Vol. 131 • No. 16 Early voting

starts Monday

for May 7

elections

City, AISD, and propositions all on separate ballots

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH **Managing Editor**

Early voting for the City of Alpine and Alpine ISD Board of Trustees starts Monday, and voters will also have to make choices on two proposed Texas constitutional amendments.

For the city, school teacher Catherine Eaves and Alpine businessman Amit Rangra will face off in the mayoral race to take Andy Ramos' seat when he terms out in May. For city council, incumbents Chris Rodriguez in Ward 2 and Martin Sandate in Ward 4 will run unopposed.

In the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees contests, in Single Member Dist. 5, incumbent Justin Cross withdrew from the race, leaving Haley Babb

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Despite rumors, all is well at Alpine ISD



School.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

Total enrollment up by eight to 969

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH Managing Editor

Alpine ISD Interim Superintendent Dennis McEntire last week spoke with the Avalanche, and assured the public that rumors AISD was in turmoil because of several high-profile resignations and declining enrollment simply weren't true.

McEntire has been serving as interim superintendent since late December 2021 after the resignation of Superintendent Becky McCutchen. At its last

meeting, the Board of Trustees narrowed the field to five for the permanent position, and McEntire expected a new superintendent would be hired in May. High school Principal

Verl O'Bryant recently announced his retirement, and McEntire said, "He's decided to continued his retirement. It will be up to the new superintendent to finish the principal hiring process and build his or her team. They have enough candidates from when they had the job posted

originally. That process was just put on hold when Becky decided to take another job."

Thursday, April 21, 2022 • \$1

McEntire did acknowledge the high school had "some serious coaching positions"

Both football and boys basketball Coach Hugh Morrissey and volleyball and girls basketball Coach Rick Garcia resigned two weeks ago.

Said McEntire, "I always look at these as opportunities to make

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Hanging out with the Easter Bunny



Liliana Flores, 8, Austin Smith, 8, and Mason Losoya, 8, of Alpine pause for a photo with the Easter Bunny, played by Lisa Valenzuela, at the Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt held at Kokernot Park April 16. Children of all ages came with family and friends to gather eggs, candy, and prizes.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Marfa students advance to international science contest

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

It is nearing the end of the school year, and many students are busy wrapping it up with exams, academic and athletic compe-

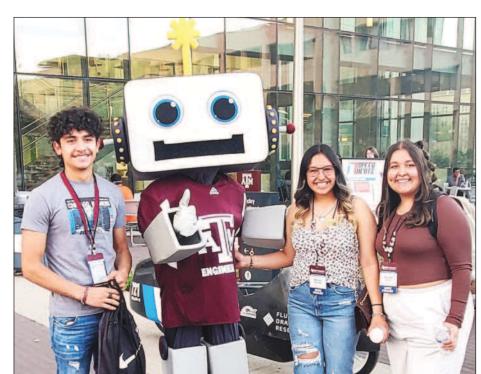
titions, and more. But for Marfa High School science students Juan Avila, Alexis Gonzales, and Aubrie Aguilar, advancing to an internationally renowned science competition and joining the elite ranks of top high school students from across the nation and the world is surely something above the ordinary. The scientific trio will get a unique opportunity to highlight their skills at one of the most prestigious science competitions for high

school students, the 2022 Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Ga., from May 7-13.

It all started when Marfa Elementary School science teacher Eliza Barton hosted a science fair in Marfa, and then from there, the students went on to UT Permian Basin in Odessa, competing at the regional level, then advancing to the state level at Texas A&M University in College Station. The students' project won the overall regional competition at UT Permian Basin, enabling them to get a one-way ticket straight to nationals competition.

"It was schools from all

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Marfa High School students Juan Avila, Alexis Gonzales, and Aubrie Aguilar engage with an engineering robot at Texas A&M University in College Station.

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OBITUARY

Celia R. Terrazas

Celia R. Terrazas, 87, of Marathon, Texas, passed away on April 18, 2022, in Odessa, Texas.

Memorial Service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Martinez Funeral Home with Ronald Terrazas officiating. Burial will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2022.



Arrangements are by Martinez Funeral Home.

Celia R. Terrazas was born in Marathon to Abel and Juanita Rodriquez on July 11, 1934.

Celia R. Terrazas is survived by spouse Manuel R. Terrazas; sons and daughters Abel and Adrianne Terrazas, Robert and Carla Terrazas, and Ronald and Sally Terrazas;

brothers and sisters Eliza Rodriquez, Lily Rodriquez, Eugenio Rodriquez, Noemi Maez, Daniel Rodriquez, and Elida Reyes; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to 2210 West 46th Street, Odessa, TX 79764.

Grand opening for restaurant



On April 9 members of the Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to town, Highland Hereford Cafe, located at the corner of Highway 118 and State Street in Fort Davis.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Winners at the Legion



American Legion Auxiliary 79, the auxiliary to the local Big Bend post, awarded prizes to the winners in its fundraiser on April 15. Fern Scudday won a \$100 gift card to Porters, Marla Fuentez won a \$200 gift card from Cobos Lube, and Tony Mele won a \$300 gift card to Porters. In the photo, Auxiliary members Jodye Stone, Sheila Johnson, and Sara Bow, winners Marla Fuentez, Tony Mele, and Fern Scudday, and Auxiliary President Sara Herman.

Courtesy photo

Affordable Connectivity Program helps households connect

BBT is participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission program. The new long-term benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households struggling to afford internet ser-

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provider's existing low-income program.

income program.

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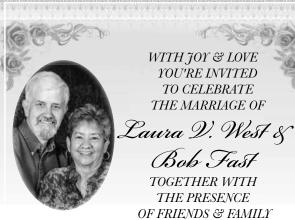
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City gives go-ahead for coin-operated machines

BY ROXANNE HILL Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled city council meeting on April 19, and settled the issue of permitting coin-operated machine establishments, or slot-machine casinos, to operate in the city, with a maximum of 20-coin operated machines per establishment.

Council, Ward 2, Chris Rodriguez and Council, Ward 4, Martin Sandate, were absent.

On the agenda was an item to approve an application for a special use permit for establishing a coin-operated machine business for two applicants, Phuong Hung To, and Chi Thoi Vo. The agenda items had been tabled from a prior council meeting on April 5.

The first applicant's recorded property owner was Charles Sanders, and the second applicant's was Vimal Patel. The coin-operated machine establishments would be located at 1906 U.S. Highway 90 west and at 2000 U.S. Highway 90 east, respectively. Of special note is the fact that one of the establishments would be located at Value Lodge

The city's code of ordinances states the location of any coin-operated machine establishment is prohibited where the place is within 300 feet of any church or school, and the Value Lodge motel is adjacent to Sul Ross State University property and Hillside Baptist Church, though the exact distance has not yet been determined.

