High school completion date set back to August

BY ROXANNE HILL

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Staff Writer

Alpine ISD Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 18 with an announcement from Imperial Construction Senior Project Manager Chad Barnard saying the new high school wouldn't be completed until the first or second week of August.

"We have come far in a very short time to where we can keep pressing," said Barnard. "Some of the guys have been working seven days a week, 12-hour days to make this happen."

He said he planned to have furniture movers on July 6-8, followed by abatement and subsequent demolition of the old school.

AISD Athletic Director John Fellows was concerned about logistics issues, and Barnard assured Fellows there would be a site logistics plan. Fellows mentioned problems with the entrances to the ag and welding shops, as well as the football field turf impacted by construction, and doubted whether construction would be completed by Aug. 23.

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Field set for county judge race

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH Managing Editor

Henington, Cobos emerge winners

With results of the May 24 primary runoffs on the books, the fields are now set for the Brewster County judge seat for Nov. 8 general election.





Henington

chief Greg Henington came out on top, defeating Brewster County Chief Deputy Ryan Skelton.

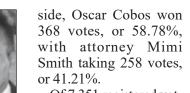
Henington garnered 652 votes, or 51.95%,



Cobos ton took 603 votes, or 48.04%.

On the Democratic

Oscar



Of 7,351 registered voters in the county, 1,881 cast ballots in the judge race, for a voter turnout rate of 25.58%. Early voting accounted for 1,236 of the total, with 645 on runoff election day.

Thursday, May 26, 2022 • \$1

After results were in, Henington said, "I'll take it one day at a time, and we'll get our troops out and ready for November. I thank everyone who came out today and last week to vote. We so appreciate your vote!"

Cobos could not be reached for comment.

Flying High with DPS



Alpine Elementary School pre-k 4 students from teacher Bianca Barrera's class were happy to check out the Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter that made a landing on the elementary school lawn on May 20 for First Responders Appreciation Day. The school welcomed members from Alpine Police Department, Brewster County Sheriff's Office, Alpine Fire and EMS, U.S. Border Patrol, and more as they interacted with the youngsters in a fun-filled day where they enjoyed refreshments.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Buck Band Boosters step up and pitch in

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

Consistent studies have shown that parents who get involved in their children's education contribute to their kids being better prepared as they tackle the rigors of college life or the workforce beyond high school.

At Alpine ISD, the Buck Band Boosters are a perfect example of that, offering a much needed boost while being unofficial band student cheerleaders. The Boosters are composed of moms whose job is to make sure band members are taken care of. The Boosters are President Regina Terrazas, Vice President Elaina Sharron, Secretary Allison Vidal, Treasurer Melissa Bergstrom, and Concessions Coordinator Sara Grannis. Amy Struthers will take over as the new president for the 2022-

2023 academic year. Terraza's daughter Lily is a drum major and clarinetist who reached the state qualifying competition with her solo and ensemble group. Sharron's daughter Collette plays the tuba, Vidal's daughter Hannah plays the trumpet, and Grannis' son William clashes and rocks out with the percussion.

During high school football season, the Boosters hold fundraisers and sell concessions at every home game on Friday nights.

want to make sure every kid is fed."

From providing water bottles for use in the sweltering heat during outside practices, to helping cover costs of equipment and repairs and acting as chaperones during bus trips, the Buck Boosters are there

5. On their way the kids

"Our main priority is making sure the students' needs are met outside of the classroom," said Terrazas. "We feed them a meal before every home football game, and we

to make it happen. The band students are gearing up for a trip to Santa Fe, N.M., on June



Buck Band Boosters and band members, 7th graders Jenna Vega and Destiney Salguero

will stop by Albuquerque, N.M., to enjoy an eagle's eye view from the lon-

"The kids have been through a tumultuous year with the band directors and with construction," noted Terrazas. "They are excited to get out of town and have

gest aerial tramway in

the world at Sandia Peak.

some fun!"

Terrazas said the high school is currently searching for a permanent band director, as Interim Director Molly Ferguson will be departing after the Santa Fe trip.

Parental involvement goes a long way toward Band Booster success.

"I encourage parents to

Courtesy photo get involved," said Terrazas. "Music makes such a difference in the lives of the students. Music is my daughter's life, and the band is what she calls her home away from home. What better way to support the students than to support the program they love so much!"









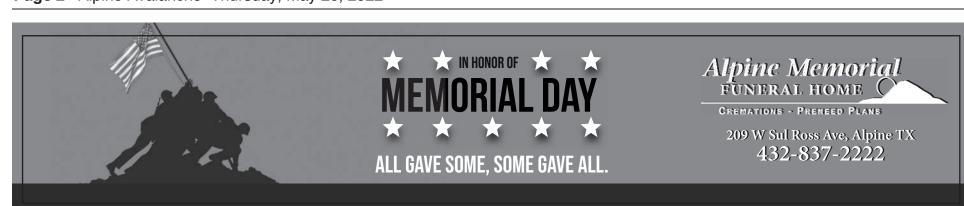


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BITUARIES

Dan Bihl Dunagan

Dan Bihl Dunagan, 73, departed to heaven May 17, 2022. Dan was born Aug. 31, 1948 in Monahans, Texas, to Robert L. Dunagan and Elizabeth Dan Bihl Dunagan.

In high school, Dan loved playing guitar with his rock band, driving his '55 Chevy, and playing football. Always a Lobo, Dan played football for the Monahans Loboes in high school. Upon entering college, he became a Sul Ross State University Lobo. Dan graduated from Sul Ross with a business degree in 1974. During that time, Dan married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Card. Dan went on to manage and own the Coca Cola Bottling Company in Alpine, Texas. He loved being a pilot, and flying his Coca Cola airplane, even down to Mexico City.

However, his heart was always dedicated to



helping students succeed as he had been helped by his two football coaches in high school, Coach Boone Jackson, father of the late Randy Jackson, and Coach Ewell Kelly.

Dan left the corporate business world in 1987, and entered into the kingdom business of serving and loving students. Dan served at Sul Ross Baptist Student Ministry for 25 years, and led many student teams to China. Worship was a large part of Dan's life. He wrote songs and recorded several records, and could always be found leading worship somewhere. He became an ordained minister and counselor.

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He served as an interim pastor for several years as needed, and as a fulltime pastor at Marathon Baptist Church for five years.

In 2008 Dan returned to his love of athletics combined with his love for students, and served as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' huddle coach at Sul Ross. He led several FCA teams to Alaska to conduct sports camps for youth. Dan covered thousands of miles as an athletic teams' bus driver. Dan served as offensive coach in 2012, and served as the football chaplain for several years. He led countless students to an eternal relationship with Jesus throughout his years of ministry.

In March 2022, Dan was inducted into the Sul Ross Athletic Hall of Honors. It was truly touching to see all of the current students gather around him and thank him for all that he had

poured into their lives.

At the end of Dan's acceptance speech, he said, "Someday you will hear that I have died, but don't believe a word of it. I will be more alive in the presence of my creator than ever before." Dan is survived by his wife Pat Dunagan; sons Dan Dunagan, Jr., and Brian Dunagan; daughter Joy Shirley; grandchildren Trey Dunagan, Taylor Dunagan, Mackenzie Dunagan, Jacob Shirley, and Isaac Shirley.

Funeral services were held on May 21, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Alpine, and burial followed at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home in Alpine.

Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia C. Gonzales

Virginia C. Gonzales, former resident of Midland, Texas, and former resident of Alpine, Texas, closed her eyes to her earthly home, and opened them to her Heavenly home on June 2, 2019, in Midland with her beloved family by her side. She was 79.

Rosary will be held on June 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine, with

graveside internment at Holy Angels Cemetery.

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home in Alpine.

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Holguin cleared of charges

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH **Managing Editor**

On May 19 in the 394th Judicial District Court of Brewster County, charges against Alpine Police Sergeant Hector Holguin, Jr., were dismissed in a case going

back to 2019.

On Feb. 26, 2019, Holguin was arrested on a warrant, and charged with official oppression, a Class A misdemeanor. Official oppression is defined as a public servant acting in his office and intentionally subjecting

another to arrest, detention, search, or seizure that he knows is unlaw-

Holguin was released the same day on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond, and placed on administrative leave.

Brewster County Sher-

iff Ronny Dodson on Monday told the Avalanche, "The whole case was merely the product of an overzealous district attorney who had very little to no evidence, but got a man indicted. The Sheriff's Office investigated, and we didn't have

any evidence." Sandy Wilson was the

83rd District Attorney at the time.

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County awarded \$5.5 million healthcare grant

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 24, and good news about a proposed healthcare clinic in Terlingua and other healthcare benefits for South County was at the forefront.

J.D. Newsom, executive director of Big Bend Regional Hospital District which covers Brewster and Presidio counties, announced that the healthcare entity was recently awarded a \$5.5. million Emergency Rural Health Care grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grant would include establishing a community clinic, a rescue vehicle, and a proposed part time day clinic in Terlingua.

"This is some desperately needed healthcare to the region," said Newsom, who indicated the program would be delayed until Oct. 1 to coincide with the start of the fiscal year and to allow for planning.

Newsom later told the

district was expected to contribute 25% in matching funds, something typical of federal grants. The total project budget

would be \$7.3 million, with \$1.8 million needed as matching funds. Terlingua

would es-Newsom tablish a

community paramedicine program in conjunction with Terlingua Fire and EMS, and Preventative Health Care Services would operate a parttime day clinic in Terlingua. The proposed clinic would also be contingent upon locating an available site.

"We have matching commitments from all the project partners," said Newsom. "The hospital district will provide matching dollars, along with Brewster and Presidio counties, PCHS, Terlingua Fire and EMS, and the City of Presidio. It is a three-year project, and providing \$1.8 mil-

Avalanche the hospital lion in matching dollars upfront is going to be tough for everybody, but I am hoping USDA will provide some flexibility in how we spend that match."

