



County commissioners approve wind farm permit findings

▲ 3,960' setback brings opposition

The Clark County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Board of Adjustment, unanimously approved Crocker Wind Farm Findings, Tuesday, during their bi-monthly meeting. Both CU1-17 and CU2-17 were approved. A permit will now be issued to Geronimo Energy to go forward with this \$300-\$350 million dollar project of erecting up to 219 wind turbine towers, near Crocker. This final approval of the conditional use permit (CUP) wasn't the story coming out of the commissioners meeting.

What did come out of this meeting was the opposition, of the landowners and those in favor of the Crocker Wind Farm, to the 3/4 mile compromise approved by the Clark County Commissioners at the March 27 meeting. Many times throughout the 90-minute meeting it was emphasized that when Geronimo Energy began this negotiating of wind tower property locations, the at-that-time setback ordinance was 1,000 feet.

At the March 27 meeting this

setback ordinance compromise was put at 3,960 feet, or 3/4 mile.

The story now going forward, is what ramifications this 3,960 foot setback will have with Geronimo Energy and the project.

When commissioner Richard Reints asked the quintet of Geronimo Energy representatives in attendance, Patrick Smith stated, "We have deep concerns to get this project done (with the 3/4 mile setback)."

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Wrestling practice facility to be north of football field - with water/sewer

The April meeting of the Clark City Council had a 'summer flavor' as many topics and issues concerned the upcoming summer season.

Wrestling booster enthusiast Greg Marx came to the city council meeting to explain plans of a new wrestling practice building to be erected south of the dump and north of the football field on land recently purchased by the wrestling booster club.

Marx told the mayor and council that this building still needs school board approval, but with that group's go-ahead, will erect this 60' x 100' multi-purpose facility. It will be a combined building for wrestling practice, gymnastics and receptions.

"We need water and sewer," was Marx's message to the council about this \$120,000 building. He also explained that a variance would be needed as the building would be approximately six feet from the dump fence.

The closest water main is 932' away, noted Clark water and sewer superintendent. The nearest main is at the corner of Clinton St. and 3rd Avenue NW.

Brent Forest, of Forest Excavating was also in attendance with water and sewer preliminary specifications.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell stated that this project possibly needs to bid out, she would check into that. The council approved the

city going ahead with this water/sewer connection.

Marx reported that the group would like to start building June 1.

Summer help

The swimming pool manager will again be Dawn Clayton and the lifeguards will be Michaela Flora, Janae Kolden, Bradyn Rusher, Matt Streff and Zach Kuno.

The summer rec coaches are: Troy Mudgett, Kari Thonvold, Megan Merkel, Steph Arthur, Shannon Huber, Trevor Johnson, Brock Greenfield and Chris Bokinskie.

Community garden

Nichole DesLauriers and Marcia

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City of Clark voters to decide next mayor

▲ Municipal Election Day is Tuesday, April 11

As the sub-headline reads, "Tuesday, April 11, is Municipal Election Day".

In Clark voters will have one position on the ballot, that of mayor.

Incumbent Mayor Larry Dreher is being challenged by John Pollock.

The two candidates were asked five questions.

1. Please state your present employment and how many years you have lived in Clark and your involvement in civic and church activities, etc.

Dreher: My family has lived in Clark for 29 years. I work for the Hazel Farmers Elevator and have worked there for 4 1/2 years. My previous job was with Clark County Farmers Elevator for 27 years. I have always tried to be active in our community; helping with activities at the school, golf club and church. My wife and I attend First Baptist Church located south of Clark.

Pollock: We moved to Clark in 1979 starting with my employment with North Western Energy, and have been employed with NWE for 38 years. We raised our family here in Clark, and are proud of the small town values that this community taught them. My family belongs to St. Michael's Church; where I am on the Church council and have many other duties. I have been part of the Hunt Safety Education Team for over 25 years. I am a retired Clark Country Riders member. I have been involved with City business as a councilman over 14 years for this community. During my term, the clinic and new city hall were built, along with new sewer and curb and gutter.

2. Why are you running for



Larry Dreher



John Pollock

Mayor?

Dreher: I have served as mayor for the past six years. When I took the position I wanted to give some time and effort back to our community. The city council and I have some large projects started and I would like to continue to be part of them and see them through.

Pollock: The Clark community has helped my family in many ways through the years. The support that Barbara and I have received in the past two years has been remarkable. I would like to give some of my time back to the community for all they have done. Clark cares deeply, and I would like to be a part of keeping that caring spirit growing.