The council then approved in favor of allowing 20 machines per establishment and both special use permit applications. The city's Planning & Zoning Commission had previously recommended denial of the permits.

In other business, City Manager Megan Antrim announced that the proposed contract for emergency medical services with El Paso based provider Emergent Air was still under review. Antrim said that city Attorney Rod Ponton was reviewing the final draft of the proposed contract, which would be a joint city and Brewster County five-year contract. In addition, Antrim said Emergent Air had contacted the city's airport staff to talk about possibly including a plane, though it was not part of the proposed contract.

Antrim also said there would be a called council meeting on Tuesday, April 26, to approve the proposed contract.

Next, municipal court judge Jodi Cole indicated this was her last council meeting as she was leaving her position. She said she and Ponton were working to clear a significant docket, dismissing all municipal cases over three years old.

Finally, Antrim announced the city pool was ready to open on Memorial Day Weekend, and cleaning crews were busy cleaning and prepping the pool for the opening.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the council chambers and via Zoom videoconferencing.

allies and partners."

"We are extremely

grateful for the hard work

and commitment Con-

gressman Gonzales has

shown Sul Ross," said Sul

Ross University President

Pete Gallego. "CBBS is

doing amazing work, and

is just one of the many

great departments across

CATHERIN FOR MAYOR



Before becoming an educator, while working my way through graduate school, I spent THREE YEARS as a Medical Microbiology Researcher.

My **Research Skills** will benefit ALL of the residents of Alpine. I will provide you with ACCURATE Numbers, Facts, and Data backed up with **Solid References** you can check yourself.

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Career Politicians often dazzle constituents with information that sounds good but is Not Accurate.

Career Politicians often love to distract voters with smear tactics.

Career Politicians often whisper incorrect and/or incomplete **information** meant to damage the other side and distract the voters from the issues in the hopes that it will spread.

I am NOT a Career Politician and No One in my Family has ever held political office.

I am a former banker, researcher, current educator and Director of a National Nonprofit Organization that I started to benefit First Responders offering all services free of charge to them and their families.

I am a mother to two successful children and wife of a late Sheriff's Department Captain with a 30 year career in law enforcement.

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Gonzales secures \$1 million for Center of Big Bend Studies

Congressman Tony Gonzales (TX-23) secured \$1 million in funds for the Sul Ross State University Archaeology, Anthropology and Cultural Research Center, better known as the Center of Big Bend Studies, during the 2022 budget process. President Joe Biden signed the budget into law on March 15, certifying these funds for the Texas 23rd Congressional District.

The funding will be used to expand efforts to research and preserve areas of historical significance in the Chihuahuan Desert. The area is known to have played a major role in the development of Native American and

other societies throughout Texas and the Southwest, including prehistoric sites which have led to advancements in the core understanding of human development.

"During my first year on the House Appropriations Committee, I fought hard to make sure proj-

prioritized in the budget," said Gonzales. "This budget includes muchneeded deliverables to our district, and strong provisions for border security,

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our military, and our global

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Pursuant to chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Twin Peaks Self Storage will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien.

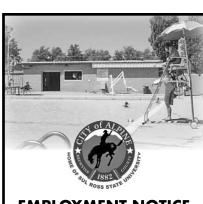
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RESULTS

DO YOU SEE RUSSIA'S MILITARY POWER AS A THREAT TO THE US?

Yes. Russia's extreme actions against Ukraine show that they will stop at nothing to advance

48% (59 vote

No. Unless we make the first move, Putin won't attack the U.S. directly.

Unsure. With the extreme events occurring so far, anything can happen.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

Are you concerned with the dramatic increase in illegal immigration in the Big Bend since President Biden took office? - Yes, I'm concerned about the safety

- of all in our communities. - No, it may be a problem, but it
- doesn't affect me directly. - No, I think the situation has been
- over dramatized.

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

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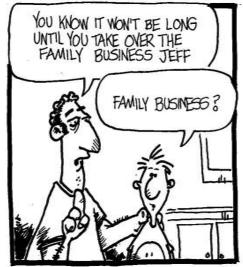
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What's wrong with the world?

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Sometimes I catch myself as I explain to 19 and 20-yearolds what life was like before Al Gore invented the internet.

"In my day, if you wanted to read an old newspaper, you had to walk over to the library."

I actually said this.

I've never said, "I had to walk a mile and a half in the snow to get to school," even though this is technically accurate.

There was no school bus in my neighborhood so I legged

The point is, I think, every generation believes it has the market cornered on hardship. I can remember my great grandmother, not known for her sunny disposition and optimistic outlook, saying in the 1970s, "This country is going to hell in a handbasket."

I wasn't sure what she was on about - Vietnam, hippies, clouds.

I was about seven at the time, and I remember asking my mother, "What's a handbasket?"

I've yet to receive a satisfactory answer.

I confess that even a brief scan of any news website today can lead one to despair war, pandemic, violent crime, chaos, inflation, gas prices.



RICH MANIERI **Guest Columnist**

– the gas lines of the 1970s. Of course, my father, who drove a Pontiac Bonneville Brougham, which was about the size of Noah's ark, was singlehandedly responsible for the fuel shortage in our neighborhood. However, we had no air conditioning in the house, so we did our part in balancing the energy consumption scales.

My parents lived through World War II, rationing, and air raid drills. Their parents survived the Great Depression, soup lines, and 25% unemployment.

Hand wringing over the current state of affairs is understandable, but also unproductive. The question, "What's wrong with the world?" inevitably directs our focus outward and away from the mirror.

In the early 1900s, the Times of London asked on its opinion page, "What's wrong with the world?"

Writer and philosopher G.K.

Sirs: I am. Sincerely, G.K. Chesterton."

In his full-length treatise not coincidentally titled, "What's Wrong with the World?" Chesterton takes on a variety of society's ills - greed, hypocrisy, the impact of secularism, personal responsibility.

"Most modern freedom is at root fear. It is not so much that we are too bold to endure rules; it is rather that we are too timid to endure responsibilities," he wrote.

It was difficult to argue in 1910, as it is today, against the reality that we would rather cast blame for our personal and societal deficiencies on external circumstances rather than acknowledge our own predicament.

The Judeo/Christian tradition identifies this predicament as sin. The Bible shows us ourselves and it also shows us a Savior. Yet, we seek salvation in all the wrong places – in our politics, in our possessions, in our status. How much time do we spend on social media, or elsewhere, trying to show the world how wonderful and well-adjusted we are?

