

ECRW NEWSLETTER



Per the Pres

by Rachel D. Minor

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Happy August,

Wow, fellow Republicans can you believe it is August 2022! When I was a young mother, my grandpa told me that the older you get the faster the days, months and years go. Now that I am “slightly” older, I would agree. I am very excited to get back to our club meetings and share all that we have planned for the remainder of the year.

As we get ready to kick off our August 24th meeting at Odessa County Club, I am excited to announce that Congressman August Pfluger will be our honored quest speaker. Reserve your seat at www.ecrwodessa.com. We have planned a Kick Off Come and Go Social at 4110 Cocktails and Dining on Thursday August 18th at 5:30-7:00, so come mingle with old friends and make new ones. We will host a Volunteer Registrar Voter training in August (date TBD) to be prepared for registering voters at Permian Basin Fair and Exposition September 2-11, so please be thinking of the days and times you can sign up to help man our booth. In September we will host our very own Cornhole tournament as a way to have fun while interacting and educating the participates about the election in November.

It’s election year so we must gear up to be effective this election. TFRW has put out a couple of initiatives for this fall and one is the “Red Heels Brigade”, not to leave the men of our club out and not to seem too feministic but I love this idea, plus I love heels. We have local and state candidates that need us to campaign for them. One of my goals as President of ECRW was to educate our members so they could inform their circle about the issues that affect them. *Thomas Jefferson is quoted as saying “Educate and inform the whole mass of people, for they are the only sure reliance for the perseverance of liberty”.* We must take a stand for our Republican liberties that have been under attack from all sides. So, this fall be ready to take action and stand as we help Republicans get elected.

As you can see, we Ector County Republican Women aren’t boring! We look forward to this fall and all the ways we can impact our community by positively taking a stand to provide support for our Republican community to learn, engage, and succeed.

**Register for
Luncheon –
ecrwodessa.com**

**We need YOU to
get volunteer!**

**Luncheon @
COUNTRY CLUB
August 24th**

First Responders

**Volunteer for
the Fair!**



ECRW luncheons will be hosted at the **Odessa Country Club located at 1 Fairway Dr, Odessa**. Mark your calendar for our next luncheon on August 24th at 10:30 for Meet the Speaker and 11:30 for the luncheon.

Please mark your calendar or save the date for these great meetings.

4th Wednesday August 24th, 2022

3rd Wednesday September 21st, 2022

3rd Wednesday November 16, 2022

3rd Wednesday October 19, 2022

Christmas Lunch TBA 2022

ECRW we need your help!!!

We are gathering materials to make baskets for The First Responders of Odessa. You can bring your donations to the August meeting or contact

Jaye 432-352-1815 or Donna 432-413-8894 to arrange for pickup/delivery. Basket making is planned for September 15th, thank you cards completed by Sept. 21st and delivery of baskets on Sept. 27th - 28th. That is our tentative plan. There are so many First Responders therefore; we need lots of donations. As West Texans, we must “Appreciate” and be “Thankful” for what our First Responders do for our society!



- Peanut butter crackers
- Individual chips
- Beef jerky
- Candy
- Flavored Water/vitamin water/sparkling water
- Crackers
- Fruit snacks
- Popcorn
- Individual snack packs
- Nuts
- Cookies
- Pretzels
- Breakfast bars
- Snack cakes
- Over the counter meds
- Chapstick

*Would you please help! *



*Please Join
Us for
Back to
Club Social*

**Forty-One Ten
Cocktails & Dining**

4110 Faudree * Odessa, TX

August 18th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Come & Go

www.ecrwodessa.com
for newsletter & events
email: ecrwtxas@gmail.com
for questions & suggestions



Membership Chair

by: Becky Heald



ECRW currently has 298 total members and out of those members 210 are women.

We are planning a few get-togethers so be on the lookout for dates. Please make plans to come join us, bring your friends and encourage them to join the Best Women's Republican Club in Texas.