3. What do you feel are the major issues facing Clark in the next few years? How do you plan on taking action to see that those issues are resolved?

Dreher: I would like to continue working to bring new business-

es to town. By doing this, it helps create new jobs and I would like to get more young families to move to Clark. Our community has a lot to offer families. In bringing new businesses to town it takes a lot of work behind the scenes and a lot of time to get them in place.

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WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
Mar. 27.....	55	33	0
Mar. 28.....	56	33	0
Mar. 29.....	53	36	0
Mar. 30.....	43	35	0
Mar. 31.....	55	35	0
April 1.....	59	33	0
April 2.....	62	37	0
April 3.....	52	39	.10
2017 precipitation to date	1.07		
2016 precipitation to date	1.54		

Wookey is tickled with transforming feathers



Merna Wookey is a woman who enjoys many talents and hobbies. Her latest passion is making cards for her family and friends out of feathers—mostly of the

pheasant and chicken varieties. Adding her artwork and personal flair for painting, she makes windmills, butterflies, flowers, fish and dragonflies.

Merna Wookey has been enjoying artwork and painting pictures since she was a young girl, first starting with watercolors.

"My parents were excited when they saw how I could draw and paint. 'You're just like Aunt Edith (Styles)' they would tell me. She was very good at painting," explained Wookey of her father's sister.

Merna was born in 1934 on a farm

near Garden City, the daughter of Merle and Treva (Grasse) Easthouse.

Quilting and crocheting are also among her many talents, but most recently she's had fun making pictures and cards out of feathers.

Pheasant, chicken and peacock feathers make up her color palette. She has some unique paper-punch designs that fancy up the edges of

her cards with a lattice type of design. White paper and papers that resemble the sky are her favorites to work with.

She started with the craft about 15 years ago, she said, when her dear friend Dorothy Bjerke was making some cards out of feathers and Wookey really admired how they turned out.

"There are so many pretty de-

tails to the feathers, especially the pheasant feathers. There are a lot of different designs on the body of the pheasant."

Her friend, the late Esther Bjerke, used to give her feathers from her chukkar birds, which are related to the quails.

"They are unique in that they have a stripe along the outside edge of the feather, so I made a windmill out of those. They looked just like a windmill blade," said Wookey.

It seems that Wookey can see in feathers what others don't, and when she adds a few hand-drawn squiggles a couple of feathers can turn into a pretty butterfly or a dragonfly or various flowers such as tulips or carnations. A peacock feather, set an angle, can look like a fish.

Peacock feather quills are what she uses to make her flower stems. The shiny dark blue/turquoise tint on the quills add an extra flair to them. They are also pretty flexible and can easily be glued into curved designs.

Wookey uses a tacky glue and a toothpick to get her results in the delicate work. Now and then she will buy tinted feathers to get a green color for grass with her flowers, but more often her cards sport the natural colors of the birds.

Her son Dwight brought her a golden pheasant's feathers three years ago that she really had fun with. A bigger picture was made with them for him to hang in his office.

"They are more rare and harder to find, the golden pheasants. Gold feathers with black tips are numerous on the bird.

"They are just so beautiful, oh, so beautiful. I just love those feathers. The regular male pheasant's feathers are so pretty, too. I use every

Wookey

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Alma Holm of Clark turns 100 years old today, Wednesday, April 5, 2017. She is shown sitting in the first piece of furniture that her parents owned, a rocking chair. A good seamstress from a young age, Alma's high school graduation dress that she made is on the back of the chair. Her dolly Rosella, puppy dog, lunch pail from her school days and doll buggy have been carefully kept in good shape all these years since her childhood growing up northwest of Clark.

Wish Alma a happy 100th today!

"All I can tell young people is—if you make mistakes, go home and talk it over with your parents. Both parents are important in a child's life.

"We never quit making mistakes. We just have to move on and do better and have faith in the Lord," advised 100-year-old Alma Holm of Clark, who celebrates being a centenarian today, April 5.

"I was brought up in a Christian home. They knew what they believed in and tried to instill that into us. And, when I had our four children, I tried to do the same."

Alma Holm currently lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Karen

and Mark Ceisel, in Clark, but up to six years ago still lived in her own home.

Karen has seen to it that many of her childhood and teen-years items have been carefully stored so Alma can enjoy still having items from her past.

A photo of two-year-old Alma with the stuffed toy dog, shown above, is still intact in her baby book, along with locks of hair and other items typical of baby books back in the day. Her high school annual, the dress she made and wore for high school graduation, her lunch pails,

Holm

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