It seems to me that I have to acknowledge who and what I am before I begin pointing out society's flaws and foibles,

The list Chesterton responded, "Dear as much as I am naturally inclined to believe that I'm really a rather loveable fellow and everyone else has a problem.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne, a Scottish minister who died at 29, famously said, "The seed of every sin known to man is in my heart."

A young man only comes to such a realization on his knees. As a Christian, I've under-

gone a spiritual before and after. You might ask, "OK, so you're a Christian. What's so

great about you?" My answer would be, "Not a thing."

But you didn't see the "before" version of me, and I might be absolutely intolerable today if not for God's mercy and forgiveness. I might be pretty intolerable anyway, at least if the emails I receive are any indication.

We do have a choice. We can bemoan the struggles of our age, or we can realize that we live in flawed, fallen world, and strife and conflict transcend generations. That doesn't mean we do nothing. We can get involved in a number of ways and on a number of fronts.

For me, the mirror might be a good place to start.

ETTER TO THE EDITOR

Left with the cob

In December 1991 the leaders of Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine dissolved the Soviet Union. At that time Ukraine held one third of the Soviet nuclear arsenal amounting to 1,700 warheads. In 1993 University of Chicago's John Mearsheimer predicted that without a nuclear deterrent, Ukraine was likely to be subjected to aggression by Russia, a minority view at the time.

In 1994 Ukraine destroyed its nuclear weapons, and joined the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. As late as 2016 the journal World Affairs argued that it was unclear that Ukraine would be better off as a nuclear state, a

majority view at the time.

Comedian Dick Gregory believed that whoever creates the news holds the power. The Manchester Guardian takes pride in having no billionaire owner or shareholders, and believes in information equality.

From the Manchester Guardian, Sept. 17, 2009, "Obama abandons missile defense shield in Europe [in] one of the sharpest breaks yet with the policies of the Bush administration."

Several senior eastern European officials and public figures wrote a public letter to Obama complaining that their security interests were being ignored by the west to improve relations to Moscow.

"NATO secretary general

Anders Rasmussen called for a new relationship between the western military alliance and Russia, taking more account of Moscow's security and strategic interests.

"Russian experts said Obama's decision could only be seen as an unambiguous concession to Moscow, adding that it would severely disappoint the new NATO countries of eastern Europe.

"The Russian response suggested Obama's decision would not be met by any swift or generous concessions."

In fact, Russia was very generous. Putin annexed all of Crimea for Russia, and then bided his time until another weak U.S. president was elected. Russia invaded Afghanistan in 1979 during the Carter administration, Crimea in 2014 under the Obama administration, and Ukraine in 2022 under the Biden administration.

The U.S. owned the most powerful military on earth during all those years, but the perception of weakness in the executive branch by other countries is what matters most. And that goes back to Khrushchev's mistaken perception of John F. Kennedy in 1962.

Carter, Obama ,and Biden shucked and shelled the corn from our foreign policy. Ukraine got buttered up and left with the cob. A little more salt on the wound?

Rex Redden Alpine

Good times

Alpine's newest gathering place, Alpine Wine and Bistro, is top notch. The wine list has something for everyone, the charcuterie boards are plentiful and

delicious. But what marks Alpine Wine and Bistro as truly outstanding is the lead waiter, George Barrow. A newcomer to Alpine from New Orleans, George knows how to make guests comfortable, explain everything on the menu, and as

a bonus is a great conversationalist.

Welcome George, and welcome Alpine Wine and Bistro!

> Jan Woodward Alpine

We should do more

Are we forgetting something? Nearly everyone on both sides of the aisle says we can't put "boots on the ground" in Ukraine because they are not a NATO member.

But what about our 28-year-old promise that if Ukraine would get rid of its nukes, we would defend it against any and all attacks?

When did that get repealed? And wasn't Russia a signatory to that agreement?

Why must we go back to the old isolationist regime that got us into World War I and again into World War II?

say we are "tired of war" and should not get involved. But that's exactly what got us into two devastating world wars.

Yes, virtually all the polls

Now we are giving a few

arms to Ukraine after the fighting has started, but we can't let them have aircraft because those are "offensive weapons." How is it offensive to use an airplane to take out a missile launcher that is hitting our territory? I have often wondered

what would happen if we hit Putin with something like the D Day invasion. Would that bring it to an end?

Putin clearly is the aggressor. Ukraine, and especially its superhero President Zelensky, are fighting him off bravely and often winning. But the evil attacks continue, and we should give them everything we can.

We said we would do that and more in 1994.

> Jim Street Alpine

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Heard on the

STREET

What was your first music playing device you remember using?



John McCarthy, Alpine: 45 record. 60s and 70s country and story books on record. Good ole Oak Ridge Boys and truck driving song!



David Lewis, Alpine: A record player. Rock and roll, Beach Boys, Byrds, Jefferson Airplane, Beatles, the Monkees.



Krisinda Aranda, **Alpine:** The first music device I used was a cassette player. It was a jam box when they were in style.



Keith Segar, Alpine: We had a portable record player that was my sister's to play 45 rpm records on. I fondly recall being the proud owner of a small tube type radio that I would sneak into bed at night and listen to it under the covers. The brightly glowing tubes made eerie shadows on the sheets!



Angelique Gonzales. Alpine: My first music device was the small iPod Shuffle. I was so excited to get one for Christmas when I was a kid!

BALLROOM

MARFA

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 21 Alpine Ambassadors Mixer, 6-7:30 p.m. at BBT in Alpine. Sponsored by BBT. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

APRIL 23

Spaghetti dinner, 5:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 79, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave., to raise money for the Alpine Fire Department to buy equipment and gear. Fire personnel will be on scene working the dinner, and several apparatus will be present.

APRIL 28

Spring Meal, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at San Vicente ISD, 195 Escuela Vista Dr. in Big Bend National Park. Students and staff will prepare a meal as part of a community outreach program.

Alpine Humane Society

Pet of the Week is Jolie,

a happy-go-lucky puppy

who loves to lean on you

for pets. She would make

a great walking or run-

ning companion. Jolie

and her sister Zora share their high energy levels

and love for physical af-

fection. Jolie is an eightmonth-old pit bull terrier mix. She is athletic,

friendly, and is quickly won over with petting. Jolie bursts out of her shell

as a playful puppy with a

bit of patience and time to

meet Jolie for a walk or

run, and she'll win you

over with her energetic

playfulness. Jolie was re-

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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, 4 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 bbcchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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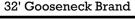
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS)

To the registered voters of the County of Brewster, Alpine (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Brewster, Alpine

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May / 7 / 2022 for voting in a general election to elect

One Board Member to the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, Single Member District # 7 (Notifiquese por la presente, que los sítios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el mayo / 7 / 2022 __ para votar en la elección general para elegir

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On Election Day, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote, unless the countywide polling place program is being used in the election.

