

Big Bend Chamber meets in the park



Big Bend National Park Superintendent Bob Krumenaker spoke about park updates and management at the Big Bend Chamber of commerce annual membership meeting held in the Chisos Basin amphitheater on Sept. 9.

Photo by Shawna Graves

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

Big Bend Chamber of Commerce met for its annual membership and board meeting in Big Bend National Park on Sept. 9. The meeting was held in the outdoor amphitheater at Chisos Basin, and catered by the park lodge. Entrance to the park was free for those attending.

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City code issues on county's radar

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

City of Alpine code enforcement issues affecting county jurisdiction was the main topic of discussion at the Brewster County Commissioners Court regular meeting on Sept. 8. Commissioner, Pct. 3, Ruben Ortega was absent.

City Attorney Rod Ponton provided an update on the city council meeting held on Sept. 7, which had some county residents concerned.

"The city of Alpine has what they call extra-territorial jurisdiction or ETJ, and cities that are over 5,000 have a one-mile ETJ around the city limits," explained Ponton. "Neither Alpine nor any other city can enforce code for zoning, enforce tickets. None of those things can happen in the ETJ. City Manager Megan Antrim



Rod Ponton

told me that she instructed Code Enforcement people to stick within the city limits."

County Judge Eleazar Cano specifically singled out an RV park on West Highway 90 in Alpine heading toward Marfa, saying some of the ETJ falls in the city, but some of it is in the county. Calling it "unsightly," Cano said it would affect tourism and the general public, as some of the violations were adjacent to restaurants such as Spicewood and other

businesses that cater to tourists and the general public.

Ponton said he would provide a copy of the Presidio County ordinance to Brewster County commissioners that dealt with the same issue in that county. Ponton then praised the relationship the county has with the city overall now that the city has a new city manager and city council.

In other news, Cano announced that on Thursday, Sept. 16, at

the South County Emergency Response Center in Terlingua at 4 p.m., a public meeting would be held to discuss the chili cook-offs normally held in South County in November.

Cano said that although the county is planning on allowing them this year, due to coronavirus concerns and with the requirement of obtaining a mass gathering permit, the public is invited to express their

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Honoring those lives lost on 9/11



A triangle flag and a wreath honor those lost on Sept. 11, 2001 at the 20th Anniversary Memorial ceremony Saturday at the Alpine Border Patrol Station. The Alpine Station has a direct connection to the terrorist attacks on 9/11 as there was a groundbreaking ceremony that fateful day for the station building. Ten years later a memorial using a large piece of steel from the World Trade Center Towers was erected at the station.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

APD veteran takes over as chief

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

Hometown boy and law enforcement veteran Darrell Losoya recently took over the position of chief at Alpine Police Department.

Born and raised in Alpine, he played football at Alpine High School, and calls himself "a Buck through and through."

After high school graduation in 1989, Losoya joined the U.S. Navy where he served in active duty from 1989-1993 on the USS Sava-

nah in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has since served the Alpine Police Department for 27 years, first as an officer, then moving up to captain or assistant chief since 2012.

"I'm proud to now be the Alpine police chief, and I'm humbled beyond words with the amount of support I've received," said Losoya.

Outside the police de-

partment, he's an active member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, and was an altar server as a young man. In addition, he is responsible for broadcasting church services on Facebook, and participates in the men's prayer group.

Losoya is also a member of American Legion Post 79 in Alpine, and teaches classes at the Sul Ross State University Law Enforcement Academy. His current courses include human trafficking and missing and exploited children.

Losoya and his wife

Belen, an Alpine Elementary School teacher, have two boys and a girl. They were classmates growing up, but didn't meet until they were in a wedding together in 1995. They started dating after that, and the rest is history.

And his roots run deep in Alpine. His parents, Ruben and Josie Losoya, for many years managed the Ponderosa, the Sunday House restaurant, and the Highland restaurant.

Losoya considers himself a working chief, and said, "I'm going to be out there working traf-

fic, taking calls, and responding to my citizens. I consider that my primary duty, but ultimately I'm responsible for the administration of the police department. I'm taking care of the staff, and making sure everyone is doing their job."

He oversees 10 officers, eight in the police department and two assigned to a task force.

Finally, Losoya wanted the public to know he has an open door, and stressed, "If anyone ever has any problems, they can always come talk to me."



Darrell Losoya

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Katherine Cosandey Snook



Katherine Cosandey Snook, wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully Aug. 10 at her Alpine home, surrounded by family. Katherine was 92, and would have celebrated 72 years of marriage with Don on Aug. 14. Her life was commemorated at a ceremony on Aug. 20, 2021, at Don and Katherine's house.

Katherine Marie Cosandey was born in Duluth, Minn., on April 29, 1929, to Evelyn Graber, a social worker and music teacher, and Charles Cosandey, who had emigrated from Switzerland as

a teenager and taught physics and electrical engineering. She spent much of her young life in Minneapolis, living with her mother at her grandparents' home.

Katherine attended Grinnell College in Iowa, where she pursued a degree in American Studies, and met her husband-to-be, Don, in the choir. After they married, the couple moved to

Washington, D.C., where Don attended graduate school, and Katherine finished her degree at George Washington University.

They spent the following 18 years in Syria and Libya, where Don worked for the State Department and Esso Middle East, and Katherine stayed at home to raise their three daughters. She was known for organizing delightful outings to natural and cultural sites, and for throwing great parties, wearing glamorous gowns she had sewn, featuring performances by their singing groups, delicious midnight dinners, literary readings, and dancing.

In 1969, following Gaddafi's coup d'état in Libya, the family moved to Westport, Conn., where Katherine and Don spent the next

46 years. Don commuted daily to his Exxon job in New York City, while Katherine managed their home and continued to support and encourage their daughters, work part time, and volunteer at several local organizations, including the Unitarian Church, the library, the Arts Council, the Historical Society, and the Audubon Society. She also supported social justice causes, marching in Washington several times.

Katherine kept active and in shape with yoga, and with her husband enjoyed hikes and picnics, singing in several church choirs and other community singing groups, and traveling the globe to visit natural and cultural sites and their far-flung family.

In 2016, Katherine and

Don moved to Alpine, Texas, to live next to their daughter Helen and family. They enjoyed visits to Big Bend area parks, Cowboys baseball games, their grandson's high school events, and gatherings of family and friends at their home.

Surviving family members include husband Don Snook of Alpine; their three daughters, Laura Snook and husband Jonathan Kingdon of Oxford, England, and Rome, Italy, Ann Snook of Bacalar, Mexico, and Helen Snook and her husband Steve Stratakos of Alpine; Ann and Hans van Kooijk's daughters Michèle van Kooijk and husband Sergio Vargas Pérez of Miami, Fla., and Paola van Kooijk and partner David Castillo García of Cancun, Mexico; and Helen and Steve's sons

Johnny Snook Stratakos and wife India Shehan Stratakos of Asheville, N.C., and Paul Snook Stratakos of Albuquerque, N.M. Katherine had no siblings, but has Graber Kokatnur, and Cosandey Fligner cousins in the U.S. and in Switzerland.

We are thankful to all the kind caregivers who assisted Katherine in her last years here, including the sweet Alpine women we employed, and the family members (loving grandsons, granddaughters, daughters, nephew, and cousin) and friends from near and far.

Katherine's life is commemorated on a gravestone in Derby, Iowa, where other members of the Snook family are buried. Notes for Katherine's family may be sent to 47040 State Highway 118, Alpine, TX 79830.

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Alan Maxwell

New Zealander Alan Maxwell, 94, was a man of science, a citizen of the world, and a loyal West Texan. He died Aug. 22, 2021, in San Diego, Calif. He was born in 1926 to Arthur and Ellen Maxwell of Auckland, New Zealand.

Alan excelled early as a musician. From his teens, he played organ in church services. Alan studied physics at Auckland University, where he was a pioneer in the detection of radio waves from sun spots. His 1949 thesis was the school's first in the field of radio astronomy. Alan completed his PhD under Sir Bernard Lovell at Manchester's Jodrell Bank



Observatory, England. Harvard University soon tasked Dr Maxwell to establish its first radio astronomy station. In 1956, he established his long-serving facility at Cook Flat on the Sproul Ranch, near Fort Davis, Texas.

He also set up offices and a photographic dark-room at the Limpia Hotel on the town square. The scientist lived locally for 17 years,

and became a true and enduring friend to the community.

He moved to Massachusetts in 1973, and began a commute between Cambridge, Mass., and the Big Bend, instructing at Harvard and continuing Fort Davis observatory leadership. Throughout his teaching career, Alan nurtured many young scientists, including a Nobel Prize winner.

In 1983, he retired as professor emeritus, and continued his life of travel, returning frequently for visits with friends in the Big Bend. This Renaissance man gave generously to educational, musical and humanitarian causes and

supported several West Texas institutions. He often attended services at Bloys camp meeting. Some of his local friendships spanned four family generations. Stranded in San Diego when the pandemic struck, Alan was faithfully attended by Marriott Hotel staff. After 18 months, a sudden illness required his hospitalization.

Alan's earthly travels ended peacefully at Sharp Memorial Hospital, San Diego. The wanderer will be sadly missed by his New Zealand family, and friends from over the world. There will be no funeral, just memories of a long life lived - and ended - exceedingly well.

Bryan Hobson Wildenthal

Bryan Hobson Wildenthal of Dallas, Texas, died on Sept. 4, 2021, at the age of 83, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Adele; five children and their

spouses, Rebecca Wildenthal, Bryan H. Wildenthal II (Ashish Agrawal), Lora Wildenthal (Carl Caldwell), Kerry Wildenthal Fagelman (Michael Fagelman), and Andrea Wildenthal Hanson (Clay Hanson); five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The mainstay of his family, Hobson was a loyal and loving husband, and a kind and deeply supportive father. He relished his role as Opa to James, Justin, Vera, Sophia, Walter, Finlay, Calliope and Barrett, and was adored by his family.

Hobson was born in San Marcos, Texas, on Nov. 4, 1937, to Doris Kellam Wildenthal and Bryan Wildenthal, president of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, from 1952 to 1965. He was the older of two children. His surviving brother, C. Kern Wildenthal of Dallas, Texas, is president emeritus of UT-Southwestern Medical Center. Hobson treasured his relationship with Kern, Kern's wife Marnie, and their daughters Pam Kerner and Catharine Cumber and their families.

Hobson graduated from Sul Ross in 1958, and earned his PhD in physics at the University of Kansas in 1964. He completed fellowships at Rice University and Oak Ridge National Laboratory before serving on the faculties of Texas A&M University and Michigan State University. Renowned for his work in theoretical nuclear physics, he was named head of the physics and atmospheric science department at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1983. He moved to the University of New Mexico in 1987 as dean of its College of Arts and Sciences. He published more than 200 influential research papers especially focused on what became known as the "Wildenthal shell-model Hamiltonian." His theoretical work accurately predicted physical phenomena later verified in experimental studies.