> Newsom said the specific details were still in the planning stages, and he would have further talks with USDA, PCHS, and others. More details will be provided as he continues to work on the project.

> In other business, commissioners approved formalizing a cooperative contract agreement between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Brewster County. County Extension Agent Luke Hen-

on a "handshake deal," and the terms of the agreement would remain the same. Finally, Emergent Air Project Manager Walter

dryx said the agreement

will be put in writing, as

it had been implemented

Kuykendall provided an update on emergency medical services in the county. He said plans were in the works to launch an open house where many of the key EMS players would be introduced.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

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I will continue to be at the Farmer's Market most Saturdays at around 9:30

And I will have meet with the mayor opportunities starting June 2nd- I will be at Magoos at 10:00 am, come on out and have a cup of coffee with me.

Please make plans to come to the city council meetings the first and third

Tuesdays of most months. We need your input.

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Sincerely, Catherine Eaves Mayor of Alpine





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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

How concerned are you about the current climate change rhetoric?

- I'm extremely concerned. The future of our planet and of mankind is at stake.
- I'm somewhat concerned, and think we should take some steps to mitigate climate change.
- I'm not concerned at all. This hand has been way overplayed.

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Some words on pets and ferals

Why are there so many animals in Alpine, and what can we do to help as a community to get our pet population under control?

Did you know that Animal Services sees hundreds of animals each year? Last year alone we brought in 484 stray animals. That does not include the 96 surrenders and other types of intakes.

Did you know that out of the 484 stray animals brought in, only 220 of them were reclaimed? That is an awful lot of animals that our tiny shelter had to care for and find homes for.

You may be thinking what can we as a community do to help decrease the number of animals coming into our shelter? There are many



ways to decrease the number of animals in Alpine.

The first is to decrease the number of loose animals by keeping your animal restrained at all times. Before you put Fido or Fluffy outside, check your gates and the perimeter of your fence line for holes or damage to your fence. If you see a questionable spot, do not leave your pet unattended

is against city ordinance for your animal to run loose.

Second, get your pet spayed or neutered. An intact animal is a lot more likely to escape a yard to go out and explore for a mate. When this happens, unwanted litters are made, and often end up at the shelter.

Third, support trap/neuter/ return. This program helps get feral cats in our community spayed or neutered, ultimately decreasing the stray cat population over time.

There are a couple of entities that can help locally with the cost of spay/neuter. Alpine Humane Society has been helping pet owners for many years. To get ap-

in your yard. Remember, it proved for assistance with spay/neuter, call 432-837-3486. If you are interested in the TNR program, contact Big Bend Pets at 575-489-5932.

Please follow our local Alpine Friendly Pets or Alpine Animal Services Facebook page. We post all animals that come into the shelter there.

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Working for the love and not for the clock

their list,

throwing

every-

thing on

mine and

calling it

"Success is often achieved in the 25th, 26th, and 27th hours of the day." — Old Italian Saying by Jim Chionsini.

The official results are still out, but roughly 440 columns in newspapers and on the blog over the last eightand-a-half years make for a successful mission. Add another estimated 500 columns penned for papers prior to "the blog period," and as my military pilot buddies would say, "We're set for that 1,000th sortie.'

The sage advice above from my mentor and good friend of many years has undoubtedly played an essential role in reaching that realm. So many of my columns were hammered out in those elusive hours - a time when you're working for the love and not for the clock.

I typically require extra hours, even on a good day. But, at an age commonly considered the time for slowing down and taking life easier, that's probably why my hand is still on the throttle, I'm gaining altitude, and still good friends with the 25th, 26th, and 27th hours of the day. And while



LEON ALDRIDGE

Guest Columnist

a win if I get half of it done has always been my method.

An ex-military fighter pilot and former Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team pilot said it best a few years ago. Applying military strategy to business planning, he compared his combat mission experience in the Middle East to running a business.

"As long as you return from the mission," he said, "there are no failures. Some are successful, the others you learn from in order to increase the success rate of future missions."

For me 2015 was a learning mission filled with surprises and adjustments, the kind that blurs the lines between celebrating success and taking a better shot at future missions. Regroup-

some de- ing in those familiar hours light in of the day, I went back to crossing my favorite parts of contasks off necting with people through newspapers - column writing and photography. So, I challenged myself to expand my column writing experience with a blog. And to put the fun back in photography, spend more "me time" with my camera.

> The blog got off the ground and built speed early in the mission, but ended the year as more of a learning experience before taking flight the next year.

As I was fumbling for the ignition switch on shooting pictures, long-time Mount Pleasant friend and photographer Susan Prewitt unknowingly activated the afterburner with a Facebook photo challenge.

I accepted her challenge, but by Sunday I was four days in, and lamenting that it was only a seven-day mission. Hitting the deck just under the deadline, I uploaded a moonset photo taken at Lake Murvaul in Panola County when I lived there. The picture reminded me of two things. One, capturing

that set of images was fun. Two, it required several sessions between 3-4 a.m. during full moon phases while working on the moon's clock, not mine.

The fact that crafting a column about that moonshot became part of getting the blog on target was no coincidence.

It was just one small example of what I might have missed without those 25th, 26th, and 27th hours of the

About "Moon Over Murvaul," while living on Lake Murvaul a few years ago, I woke up early one morning and couldn't go back to sleep. I discovered a moon bright enough to read a newspaper at 3 a.m. So, I grabbed a camera and spent the next half hour shooting frame after frame of the setting full moon images. The result was a collection of fantastic photos.

The one I posted to Facebook for the challenge resembled what I would call a harvest moon. I've seen many harvest moons rising, but this was my first setting orange moon to witness.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

The Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club would like to thank our local and regional businesses and the City of Alpine for their support that helped us achieve a successful 31st annual rock show in Alpine.

There were 784 registered visitors to the show (plus unknown unregistered ones), approximately 15% of them coming from outside the Big Bend area.

We especially want to thank the Avalanche for its support. With your continued help we can attract even more rock enthusiasts and visitors to Alpine. Please look for updates on the CDGMC facebook page

with plans for next year's show which will be the third weekend in April.

> Debbie Wahrmund Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club

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STREET

What advice would you give a new high school graduate?



Reagan Stone,
Alpine: Approach
the future with
an open mind,
listen a lot, and be
willing to learn
from those who are
different from you.
Most important,
be different, make
waves, and have fun
every day.



Evalice Arguello,
Marfa: First
and foremost,
understand that
you are not done
growing as a person.
It is important to
continue learning,
growing, and
working towards
goals. Travel, talk to
strangers, seek out a
trusted mentor, and
be kind. The rest will
fall into place.



Jimmy Morris, Alpine: Continue your education. If not, go ahead and get a job!



Stephen Wood,
Alpine: Don't feel
pressured to have to
go to college. There
are tons of very
lucrative jobs and
trade schools that
pay for training. Oh,
and find something
that makes you
happy.



Sara Button, Marfa: Trade or tech schools are way more valuable today than universities.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 27 Family Barn Dance, 6-10 p.m. at Kelly Pavilion in Fort Davis. Music by Doug Moreland. All are welcomed.

JUNE 11 o6 Cowboys Home Run 5k and 10k, 9 a.m. at Kokernot Field.

JUNE 18

Open Day, 8 a.m. at Davis Mountain Preserve in Fort Davis. Open for hiking, biking, equestrian, picnics, photography, birding, and other outdoor activities. Entrance is free, but a reservation is required. For tickets visit preserve.nature.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information,



call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.

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.

Temporary closures coming to national park

From May 29-June 1, a team of biologists and resource staff will be applying herbicide to control non-native giant cane (Arundo donax) in the Rio Grande Village area. This is a followup treatment to the prescribed burn in April. Using hand sprayers, the herbicide Imazapyr will be applied to all resprouts of the invasive plants post-fire. During this time, visitors will encounter a temporary closure along the river from Daniels Ranch picnic area to the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail. The boat ramp will remain open, but the vegetated areas on either side of the ramp will be closed. Giant cane is an aggressive non-native grass. Over the decades, the Rio Grande has become increasingly channel-

ized, as invasive giant cane forms dense thickets and traps sediment. The combination of prescribed fire followed four to six weeks later by herbicide application on any regrowth has proven to be an effective approach for reducing stands of giant cane in the park. Imazapyr is approved by the EPA for aquatic use. With the removal of this cane, the Rio Grande can better transport sediment downstream, opening up gravel bars and wider floodplains. This in turn benefits native plants and wildlife. Removing thickets of giant cane also opens up the banks of the river for recreational use. This temporary closure and signage will be in place for 48 hours after the herbicide is applied, after which the area will reopen to entry.



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Welcoming the new superintendent



On May 20, Alpine ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting at the AISD Administration Building board room to officially select Dr. Michelle Rinehart as its new superintendent. Rinehart was presented with a gift box during the meeting, and will start her duties on June 6. Here, Board President Eddie Natera, outgoing Interim Superintendent Dennis McEntire, and Board Vice President Mary McCallister look on after Rinehart signs her contract.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

SCHOOL • FROM 1

In other business, Chief Financial Officer Clay Braden discussed preliminary budget figures for 2022-2023, along with property values.

"I added our projected state aid for next year, and I am shooting low," said Braden. "We are pretty much with our hands tied behind our back with property values, and we are fighting what we can. The only thing we can do is to get our attendance up. That is going to be our saving grace." Nevertheless, Braden proposed pay raises for support staff, though it was not yet set as an action item.

Interim Superintendent Dennis McEntire fully supported that proposal, saying support staff pay increases would boost morale, which in turn would result in better attendance.