On Jan. 26th we are having a big membership drive party with music and dancing. As the date gets closer more information will follow. Please mark your calendars.

Scholarship

by: Dottie Chavez



The 2022 ECRW Scholarship Recipients were presented at the ECRW meeting May 18th, 2022, held at the Odessa Country Club. The three Recipients were Samantha Baeza, Sara Chavez, and Madelyn Clark, who each received a \$500 ECRW Scholarship based on their application and essay submission. All three chose to write on the topic of censorship.

Samantha Baeza is a 2022 graduate of Odessa High School. Samantha will attend the University of Texas Permian Basin this fall and pursue her degree in nursing.

Sara Chavez is a 2022 graduate of Permian High School and will attend Odessa College this fall to pursue her degree in nursing.

Madelyn Clark is a 2022 graduate of Permian High School and will attend the University of Texas Permian Basin this fall to pursue her degree in Early Childhood Education.

Campaigning

by: Debi Hays

CAMPAIGNING IS NO CUPCAKE

Help raise campaign funds to Keep Texas Red!!!

ECRW will be having a fundraiser to help candidates across Texas. There will be four opportunities to WIN a fabulous piece of jewelry. That's right! Four chances for you to win a piece of jewelry from Fisher's Jewelers, Kendra Scott, Brighton, and a private donation valued at over \$300.00.

Each cupcake will sell for a modest cost of only \$20. Yep, only \$20 for an opportunity to WIN a \$25-350.00 piece of jewelry. There will be 120 cupcakes for sale, four of those cupcakes will be a winner!!!! The more you buy, the better your odds of WINNING!!!! Cash and Credit Cards will be accepted. All proceeds will help Republicans WIN this November in TEXAS.



Heritage Corner

by Shaye Lane

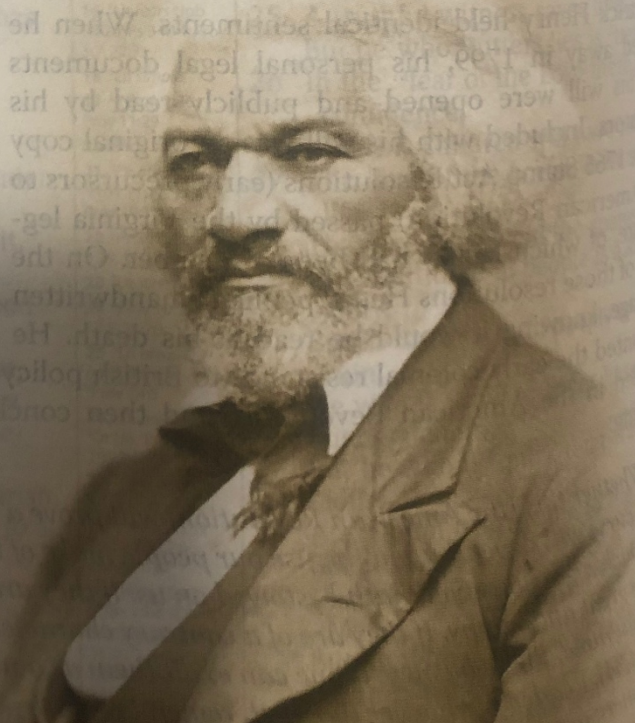
Righteousness Exalts a Nation

Whether or not America will prosper into the future depends on its righteousness today. But how is national righteousness measured? Dozens of Bible passages (Deuteronomy 28; 1 Kings 18; 1 Chronicles 21) affirm that the righteousness of any nation is defined by its public policies and how well they conform to God's standards. As Samuel Adams affirmed, only God-honoring policies can exalt a nation:

[Divine] revelation assures us that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." Communities are dealt with in this world by the wise and just Ruler of the Universe. He rewards or punishes them according to their general character.³

Across the pages of American history, this verse has been regularly cited by both political and religious leaders. For example, Frederick Douglass, a minister of the Gospel who also served as a political leader long before and after the Civil War, told citizens:

