

Wood County voter-guide for the May 6th 2023 elections: school board & city council candidates

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Early voting starts April 24th, Courthouse Annex, 200 W Bermuda, Quitman 75783 (except Hawkins elections)

Election day: Sat. May 6th 2023, location varies depending on the city/ISD, see Elections.MyWoodCounty.com

- “(I)” means incumbent. Cities in alphabetical order. Candidate names in ballot-order (randomized).
- No endorsement intended or implied, Republican Women try hard to stay neutral. Election is non-partisan.


Remember, use of electronics is NOT allowed in a voting-booth, but voters MAY use printed or written notes.

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Name #1 of 4: Chad Dailey Age on application: 46 years old	Running for: Alba-Golden ISD Trustee (3 seats open)	Contact: cdailey0524@gmail.com
<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I stand for strong Christian values, discipline and a hard work ethic. My goals as a board member are to continue to support the current board and administration in making Alba-Golden the safest place to attend school, while providing a top-notch education and being successful in all extracurricular activities. We can continue to achieve these goals by recruiting and retaining dedicated educators and role models for our students' success.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I am a 46 year old graduate of Alba-Golden High School and current business owner in Wood and Smith counties. I am married to Amie Dailey and we have 6 children who have all attended Alba-Golden ISD. My family and I are members of The First Baptist Church in Alba, and I help with the youth RA program. Amie and I enjoy attending all of our children's activities and serving in our Church. Children are near and dear to our hearts; we have adopted one child and have fostered 3 others. We want all kids to be prepared to make a positive impact in the world.</p>		


Name #2 of 4: Brad Lennon (I) Age on application: 48 years old	Running for: Alba-Golden ISD Trustee (3 seats open)	Contact: (not available at time of publication)
<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> (not available at time of publication)</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> (not available at time of publication)</p>		


Name #3 of 4: Jessica Christian Age on application: 37 years old	Running for: Alba-Golden ISD Trustee (3 seats open)	Contact: 903-569-7514, cell
 <p><u>Goals and stances:</u> As a Christian, my stance and beliefs align with whatever is Biblical. To be moral and ethical. To always do what is right and what is good. Any decisions I would make, would be based on what I know as truth according to the Word. If elected, my number one goal and focus is discipline in the school. Without discipline, a school cannot function. Students are not safe. Teachers cannot teach. There is no complete security, and there can be no education without it. All other pressing matters would not go unattended. Discipline is my priority.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I grew up in Golden and attended Alba-Golden from kindergarten through twelfth grade, graduating in 2003. I have always loved my community and desired to raise my kids here. My 3 children in this school district are my motivation for my own personal investment in the community and school. I feel that being a parent qualifies me to make critical decisions simply because I only want to do what is right by them.</p>		


Name #4 of 4: Kris Quintana (write in) Age on application: 39 years old	Running for: Alba-Golden ISD Trustee (3 seats open)	Contact: (not available at time of publication)
<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> (not available at time of publication)</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> (not available at time of publication)</p>		


Name #1 of 2: Jay McGough Age on application: 41 years old	Running for: Mineola ISD Trustee (1 seat open)	Contact: 903-569-7801, jaystaceymcgough@gmail.com Facebook: Jay McGough
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I stand for doing what is best for the students and staff at Mineola ISD, while being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. I want to work with other board members and the superintendent to ensure that Mineola ISD is the best school district that it can be.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I have been married to my wife Stacey for 13 years. We have 2 children, JD and Hannah, both are students within the district. I am a proud graduate of Mineola ISD class of 2001. I attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello and majored in History. I have been in the oil and gas industry for 17 years. I served as a trustee on the MISD board from 2018 to 2022, and Vice President of the board from '19-'22. My family and I are active members of FBC Mineola, I serve on the Mineola Hay show committee, also serve as the Mineola FFA booster club president. I coach little league baseball and flag football. For more information, please feel free to contact me with any questions.</p>	

Name #2 of 2: Todd Q. Morgan (I) Age on application: 53 years old	Running for: Mineola ISD Trustee (1 seat open)	Contact: 903-253-4585, morganto@mineolaisd.net
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I am an advocate for children and their future. I am a supporter of the MISD administration and teachers. I would like to continue working with the Superintendent and trustees to better the education of our students. I support every aspect of our school district and in particular I am a major advocate for the Arts department; Band, Art, and Theater Arts.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I have been married to Tabitha Morgan, Middle School Art Teacher, for 8 years. We have three daughters, one son and two grandsons. Two of our daughters attend MISD. I have been in construction for 31 years and currently work in commercial sales. I am currently serving as a Trustee on the Mineola School Board (2022-present). I serve and worship at First Methodist Church of Mineola and soon I will be working on my Certificate in Theology and Ministry through United Theological Seminary. I served as the Director of Children's Ministry at First United Methodist Church from 2019-2021. I am a graduate of Sam Houston State University (summer 2023).</p>	

