

ECRW NEWSLETTER



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Ector County Republican Women's Club (ECRW) is part of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) which is part of National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). ECRW - DOES NOT support one Republican Candidate over another. We simply try to educate our members of upcoming republican candidates and their platform. We do not support mudslinging!

ECRW Club Mission Statement

Our mission statement is to effect good government.

In doing this we shall:

- ...increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- ...promote an informed electorate through political education and activity.
- ...foster loyalty to the Republican values and promotes its principles and candidates in all elections.

When you join ECRW you receive our newsletter and are invited to all events. With our membership you become a member of TFRW and NFRW as well. ECRW has a board consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer elected by club members.

ECRW By-laws must be approved by TFRW.



TFRW formed in 1955-provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage, and flourish.



Training & Education



Electing Republicans



Encouraging Women to Run for Office



Community Service

The Texas Federation of Republican Women actively supports Republican candidates, while providing strength and unity for political action. We encourage Republican women to run for office and train them to become effective Republican Party workers. Our party feels it's important to inform our members and the electorate through political education.

Register for Luncheon - ecrwodessa.com

We need YOU to get volunteer!

Luncheon @ COUNTRY CLUB
March 23rd

Painting Party
March 31st

Runoff Voting
May 24th

TFRW makes sure its members stay active not only by offering a source of year-round service for Republican women volunteers but also by letting them cooperate with the party organization to undertake special assignments and campaign projects.

TFRW is one of the largest women’s political organizations in the nation and is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. TFRW holds fast to the underlying principles of the Republican Party, government by the people, and the belief that people, such as you, must be part of the process if it is to work effectively. TFRW supports working at the grassroots level and influencing legislation at our state Capitol.



NFRW – Formed in 1938 A Republican woman becomes a member by joining her local club or through a national at-large membership. Members of a local club also are granted membership in their state federations. State federations are chartered under the auspices of the NFRW but operate under their own bylaws. Although independent, state bylaws must not conflict with the NFRW Bylaws.



Ector County Republican Party (ECRP) is not related to ECRW!!!!

ECRP make up their own by-laws. Their County Chairman is elected by the people of Ector County. The County Chairman chooses the Treasurer, Co-Chairman and there are several precinct chairman as well. ECRP is located at 707 Jefferson * Odessa, Tx
<https://www.facebook.com/Ector-County-Republican-Party-239340286151179/>

If you have additional questions about our club compared to the party, please speak with anyone on ECRW’s board.



ECRW luncheons will be hosted at the **Odessa Country Club located at 1 Fairway Dr, Odessa**. Mark your calendar for our next luncheon on March 23rd at 10:30 for Meet the Candidates and 11:30 for the luncheon.

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

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| 4 th Wednesday March 23 rd , 2022 (due to Spring break). | 3 rd Wednesday April 20 th , 2022 |
| 3 rd Wednesday May 18 th , 2022 | 4 th Wednesday August 24 th , 2022 |
| 3 rd Wednesday September 21st, 2022 | 3 rd Wednesday October 19, 2022 |
| 3 rd Wednesday November 16, 2022 | Christmas Lunch TBA 2022 |

*Per the Pres**by Rachel D. Minor*

**God bless you Texas! And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth, throughout the ages long.**

Written in 1924, the Texas State Song still has powerful words! We sang this song Wednesday at a celebration of Texas Independence. As I stood in this crowd of people reflecting and listening to young and old, all diverse backgrounds, some who were born and raised in Texas and some who were born and raised in other countries reciting the Declaration of Texas Independence, I was filled with gratitude and pride for Texas and all it stands for! The previous two months have been filled with drama, passion, and anticipation as we were getting ready to elect the next public officials to represent our values and needs in our government. I extremely proud of those that were elected, congratulations, but also for those who were not. Both stood up for what they believed in and proved their concern for our community and state as they showed action and ran for political office.

During the election cycle, I received many texts and calls asking who they should vote for, our clubs by- laws which comes from the Texas Federation of Republican Women (organization that govern ECRW) do not allow me as president to publicly share my support for one specific candidate. So, it has been interesting as I share the accolades of each candidate and share resources people can use to choose the candidate that best represents their Republican values. My girlfriend Jodie (who I adore) called election night asking questions and somewhat upset about the redistricting in our county. She had spent time researching the candidates she thought would be on her ballot, to her surprise she was no longer in the precinct she had lived in for the last 20 years. She asked when this happened and why didn't she know about it. As we started discussing she said, "guess I need to get more educated and engaged". A frustrating aspect in visiting with fellow Texas Republicans is that "we" prefer to complain and share our strong opinions but not do something to make things different. There is so many opportunities for us to stay involved and make a positive impact in our homes, workplaces, and community.

One way to stay engaged is to renew your membership to Ector County Republican Women's Club. We have made it super easy for you, go to the website www.ecrwodessa.com to renew and pay online, or you can pick up a membership form at our next luncheon on Wednesday, March 23rd. We want to make sure we get you the information about the club, local, state, and national happenings.