I have one great political idea. . . . That idea is an old one. It is widely and generally assented to; nevertheless, it is very generally trampled upon and disregarded. The best expression of it, I have found in the Bible. It is in substance, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people." Sir, this constitutes my politics—the negative and positive of my politics, and the whole of my politics. . . . I feel it my duty to do all in my power to infuse this idea into the public mind, that it may speedily be recognized and practiced upon by our people.⁴



Painting Party - Sept. 22nd 6:00-9:00
*Happy Everything * 110 E. VFW lane*



It's back by popular demand!!! These beautiful ladies appear to be fabulous painters And they are with the help of Kim from Happy Everything! You paint in the lines and she makes it a beautiful piece of art for your home! Please text 432-413-8894 or email: ecrwtxas@gmail.com if you would like to attend. I guarantee it will be fun!!! We will have snacks & possibly wine for those that need a little encouragement. Bring a friend! We need 10 people to hold our spot, sign up!

Character Drawings

by: Edna Krueger



District Director SD31

by: Judy Calloway

Third Quarter TFRW Board Meeting Update

The third quarter board meeting was on July 15th and 16th at the Georgetown Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center. This was an exceptionally large and well attended board meeting with important updates.

Membership is always one of the key points and retention of membership is a concern in both the local clubs. Both Midland and Odessa clubs have not met their membership goals in last two years. We are hoping the PANDEMIC was cause of the decrease and no other reasons. TFRW is available to help clubs and District Directors have lots of information to share so use the resources. If your club needs help with TEC reports or Bylaws your District Director can be of assistance.

The TFRW website has many updated forms including the Achievement Awards. The new Achievement award form mirrors the NFRW excel worksheet in the monthly worksheet and Awards Form. One of the new forms is for the President to use in notifying TFRW of a deceased member. The only two still not updated are Caring for America and the Top 10 award.

Melanie Grammar is the new VP of Membership after Dana Myers resigned due to becoming Vice Chair of Texas Republican Party. Dana will remain on the TFRW board, and we are excited to see all she accomplishes in her new position.

District Directors will be collaborating with clubs to set up a Nuts & Bolts conference in early 2023. This entails planning and organization so will be asking the clubs for assistance. This will give local club members an opportunity to be a part of training and mentoring of new members to teach what we are all about. February 3rd is TFRW Legislative Day in Austin and needs to be on the calendars for 2023 officers and board members. September 17th is the "Tribute to Women" event honoring local clubs' members. This will be at the Georgetown Sheraton & Convention Center and August 15th is deadline to submit bios and headshot photos of the honorees.

The TFRW Caring for America award forms are waiting for approval from the NFRW board A new project for all clubs to participate in as Caring for America is RESTORE. This is a Food Pantry project with ideas to use in your local clubs. Billboards was an election strategy that Waco Republican took on a project. It is an expensive project for clubs and takes detailed planning. TFRW is going to try and use part of the VEP funds to do this type of Billboard Campaigning in high population areas like Austin, Dallas, and Houston.

Supreme Court Judge Jane Bland is Judicial Liaison and noted that 3 Texas Supreme Court Judges are on the November 8th ballot with Democratic opponents. These 3 Republican Judges that need our support are Debra Lehrmann, Evan Young and Rebecca Huddle. Down ballot voting is so important. The Appointments Chair is Sheila Faske, and she is contract for anyone interested in a state committee chair position. Governor Abbott appoints 1500 chairs each year in everything from Funeral Board to State Board of Education and 911 Commission. Anyone can apply by going to the state website completing application and submitting with headshot photo.

District Director SD31

by: Judy Calloway

ADOPT A CANDIDATE

These candidates have been selected by TFRW as targeted must win races. Many of them in the Rio Grande Valley area. Republican candidates have a chance to turn that area RED. Democrats have run this part of Texas for decades but that is changing. Choose candidates your club wants to help with block walking red dialer etc. Let your District Director know your choice of candidates.

