Robson Ranch Republican Club

Community Updates & Current Events

September 22, 2026

A Message from the President

As we move closer to Election Day, you may hear claims about who is "winning" or what certain polls supposedly show. But polls are only snapshots — often shaped by who was asked, who wasn't, and who funded the effort. They are not votes, and they are not destiny. What matters is **citizens showing up**, not speculation.

This election is not about personalities, headlines, or fundraising totals. It is about **values** — the values that make a community strong and a nation worth preserving. Our system isn't perfect, but it gives every American the same opportunity: to walk into a polling place and cast a ballot based on the principles they believe are essential to a good and just society.

Votes should never be bought, pressured, or swayed by noise. They should be cast by citizens who care about **justice, freedom, faith, and liberty** — the pillars that have shaped our country from the beginning. When you vote, you are choosing the future of your community. You are choosing the kind of leadership you want in every office, from the top of the ballot to the very last race.

This year, that means voting all the way down the ballot — through all **44 Republican candidates** — and making sure your voice is heard in every contest. At the very bottom of the ballot sits **Crysteal Levonious**, candidate for the **481st Judicial District Court**. She may be the last name you see, but the work of that court touches families, safety, and justice every single day. Many describe her as the *gem* of this election — a reminder that the bottom of the ballot is just as important as the top.

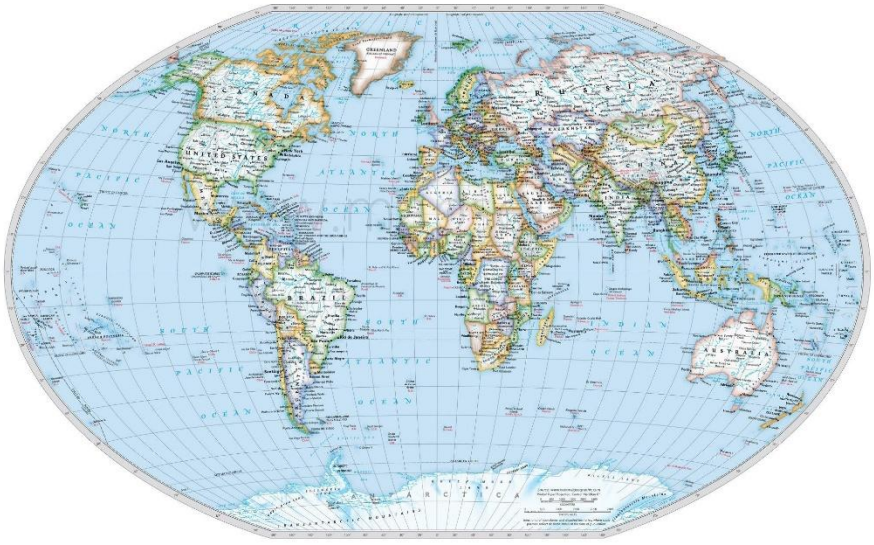
Crysteal Levonious



The *gem* of the 481st Judicial District Crt.

Your vote is your influence. Your vote is your responsibility. And your vote is your contribution to the future of Denton County and the values we hold dear.

Federal News



Why World Happenings Matter — and Don't — During Election Season

As we head into election time, global events can feel louder than ever — conflicts abroad, tensions in key shipping lanes, and shifts in international markets all make headlines.

These developments matter because they remind us how interconnected our world is: energy prices, supply chains, and national security are shaped not only by what happens in Washington, but also by what happens in places like the Strait of Hormuz or Kyiv. Understanding these events helps voters appreciate the broader environment in which our leaders must operate.

But at the same time, world happenings don't decide our elections. Americans vote on values, not foreign headlines. Our system is built on local responsibility — schools, courts, safety, infrastructure, and the principles that guide our communities. No matter what is happening overseas, the most important choices on the ballot are the ones closest to home. Elections are where citizens affirm what they believe keeps America strong: justice, freedom, faith, and liberty.