Another way to stay informed is to sign up for Ector County Republican Women's Club Educate and Engage trainings that we host every month. Our Educate and Engage are led by experts in the areas of trainings, are free to the public, held in the evenings and relevant to happenings in our community, state, nation and party. So far these are the training we have hosted:

Structure of Republican Party
Election Worker Training
Electoral College
State Government 101
Voter Registrar Training

On Monday, March 21st we will host our next training on "Convention and Delegates", in preparation for the Ector County Convention that will be held Saturday March 26th and hosted by ECRP. You will have the opportunity to learn about the convention process and how to become a delegate for our local party. If you have ever considered becoming involved in what happens in our county, please make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity! Our Women's Club is not affiliated Ector County Republican Party other than

we are both organizations of Republicans taking a stand for our Republican values. Our groups get confused all the time because our names are similar, except ECRW is governed by separate by-laws and have different leadership. Ector County Republican Women’s Club is part of the Texas Federation of Republican Women which is in turn a part of The Federation of Republican Women that was founded in 1939. Ector County Republican Party is governed locally and part of the Republican Party of Texas and responsible for overseeing the Primary, candidate filing, and other elections; chairing County Executive Committee Meetings; organizing and leading the local party and many other happenings in our county. Although both are great organizations, our role in our community is quite different but our focus is the same, to promote Republicans.

The only way the words of our State Song can remain true, is for us God loving Texans to stay brave and strong as we take a stand while getting involved locally, to educate ourselves on how to support our fellow Republicans so we can continue to grow in power and worth and Keep Texas Red throughout the ages long!



RICK PERRY: This is Wizard of OZ time for American People. The Biden Administration is saying, ‘please don’t pay attention to the little man behind the curtain.’ When the little man behind the curtain said clearly in 2020 when he was running for office that he was going to shut down fossil fuel drilling. He said he was going to really put the quietus, if you will, on the oil and gas industry; and that’s exactly what he’s done. And the message that gets sent is that if you’re an oil and gas company, whether you’re big like Exxon, Mobil, Oxy or whether you’re a small independent, we’re going to do everything we can to try to strangle you.
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Question:

Why is Russia responsible for soaring gas prices when Russia only exports 3% to the United States? According to Craig Harris with USA Today – it’s just enough that the threat of banning its crude from American shores is driving gas prices and leaving some regions – notably the West Coast – facing the prospect of less crude to process at refineries and making costs even higher at the pump, experts say. Rick Perry on Fox News reported – Biden’s policies will continue to drive up the cost of living in America. Biden created the energy crisis the first day in office with the cancellation of Keystone XL pipeline!

REPORTER: What can you do about skyrocketing gas prices?

BIDEN: "Can't do much right now. Russia's responsible."



Lori Crutcher

for 244th District Judge



Thank you to everyone for voting in the March 1st primary. We have had a compelling election season and I am very excited to be heading to a runoff in my race! I am grateful to have the opportunity to continue to present my message and qualifications as to why I am the best choice to be the new judge for the 244th District Court. It is critical that Ector County has a strong, well-respected judiciary. We need to elect the very best conservative, common-sense Judge to ensure faith in our justice system. I possess the good judgment, temperament and stability necessary to preside over this Court with the highest integrity and professionalism. I am a skilled attorney, a hard worker, a fast learner and a good listener. Many do not know that the 244th District Court's active docket is primarily civil cases, which is my expertise. When I began working with my firm, I started in the litigation section which helped me build a foundation for success as I transitioned into handling complex business matters. A strong legal mind is invaluable when presiding over the Court. While there will be trials in the Court to preside over, that is but a small portion of the day-to-day operations of the Court. Skilled management of the Court and its docket will ensure swift disposition of matters in a timely and cost-effective manner.

I will bring to the Court my business background and experience in concurrently managing numerous complex legal matters. Real world experience, good judgment and a strong work ethic will be my calling cards in presiding over the Court. Finally, I am very pleased to announce a major endorsement for my candidacy. One of my former opponents in this race, Dennis Jones, has given me his full endorsement. Like me, Dennis agrees that it is of the utmost importance to maintain a respected, competent and hard-working judiciary for Ector County. I am complimented that Dennis feels that I am the best candidate for this job. Now, more than ever, I ask that you please vote in the runoff and urge your friends and family to vote as well! *The runoff election will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Early voting will run from May 16-20, 2022.* Please feel free to call me or message me on Facebook. I would love the opportunity to visit with you.

Cindy Wier-Nutter

for 244th District Judge

Attorney 31 years
 (Litigator IN the courtroom)
 Both Civil AND Criminal law
 Mediator 27 years
 Published in 2 Bar Journals
 ATHENA Leadership Award
 Best Lawyer in the Basin 1997 & 2000
 Outstanding Business Management Graduate
 Above & Beyond Award (Service to Victims)
 ECBA Community Service Award
 Crisis Center DWWTS Grand Prize Mirror Ball Award