In 1992, Hobson joined the University of Texas at Dallas as the university's chief academic officer. His work



O'Donnell Foundation, opened its doors, and gifts of art from the Margaret and Trammell Crow family and the Richard Barrett family are making UTD a cultural destination.

In 2017, a further gift from the Eugene McDermott Foundation created an endowment of \$10 million in Hobson's name to support undergraduate research within UTD's Honors College, which had been established under Hobson's leadership in 2014. The college was then renamed by the UT System Board of Regents as the Hobson Wildenthal Honors College.

Hobson received many international, national and local honors, for both his scientific work and his community service, including election as a fellow of the American Physical Society and selection for the Dallas Historical Society's Award for Excellence in Education. He was awarded both a senior U.S. fellowship from Germany's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

He was appointed a visiting distinguished scientist at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the University of Munich, the Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics, the GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research, the University of Paris in Orsay, Oxford University, Manchester University, and the University of São Paulo in Brazil. In 2019 UTD's Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies honored Hobson with the inaugural Edward M. Ackerman Leadership Award for his role in helping create and advance the groundbreaking center and its Holocaust Studies Program.

In view of the COVID-19 situation, memorial services will be deferred to a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, to the Hobson Wildenthal Honors College at UTD, giving.utdallas.edu/, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

It's Friday Night Lights season in Texas, and that means the tradition of high school homecoming games, along with the celebrations of school spirit, which culminate in a rite of passage for many students. And that is no exception in Alpine.

Alpine resident Morgan Elliott is set to welcome the Alpine Bucks and Lady Bucks as they join together with high school alumni, family, and friends to create a stronger sense of school pride. They will enjoy the camaraderie and cherished Texas tradition shared by their high school peers across the state.

Elliott's homecoming mum and garter business, Bunkhouse Blossoms, is there to make it happen, with unique, personalized, custom-made decorations - ribbons, bells, bows, trinkets, stuffed animals, teddy bears or Bucks, pennants,



Morgan Elliott shows off Buck Pride.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Go Team charms, and lights. All are beautiful silk arrangements with feathers and streamers, and all the bells and whistles to make homecoming a memorable one for the Bucks.

Elliott and husband Brian along with son Kooper, an eighth grader at Alpine Middle School, have lived in Alpine for the past five years. The couple work at a cattle ranch and raise border collies.

Originally from Amarillo, Elliott brings plenty of décor experience, having worked at a friend's flower shop there.

"I always got to work during the big holidays like Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and prom, and eventually I was helping the girls make prom corsages and homecoming, and all the big events when they needed extra help," said Elliott.

Traditionally, boys give their homecoming dates mums as a token of affection, but presenting mums as a gift has become more collaborative through the years, with school teams, parents, and siblings participating as well.

And it isn't just reserved

for the high schoolers, either. Elliott said she has orders from children as young as pre-k, all the way to high school teens. She has plenty of supplies and colors for Marfa and Fort Davis high schools, or any of the schools in the Tri-County area.

Elliott recalled her high school days in Amarillo, saying, "The tradition was that whoever your date was, the girls got garters for the boys and the boys got the mums for the girls. But I have noticed in the smaller towns where everybody just goes out to

enjoy, not necessarily with a date, and it's just as much fun for your mom to get one for you, or your dad, grandparents, just to celebrate."

Besides homecoming, Elliott fashions bridal décor for weddings, and makes prom corsages in the spring. Football may rule on Friday nights, but for Elliott and Bunk House Blossoms, homecoming is not complete without the

Texas tradition that many will look back on for years to come.

"Let's admit it," Elliott exclaimed, "It is just plain fun, and it gives you the opportunity to showcase your personality and school spirit!"

To place orders, call 806-341-0653, or email bunkhouseblossoms@gmail.com Alpine High School's 2021 Homecoming is set for Friday, Oct 29.

Boutique combines fashion sense and business savvy

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

For Alpine boutique owner Maritza Acosta, combining a high quality, trendy women's boutique that caters to all sizes, and educating future generations of women entrepreneurs combines the best of both worlds.

Acosta owns Pink Doe Boutique in downtown Alpine just around the corner from the Holland Hotel. Acosta's mother, who helps out at the boutique, is Alpine native Lupe Acosta. She minds the boutique while Acosta teaches second graders in Midland.

Starting her own business in Alpine brought Acosta a sense of fulfillment, along with pride and joy, from a place where her parents and grandparents have always called home.

"I always grew up visiting Alpine, going to Gallery Night, and I always loved going into the shops and walking around," said Acosta. "I chose it because of the charm that Alpine has to offer, and it's a very nostalgic thing for me to think about back then because of those fond memo-



Maritza Acosta

ries. Having my own little space there in Alpine recreates that for me."

Pink Doe Boutique offers a wide range of clothing sizes, from extra small all the way to three extra large, and also offers high quality jewelry.

"Growing up, that was kind of a challenge for me - finding cute clothes that were comfortable," said Acosta. "I know Alpine was lacking in that, and I thought that's a perfect way to merge something I struggled with that I could help other women with, a place where they can feel comfortable and welcome, and provide them with a way to feel self-confident and better about themselves."

Pink Doe Boutique is

unique, and Acosta attributes it to welcoming customer feedback, and making each customer feel valued and special. Even the boutique's name matches Alpine's small-town charm and natural surroundings. Acosta recalls coming up with the name while dining with family at Penny's Diner, trying to think of something that would resonate with the beautiful wildlife.

"I just thought Pink Doe," she said. "Doe because of all the deer you see in Alpine and in the Big Bend, and pink just because it's definitely my favorite color and also my birthstone."

For customers who are on vacation or are having a bachelorette weekend and want to get together with friends and have a private shopping experience after hours, Pink Doe is pleased to offer that. The boutique prides itself on taking care of little things like having a complimentary charging station for customers' mobile phones and complimentary water for shoppers.

Being an educator, Acosta is open to speaking to children, especially girls,

about entrepreneurship and opening up a business.

"That is something that is not really pushed a lot these days," said Acosta. "We are really focused on getting students ready for college and the workplace, and that's great, but entrepreneurship is another avenue that students can also take to succeed."

Pink Doe Boutique is located at 105 North Sixth Street, and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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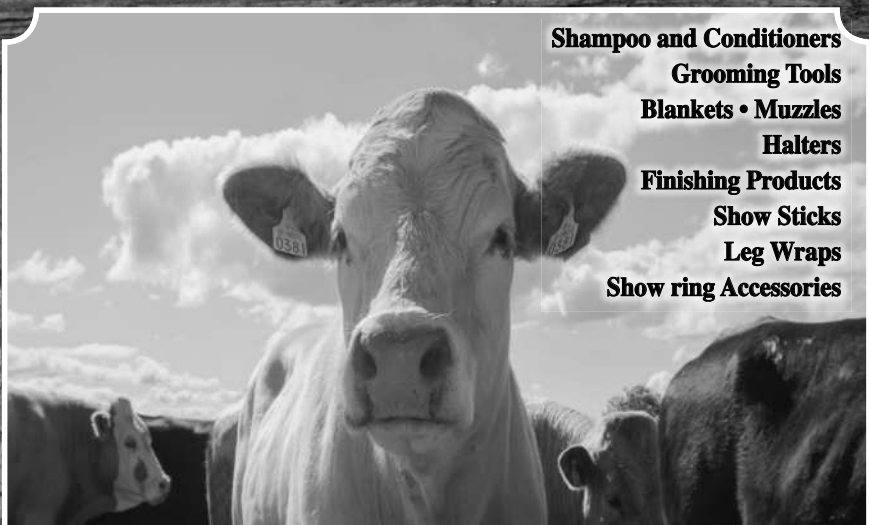
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Previously, the Avalanche asked:

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I think it's a great idea throughout the area, and should be started as soon as possible.	37.3%
It should be built anywhere it's geographically feasible and where it won't interfere with tourism.	6.4%
I favor a "virtual wall" that uses the latest technologies to guard and defend borders.	30.9%
A wall of any kind is merely a "feel good" fix, since those who want in will find a way to get in.	25.5%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now, the Avalanche asks:

If you're traveling this fall, does COVID scare you?

- Oh yes, and I won't be traveling because of COVID.
- Yes, but I will take precautions to stay safe.
- I've had the vaccine, so I'm not worried.
- I'm not concerned at all. Life moves on.

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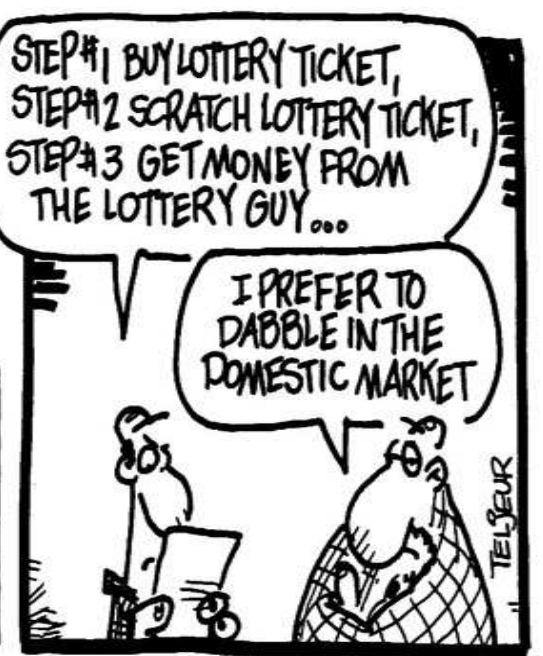
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Why men love football and women hate models

Monday Night Football is back. The Raiders and the Ravens. What a game! In the first installment of this three part series, I will provide some insight into the male psyche. Next month I will do my best to look into the female psyche. In the third contribution, I will merge the two together, and have some semblance of how men and women can coexist and, better yet, how we as a community, can gel into one delicious, flavorful caldo, just in time for fall.

Todd Herman authored a book entitled "The Alter Ego Effect" in which he primarily looked at how ordinary people become superstars. Cicero coined the term alter ego in 44 BC. In a letter to a friend, he described it as "the other I, a trusted friend inside." What makes one person able to defeat the limiting identities that stop others?

Herman started by looking at the common theme among top performers. With the consistent performers, he noticed a common theme weaving them together. Repeatedly, players would mention an alter ego. When they stepped out to



ELEAZAR CANO
Brewster County Judge

play, they stepped into a performance-enhanced version of themselves. I can relate to this concept. However, my alter ego comes out while I'm riding my Harley. Or is that my true self and the alter ego is present in commissioners court?

Throughout his career Todd has looked for keys to enhance performance. The essence of his question was, "How do I build a performance identity to allow me to dissociate from my own story and narrative of what I think I can and cannot do?"

The truest version of ourselves means we have a whole bunch of traits, capabilities, attributes, and qualities we can tap into anytime. The alter ego helps us tap into those things sometimes forgotten in our capacity as human beings to be and exist.

We all have a narrative about who

we are - short, tall, from a city, from a farm. Sometimes these narratives limit us. Words trap us up. We hear "true self" and think it is a singular experience. There is no one you. There are many versions of each of us. Fortunately, we also come hard-wired as kids to be playful and use our imaginations. By playing with the idea of stepping into someone and something more resourceful than our current self-image, we release skills, potential, and capabilities embedded inside of us. We are no longer shackled down to our narrative.