The Strait of Hormuz: A Narrow Passage with Global Reach

The Strait of Hormuz, between Iran and Oman, is one of the world's most vital maritime gates — a slender channel through which nearly one-fifth of global oil supply flows each day. When tensions rise there, ripple effects reach economies everywhere, reminding us

how closely connected our prosperity and security are to freedom of navigation. This narrow strait symbolizes the values that sustain global stability: justice, freedom, faith, and liberty — principles worth protecting both at home and abroad.

Strait of Hormuz tensions escalate — The U.S. conducted airstrikes against IRGC targets in Iran following attempted attacks on commercial shipping vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. This remains a major global security concern.

Russia-Ukraine War: Intensifying Strikes on Kyiv

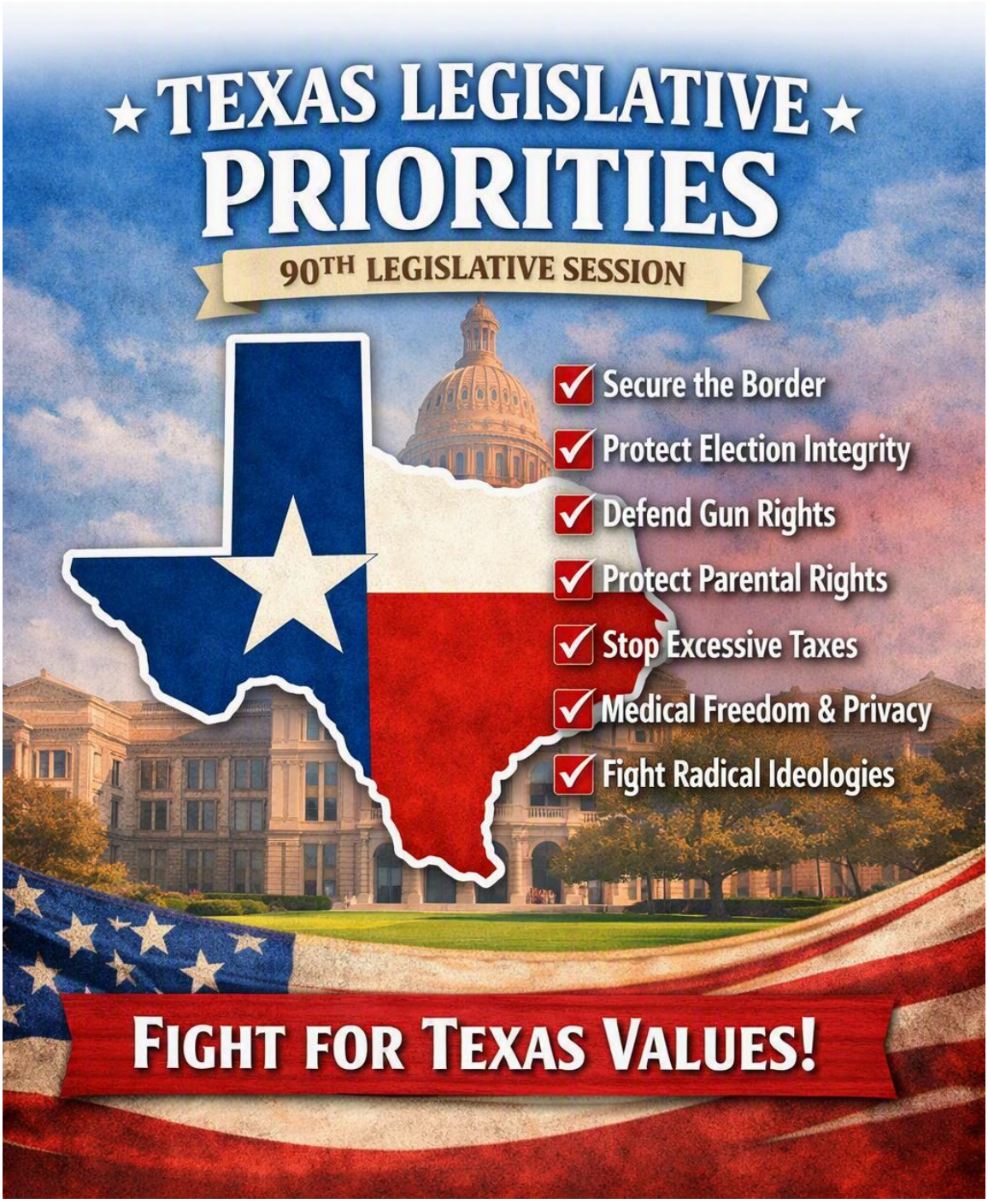
Russia has sharply escalated missile and drone attacks on Kyiv and surrounding towns, causing significant civilian casualties and infrastructure damage. Recent strikes killed at least 12 people and injured dozens, with homes, schools, and utility sites among the targets. Ukrainian officials report that Russia is increasingly using fast, jet-powered drones that are harder to intercept, contributing to the rising toll. The attacks resumed immediately after a brief pause during a diplomatic visit, underscoring the volatility of the conflict and the ongoing humanitarian strain on communities across Ukraine.