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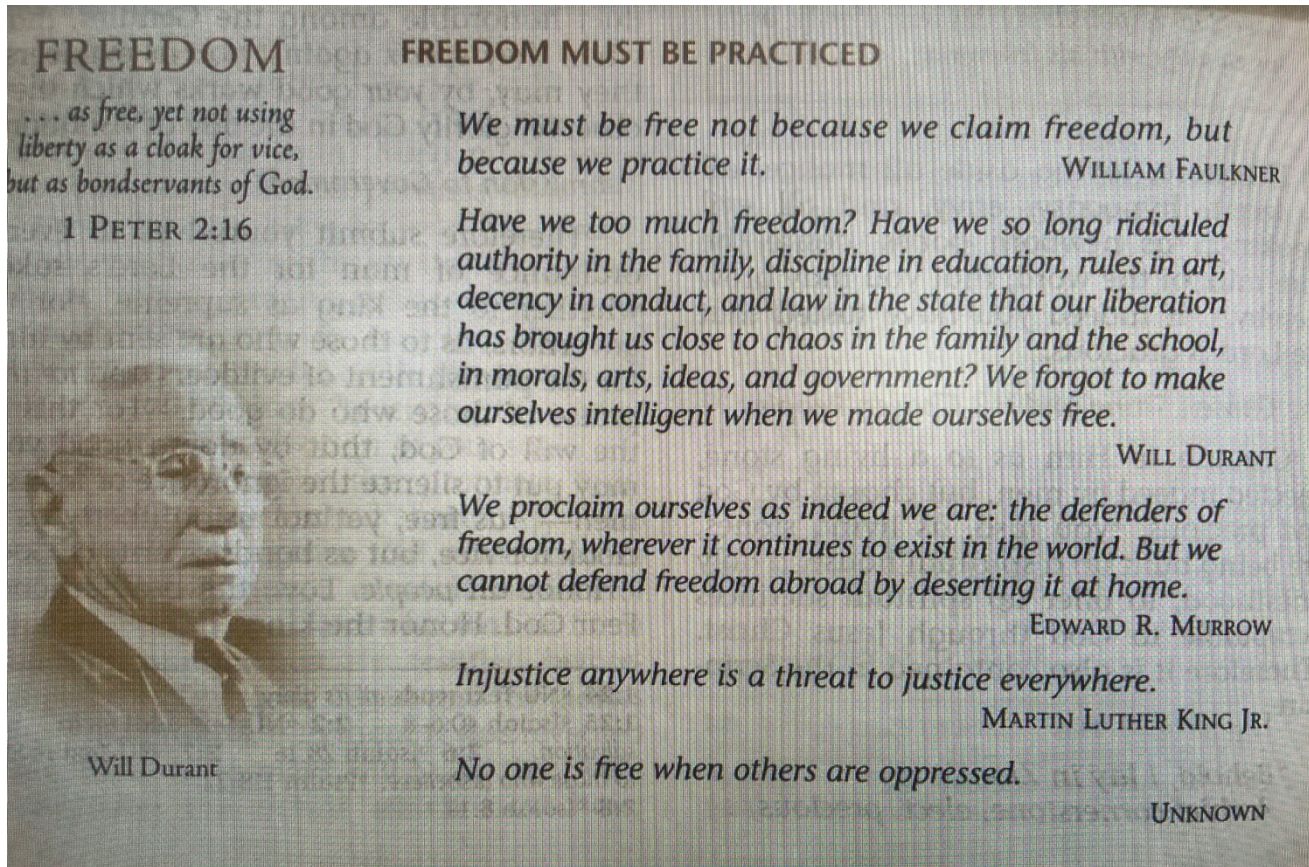
ECRW Shining Star Award
 Best Politician 2009 & 2012
 Guardian Angel Award
 Civic Service Award
 United Way Campaign Award

Volunteer Activities too numerous to list here – see Facebook for details through the years
[Facebook](#) [cindy weir-nutter campaign](#) [cindy weir nutter](#) [cindy weir-nutter page](#)
 Proactive & Equal Justice for ALL * Consistent Enforcement of Court Orders * No delays in pleas, warrants or other matters due to unavailability of judge – available at all hours at home for warrants * Timely rulings & return of signed orders – personally fund printer & copier so they can be prepared & signed immediately following hearings * Respect the time of jurors, witnesses, law enforcement, attorneys * Proactive & organized docket to prevent unnecessary calling in of jurors * Law enforcement & other witnesses not expected to wait in hallway during entire trials – notify them when they are needed and allow testimony by video whenever possible * Prisoner matters handled at detention center or by video when possible to minimize transport * During breaks in trials, take care of other cases – keep the courtroom in use * Mediation & Collaborative Law utilized when possible * Pretrials to settle all disputed evidentiary issues & stipulate (agree) as much as possible to shorten trials * Status Conferences on all pending cases to insure timely plea offers & move civil & criminal dockets * Pretrials, Status & Other Conferences with attorneys on Zoom when possible to save time and expense to taxpayers & clients * Calm, respectful & consistent courtroom demeanor

Runoff May 24 – Early Voting May 16-20 Primary Results: **Cindy 45.02%** Opponent 32.26%

Heritage Corner

by Shaye Lane



Badges

by: Ashleigh Amonett



Hello everyone!! I am Ashleigh Amonett and so excited to serve ECRW in the role of badges for this year. I have been a member of ECRW for the past two years and I truly believe in this organization. I feel that as Republican Women we should strive to make our voices heard, and we should help to educate others on issues that our state and country are facing. I look forward to seeing each of your smiling faces each month and getting to know each one of you.

On a personal note, I am the Assistant Executive Director for Odessa Housing Finance Corporation (OHFC). We develop housing for low to moderate income families in Odessa. I have been married to my husband Kevin for 14 years and we have been blessed with three Amazing children: Ariana, Danny and Zadrian. My husband and I fostered for over 6 years and had the pleasure of having 16 children come into our home and lives during that time and adopted our three children. My children are very active in sports. When we are not chasing them for sports, we enjoy traveling, camping, boating and being outdoors.

Rising prices at the pump.
 Geopolitical uncertainty.
 Excessive federal regulations.
 Inflation.

These are just a few of the problems confronting Texans as we go to the polls on May 24 for the Republican primary runoff election. The solutions to these issues are complicated, and often outside our control. But we in Ector County are in a unique position to help our state and nation respond effectively to these challenges, and indeed to come out stronger.

