

Association talks Christmas

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

The Alpine Downtown Association continues to meet for its general meetings. The meetings are held at the Alpine Visitor Center at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month, and open to the public. It is also streamed in real time online.

September's meeting consisted of event planning, with Christmas 2021 in its initial discussion point.

In past years, multiple civic groups came together to form one committee to plan Christmas in Alpine. This year, the Downtown Association is narrowing its focus to one event scheduled for Dec. 4. The day will begin with a morning parade in downtown Alpine, and a day focused on shopping at local businesses, with more details to come.

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Alpine Downtown Association met for its monthly meeting Sept. 13 at Alpine Visitor Center.

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County gives the go-ahead for chili cookoffs

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County commissioners gave the green light for mass gathering permits for both the Terlingua International Championship and CASI chili cook-offs at its regular meeting on Sept. 22. Commissioner, Pct. 3, Ruben Ortega, was absent.

Wendy Little from the Brewster County Tourism Council addressed the court on behalf of the council, and said she fully supported the vote to issue the permits for the cook-offs. Commissioner, Pct. 2, Sara Allen Colando then provided an update on the

recent public hearing held on Sept. 16 in Terlingua, saying, "It was very well attended, and I appreciate everyone coming out and sharing their feelings with us. The overwhelming sentiment in that public hearing was that we should approve these permits."

Colando then made a motion to approve, and commissioners voted in favor.

Next up, Brewster County Extension Agent Luke Hendryx provided a quarterly report for Texas AgriLife Extension. Hendryx said stock show season was coming up, and youth were pur-



Judges perform their tasks at a previous chili cook-off in Terlingua.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

chasing their animals. He noted the Marathon 4-H club would be starting up again, as there had been plenty of interest for that, as well as

shooting sports training in October.

"I have had a ton of interest over here getting the shooting sports program back up and

running," said Hendryx. "That's a really popular one."

Hendryx said he was planning to form a county advisory board to address issues related to natural resources.

In other business, commissioners approved a resolution authorizing a county grant for the Sunshine House to apply for additional funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texas home delivered meal grant program. The amount would be about \$18,900 for the year 2022.

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Stickin' to the saddle



Brandon Lansford took the saddle bronc riding championship for Sul Ross State University at the SALE arena in Alpine during the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association event held Sept. 23-25.

Courtesy photo

AirMedCare covers the Big Bend

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

Medical transport company AirMedCare recently purchased First Flight, and many First Flight members questioned whether they were still covered if an emergency arose.

AirMedCare Membership Sales Manager Jade Hambright last week explained the transition, saying, "First Flight did have a membership program, but AirMed absorbed those and they are now part of the AirMed membership program. So First Flight, AeroCare, and AirMedCare are now all

with AirMed. When people renew it will be with AirMedCare."

Hambright stressed that only one membership was needed, and that puts members in the AirMedCare national network. He also pointed out that most insurance plans fail to the full cost of medical emergencies, leaving families with out-of-pocket expenses they didn't expect. With AirMedCare, members will have no out-of-pocket expenses



Jade Hambright

associated with emergency transport if they are flown by an AirMed provider.

AirMedCare, the nation's largest air ambulance company with nearly 400 aircraft in 38 states in the continental U.S. and 39 bases in Texas, owns and operates several different companies, and operates an aircraft out of Alpine. AirMed has been servicing Alpine and the Big Bend for over 30 years, mostly with its aircraft from Fort Stockton and Odessa.

There are no total flight limitations, and membership covers everyone

who resides at a primary address.

"A few years ago a small mom and pop company came in called First Flight," said Hambright. "They had an airplane parked in Alpine, and they did very well. We ended up buying First Flight, and we replaced their airplane with one of ours."

Earlier this year, First Flight had reached an agreement with the City of Alpine stating that if an individual paid a city water bill, no membership was necessary for emergency flights. First Flight subsequently canceled that agreement, and

an AirCare membership is now needed for emergency flights.

Hambright noted that Big Bend Regional Medical Center wasn't a trauma center, saying, "Our crews are very highly trained, and the best of the best. All they deal with is trauma, and our aircraft are flying ERs. We're going to take them to the appropriate trauma center, usually Odessa or Lubbock. Alpine is a beautiful place to live, but in reality, you're going to be flown out."

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OBITUARIES

Cody Austin Ward

Cody Austin Ward, 26, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., passed away on Sept. 14, 2021. He was born on June 12, 1995, to Jeffery and Linda Ward in Alpine, Texas. After Cody graduated from Alpine High School in 2013, he went on to study Culinary Arts at Le Cordon Bleu in Austin, Texas.



From there he proceeded to advance his career in the food industry by becoming a gen-

eral manager of a well known restaurant, The Craft Bar.

Cody was predeceased by his father Jeffery Ward. He is survived by his mother Linda, and his older brother Justin, as well as his extended family and an abundance of friends. We will all miss him more than words can say.

Services will be held at our family plot in Terlingua, Texas, on Oct. 7, 2021, at noon. For directions to the location, please contact family through Facebook.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Cody's GoFundMe page.

Literary Landmark to honor Taylor

All are invited to attend a reception designating the Jeff Davis County Library as a Literary Landmark, and recognizing the late author Lon W. Taylor on Friday, Oct. 22.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. the life of Lon Taylor will be highlighted, accompanied by a display of his 11 books. Half of these were featured at personal book signings held at the county library in Fort Davis. After the dedication of a bronze plaque in honor of Taylor, the reception will feature live music and light re-



Lon W. Taylor

freshments served on the terrace. The program is free and entirely outdoors.

The date also commemorates National Friends of Libraries week observed Oct. 17-31.

Taylor was known as an extraordinary storyteller, an NPR radio and television personality, and columnist of Rambling Boy articles, as well as being a serious researcher and historian. Before

retiring to Fort Davis in 2002, Lon's career culminated in his leadership of the Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library with generous support from Center of the Book, Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Foundation, the Summerlee Foundation, and United for Libraries. Further details may be found on the Friends' website at friend-sjdcl.com, and by following its Facebook page, Jeff Davis County Library.

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Chamber to host ribbon cutting for Marfa Film Shop

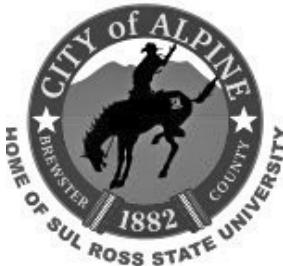
The Marfa Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of Marfa Film Shop on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 am. Mimosas and music will follow the opening.

Marfa Film Shop brings an impressive selection of film to locals and visitors of West Texas. A selection of cameras will be available for sale, and eventually film processing will be available in the store as well.

Marfa Film Shop will open for in-store shopping for the first time on Oct. 7. Regular hours will begin following the grand opening Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

This event is free to attend and open to everyone. Join us in front of Marfa Film Shop at 902 West San Antonio Street.

For more information contact the Marfa Chamber of Commerce at marfachamberofcommerce@gmail.com, or call 432-295-0509. To view Marfa Film Shop's online store, visit marfafilmshop.com.



Alpine Municipal Court announces the kickoff of Warrant Roundup. Individuals on the following list are requested to contact the court and resolve their citation matter before October 18, 2021: citizens can voluntarily take care of their citations without concern of being arrested before this date. If your name is not on the list, but you are not sure if you have an outstanding citation with Municipal Court, please call 432-837-0808 or send an email to court.clerk@ci.alpine.tx.us.

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Six-figure salaries a potential for Marathon ISD teachers

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Attracting highly qualified teachers has always been a hallmark with Texas school districts, and thanks to House Bill 3 passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019 and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott, that dream may become a reality for Marathon ISD thanks to the Teacher Incentive Allotment.

Superintendent Pete Price gave credit to Marathon ISD business manager Vicky Sanchez who came up with the idea, as she keeps tabs on grants and programs to improve the school district.

"I worked with one of the leaders of the program in another district," said Price. "Over the past few years, many rural districts have struggled with recruiting teachers. The goal is to provide a realistic pathway for top teachers to earn six figure salaries, and help attract and retain highly effective teachers at traditionally hard to staff schools."