(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar, a menos que el programa de sitios de votación del condado se está utilizando en la elección.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Precinct Number(s) Include Name of Building and Address (Número de precinto) Sitios de votación el Dia de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección) Alpine Civic Center - 801 W. Holland - Alpine, Texas 79830 Single Member District #7

During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de

votación nombradas abajo.) Location of Main Early Voting Polling Place Days and Hours of Operation Include Name of Building and Address Días y Horas Hábiles (Sitio principal de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

Alpine Civic Center - 801 W. Holland, Alpine, Texas 4/25 - 4/29/2022 & 5/2-5/3/2022 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Locations for Branch Early Voting Polling Places Days and Hours of Operation Include Name of Building and Address Días y Horas Hábiles (Sitios sucursal de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

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Telephone Number (Número de teléfono) elections@alpineisd.net

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www.alpine.esc18.net Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

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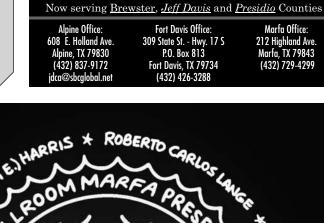
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It was a fun-filled day of finding sparkly treasures and rock hunting at the Alpine Gem and Mineral Show held on April 15 at the Alpine Civic Center. Here, Fort Davis residents Billy Joe Moore, Erin Moore, and Ruby Paige Moore pause for a photo at the family friendly event, sponsored by the Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Making sparkling memories at gem show



CONTEST • FROM 1

around Texas at the state level, and we are a small school. This is our first year doing it," said high school science teacher Elizabeth Donaldson. "We are competing with much larger schools that probably have access to a lot better resources than what we do. They have full blown labs, or they are able to culture bacteria, and do all this fancy stuff!"

Avila, a senior, came up with the idea for the microbiology research project, and joining him were juniors Gonzales and Aguilar, making up the talented trio who have advanced at the local, regional, and state level on their road to success in Atlanta.

The students' experiment, used in Marfa teacher Sheri Eppenauer's kindergarten class along with Donaldson's high school chemistry class in December 2021, used a glow powder and a black light to show the way germs spread through direct contact. Students observed a classroom with ultraviolet

light, applying the glow powder, and came up with their own data analysis and interpretations along with conclusions.

The Marfa students will no doubt think critically and work together as a team, strengthening collaborative and social skills, all while engaging with other talented youth from around the country and the globe.

"For every single day, they have the kids doing something at every given moment - guest speakers, other different smaller competitions, different exhibit halls, and a college fair - so it should be good," said Donaldson.

Besides the opportunity to put their scientific knowledge and skills to the test, they will also learn about teamwork, success, and failure, while representing the Marfa Shorthorns.

"They are pretty excited about the trip!" exclaimed Donaldson. "They have have been friends for a long time, and they work very well together."

VOTING • FROM 1

to run unopposed. In Single Member Dist. 7, Elpidia Lujan will challenge incumbent Mary McCallister.

Since incumbents James "Cuatro" White for Single Member Dist. 2 and Buddy Cavness for Single Member Dist. 4 were running unopposed, Big Bend Regional Hospital District canceled its election.

In the city election, only those who live within Alpine city limits may vote, and only those within AISD Dist. 7 may vote in that race. For both early voting and on election day, the city election will take place in the council chambers at

City Hall, and for AISD at the Alpine Civic Center from 8 a.m-5 p.m.

The proposed constitutional amendments address property tax reductions. If passed by voters, Proposition 1 would amend the state constitution to reduce the property tax limit for school maintenance and operations taxes imposed on elderly or disabled resident.

Proposition 2 would provide homesteads with a permanent reduction in their school district property tax bill.

For the constitutional amendments, all in Brewster County will vote early at the Val

Clark Beard Office Complex, 203 North Seventh Street in Alpine, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On election day voters must cast their ballots at the precinct in which they are registered

Those in Pct. 1 will vote at the Brewster County Sunny Glen Cooperative Building, 2209 West Highway 90 in Alpine. Pcts. 2 and 8 will vote at the Judge Val Clark Beard Office Complex. Pct. 3 will vote at Marathon Community Center, Second Street and Avenue E in Marathon.

Pct. 4 will vote at Alpine Civic Center, 801 West Holland Avenue in Alpine; and those in

Pcts. 5, 6, and 7 will vote at the Red Pattillo Community Center, Highway 118 in Study Butte/Terlingua.

Early voting will run from Monday, April 25, through Friday, April 29, and Monday and Tuesday, May 2-3. Election day is Saturday, May 7, and voters can cast their ballots at the appropriate locations from 7 a.m-7 p.m.

At the polls, voters must show a valid photo ID. To see acceptable forms of voter ID, visit votetexas.gov and click on Identification Requirements for Voting.

AISD • FROM 1

things better, but you hate to lose experienced people."

He indicated Athletic Director John Fellows shared several coach candidates with him, and he expected to have the coaches, band director, and all teachers and assistants in place in June.

"Across the board in all our schools, we have very low turnover this year. It may not seem like it, but that is the case," said McEntire.

As far as the high school gym, repairs have begun on the damaged floor and walls, and are expected to be finished sometime in May. And according to Imperial Construction, the new high school should be completed in late July.

Regarding enrollment, 969 students are currently enrolled at the three AISD campuses, and McEntire explained average daily attendance had been down by 130 because of absences in pre-K through third grade.

"There is no one missing in action," said

McEntire. "When you have low attendance figures as you would during any kind of COVID surge or emergency, your daily attendance drops way down."

He explained weighted average daily attendance defined those special populations the state thinks cost more to educate, and the state provides extra funding for those. With absences, ADA in that area had dropped by 130 students at a cost of around \$105,000 to the district.

"It's not that they're gone or unenrolled. Numbers dropped by 130, and that means you had a lot of kids absent," said McEntire.

He continued, "The focus of the district has to be what is best for kids. That is your only focus as you go about this job. I encourage people to make sure their kids are in school to try to normalize the school experience for those kids. Yes, it does have financial implications, but I don't even think about that. It's what are we doing for the kids, and what is best for them."





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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Assessment for the Low-Level Route Altitude Modifications in Support of

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared by the United States Air Force (Air Force) to consider the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed altitude modifications of three Military Training Routes at Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), near Del Rio, Val Verde County, Texas.