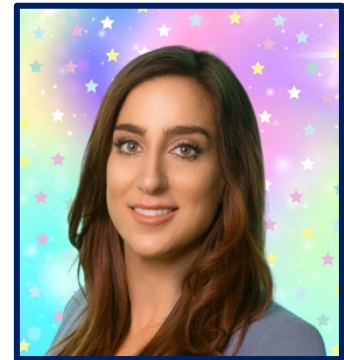
While we may not yet be able to fix the problems in Washington DC, we can start working on the problems closer to home, in Austin. The Texas Railroad Commission, who regulates our oil and gas industry in the state, does not have enough actual oil and gas experience to effectively execute their mission. While they may say the right things, with pretty, made for TV soundbites, these are people that have never actually lived or worked in the Permian Basin. This industry is too important to be regulated by career politicians.

This is why I am running. I am an oil and gas attorney, who has spent my entire fourteen year career in this industry. Fourteen years in the oil industry are like dog years: I have seen a lot. Booms, busts; I've been through them, right alongside you. For the past five years I have lived in Midland, before moving out to a cattle ranch in Ward County last Spring. I have raised my seven year old daughter here. I know the Permian.

I will bring my experience of the law, of the oil and gas industry, and of the Permian Basin, to Austin, where it is desperately needed. The people out here are doing important work for the world, and we need to highlight that. But that doesn't mean we just turn a blind eye when they step out of line and break the rules. Much like your children, just because you love them doesn't mean you don't have to punish them when they are wrong.

This is why I am running for Texas Railroad Commissioner. The Permian Basin is not just where I stop by for photo shoots and campaign donations; it's where I live. I care about this land, this industry, and these people. I am the best choice for the job. I ask for your vote in the May 24 Republican primary runoff.

Stronger with Stogner!



Sarah E. Stogner
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 sarah@sarah4rrc.com
 Republican Candidate
 Texas Railroad
 Commissioner



Painting Party - March 31st 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: dkelm2005@att.net if you would like to attend.

I guarantee it will be fun!!! We will have snacks & possibly wine for those that need a little courage. Bring a friend!



Wayne Christian
Republican Candidate
Texas Railroad Commissioner

From handing Afghanistan to the Taliban to destroying our American energy dominance, it's clear the Biden Administration cares more about appeasing radical leftwing activists than doing what is right for Americans.

Energy security is national security, plain and simple. Nowhere is this demonstrated more clearly than in Europe, which had relied on Russia for almost half of its natural gas supply and Chinese renewables for roughly another fifth of their energy. The European Union (EU) has painted themselves into an energy-dependent corner and jeopardized their national security as a result.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Under President Trump, America became a net exporter of energy in 2019 for the first time in 67 years, surpassing Saudi Arabia and Russia to become the largest producer of oil and gas in the world. This energy dominance gave us affordable energy, thousands of new jobs, economic growth, and national security. Our country achieved this by simply empowering domestic oil and gas producers.

We need to be realistic and practical. The price of crude oil has skyrocketed, inflation is rampant, and Europe is mired in its first ground war since World War II. We should be divesting from hostile countries and harnessing American oil and gas right here in the Permian Basin.

As Chairman of the Railroad Commission, I led an [effort](#), joined by my colleagues, calling for all oil and gas producers to divest from Russia. I'm glad to see some large producers heeded that call as well as mildly encouraged that President Biden came to his senses on Russian oil. However, there is much more that needs to be done to end Putin's unlawful war, decrease energy costs and strengthen our national security. As Biden shuts the spigot off on Russian oil and gas, he needs to turn the American one on full blast.

TEXAS STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

By Judy Calloway

OFFICE	NAME OF CANDIDATE	%	Notes	DEMOCRAT
Governor	Greg Abbott	66.38%		Beto O'Rourke
Lt Governor	Dan Patrick	76.56%		Mike Collier
Attorney General	Ken Paxton	42.74%	Runoff	Rochelle Garcia
	George P Bush	22.78%	May 24th	
Agriculture Comm	Sid Miller	58.48%		Susan Hays
Land Commissioner	Dawn Buckingham	41.81%	Runoff	Sandragrace Martinez
	Dr Tim Wesley	14.38%	May 24th	
Comptroller	Glen Hegar			Janet Dudding
RR Commissioner	Wayne Christain	47.19%	Runoff	Luke Warford
	Sarah Stogner	15.12%	May 24th	
State Board Ed Pl 15	Aaron Kinsey	60.53%		NO OPPONENT
Supreme Ct Pl 3	Debra Lehrman			Erin A Nowell
Supreme Ct Pl 5	Rebecca Huddle			Amanda Reichkek
Supreme Ct Pl 9	Evan Young	54.82%		Julia Maldonado
Appeals Ct Pl 3	Mary Lou Keel			
Appeals Ct Pl 5	Scott Walker	56.69%		Dana Huffman
Appeals Ct Pl 5	Jesse F McClure III			Robert Johnson

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

So we always celebrate holidays, but a bunch of us have no idea what the stories behind these holidays are. So before you head off to do some St. Patrick's debauchery - Observe. This is why we have this holiday:

St. Patrick's Day originally began as a celebration of Christianity's arrival to Ireland and slowly became a celebration of Irish heritage and culture. Festivities usually include alcohol (Lenten restrictions for alcohol and eating are waived for the day), hence it tends to be an event celebrated by many. As for Saint Patrick himself, he was born into a rich family but was kidnapped and became a slave in Ireland. According to him, God told him to escape and so he did and then he managed to return to Britain and began his studies as a priest. He was a great priest, and thus now he is celebrated.