The alter ego is an extraordinary model you can use to help anchor yourself to a better idea of how you would like to perform. It is a tool to be authentic with our capacity and use our creative imagination to step into a new self-concept. In essence, men love football because we vicariously feed our alter ego's when our team wins. Heck, fantasy football is almost as big as the real thing. Creating alter egos to excel in different contexts is not about being fake. It is a tool to liberate the real self or truest self.

We must be vigilant to preserve our hunting traditions

Many avid hunters are already planning for deer season, which begins Oct. 2 for bowhunters and Nov. 7 for general firearms season. Landowners who participate in special management programs within Texas Parks and Wildlife Department can begin harvesting deer Oct. 2 with a firearm, as well.

However, as we get ready for this exciting time of the year, there is a growing threat that could impact our deer populations, ruin a cherished pastime, and hurt our livelihood.

Chronic wasting disease is a neurological disease infecting numerous deer and certain exotic species, including mule deer and white-tailed deer. It is not known to infect humans, but it is fatal for deer. The disease cannot be prevented by vaccination, nor is it treatable. Once established in an area, it cannot be eradicated, and can cause significant impacts to deer populations and their composition.

With reports of chronic wasting disease in Texas steadily increasing, we must be vigilant. If it becomes more established in Texas, we will pay a tremendous price. Hunting brings \$2.2 billion to the state's economy, and supports many ranchers, landowners, and



JAMES OLIVER
Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Director

rural communities along the way. Thankfully, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Animal Health Commission are taking action to curtail the disease spread. Concerns led the agencies to enact emergency rules that will, among other things, require increased testing and identification of captive deer before they are transferred to a release site.

Steps like these will be vital to containing the spread of chronic wasting disease. Numerous organizations have applauded the move, including Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, where I serve as the chairman of the Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee.

Many of our members rely on income generated from white-tailed and mule deer hunting. Unfortunately, they can be left vulnerable when high-risk deer are released without current chronic wasting disease tests and into areas where they can co-mingle with other deer. Should an infected animal

be released, the potential for disease spread to existing wildlife is very real. However, thanks to increased testing and identification requirements, we feel ranchers and landowners will be better protected from the spread of chronic wasting disease.

Collaboration between the state of Texas and private landowners will be essential to contain the disease. To do so, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is honored to serve on the Chronic Wasting Disease Joint Task Force on behalf of cattle producers across the state.

It is also vital hunters be vigilant, and report any animals showing symptoms of chronic wasting disease like emaciation, lack of coordination, or a loss of fear of people. Hunters in chronic wasting disease management zones must also take their animals to a check station within 48 hours of harvest, and those outside of specified zones may request voluntary testing.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is committed to preserving the hunting traditions so many of us know and love. We will fight to contain the terrible impact chronic wasting disease could have on our state, and I hope you will join us in that fight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stand strong against evil

The U.S. has been moving towards totalitarianism for a while. Biden's handlers are trying to complete the job. This will only stop if Americans unite, remember who we are, and defend our nation. A president has no authority to order his fellow citizens injected. Biden has no authority to "get [elected officials] out of the way." I don't care what party you belong to, his speech last week should freeze your blood. Mandates make no sense.

Their use is medically pointless and destructive of our deepest principles. As a practical matter, these inoculations do not stop infection or transmission. Therefore, shots cannot be the answer to this treatable disease. What Biden's speech should make clear is that vaccine mandates are not about health. These mandates are about power, a top down power wielded against the people.

Australia is the model for what will come to the U.S. if we let it. Children are taken from parents to be forcibly injected. People are locked

in their homes except for one hour of exercise per day. The army is on the streets. Does this sound like a healthy society to you?

Fear, a powerful psychological weapon, is an important tool in this attack against our people and our Constitution. It stops the ability to think. We have been subjected to non-stop campaign of fear for a virus with a 99.8% survival rate. We all need to step back, keep rational and pull together. Where Biden urged hatred and division, we need to keep faith with our Constitution and our sis-

ters and brothers. We have a Constitutional Republic, but only if we can keep it.

As to the mandates, Martin Luther King, Jr., said: "Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust. All segregation statutes are unjust because segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality. One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws." Stand strong against this evil.

Jill Berkana
Fort Davis



Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What is your favorite fall activity?"



Carolyn Barrientes, Alpine: I love to bake, so when the weather starts to change, I love to bake things that remind me of the fall weather changing. Sometimes we don't get the seasons here, but we start to feel the weather changing-have the smells of the pumpkins, spices, all those things that people normally bake before Thanksgiving.



Nathaniel Gerena, Alpine: Going to ArtWalk. It's pretty cool. I like being able to see all the creativity in there, all the art and everybody putting up stands. I think my favorite thing about ArtWalk, though is the wood fired pizza. I really love the pizza there.



James Smith, Alpine: Hiking up the mountain by Sul Ross, and getting out in the weather.



Melissa Smith, Alpine: I like to read, and enjoy the fall-the change of seasons, and the leaves falling.



Sheila Johnson, Alpine: Football! I grew up in Nebraska, so as a child, if you wanted to do anything the only thing you could do is football. Either high school football or Go Big Red football.

ROCKSLIDES



Send your rockslides to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 17 Family Crisis Center Annual Dance Fundraiser, 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. at Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. Music by Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band. All proceeds benefit the Crisis Center. Admission \$10 at the door. BYOB.

Sept. 18 Lawrence Wright reading, 10 a.m. at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Readers will discuss Wright's novel, "The End of October." For more information, contact the library at 432-837-2621 or visit the website at alpinepubliclibrary.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, Room 210.

American Legion Post 79 meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m., third Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Big Bend Community Chorale rehearsals on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbccchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

Citizenship Classes, at Alpine Public Library by appointment only, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621

ESL Tutoring, at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

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Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at Spicewood restaurant, 2612 W. Hwy. 90, Alpine.

805 W. Ave E. After school club for grades one to three.

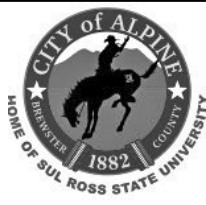
Senior Coffee, 9:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621.

Sons of the Legion, 6:30 p.m., fourth Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Voter registration assistance, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621.

Walk for Life, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays beginning March 30. Locations will vary, so call or email to register at Cathy@cathywright.com or 832-314-8103. A movement intelligence program by Cathy Wright, Learning for Life LLC.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E., with instructor Eva Lambert.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT A CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 REGARDING THE **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF:**

ORDINANCE 2021-09-01: AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; **ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ALPINE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

ORDINANCE 2021-09-02: AN ORDINANCE **ADOPTING THE FY 2021-2022 TAX RATE** FOR THE CITY OF ALPINE. A TAX RATE OF \$0.508345 PER \$100 VALUATION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2021-2022. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS IS \$0.468819 AND INTEREST AND SINKING IS \$0.039526 ON EACH \$100 VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE 2021-09-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET.

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Hitting homers for Project Graduation



Alpine High School Project Graduation held a fundraiser softball tournament at the Valentin Lujan baseball field in Alpine on Sept. 11. Here, teammates Jaelyn Monclova, Alexis Rodriguez, Jenica Portillo, Andrew Rodriguez, and Ryka Morales from Alpine High School pause for a photo between innings.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

City discusses budget and attorney invoices

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held a special council meeting on Sept. 14 to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, along with approving the June and July invoices issued by city attorney Rod Ponton. Council, Ward 2, Chris Rodriguez was absent.

During public comment, several concerned residents voiced their opinions about the city's proposed budget.

Martha Munoz, a resident of Ward 4, went so far as to request that each council member gift her with \$350, saying the city's \$2 million budget divided by 6,000 citizens equaled \$335. Munoz specifically stated that a proposed new awning project at the Alpine Visitor's Center should be the lowest priority as it would not ben-

efit all Alpine residents.

Interim City Manager Megan Antrim then moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. The council determined that the budget should be amended to reflect updated end-of-year financial objectives, which included updated revenues and expenditures. The council then approved unanimously.

Next up, Council, Ward 5, Jerry Johnson made a motion that council approve the June and July city attorney invoices issued by Rod Ponton.

During public comment, a resident addressed council and voiced her frustration on the invoice issues, asking, "During the last meeting, there was a bit of confusion as to who exactly is allowed to request payable information from the attorney. Can you tell me who exactly is allowed?"

Mayor Andy Ramos then said that information would

have to go through an open records request.

The council then voted to approve Ponton's invoices.

At the end of the meeting, Johnson and Council, Ward 3, Sara Tandy thanked Antrim and city Secretary Geoffrey Calderon for their work leading up to the budget process.

Ramos added, "Megan has done her best on this. The budget has always been approved, there has never been an issue with it until just recently, and nothing has changed. So, I don't know what the problem is. All of a sudden, the former city councilman has been approving the budget and making motions on it, and now he is totally against it and makes some remarks that she is not competent. So, thank you for all the work you have done."

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers and via Zoom video-conference.

CITY • FROM A1

views in public comment at the meeting. Cano, Sheriff Ronny Dodson, and County EMC Stephanie Elmore will also be in attendance, and the issue will be placed on the Sept. 22 commissioner's court agenda.

Shifting gears, Cano alluded to the recent tax rate, indicating that the county kept the tax rate below the rollback rate.

"We are trying to not pass the burden on to the public as much as we can to avoid that, but there is a breaking point," said Cano. "At some point we need to figure out what to do long term, and that is never a popular discus-

sion. But this time, we managed to keep the tax rate below the rollback rate."

Finally, Elmore requested a 45-day extension of the county wide burn ban due to dry conditions, and commissioners approved. Elmore issued a reminder that prescribed burns are permitted, but the public must contact her or Sheriff's Office dispatch first to obtain approval.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

CHAMBER • FROM A1

About a dozen people showed, many themselves current and former board members, with the notable presence of Brewster County Commissioner, Pct. 2, Sara Colando.

Major topics included updates about the park from Deputy Superintendent David Elkowitz and Superintendent Bob Krumenaker.

Park visitation is on track to break records, with over 500,000 reported for the year so far. Things only slowed down for a brief period in August, Elkowitz noted.

"Times are changing for the better, I think. We're learning to manage it," he said of the growing numbers.

Krumenaker spoke about two major projects in the works, funded by the Great American Outdoors Act, saying, "We have secured about \$75 million of funding for infrastructure."

About a third of that will go toward redesigning Chisos Mountain Lodge, built in the mid 1960s on bentonite clay. It has many problems that can't be addressed without first tearing it down, Krumenaker said.

The process will begin with a pre-design phase including opportunities for public comment. He expects the construction to begin by 2024, and take a couple years to complete.

The other two-thirds of funding will go toward replacing water systems that have exceeded their life expectancy by about 20 years.

The construction will impact visitors in the short-term, Krumenaker warned,

but the projects will vastly improve the long-term quality of the park experience.

