS IT'S FISCIALYEAR IN AN OUTSTANDING POSITION!

The Airport Board (Headed by Dr. Mark Mosier) and Airport manager Mary Roher reported to the Board on their 2020-2021-year financials. The big **WINNERS** are the taxpayer of Kerr County and the City of Kerrville. The Board <u>saved</u> the taxpayers \$950,000.00 (\$475,000 for the County and \$475,000.00. They did this by prudent and efficient management of the Airport assets. *A great shout out to them for their leadership...* 



#### **Political Junkie Website**

Dave Leip's Atlas of US Presidential Elections <u>www.uselectionatlas.org</u>

### **A Christmas Prayer**

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and we ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen

### **Founding Father Quote**

"But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever." John Adams