Price said depending on which status a teacher falls under, the teacher would get additional pay from TEA for five consecutive years. Price indicated there were a number of factors that come into play, mainly whether the district is rural,

and what percentage of its students are low-income and English language learners.

There are two critical components to earn the designations - teacher performance and student growth. Based on TEA criteria, if a certain percentage of students meet the growth criteria, then the teacher will earn either Recognized, Exemplary or Master's in that area.

"The key here is growth, not achievement, which is a different standard," said Price.

Marathon ISD's application has already been accepted, and that makes it

closer to reaching its goal.

"There is no guarantee because the grading is by a third party, but I did hear that over the first three years of the program, they have allocated over \$41 million dollars to teachers around the state, around 2,500 teachers so far," Price indicated.

This year, Marathon teachers will be working with their students to achieve a greater level, then all the data collected will be sent to a third party to perform the evaluations. In May 2023 Marathon teachers will find out whether or not they earned that designation.

Alpine Bed and Breakfast more than just a place to stay

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Fall weather is just around the corner, and that brings more vacationers who are looking to explore all the Big Bend has to offer.

Alpine Bed and Breakfast is a charming, historical home that combines an extraordinary vibe from years past, but also offers modern day luxury with more than just simple accommodations and a place to sleep. Owners Tom and Sharon Kelner opened the bed and breakfast's doors on May 9, 2020, and the rest is history. The Kelners were instrumental in restoring the Alpine bed and breakfast, which was previously known as the Kincaid-Wade House that was originally built in 1887-1888, while adding modern day accents to make it a home away from home for travelers.

"We were looking for something else to do because we were both kind of burnt out in our jobs that we could do ourselves," said Tom. "Our favorite thing was having people over and cooking, and just hanging out and having conversations."

Alpine Bed and Breakfast is not your typical cookie cutter lodging option. Thanks to Sharon's exquisite home-cooked cooking, you would think you were having breakfast

at a five-star restaurant. The breakfast combines healthy menu options to accommodate everyone from meat lovers to vegans, vegetarians, and the most meticulous guest.

"We cook all our own breads and muffins every day," said Sharon, who makes her own yogurts, jams and jellies, and prepares everything to each guest's special preferences.

Whether a couple wants to get away from it all, celebrate their anniversary, or have a family reunion, this place can accommodate everyone.

"We have several guests already who rent the entire house for their family," said Tom. "They bring a few friends and their families down here and they have four rooms that are available in the house."

A new perk is a fine wine selection available to paying guests only. One gig high speed internet access is available, and each room has a Smart TV with excellent streaming capability. All the rooms have



Tom and Sharon Kelner at their historical bed and breakfast in Alpine.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

king size beds and brand-new mattresses, and the deluxe room that has its own private backyard and a patio area in the back, along with a relaxing outdoor hot tub where guests can enjoy stargazing and lounging anytime.

The Kelners are proud of not only being only one of two places in the Tri-County that is a true bed and breakfast, but also have a stellar five-star rating.

"Big Bend National Park is such a huge draw year-round, by the time somebody drives all the way down here, they are usually going to stay one to three nights," said

Tom. "They are going to hang out for a while and maybe plan a week's trip, so people tend to stay longer. With that kind of occupancy, you could make a full-time job out of."

Alpine Bed and Breakfast is the perfect place for a restful getaway or even a stop on way somewhere else, and the Kelners are sure to make it the best possible experience.

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Opinions

ONLINE POLL

RESULTS

Previously, the Avalanche asked:

What do you think about a physical border wall being built in the Tri-County?



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 summer, 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.

Vote for this week's poll online at: www.AlpineAvalanche.com

LETTERS

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Threats and insults won't get people vaccinated

I happen to believe vaccines are a good idea. That's why I got one.

Everyone in my family is fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Furthermore, a lot of what I hear as justification for not getting vaccinated is nothing more than kooky talk based neither in fact nor reality – from the DNA manipulation conspiracy theory to microchip implantation paranoia.

By the way, if the government wants to shoot a chip into me so I can be tracked, go right ahead. You're likely to be very disappointed by what my day-to-day routine reveals.

However, legitimate skepticism – and no, not all skepticism is fueled by whacky conspiracy theories – about vaccines is understandable, given the conflicting information we've received since the beginning of the pandemic. But anyone who dares express concern about the current policy is labeled a heretic.

I wrote a piece a few weeks ago in which I questioned the timing of booster vaccines that, as it turns out, was also questioned by infectious disease experts and officials at the Food and Drug Administration, two of whom have since resigned. A reader emailed, and insisted that by merely raising the issue, I will be responsible for future COVID deaths among the unvaccinated.

This sort of either-you-agree-with-me-or-you're-a-murderer method of debate makes it a bit difficult to have a reasonable discussion. Worse, it only makes skeptics more skeptical. True, there's a certain portion of the population that is so dug in at this point that nothing anyone says or any evidence presented will change hearts and minds. But there are others who are le-



RICH MANIERI
Guest Columnist

gitimately conflicted and confused, due in no small part to what our public servants, elected officials, and media have been telling them.

In his mostly awful and strangely angry speech on vaccine mandates last week, President Biden said, "We're going to protect vaccinated workers from unvaccinated co-workers."

He had just said that vaccinated Americans face no health risk from the virus. It's this kind of muddled messaging that only gives more ammunition to the resistant. If I'm one of the 80 million unvaccinated Americans listening to the President, I'm less motivated to run out and get vaccinated than I was before he started talking.

A pandemic is a fluid situation. Most reasonable people understand that guidelines and recommendations can change based on updated information. But if the goal is really to motivate unvaccinated Americans to get a least one dose of a vaccine, portraying vaccine skeptics as potential killers or misguided morons is a curious strategy. And the media isn't helping.

Last week, Rolling Stone ran with, and other left-leaning media outlets shared, a story about Oklahoma hospitals being overrun by patients who overdosed on ivermectin, a drug commonly used to treat parasites in animals and, in some cases, in humans, according to the FDA. The drug has also been advocated by vaccine skeptics as a COVID treatment. The problem with the

story, which was originally reported by KFOR TV in Oklahoma, is it wasn't true. The hospitals themselves refuted the report.

A story such as this only sees the light of day because it wasn't properly vetted and worse, because those who reported and shared it were predisposed to assume it was and wanted it to be true.

Just this week, CNN host Don Lemon called unvaccinated people "stupid," and called on the vaccinated to "start shaming them."

Americans generally distrust politicians, and the media isn't far behind. Again, if the goal is to get the unvaccinated to join the rest of us, bogus news stories, divisive rhetoric and "hot takes" from bloviating pundits aren't going to cut it.

Human experience tells us that attempting to legislate behavior only makes the reluctant less likely to cooperate. If you doubt this, try telling your teenage daughter she should dump her boyfriend. You'll be responsible for the most star-crossed love story since Edward VIII first asked Wallis Simpson to join him for tea and scones.

About 74% of the U.S. population over 12 years of age has received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. Most experts agree that we need to get to around 80% to have some form of herd immunity.

If we're going to get there anytime soon, more education and less scolding would be a good start. And we would do well to remember the "we're all in this together" pandemic mantra that was popular once upon a time. It seems to me a much better approach than "get on board or else."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to the community

A gigantic thank you to our community. We had a wonderful turn out for the 2021 Family Crisis Center benefit dance held last weekend. We would like to thank all those who helped out, and our many generous sponsors who made the

dance possible. We had a wonderful time.

The Family Crisis Center serves all of Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio and Terrell counties with counseling, community education, and crisis intervention services, and operates full time shelters in Presidio and Alpine.

Because of the generosity of our community, we are able to continue to provide these much needed services.

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79831, or dropped off at 606 North Fifth Street, Alpine, TX 79830.

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Rhonda Cole, President,
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Holy Angels Cemetery

In a day and age where volunteers are a precious commodity, it's important to me to thank two volunteers who took time from their busy lives to help clean Holy Angels Cemetery.

