



**Brontetoberfest!** People of all ages attended the 5th annual Brontetoberfest on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Callen Arrott (above photo on left), son of Nick and Jodie Arrott, and Lucy Braswell, daughter of Reese and Ashley Braswell, all of Bronte, all enjoyed the beautiful weather and fun activities. There were a variety of vendors (top right photo), as well as plenty of delicious food from the many food trucks (bottom right photo).



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This is supported by plank 172; Truth in Taxation: We urge that taxes established for a particular purpose shall not be used for any other purpose. Simply put, this ensures that tax dollars are sent where they were intended to be sent. Currently, a significant portion of the funds are used by the comptroller of public accounts to certify the biennial state budget. Prop. 5 aims to ensure all sales tax revenue from sporting good sales goes to the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 12) – “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.”

HJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the maximum bond amount for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRI) from \$3 billion to \$6 billion to be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority. CPRI was created in 2007 to promote and fund cancer research in Texas. CPRI uses bond proceeds to award grants for cancer research and prevention.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 151) – “The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund.”

HJR 151 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions from \$300 million per year to \$600 million per year to the available school fund and also allowing the State Board of Education, the General Land Office, and other entities that manage revenue from land or other properties held in the permanent school fund to distribute certain revenue to the available school fund.

RPT Recommends you vote FOR-STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 4) – “The constitutional amendment

providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects.”

HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment creating the flood infrastructure fund as a special fund in the state treasury, using money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund. The flood infrastructure fund would provide additional resources to implement plans to mitigate flood damage. The proposed amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to use money in the flood infrastructure fund for drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control projects. The proposed amendment also would authorize the creation of separate accounts in the flood infrastructure fund as necessary to administer the fund or authorized projects.

This is supported by Plank 51; Flooding Mitigation, Hurricane, and Early Warning of Impending Disaster: We support the immediate study, implementation, and construction of projects that will:

- Address river, bayou, reservoir, and other flood threats to public and private property. Seek the input of those most likely to be affected by a casualty to public and private property, to include infrastructure and facilities that affect national security.

- Address the risk of storm or tidal surge that affects the critical industries along the Gulf Coast.

- Immediately create an early warning system that will immediately alert residents to an impending flood, wind, or casualty weather event.

- Establish regional Flood Control Districts where necessary for counties to resolve joint flooding issues.

- Provide for funds to complete these projects from federal, state, and local funds, to include specifically targeted taxes for the purpose and never for any other purpose.

- We strongly urge that the Republican Party of Texas make this a legislative priority for the 2019 Legislature. Government at all levels must work together to avoid the historical bent to

push projects, safety, and implementation into the future. Projects must be of most urgent priority now in order to avoid further trauma; loss of life; loss of personal, government, and business wealth; and diminution of the tax base.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 95) – “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.”

HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to

create a property tax exemption for precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 32) – “The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.”

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow a state agency or political subdivision to transfer a law enforcement animal to the animal’s handler or another qualified caretaker in certain

circumstances. Currently, the Texas Constitution prevents the transfer of certain public property, such as law enforcement animals, to a private person or organization at no cost. This amendment authorizes the legislature to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to the animal’s handler or another qualified caretaker at no cost, upon the animal’s retirement or at another time if the transfer is determined to be in the animal’s best interest.

[Editor’s Note: The explanations and recommendations in the above article are from the Republican Party of Texas.]

**Sheriff issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime**

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen announced recently that Coke County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff’s Association of Texas.

Membership appeals went out in the mail recently. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support beginning at a \$100 contribution level. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues. Contributions are tax-

deductible, and unlike other organizations in our state, the Membership Program does not solicit membership by telephone.

“With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before,” said Sheriff McCutchen. “The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work, and play.”

The Program is committed to its “No Telemarketing” policy and only sends invitations to citizens to become members by mail. Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and would like more information can do so by contacting the Sheriff’s

Association of Texas; 1601 S. Interstate 35; Austin, Texas 78741-2503, Phone 512-445-5888. Information is also available online at www.txsheriffs.org.

The membership program was formed to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to help local law enforcement officers protect the lives and property of citizens.

“As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance,” said Sheriff McCutchen. “I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in the future.”