This EA includes the evaluation of two alternatives that include raising the ceiling of all segments of visual routes (VR) VR-1108, VR-1109, and VR-1117 from 1,500 feet (ft) to 2,000 ft above ground level (AGL) and lowering the floors for some VR segments from 1,000 ft to 500 ft AGL outside the boundary of the Big Bend National Park. Under both alternatives, there would be no changes to overall flight operations or patterns out of Laughlin AFB and no changes to flight training hours. Supersonic operations would not occur and defensive countermeasures (e.g. chaff and flare) would not be used. No construction, demolition, or other ground-disturbing activities would occur.

The Draft EA and Proposed FONSI are available for review at the following locations:

Val Verde County Library, 300 Spring Street, Del Rio, Texas 78840
Terrell County Public Library, 109 E. Hackberry Street, Sanderson, Texas 79848
Marathon Public Library, 106 NE 3rd Street, Marathon, Texas 79842
Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Avenue E, Alpine, Texas 79830

An electronic copy of the Draft EA and Proposed FONSI can also be found under "Key Documents" at https://www.laughlin.af.mil/

The Air Force is soliciting comments from interested local, state, and federal elected officials and agencies, as well as interested members of the public. Comments are requested within 30 days from the publication date of this notice to ensure full consideration in the process. Comments can be submitted to Ms. Laura Meyer Frerich by email to laura.meyer_frerich@us.af.mil, or by mail to 47 CES/CEIE, 251 Fourth Street, Building 100, Laughlin AFB, TX 78843.

PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

This Draft EA and Proposed FONSI are provided for public comment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the President's Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] §§ 1500-1508), and 32 CFR § 989, *Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP)*. The EIAP provides an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the proposed action and alternatives and solicits comments on the analysis of potential environmental effects.

Public commenting allows the Air Force to make better, informed decisions. Letters or other written comments provided may be published in the EA. As required by law, comments provided will be addressed in the EA and made available to the public. Providing personal information is voluntary. Any personal information provided will only be used to fulfill requests for copies of the Final EA or associated documents. Private addresses will be compiled to develop a mailing list for those requesting copies of the Final EA; however, only the names of the individuals making comments and specific comments will be disclosed. Personal home addresses and phone numbers will not be published.



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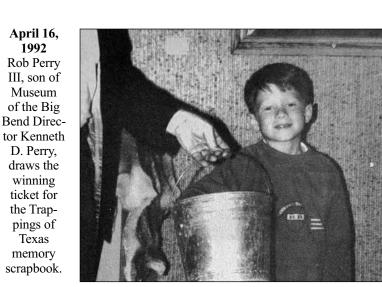
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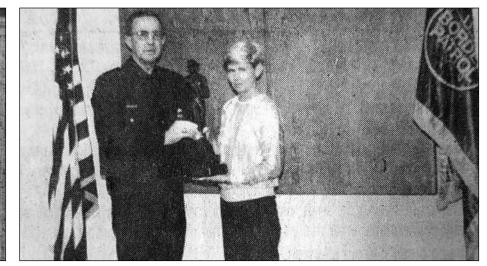


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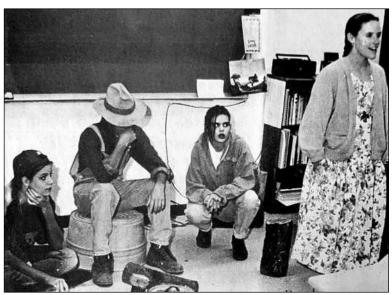


April 9, 1992 Marfa Chief Patrol Agent Dale Cozart presents the Newton-Azrak Award to Linda Gay, widow of Howard Gay, a U.S. Border Patrol pilot who was killed in the line of duty while attempting to aid a stranded motorist.



Simpson, Jason Morgan, Tina Rhoades, Carry Yadon participating in a "Grapes of Wrath" skit in an English class at Alpine High School. Photo by

Dan Decker





April 2, 1992 Cacy "La Bomba" LaBaume safely clears 5'0" to win the Sandhill Relays Division 1 girls' high jump event.

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Dear Neil: There is a fence covered in honeysuckle at an old house in our neighborhood. The flowers start out white, and then turn yellow the second day. It is extremely fragrant. Is that a good vine for our land-

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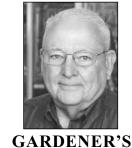
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by neil sperry

There are many types of honeysuckle out there in the world, and your description would fit several of them. However, the most common one here in

up "planting" it far and wide. It's one of the most invasive plants in Texas. I can't recommend it for that reason alone.

Dear Neil: I planted these three shrubs (St. John's wort, pittosporum and bottlebrush) about six weeks ago. They started looking stressed after about a week, and they have been going downhill ever since. All have dying leaves, and none has any indication of root development. Do you have any suggestions?

The fact that these plants' leaves have browned tips and margins



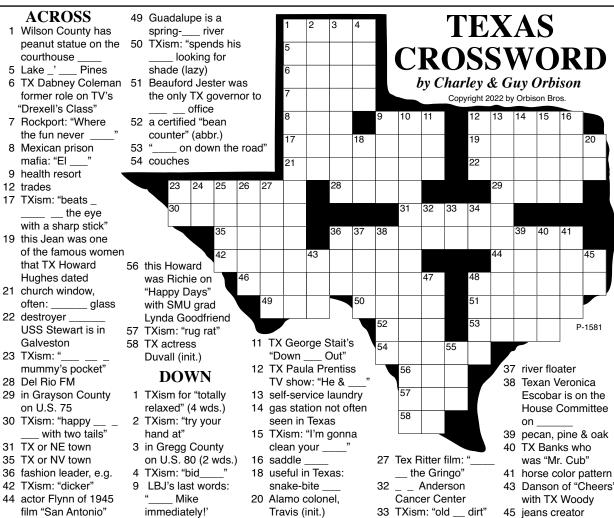
suggests moisture stress. They may have gotten too dry soon after planting, you might have put too much fertilizer on them soon after planting, or they may be suffering from wind burn from the spring breezes. These problems were not caused by insects or diseases. At this point your best bet

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is to keep them watered deeply. Do not apply any fertilizers for at least a month or two. Hopefully you will soon see normal and vigorous regrowth.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-Erets that he cannot reply to questions individually.





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Fightin' Buck Schedule

Baseball

Apr. 25 Presidio @ Presidio 7 p.m.

Softball

Apr. 22 Presidio at Alpine. 5 p.m.

Track and Field

Apr. 21...... Area Championship @ Denver City

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Lady Bucks shine at Buck Stadium



Lady Bucks Amanda Ahern and Jaycee Portillo run the 100-meter hurdles Thursday at the District meet in Alpine.