Name #1 of 5: Stephen Boorman Age on application: 65 years old	Running for: Winnsboro Alderperson (2 seats open)	Contact: boorman@vote-win.com
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> My wife Bonnie and I love living in Winnsboro and think the move here was among the smartest things we ever did. I now understand that we came home. It is the people who attract you to the town, and we love our Winnsboro family! I came from Fort Worth which had a strong self-identity; residents eagerly claimed that they were from Fort Worth. The city had a soul, and the residents were proud of it. Winnsboro has a remarkable heritage that we should capitalize on to build a town that will make people feel proud. Let's make Winnsboro something in which we can be proud, and let's wear that pride prominently. You are likely proud to be a Texan. Why not be proud that you are from Winnsboro? The city needs to inspire the kind of people who will live here generationally and not monthly. We need better employment options that will engender stable families rather than looking at working in Winnsboro as a steppingstone on the way to better futures. Winnsboro should be that better future. For people to build roots, they need better jobs. This brings me to the core of my campaign; I want to represent the interests of both existing and future businesses on the city council. So, if you want to innovate and renovate, please help elect me, Stephen Boorman, to the position of alderman on the Winnsboro City Council. And thank you for being such a great family. Remember, Boorman Means Business!</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I was born in Fort Worth, at a time when the city was no larger than Tyler is today. I attended private school, then went to Rice University for 7 years to study architecture, business, and psychology. I started working for the family business at age 13, staying for almost two decades. I became interested in computers at Rice, and I ventured into my own software and consulting business in 1983 which ultimately became quite successful. I married in my mid-twenties and soon had two children. At the height of my success in business, I chose to divorce my wife and ultimately won full custody of my young children and remarried. The entire Boorman clan migrated to Winnsboro in 1997. I founded Network Technologies here, and after 25 years, the company is now a bit of an icon in the community. In 2021, I hit my head significantly, and was in a coma with a traumatic brain injury for a month. I managed a full recovery, but it is a miracle that I am writing this today. I had to learn how to swallow and how to walk again, nearly lost my left foot, and had many other tribulations, but I am well, and living for the future. Having lived in Winnsboro for more than 25 years, I have been here long enough to understand both what it's like to be a newcomer and then finally an established resident, maybe even what some might consider an old timer.</p>	

Name #2 of 5: Cory Miller (I) Age on application: 68 years old	Running for: Winnsboro Alderperson (2 seats open)	Contact: cory@cmillerdrilling.com
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I first ran for Alderperson 2 years ago on a platform of reform. In my view, our city management was out of control and was bent of financially risky schemes to enhance the downtown district at the expense of the tax payers of Winnsboro. Since I was elected, I was instrumental in bringing a change in personnel at City Hall to substantially change the management of our city to a sound basis of financial responsibility. I believe our City Council should work to better the infrastructure of our city to the betterment of all – and not just for well-established businesses located downtown. I am running for re-election because there is more that we need to do to get our city financially well positioned. I have a plan that will provide solutions to our deteriorating city streets – WITHOUT a tax increase. It can be done – and I'm going to work toward that goal.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I have been a resident of 75494 for 41 years – having founded our local water well drilling company, C. Miller Drilling, 40 years ago this year. My wife Marsha and I moved into Winnsboro 12 years ago. I have started 5 businesses that all continue successfully to this day. My business experience and understanding of how the world works are uniquely well suited to bringing practical and financial responsible solutions to the day-to-day challenges that face our town.</p>	

Name #3 of 5: Trevor King Age on application: 31 years old	Running for: Winnsboro Aldersperson (2 seats open)	Contact: trevor.king624@gmail.com Facebook: Trevor King For WISD
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I am a Winnsboro native and WISD graduate. This town is my family and my home. My goal is to support our local businesses. They are the backbone of our community and to support them is supporting each person who lives in Winnsboro. I want to ensure we live in a safe community: economically, physically, environmentally, and socially. To be progressive as we see growth in our community while staying grounded to the values of Winnsboro.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> My wife, Rachel Thomas King, and I are both graduates of Winnsboro High School. I am an Agriculture Science Teacher at Sulphur Springs High School. I received my Bachelors of Science from Texas Tech University in 2014 and my Masters from Texas A&M Commerce in 2020. Rachel and I have enjoyed living in downtown Winnsboro. My education and experience working for AgriLife Extension and as an Ag teacher have prepared me to support and contribute to my community. I have developed and facilitated community and youth programs focused on agriculture, health & nutrition, as well as leadership development. My experiences have prepared me to work with our community.</p>	