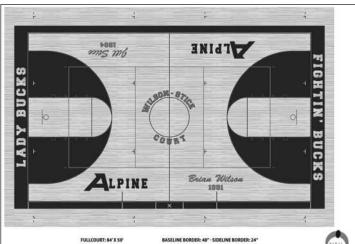
"For every percentage point that you increase average daily attendance, it represents about \$100,000 in revenue," he said."There are ways to get kids to come to school. For a lot of them, it is the culture and the spirit they encounter every day. I think janitors, cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals - those people are critical to the culture of the campus."

In other business, regarding the high school gym, trustees approved selecting Key Installations, a vendor out of Crosby, to replace the bleacher seat modules for the home side at an estimated cost of \$24,000. Trustees also approved selecting San Antonio based Twin Flooring & Finishes for the middle school flooring project, for approximately \$159,000.

Finally, trustees formally selected Dr. Michelle Rinehart as the new Alpine ISD Superintendent during a special meeting held on May 20. Rinehart will start her duties June 6.

Newly elected board member Haley Babb, Single Member Dist. 5, was sworn in along with re-elected trustee Mary McCallis-

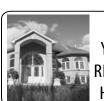
ter, Single-Member Dist. 7. Trustees also selected board member Nikki Ahrens, Dist. 3, as new board secretary.



At the May 18 board meeting, AISD trustees unanimously approved a new floor design for the high school gym, to be named the Wilson-Stice court, as seen in this rendering.

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ing Board Room. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for Wednesday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the same location.



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Baseball, hot dogs, and grandma's apple pie

As summer approaches it comes time for baseball, hot dogs and, of course, apple pie. Not just any apple pie, but award-winning apple pie courtesy of a lady named Grandma Brunet. Her daughter in law entered this pie in the LaFayette Apple Festival in New York, and won a blue ribbon for it. There is just no way you can go wrong with a pie sporting a blue ribbon accolade.

Apples are not native to North America, but in fact are native to Asia. They did not become part of the American culture until the colonists of Jamestown settled in the 1600s. Apples were originally grown for making cider, and tree planting was helpful for



HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert

maintaining a land claim during those days. By the 1800s Americans were growing over 14,000 varieties of apples, but apple pie was not the American dish we think of it being today.

The first known recipe for apple pie is documented in the year 1390 by a man named Samuel Pegge in a British cookbook entitled "The Form of Cury." Apple



pie is the result of multiple culinary influences including Britain, France, the Netherlands, and the Ottoman Empire. Many of the pies from that time were more savory than sweet and due to the prohibitive cost of ingredients.

It was not until the Dutch of the 15th century that the crust became part of what we know today as apple pie. The Dutch created the popular lattice work crust we are all familiar with.

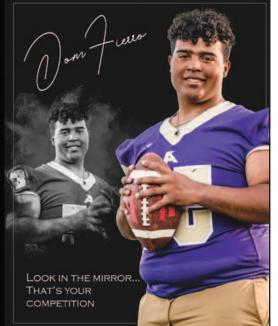
The first mention of apple pie in America was in

1697, and the first recipes to be recorded for this pie were two that were included in the new country's first cookbook called "American Cookery" published in 1796. Apple pie's simplicity and cost effectiveness quickly made it a part of the American culinary repertoire where it still reigns today.

So, when you hear someone say, "As American as apple pie," that is not entirely false, but then again it is not entirely true. As Americans I do not think we care where apple pie may have begun, as long as we get to enjoy it along with our other American favorites of baseball and hot dogs.

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

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Blue Ribbon Apple Pie

2/3 cup sugar

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 (14.1 ounce) package of refrigerated pie dough
- 6 cups (¼ inch thick) slices
 Empire apple (two pounds)
- Empire apple (two pounds)
 1 large egg, beaten

1 tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine cinnamon and sugar in a bowl, stirring with a whisk. Set aside one tablespoon cinnamon and sugar in a small bowl. Add flour and salt to remaining cinnamon and sugar, stirring with a whisk.

Fit one half dough into a nine-inch pie plate coated with cooking spray, allowing dough to extend ½ inch over pie plate. Sprinkle 2-½ table-spoons of flour mixture into the prepared pie crust. Layer one third of the apple slices over the flour mixture. Repeat procedure twice, sprinkle remaining flour mixture over apples. Fit remaining half of

dough over filling. Press edges of dough together. Fold edges under; flute. Cut several slits in top of dough to allow steam to escape.

Combine egg and one tablespoon water in a small bowl. Brush egg mixture over dough, and sprinkle with reserved cinnamon and sugar. Bake at 425 degrees for 30 minutes, or until apples are tender and crust is golden. Remove from oven; cool completely on a wire rack before serving.



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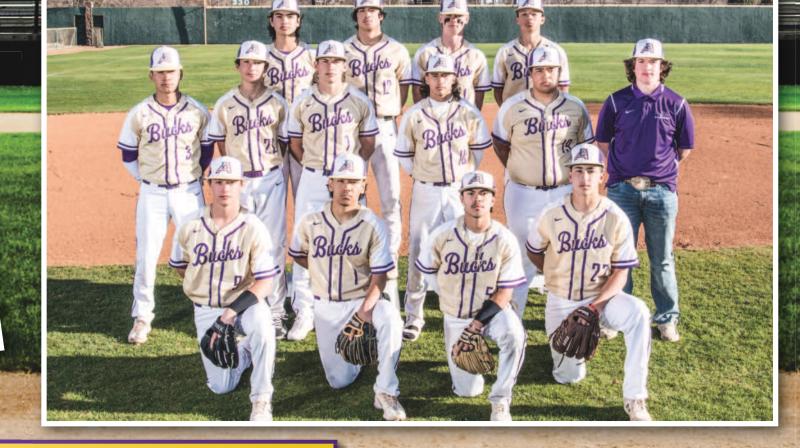


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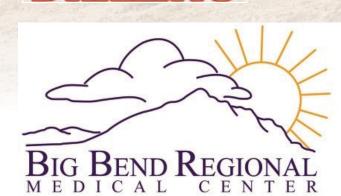


















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Ofelia Vallejo Brown Ofelia Vallejo Brown, 85, passed away April

28, 2022. Ofelia was born April 15, 1937, to Irene and Feliciano Vallejo, the youngest of four. She grew up in Valentine, Texas.

Ofelia is survived by her daughters Minerva Freeman (Mark) and Christine Galvez (Carlos); grandchildren Jackie Freeman, Cody Freeman, Jason Brown (Felicia), Charles Galvez (Veronica), and Jeanette Galvez; and great grandchildren Kaitlyn Freeman, Mikey, Catalina, and Carrina Galvez.

Memorial service will be held Monday, June 6, 2022, from 11 a.m.-1:00

Franklin House

Born on April 18,1936,

to Lucille and Harold

House in Mexico City,

Mexico, he nearly reached

the age of 86. Franklin

touched the lives of many.

He was co-founder of the

House Medical Clinic,

Advent Health Central

Texas hospital (formerly

known as Metroplex), and

the House/Cross Nursing

and Retirement homes in

He later became the

CEO of the Lifestyle Cen-

ter of America, now Ard-

more Institute of Health,

where he led the initiative

to get Lifestyle Medicine

recognized as foundational

to health care. Dr. House

authored the book, "The

Killeen, Texas.

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p.m. with Prayer Service and Eulogy at 11:30 a.m. at 1755 N. Zaragosa, El Paso, Texas. A private inurnment service will be held at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Ofelia graduated from Valentine High School and from Tri-State School of Beauty in El Paso. She was a housewife and wonderful mother, raising two daughters in her hometown of Valentine. She moved to Alpine, Texas, and worked as a sales associate at Anthony's department store, Bealls department store, and Morrison True Value.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Kindred Hospice and the staff of Robert Lee Care Center. Special thanks to Gretel Garza, Cynthia Montemayor, Randa Jolly, Brandi Coronado, Domingo Lopez, Tiffany Alexander, Mary Rodriguez, and Roberta Wilcox.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert Lee Care Center, Kindred Hospice, or the Alzheimer's Association.



Thirty Day Diabetes Miracle."

Throughout his life, he faithfully held Bible study meetings at his home and work, spending free time sharing the love of Jesus with whomever would come. Several churches. pastors, and leaders have grown out of these efforts.

He helped to spearhead the formation of Canvasback Missions, a non-profit organization that brought medical care to the island people of Micronesia. Through his leadership as chairman of the board, Canvasback Missions has grown and touched countless lives in Micronesia, including the life of a

Marshallese child, Anna, whom his son Ray adopted. He was a frequent participant in Canvasback's medical mission trips where he changed the lives of many people on remote Pacific islands. He saved the physical lives of several children who have now grown up to be healthy adults, and he touched the spiritual lives of many island people.

His wife, Bonnie Rae House (Turner) of 65 years survives him with their three sons, Rick House (Tina), Ray House (Becky), and Rolly House. His grandchildren are John, James, Josh, Lindsey, and Anna. His two great-grandchildren are Samantha and Dayja.

His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of many he influenced and touched throughout his life.

"How the mighty have fallen!" Second Samuel

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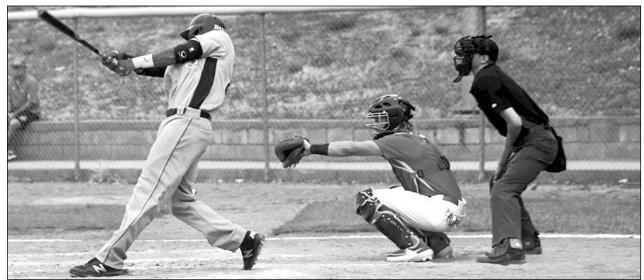


On May 23 the Alpine High School class of 2022 participated in the traditional elementary school pre-k graduation emony. Here, high school graduating seniors Katy Jahn and Chloe Cordova walk pre-k grad Santiago Gutierrez by the elementary school front lawn.

Courtesy photo



Cowboys return to Kokernot next week



The of Cowboys open the baseball season on June 7.