BY GLENN MCCARTHY Sports Correspondent

The track and field championship season opened on a hot, sunny day with the District 4-3A HS meet on April 7 at Buck Stadium. The last of four meets, hosted by Alpine this year, ended with the Alpine Track and Field team winning the championship in all four high school divisions.

With a quality roster, the varsity girls decisively won the team championship with 209 points to Presidio's 108 points. Eighteen Lady Bucks advanced to the Area Championship being held in Denver City on Thursday, April 21. These athletes will compete against District 3-3A for a chance to advance to the Regional Championships at Abilene Christian University on April 29-30.

The top three point scorers for the Lady Bucks were Mia Morris, Vanessa Rice, and Ali Maroney. Sophomore Mia Morris won both hurdle events, setting a personal record in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.69 seconds. She added two more gold medals to her collection as the first leg of the 4x200-meter relay and winner of the pole vault.

Rice had one of her best track meets of the season, winning gold in the 200-meter dash, long jump, and as anchor in the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays.

Maroney advanced in the 400-meter, 800-meter, and pole vault, earning second place in all three events.

The varsity girls won gold in all three relays.

Valeria Crespo, Elizabeth Uranga, Novah Carrasco, and Rice will be contenders for gold in 4x100-meter relay at the area meet and the 4x400meter relay team of Maroney, Jasmine DeLeon, Rodriguez, and Uranga ran their fastest time of the year.

Alpine distance runners Hope Dominguez and Tannin Ritchie contributed 28 points, both advancing in the 3,200-meter, and earning second and third place in the 1,600-meter running their best time of the year.

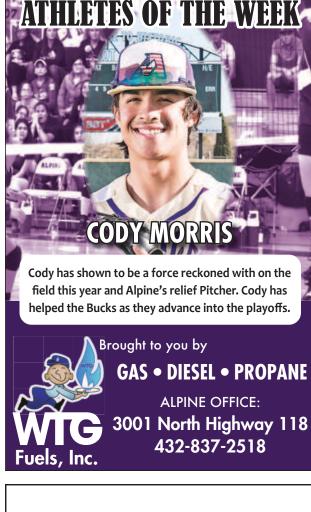
The Lady Buck sprinters were dominant at the district meet on Thursday. Crespo in the first leg of the sprint relay won the gold in the 100-meter dash, while senior Angelique Fox earned the bronze, and freshman Danica Mulholland placed fourth,

Photo by Felipe Fierro

all advancing to the area meet. Alpine swept the

200-meter dash. Carrasco won silver and Crespo earned bronze. First place triple jumper and 4x400-meter anchor Uranga finished third in the 400 meter, and DeLeon earned fourth place. Senior hurdlers Lauren Penders and Katy Jahn advanced in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles, finishing second and third, respectively.

Senior Kimberly Lara placed fourth in both the shot put and discus, earning her a spot at the area competition, while senior Angela Martinez just missed out, earning fifth place in both events. Senior high jumper Chloe Cordova won the gold with a personal record, and senior triple jumper Amory Aranda placed fourth, earning a place at the area meet.



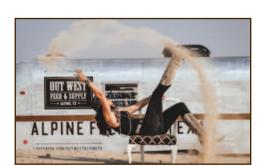
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Alpine native Elena Cano sets personal record

Alaska Anchorage track and field team set three meet records and two school records at the recent Mike Fanelli Track Classic.

Alpine High School graduate Elena Cano finished second in the 100 hurdles in a school re-

was second in the 400 hurdles in a personalbest time of 1:00.16.

Both the men's and women's 4x100 relay

teams finished second. The men's team of Enrique Campbell, Joshua Wagner, Timothy Hunter and Jacob Belanger ran

The University of cord time of 14.15, and 41.87, the fourth-fastest time ever at UAA.

> The women's team of Mette Van der Meer, Elena Cano, Joei Vidad and Tylantiss Atlas ran 48.46, tied for eighth-fastest in program history.

> UAA competed at Azusa Pacific and Long Beach State April 14-16.

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Boys track wins district

BY GLENN MCCARTHY

Sports Correspondent

The district meet came down to a dual battle between Alpine and Presidio. Alpine came out of the field events with 84 points. Highlights included a first and second place finish by high jumpers Jake Crump and Andrew Rodriguez. The Bucks swept the top three places in the pole vault with Aiden Garcia, Evren Martinez, and Jace Canaba. Tray Ervin and Rudy Cunningham won the shot and discus, respectively.

The 110 and 300 hurdles were also big point producers for the Bucks. Jayden Canaba won both events. John De Guia and Cody Morris also finished in the top four in both.

Hatfield Cason finished third in both 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs. The 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relays all finished second to the Blue Devils.

Dante Sera and Jordan Rodriguez both qualified for Area in the 100-meter dash, and Diego Monclova in the 200-meter and Esteban Macias in the 800-meter.

Head track Coach Wayne Schroeder was proud of the junior varsity boys, saying, "Our JV boys competed well in the field and running events. The depth of the squad was evident when they placed from first to third in every event.'

John Mendoza scored 38 points at the district meet, Alejandro Hernadez had 36, Ethan Flores had 33, and they were the top three finishers.

Rodriguez, Sera, Monclova, Cason, Jayden Canaba, Morris, Macias, De Guia, Ervin, Cunningham, Logan Smith, Crump, Andrew Rodriguez, Garcia, Evron Martinez, and Jace Canaba will all compete at the Area level.



Fightin' Buck Aiden Garcia aims for the bar on April 14 at the District track meet in Alpine.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

Vaughn named pitcher of week

Jodie Vaughn's outstanding week on the mound earned her American Southwest Conference Pitcher of the Week. This is the third ASC Pitcher of the Week recognition in her softball career at Sul Ross.

"Jodie had an excellent series," said head Coach Troy Canaba. "When she's on fire, it gives confidence to our defense and hitters. I'm very proud of her. She definitely deserves it."

Vaughn started game one on April 14, throwing a five-inning shutout on two hits with 10 strikeouts in a 9-0 win over Ozarks.

She then appeared in game two's 5-0 win, notching her third save of the season after going the final 1.2 innings.

Vaughn returned to the mound the next day, starting the final game of the series on Friday. She threw five more shutout innings, allowing three hits and striking out six in the 8-0 win.

For the week, Vaughn won twice, throwing 11.2 shutout innings with 16 strikeouts. She allowed five hits and walked four.

Vaughn is now 12-7 on the season with a 2.56 ERA. She has 101 strikeouts and 30 walks in 123 innings pitched.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Jeremy Dominguez

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

I especially look for-

ward to playing baseball and graduating this year. What activities are you involved in during your

senior year? I was involved in baseball and football, National Honor Society, and I took dual credit courses.