The projects are in line with the park's commitment to maintain and improve park infrastructure in places where it already exists.

Krumenaker explained that the park has always managed its undeveloped zones in accordance with the Federal Wilderness Act for official wilderness areas, keeping those areas free from noticeable human-made impacts. In 1978, the park's undeveloped areas were mapped as eligible to receive official wilderness designation, but the project never came to fruition at the legislative level.

Since that time, more land has been added to the park, and the park continues to manage its undeveloped areas as if they had such status to remain eligible in the event it should be pursued. Additionally, this style of management assures large open spaces that are free from modern infrastructure, one of the hallmarks of the Big Bend experience, Krumenaker said.

The chamber represents members in Study Butte, Terlingua, and Lajitas and can be found on social media under the handle BigBendChamber and on their website at BigBendChamberOfCommerce.com.

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September 10, 1981

Marfa's Danny Short (22) gets there too late as Alpine's Ernest Ramos scores against the Shorthorns on Friday night. Photo by Linda Marlowe



September 24, 1981

The Alpine Centennial Days exhibition trailer won first prize for best exhibition when it traveled to Odessa last week to participate in the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition. In the photo, Dorothy McMillan, Ray and Pearl Potts, and Everett and Lanell Turner with the Centennial exhibit.



September 17, 1981
Flora E. Dougherty and Dr. And Mrs. Frank W. Daugherty give Big Bend Memorial Hospital Administrator Ed Rogers a check for renovation of a hospital room in honor of Bertha and Adolph Daugherty. BBMH is seeking donations to renovate rooms. A plaque honoring donors will be placed on the doors of renovated rooms.

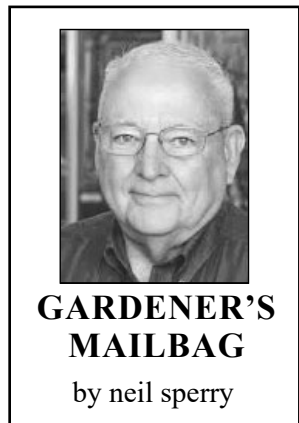
September 17, 1981
Founders of clubs and organizations: Seated, Electa Wade representing the Pilot Club; Marvin Pierce from the Noon Lions, and Jim Casner representing the Rotary. Standing, Lee Cowell from the Kiwanis, Janette Bowers from the Sunshine House, Elvie Williams from the American Legion Auxiliary, and Larry Bryant from the Kiwanis.

Photos from Alpine Avalanche archives at Archives of the Big Bend, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, Sul Ross State University.

Getting poinsettias to bloom again

Dear Neil: We have a large poinsettia from last Christmas. We want to place it in a darkened area soon to start the bloom process. How can we prepare the plant for moving without breaking the branches?

Good for you for worrying about the brittle nature of poinsettia branches. You do have to be very careful in moving large poinsettias. Do remember, however, that your goal is to give it total darkness for 14 hours each night and 10 hours of bright light each day starting Oct. 1. That will trigger flowering hormone production. Some people make the mistake of putting their plants in total darkness 24 hours a day, and that obviously ruins them



very quickly. It looks like there might be a low-hanging branch or two on the left side of the plant. You might want to trim those off now so the plant can fill in while it is still able to produce new growth this fall. When it comes time to move it, wrap it gently in an old sheet around the outside of the plant. Don't try to snug them together or you will snap them.

Just use them to cushion against one another.

Dear Neil: I have two bougainvillea plants that bloom very differently. One plant has blooms the size of a football. Are there different varieties?

Yes. Bougainvilleas come in several different floral bract colors. Some have variegated foliage, and some are even notoriously shy bloomers, producing far fewer bracts than others. You should begin to see color on both of your plants over the next several weeks. This is their prime time to bloom.

Dear Neil: Where we used to have a vigorous fig tree that bore luscious fruit, I now have (thanks to the freeze) a clump of perhaps 85 small fig trees that have come back from their roots.

I need the privacy the larger plant gave me. I can trim away many of the smaller stems, but I fear that would leave the remaining ones unprotected for this year's cold. What can I do?

Those extra stems are probably not going to give any protection over the winter. They will lose their leaves, and so they will not keep much cold away. Therefore, you can do your pruning anytime you need. You would be better advised to apply three or four inches of shredded tree leaves this fall as a mulch over the entire area.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.



Poinsettia blooming in May.

ACROSS

- 1 TX Kristofferson tangles with _____ investors in 1981 film "Rollover"
- 5 retail markdown
- 6 these usually don't move a lot in the Texas Two-Step
- 7 to correct writing
- 8 unfair criticisms
- 17 _____ City, TX
- 18 TXism: "feel like a duck _____"
- 21 TXism: "mi casa _____ su casa" (friendly)
- 22 TX-born Autry sang "That Silver-Haired Daddy of _____"
- 23 TXism: "touched in the head"
- 24 many Texans in TX-filmed "Necessary Roughness" (1991)
- 29 what TX Buddy Holly did for a living
- 30 TX comedian Vidale
- 31 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 32 sound made by dangerous creatures in Greek mythology (2 wds.)
- 34 Cowboys broadcaster, Sham
- 35 rank of TX James Fannin who died at Goliad (abbr.)
- 36 a ship that leaves Galveston port
- 37 goes with a reel in fishing (2 wds.)
- 38 TXism: "no hill _____ stepper" (doable)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "changes his mind as often _____"
- 2 Texas Tech "Red _____"
- 3 seat of Brewster County
- 4 TXism: "_____ ever wrapped a lip around" (delicious)
- 9 TXism: "gonna" (_____ to)
- 10 TXism: "top _____ on the ladder" (best)
- 11 enjoyed a chicken fried steak
- 12 "Is Anybody Goin' _____ San Antone"
- 13 TX Trini sang "_____ a Hammer"
- 14 _____
- 15 agcy. of "Johnson Space Center"
- 16 shuttle trainer used in Texas by 15-down (abbr.)
- 19 sign a check on back "as _____ it gets"
- 20 "as _____ it gets"
- 22 last film of TX Helen Vinson: "The Thin _____ Home"

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The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and Compliance Provisions may be examined at the following locations:

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Visit Alpine wins big at Idea Fair

On Sept. 14 the Texas Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus announced that Visit Alpine, Texas won the 2021 Judges Choice Idea Fair award for Cooperative Marketing for a series of advertorial features in statewide print magazines. The features were a partnership with Alpine, Marfa, and Fort Davis which ran in Texas Parks & Wildlife, Authentic Texas, Austin Monthly and Ride Texas magazines.

"Visit Alpine submitted the project for consideration so the award was given to us, but it was really won by all of the partners. Scott McGehee for Marfa and Melissa Henderson for Fort Davis brought great ideas to the table, and the project certainly wouldn't have happened without them," said Chris Ruggia, Alpine's Director of Tourism.

"We hired a freelance writer to develop magazine feature stories on night skies and outdoor activities, and shared the cost to run them as ads. Alpine contributed the layout and design, Marfa handled most of the administration, and Fort Davis helped with strategy and content," said Ruggia. "None of us could easily afford to run these ads alone, and the feature format gives us a better chance to keep the readers' attention as they browse through the magazines."

Visit Alpine, Texas also won a People's Choice Idea Fair award for a video in the Under \$1 million budget category. The winning video announced Alpine's new Texas Music Friendly Community certification during the 2020 Virtual Viva Big Bend music festival.

The awards were pre-

sented during TACVB's Annual Conference in Conroe on Aug. 21. The Idea Fair promotes excellence in destination marketing. Goals are to generate awareness of the quality work done by TACVB members as they promote their destinations to leisure and business travelers. Members may enter their campaigns in eight categories, and each award contains three budget categories.

Judges' Choice winners are selected by a panel of judges comprised of tourism industry experts. A People's Choice competition allows tourism industry peers to weigh in on their favorites as well.

"We had a record 119 entries this year," said Jodi Willard, TACVB Idea Fair chairman. "The winners encountered strong competition, and these awards are well-deserved."

LETTERS • FROM A4

Announcing retirement
I have announced my retirement from the Big Bend Ranch Rodeo Committee once this year's event is completely wrapped up. You must know that my time on the Ranch Rodeo Committee

has been a true highlight in my life, and I have loved my entire experience with this organization. I love and respect these folks and their dedication to the ranching way of life, and to continually work to produce a first class rodeo.

Committee, nobody works harder than you guys, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me be a part of your group.

To our supporters from near and far, we could not have had 21 years of successful rodeos without you. Thanks to all of you for your continued support, and for always accepting nothing less than a first class rodeo event. Thank You to all the many, many ranches and cowboys who have come to Alpine and competed, and made our rodeo the one that teams want to come back to every year.

Folks, it literally does take a village to put this event on year after year, and we have always held ourselves to a high standard. I am proud of you, Ranch Rodeo Committee.

Chachi Hawkins
Alpine

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Francis Peter Creer

What are you especially looking forward to in your senior year?

I am especially looking forward to the various events and competitions I hope to participate in such as the FIRST Robotics Competition and Computer Science UIL.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

I am involved in the National Honor Society, FIRST Robotics Competition team, and Computer Science UIL team. I hope to be involved in One Act Play and other UIL competitions as well if my circumstances allow it.

Who has been your most influential teacher or coach through high school?

There have been a few notable teachers that have been very influential throughout my high school career. Among all of them, I would say



Francis Peter Creer

that Christopher Valenzuela would be the most influential since he has been very helpful in my passion to pursue an engineering career.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

For the last few years I have been here in Alpine high school, my favorite moment was when I went to my first FIRST Tech Challenge competition as a member of the Alpine team.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan to pursue a career in aerospace engineering.

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This meeting is for any Tri-County resident, FFA, 4-H, or even a newcomer parent who may be interested in the upcoming years. We hope to see you there.


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Joe Biden says 80 million Americans unvaccinated for COVID, with no exceptions for natural immunity or any other good reason, are irresponsible and threaten the vaccinated, yet he makes exceptions for Congress, federal judges and their staffs, postal workers, and illegitimate migrants from around the world. Was his vaccine mandate a Freudian slip about the true worth of COVID vaccines, or was it just an intended insult to the Americans who won't bow down to his dictatorial Democrat regime?

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Sports

Short-handed Bucks fall to Wildcats

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

Friday night was more of a MASH unit than a football game at Buck Stadium. Both quarterback/safety Jayden Canaba and running back Diego Monclova missed most of the second half of play. The two star players' absence allowed Wink quarterback Kanon Gibson to carve up the Alpine defense both running and throwing the ball. Gibson and the Wildcat offense churned out 420 total yards to the Bucks 317. With the 40-24 loss, Alpine falls to 0-3 on the season.

Odessa KMID/KPEJ Basin Gridiron's Game of the Week sent reporter Avi Carr-Gloth and his broadcast team to Alpine. For the second time in three games, the Fightin' Bucks scored first on Jared Roggow's 35-yard

field goal, 3-0 with 6:26 left in the first quarter.

The Wink Wildcats had undisclosed injuries as only 24 Wildcats suited out, and many boys were only in jerseys, boots, and jeans.