BY J.T. MARONEY

Publisher

As the boys of summer roll back into Alpine, the lights will shine extra bright at Kokernot Field this year. The 2022 season marks the 75th anniversary at Kokernot Field and the Alpine of Cowboys. General Manager Kristin Cavness said, "This year is very special for not only the team, but also those who love the field and the game. We are really excited about this year's group of athletes." The ballpark was built in 1947 by H.L. Kokernot, Jr., as a new home for the baseball team. An estimated 6,000 attended a 1951 exhibition featur-

Cowboys Schedule

Jun 2-5: Garden City Wind @ Garden City KA Jun 7-9: Austin Weirdos @ Kokernot. 7 p.m.

Louis Browns versus the Chicago White Sox. The history of the field means a lot to many, as it has seen many games, events, and more.

"There is something special, not only about this baseball field, this team, this organization, but this entire town," said manager Sean Persky during an on-field celebration last year.

The Pecos League has added two new Texasing Satchel Paige's St. based teams this year,

the Austin Weirdos and the Weimar Hormigas, which should add new rivalry to the mix. For years the Roswell Invaders had been seen as a thorn in the Cowboy's side.

As this season gets underway, the Cowboys will travel on June 2 to Garden City, Kan., and the home opener will be Tuesday, June 7, where the Cowboys will take on the Weirdos at 7 p.m.

This year's regular season will run through July 31, and the Cowboys annual fun run will take place on Saturday, June

The Cowboys will also face the teams from Roswell and Santa Fe, N.M., and Tuscon, Ariz. There will be familiar faces on the field this year, as 18 of the team's 30 players are returning. Mark Traylor is a fouryear returning veteran, and pitcher Trey Silmon will return to the mound, as well as assuming some coaching duties.

Courtesy photo

Persky, who hails from Idaho, told the Avalanche on this season, "Champions pay the price, and last year we came up short. The core group is returning, and the offense will be very powerful this season."

The Cowboys look to become Pecos League champs this year as they were in 2019. The boys are coming off a 30-25 season after getting bumped out of the playoffs early last year.

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For more information, contact Kaylee French at Kaylee.french@tnc.org.

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All-District Softball Awards 2022 Newcomer of the Year: Jaycee

Portillo Pitcher of the Year: Hannah Juett

First Team Nicole Baca - First Base

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Utility Player of the Year: Adrian Lujan

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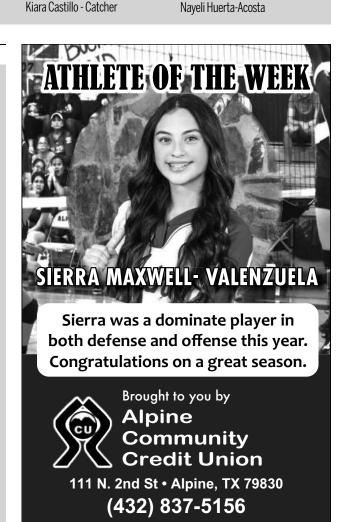
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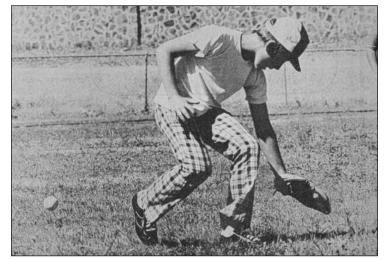
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May 12, 1977 Rusty Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, misjudges a ground ball during Little League tryouts two weeks ago. Rusty may be a little rusty, but the season is early. He will be playing for the First National Bank team.

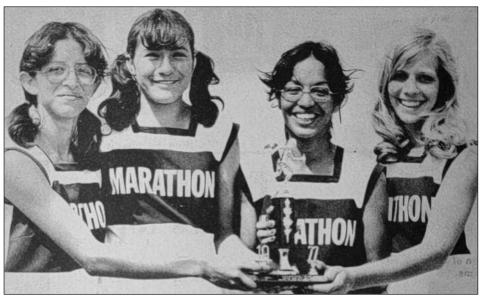


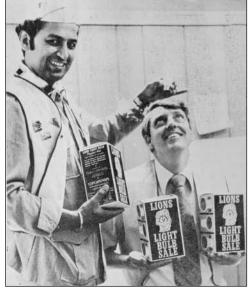


May 5, 1977 Alpine High School Band Director Bill Shipp and Alpine Junior High Band Director Jim Rhodes take their hats off to Sandy Kneisley, president of the band, for winning a first division two weeks ago in concert.

May 19, 1977 This team from Mar-

athon High won the mile relay recently at the Class B regional girls track and field championships at South Plains College. They are Rosalinda Celaya, Elisa Martinez, Rosella Celaya, and Mary Kay Kurie. The mile relay victory helped Marathon place fourth in the team standings with 37 points.





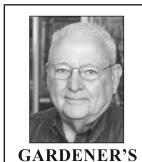
May 12, 1977 **Incoming Lions** President Avinash Rangra has a great idea for light bulb sale Chairman John Barlow. The idea is to have a light bulb sale, what else?

Aphids unsightly on day lilies

Dear Neil: My daylily isn't blooming this year, and its leaves are covered with these little pests. What are they, and are they the reason for the non-flowering?

These are aphids. They're very common on daylilies early in the growing season. They normally are relatively harmless, but when they are present in numbers like this they probably will drag your plants down. You can control them with almost any general-purpose organic or inorganic insecticide. You can also get rid of many of them simply by washing them off with a hard stream of water. Their populations will wane as temperatures

Dear Neil: I have a saw palmetto that lost most of its leaves in the cold of February 2021.



MAILBAG

by neil sperry

I trimmed them off, and it put on new growth, but this past winter that growth also froze. It is now putting out new leaves again. Should I trim off the old, yellowed stems?

If you are talking about the petioles (the "stems" of the leaves), then absolutely do trim the yellow ones off. They contribute nothing to the vigor of the plant. It sounds like it's going to do just fine. Now that it is warmer you could apply an allnitrogen lawn fertilizer.

Dear Neil: I planted a red oak tree 12 years ago. It has grown nicely and has been very healthy. However, this year I have noticed a few small branches near the top that look dead. Should I remove them? I don't want to lose the tree.

I believe this is minor damage to the one impacted branch and its twigs. It might have been gnawing damage done by a squirrel, or it could have been some other minor problem. I would keep a close eye on it, and if you see any evidence of it spreading I would have a certified arborist look at the tree immediately. Otherwise, I would use a long-handled pole pruner to remove the dead branch next winter. By cutting just a little beyond the point dieback you should be able to see what the problem has

Dear Neil: My banana tree survived the cold of 2021, but it has not come back after this winter. The crown of the plant is mushy. Should I wait any longer?

If it has not come back by now, it is not going to. It was probably weakened enough by last year's cold that it just couldn't make it through two successive brutal winters. It's time to buy another one.

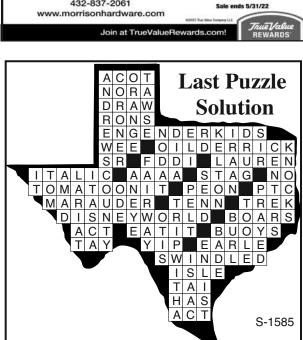
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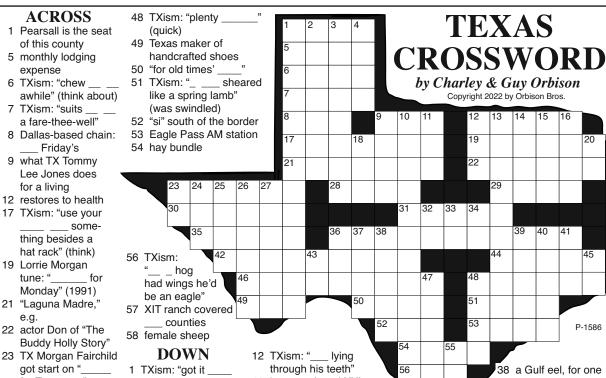


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What are you especially looking forward to in your senior year?

I've been mostly looking forward to graduating. What activities are you involved in during

your senior year? I participated in cross country, and academic UIL,

as well as working part time in my family business. Who has been your most influential teacher or coach through high school?

My most influential teacher has been my art teacher Ms. Maxwell, and my most influential coach is Coach Cason. They both have motivated and inspired me in their different ways.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

I can't narrow it down to one favorite moment, but I can say they all involve traveling and times I was with friends and family.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school I will be attending Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and I plan to obtain an English



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BY PASTOR MARK WILLIAMS

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At this writing I'm waiting for a stone to be engraved for my parents' gravesite. Our family wanted something to remember them by, something that will remain as long as this earth remains. I've noticed the many gravesite memorial stones as I walked through graveyards. There were of granite, limestone, and marble of various colors, sizes, and shapes. Most of the stones were engraved with names and dates. The dates often denoted the day the person was born and the day they died. I also noticed a dash in between these two dates. The dash represents the person's life lived on earth. Very few engraved stones revealed much about that person's experiences during the dash.

I'm reminded about other engravings in stone in the Zona Maya jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Many of those engravings recorded times and events that both kings and the general populace experienced hundreds of years ago. We've also seen the engravings and paintings on stone by the original peoples of the Big Bend of Texas.

There are innumerable documents and books written and movies produced recording engravings in stone throughout history. Many engravings discovered dates before the Egyptians' time of the pyramids. It is also noteworthy and exciting when new discoveries are made by archeologists, even today.

I should mention that God, Himself, engraved the Ten Commandments on two sets of stone tablets, with His finger. (See Exodus 31:18) Man broke these tablets and shattered them because of sin, by

disobeying these commandments. God replaced the original broken tables with another set of engraved tablets. (See Exodus 34:1) He told the Israelites to put the new tablets inside the Ark of the Covenant under the Mercy Seat.