Name #4 of 5: Brenda Morey Age on application: 76 years old	Running for: Winnsboro Aldersperson (2 seats open)	Contact: bmorey@icloud.com
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> One of my many strengths is financial management; I believe in a well-balanced city budget and would be very attentive to how YOUR money is spent. The experience I have will help me understand the needs of this community. I believe that volunteerism and knowing the needs of the citizens of our city is extremely important. As your City Council Member, I will be available to hear and answer all your concerns and questions. Winnsboro IS going to grow, but I believe keeping the small-town charm is essential. I would like to see Winnsboro expand with businesses (both large and small) and for families. This will bring in much needed jobs and tax revenue so that important issues, like more money for road repair, can be a reality and not just a dream.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> Like many of you, I am a native Texan and love my small hometown of Winnsboro. In 2009 my husband and I bought a small ranch and moved to this area. After 31 years of marriage, he passed away in 2020. I sold the ranch In 2021 and purchased a home inside the Winnsboro city limits. I went to work for H&R Block in Winnsboro in 2009. I am a senior tax preparer and office manager. I believe that being active in your community is important and I have volunteered at Winnsboro Resource Center/Food Pantry, Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, and Winnsboro Center for the Arts since moving here. I also served as treasurer and board member for the Resource Center and the Center for the Arts. I am currently on the board of directors for the Resource Center and Doc's Senior Center.</p>	

Name #5 of 5: Chiquita Baptist
Age on application: 37 years old


Running for: Winnsboro Alderperson
(2 seats open)


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Goals and stances: I stand for unity, clear transparency, inclusiveness, and growth. What are my goals: My first goal and promise is to be one of the first if elected city council members to be at every city council meeting, listening and prepared to help resolve issues with fellow members to help our community thrive in a positive manner. My second goal will be to get the younger community to be more involved in city government because having hands-on experiences will be more proficient than sitting in a class and not putting their studies to work. I plan on donating my money to a scholarship from the city council for the student that will work beside a council member and an award letter to assist them in college. My third goal is to assist all small businesses in becoming more stable to keep them stable and keep customers coming to them and to also bring more businesses to our town to keep money and families in Winnsboro. It does not make sense to make our citizens drive out of town to get a job and then to outsource their hard earned money in other stores just because of lower prices when Winnsboro is more than capable to appreciate their needs. My fourth goal is to build our community to suit every family that is here. We are a very diverse community that differ in ages and activities, so bringing things that will serve everyone will benefit the families that have chosen to stay here. My last goal is to be the wall that stops those who want Winnsboro to stay the same when growth is occurring right under their nose and they refuse to allow the growth to progress!


About the candidate: I am a 37 year old mother of three wonderful children who is a native of Winnsboro Texas. I attended Winnsboro Elementary and Winnsboro Memorial Middle School before moving to Dallas Texas. In 2004, I attended North East Texas Job Corps where I obtained my Business Apartment Management certificate. I came back to Winnsboro to attend Northeast Texas Community College to obtain my G.E.D. After I received my G.E.D, I moved back to Dallas, Texas to obtain my associates in Medical Assistance, and phlebotomy. I am also certified in pro-actively dealing with mental health patients, and patients dealing with mobility issues. I train them in new ways to handle their daily living. I am a business owner; my greatest business was Nubian Cleaning Services, a fortune 500 business that I had to give up due to a divorce, but I still have the knowledge to push forward to make and keep businesses on the right path of growth. In 2017, I came back home to achieve a personal goal of building a better community and started that mission by preparing food boxes for the neighbors of Winnsboro, gathering clothing, partnering with other individuals that had the same mission as I to keep citizens that were left in the dark, brought to light, and kept safe. We started dining with the homeless and hearing their stories, and I made sure that they had hot meals and clean clothing. I stood in line at the register at Brookshires and paid for our neighbor's groceries just so they know that their neighbors love and care for them. I am fair, firm, and consistent. I am led by grace, integrity, and diligence.