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

My dad, Coach Dominguez, has been my most influential coach not only throughout high school, but throughout my life. My most influential teacher has been Ms. Scown. She is a great teacher, and I have enjoyed taking her classes the last two years.



Jeremy Dominguez

What was your favorite moment the last four years? My favorite moment

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Mexican cornbread casserole

Mexican Cornbread Casserole

Salt to taste Pepper to taste

1 cup frozen corn

ded and divided

1 cup of salsa

1 cup cornmeal

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

1 cup Mexican cheese blend, shred-

For the cornbread topping:

1 teaspoon baking powder

Ingredients: For the filling:

1 tablespoon olive oil 1 cup onion, chopped

½ cup red bell pepper, chopped

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup green bell pepper, chopped 1 pound lean ground beef

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon cumin

Directions:

1 teaspoon oregano

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Add the ground beef, minced gar-

lic, chili powder, cumin, oregano, and

cinnamon. Sauté until the meat is no

longer pink, about six minutes. Season

Add the frozen corn, and cook un-

til thawed, about one minute. Turn off

the stovetop heat. Add in ¼ cup of the

Mexican cheese blend, stirring until

with salt and pepper.

the cheese is melted.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Heat Transfer the ground beef mixture the olive oil over medium-high heat to a 9x13-inch casserole dish. Top the on the stovetop in a large skillet. Once ground beef mixture evenly with the the oil is shimmering, add the onions and bell peppers, and sauté until the Whisk together the cornmeal, salt, onions are translucent, about three

baking powder, milk, and eggs, making sure everything is combined, but not over-mixing. Pour the batter on top of the salsa and ground beef mixture. Sprinkle the remaining Mexican cheese blend over the top of the cornbread batter.

Bake until the combread is cooked and the cheese is melted, about 30-40 minutes. Serve.



MEALS

by kara gerbert

What is a casserole? A casserole is a large, deep dish or pan used for cooking a variety of dishes, or it is also a category of food cooked in such a vessel. The main ingredients of a casserole are typically chopped vegetables, meat, and a starchy binder.

Casseroles grew in popularity due to the convenience of a one-dish meal. The convenience of these meals is what is responsible for the resurgence in the 20th century. Families getting busier

and busier with both parents working and kids involved in activities, the casserole became the solution to the busy family's evening meal.

The casserole's components provided protein, starches, and vegetables. It was also common to have a dairy component in the form of cheese. With the introduction of processed and canned foods, this made it possible to combine already prepared components into a semihomemade weekly dinner.

Casseroles also became common fare for pot-luck dinners and church socials. While not all casseroles contain meat, the fact that one could be prepared with vegetables and or starches made them popular side dishes at these gatherings. Casseroles have also played a role in holiday meals, and have become tradition in many households. They have also been featured in many church and civic group cookbooks.

I am forever in search of



a new casserole to prepare - one that is not just simple, but will also appeal to a large audience. Mexican combread casserole fits this description. It offers a festive Mexican taste with the spiciness of salsa and all those warm spices that make Mexican dishes so delicious. Add in the sweet, pillowy cornbread topping, and it is a complete meal sure to satisfy even the most finicky eater.

This casserole offers love in every layer. The cornbread topping is not your package variety. These are raw ingredients. The layer beneath is a tangy explosion of salsa, bursting with that spicy tomato goodness. As you delve deeper into this dish, you encounter that beefy goodness with all the best of the Mexican spices, as well as savory onions and bright bell peppers. It is a perfect bite every time, and is sure to make the whole table satisfied.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at foodie9372 @gmail.com.

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Join Museum of the Big Bend for a weekend of celebration of the Big Bend ranching community. The exhibit "Fred Darge Paints the Big Bend and Beyond" features 40 works by German-born Dallas artist Fred Darge.

Darge traveled and painted extensively throughout West Texas and New Mexico. Many of the works on exhibit feature the Sam Nail and Waddy T. Burnham, Jr., ranches. The exhibit opens Friday, April 22, from 5-7 p.m. at Museum of the Big Bend.

On Saturday, April 23, the museum will feature a series of presentations about Darge and collecting Western art. Contemporary Western artists will talk about their craft, and why are there are no cowboys in early Texas art. Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

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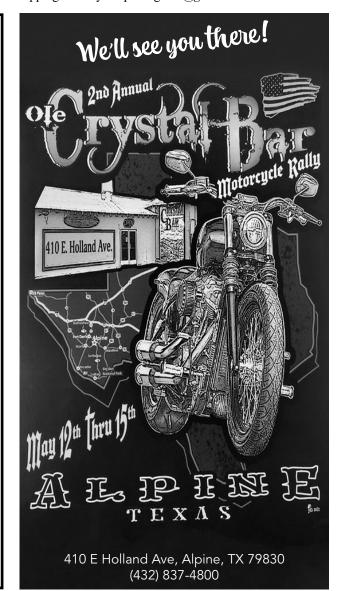
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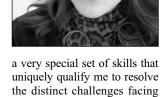
Candidate Q&A

Catherine Eaves Candidate for City of Alpine Mayor

As a research scientist, educator, mother, and lifelong spouse of a law enforcement officer, I've learned that life will always put obstacles in your

way, and I've learned how to

successfully deal with them. Often these obstacles will change the path we are on, such as creating a non-profit to support first responders, and making the choice to run for mayor of our amazing city. These life experiences, both professional and personal, have given me



Alpine today. Using my extensive research experience, I can find new opEditor's note: In the contested races in the City of Alpine and Alpine ISD, we asked the candidates a two-part question: What qualifications do you have for this position, and why do you think you are the best person for the job? Below are their responses. portunities to acquire funding,

other than raising taxes, for things such as repairing our aging and crippled infrastructure, vital community projects, and protecting the historical heritage of our beautiful Alpine. This is just one of the abilities I bring to this position. My wellestablished ability to bring people with differing viewpoints together, and create consensusbased solutions is another.

I am retiring in May so I will be available to devote whatever time necessary to work with all Alpine's citizens no matter where they live in our amazing town, or their financial situation. I promise to equally represent every citizen in Alpine.

I will institute a "Meet with the Mayor" discussion each week so that open, honest, sincere dialogue will create true transparency in government, and freely exchanged thoughts and ideas are brought to the attention of city leaders so we may all benefit from this new approach to Alpine govern-

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Candidate for City of Alpine Mayor

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experience serving our community, having worked with four mayors, and been appointed to many committees. I've been a local business owner for 40 years, and have the experience, leadership skills, and education necessary to serve Alpine.

My deep love for Alpine has only grown and strengthened from nearly 32 years of community service through civic projects, and serving and lead-



ing on various Alpine committees. I want to see the community prosper during these unprecedented times.