Later in the book of John, we see Jesus at the temple standing a short distance from this same Ark of the Covenant with the top called the Mercy Seat, on it covering the two tablets of stone engraved by the finger of God. While Jesus is there, some accusers brought to Him a woman who had broken one of the Ten Commandments. Jesus wrote with His finger on the ground. I believe He did this as a memorial of when He had engraved with His finger the tablets of stone 1,500 years before. His finger was writing through dust on the ground signifying how many millions of times the tablets had been broken and shattered until they became as dust.

The Scriptures record that Jesus rose up and said to the accusers, "Let him who has no sin cast the first stone." They all left Jesus with the woman, because they were all convinced that they all had sinned and broken the Commandments. Jesus said unto the woman, "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.'

We do know what He wrote on the two stone tablets, but we don't know what Jesus wrote on the ground that day. That dust has been shattered and scattered since then. However, by His act of forgiving the woman, I suspect He wrote of what His word declares in James 2:13; 13, "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment."

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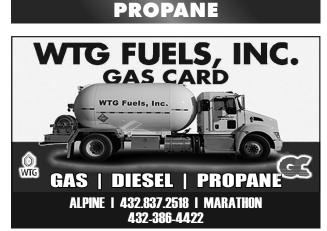
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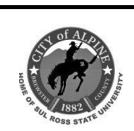


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The meeting will also be offered virtually. Go to http://www.riocog. org/current-meetings, for login.

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Alpine Elementary School students Maribel Rosas, Isaiah Gomez, Dago Navarrete, Misela Gonzalez, and Gerard Prieto, all from Debbie Hardin's first grade class, enjoyed a fun-filled field day on May 13 on the elementary school front lawn. The day offered plenty of outdoor activities for kids as they enjoyed bean bag races, disc throwing, ball toss, and more, with Alpine High School students assisting the kids at the stations.

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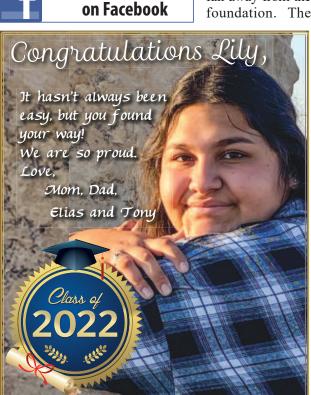
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The Texas Historical Foundation recently approved grant funds for the Fort Davis Historical Society to install seamless gutters on the historic adobe building that houses the Overland Trail Museum.

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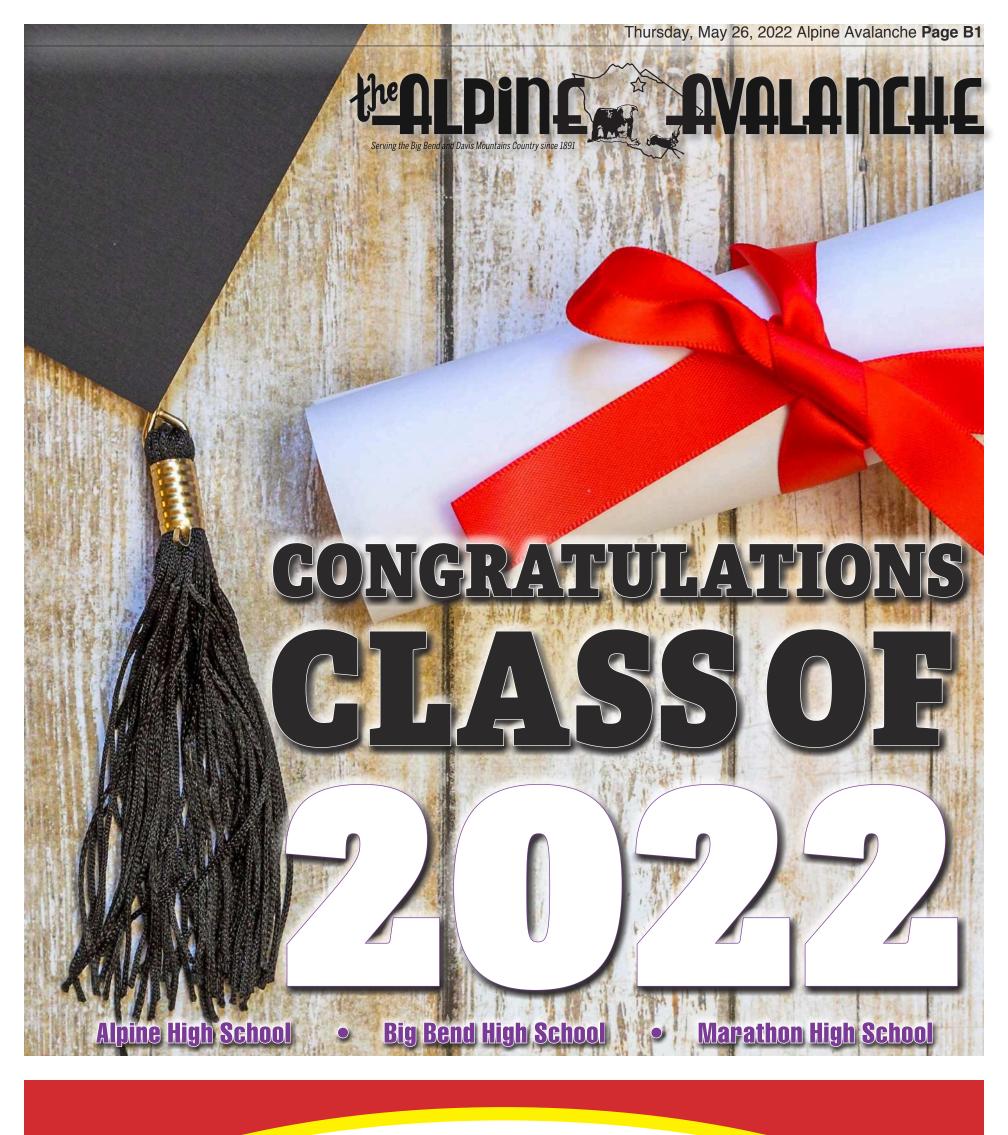
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o the graduating class of 2022, I hope you will always strive to accomplish what you choose to do.

As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their

dreams."
You will graduate from Alpine High School, go out in the world, and start in your next step in

You will graduate from Alpine High School, go out in the world, and start in your next step in life. This is your chance to do the things you have wanted to do. Do you have some dreams?

Twenty years from now, you will have accomplished many things you dreamed of, and realize other dreams that you never imagined or planned on.

The keys to your success almost always depend on the value you intentionally bring to others in your life. Gradually you will realize the values that your parents and teachers tried to instill in you all these years are in fact very applicable. Integrity, honesty, reliability, manners, hard work, and a servant attitude are all associated with a high level of character needed to be successful. Decide what you want in life. Be open to changing those wants and desires as life itself is always changing. Never ever give up on your dreams.

As you leave high school and embark on the next stage in your life, remember that you will always be an Alpine Buck. Always be proud of who you are, and where you have come from. Always be a learner in life. Always strive to grow for the betterment of yourself, and your dreams will lead you on adventures you never could imagine. I wish you the very best in life.

Congratulations on your graduation from Alpine High School.

Go Bucks!

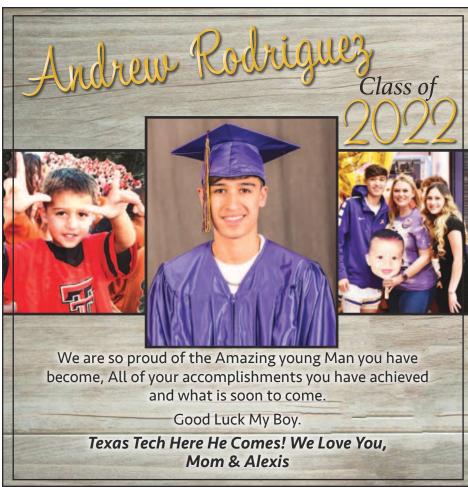


Verl O'Bryant, Principal Alpine High School



The Alpine Fightin' Buck cheerleading squad for 2021-2022 stops to smile for the camera. In the photo, Alyssa Duenez, Kimberly Lara, Ryka Morales, Lourdes Acosta, Danica Mullholland, Ileana Hamilton, and Johanna Barber.

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2022 GRADUATES



Lourdes Acosta



Amory Aranda



Nicole Baca



Ertugrul Basibuyuk

ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

LOURDES ACOSTA

Parents: Virginia and Enrique Acosta

Plans after high school: Go to college, and hopefully get into medical school to become a neurosurgeon.

Honors/Academic UIL: | competed at state for cheer for three years. I've also competed with Solo and Ensemble band, and made it to state twice.

Most influential teacher/ coach and why: Coach Sandra Fellows was probably my most influential teacher and coach because I learned a lot from her, not only with cheer but in life. Without her, I wouldn't have been taught time management, discipline, how to work to meet my goals, etc. Favorite moment the last four

years: My sophomore year when we beat Crane and became district champs.

AMORY ARANDA

Parents: Kevin Losoya and Ruby Losova.

Plans after high school: I plan to attend college at UTSA. Honors: FFA, volleyball, basketball, track, NHS, NHD History Fair

Favorite teacher: Coach mo, she always pushed me to be the best I could be and to keep my head high.

My favorite moment was winning district back to back in basketball.

NICOLE BACA

Parents: Marie Baca and

Dennis Baca

Plans after high school: My plans are to go to college and get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/criminology.

Honors (academic/UIL): placed third in feature writing, and went to regionals in Abilene.

Most influential teacher/coach and why: Mrs. Parson and Mrs.

They have both been through so much, yet they keep going and always have their heads held up high.