U.S. Congressional Races:

Monica de la Cruz-Hernandez CD 15 Seguin to McAllen has been Democrat controlled since 1903 by total of 7 men (one was Lloyd Bentson)

Beth Van Duyne CD 24 Dallas, Irving parts of Tarrant & Denton Counties

Cassy Garcia CD 28 Held by Democrat Henry Cuellar includes Hidalgo, Webb, Zapata, Star Lasalle, & McMullen Counties

Mayra Flores CD 34 elected to finish term but on Nov ballot against Democrat 1st Hispanic women elected from Texas to US House

Texas House Races:

Ryan Guillen, HD 31 was youngest ever elected at 24 yrs old been in house 4 terms.
Rio Grande City, Falfurrias, Poteet.

Carolyn Vaughn, HD34 Corpus Christi & Robstown

Janie Lopez HD 37 Brownsville, South Padre Island, Port Isabel

Caroline Harris, HD 52 Georgetown, Round Rock against Democrat Abel Herrero incumbent

Kronda Thimesch, HD 65 Michelle Beckley Democrat is not running.
Carrolton, Coppell, Dallas Flower Mound, Hebron, Lewisville, Plano area.

Jamee Jolly, HD 70 Scott Sanford retired after 10yr. Collin County Frisco ,McKinney, Prosper, New Hope.

Angie Chen Button, HD 112 12 yrs represents Dallas as only Asian American In Texas House a CPA born In Taiwan.

Melisa Denis, HD 115 Julie Johnson Democrat in office has a wife. Farmers Branch, Addison, Carrolton, Grapevine, Irving, Lewisville.

John Lujan, HD 118 elected in 2016 for San Antonio in a heavy Hispanic area; 25 years as a Fireman and Sheriff Deputy 6 years prior to that. Has a small ranch, active in his church, has 5 sons with 3 being adopted. He spoke at Board Meeting and was well received.

Katherine Parker HD 74 is in our area of Texas and held by Democrat Eddie Morales area includes, Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Presidio, Val Verde Culberson Counties of Van Horn, Alpine, Ft Davis, Ft Stockton, Iraan, Marfa, Imperial, Pecos, Balmorhea.

ECRW donates \$1,000.00, One thousand Dollars to the Uvalde fund to help support families affected by the shooting crisis. Our Sheriff's Department hand delivered all the funds raised. Please continue to pray for everyone affected there!

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

DONATIONS



COURTESY PHOTOS

Ector County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Mike Griffis and Chief Deputy Eddie Mancha made it to Uvalde on May 27 with monetary donations and a banner signed with all the loving thoughts and prayers that were sent by everyone.



Two local ladies recently dropped off a \$1,000 donation to the Ector County Sheriff's Office for Uvalde.



Rynah Lewis recently delivered a \$500 donation to the Ector County Sheriff's Office for Uvalde. Rynah is pictured with Sheriff Mike Griffis.

OPD sends 4 officers to help in Uvalde

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The Odessa Police Department has sent four officers to Uvalde to help out following the May 24 shooting that took the lives of 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School. Another 17 people were injured in the incident.

"The Odessa Police Department understands the increased demands on

police resources following mass shootings like the one that recently occurred in Uvalde," a department spokesman wrote in an email.

The officers will "assist their local law enforcement agencies with additional patrols and security details. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected by this senseless tragedy," Cpl. Steven LeSueur wrote.

AT&T joins to support families, community members affected in Uvalde

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To drive additional giving for the Uvalde community and to make it easy to contribute via your wireless bill, AT&T announced via press release that it has teamed up with Community Health Development, Inc., to launch a Text-to-Give campaign to provide financial support for mental health and grief support services for those affected by the tragedy in Uvalde.

AT&T and the AT&T Foundation also are contributing \$50,000 to the OneStar Foundation to support the Robb School Memorial Fund, which will help the families and community impacted by the tragedy at Robb Elementary School.

Text Uvalde to 20222 to make a \$10 donation that will go directly to Community Health Development, Inc., a South Texas-based community health center that annually delivers care to almost 11,000 individuals.