All right, that's your history lesson of the day. Now go out and have some fun! Or study for finals. Your pick!



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Ector County 2022 Primary Election Results

By Judy Calloway

Opposed Republican Candidates on November 8, 2022

County Judge	Dustin Fawcett	57.29%
Ector District Clerk	Clarissa Webster	62.19%
County Comm Pct 2	Greg Simmons	53.95%
County Comm Pct 4	Savannah Castellon Morales	
JP Pct 1	Terry Lange	57.41%
JP Pct 2	Missi Walden	50.31%
JP Pct 3	Bill Bowen	56.80%
JP Pct 3	Gerado Arzate	
JP Pct 4	Elizabeth Baeza	
Pct 4 Commissioner	Billy Hall	
244th District Judge	RUN OFF MAY 24TH	
	Cindy Weir Nutter	45%
	Lori Ruiz-Crutchner	32%

Unopposed Republican Candidates - November 8th

State Senator SD 31	Kevin Sparks
State Rep District 81	Brooks Landgraff
70th Judicial Court	Judge Denn Whalen
Ector County Clerk	Jennifer Martin
County Treasurer	Cleopatra Callaway
Pct 4 Commissioner	Billy Hall
385th Judicial Court	Judge John Strode
County Court at Law Pl 1	Judge Brook Hendricks
County Court at Law Pl 2	Judge Christopher Clark
County Attorney	Lee McClendon
County Chair Republican	Tisha Crow

Tidbit of Info

Population of Ector County as of 2018 * 159,439

Out of 81,691 Republicans
 March 1st - 10,224 voted
 Early voting 5,239 voted
 Total 15,463.00 out of 81,691

Membership

by: Becky Heald

Membership update. Currently we have 244 total men and women members. ECRW is planning some membership mingles and fun parties. We have lots of work to do. Once the dates are secured for the events, we will notify everyone so they may sign up. Please invite your friends and encourage them to join the best Club in Texas. More to come!!



ECISD BOND 2022

MAY 7TH ELECTION DATE

** Taken from Website

“On February 15th, Ector County ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call for a \$398,255.00 bond election to be held on May 7, 2022.” This is a direct quote from their website and following is an explanation of the facts.

This election will have two separate propositions on the ballot. A Community Bond Committee put this together after spending six months evaluating the conditions of all ECISD facilities. The Bond Committee presented the findings to the ECISD School Board at the January meeting. This included four main areas of focus that was split into the two propositions.

PROPOSITION A, \$215,255 INCLUDES:

Maintenance & life-cycle repairs/replacement for school district buildings (\$130,255.00)

- Various projects for electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire & life safety and others at schools and auxiliary buildings.

Construction of a new Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center (\$70 million)

- Construction of a new CTE center; classroom and lab space for programs like welding, construction, health science, automation & process technology HVAC, plumbing and others. Estimated at 150,000 square feet; includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Classroom technology upgrades (\$15 million)

- Classroom and/or campus audio, visual and multimedia refresh, or additions.

PROPOSITION B, \$183,000.00 FOR A NEW COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

- Construction of a new high school, designed for 2,500 to 2,800 student capacity, estimated at 400,000 square feet: includes furniture fixtures and equipment

School District leaders anticipate this bond will create an increase of 15-cents on home taxable value of \$100,000 for dollar approximate increase of \$12 a month. Homestead exemptions for persons over 65 years and older would not be affected per state law.

does this even compute???



Terry Lange, February Luncheon



Debi & Jill



Dub & Nancy Riley with Ashleigh



Candidate – Freddy Redmon



Candidate – Sarah Stogner



Candidate – Ron Hughes



Candidate – Judge Debi Hays



February Luncheon



February Forum of all candidates that responded to our invitation



Candidate – Christi Bryson



Candidate – Lori Crutcher

Meaning Of The Shamrock

"There are three leaves on the shamrock I see, it is a reminder of the Holy Trinity. God the Father, Jesus the Son, with the Holy Spirit they are Three in One."

Contact US!

We welcome your feedback and want to hear from you ECRW

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Submitted by: *Ashleigh Amonett*

Mint Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Dessert Dip



This Mint Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Dessert Dip is the perfect easy-to-make sweet treat for St. Patrick's Day or anytime of the year! Make it healthier by using low fat yogurt and cream cheese!

Prep Time 10 minutes

Total Time 10 minutes

Servings. 8 servings

Calories 244kcal

Author Chrissie Baker (thebusybaker.ca)

Ingredients

- 300 grams cream cheese, softened to room temperature approximately 11 oz
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2/3 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon mint extract to taste
- green food coloring optional
- 2/3 cup mini chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Add the cream cheese to a medium bowl and beat it using a hand mixer until it's creamy and smooth.
2. Add the powdered sugar and continue to beat on high speed until it's fully incorporated.
3. Add the Greek yogurt and mint extract and continue to beat on high speed until well incorporated (don't forget to scrape down the sides of the bowl to ensure everything is evenly mixed!).
4. Beat in the green food coloring until it's fully incorporated, and no more white streaks remain (skip this step if you wish).
5. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand and save a few for sprinkling over the top of the dip when serving.
6. Serve this dip immediately or refrigerate it for up to 2 days before serving with fresh fruit, your favorite cookies, or even pretzels for a sweet and salty twist!



Notes

This dip is best consumed the day it's made, but it can be refrigerated for up to 2 days.

Local News

News Releases



Posted on: February 9, 2022

February 2022 Sales Tax Check

The City of Odessa received its February sales tax check, in the amount of, \$5,765,244.38.

