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Political Calendar

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All candidates listed below are candidates in the Republican Primary.

County Tax Assessor/Collector
Ticha Jo Lindsey
Gina Williams

County Constable
Marty Boyd

County Sheriff
Billy Williams

NOTICES

PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION AND GRANT CONTRACT IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES

CITY OF ROBERT LEE
The City of Robert Lee seeks to develop an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Community Development Fund Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program for eligible activities associated with the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the City of Robert Lee is separately soliciting (A) proposals from Administrative Consultants for Application Preparation and Project Administration and (B) statements of qualifications from Texas-Registered Engineers to

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Trusting instincts and taking action against human trafficking

By Kelly E. Lindner, Julien Devereux, and Arlin Alvarez
While working one day at TxDOT's Gainesville Travel Information Center in 2022, Supervisor Abeer Basidiq had a gut feeling something was not right.

Two malnourished young men with a dog and a cat asked her and her staff to drive them to a nearby Walmart to buy gas and food with a \$10 gift card. Trusting her instincts, Basidiq invited them into the TIC's media center to discuss their situation privately.

Basidiq asked them questions with respect and sensitivity, and the men confided in her that they were victims of human trafficking. Basidiq then worked with victim advocates and law enforcement officials to get them the help they needed. She ran into them by chance several months later, and they looked healthy and unafraid.

"If you feel something is off, go with your first gut instinct," Basidiq said.



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Basidiq's insight and awareness helped save these two men from a horrible situation, and it's a prime example of how anyone can spot the signs of trafficking and report suspicious behavior. TxDOT's "On the Road to End Human Trafficking" campaign provides education to all TxDOT employees and the public to encourage everyone to know, watch for and report signs of trafficking.

For LaViza Matthews, a TxDOT traffic safety specialist in the Amarillo area, her first experience with human trafficking was in 2004 while working as a trainer and victim advocate for Family Support Services of Amarillo.

During a shift working at the local hospital, three children had been brought in for suspected sexual assault. Seeing the kids' mother asleep on the hospital couch and sensing something unusual about the father's demeanor, Matthews knew something was off.

"If my kids had been sexually assaulted, I wouldn't be freaking asleep," Matthews said. She followed her instincts and found the nearest police officer. Her gut

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