Kanon, Wink Coach Brian Gibson's son, was just getting started after a failed opening drive. He hit his favorite target of the night receiver Braden Dunlap for a big 42-yard gain down the left sideline to the Alpine one yard line. One play later Kanon did the rest from one yard out. Jordan Rodriguez got a hand on the extra point, and it was 6-3 Wildcats.

It seemed it was going to be a slug-fest before the two big injuries. Alpine struck next after Oscar Velasquez returned the kickoff to the 27 and with a nice Jordan Rodriguez 10-yard run. Then Canaba found Roggow



Fighting' Buck running back Diego Monclova rushes with the ball against the Wink Wildcats before his second half injury.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

for a marvelous 59-yard catch and run pass play touchdown, 10-6 Bucks.

On the next offensive is when Lady Luck turned against the Bucks, and Canaba went down.

About the play and his

injury, he said, "I made a read and kept the ball. As I was horse collared, my foot was trapped under my body and dragged for a few yards, and I couldn't get it out from under me."

The early prognosis is a strained tendon, and he hopefully will be back in two weeks. Senior Jeremy Dominguez filled in admirably for Canaba, throwing one nice 35-yard touchdown

pass to Aiden Morrissey late in the game. Morrissey now has touchdowns in back to back games.

Long, rangy senior rush linebacker Shaun Foster was the defensive player of the first half and the game, constantly pressuring Kanon Gibson. But he couldn't help the offense as it was struggling to find its identity with Canaba sidelined. Gibson had another two-yard plunge, and freshman running back Hudson Morgan got in on the scoring to put the Wildcats up at half-time, 20-10.

New quarterback Dominguez engineered a nifty eight-play drive, gobbling up four minutes and 35 seconds, with Tray Ervin and Diego Monclova helping out.

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Improving headed into district

BY J.T. MARONEY
Publisher

The Alpine Lady Bucks will move into district play on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Gallego center on the campus of Sul Ross State University as the Lady Blue Devils from Presidio come to town. Presidio will be a big challenger in district as they have been a formidable opponent for many years. Alpine has been battling larger schools with bigger programs all season to get them the challenges they will need against tough district opponents.

Head volleyball Coach Rick Garcia spoke to the


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The Lady Bucks set up a kill shot against the Lady Birds in Crane on Sept. 14.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ALI MARONEY

Ali had one of her best weeks so far against Compass Academy and went 6/10 hitting/7/8 serving

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Runnin' Bucks continue to improve

BY CORY CASON

Head Coach
Alpine High School Cross Country

The Alpine High School cross country runners are halfway through their regular season schedule, with four races left before district. As long as we have enough recovery time, I am a big believer in a lot of racing. The kids are able to challenge themselves every week to handle the mental and physical demands that come with cross country racing. They continue to impress us each week with their commitment to improve and compete at a higher level.

The Crane Invitational was held at the Crane Golf Course on Sept. 4. Highlights include Hatfield Cason's fourth place finish in Division 1. Aaron Miller and Martin Sablatura placed in the top 20 in Division 2, both earning medals.

Hope Dominguez and Tannin Ritchie were the top two runners for the Lady Bucks, finishing 14th and 21st respectively.

Eighth graders Raul Renteria and John Paul Prieto both placed in the top 20 in a field of 100 middle school boys.

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Sept. 16 Sonora @Alpine JV 6 p.m.
Sept. 17 @ Sonora Varsity 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Sept. 18 @ Fort Stockton 9th 11

a.m./JV 11 a.m./Varsity noon
Sept. 14 Presidio @ Alpine 9th 4 p.m./JV 5 p.m./Varsity 6:30 p.m.

Cross Country
Sept. 18 B.O. Coffman Invitational in Presidio

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Cheering them on!

The Fightin' Buck cheerleaders lead a pep rally at the Alpine High School gym on Sept. 10 to energize the football team who played Wink at Buck Stadium that night.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich



XC • FROM A9

The Monahans Invitational was held on Sept. 11 at the Ward County Golf Course. Sophomore Tannin Ritchie, freshman Hope Dominguez, and senior Kylie Garcia medaled placing ninth, 10th, and 19th respectively, leading the varsity girls to a third place finish. Most of the girls ran their fastest times of the season, and improved their times from last year's Monahans race.

The varsity boys were led by freshman Hatfield Cason in fifth place, and senior Marco Martinez in 13th place. Javy Prieto, Martin Sablatura, and Aaron Miller completed the team, all improving times from last year's race.

Seventh grader Collette Price-Fowlkes placed 12th, and eighth grader Megan Struthers placed 18th in the middle school girls division.

The team will compete in Presidio this weekend at the cross country course behind Lucy Rede Franco Middle School.

Canaba earns Player of Week

Senior setter/middle hitter Annika Canaba was named American Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week after helping volleyball to a 2-1 conference record this past week.

"Annika is off to a great start," said Head

Coach Troy Canaba. "She has continued her success from last season. I am so proud of her and the team."

For the week, Canaba hit .390 with 3.45 kills, 4.73 assists, two digs and 0.64 blocks per set for the sixth player of the week

honor of her volleyball career.

Canaba began the week with eight kills, 15 assists, five digs, two blocks, and a service ace in a 3-0 loss to Mary Hardin-Baylor on Sept. 7 at Gallego Center at Sul Ross State University.

The Lobos regrouped on Sept. 10, and swept Hardin-Simmons in a 3-0 home victory. Canaba finished with 12 kills, 12 assists, seven digs, two blocks, and two aces to give Sully their first conference win of the season.

Sully hosted McMurry the next day, and took the win in a five-set thriller over the War Hawks. Canaba finished with 18 kills, 25 assists, and 11 digs for her second triple-double of the season. She also added five ser-

vice aces and two blocks. Her 25 assists marked a new career-high for the senior.

Canaba's first triple-double of the season came on Sept. 4 in a 3-2 win over Schreiner. She finished with 27 kills, 20 assists, and 13 digs against the Mountaineers.

The Lobos are currently 4-3 on the season and 2-1 in conference play.

Sully next travels to Jackson, Miss., on Friday, Sept. 17, to take on Belhaven.



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Avalanche earlier in the week, saying, "It is important for us as a team to play these larger programs. It is the best warmup we can have as a team, and we are able to see the strengths of our players and some issues we need to work on."

The Lady Bucks traveled to Crane on Sept. 14 to face off against the Lady Birds and Big Spring High School. Alpine fought hard in game one against Crane. The non-stop play for four sets was the most entertaining and advanced

the team as looked all year. The team was playing at a higher level and more intensity than some fans had seen in the past.

Not to be deflated by the loss in sets one or two, the Lady Bucks came back to win set three with aggressive determination, and beat Crane 25-13. The Lady Bucks went on to lose set four in a nail biter, 25-23.

Up next the Lady Bucks faced off against 4A-Division 1 Big Spring. This game saw new faces

on the court as freshman Jaycee Portillo and Hope Dominguez joined the varsity players. Big Spring made short work of the Lady Bucks as they pushed through set one and two with ease. Alpine was able to pull off a victory in set three as newcomer Dominguez hit a kill shot to win in set three. Set four was a close call, 26-24.

Alpine will play a dual match this weekend in Fort Stockton before district play starts.

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Bluegrass Association brings old time music to West Texas

On Saturday, Sept. 18, from 3-5 p.m., Big Bend Bluegrass Association will hold its first monthly music jam at Kokernot Park in Alpine. The September jam will be the first of many events, including a bluegrass festival scheduled for October 2022 in Alpine.

Said Association Director Cynthia Perdue, "Having the opportunity to play music with folks around town, I've met people who love to play bluegrass and gospel as much as I do. Big Bend Bluegrass Association gives bluegrass and old-time musicians an opportunity to come together and play the music we grew up with, as well as give back to others in the community."

Dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and enjoyment of bluegrass, old-time, and traditional gospel music in the Big Bend region, As-

sociation plans to hold public performances, workshops, and educational programs throughout the year.

As a nonprofit organization, the group's goal is to offer monetary assistance to young musicians just starting out, whether through the schools, private scholarships, or even instrument donations.

"We're still working on how we can turn the money we raise from the festival and other events into opportunities for kids interested in playing music," said Perdue.

After the jam on Sept. 18, Perdue said the Association would hold monthly second Saturday jams.

For more information about Big Bend Bluegrass Association, contact Perdue at bigbendbluegrasstx@gmail.com, or follow Big Bend Bluegrass Association on Facebook.

Wright to discuss novel at library

"New Yorker"-staff writer and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Lawrence Wright will discuss his novel "The End of October" on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. as part of Alpine Public Library's community conversations

on health care resources in the Big Bend region. The discussion will be live streamed at the library and on Zoom.

For more information, contact the library at 432-837-2621, or visit the library website at alpinepubliclibrary.org.

BUCKS • FROM A9

After Alpine had first and goal at the one, Domiguez was stonewalled for a one-yard loss. Two plays later Dominguez had a nice pitch to Monclova who scooted in the end zone, and Alpine again hinted at a back and forth affair, 20-17 early in the third quarter. But Monclova would get hurt, and Gibson and the Wildcats scored the next 20 straight points.

Coach Brian Gibson said this about his road warrior Wildcats who went 2-1 without playing one single home game to start the season, "You know when you play Alpine you are always going to get a tough game. Those kids play hard, and they are a very well-coached football team."

The Sul Ross State graduate who also played football for the Lobos also said this about playing Alpine

the past four years, "Our kids know them well, they know their kids, they play against them in a lot of sports. They were just excited about the opportunity to showcase their skills tonight."

Gibson commented on his quarterback and son Kanon, "I'll say this, he's a fierce competitor, he doesn't like to lose, it eats at him."

About Kanon doubling at safety while garnering All-State the past two seasons, he said, "I think the key thing for us is what he brings to the table defensively. He does a good job for us lining people up in the secondary and making a lot of tackles."

Alpine travels to face the Sonora Broncos Friday night. The Broncos are coming off a 33-14 loss to the Christoval Cougars this past week. Sonora is 1-2 on the season.

A token of appreciation



At the 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony Saturday at the Alpine Border Patrol Station, Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson (right) presented Big Bend Sector Chief Patrol Agent Sean L. McGoffin (left) with a piece of metal from World Trade Tower II that was destroyed by a terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001. Dodson offered the fragment as a token of appreciation for all the Border Patrol does to keep the nation safe.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

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When life gives you lemons

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thing sweet and refreshing. My go-to was always pink lemonade as a kid, because you know regular just would not cut it. Then as an adult I encountered something amazing in the form of jalapeno lemonade



HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert



Jalapeno lemonade

at the local coffee shop. You might think that jalapenos in lemonade is, well, just gross. I am here to tell you that it is not. It is delicious, but only if you are a fan of things that are spicy. It is not a drink for the faint of heart. I would make an

appearance about once a week for this sweet, spicy goodness. However, being the oddly frugal foodie that I am, I closely watched their process so that I could replicate it at home. Thus began my experiment in mixology.