Favorite moment of the last four years: My favorite moment of the last four years will always be when my friends knocked on teachers' doors and ran off, making us laugh till our stomachs hurt.

GARRETT BENTLEY

My plans for after high school is to attend TSTC of Abilene to be a part of the welding program.

My most influential teacher has to be Mrs. Golden. She is just such a great person and pushes me to be my best. She has helped me throughout my school years.

The best thing that has happened these last few years is just being able to spend time with the people I have grown and just seeing all of us grow. I've been in school with most of my classmates since pre-k. Honestly it's crazy to think after graduation I may never see my fellow classmates ever again.

JARED COBOS-WHITE

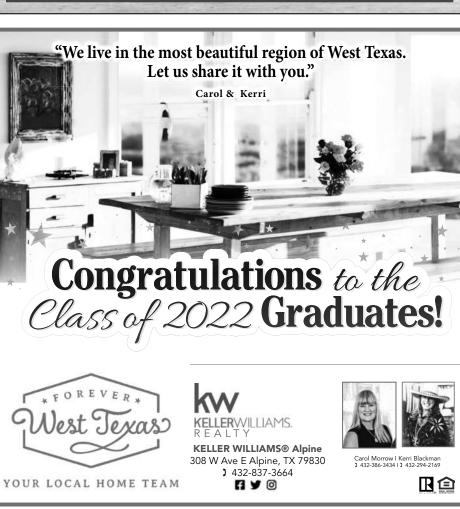
My parents are Velma and Joel Muniz.

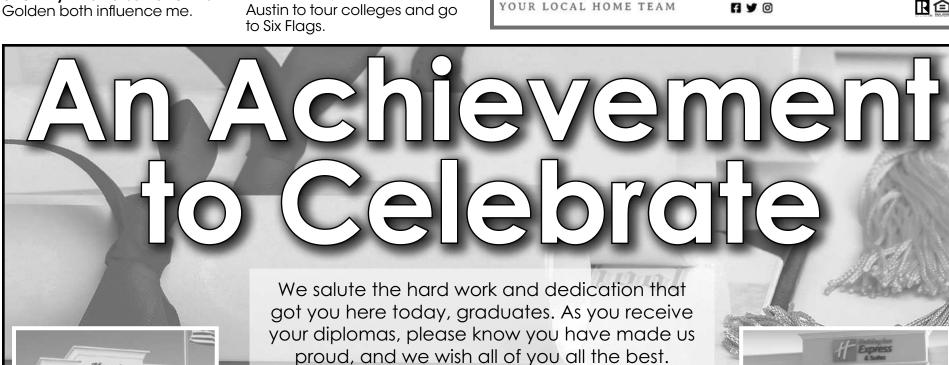
My plans after high school are to attend Midland College, and get my degree in computer information technology.

Honors (academic/UIL): have participated in Computer

Science UIL. My most influential teacher would be Coach Valenzuela. He was the one to get me interested in computers even more, and helped me along the way through high school. He always believed in me, and always pushed me to success. My favorite moment in the last four years would have to be the Talent Search Senior Trip where I and several classmates went to San Antonio, San Marcos, and







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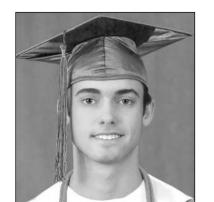
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Jake Crump





ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

CHLOE CORDOVA

Parents: Laura and Mauricio Cordova

Honors/awards: I have been a part of varsity volleyball, basketball and track for four years, including First and Second Team All District in basketball and volleyball over four years. Offensive MVP and Academic All District in basketball.

I was inducted into National Honor Society in fall 2020, and have been a member ever since.

My most influential teacher would have to be Mrs. Reyna because

she showed us that we could still have fun and learn.

My favorite moment over the last four years would have to be my very first pep rally as a freshman.

JAKE CRUMP

My parents are Stephen and Emily Crump.

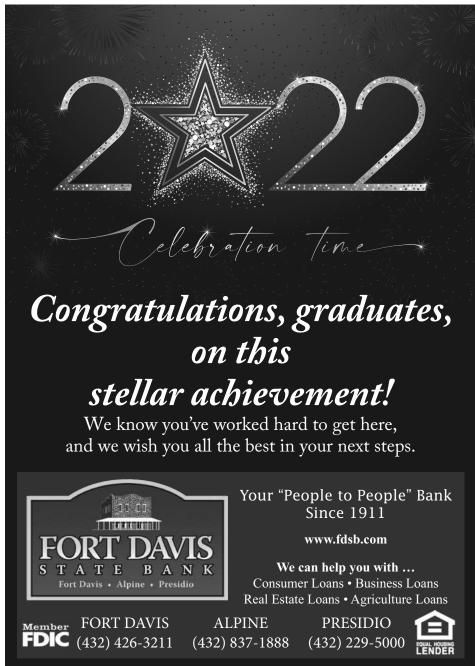
Plans after high school: After high school I plan to attend Texas

Tech where I will plan to major in pre-veterinary

My academic accolades include Outstanding Geometry Student, Outstanding Algebra-II Student, inducted into National Honor Society, Academic All-District, and Academic All-State.

My most influential teacher would be my mom, Mrs. Crump. She has helped guide me through my high school career in and out of the classroom. She has supported my every endeavor throughout the years.

My favorite moment over the last four years is the many hours of quality time spent with friends.





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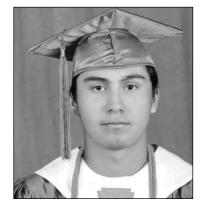
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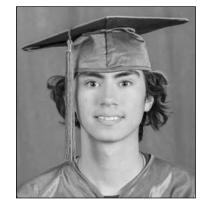
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The Lady Bucks took first place in the 4x200meter relay in **Denver City. On** the relay team is Mia Morris, Novah Carrasco, Vanessa Rice, and Elizabeth Uranga. Avalanche photo by

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JEREMY DOMINGUEZ

Parents: Jerry and Ruby

Dominguez Plans after high school: I plan to attend college at UIW.I was in

National Honor Society. Most influential coach is my dad because he helped me in sports throughout high school. He has helped me understand what athletics can teach you in life.

My favorite moment the last four years is winning the bi-district championship against Grape Creek.

DEVIN DOUGHTY

Parents: Alicia Doughty and Lee

Doughty

Plans after high school: Go to college and learn more about technology.

Honors (academic/UIL): Band, golf, robotics, and yearbook. Most influential teacher/coach

and why: Mr. Grisham. He is very supportive and helpful, and making the yearbook in my junior and senior year showed me how good a teacher he is.

Favorite moment the last four **years:** Creating memories with all the friends I've made along the way.

SHAUN FOSTER

Parents: Michelle and Craig Foster Plans after high school: Attend Texas Tech University.

Most influential teacher or **coach:** Mr. Fox and Coach Fellows have both been super influential during my four years in high school. It is hard to pick just one. They have done so much for me, and been there every step of the

Honors: National Honor Society, Football All State Academics Favorite moment: My favorite moment has to be winning the Bi-District championship multiple years, and spending time with friends.

ANGELIQUE FOX My mother is Brittany Fox. Plans after high school: | plan to move to Seattle and get a business degree then a cosmetology license, and open my own hair salon.

Honors (academic/UIL): I did track and field, powerlifting, cross country, and color guard.

My most influential teacher was IVIrs. Parson because sne has loved me all four years, feeds me and inspires me. I love you, Mrs. Parson! My favorite moments were regionals my freshman year, and when I spent everyday with my best friend Lauren.

ALEX HINOJOS

Parents: Roberto and Melinda

Hinojos

Plans after high school: Attending Tyler Junior College, and majoring in surgical technology

Honors (academic/UIL): National Honor Society

Most influential teacher/coach and why: Chris Valenzuela is the most influential teacher to me. He does so much for his school and students that I view him as a role

model. Favorite moment the last four years: My favorite moment from the last four years of high school was a recent trip I took with my robotics class.

NANCY HINOJOSA

Parents: Nancy and Gerardo

Hinojosa Plans after high school:

Attending the University of North

Texas, and majoring in hospitality management.

Honors: National Honor Society Most influential teacher/coast and why: My most inspirational teacher had to be Mrs. Azar. She was the first person to teach me how to play my instrument, as well as helped with anything whenever I asked for it. Even now, she helps me with music and gives me advice whenever. She's such a fun person to be around and to talk to!

Favorite moment the last four **years:** My favorite moment had to be all the trips I have taken, either with sports or band, but it was still fun to be part of. I got closer to my peers as well as improved my skills in many ways. The memories I gained from these will never leave my life!



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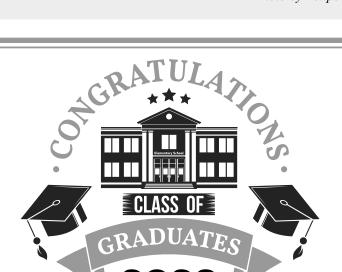


AIRINE EIGHS GEOOG

ACING IT

Fightin' Buck pitching ace Jeremy Dominguez throws one across the plate on April 12 against Anthony.

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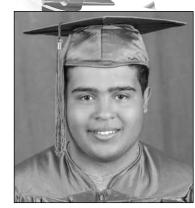
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ISABELA HOLGUIN

Parents: Lizet Holguin and Hector Holguin, Jr.

Plans after high school: I will be attending Texas Tech University, and begin working on degrees in psychology and computer science.

Honors: I am in National Honor Society. I have been in band, ready writing, poetry, and one act UIL. I have participated in mock trial, and I have received awards for graphic design class and was even the yearbook editor my junior year.

Most influential coach/teacher and why: I have been influenced by many teachers and coaches throughout high school, but I think the most influential ones are Ms. Parson, Ms. Ramos, Mr. Grisham, and Mr. Saunders.

Favorite moment of the last four years: I believe my favorite moment of high school was my senior night for the band.