Name #1 of 3: Jay Murdock Age on application: 53 years old	Running for: Winnsboro ISD Trustee place #2 (one seat open)	Contact: jaylmurdock@gmail.com
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I want Winnsboro ISD to be the best it can be. I love this school district. I am a graduate of WHS, as are my wife and daughter. I have had an interest in running for school board ever since my mother-in-law, Clara Ziegler, served on the board. I am interested in all aspects of the school, from academics to athletics, agriculture to fine arts.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I am a 1988 graduate of Winnsboro High School. I have worked at Wood County Electric for 25 years. During this time I have served on the SWEMA planning committee, currently serving as its president. I am a member of Pine Street Baptist Church, where I serve as a deacon and Sunday school teacher, as well as serve on several committees.</p>	

Name #2 of 3: Wayne Cox Age on application: 42 years old	Running for: Winnsboro ISD Trustee place #2 (one seat open)	Contact: Facebook: Wayne Cox for WISD School Board
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I am running for school board position #2 to make a difference and support our school as a whole. I am determined to make positive changes that will impact both students and staff, as well as our wonderful community that I love. My growth mindset, optimistic attitude, and willingness to serve is the reason I am a good fit for this role. I am eager to become more involved and work alongside others who share my passion and dedication to our school and community. I love seeing kids succeed in life whether it be going to college or learning skills through our CTE programs! I would greatly appreciate your support in the upcoming election.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I have been married to my wife Amanda for 21 years. We have two girls, Jayden (11th) and Kellar (7th). We were both raised here in Winnsboro and graduated class of 2000 and 1999. We treasure this community and school that we have been blessed to be a part of our entire lives. I have been an engineer for Union Pacific railroad for 13 years and my schedule allows me ample time to devote to our school, students, and staff. When I'm not at work, I do not miss a school event as I am extremely passionate about our youth and all the amazing opportunities our school offers.</p>	

Name #3/3: Kristal Ross Spencer Age on application: 41 years old	Running for: Winnsboro ISD Trustee place #2 (one seat open)	Contact: KristalSpencerForWISD@gmail.com
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I am an advocate for students from every background and an ally for teachers. I stand for accountability and transparency. My goal is to represent a different voice and viewpoint on our school board. I am running because I know I can add a perspective from a woman, mother, proponent of academics, and a medical professional. I understand the importance of both physical and mental health of our students and staff. I want our teachers and staff to feel valued, encouraged and supported. Most of all, I want to serve the community that gave me the opportunity to become the woman that I am today. The education I received in Winnsboro was the cornerstone of my educational journey through a bachelor's degree, master's degree and nurse practitioner career. I want to make sure that future Winnsboro ISD students have the same excellent educational experience afforded to them and for many years to come.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I am a life-long resident of Winnsboro and a WHS graduate 23 years ago. As a former Lady Raider, I understand the importance of balancing academics with extracurricular activities. I am a parent of two Winnsboro High School students heavily involved in academics, honors classes, band, color-guard, engineering, robotics, agriculture, and vet tech programs. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and I have been in family practice for 10 years.</p>	

Name #1 of 2: Daniel Miller Age on application: 38 years old	Running for: Winnsboro ISD Trustee place #3 (one seat open)	Contact: call/text 903-571-3553, dmillerforwisdboard@gmail.com, facebook.com/dmillerforwisdboard
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I am running for school board because I believe that education is the key to a successful future. As a parent and community member, I have seen firsthand the impact that quality education can have on students. I want to ensure that all students in our district have access to the best possible education, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status. I am committed to working with parents, teachers, and administrators to improve our schools and provide our students with the resources they need to succeed.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> My wife, Megan, and I have been married for almost 19 years. We have two children attending Winnsboro ISD, Cheyenne is in 4th grade at Winnsboro Memorial Intermediate School and Charlie is in 1st grade at Winnsboro Elementary School. Both Megan and I are 2003 graduates of WISD. I am currently employed by Farmers Electric Cooperative as the Operation Systems Supervisor. I have worked for FEC for the last 5 years. Prior to that, I worked at Wood County Electric as a Lineman for 14 years. My wife, Megan has been a math teacher for 17 years, 13 of which have been at Winnsboro High School. I entered the workforce immediately after high school. In 2007, I completed my Associate's degree in Electrical Power Transmission Technology, followed by my Bachelor's degree in AgriBusiness in 2022. Currently, I am in the process of completing my Master's degree in Management, which I will complete in May of 2023. These academic achievements have allowed me to develop a strong foundation of knowledge and skills in my field and an appreciation for both Career and Technology Education and College readiness. Since September 2020, I have served the community as a Board of Director for Sharon Water Supply and the Winnsboro Hoops Board, currently serving as the President. Returning to Winnsboro in 2009, we also became very active with Winnsboro FFA by volunteering with the Jack Cross Show year and hauling projects to the Ag Mechanic's show.</p>	