Jalapeno lemonade is made up of fresh squeezed lemon juice, a jalapeno puree, and simple syrup. Now I have witnessed recipes that call for the simple syrup to be infused with the jalapenos as opposed to the puree being separate, but I chose to use a puree instead.

Instead of making a pitcher-full of the drink, I opted for a single glass at a time, and placed the remaining mixtures in the refrigerator for future use. By mixing individual servings, this allowed me to make it as sweet or as spicy as I liked, and gave me the ability to customize it for anyone else who might want a glass.

I used a pint glass with ice, poured in around an ounce or so of lemon juice, a squeeze of jalapeno puree, a couple of ounces of simple syrup, and filtered water. Give this a good stir

To make this refreshing drink you will need the juice of six to eight lemons, or 1-½ cups. Simple syrup is an easy ratio of one cup sugar to one cup filtered water placed in a saucepan on medium heat, stirring occasionally until the sugar dissolves.

For the jalapeno puree, I took three to four medium-to-large jalapenos, de-seeded and de-veined them, and pureed them in the blender with a small amount of water. I took this mixture and poured it into a translucent plastic bottle like those restaurants use for ketchup.

to incorporate all the ingredients, and add ingredients or water until the desired taste is achieved.

While I will admit that this libation is not for everyone, it takes care of my sweet tooth and my craving for spicy all in one shot. If you are an experimenter in the kitchen like I am, this is a recipe for that could easily be modified to suit your own tastes, so bottoms up!

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OBITUARIES

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Modesto Espinoza



Modesto Espinoza, a lifelong resident of Alpine, Texas, closed his eyes to his earthly home on Sept. 8, 2021, at Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine with his beloved family by his side. He was 94.

Modesto was born on April 27, 1927, in Alpine to Manuela and Esiquiel Espinoza. He was a cowboy and a carpenter by trade.

Praying of the Most Holy Rosary was held on Sept. 13, 2021, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine, with Mass of Christian Burial following. Modesto was buried at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine.

Those serving as pallbearers were Jimmy

Gallego, Mark Gallego, Frank Rodriguez, Poncho Celeya, Leonel Baeza, and Orlando Espinoza.

Modesto was a great and loving man. He loved his family completely, and would do anything for his family and friends. He was an excellent grandfather and great grandfather. He enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas, and kept horses as pets. Modesto was a very religious man, and would do anything to help those in need.

Modesto was preceded in death by his daughter Michelle Conant.

Those left to honor and cherish the memory of Modesto are his wife of 65 years, Nene Espinoza; his daughter Yolie Espinoza of Alpine; son Michael Espinoza of Alpine; brothers Alfredo Espinoza of Odessa, Texas, and Manuel Espinoza of Snyder, Texas; his grand children Andrea Conant, Modesta Espinoza, and Michael Anthony Wright and wife Heather; his great grandchildren Michelle Turrey, Selena Turrey, Leonel Baeza, Alejandro Baeza, Ian Salinas, Kayson Salinas, Alejandra Wright, Gabriella Wright, and Victoria Wright; and many nieces and nephews.

Lewis James "Skip" Kenamer

Lewis James "Skip" Kenamer of Alpine, Texas, passed away on Aug. 21, 2021, following a series of strokes and massive heart failure.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and June Kenamer, and his son Bart Kenamer. Left to mourn him are his wife, Cherie Miller Kenamer of Alpine, Vikki Kenamer Collins of Cuero, Texas, and his

grandson Lamah Kennamer of Thailand.

Skip was born Jan. 18, 1945, in Dallas, Texas. He attended elementary through high school where he excelled in football and track. He attended Temple Junior College on a track scholarship, and graduated from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

After graduation he taught school on a Navaho reservation in New Mexico for three years.

He then returned to Dallas where he taught physical education and coached. He also taught industrial arts in Richardson, Texas. After leaving teaching, he made and sold furniture and remodeled houses. He loved doing both. In his spare time he loved riding, racing, and working on motorcycles, as well as raising and riding donkeys and mules.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

No services will be held at this time.

Paul A. Gerbert

Long time Pecos, Texas, resident Paul A. Gerbert, 81, left this world Sept. 2, 2021, at his home in Pecos. Paul was born Sept. 29, 1939, in Fort Stockton, Texas, to Ed and Josephine Gerbert.

Paul grew up in Alpine, Texas, and was a graduate of Sul Ross State University. Paul moved

to Pecos in 1968. He was an accountant, and retired from Pecos Valley Southern Railroad.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Patsy in 2008, and his parents Ed and Josephine Gerbert. Paul is survived by his son John of Port Angeles, Wash.; siblings John Gerbert of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Bob Gerbert and wife Gradene of Pecos;

sisters Betty Pattillo of Odessa, Texas, and Ann Feist of Austin, Texas; sisters-in-law Helen Gavit and Debra Flow; brother-in-law Raymond Gavit of Round Rock, Texas; a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. He was a good man, a loving brother, and a great father.

NOTICE

Region E Water Planning Group Pre-Planning Meeting

October 21, 2021
1:30 PM (MDT)

Please join the meeting in person at
El Paso County Water Improvement District #1
13247 Alameda Ave., Clint, TX 79836

Or attend virtually via GoToMeeting
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/476277813>
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AGENDA

1. Receive public input and comments on issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2027 State Water Plan.
2. Discuss the potential process for conducting interregional coordination regarding water management strategies during the development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans

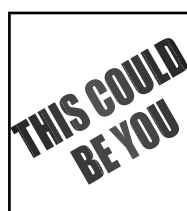
If you wish to provide written comments prior to or after the meeting, please email your comments to annetteg@riocog.org and include "Region E Regional Water Planning Group" in the subject line of the email.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information or to be notified of future Planning Group meetings, please contact Region E Planning Group Sponsor, at 915-533-4688, Annette Gutierrez, annetteg@riocog.org, or Rio Grande Council of Governments: Region E Regional Water Planning Group Sponsor, 8037 Lockheed, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas, 79925.

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- High School:** 1. Alpine vs. Kermit • 2. Sterling City vs. Happy • 3. Fort Davis vs. Sanderson
4. Marfa vs. Sierra Blanca • 5. Fort Stockton vs. Pecos
- College:** 6. AZ vs. Oregon • 7. Notre Dame vs. Wisc • 8. A&M vs. Arkansas
9. Texas Tech vs. Texas • 10. Iowa St. vs. Baylor • 11. LSU vs. Miss St.
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RECORD 17-7

1. Sonora	10. Browns
2. Wall	11. Patriots
3. Sterling City	12. 49ers
4. Alabama	13. Steelers
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9. Georgia	

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1. Sonora	10. Texans
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3. Sterling City	12. 49ers
4. Alabama	13. Raiders
5. Cinn	14. Saints
6. OU	15. Cowboys
7. Notre Dame	16. Chiefs
8. Clemson	
9. Georgia	

RECORD 12-12

1. Alpine	10. Texans
2. Wall	11. Patriots
3. Sterling City	12. 49ers
4. Alabama	13. Raiders
5. Cinn	14. Saints
6. OU	15. Cowboys
7. Notre Dame	16. Chiefs
8. Clemson	
9. Georgia	

RECORD 14-10

1. Alpine	10. Texans
2. Wall	11. Patriots
3. Borden Co.	12. Eagles
4. Alabama	13. Steelers
5. Indiana	14. Saints
6. OU	15. Chargers
7. Notre Dame	16. Chiefs
8. Clemson	
9. Georgia	

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RECORD 16-8

1. SONORA	9. GEORGIA
2. MASON	10. BROWNS
3. STERLING CITY	11. PATS
4. ALABAMA	12. 49ERS
5. CINN	13. STEELERS
6. OU	14. SAINTS
7. NOTRE DAME	15. COWBOYS
8. CLEMSON	16. CHIEFS

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RECORD 15-9

1. Alpine	10. Browns
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RECORD 15-9

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021
Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1
(HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2
(HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

Proposition Number 3
(SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of

a sincerely held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4
(SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5
(HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment es-

ablishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7
(HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8
(SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

Ranch Rodeo announces largest donation ever

The Big Bend Ranch Rodeo recently announced that this year it made the largest donation in its history to the Sul Ross Rodeo Excellence Fund. The Rodeo gave Dr. Bonnie Warnock, dean of the Ag Department at Sul Ross State University, a

check for \$30,000, bringing the total donations from the Ranch Rodeo to the Sul Ross Rodeo program to a little over \$283,000 since 2000.

To be able to make this kind of donation doesn't come without the hard work

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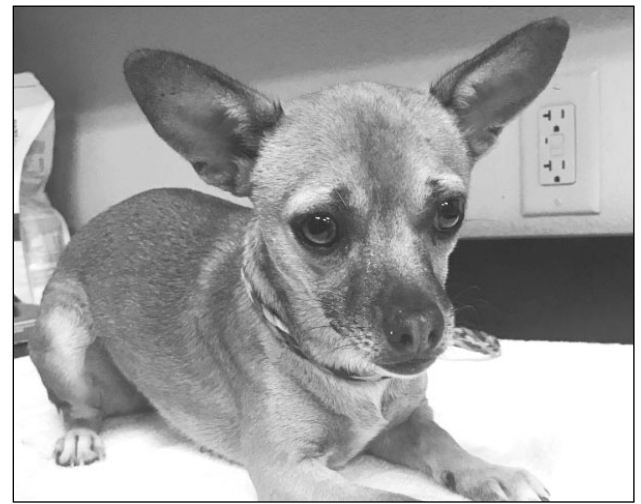
The Ranch Rodeo is fortunate to have the support of businesses, hotels, restaurants, and ranches in and around the area. Without the dedicated sponsors, this event would not be possible.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Storm, a four-year-old Chihuahua mix, just one of five currently at the shelter. She weighs around 11 pounds. Storm, Maple, Lacey, Kobe, and Zekara are all waiting for new homes.

These Chihuahuas represent a range of ages and colors. All of them are looking forward to settling in with their new families. Visit the Shelter to meet them and fall in love!

Alpine Humane Society and Alpine Animal Shelter are participating in the national Clear the Shelters event. Adopt any pet for just half price, \$50, in our effort to find every pet a loving home. There are currently 28 cats and kittens and 31 dogs avail-



able in all sizes, colors, and personalities. All pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped.

Adoptions are handled by Alpine Animal Services at the city shelter, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 East Old Marathon

Highway. The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 North Fifth Street in Alpine. For information about adoptions or other services, call the shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpinehumane.com.

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of 0.100123 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100123 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.100123 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.108392 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 24, 2021 at 4:30 PM at the BBRHD Administrative offices located at 105 W. Holland Ave, Alpine, TX.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the DIRECTORS of BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:
 property tax amount = (tax rate) X (taxable value of your property)/100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

FOR: S. Buddy Cavness, SMD 4; Andrea Perez, SMD 1; Angela Juett, SMD 5;
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: James "Cuatro" White, SMD 2; and Greg Henington, SMD 3

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year:

	2020	2021	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.107077	\$0.100123	decrease of \$0.006954 OR 6.49%
Average homestead taxable value	\$100,000	\$100,000	n/a
Tax on average homestead	\$107.08	\$100.12	decrease of \$6.96 OR 6.49%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,572,866,533	\$1,707,586,130	increase of \$134,719,597 OR 8.57%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for BIG BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT at the Brewster County Tax Assessor office at 432-837-2214 or taxassessorcollector@brewstercotad.org or visit www.brewstercountytx.org.