Through a direct donation process using your smartphone, you can contribute \$10 to support the Uvalde community, regardless of your wireless provider. The charge will automatically be added to the donor's wireless bill.

Leslie Ward, president of AT&T Texas, stated in the press release: "Our hearts and our actions are with the people of Uvalde. We encourage others locally and across the country to join AT&T in supporting the community and the victims' families. The text-to-give program gives them an opportunity to do that, enabling anyone to make one or more \$10 donation from their mobile device, regardless of wireless carrier."

Chris Bugbee, President/CEO at OneStar Foundation, stated in the press release: "OneStar Foundation joins our fellow Texans in grief and disbelief at the horrific loss at Robb Elementary School last week. We are heartbroken at the innocent lives lost and trauma endured. Our hearts are with the students, families, faculty, volunteers, and the whole Uvalde community who have been forever impacted."

Good News seeks new submissions
 >> Has someone you know received an honor or an award? We want to know! Donations, milestones, retirement parties – the Good News page is all that and more. Email details to oalife@oaoa.com or mail to 700 N. Grant Ave., Suite 800, Odessa, TX 79761. Photos may be included. For more information, call 333-7775.

How are we doing?
 The Odessa American strives to cover the news accurately and fairly. If you spot significant errors of fact or misleading statements, we'd like to hear about it. The more we know about what your needs and expectations are, the better job we'll be able to do in fulfilling them. Call 333-7740 or email ldennis@oaoa.com.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, June 3, the 154th day of 2022. There are 211 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

>> On June 3, 1989, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

ON THIS DATE:

>> In 1621, the Dutch West India Co. received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.
 >> In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.
 >> In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.
 >> In 1937, Edward, The Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Simpson in a private ceremony in Monts, France.
 >> In 1962, Air France Flight 007, a U.S.-bound



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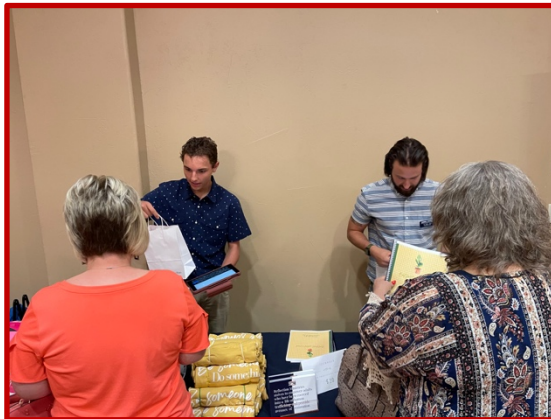
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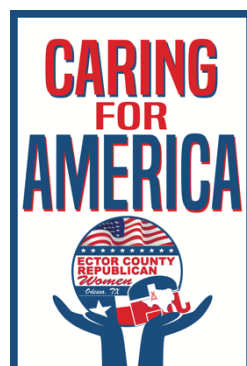
Reflection Ministries was established with the desire to empower adults who have been coerced into a life of commercial sexual exploitation. Our mission is to **Identify** victims, **Equip** cities, and provide avenues of **Restoration** for human traffickers.

Reflection Ministries of Texas P.O. Box 52371
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info@reflectionministriestx.org



Our May Caring for America project was to support Reflection Ministries in Midland for Human Trafficking of males and females.