The cemetery looked like

it had been abandoned, with the amount of overgrown brush, graves untended, trash lined up by the fence, and no one in sight taking care of the grounds.

You were volunteering your time and energy, and it's not like you're getting

paid, nor do you want recognition, but I want to thank both of you for being so thoughtful.

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Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What's your favorite sports team?"



Tristan Karels, Alpine: The Astros, because I'm from Houston and I play baseball. That's my favorite choice.



Larbresha Chatmon, Alpine: The Saints. I'm from New Orleans so I like the Saints and I go for my hometown.



Lety Gonzales, Alpine: The Patriots! Because of former player Tom Brady.



Victor Santana, Alpine: The Kansas City Chiefs. They're a really good team.



Yartzia Garcia, Alpine: I think people that do sports are really dedicated and good, but for me personally, I don't like sports.

ROCKSLIDES



Send your rockslides to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 5 National Night Out, 6 p.m. at Kokernot Park in Alpine. Annual community-building event to foster meaningful relationships between law enforcement, emergency services personnel, and members of the community. All are welcomed.

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 bbccorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is "I'm not really fluffy, but that's the name I was given. I'm a handsome, one-year-old fellow with beautiful golden eyes, a lovely grey coat, and a great set of whiskers.

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Alpine Humane Society is currently seeking steady volunteers for our thrift store and also for dog enrichment at the shelter. Volunteers who work regular hours each week get 50% off of thrift store purchases, and opportunities to

move into paid positions. The Society is also seeking new board members. Contact the Humane Society at admin@alpinehumane.org.

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.org.

Celebration for Remy Carrillo

On Friday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. at the Brewster County Courthouse gazebo in Alpine, the public is invited to join in a celebration gathering in honor of Alpine native Remington Hilary Carrillo, a little girl who successfully won the battle against acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Carrillo will turn five next week.

Berta Rios-Martinez organized the gathering, and will also be live streamed it for those unable to attend Remy's ringing of the bell at Children's Hospital of San Antonio that same day.

Brewster County Sheriff's deputies, Alpine Police



Remy Carrillo.

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Celebrating a new facility



On Oct. 23, TransPecos Bank held a ribbon cutting and reception to open its new facility on Holland Avenue in Alpine. In the photo, Alpine Ambassadors Jerry Johnson, Rhonda Cole, Sheila Johnson, and Dona Blevins, TransPecos Executive Chairman Pat Kennedy and his wife Kathleen, Ambassadors Debbie Jordan and Eva Olivas, TransPecos Senior Vice President Phillip Kennedy, and Ambassadors Sara Bow and Berta Rios-Martinez.

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ASSOCIATION • FROM 1

Abbey Branch is leading another Christmas committee with her recently formed 501(c)3 group, the Alpine Historical Association. That group is working on a lighting contest for homes and businesses. It's also organizing the evening stroll that will end at the Christmas tree lighting on the Sul Ross State University campus on Dec. 4. There will be multiple performances by school bands and choirs, and a visit from Santa, with a full schedule to be announced soon.

Throughout the season,

Alpine Historical Association will be selling luminaria kits, the small paper bags with candles that are used to line walkways of homes around Christmastime. It is a tradition Branch recalls from growing up in Alpine.

"We have time to make it great," Branch said of the group's jump start on Christmas planning.

The group discussed its Harvest Moon event, held downtown on the evening of Sept. 18. The event showcased the downtown business district and murals with live music at selected venues.

"Harvest Moon is our most successful event to date. We had good crowds and good music this year," Downtown Association President Jim Street noted in a conversation after the event had occurred.

The group discussed ways to be more involved with university events, such as the Sul Ross Rodeo, and suggested informing businesses of schedules so they could plan to be open between or after special events at times when visitors might be looking for something to do in town.

Robert Halpern with Rio Grande Council of Governments said he was keeping an eye on possible outdoor tourism grants that could help kick start more events and activities.

Halpern introduced the Relative Care grant program. It pays for family members to care for a relative's child while that relative is at school or work. For more information about this program, call 915-500-7665.

To find out more about Alpine Downtown Association visit Downtown-AlpineTx.com.

COUNTY • FROM 1

Kerie van Zeyst, assistant executive director at the Sunshine House, provided updates on happenings, saying, "We are steadily increasing in need as the population ages. A lot of the need here has to do with the lack of assisted living fa-

ilities such as retirement homes. We also have a veteran's program for those who are under 60 if they need food. We have a partner organization- Meals for Vets."

Commissioner, Pct. 1, Jim Westermann then asked van Zeyst when the

Sunshine House would be reopening back to normal, but van Zeyst replied it was the Board of Directors' decision, and said that David Mainz, a local physician, was leading the way on that.

In other news, County Judge Eleazar Cano recognized young Remington Carrillo, an Alpine native who was battling leukemia, for her courageous victory over the disease. In October the child will be nearing the end of treatment. In 2019 at just two years old, Carrillo was diagnosed with leukemia, and has been receiving treatment in San Antonio.

"We would like to thank the community of Alpine, people around the state, and the U.S. for their support and prayers," said mom Letty.

Finally, Cano announced that commissioner's court meetings would now be switched from Wednesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Time remains the same at 9:30 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

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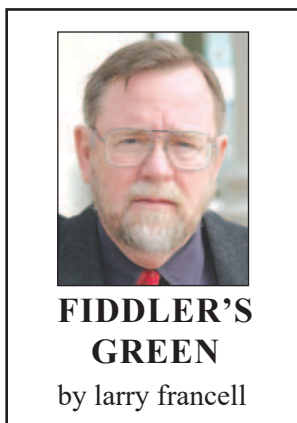
I met Alan Maxwell under the most unusual circumstances. He was sitting on top of a pickup in the middle of Limpia Creek where it crosses Sproul Road. It was one of those times when, after a rain, Limpia Creek flooded, and Alan thought he could make it across. I was a teenager working as a wrangler at Prude Ranch. John Robert Prude asked us to take one of our pickups and a tow rope to help Alan out of the creek.

It was only a couple of years earlier that we had watched trucks hauling large and strange pieces of metal over Sproul Road to Cook Flat at the base of Casket Mountain. All these construction materials turned into an oversized radar antenna and a small building owned by Harvard University. Those of us familiar with the optical telescopes at McDonald Observatory had no idea that this installation had to do with the understanding of the sun and how sunspots could disrupt communications on earth.

Alan was born in 1926 in Northcote Point, New Zealand. A musical prodigy, he also excelled in science. At the University of Auckland his interests in science centered around the study of radio waves, a subject that came out of the development of radar during World War II. Some of the best research in this subject was coming from Australia, New Zealand's neighbor. Alan mounted two radio antennas on the roof of the university science building, and discovered that "in general when solar noise (via radio wave detection) was received, there were sunspots on, or near the sun's meridian."

Alan received the first master's degree in New Zealand in the field of radio astronomy. He went on to earn a PhD from the University of Manchester, England, for research conducted at Jodrell Bank Observatory under Sir Bernard Lovell, one of the pioneers in radio astronomy.

As might be expected optical astronomers did not immediately embrace the science of radio astronomy. I once witnessed this at an Easter open house at Lucy Miller's home, our current place of residence. An optical astronomer from the Jet Propulsion Lab in California was there, as was Alan, always a family friend. A



FIDDLER'S GREEN
by Larry Francell

remark was made about how a radio astronomer had nothing to see. Alan in his urbane way pointed out that his work could reach into the center of the galaxy or even the universe, where optical instruments could not go. I gave Alan the point.

With degree in hand Alan soon arrived in Boston at Harvard University where he spent his career, and had the opportunity to discover Fort Davis. Tasked with establishing the Harvard Radio Astronomy Station, he was aware of the need to find a location with minimal interference from manmade transmissions.

"Instead of siting the radio equipment on a mountain top, I looked for a sheltered valley and found the ideal location near Fort Davis, Texas," he said.

He made a deal with the Sproul Ranch to lease a one-acre site.