Remember This Moment



Here's hoping your Graduation Day is unforgettable in every way. May it find you surrounded by good friends and good times that last straight through the summer.

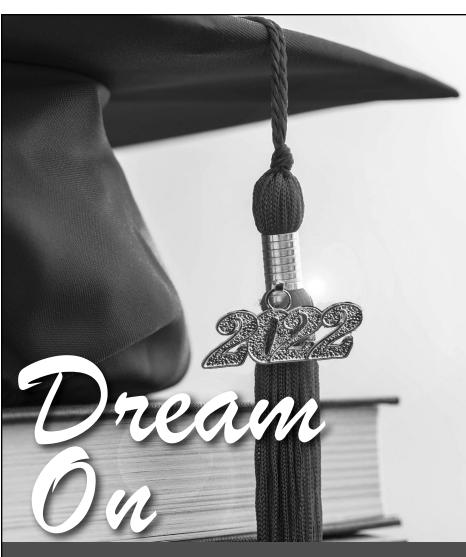
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Lantana Hernandez

ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

RENO HOPKINS

Parents: Tammy, Spade Hopkins Plans after high school: Welding Honors (academic/UIL): Athletics Most influential teacher/coach and why: Mr Fox, he has done a lot for me the past years and this year especially with my job. Favorite moment the last four years: My favorite moment the past four years was when I got my job at Out West.

LANE HURST

My parents are Sara Jean Grannis and Jack D. Grannis.

Plans after high school: I plan on going into the U.S. Marine Corps, and serving 20 years to continue the family of serving since the 1800s. Also after my terms of serving my country, I plan on going into the police force for another 20 years, and by the time I'm completely done at the age of 59, I'll be retired. Thus may explore the world for more wonders, and learn more about life because you are never too old to learn.

The most influential coach to me was Coach Dominguez because even though I was rejected by the program up in Lubbock, Alpine High School and Coach Dominguez helped me in the process of becoming stronger, and he encouraged me to be the best version of myself. I'm glad

to say he is a really good friend. My best year and favorite moment of

my year was my sophomore year when I received the opportunity to gain more strength so I may help those in need.

BELLA LOZANO

Parents: Sabina Lozano (Mom) Chris Jimenez (Dad)

Plans after high school: After high school, I'm moving to Las Cruces to be closer to family and pursue a career in cosmetology. Most influential teacher: Mrs. Golden has been one of the most influential teachers in my high school experience. She not only cares about our education but our wellbeing and health, she has always been a shoulder to cry on or a friend to laugh with.

ERNESTO MARTINEZ

Parents: Sonya Badillo and Francisco

Badillo

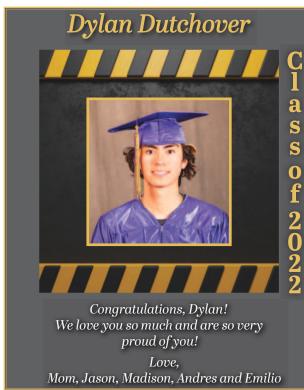
Plans after high school: I plan on going to West Tech in El Paso Texas to learn auto mechanics.

Honors (academic/UIL): I did band marching UIL competition.

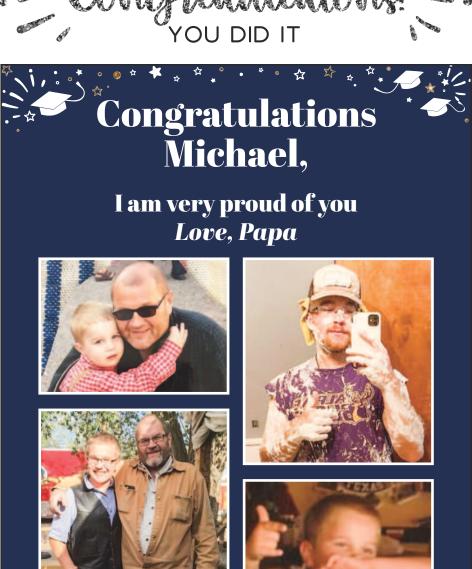
My favorite moment in the last four years

in high school was being able to go on so many trips with the band and sports, and being able to meet so many new people.











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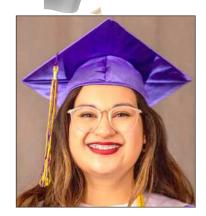


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Isabela Holguin

Hannah Stinnett **CLASS OF 2022 Congratulations Hannah!** We are so proud of you! This is the beginning of the best part of life! We can not wait to watch you change the world! Congrats to our beautiful graduate! Love you Always, Mom, Austin, **Hadley and MIMI**

RUEBEN MENDOZA

My parents are Kristie and George

Plans after high school: I am still kind of undecided about what I want to do after high school, but I am planning on attending trade school to become an automotive technician.

Most influential teacher: All of my coaches and some of my teachers were very influential to me, but one of them stood out more than the others, and that is Coach Valenzuela, who is also referred to as Chris, because of his care for his students and just overall kindness. Mr. Valenzuela is a very understanding teacher/coach who is willing to help however he can. Not only has Mr. Valenzuela helped me with school work but he has even helped me with problems in general life.

I've had very memorable moments throughout high school, but my favorite in the past four years was either the Lubbock Caprock tournament this year or winning bi-district in basketball. These are my favorite moments because of the fun I had with my friends as well as being able to share the feeling of winning with my friends.

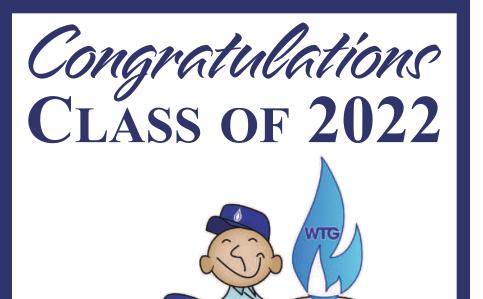
MICHAEL MOIS

My parents are Harald and Tresa Mois. I want to thank my dad for pushing and helping me, for always being right, and for his support all throughout high school. I also want to thank my mom for making me who I am today. Even though she may not be here, she is still with me in spirit. My plan after graduating is to go to Midland College for an Associates Degree in Diesel Technology. After college I plan on being a field technician.

Honors: During my high school career, I played tuba for the Buck Band. I was section leader and quartermaster, and made it to state in Solo and Ensemble my sophomore year. I was also in the engineering/robotics class.

My most influential teacher was Mr. Wilson because of how he treated everyone like a family member, and how he motivated me all throughout high school. If you ever needed anything, he would be happy to

My favorite moment of these last four **years** was at the robotics competition in Amarillo my senior year. It was the best experience because of the fun we had, and seeing a robot my team and I built from scratch compete against others, and being able to meet new people.



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Jenica Portillo storms down court after taking the ball away from the Lady Jackets in a recent game. The Lady Bucks went on to win

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Dad, Mour, & the Skinner's family & crew

ARPINE HIGH SCHOOL

2022 GRADUATES



Reno Hopkins



Lane Hurst



Katy Jahn



Timothy Korteland

DOMINIQUE MORALES

My parents are Desiree Baeza and Ralph Morales.

After high school I'm attending the University of Texas at San Antonio for my undergraduate degree, then eventually attain ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A my PhD in Psych Honors: District CX debate, Besidistrict for CX debate, Besidist

my PhD in Psychology. **Honors:** District Champion for CX debate, Best Speaker in the district for CX debate, and State qualifier also for CX debate.

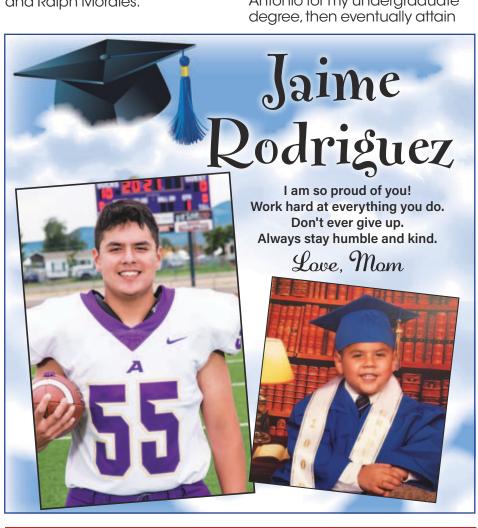
My most influential teacher and coach are Mr. Valenzuela and Mrs. Greene. They have always believed in me and never let me give up even when I wanted to, and I appreciate them so much for that.

My favorite moment all four years is going to Six Flags in Dallas because it rained the whole time we were there and practically flooded the whole park, so we were just running through all the water and

getting on some of the rides.

ANISSA MORENO

Parents: Samantha Gonzalez
Plans after high school: Attend
Midland College, and advance
my education in psychology to
become a forensic psychologist.
Most influential teacher: Robbie
Golden because no matter the
struggle I dealt with that day or
the stress I came across, she was
always there to listen and help me
remember to keep my head up.
Favorite moment: Attending all
the football games, and spending
time with those who were close
with me.





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AIDEN MORRISSEY

Parents: Hugh Morrissey and Sharon Morrissey

Plans after highs school: I will continue my academic and athletic career playing basketball at Midland College.

Honors: National Honor Society

Favorite coach/teacher: My dad has been my favorite, my biggest inspiration! He's why I do what I do, why I am who I am. I'm so

Favorite moment the last four years: My last basketball game.

KATELYN MURRELL

My parents are Angela and Jason Murrell.

Plans after high school: After high school I want to become a nurse so I can help people.

The most influential teacher I've had is Ms. Maxwell because she has a lot of faith in me, and believes I can always do things even if I

My favorite moment from the last four years is making new friends and the memories we have made this year.