The City of Odessa received its February sales tax check, in the amount of, \$5,765,244.38. This amount includes the Economic Development sales tax of ¼ cent. The City of Odessa will receive \$4,612,195.50 and the Odessa Development Corporation will receive \$1,153,048.88.

The City saw a decrease in sales tax revenue with February’s sales tax revenue total of \$4,612,195.50 which reflects a \$(116,188.49), or (2.46)% as compared to February 2021.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 is up 33.84%, or \$4,998,468.17 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 \$2,582,614.06 or 15.03%.

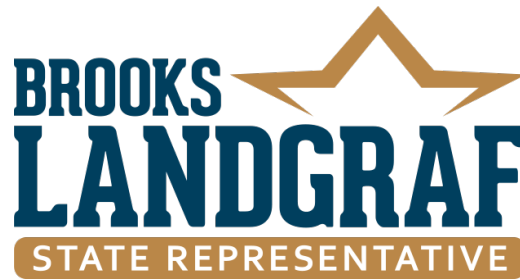
The City has budgeted \$37,500,000.00 in net sales tax revenues for this current fiscal year.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax revenue from two months prior to collection, i.e., February’s collection is based on December 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.



I am honored and humbled to be re-elected to serve as a voice for West Texans in the Texas House. This is a responsibility I don't take lightly and a position of influence I don't take for granted.

I feel called to serve my community and believe the most effective way I can do that right now is as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. Fighting for West Texas values is hard work, and the last couple of months have shown it isn't a glamorous job, but it's work I'm proud and honored to do.

The work of a state representative never stops or pauses, but I'm thankful to have the campaign in the rearview mirror so that time and energy can be spent elsewhere. Now, with the atrocities taking place in Ukraine, the Permian Basin is once again taking center stage. West Texas oil production can help bring Russia to its knees, just as it did with the U.S.S.R. and the Axis Powers.

For this reason and many others, I'm thankful to serve as the chairman of the House Environmental Regulation Committee, which oversees the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to air, land, and water pollution; environmental regulation of industrial development; waste disposal; and environmental matters regulated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Just as I use my position on the House Transportation Committee to advocate for additional state resources for Permian Basin highways, I use my position as chairman of the Environmental Regulation Committee to protect Texas energy jobs. In 2021, that meant thwarting attempts to pass a Texas-sized version of the Green New Deal. I refused to allow any bill that would harm Permian Basin industries to pass out of my committee, while still ensuring that good legislation that benefits our environment and economy made it out of the committee and to the governor's desk.

I'll continue to do everything in my power as a state representative to fight for West Texas values, and have plenty of work to do in the months between now and the start of the 2023 legislative session. Soon, all House committees will be given a list of interim charges by the Speaker, homework to prepare for the next session.

That's one of the great things about our great state, the Texas legislature doesn't meet every single year, giving state representatives and senators the opportunity to take time to vet potential legislative solutions and avoid unintended consequences that always come with changes to the law.

Not only that, but after members spend 140 days voting on bills at the state capitol during the regular session, they go back home to their districts to live under those new laws and answer for their votes for the rest of their 2-year term. That is, of course, unless a special session is called, something we experienced several times in 2021.

While some have called for more special sessions to address important issues that were not fully addressed in 2021, it is ideal for the Texas legislature to get all of its business done during the regular sessions that take place every odd-numbered year. We are the only big state that doesn't go into session every year, and that is a good thing.

As President Reagan said, “government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem.” It’s good that Texas is different from most states and Washington, D.C., where the government is perpetually in session, spending taxpayer dollars creating more problems than solutions.

My limited government beliefs come from the values I was raised with as a West Texan. These values inform everything I do as a state representative or otherwise. I might be biased, but I tend to think we do things the right way out here.

That’s why I fight for our community, and why I listen when constituents call. Together, we have done some amazing things. But we are only just getting started.

The tragedy taking place in Europe right now only further highlights how important it is to have a reliable energy industry and secure borders. My hope is that Americans will keep this in mind when they go to vote in the general election this November. Those who villainize oil and gas would do well to read a history book and learn how important it was to the United States’ victories in both world wars and the cold war.

While the need to increase Permian Basin production is currently being discussed by even the most liberal of media outlets because of what’s happening in Ukraine, the importance of West Texas oil has never waxed or waned over the last 100 years. Growing up in the Permian Basin, I’m fully aware that my freedoms as an American are tied directly to our ability to produce oil and natural gas. The United States Constitution may have made us free. But West Texas roughnecks and pump jacks are what made the United States a world power.

When the 2023 legislative session kicks off on January 10th, I’ll be there reporting for duty, ready to do the work for the people of West Texas and get it all done in 140 days so that taxpayers are not stuck with the bill. As stewards of the taxpayers’ dollars, we owe it to Texans to be efficient with our time.

Texas is in a unique position to take another step up as a global leader during these difficult times, blessed by God with strong-willed, freedom-loving people and abundant natural resources. I’m confident that Texans will do what must be done regardless of who is in the White House. Texas is standing strong, and I’m proud to be fighting on the front lines.

God bless Texas,
Brooks Landgraf

There was a man who died after a good life on earth, and St Peter met him at the pearly gates and welcomed him to Heaven. When he got inside, the man noticed that there were clocks all over the place, each set to a different time.

“What’s with all the clocks?” he asked.

“Those are liars’ clocks,” St Peter answered.

“They keep track of the lies that people tell on earth.”

“Whose is that?” the man asked, pointing to a clock set to two.

