



Signing day

Jacqueline Kay, Georgetown High School softball pitcher, has signed to play softball with the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. She was joined at the signing by her parents, Joe Bob and Brenda Kay and her sisters, Ashley Huey (left) and Brooke Kay. Mr. Kay is owner of Georgetown Interstate Transmission.



Georgetown HS alum files for lieutenant governor

Other candidates add names to ballot in first days of filing period

By CHARLOTTE KOVALCHUK

Saturday was the first day candidates could file for the March 6 primary election.

Georgetown native Mike Collier was one of several candidates who filed early, adding his name Monday to the ballot for Texas lieutenant governor.

"I'm running for lieutenant governor to mop up Dan Patrick's mess, to achieve excellence in public education, to make property taxes fair again, to restore Texas' invaluable luster in the business world, and to restore compassion, empathy and respect in Texas policy," the Democratic candidate posted on Facebook later that day.

He hopes to replace Republican incumbent Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

Mr. Collier, a 1979 Georgetown High School graduate, played the trumpet in the GHS Eagle band. He also played in the Longhorn band while attending the University of Texas at Austin. He then served as a senior partner for Price Waterhouse. In 2014, he ran for Texas Comptroller, but lost to Republican Glenn Hegar. After losing the election, he served as the Texas Democratic Party's finance chair. Fellow Democrats urged him to again run for state office.

Democratic Precinct 1 County Commissioner Terry Cook said she is a big fan and supporter of Mr. Collier. "He's smart. He's fun. He's



Mike Collier
Candidate

great with people. He listens," Commissioner Cook said. "We just couldn't asked for a better person to be rational in the middle of the weirdness that goes on in the legislature. He would be outstanding."

The filing period ends December 11.

People who have filed for the Republican primary election include the following.

■ U.S. Congressman John Carter for congressman. Congressman Carter said, "During my time in the United States House, I've fought to rebuild our military, provide pay raises for the soldiers at Fort Hood, secure the resources first responders need to protect our communities, give our children a brighter future through career and technical education, and improve veteran care at the VA, but there's still more work to be done."

■ State Senator Charles Schwertner for state senator. Senator Schwertner said, "I am very proud of what

we've been able to accomplish. There is more work to be done, and I look forward to continuing the fight for our communities and our conservative values."

■ Frank Leffingwell for county judge.

■ County Treasurer Scott Heselmeier for county treasurer.

■ County Court-at-Law No. 3 Judge Doug Arnold for County Court-at-Law No. 3 Judge.

■ County Court-at-Law No. 2 Judge Laura Barker for County Court-at-Law No. 2 Judge.

■ County Court-at-Law No. 4 Judge John McMaster for County Court-at-Law No. 4 Judge.

■ County Clerk Nancy Rister for county clerk.

■ Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Edna Staudt for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

■ Precinct 2 County Commissioner Cynthia Long for Precinct 2 Commissioner.

■ Heather Peal for Precinct 4 County Commissioner. "It's no secret Precinct 4 receives a smaller allocation of county tax funds than other precincts," Ms. Peal said.

"For too long Precinct 4 has been left behind while other precincts have been made a priority. Our crumbling roads are a prime example. As your next commissioner, I will be your voice and a strong advocate for all of Precinct 4."

■ Christopher Ward for State Representative District 52.

■ Cynthia Flores for for State Representative District 52.

■ State Representative District 136 Tony Dale for State Representative District 136.



Walking to raise breast cancer awareness

People were in the pink as they gathered at the Second Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in early November at the Delaney at Georgetown Village. The event honored Holly Kitchen, who died of breast cancer. **Pictured above**, Mayor Dale Ross, Deputy Sheriff J. Badder, breast cancer survivor Mary Coufal, Delaney spokesperson Tiffany Enos, Constable Kevin Stoffle, County Court at Law No. 1 Judge candidate Brandy Hallford, Judge Bill Gravell and Dr. Beth Hellerstedt had fun at the walk to benefit breast cancer at the Delaney.

CITY BRIEFS

Ornaments for sale

Drop by the Visitors Center, 103 West Seventh Street, to buy this year's limited-edition collectible downtown Christmas ornament. The brass ornament features the Mileham Building, 708 to 710 South Austin Avenue. All proceeds from the \$20 ornament fund Main Street projects and the Façade

Fund Grant Program. The 11th annual ornament sale is a Georgetown Main Street Program project. A limited number of the ornaments are available. The Mileham Building is a Mesker Brothers storefront.

City taking applications

Georgetown is accepting applicants to serve on Georgetown's Advisory Boards or Commissions. Citizen board members help evaluate local issues

and give recommendations to City Council and staff. Apply by January 5. Applications can be found at: www.government.georgetown.org/board-or-commission-application.

The application can be submitted online or printed and mailed to: Mayor Ross & the City Council, P.O. Box 409 Georgetown, TX 78627. Appointments are made in February. Duties start in March. For more information, call 512-930-3651.



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