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Laying up treasure

BY NANCY ANTRIM

Episcopal Priest

Are you comfortable in your faith? Are you thinking "yes?" After all you go to church most Sundays, put something in the collection plate, and even volunteer for coffee hour on occasion. You have a list of charities you contribute to, and may even attend a Bible study. Yes, you think, "I'm comfortable."

But should you be? What of the other six days of the week? What are you doing with your faith Monday to Saturday? Your donations - are they from the heart or from your checkbook? Matthew tells us in Chapter 6 verses 19-20, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, [20] but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

This is what our faith should be doing all week long, not just on Sunday. So what are these treasures that we should be laying up? A kindness given, a loving word, a welcoming smile for friend and stranger - these are the treasures that thieves cannot break in and steal. Have you ever noticed someone walking down the street with a smile and how it makes you smile back? Or that lovely West Texas custom of waving at the driver of a car along the highway, and you can't help but wave back. Have you ever walked up to a stranger and complimented them on a piece of jewelry or clothing they are wearing? It makes them stand a little taller

and smile. Have you ever thanked a police officer or a man or woman in uniform for their service? Acknowledging others and valuing them is a gift that is to be treasured. These are little things, but they are treasures to be stored for they reveal your heart.

Then there are the treasures of compassion - listening and truly hearing and generosity of time and money. We, as created in God's image, are to reflect those qualities of God to each other and to the world. We are to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, heal the sick, visit the prisoner, comfort the grieving. These are the treasures that moth and rust cannot destroy.

There is a prayer attributed to St. Francis that serves as a guide in laying up treasure.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
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For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
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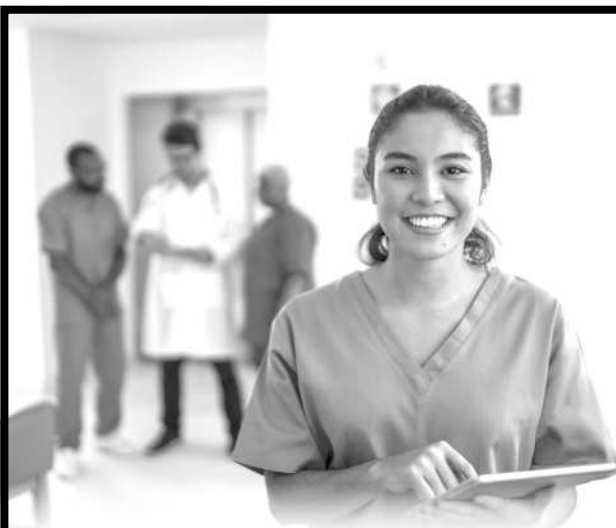
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The State of Texas To all persons interest in the Estate of

MARY EVA WRIGHT, Deceased, Cause No. PR03065, in County Court, Brewster County, Texas.

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an application to Determine Heirship in this estate on this 30th day of July, 2021, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of MARY EVA WRIGHT, Deceased. and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

This Application may act on by this Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M., on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so.

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Sarah Vasquez, Brewster County Clerk 201 W. Ave E Brewster, Texas 79830

By *Sarah Vasquez*

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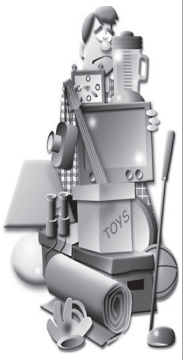
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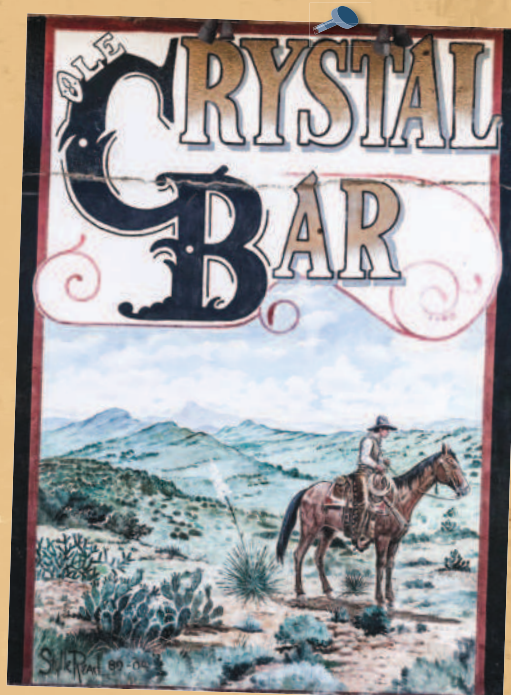
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Trappings of Texas a must for Western art enthusiasts

BY MARY BONES
Director, Museum of the Big Bend

A contemporary Southwestern pendant and necklace featuring a Kingman turquoise cab, hand carved buffalo bone on a turquoise bead necklace. A Santa Paula bit, hand crafted with fine sterling silver inlay engraved steel and a French gray finish. Paintings and sculpture that bring to life the American West created by some of the country's finest artist.

These are among the many kinds of works you'll see at the annual Trappings of Texas, Sept. 16-18. A showcase of contemporary art and custom cowboy gear held at the Museum of the Big Bend, on the campus of Sul Ross State University, in Alpine, this one-of-kind art show has been celebrating the cowboy artist for 35 years. This show and sale is a must for anyone with an interest in cowboy culture.

It is cowboy culture at its finest. The 35th Trappings of Texas opening weekend is a pure celebration of Western art. Thursday, Sept. 16, begins with a

Preview Party at the Museum, 5-8 p.m., where you will be the first to see the show. That evening a cash bar, light appetizers and complimentary beer and wine is offered. Register to become a buyer, get your ballot book, and start dropping ballots to have the chance to purchase works in the show. Look for folks wearing brown Texas nametags. These are the artists with works in the sale, and they are delighted to answer your questions and just visit.

Come back Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and hang out on the Museum's front porch with some of the Trappings artists as they do painting demonstrations. Then get ready to come back to the Museum for the best party in West Texas for the Trappings of Texas opening reception,

exhibit, and sale from 6-9 p.m. You can still register to become a buyer, get a ballot book, and drop your ballots to have the opportunity to purchase works in the show. A cash bar, complimentary beer and wine and heavy appetizers make for a full evening of fun at the Museum.

Then find your way to the Alpine Civic Center, where you can dance the night away to the tunes of Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band while supporting the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend.

Saturday, Sept. 18, kicks off with a chuckwagon breakfast at Big Bend Saddlery starting at 8 a.m. Keep your cell phone on as you will notified that morning if you are a lucky buyer of works from Trappings. Come back to the Museum

starting at 10 a.m. to revisit the show, and starting at 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., artist demonstrations and presentations will be in the gallery. It's a great way to end a weekend celebrating cowboy culture!

Bring your ticket from either Thursday or Friday's

events and you'll even get free admission to the museum, which is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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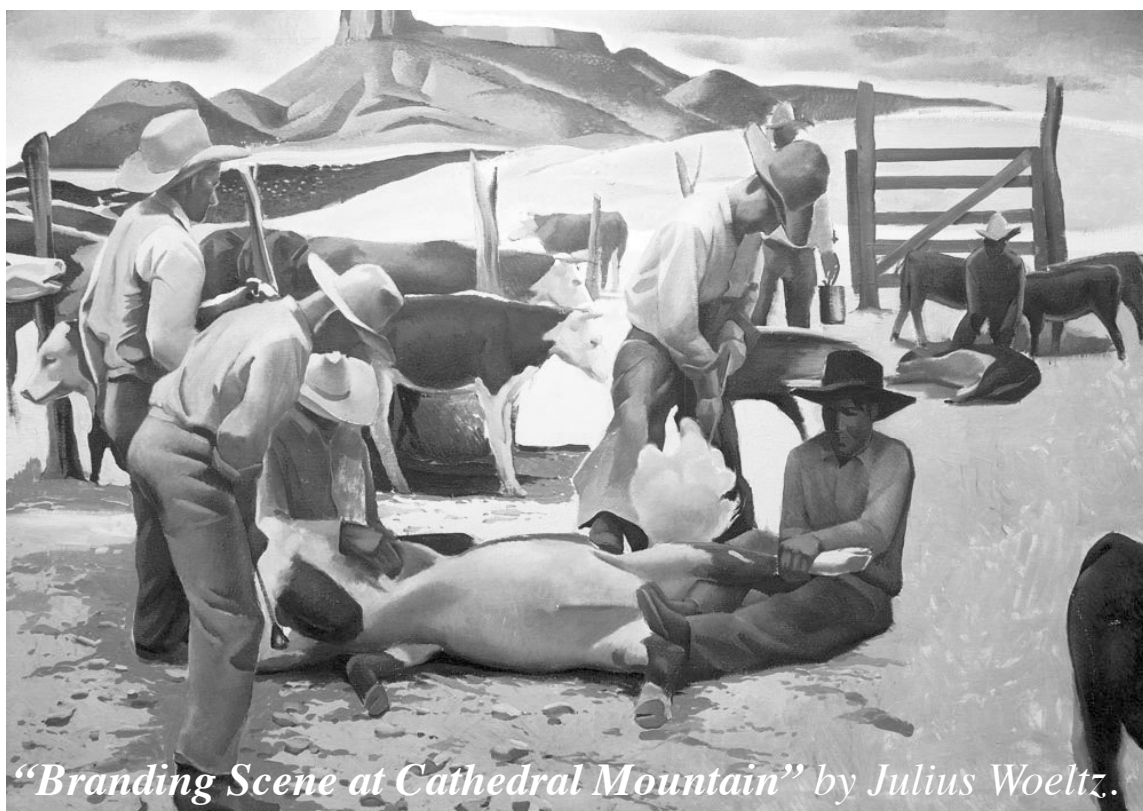
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Rather than a featured artists this year, the Trappings of Texas committee selected a mural painting by Julius Woeltz. About the painting, Museum of the Big Bend Director Mary Bones said, "We chose that because when the Museum opened in 1937, that painting was here. Part of the reason there's even a museum is the West Texas Historical and Scientific Society." She noted many members who created that society were ranching families, and the Museum wanted to recognize and honor those families. "I appreciate and am so grateful for the folks who support Museum of the Big Bend and who have helped us continue to tell the story of this wonderful country."



"Branding Scene at Cathedral Mountain" by Julius Woeltz.