“That’s Noah’s clock,” St. Peter said, “he lived 800 years and only lied twice.”

“How about that one?” the man asked, looking at a clock that showed noon.

“That’s Mary’s clock,” St Peter said. “The Mother of God didn’t tell a lie her whole life.”

The man thought for a minute. “How about Hillary Clinton’s clock?” he asked.



“Oh, that’s in Jesus’s office. He uses it as a ceiling fan.”

Texas State Senate District 31

by Kevin Sparks

I am thankful for the voters across Senate District 31 who helped us achieve victory without a runoff. As Jill and I spent time in each community across this vast 45 county district, it reaffirmed what we knew about the people of West Texas. Overall, we share similar core values:

- We are largely people of faith.
- We love and are committed to our family.
- We are not afraid of hard work.
- We are committed to investing back into our communities.

Having lived my whole life in West Texas made it easy to connect with like minded voters. The challenge become connecting with enough people across the district to distinguish ourselves from the other candidates. We were very blessed to have individuals in many communities across the district embrace us and our vision for Texas. Having people across the district that were willing to invest their time, treasure and trust to advance our message

to their friends and neighbors is what

allowed us to achieve this win. It is also what gives us optimism that we can, with the help of all of our new friends, unify the district so that we can work together to achieve our collective goals. We face many of the same challenges and the answer to addressing these challenges is rarely additional legislation.

I believe local business leaders working along side of local officials are best suited for solving the problems and challenges of each community. I believe they will also be the ones that will apply innovation and technology to the challenges facing our entire state. As Texans, we have a history of being fiercely independent. As West Texans, we continue that legacy of independent thinking, self-governance and individual liberty. It's important that we remind the rest of the state that government is not the answer. We must continually cast the vision that self-reliance fosters freedom.

I am humbled and look forward to the opportunity to represent such a district of conservative Patriots. With your continued assistance and support, I am confident that we will continue to face the challenges of the future with optimism and innovation. We must have the political will, with resolve and determination, to address the issues like border control, public education, healthcare, energy and water needs for the future if we intend to have a system that's sustainable.

Texas needs to lead the nation in the path back towards smaller government. West Texas and the Panhandle should be the example for the rest of Texas that responsibility and self-governance, coupled with the compassion of loving your neighbor as yourself, give us communities that offer all the opportunity to flourish.



Kevin Sparks & family

Campaign Activities Chairman

by: Irene LeMarr



Hello, my name is Irene LeMarr. I have been a member of ECRW for about 10 years having served as secretary, “hours counter”, “badge lady”, hospitality team member, and now as the Campaign Activities Chairman. I appreciate ALL our members using the form below to help me collect your volunteer hours. The hours benefit ECRW in various ways. There is another part of the job I am still trying to grasp. More on that later!

I am a Christian (member of Sherwood Church of Christ), happily married to Jim for almost 41 years, and a Granny to our two Grandgirls, Korina who lives with us and is also a member, and Emma. I am a Real Estate Broker and owner of Rocking Chair Realty. I am planning to launch another business, making and selling freeze dried foods.

I look forward to working with this year’s great team of officers and members.

Volunteer Hours Form

Give or text to Irene LeMarr 432-208-6341

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Month, Year: _____, 2022

Campaign Hours – For Forums, include event, prep, drive time and actual event time.

Meeting Hours – Include prep (if involved in meeting), drive time, and time at event.



CALENDAR

March

- 11-18 Spring Break
- 17th St. Patricks Day
- 23rd ECRW Luncheon @ Odessa Country Club
- 31st Painting Party at Happy Everything

April

- 4th Board Meeting
- 15th Good Friday
- 17th Easter
- 20th ECRW Luncheon @ Odessa Country Club

April 20th Speaker, Jeff Hunt



Jeff Hunt has served as the Director of the Centennial Institute at Colorado Christian University and Co-Chairman of the Western Conservative Summit since 2015. In this role, he leads one of the largest annual gatherings of conservatives in the Western United States. Speakers have included Donald Trump, Ben Carson, Kirk Cameron, Sarah Palin, Ben Shapiro, Dennis Prager, Diamond and Silk, Dana Loesch, Brandon Tatum, Dr. Albert Mohler, and many others.

A regular writer, his pieces have been published in USA Today, Fox News, Denver Post, Colorado Springs Gazette, Washington Examiner, Townhall, Colorado Politics, and many others. He has appeared on Fox News, CSPAN, OANN, Newsmax, and many local stations.

Jeff earned his BA degrees in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Westmont College, Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and Master of Political Management from George Washington University. He has served on many campaigns including Rick Santorum’s and Mitt Romney’s 2012 Presidential campaigns.

Jeff is an ultra-runner, former river guide, and loves to be outdoors. He and his wife, Nicole, have four children.

Message for Easter: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” – 1 Corinthians 1:18

Stations of the Cross in Groom, TX

A place to visit!