The original small, 28-foot diameter dish went online in 1956, and regularly tracked the sun daily until 1982. In 1963 an 85-foot diameter dish was constructed for non-solar research. Often visible from where we took Prude Ranch campers on their daily ride, we often convinced them that this was a giant "buzzard catcher."

During his 30 years at Harvard, Alan regularly spent time in Fort Davis where he developed great friendships with many of the local families and was, until COVID, a regular fixture at the Bloys Campmeeting.

In 1991 Harvard ceased activity at the facility, and today the 85-foot diameter dish is now a component of the of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, and is part of the Very Long Baseline Array that links multiple facilities into one operating unit.

Thanks to Alan Maxwell there is another hidden treasure in the Davis Mountains at the end of Sproul Road.

Celebrating a stylish grand opening



Alpine Ambassadors kicked off a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Sept. 25 at new Alpine business Pink Doe Boutique, with owner Maritza Acosta and mom Lupe Acosta welcoming customers with complimentary snacks and good deals on fashion clothing. Celebrating the occasion were Ambassadors Dona Ward Blevins and Rhonda Cole, owner Maritza Acosta and Lupe Acosta, and Ambassadors Sara Bow, Sheila Johnson, and Jerry Johnson.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Jayden Canaba

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

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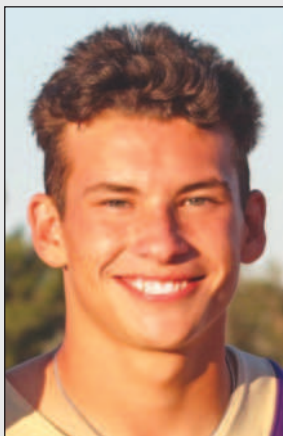
What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

National Honor Society, football, basketball, track, baseball, and golf.

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

Coach Llanez and Coach Dominguez have both been the most influential teachers/coaches in my high school career. They both have guided me in academics, sports, and, most importantly, in life.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?



Jayden Canaba

Winning District championships in football and in basketball.

What are your plans after high school?


My plans are to play a sport at the collegiate level, and get my education in strength and conditioning, with the hopes of becoming a strength and conditioning coach at a university.

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Sports

Bucks win!

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks and Coach John Fellows handily beat the Kermit Yellowjackets on Sept. 24, 35-21, behind a strong defensive effort and a resurgent offense, moving their record to 1-4.

Fellows has made the switch from quarterback Jeremy Dominguez to junior Tray Ervin, and that seemed to kick start the offense with star Jayden Canaba sidelined the past

two weeks with an ankle injury.

Ervin finished the game after taking over for Dominguez two weeks ago against Sonora, and got his first start at quarterback against the Yellowjackets on Friday night. Ervin had two touchdowns on the night, one running and one passing. The middle linebacker/receiver/running back Ervin seems to have found a home at quarterback until Canaba can return, and gives a glimpse into the future of the offense for next season and beyond.



Fightin' Buck Alejandro Hernandez goes down with the ball in a big win against Kermit on Sept. 24.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Fellows gushed about the win, saying, "Total team effort. So proud of the kids, so happy for them. They've been busting their butts. They are happy, they're excited, and I'm happy for them."

The Bucks received to start off the game. The first three offensive series resulted in punts, two for Alpine and one for Kermit. With Kermit in scoring position after a big 35-

yard run by Yellowjacket sophomore Jeremiah Salazar down to the Buck 22, on the very next play Jared Roggow came up with an interception in the right end zone.

The Buck offense stalled again, and Kermit scored first on a Gerardo Perez 72-yard punt return, 7-0 with 8:43 left in the second quarter.

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Canaba again takes ASC honor

Senior setter/middle blocker Annika Canaba was named American Southwest Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Week in an announcement made Sept. 28 by the conference office. It is her second of the season and the seventh of her career.

Canaba shares the honor with Kylie Metcalf of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

"I am so proud of Annika," said head coach Troy Canaba. "She is having a good year so far. Her team has really helped her this year. It really is an amazing group!"

She recorded 4.07 kills, 4.21 assists, and two digs per set to help the Lobos

to a 3-1 record for the week.

Canaba began with 25 kills, 22 assists, five digs, three blocks, and an ace while hitting .806 in a four-set win against Concordia on Sept. 21.

The Lobos next fell 3-0 to UT-Dallas. She still posted solid numbers with seven kills, nine assists, eight digs, and two blocks on September 24.

Canaba then posted her fourth triple-double of the season with 17 kills, 12 assists, 10 digs, four aces, and two blocks in a sweep at University of the Southwest on Sept. 27.

She was previously named player of the week on Sept. 14.



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Lady Bucks defeat Anthony



The Lady Bucks fought a hard battle at Alpine High School against Anthony on Sept. 24. They won three out of four sets in a nail biter, coming out on top in the end.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

Fightin' Buck Schedule

Football
Sept. 30 @ Fort Stockton JV 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 @ El Paso Riverside Varsity 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Oct. 2 Kermit @ Alpine 9th 11 a.m./JV noon/Varsity 1 p.m.
Oct. 5 @ Tornillo JV 5 p.m./Varsity 6 p.m.

Cross Country
Oct. 2 Big Bend Mountain Ramble at Alpine @Kokernot Park 9 a.m.

Celebrating!



The Alpine Fightin' Bucks celebrate after a score against the Kermit Yellowjackets last Friday.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



YLAN HERNANDEZ

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Lobos squeak by Texas Lutheran

Tyler DeShields found Isaiah Villarreal in the end zone from 10 yards out with four seconds to play to give the Lobos a 12-10 win over Texas Lutheran on Sept. 25.

The play came on fourth and two from the TLU 10-yard line with the Lobos trailing 10-6.

"I'm very proud of our players and coaches today," said head football coach John Pearce. "They competed for four quarters and found a way to finish the game. It's a great day to be a Lobo!"

The game remained scoreless through the first quarter, but saw two forced fumbles and recoveries from the Lobo defense to keep TLU's option offense in check.

Jaden Brown put the Lobos on the board on the first play of the second quarter with a 35-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead. That score also went to halftime.

TLU's opening drive of the third quarter was abruptly ended at the Sul Ross 22-yard line when the Lobos caused and recovered their third fumble of the game. The Lobos then went on a 17-play, 69-yard drive that started in the third quarter, and setup Brown with a 25-yard field goal for a 6-0 lead with 14:41 left in the fourth.

TLU responded with an 11-play, 70-yard answer that was capped by a 23-yard touchdown run for a 7-6 lead.

The Bulldogs padded the lead on their next drive, but could only muster a 30-yard field

goal for a 10-6 lead with 5:10 remaining.

DeShields then led the Lobos on drive that started with a 28-yard reception to Kameron Gonzalez to put the ball on their own 41-yard line. The Lobos were faced with a fourth and two on their own 49 with 3:12 left, and converted on a seven-yard rush from DeShields. On third and 10 at the TLU 44, DeShields rushed for 14 yards for a first down to the Bulldog 30.

DeShields was cool under pressure, and hit Vicente Luevano for 14 yards on a fourth and 12 to put the Lobos on the TLU 18-yard line. Luevano proved pivotal again with an eight-yard reception on third and 10 to make it fourth and two at the Bulldog 10. DeShields then dropped back and found Isaiah Villarreal in the end zone with four seconds left for a 12-10 lead that also went final.

DeShields finished throwing 25-of-40 for 222 yards, a long of 28 and 39 rushing yards. Devon Mendoza led the Lobos on the ground with 79 yards on 17 carries and a long of 19.

As a team, the Lobos had 6 tackles for loss and 16 total yards for loss.

The Lobos win their first of the year, and move to 1-2 on the season and in American Southwest Conference play. TLU falls to 1-3 and 1-2.

Next up for the Lobos is a Saturday, Oct. 2, road game against Howard Payne in Brownwood.

Honoring Magoo



Friends and family gathered at Alpine Country Club on Sept. 25 to honor the memory of Magoo Torres. The club hosted an 18-hole scramble with prizes, and a great meal followed.