Name #2 of 2: Kristie Amason Age on application: 58 years old	Running for: Winnsboro ISD Trustee place #3 (one seat open)	Contact: kamason64@gmail.com
	<p><u>Goals and stances:</u> I am running for a place on the WISD School Board because I believe that all children have the right to learn in a safe environment with teachers and staff who care about them. As a former teacher/assistant principal/principal within the district, I know the values of the district and I want to uphold those for our community. I want all students to be given the opportunity to succeed whether they are an athlete, a member of the band, FCCLA, FFA, Interact or just a child who is trying to make it through school. I have worked with all of these students and their parents and teachers, and I feel that I can positively help lead the district in the direction that it needs to go.</p> <p><u>About the candidate:</u> I am a lifelong resident of Winnsboro and graduated from WHS in 1982. My husband, Kevin, and I have been married for 23 years and have 3 children who all graduated from WISD. I have a 4-year-old grandson who will be starting his education at Winnsboro Elementary School in the fall and a 1-year-old granddaughter. I have numerous nieces and nephews who also go to school in Winnsboro. I retired from WISD in June 2022 after 31 years of service as a teacher/assistant principal and principal. I am currently employed as the office manager for the Winnsboro Area Chamber of Commerce. I would appreciate your vote on May 6th.</p>	

Name #1 of 5: Justin Glenn Age on application: 50 years old	Running for: Yantis ISD Trustee (2 seats to fill)	Contact: (not available at time of publication)
<u>Goals and stances:</u> (not available at time of publication)		
<u>About the candidate:</u> (not available at time of publication)		

Name #2 of 5: Stacey Batchelor Age on application: 43 years old	Running for: Yantis ISD Trustee (2 seats to fill)	Contact: (not available at time of publication)
<u>Goals and stances:</u> (not available at time of publication)		
<u>About the candidate:</u> (not available at time of publication)		

Name #3 of 5: Ryan Colby Ogle Age on application: 35 years old	Running for: Yantis ISD Trustee (2 seats to fill)	Contact: (not available at time of publication)
<u>Goals and stances:</u> (not available at time of publication)		
<u>About the candidate:</u> (not available at time of publication)		

Name #4 of 5: Jennifer McKeever (I) Age on application: 38 years old	Running for: Yantis ISD Trustee (2 seats to fill)	Contact: 903-243-0496, jmckeever@yantisd.net, Facebook: Jennifer McKeever (Hager)
<u>Goals and stances:</u> This community deserves a school board that will invite you to the table, meet you with transparency and honesty, and represent your interests. Our children deserve a standard of education that will allow them to succeed. Our taxpayers deserve to have their money allocated fairly and responsibly. I am asking you, my friends and neighbors, for a chance to continue to do my part.		
<u>About the candidate:</u> I am a 38 year old graduate of Sulphur Springs High School and current business owner in Wood county. I have been married for 10 years to Ty McKeever and we have 5 children, 1 daughter in college (Go Texans!!) and 4 who have all attended Yantis ISD. I have served as a trustee on Yantis ISD Board for the past 6 years.		

Name #5 of 5: Wynne Sellers Age on application: 71 years old	Running for: Yantis ISD Trustee (2 seats to fill)	Contact: 713-201-9649 (text is best or call), WynneSellers@gmail.com
	<u>Goals and stances:</u> I want to give back to the community by helping improve the quality of education available to every child. I believe every child deserves a quality basic education to ensure their future success in life. Our schools should deliver smart effective spending to guarantee this outcome. Our children need to be prepared for their future, whether a trade or a profession. I was actively involved in the education of my two daughters throughout their public school education. They both graduated from high school and college with honors, so I am a strong supporter of parental involvement in their children's education.	
<u>About the candidate:</u> I have had a home in the Yantis ISD for the last 12 years. I'm a conservative Christian and married to Leslie Wylie. I am a business owner and have negotiated and managed contracts and finances for numerous companies during the past 48 years. I am a trained grant writer and a licensed Texas Real Estate Broker for over the past 47 years. I attended public schools and graduated from high school as the most outstanding science student in my graduation class of over 600 graduates. I received a finance degree from The University of Texas at Austin, which would be helpful in the budgeting and the finances of the schools. I have taught petroleum land management classes at Del Mar Junior College and for continuing professional development at numerous companies and professional organizations.		