<https://crossministries.net/stations-of-the-cross/>



First Station

Jesus is Condemned to Death

Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted louder, “Crucify Him.” (Mark 15:14) Pilate called for water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, declaring, “I am innocent of the blood of this just man.” (Matthew 27:24)



Thirteenth Station

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

They shall look on him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son. (Zechariah 12:10)



Fourth Station

Jesus Meets His Mother, Mary

For he has looked upon his servant in her lowliness, all ages to come shall call me blessed (Luke 1:48)
She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all nations with an iron rod. (Revelations 12:5)

Legislative Chair ECRW

by: Judy Calloway

Texas Primary Election 2022

The March 1st primary election was the end of some of the most intense political campaigns in recent history. With 8 Republican candidates for governor and Land Commissioner, you knew the election season was off to big start. Every state office had multiple candidates. Millions of dollars were spent on campaign materials. Not only Republicans but Democrats had more candidates running this year than people can remember in the past. We knew there would be some fierce battles and lots of miles traveled, and speeches given by these candidates that put themselves out there to run for office. Running for office is not for the average Texan and takes an abundant amount of work, money, speaking ability and keeping your cool in some tense situations. Nothing was off limits in this election and lots of mud was slung by many candidates. A big thank you to all these candidates as the election process is the backbone of American Democracy.

Donald Trump helped lots of candidates endorsing 33 in Texas races from Governor to Tarrant County District Attorney. His average of success in his endorsements was very high as all of them did well. Even the ones in a runoff had healthy leads and should remain favorites in the runoffs. South Texas proved to be some intense races with Democrat turning out in much larger numbers than Republicans. Two of the most conservative Democrats Congressman Henry Cuellar is facing a runoff with Jessica Cisneros, an AOC aligned immigration attorney, very left-wing supporting Medicare for all and the Green New Deal. This is just one of the races to watch in South Texas.

We are looking at Statewide runoff for Attorney General between Ken Paxton the incumbent and George P Bush, former Land Commissioner. Land Commissioner is also a runoff between Dawn Buckingham, who gave up a State Senator position and Dr. Tim Wesley. The other big Statewide runoff race is for Railroad Commissioner with incumbent Wayne Christian facing Sarah Stogner, a local west Texas Oil & Gas Attorney. Locally in Odessa the only runoff is for the 144th District Judge position between Cindy Weir Nutter and Lori Ruiz Crutcher. This runoff election will take place on May 24^h.

In addition, locally Odessa is looking at a School Bond election on May 7th. Early voting starts on this bond election on April 15th and runs thru May 3rd. Many election workers will be needed for both elections on May 7th and May 24th. Contact the elections office or local Republican Party Chair Tisha Crow about working the election. County Convention will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 am at the Saulsbury Center on OC campus. If you want to be a delegate to State Convention you need to attend this County Convention.

2022

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Ashley Smith Thomas

Wednesday, March 23rd

Odessa Country Club

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

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

Ashley Smith Thomas is the Founder & CEO of Freedom’s Fund USA, a nonprofit to protect freedom and national security. She is the host of “Freedom Talks” a podcast show to educate Americans on key freedom and national security issues. Ashley is a Political Strategist for Fox News Radio and an Academy Fellow at The Heritage Foundation. Currently, Ashley serves on the Board of Directors for Park Cities Republican Women.

Ashley started her career as the Assistant to the Vice President of Corporate Development for The Blaze in Dallas. She made a corporate move to manage a \$14.7M project to rescue and resettle persecuted Christians and religious minorities who were targeted by ISIS in 2016. Ashley and her team rescued over 1,000 families and resettled them to host countries around the world.

Ashley furthered her calling by starting her own organization to work alongside the private and public sector to protect freedom. She works toward countering threats that impact freedom in America and abroad. She has briefed and continues to brief panels within the intelligence community.

Ashley graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oral Roberts University, with her Bachelor’s degree in Organizational Interpersonal Communication & Government. She earned her Juris Masters in International Law from Liberty University’s School of Law. She also received Professional Certificates in U.S. Intelligence Analysis and Project Management from SMU.

Ashley and her husband reside in Dallas, as they continue to be a voice for freedom and protect national security.



Rep. Pfluger fights for Permian Basin Producers



March 9, 2022

Press Release

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Representative August Pfluger (TX-11) delivered an impassioned speech on the House Floor in defense of American energy producers.

Watch his remarks [here](#), or read a full transcript below.

“Madam Speaker,

I rise today to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately pass the American Energy Independence from Russia Act.

I’d like to thank Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers for her leadership on this.

Really, the question is simple. I think we’re missing the point.

The question here is: is the President of the United States going to pick America, or is he going to pick our enemies?

That is the debate.

Step one [banning Russian oil imports] is great, and I am glad that we are going to support Ukraine. I was there five weeks ago. We need to support Ukraine.

Step two—is we need the President to support America.

Energy security is National security.

Mr. President, it's time to put Midland over Moscow.

Unfortunately, that security has been under assault for decades, but most recently beginning on January 20th of 2021. The Administration is leading the assault on energy.

The reality is that American energy is the cleanest in the world. But the President, and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle refuse to acknowledge that fact and unleash [it]. Instead, they are choosing, the President is choosing our adversaries—terrorists—and begging them to produce more, when we could do it right here.

Instead of calling the 10 million Americans who do it every single day, we are outsourcing production to adversaries like Russia, Iran, Venezuela, and they're harming our environment even more.

The war on Ukraine is horrifying and heartbreaking. When I sat with President Zelensky, he said that the impetus to invade his country came from the fact that Nord Stream [II] existed.

Our President greenlighted Nord Stream [II] but cancelled the Keystone [XL] pipeline.

Right now, today, there are six LNG terminals that the President, with a stroke of a pen, could approve. **Are we going to pick the United States of America or are we going to pick our adversaries?**

The United States of American should **not be energy dependent, we should be energy dominant.**

Put Midland Over Moscow. Resume the Keystone [XL] pipeline, unleash American LNG, restart oil and gas leasing on federal lands, and protect our own country. Pick our own country.

With that, I yield back.”