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BUCKS • FROM 8

Then Buck running back Alejandro Hernandez took over. The junior has had a torrid stat line since his 98-yard gallop two weeks ago against Sonora, compiling over 300 yards running and five touchdowns in the last two games.

He got the scoring started on a 37-yard run from an Ervin hand-off, and Roggow missed the point after, 7-6. Kermit scored right back on a Darryan Alvarado 82-yard kick return, 14-6. Hernandez countered with another 28-yard run, and Fellows and Offensive Coordinator Adam Llanez went for the two-point conversion with a beautifully executed play as Tray Ervin found an all-alone James Morris for the pass after a play fake, 14-14.

Ervin said about the big win, "Huge big win for the guys. It was a turnaround and a statement game. The coaches prepared us, and we did also for this one. We executed, and we came out with the win."

On his position switch, Ervin said, "It's not too big of a change. I worked on it last year. These guys love

what I bring to the table, and they circled around me for a nice win tonight. The community really wanted to see us win, and it means a lot."

Then Shaun Foster showed off his two-way expertise. First, he caused a Salazar fumble recovered by Jordan Rodriguez, then on a giant fourth and four from the Kermit 25 yard line, he came down in the right side of the end zone with an Ervin pass for six points and the first Buck lead of the game.

Foster commented on the defensive play of the Bucks only allowing one touchdown, with special teams giving up two touchdowns.

"It was good. We all flew around tonight. We only gave up one touchdown," he said.

Hernandez broke the game open on the first offensive play of the second half for the Bucks, going 74 yards to the house, and Alpine never looked back, 28-14. Ervin finished off the scoring for the night with a five-yard plunge.

On his efforts the past two games, Hernandez said, "I feel pretty good about it. I just have a lot

of confidence in myself and my teammates, trust my teammates, and when I see open grass, I just go."

And on the big 74-yard touchdown run that blew the game open, Hernandez said, "It was nice, all my teammates hyping me up, and I feel it helps us win the game."

The big run sure did help the Bucks win this one.

Alpine travels to El Paso on Friday, Oct. 1, to play the 4-1 Riverside Rangers for an 8 p.m. mountain time kick off at scenic Riverview Stadium.

Mountain Ramble coming Saturday

On Saturday, Oct. 2, Alpine Cross Country will host the Big Bend Mountain Ramble. Alpine High School and Middle School races will begin at 9 a.m. at Kokernot Park.

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HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert



Okra may not be a vegetable that everyone likes, but it can be quite delicious. Over the years I have had discussions with different people over the pros and cons of the different ways to prepare okra. Most people, if they like it, prefer it fried, and some pickled, but there are very few who I have spoken to who like it boiled. Except for me. I happen to love it boiled with a little salt and pepper.

Okra is a vegetable that is quite popular in southern cuisine. It is thought to have come to the southern states around the 1500s with slaves. It is not indigenous to North America, but hails from Africa and Asia. Enslaved people would plant okra in their gardens for added sustenance. This introduction of the plant led us to the culinary traditions and

uses of okra today.

When one thinks of southern cuisine and okra, it is usually gumbo. Gumbo is a mish-mash of vegetables and proteins that is usually served with rice. When using okra in gumbo it is almost always combined with tomatoes or tomato paste, celery, and onions.

Another way to add okra to your plate is simply okra and tomatoes. Sometimes corn is added to this combination. This is a delicious way to add vegetables to your diet as well as added fiber, and it aids in combating those hunger pangs. Frying

okra is a delicious way to enjoy this veggie. It is quite often used as a side dish, or these days one may find it on a menu as an appetizer with a ranch dressing dip.

Pickled okra is another way to enjoy this seed pod, and most likely came about due to an overabundance of it where a way was needed to preserve it. It can be eaten just as a large dill pickle would be. Many times young okra is pickled, and it may be seen on a salad bar. Boiling okra may seem boring and tasteless, but I assure you it is not. Sadly, it is not particularly palatable

to many folks due to its mucilaginous nature. This tends to turn people away from eating it this way, but this trait is what allows it to thicken soups or gumbos and other dishes without the use of a roux or something similar.

There are many other ways to enjoy okra and all it takes is a bit of searching. From soups to stews to fried delights, okra is the way to expand your palate and your mind.

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Okra Succotash
(recipe courtesy of Food & Wine)

Ingredients:
½ stick of unsalted butter
1 lb. frozen lima beans
1 med onion
1 lb. frozen sweet corn
1 lb. fresh or frozen cut okra
1 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with juice
Salt, ½ tsp ground black pepper, and ¼ tsp cayenne pepper

Directions:
Add butter to large skillet over medium heat until melted. When melted add

in diced onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, or about three minutes.

Gradually add in okra, lima beans, and corn, stirring frequently and until frozen vegetables are warm and thawed.

Add in tomatoes with juices, salt, pepper, and cayenne. Mix well and reduce heat to low, simmering until vegetables are tender approximately 15-20 minutes. Rest five minutes and enjoy.

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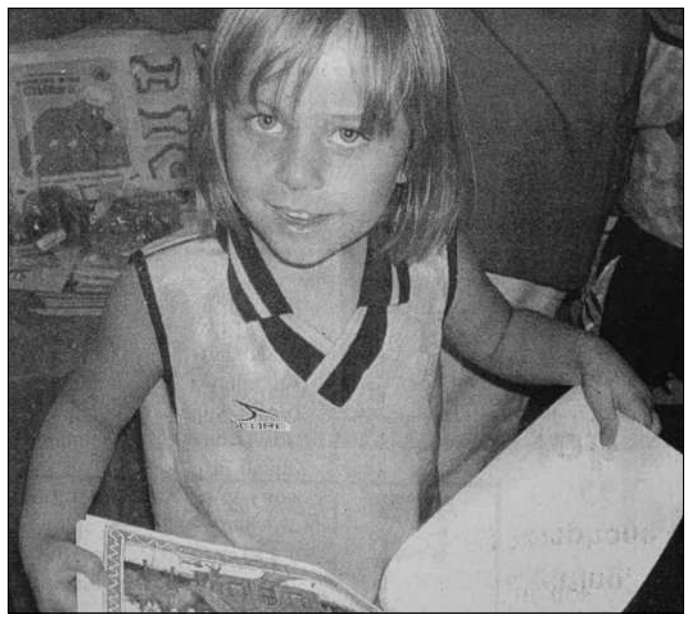
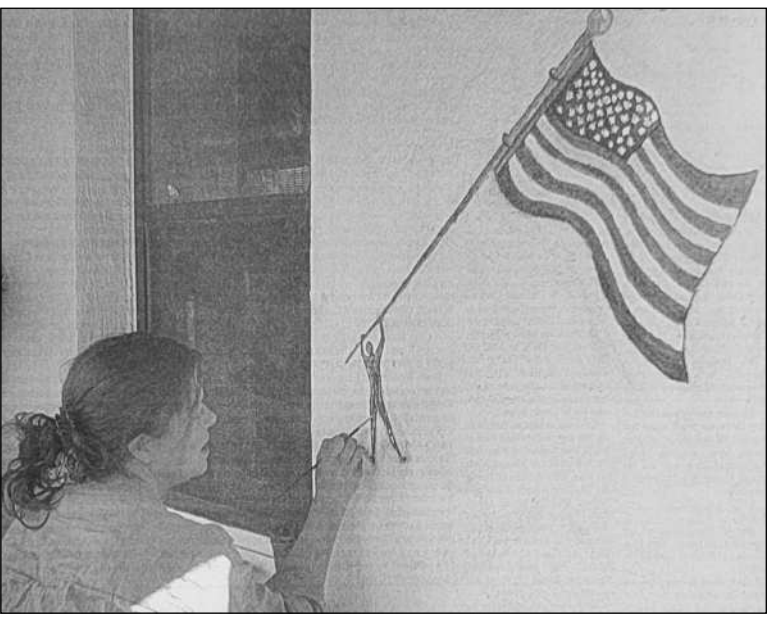
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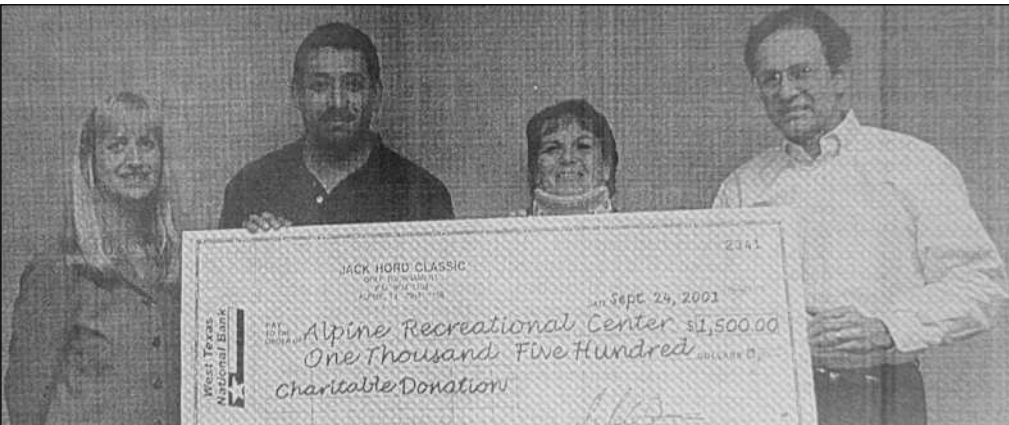
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September 20, 2001
Alpine artist Laura Trotter paints an American flag on her house to show her support and patriotism after the attacks on America. When Trotter heard about the events, she went to the store to buy a flag, only to find that all the stores had already sold out. Photo by Ramona Gordon-Moore