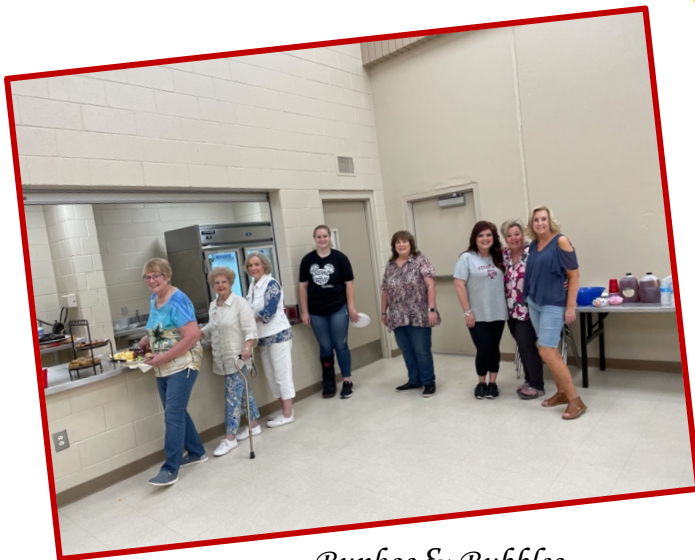




NRCC – Countdown to the Majority



We were graciously invited by Congressman Pfluger to attend NRCC with President Trump as the guest speaker in May.



Bunkos & Bubbles



We are born in one day. We die in one day. We can change in one day. And we can fall in love in one day. Anything can happen in just **one day**

-Gayle Forman

Contact US!

We welcome your feedback and want to hear from you.

ECRW

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Submitted by: Denise Swanner

Cheesesteak Eggrolls

Ingredients

1 pound minced meat
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
Half a tsp salt
Half teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons butter
1 yellow onion chopped
½ chopped green pepper
24 egg rolls
12 slices of American cheese
cup vegetable oil for frying

Methods

Step 1

Heat fry pan on heat. Cook beef, trimming as little as possible, until browned and still about the size of a pea, 5 to 7 minutes. Adding Worcestershire sauce, salt / pepper. Gently stir, then remove the mixture from the skillet.

Step 2

Melt the butter in the skillet. Add onions and peppers. Cook, stirring, until browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Return beef mixture to skillet and stir to combine. Let the filling cool while preparing the wrappers.

Step 3

Lay the egg roll wrappers on a flat surface. Put half a slice of American cheese on each. Add 3 tablespoons of the filling on top of each egg roll. Pull the lower left corner over the filling and fold the sides, wetting the edges with water as you go; roll tightly.

Step 4

Heat about 1 inch of oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add 3 to 4 egg rolls at a time and fry until browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Repeat the process with the rest of the egg rolls.

Enjoy !



Local News

News Releases



The City of Odessa received its August sales tax check, in the amount of, \$5,656,553.25.

This amount includes the Economic Development sales tax of ¼ cent. The City of Odessa will receive \$4,525,242.60 and the Odessa Development Corporation will receive \$1,131,310.65.

The City saw an increase in sales tax revenue with August's sales tax revenue total of \$4,525,242.60 which reflects a \$204,484.12, or 4.73% as compared to August 2021.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 is up 28.73%, or \$9,853,878.48 as compared to budgeted amount expected at this point in the fiscal year. In addition, the 2021-22 year-to-date amount is above the previous fiscal year-to-date amount by \$6,388,316.18 or 16.92%.

The City has budgeted \$37,500,000.00 in net sales tax revenues for this current fiscal year. Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax revenue from two months prior to collection, i.e., August's collection is based on June sales.



NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in submitting information to be placed in our newsletter please email to:

ecrwtxas@gmail.com ECRW allows all Republican candidates to place articles as well. ***ECRW does not support one Republican candidate over another.*** We just support Republicans as a whole! If you have any questions, please contact

Donna Kelm cell: 432-413-8894.

September 2022 Speakers



Stephen M. Robertson is an attorney with former private practice experience specializing in oil and gas title and transactional work. Currently, Stephen is the Executive Vice President of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, an oil and gas trade association based in Midland. He is their consulting attorney, manages the daily operations of offices in three cities, supports and grows the association's membership, and advocates on behalf of the West Texas and southeastern New Mexico oil and gas industry on the local, state, national, and even international level. This includes handling legislative, legal, regulatory, and public relations matters.