Middle East Conflicts Fighting in Gaza, Lebanon, and Yemen continues to draw international attention. Gulf nations are urging de-escalation and protection of civilian trade routes, especially those connected to the Red Sea and Hormuz.

Sudan's Humanitarian Crisis Violence in North Kordofan and other regions persists, with millions displaced and aid organizations warning of worsening conditions.

Federal-Level Updates Congress is returning with a full agenda, including surveillance authority debates, the 2026 Farm Bill, and proposed SEC governance changes. A continuing resolution has extended government funding through December 11, preventing a shutdown.

State News: Texas



Texas State Snapshot: Why State Issues Matter — and Why They Don't — at Election Time

Texas continues to navigate major issues that shape daily life for families, schools, and communities across the state. From energy and water security to border enforcement and judicial updates, these developments matter because they influence the systems Texans rely on every day. At the same time, state news does not tell voters *how* to vote — elections are ultimately about values, not headlines. Texans vote to protect justice, freedom, faith, and liberty, and those principles guide how we interpret the events unfolding around us.

With that in mind, here are key Texas developments shaping the conversation this month.

Key Developments Across Texas

- **Energy & Grid Stability** Texas continues strengthening its electric grid and water infrastructure, with new reliability standards under review. These efforts aim to protect communities from outages and ensure long-term resource security.
- **Border & Public Safety Operations** State agencies report ongoing enforcement activity along the Texas–Mexico border, including infrastructure expansion and coordinated operations with local law enforcement. These actions remain central to statewide discussions on safety and sovereignty.
- **Property & Tax Policy Conversations** Legislative committees are reviewing proposals related to property tax relief, local control, and taxpayer transparency. These discussions reflect long-standing debates about affordability and the role of local government.
- **Agriculture & Water Management** Drought conditions in parts of Texas have renewed focus on water rights, agricultural resilience, and long-term planning for rural communities.
- **Community & Infrastructure Growth** Rapid population growth continues to drive major investments in transportation corridors, school construction, and municipal planning across North Texas.

Texas Courts & Education Snapshot

Texas courts and schools remain at the center of many statewide conversations — and for good reason. These institutions shape the everyday experience of Texans, from classroom standards to courtroom procedures.

Courts

- Judicial districts across Texas continue to address case backlogs, expand digital filing systems, and refine courtroom security protocols.
- Several counties are implementing new victim-services initiatives and expanding access to legal resources for families.
- The 481st Judicial District Court — where **Crysteal Levonious** appears on the ballot — is part of this broader statewide effort to strengthen justice, efficiency, and community trust.  Remember, she is the LAST one on the ballot, but she is a *gem*, so vote **Crysteal Levonious**!!

Education

- School districts are adjusting to updated curriculum standards and accountability measures.
- State leaders continue discussing parental rights, transparency, and local control in education governance.
- Teacher workforce shortages and school safety remain priority topics for both legislators and local boards.