September 27, 2001
Alpine Elementary School student Dakota Raby checks out the selection at the annual book fair on Tuesday. The fair is in the elementary school library and goes through this Friday, Sept. 28. Photo by Ramona Gordon-Moore

September 27, 2001
Debra Cutting of the Alpine Recreation Center receives a \$1,500 check presented by Manny Granado, Rhonda Cole, and West Texas Bank President Doug Burns. The check proceeds are from the Jack Hord Golf Tournament. Photo by Ramona Gordon-Moore



September 27, 2001
Alpine Avalanche sales representative Gayle Cornell puts a check in the mail for \$1,570 to the Red Cross National Disaster Fund raised by businesses and individuals last week. The names of donors were listed on the back of the American flag printed in last week's edition.

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

Taming an unruly hibiscus

Dear Neil: I have a lovely pink hibiscus that has, after five years, become unruly. When can it be trimmed and reshaped?

Obviously, it hasn't been exposed to any hard freezes, perhaps because you have it in a large pot that you can bring into protection when it's really cold. In any event, the best time to prune it would be in February, before it begins its spring growth. Try not to remove more than one-third of its top growth. Extreme pruning produces strong vegetative regrowth at the expense of flowers.

Dear Neil: We thought our Meyer lemon tree had died, but it has produced a strong and leafy sprout that is now about five feet tall. It has great sentimental value because it was planted in memory of a family member. How many years will it be until

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

we will know if it will bear fruit?

If it's that vigorous, it shouldn't be too many, two to three years at the most. It sounds like it's on its way.

Dear Neil: Our neighbor's trumpet vine has made its way into our yard. It has invaded shrubs and beds. We have found it impossible to dig up. We try to keep it cut off at ground line, but it continues to spread. What can we do?

Perhaps your neighbor is having the same chaos, and maybe the two of you could team up to eliminate the mother plant that is giving rise to all the root sprouts. Cut the main plant off at ground line, drill holes 1/4-inch wide and one-inch deep into the stump, and use an eyedropper to fill each of the holes with a broadleafed weedkiller (containing 2,4-D) at full strength. It will soak into the stump, and it will be carried out to all of the roots. It should stop them from growing. Any that do continue to grow can easily enough be controlled by mowing and occasionally by hand-digging the worst of them. If your neighbors are not interested in doing this, your only recourse would be to dig a trench 15-18 inches deep, and install a heavy vinyl pond liner barrier to stop the roots at the property line.

You would still have to cope with all the sprouts, but they would gradually fade away.

Dear Neil: How can I get rid of ants? I've tried vinegar, hot water and corn meal, but they keep coming back. What can I do?

I'm just not the advocate for those remedies. I've had way too many reports that sound just like yours. Please go to a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional and ask for help in choosing the best product. Stick with legally labeled insecticides. There are many fine products that will control ant populations effectively and efficiently. To some degree, it will depend on the type of ants involved.

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



Pink hibiscus.

- ACROSS**
- 1 slightly wet
 - 5 "___ Tower" was original name of Dallas skyscraper "Energy Plaza"
 - 6 TXism: "she could talk the ___ off an iron stove"
 - 7 TXism: "liquid ___" (perfume)
 - 8 King Kong, e.g.
 - 9 Texans mostly do this on a lake
 - 12 minor fight
 - 17 "... Texas, our Texas! So wonderful ___!"
 - 19 "itchy" Texas plant: ___ ivy
 - 21 ceremonially rubs with oil
 - 22 used to moor a vessel in the Gulf
 - 23 TXism: "want it ___ could spit"
 - 28 type of IRA
 - 29 actress in TX-filmed "Silkwood" (1983)
 - 30 UH athlete
 - 31 album: "Lyle Lovett & His ___ Band"
 - 35 TXism: "working between ___" (night work)
 - 36 scenic Corpus Christi's "Bayfront ___"
 - 42 TXism: "riding a ___" (arrogant)
 - 44 "Texas ___ saw Massacre" (1974)
 - 46 reasons for layoffs (2 wds.)

- 48 this Jack was an 8-term U.S. congressman from Houston
 - 49 chop with an axe
 - 50 Fort Worth's "___ Museum of Transportation"
 - 51 student ___
 - 52 TX-born Debbie Reynolds film "The Singing ___"
 - 53 TXism: "just two whoops ___ holler away"
 - 54 "One ___, one Ranger"
- DOWN**
- 1 "Wings Over ___"
 - 2 "The eyes of Texas ___ you ..."
 - 3 in McLennan County on U.S. 84
 - 4 selfie posture
 - 9 mailed
 - 10 she starred with TX-born Steve Martin in "The Man with Two Brains" (2 wds.)
 - 11 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life ___ Ownself"
 - 12 pamper place
 - 13 very old mission in San Antonio
 - 14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
 - 15 this Arthur won "Dallas WCT Finals" in 1975 (tennis)
 - 16 TXism: "couldn't buy hay for a nightmare"
 - 18 Del ___, TX
 - 20 legendary Texas pitcher, Ryan (init.)
 - 23 B-western star, TX Sunset (init.)
 - 24 James Bond first two numbers
 - 25 TX George W.
 - 26 malaria, e.g.
 - 27 hang down
 - 32 TXism: "frisky as ___ unsaddled horse"