Beyond his professional life, Stephen is active in the community through civic and charitable organizations. He volunteers with Upward Basketball, has served on the board of directors for Centers for Children and Families and the Midland Chapter of the Texas Exes, and currently serves on the board or as a member of the Texas Tech University School of Law Energy Law Advisory Council, TxDOT's Permian Basin Freight Plan Advisory Committee, the Midland College Bruno Hanson Environmental Excellence Advisory Committee, the MOTRAN Alliance, the Midland County Public Library Foundation and the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series Advisory Committee. He was also named one of Midland Magazine's 20 under 40 emerging leaders, and is a member of the board of directors of the Texas Lyceum, a stewardship association focused on developing the next generation of leaders across Texas.

Stephen received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and his law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law with a Certificate of Law and Science in Oil and Gas. His greatest joy, however, is raising his two children with his wife, Leah.



Kit Whitehill is the 2022-2023 TFRW President. She previously served as the 1st Vice President-Special Events, the Community Engagement Chair, and the 2017 TFRW Convention Chair. She has presented at numerous TFRW Nuts and Bolts Trainings, and at the 2019 NFRW Region III Training held in New Orleans. Kit has made a great impact on the local level as well, founding the Coppell Republican Women in 2012 and serving as their President three times and Programs Chairman twice. She is a Dallas County precinct chair and served as the Dallas County GOP Secretary for 5 years. Kit was the Campaign Manager for her husband, Justice Bill Whitehill of the Fifth District Court of Appeals in the 2012 and 2014 elections. In 2014, the Dallas County Republican Party named her a "Volunteer of the Year" and in 2015 the Coppell Republican Women's club was honored to be named the Dallas County GOP Club of Year. She was appointed by Governor Abbott in 2019 to serve on the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. Kit and her husband Justice Bill Whitehill have been married 42 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. They have lived in Coppell since 1993 and are active members at Valley Ranch Baptist Church.



September speaker continued.....

James Beauchamp is a former state and federal legislative aide, and in 2003, became the President of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, with the task of advancing critical infrastructure in the Permian Basin. During his tenure, MOTRAN has worked to bring over \$3 billion in additional funding to the region, and most recently, was successful in obtaining a designation for the future I-14 to begin here in the Midland-Odessa area.

Since 2004, James has served as a Commissioner for the State Commission on Emergency Communications overseeing our state's 9-1-1 and Poison Control programs. He also worked with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to bring telehealth resources to trauma and 9-1-1 through Tele-health in the Permian Basin.

James served 4 terms as the Midland County Republican Chairman. He also serves as a board member of the Southwest 66 Credit Union, the U.S.-Mexico Export Council, and has previously served as a representative to the Border Trade Advisory Committee.



Vacations are a memory. School has started. The weather is getting cooler (we hope) and it's time to have fun at the **FAIR!!!!** *The Permian Basin Fair!* The fair will be September 2nd-11th this year and we are in the process of making our booth great! Come, help us spread the word, **"AMERICA FIRST, GO VOTE"!**

Call Rachel @ 432-847-7283 or Irene at 432-208-6341 to work a shift or two. Most shifts during the week are just evenings. We also need help setting up on day one and tearing down at the finale. You will have fun and you get in free! What a deal!

Come by our booth, get fired up and help us KEEP Texas Red!!!

CALENDAR

August

- 18th 4110 Back to Club Social 5:30-7:30
- 24th ECRW Luncheon Speaker August Pfluger



September

- 2nd-11th Permian Basin Fair
- 5th Labor Day
- 12th Board Meeting
- 15th First Responders - Make baskets
- 21st ECRW Luncheon
- 22nd Painting Party
- 27th-28th Deliver First Responder Baskets



October

- 3rd Board Meeting
- 19th ECRW Luncheon
- TBA Corn Hole Competition
- 31st Halloween



November.

- 1st Board Meeting
- 8th Election Watch Party
- 16th ECRW Luncheon
- 24th Thanksgiving



December

- 5th Board Meeting
- TBA Christmas Come & Go
- 25th Christmas Day

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
 and Happy New Year!