A Note on Legislative Priorities

Many of the issues above connect directly to the **Texas legislative priorities** that have shaped statewide conversations this year — including grid security, border enforcement, property tax reform, education transparency, and protecting Texas sovereignty. These priorities provide context, not instruction. They help Texans understand the policy landscape, but they do not replace the responsibility each voter has to choose candidates based on their own convictions and values.

County and Community News

Denton County Current Events

Denton County continues to experience rapid growth, infrastructure expansion, and important public-safety updates. These local developments matter because they shape daily life — roads, safety, schools, and community services — the things closest to home. At the same time, they don't tell voters *how* to vote; they simply provide context for the community environment in which elections take place.

September 24th-Representative Andy Hopper Fundraiser



To Register-Link: [Support - Andy Hopper For Texas]

Public Safety & County Alerts

- Mandatory Countywide Burn Ban Denton County Judge Andy Eads issued a Local Disaster Declaration due to dry conditions and rising wildfire risk. The county is now one of 178 Texas counties under a burn ban. Outdoor burning and certain combustible activities are restricted until drought conditions improve.
- County Wins State Award for Fire Response System Denton County received a Best Practices Award from the Texas Association of Counties for its innovative, unified countywide fire response system — recognized as one of the top 10 statewide solutions improving public safety.

Infrastructure & Transportation

- U.S. 380 Expansion Completed A major milestone: Denton County celebrated the completion of the $160.6 million U.S. 380 improvement project, adding widened roads, raised medians, turn lanes, and five grade separations. Leaders say the upgrades significantly improve mobility and safety along one of the region's busiest corridors.
- King Road Widening Project Begins A new project is underway to widen King Road from Witt Road to Rose Lane, transforming it from a rural two-lane road into a four-lane urban corridor to support growth in Frisco, Hackberry, and surrounding communities.

County Government & Public Notices

- 2027 Proposed Budget Released Denton County has posted its 2027 Proposed Budget, along with notices for public hearings, proposed salary changes, and tax-rate discussions. These documents are available for residents who want to follow county fiscal planning.

Community & Local News Highlights

- City Councilmember Resignation A Denton city councilmember announced their resignation, prompting upcoming discussions about filling the seat.
- Affordable Housing Progress The City of Denton exceeded its affordable rental unit goal, marking a positive step in local housing availability.
- Heat-Related Illnesses Rising Denton County reported an increase in heat-related illnesses last week, reflecting ongoing high temperatures.

- Second Human Case of West Nile Virus Public health officials confirmed Denton County's second human case of West Nile Virus this season.
- Libraries Announce August Closures Three Denton libraries will close for single-day maintenance and staff training in August.

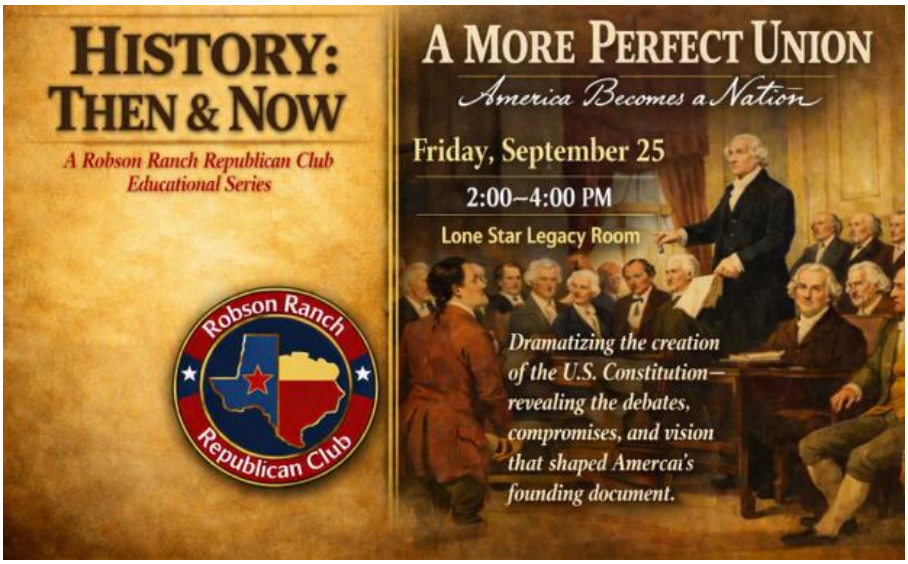
Robson Ranch Community Highlights

Robson Ranch continues to show why it's one of the most active, connected, and service-minded communities in North Texas. Local happenings matter because they reflect the strength of our neighborhood — the clubs, volunteer groups, and events that make Robson Ranch feel like home. At the same time, these activities don't determine elections; they simply remind us of the values we live out daily: service, fellowship, learning, and community pride.