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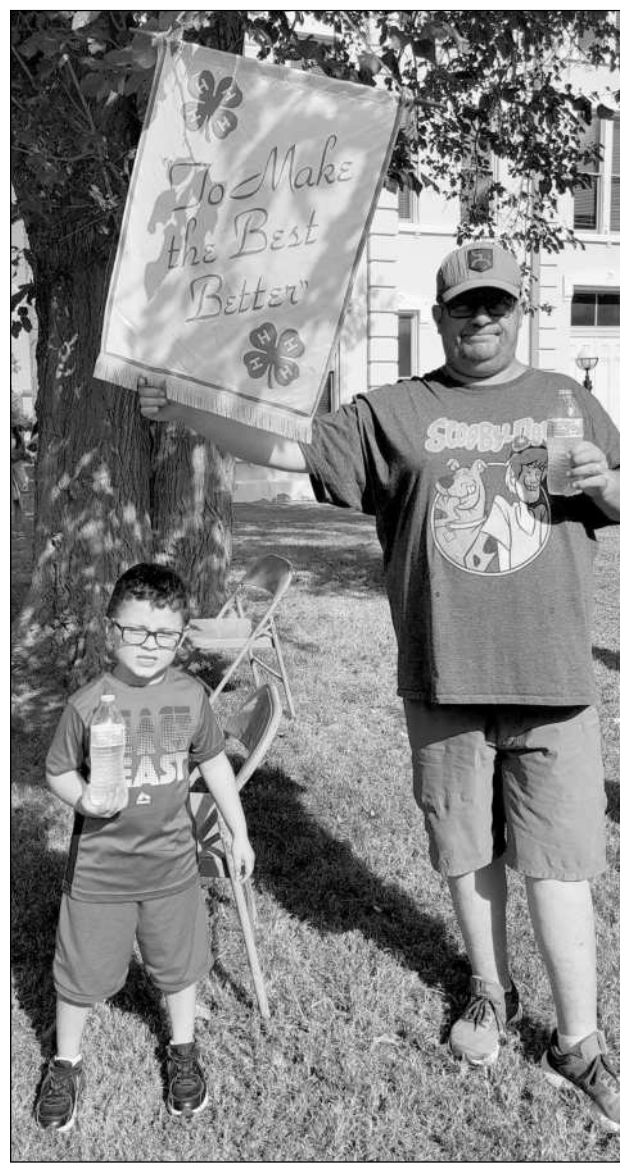
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All smiles for Marfa 4-H



Kelly Perez and daughter McKenna Perez, 11, of Marfa pause for a photo as they enjoy the Marfa 4-H Kickoff Event and Scavenger Hunt at the Presidio County Courthouse lawn in Marfa on Sept 25. Marfa 4-H Club was on hand to recruit new members for its youth program to launch the start of the 2021-2022 4-H year.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill



Joining in the fun at Marfa 4-H

Braden Simpson, 5, and dad Charles Simpson of Marfa are happy to join in the fun and games at the Marfa 4-H Club Kickoff Event and Scavenger Hunt held Sept. 25 at the Presidio County Courthouse lawn. The fun filled event was also a sign-up day to recruit new members for the 2021-2022 year, and included hot dogs, drinks, and games. Presidio County Extension Agent Matlin Sain instructed kids about ag and natural resources, along with the benefits of joining the 4-H.

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Devotional Page

The fellowship of the believers

BY CLARK NUSSBAUM
Pastor, First Assembly of God

I am amazed, when visiting with people about attending a service that tell me they are a Christian, and yet have neither a desire to attend nor a commitment to a body of believers. I have wondered how their belief system can be so contrary to the Bible's teachings and the examples of individuals mentioned in the Bible.

If you are true believers, then we are part of the body of Christ with gifts to be used to help one another. When we separate from the body of Christ, we miss out, and we are not contributing our gift to the congregation. If you are willing to submit, surrender, and yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He will show you which congregation you should be with.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

First of all, this scripture gives a clear directive that believers should be meeting

together. By meeting together comes a positive result of encouragement and accountability. Nature has always shown us that there is safety in numbers. When we stay within the group, there is an element of protection from the predator's attack. It is the isolated one that makes himself vulnerable to ultimate destruction.

In Psalms 12:1, David declares how glad he was when it was suggested that he and others go to the house of the Lord. Because of this attitude, David was attributed as "a man after God's heart."

In Luke 4:16, Luke tells us that on the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue (meeting place) as was his custom. I find it very interesting that Luke wanted us to know that Jesus attended service regularly. If the Son of God found assembling important, how can any true believer in Christ not want to be with other true believers?

The Bible mentions assembling of followers of God throughout the Old and New Testaments. To me, getting together with believers either in my congregation or in another service is like a family gathering. We share a common bond, and we are connected to each other because of our relationship in Jesus Christ. So get back to congregating, and be an active part of the family of God!

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c/o: Gregory L. Gowan
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Dated this 20th day of September 2021.


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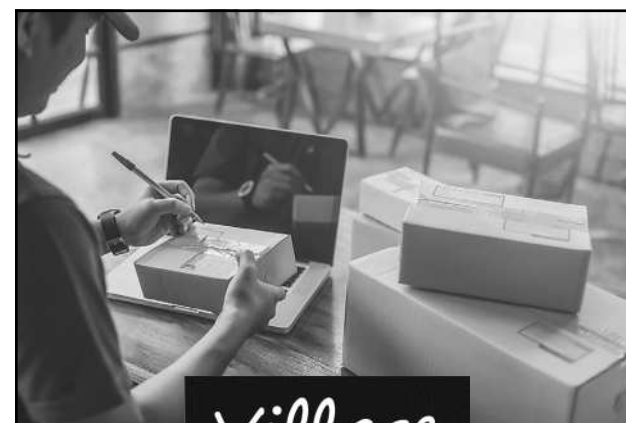
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432.837.3334

Cheering for the team



A pep rally held at Alpine High School on Sept. 24 surely helped the Fightin' Bucks take their first win of the season against the Kermit Yellowjackets.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney



AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Quality Assurance Coordinator

This is a great opportunity make a for an individual who likes details and analyzing situations to make a "Big and Valuable Impact". You will review and audit sales orders. You will help train staff on best sales and customer service practices. You will create and analyze reports for management. The ideal candidate must be detailed oriented and analytical. Candidate will need to use customer service and sales software. Prior experience of one to two years in auditing is highly preferred.



Customer Operations Rep

Join the best-in-class telecommunications service team. Do you have excellent communication skills and a desire to close the deal on sales? The ideal candidate will handle customer service calls and offer customized solutions related to billing, voice and internet service and support. Your consultative approach to customers' needs will deliver personalized recommendations of BBT products and services to optimize the customers' experience. You will use customer service software to process customer orders and schedule service appointments. Previous, telecommunications experience is a plus for this position.



Commercial Sales Associate

If you are looking to start a new and exciting career, have strong communication skills and enjoy the challenge of meeting and exceeding your income goals, Big Bend Telephone is the perfect place to start. The ideal candidate will generate business with customers/prospects and propose exceptional technology solutions to enhance business operations and solve issues. Training, using leading edge sales tools and tactics to promote and sell BBT products and services, will be provided. Responsibilities and qualifications are as follows but not limited to:

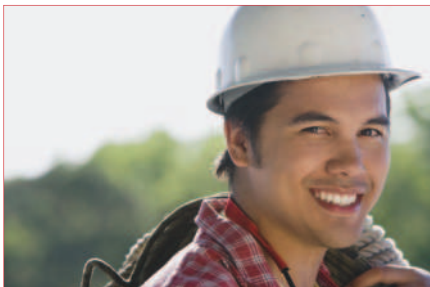


- Develop new accounts by researching and identifying potential leads, soliciting new business, building connections, providing technical information and advice, and preparing quotes
- Drive continued sales by checking established accounts and suggesting new and related products and explain and provide basic training on products and technical features
- Stay informed of market changes with technology by attending educational workshops and reviewing professional publications.
- Accept ownership for maintaining and expanding sales and accomplishing assigned individual and team tasks and goals.
- Ability to understand ROI and Business Plans.

Applicant must be able to travel, stay overnight, and work overtime on weekends and holidays, as needed. Competitive applicants must possess a valid driver's license, have a good driving record as well as be insurable under the Company's insurance policy. Competitive compensation and Benefits Package are included. There is a \$1,000 signing bonus for new hires (terms and conditions apply).

Construction Technician

Great opportunity for one candidate who enjoy working outdoors. Previous telecom work experience would also be a plus. Individual should expect physically demanding assignments as well as an 80 lb. lifting requirement. Candidate will need to possess basic computer skills. Also, candidate may be required to work overtime and/or weekends and holidays as needed. Individual must have CDL license, or be able to obtain one within 90 days of employment. There is a \$1,000 signing bonus for new hires (terms and conditions apply).