August 12, 2022

Inflation Reduction Act

Earlier today, I voted against the called “Inflation Reduction Act,” a piece of legislation that weakens American businesses, increases the costs of energy for families, hikes taxes, and funds a new, 87,000-person strong IRS army to audit low-and-middle-income families.

Here’s a pretty good rule of thumb for this legislation: If you are one of Biden’s chosen green special interest groups – then you get a handout paid for by American taxpayers.

But for small, independent American Energy Producers in the Permian Basin...your reward for keeping the lights on is a new, poorly conceived “natural gas tax” that will raise the costs of everything and give China an edge on our American manufacturers. I offered an amendment to strike this provision. Democrats voted it down in the Rules Committee – voting against U.S. energy and for foreign energy.

If the Democrats' goal is to reduce baseload reliable power sources and increase our dependency on foreign nations, they are successful with this bill. If their goal is to create regulatory red tape to drive up energy costs for Main street businesses and families, they are also successful.

If their goal is to help American families and small businesses, they have absolutely failed.

My Republican colleagues and I will not fail you. We remain committed to always advocating for your rights. I will always put America first. This is why I confidently voted AGAINST the Inflation Reduction Act in the house today.

FBI Trump Raid

America’s trust in our Justice Department has reached its lowest point in history. The lack of information this week from the DOJ is deeply concerning, and we must root out the overt politicization that is happening at the top levels of the FBI and DOJ.

One of my top priorities is to conduct robust and vigorous oversight to root the overt politicization at the highest levels of these agencies. The leaders of America’s institutions must be public, transparent, and accountable. The American people deserve to know everything.

There is simply no justification for this political attack on President Trump.

Pflugger Fly-By Continues...

Students Soaring to New Heights

As a pilot myself, it was special to congratulate [Angelo State University](#) (ASU) and [Southwest Airlines](#) on their new partnership!

The Destination 225 pilot recruitment program ensures that student pilots trained at ASU's commercial aviation program here in San Angelo will be competitively qualified for career opportunities with Southwest Airlines.

I am so proud of the San Angelo community and the University, led by President Hawkins, for forging this partnership that is truly beneficial to our national security.

Now, let the students soar!



Pfluger Fly-By Continues...

Harmony Home

Thankful to have seen the incredible and much-needed work being done at [Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center](#) here in Odessa.

It takes true heart to answer a call to serve abused and neglected children. Thank you, from our entire community, for the work you do to make our world a better place!



Serving Veterans

It was an honor to visit with Acting Director James Douglas and the dedicated staff at the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA in Big Spring which serves veterans throughout the 11th District, including Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo.

Service members risk their lives defending our freedom, and it is our responsibility to care for these heroes when they return home.

Rep. August Pfluger
Member of Congress



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***ECRW Guest Speaker for August
Rep. August Pfluger***

***Wednesday, August 24th
Odessa Country Club***

Tickets are \$25 in advance, plus processing fees. .

(A limited number of seats will be sold at the door for \$35)

Congressman August Pfluger represents 29 counties in Texas' 11th congressional district, including the cities of San Angelo, Llano, Brownwood, Granbury, Midland, Odessa, and much of the Permian Basin—the top-oil and gas producing region in the Nation.

A seventh-generation Texan, Congressman Pfluger grew up in San Angelo and graduated from San Angelo Central High School. He followed in his grandfather's footsteps and answered his Nation's call to serve—graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy and defending this country in uniform for nearly two decades as a decorated fighter pilot commanding hundreds of airmen as well as serving in the Pentagon and NATO. Pfluger also served as an advisor to President Trump on the National Security Council and is a Colonel in the Air Force Reserves.

In Congress, Representative Pfluger is a strong advocate for national security, promoting our farmers and ranchers, protecting the unborn, energy prosperity, and securing our borders. He is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Homeland Security, where he serves as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism. He is also a co-leader of the Texas Ag Task Force and a member of the Republican Whip Team.

Congressman Pfluger is a conservative Republican, a proud husband and father, and a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. He and his wife Camille live in San Angelo with their three young daughters, Vivian, Caroline, and Juliana.