I've been a member of the Alpine Lions Club since 1994, and was honored to serve as club president in 2018, and in other local and national positions. I have chaired the Alpine Animal Advisory Board from 2007-2017, and am currently serving. I also chaired the committee that successfully built our new Alpine Animal Shelter.

At mayor and city council request, I served on two committees that updated the Home Rule Charter of Alpine, one of which I chaired. I was Alpine Housing Au-

thority commissioner from 2011-2015, and am presently chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In coordination with the city council and our home rule charter, the budget will be published,

and the numbers will be factual

with transparency.

I'm committed to a simple, easy, and transparent process that focuses on paving neighborhood streets not previously paved, replacing our entire sewer system, promoting recycling, and revitalizing Alpine Creek with recycled grey water runoff from the country club tank.

I want to be your mayor and work with our city council to address these and other important issues. I need your vote and your support.

My sole concern will always be to serve you, your family, and our beautiful hometown.

Elpidia Lujan Candidate for Alpine ISD Board of Trustees Single Member District 7

My name is Elpidia Lujan, and I am a candidate for the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, District 7. I have been married to Zeke for 52 years. We have five sons who graduated from AISD - Mario, Oscar, David, Noe, and Lorenzo. We're very proud of their accomplishments.

Six of our grandchildren attend school here in Alpine, two at the high school, three middle school, and one elementary. Ileana and Izaak currently attend the University of North



Texas, and Isela is a nursing student at Baylor University. We have resided at the corner of Lujan Road and West Fort Davis since 1984.

I was employed at our schools throughout our children's school years as a pre-K aide, library aide at the middle

school, assistant secretary at both the elementary and middle schools, and substituted at the high school.

In 1990 I was elected to serve on the AISD Board of Trustees for one term; therefore, I believe I have experience for this position. In the same year I was appointed to serve on the Alpine Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, and I served for 30 years, of which 20 years as the chairman. Throughout the years I received training to be an effective chairperson. As with all boards, its main objective is to set policies, and to hire the person who will be in charge.

I want to be a Board Trustee

to assure parents and students that they will continue to receive the best education. They deserve to have the best educators we can offer them to flourish today and in their futures. I have the vision to move AISD forward. I am very committed to getting us there.

Your vote is greatly appreci-

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES A VISO DE ELECCION GENERAL PARA MUNICIPIOS

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- Mayor
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- City Council Ward 4

(Notifiquese por la presente, que los sitios de votacion citadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de Mayo de 2022, para volar en la eleccion general para elegir:

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Signature of Mayor (Firma del Micalde

Mary McAllister Candidate for Alpine ISD **Board of Trustees** Single Member District 7ll

I have 15 years of classroom experience as a certified special education teacher, with four years in Fort Davis, 10 years in Alpine, and one year in Marfa. The experience as a certified classroom teacher gives me the knowledge to know what the teachers are needing to help them be successful. This allows me to make informed decisions to

support our teachers and staff. I have served on the Board for the past seven years. This experience has allowed me to gain knowledge of the role of the Board. I have spent many hours attending classes, and networking with other board member from across Texas to better prepare for the decisions that may need to be

Children are our future, and I believe they should stay the focus of the Board while supporting the teachers, staff, and administrators. Support for teachers and staff at Alpine ISD has always been a very high priority for me. I will always support those who support our kids and their education.

I also know that the community plays an important role in the success of Alpine ISD. The support of the com-



munity is vital in the education of our children, and as a board member I intend to help make the bond between the community and school grow even stronger.

In the last few years AISD has been able to help the community by providing COVID testing and COVID immunizations thanks to our nursing staff and administrators. We were also able to provide meals during the winter storm last year to all community members thanks to some very hard-working cafeteria staff and others.

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the Reata Restaurant, where guests receive a complimentary "spooky" drink.

Led by Second City alum Bret Scott, the 50-minute tour includes stops at the Brewster County Courthouse, Alpine Avalanche Building, Ritchey Hotel, and Murphy Street where Petit Bijou will offer a complimentary wine tasting. Non-alcoholic beverages also available.

"The tours sold out at Artwalk last November, which was great" said

Alpine Historic As- Marjie Scott, chair of Sul Our goal is to promote visit bit.ly/sulross-the-Ross Fine Arts Department and writer/director of the Ghost Tours. "But many people who wanted to experience the tour didn't get the chance, so we're bringing it back.

the rich history of Alpine while offering an entertaining night of ghost stories from the Big Bend. And there are some new ghosts this time around." To purchase tickets,

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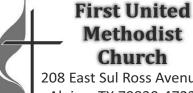
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Devotional Page The 40 days of Easter They were the first to see Jesus alive after BY REV. WYATT BOUTWELL

Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine

Happy Easter to you all. By the time this is published, we will be entering the first week of Easter season. We have just concluded Lent, a season of 40 days commemorating Our Lord's 40 days of temptation in the wilderness in anticipation of the Resurrection.

Easter is also a season of 40 days. During the coming weeks, many in the church will celebrate Christ's teaching of the disciples before His Ascension.

In the Anglican tradition, we celebrate Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday immediately after Easter Sunday. The Gospel teaching for Easter Monday is found in the 24th Chapter of St. Luke, and features Our Lord's appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

They had been in Jerusalem during Jesus's final days, and were returning home with great sadness. We read that He was veiled so they could not recognize Him. We also read that Jesus expounded to these disciples how

the Christ must suffer, die, and be resurrected. As they reached Emmaus, they asked Jesus to have dinner with them. It is only after Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them that these disciples recognized Jesus for who He really was. He opened their hearts to His purposes in His death and resurrection.

His resurrection, and they hurried back to Jerusalem, and told the Apostles that they had seen the risen Lord. It is only appropriate that the appointed

Gospel for Easter Tuesday would be the continuation of Christ's encounter with those two disciples on their way to Emmaus. St. Luke describes Christ's appearance in the Upper Room where He demonstrates the reality of His bodily resurrection. We read that the Apostles fear that He is a ghost, but He shows them His wounds from the crucifixion, and encourages them to touch the imprints of those marks. He asks for fish and eats it in their presence.

Without the opening of their minds, these disciples would not have the vision that took the gospel into all parts of the world. Without the resurrection, the Holy Spirit would not have been given to the Church for preaching and healing.

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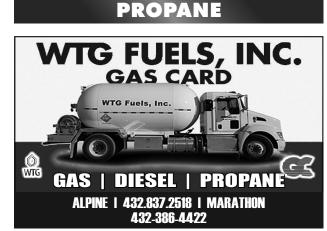
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