History: Then & Now-The Reel Series

What could be better than popcorn and a movie?? Come see ***A More Perfect Union***. All Robson residents are invited. Sponsored by the Robson Ranch Republican Club!

Showing September 25th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Lone Star Legacy Room.



Major Events & Community Gatherings

- Fun-Filled Fall Ahead — Clubs across the Ranch are rolling out autumn programs, including dog-training workshops, crafting events, and seasonal socials.

- Fourth Annual Pink Fling Charity Dance — The Big Swing'n Band Club will host this popular charity event on Oct. 3 at the Clubhouse Ballroom.
- Annual Robson BBQ Brawl (Oct. 10) — All five Robson communities will gather for friendly competition and Texas hospitality.

Clubs, Competitions & Activities

- Bocce for a Cause — The Women's Club is hosting a bocce tournament benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center.
- Drone Club Workshops — Hands-on sessions covering drone selection, flying, and video creation.

Arts, Music & Culture

- Drama Club Performances — Upcoming productions include *The Red Velvet Cake War* with auditions open to residents.

Closing Message: The Value of Your Vote

As our world, our state, and even our own Robson Ranch community continue to grow and change, one truth remains constant: **your vote is your voice**. We are seeing more diversity, more new neighbors, more purple, and more perspectives joining our community every year. That is a sign of growth — but it also means that every ballot cast carries even greater weight.

Voting is how we preserve the values that make our neighborhoods strong: **justice, freedom, faith, and liberty**. It is how we ensure that the principles we live out here at Robson Ranch — service, respect, responsibility, and community pride — continue to guide the future of Denton County and Texas.

No matter what is happening around the world or across the state, the most important decisions are still made by the people who show up. Don't be distracted by the noise, the rhetoric, the tensions. It is all diversionary-on purpose. Elections are not decided by headlines, polls, personalities, predictions or even money. They are decided by citizens who take the time to participate — especially in a community as engaged and growing as ours.

Your vote is not just a civic duty; it is a contribution to the future we share. It is a statement of what you believe keeps America strong. And in a season with 44 races on the ballot, including the courts that touch families every day, **your vote matters now more than ever**.


VOTE
&
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Various signs are available at Registration, in the Clubhouse on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Abbott signs are in. Paxton signs are **not** in yet. We are watching daily for their arrival at DCRP-HQ. All signs are now free.

Alternatively, any Robson Ranch Republican resident may pick up any sign at the home of Precinct Chair #4185-David Parker- at 8816 Crestview. Signs are on the porch for you to take what you need and how ever many you might need for you and your neighbors. Don't forget to take your metal poker to put it in the ground!



Are you interested in helping out the club, but don't know where to start? I am looking for someone to take photos during our meetings. Nothing hard! I would love to do more showcasing of what we do and learn, but have limited capacity to take the photos myself.

I am looking for someone with a phone, who will take photos during the meeting and then share them with me for our website, for our Pioneer Press articles and for illustrating what we do.

If interested, contact either Julie Greenawalt at 412 596-2358 or president@rrrepublicanclub.com or

contact Cynthia Drury at membership@rrrepublicanclub.com

Next Meeting-October 7th, Doors open at 6:00 pm, short business meeting with the program to immediately follow. Featured speakers will be our own Justice of the Peace-Judge Harris Hughley, and Chair of the Republican Party of Texas-Ms. D'Rinda Randal. Come and bring your friends for an enjoyable, informative meeting.