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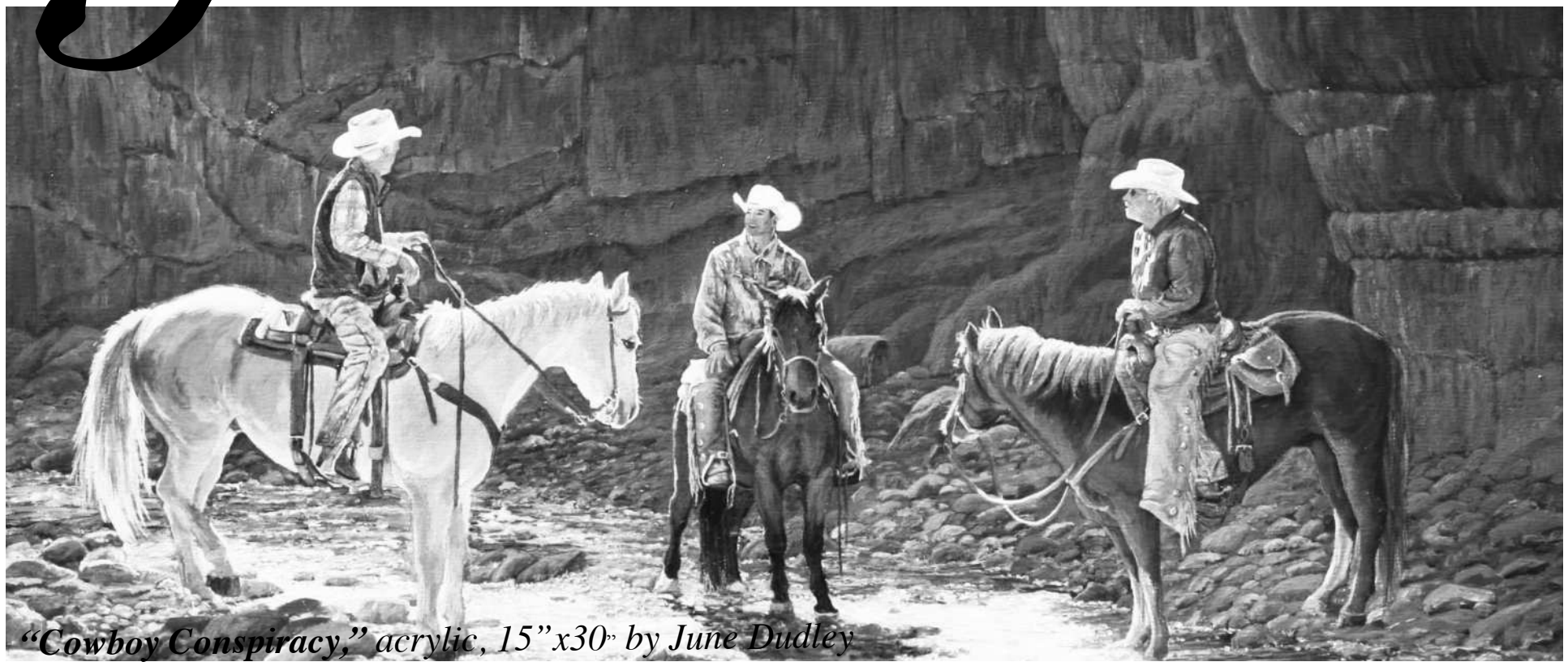
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"Cowboy Conspiracy," acrylic, 15" x 30" by June Dudley

The Best of the West is back for the 35th celebration of Contemporary Western Art and Custom Cowboy Gear in the heart of the Big Bend country of Texas.

Thursday, September 16
5-8 p.m.

Preview Party
Museum of the Big Bend on the campus of Sul Ross State University
Register to become a buyer, meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments, live music by Bake Turner, and a cash bar.

Friday, September 17
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Artist Demonstrations on the front porch of Museum of the Big Bend
Meet some of the Trappings artists and learn about their craft.
Bring your ticket from Thursday or Friday Trappings evening events, and the admission fee is waived.

6-9 p.m.

Opening Reception and Sale at Museum of the Big Bend
The best party in the Big Bend!
Register to become a buyer, meet the artists, and catch up with your friends at the Museum. Great appetizers, live music by the Swifts, and a cash bar make the evening more festive.

8:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend Cowboy Dance
Alpine Civic Center, 801 West Holland Avenue

Event supports the Family Crisis Center, and features Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band, a silent auction, and more.

Saturday, September 18

In the morning, you will be contacted by the Museum to let you know if you are one of the lucky buyers of works from the show.

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Chuckwagon Breakfast
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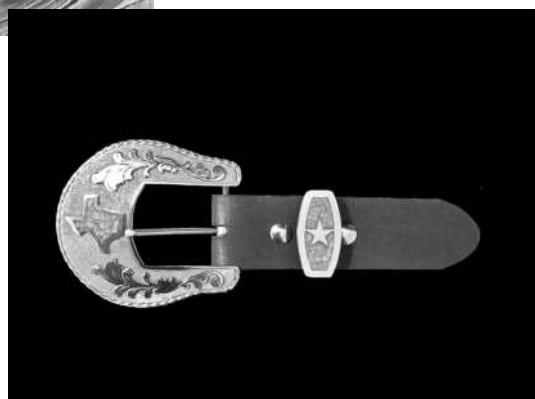
Kick off your Saturday with an authentic chuckwagon breakfast featuring cowboy coffee.
Admission is free, but reservations are requested.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Artist demonstrations and presentations at the Museum
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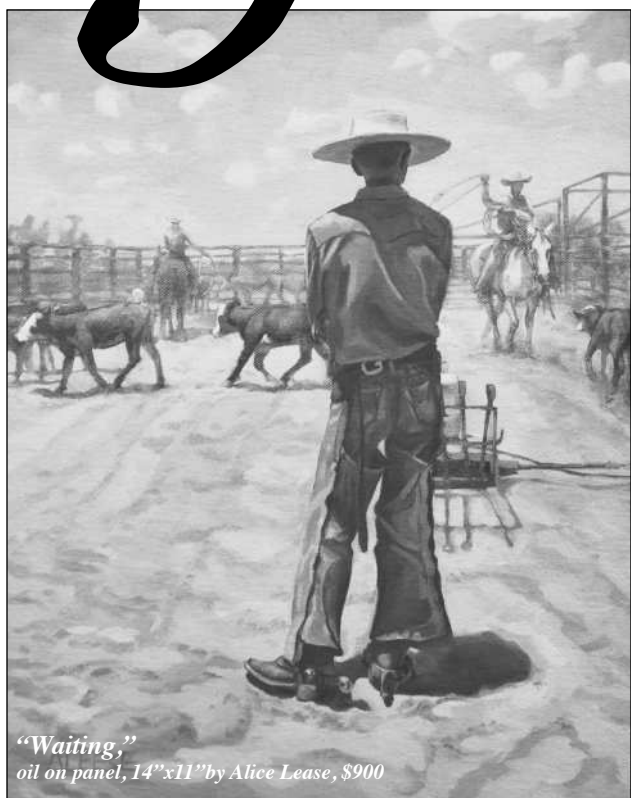

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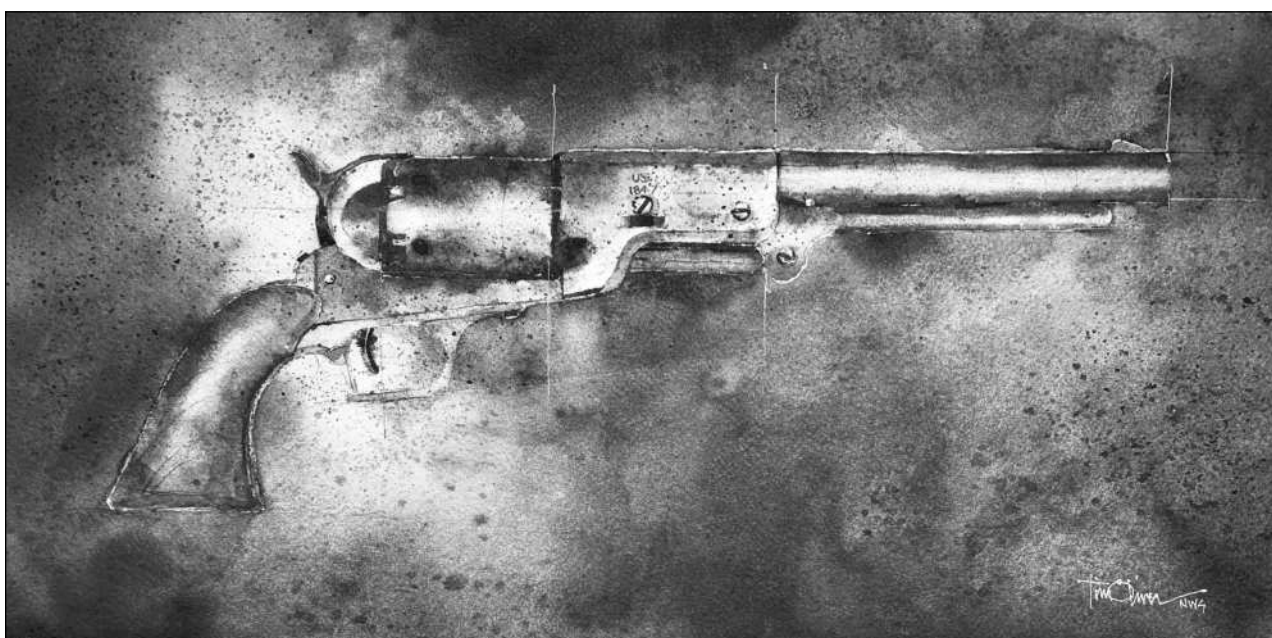
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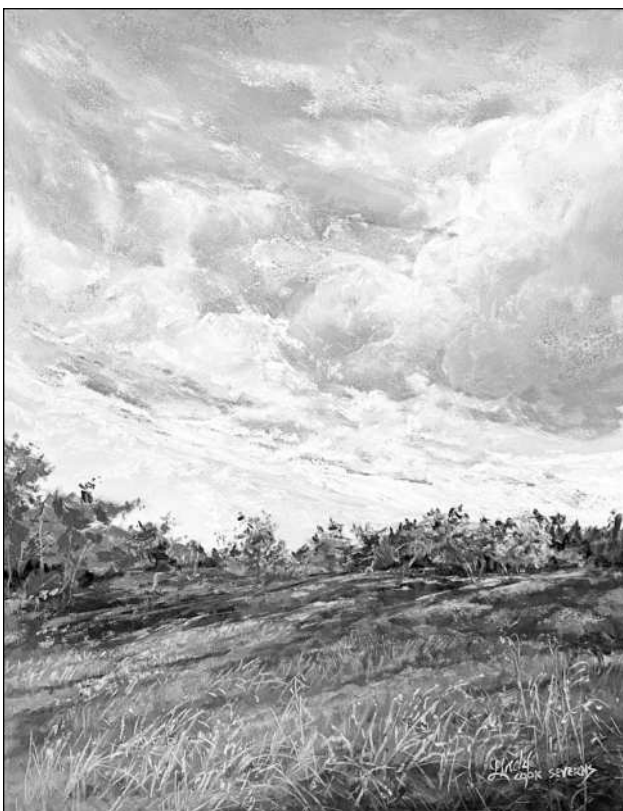
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