Technology Service Associate



A career opportunity is available in the Big Bend area. BBT is looking for a Technology Service Associate to provide excellent customer service with advanced technology while living and working in the Terlingua/Lajitas area. The job entails networking comprehension, Wi-Fi services, installation and troubleshooting of fixed wireless, fiber optics, copper, and satellite platforms. In this ever changing industry, applicant must be able to adapt to change and make decisions based on established procedures. Must possess and utilize good customer service skills along with being able to work in the desert outdoors. Position requirements are minimum High School Diploma or GED equivalent with 2 years of experience in a related field. Applicants must possess a valid driver license, have a good driving record and be insurable under the Company's insurance policy. Being technically inclined would be ideal for this position. There is a \$1,000 signing bonus for new hires (terms and conditions apply) and long-term career potential for the right applicant.

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For more information we invite you to visit <http://www.bigbend.net/employment/>

Please mail your application or resume to
BBT, Attn: HR, 808 N. 5th St., Alpine, TX 79830
 Or email resume to: HR@bigbend.com
Please no phone calls.

EOE

BBT participates in E-Verify and promotes a Drug-Free Workplace.



CHOOSE CORRECTLY, WIN PRIZES. ITS FREE & GETS YOU BRAGGING RIGHTS!

THIS WEEK'S WINNER

THIS COULD BE YOU

PRIZES

- \$20
- 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION
- 5 FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out the form completely, make your picks and turn into the Avalanche office every Tuesday by noon. Entries must be on newspaper only.

ENTRY FORM

1. _____	9. _____	17. _____
2. _____	10. _____	18. _____
3. _____	11. _____	19. _____
4. _____	12. _____	20. _____
5. _____	13. _____	21. _____
6. _____	14. _____	22. _____
7. _____	15. _____	23. _____
8. _____	16. _____	24. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

NEXT WEEK'S PICKS

High School: 1. Fort Davis vs. Klondike • 2. Iraan vs. Plains • 3. Fort Stockton vs. El Dorado
 4. West Lake vs. Bowie • 5. Permian vs. Odessa • 6. Midland HS vs. Angelo Central
College: 7. Amarillo vs. Tascosa • 8. Georgia vs. Auburn • 9. Arkansas vs. Ole Miss
 10. OU vs. Texas • 11. Penn St. vs. Iowa • 12. Michigan vs. Nebraska • 13. TCU vs. Tech
 14. LSU vs. Kentucky • 15. NM vs. San Diego St.
NFL: 16. Packer vs. Bengals • 17. Titans vs. Jags • 18. Pats. vs. Texans
 19. Browns vs. Chargers • 20. Bills vs. Chiefs • 21. Giants vs. Cowboys

1. Riverside	11. W.Vig
2. Balmorhea	12. OU
3. Garden City	13. LSU
4. Midland	14. Falcons
5. Permian	15. Cowboys
6. A&M	16. Browns
7. Michigan	17. Chiefs
8. Georgia	18. Ravens
9. Notre Dame	19. GB
10. Texas	20. Chargers

RECORD 38-10

1. Riverside	11. W.Virginia
2. Balmorhea	12. OU
3. Westbrook	13. Auburn
4. Midland	14. WFT
5. Frenship	15. Cowboys
6. A&M	16. Browns
7. Michigan	17. Chiefs
8. Georgia	18. Broncos
9. Cinc.	19. GB
10. Texas	20. Chargers

RECORD 39-19

1. Riverside	12. OU
2. Balmorhea	13. LSU
3. Garden City	14. Falcons
4. Midland	15. Cowboys
5. Permian	16. Browns
6. A&M	17. Chiefs
7. Michigan	18. Ravens
8. Georgia	19. Pitt
9. Notre Dame	20. Chargers
10. Texas	
11. Tech	

RECORD 38-20

1. Riverside	12. OU
2. Balmorhea	13. Auburn
3. Westbrook	14. Wash
4. Midland	15. Cowboys
5. Permian	16. Browns
6. Miss st	17. Chiefs
7. Michigan	18. Ravens
8. Georgia	19. GB
9. Norte dame	20. Raiders
10. TCU	
11. Tech	

RECORD 34-24

1. Riverside	11. W.Vig
2. Balmorhea	12. OU
3. Garden City	13. LSU
4. Midland	14. Falcons
5. Permian	15. Cowboys
6. A&M	16. Browns
7. Michigan	17. Chiefs
8. Georgia	18. Ravens
9. Notre Dame	19. GB
10. Texas	20. Chargers

RECORD 35-23

1. Alpine	11. Tech
2. Balmorhea	12. OU
3. Garden City	13. Auburn
4. Abilene	14. Falcons
5. Permian	15. Cowboys
6. A&M	16. Browns
7. Michigan	17. Chiefs
8. Georgia	18. Broncos
9. Cinc.	19. GB
10. Texas	20. Raiders

RECORD 34-24

1. Alpine	12. OU
2. Balmorhea	13. Auburn
3. Garden City	14. Falcons
4. Midland	15. Panthers
5. Permian	16. Browns
6. A&M	17. Chiefs
7. Michigan	18. Ravens
8. Georgia	19. Green Bay
9. Cincinnati	20. Chargers
10. TCU	
11. Tech	

RECORD 31-27

Alpine Auto Rental and Uhaul

1. Riverside	12. OU
2. Balmorhea	13. Lsu
3. Garden City	14. Falcons
4. Abilene	15. Cowboys
5. Permian	16. Browns
6. Miss St	17. Chiefs
7. Michigan	18. Ravens
8. Georgia	19. GB
9. Notre Dame	20. Raiders
10. Texas	
11. W Virg	

RECORD 40-18

SMASH MOUTH FOOTBALL

1. Riverside	12. OU
2. Balmorhea	13. LSU
3. Garden City	14. Falcons
4. Midland	15. Cowboys
5. Permian	16. Browns
6. A&M	17. Chiefs
7. Michigan	18. Ravens
8. Georgia	19. GB
9. Notre Dame	20. Chargers
10. Texas	
11. W.Vig	

RECORD 38-20

American Legion Post 79

1. Alpine	12. OU
2. Balmorhea	13. Auburn
3. Garden City	14. Falcons
4. Midland	15. Panthers
5. Permian	16. Browns
6. A&M	17. Chiefs
7. Michigan	18. Ravens
8. Georgia	19. Green Bay
9. Cincinnati	20. Chargers
10. TCU	
11. Tech	

RECORD 35-23

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High School: 1. Alpine vs. Riverside • 2. Fort Davis vs. Balmorhea • 3. Westbrook vs. Garden City
 4. Sanderson vs. Buena Vista • 5. Midland L vs. Abilene • 6. Permian vs. Frenship
College: 7. A&M vs. Miss St. • 8. Michigan vs. Wisc. • 9. Arkansas vs. Georgia
 10. Cinc. vs. Notre Dame • 11. Texas vs. TCU • 12. Tech vs. W. Virg. • 13. OU vs. K State
 14. Auburn vs. LSU
NFL: 15. Panthers vs. Cowboys • 16. Chiefs vs. Eagles • 17. Ravens vs. Browns
 18. Pitt vs. GB • 19. Raiders vs. Chargers

Rio Grande Council of Government Appoints New Board Members



President

The Honorable Peter Svarzbein
City of El Paso, Representative for District 1



1st Vice President & Small Communities outside of El Paso County Director

The Honorable Summer Webb
Mayor, Town of Valentine



2nd Vice President

The Honorable Henry Rivera
City of El Paso, Representative for District 7



Small Communities in El Paso County Director

The Honorable David Cantu Alderman,
City of San Elizario



Special Districts Director

The Honorable Rosalinda Vigil
President, Lower Valley Water District

The Rio Grande Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governments formed under Texas law. In January of 1967, local elected officials in El Paso County joined together to form the El Paso Council of Governments. This organization was initiated to further intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in the planning, development and delivery of governmental services within El Paso County, Texas.

In 1971, the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster were included in the organization to form a truly "Regional" body, and the organization was renamed West Texas Council of Governments. In 1987, by vote of the membership, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and the local governments within were included as full members and the name of the organization was changed to the Rio Grande Council of Governments.