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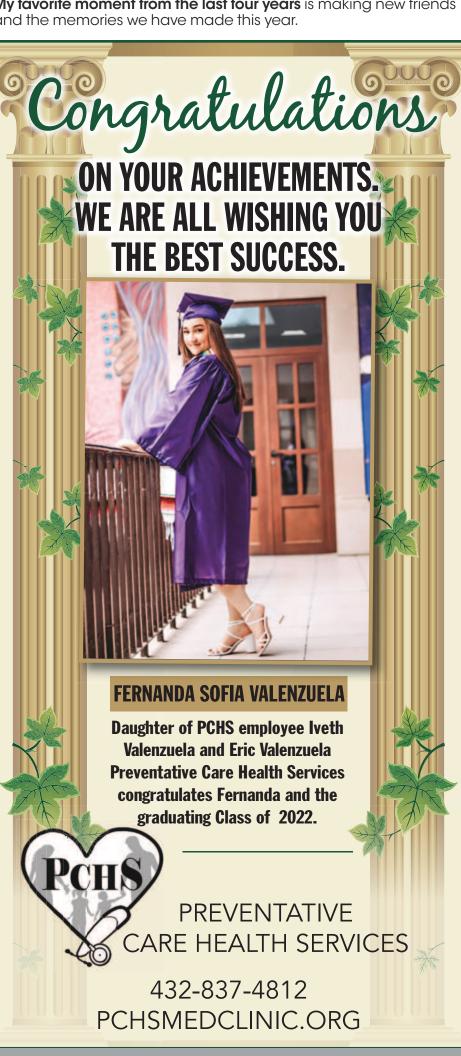
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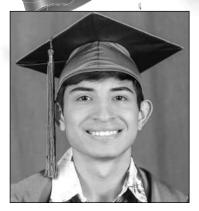
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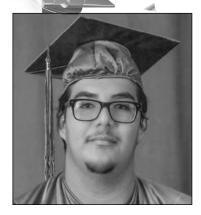
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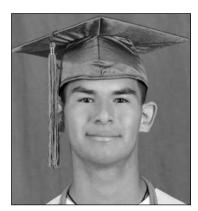
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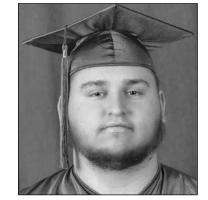
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ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

CHRIS NUNEZ

Parents: Gregorio Nunez, Sonia Nunez Plans After High school: going to college **Honors:** A/B honor roll student/ Class representative (president)

Most influential teacher/coach:

Mr. Valenzuela because he has helped me throughout the years in my preparation after high school, and he is a great guy who I can rely on if something happens in and out of school.

My favorite moment: Was cooking pork chop in the middle of a Zoom class and getting caught by my teacher and everyone laughing.

NOAH PINEDA

Parents: Vanessa & Elijah Navarette After graduation I would like to change peoples lives for the better.

Honors: UIL regionals

Most influential teacher has been Mrs. Parson because of her attitude to work and learn. Most influential coach has been Coach Cason for not giving up on anyone, and always pushing someone to be their

My favorite moment was freshman year JROTC, sophomore year was military ball.

LUCAS RIOS

Parents: My mom is Lauren Sanders and my father is Socorro Rios.

After high school, I plan to attend college at Texas Tech University where I plan to major in civil engineering.

Honors: I was in the National Honor Society

during my junior and senior years.

The most influential teacher/coach I had in high school was Mr. Valenzuela. Even though I had him for only one period on my schedule, he still managed to be there. Out of these last four years, I have to say

my favorite moment was going to the state convention for Student Councils in Irving.



Daughter of Samantha L Gonzales



LILY TERRAZAS Daughter of Regina and Andy Terrazas Class Valedictorian



TONY TERRAZAS **Graduating with Honors from UT of Austin** Son of Andy and Regina Terrazas

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aduates!



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Zachary Gray Suma Cum Laude from South Texas ISD Science Academy Son of Ray and Cynthia Gray



JAIME LOPEZ graduating from SNHU Magna Cum Laude



Francis Creer Son of Marilyn Creer



Diego Monclova



Mya Montgomery



Dominique Morales



Anissa Moreno



James Morris



Aiden Morrissey



Ysavel Munoz



Katie Murrell

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Graduates!

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Wishing our graduates the height of success and good fortune.

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ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

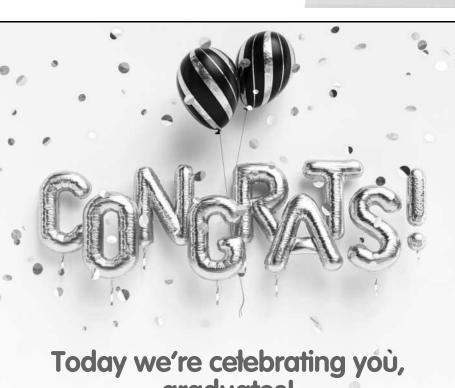
ANGELINA RIVERA

Parents: Josefina Rivera and Joe Rivera, Jr.

Plans after school: My plan after school is to move to San Antonio with my dad and maybe continue my goal of going to an art school to continue my art dream. Or I might just live my life with my friends, and do what I have always been doing.

Most influential teacher/coach: Mrs. Reyna because she's like a mom teacher, and I love the way she teaches our senior class better than any other teacher we had.

Favorite moment of the last four years: Mine is passing the U.S history EOC because I was always failing her class because I never understood the meaning, but that test got me here about to graduate high school.



graduates! Congratulations on this milestone achievement and all of the

accomplishments you've worked for along the way.

Remember that the best is yet to come, so enjoy your special day!



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Hats off to you, graduates, as you celebrate a fine achievement. A world of opportunity awaits, and we wish you happiness and success in all that you do.

Way to go, CLASS OF 2022!

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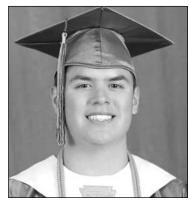
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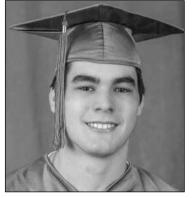
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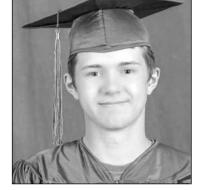
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Jaime Rodriguez



Zion Schaeffler



Derek Schwierjohn



Dante Sera



Gloria Skinner



School's homecoming game against the Odessa Compass Cougars on Oct. 29 at Buck Stadium.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

JAIME RODRIGUEZ

My mother's name Lina Rodriguez.

After high school: I plan on taking a gap year to see what I really want to do in life. When I go to college I plan to major in business. Honors/activities: I am in the National Honor Society.

My most inspirational coach was John Fellows. He has helped me grow into the man that I am today, and has pushed me to be the best that I can be.

My favorite moment was from this year, and it was getting a golden football after winning our Bi-District game.

LILIANNA M.TERRAZAS

My parents are Andres and Regina Terrazas.

After high school, I will be attending the University of Texas at Austin, and will major in psychology.

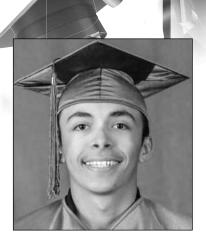
Honors/activities: I will be graduating with honors. I have advanced to state solo and ensemble the past three years in band. I am the Student Council president, National Honor Society vice president, and the Fightin' Buck band drum major and vice president.

My most influential teacher has been Mr. Valenzuela because he has taught me how to become a better leader and person. My favorite moment from the last four years was when Mr. Valenzuela took the student council seniors to the state Student Council convention this year.



Fightin' Buck pitcher Jeremy Dominguez takes a second to discuss the pitch with his catcher at Alpine's home opener Monday against Pecos. Photo by Crystal Lujan





Jared Smith



Kiernen Tays



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Lilianna Terrazas



Elizabeth Uranga



Fernanda Valenzuela



Lisa Valenzuela



Ashton Vega



Harley Zubia







John Zukowski

FERNANDA SOFIA

VALENZUELA Parents: Eric and Iveth Valenzuela Plans after high school: Attend the University of Texas at San Antonio studying psychology, then transferring to the Universidad De Las Americas Puebla in Mexico to further my studies in psychology Honors (academic/ **UIL): Band** Most influential teacher/coach: Coach Chris

Valenzuela, and despite only having him this year, he has

ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL Q&A influenced me so much. He taught me the importance of leadership, and how our actions can change our environment drastically just by putting our minds to it. He's constantly reminding me and others that he believes in us and our abilities even when we don't. Chris has allowed me to break out of my shell, and get me excited about speaking in public about things that I'm passionate about. Without him I don't think I would've enjoyed my senior year as much as I have, nor would I be leaving high school with these lessons I've learned just in his classroom alone. **Favorite moment** the last four years: Gettina to attend

every single football game since my freshmen year.

LISA VALENZUELA Parents: Michelle and Ricardo

Valenzuela Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Academic UIL, STUCO, One-Act Play, Band Favorite teachers:

Ms. Ramos, Mr. Valenzuela, and Ms. Maxwell have been the most influential teachers and mentors due to their availability when it came to bettering my education and mental health.They treat their students like the human beings they are, always ready to hear and listen to me when it comes to my

passions. My favorite moment: The past few years have been an extreme blur for me. Before COVID-19 hit, I was in South Padre with a friend and his family. I went for a walk on the beach one morning during that spring break, and since it was my sophomore year, I had two years on me and had two

a moment where I realized that I have so much growing to do, but I was happy in that moment.

HARLEY ZUBIA My parents are Cecilia Zubia and Manuel Zubia. Plans after high school: My plan after high school is to attend Texas State University with a business major. In my freshman year, I went to state in Arizona for javelin. I've successfully gotten a

one at state for solo

and ensemble as well as making it to state again this year. The most influential teacher know would have to be Mrs. Parson. She is one of the strongest people I know, and she's very driven which I look up to. My favorite moment in the last four years is just getting to know the people I know today. I've met a lot of people and learned a lot of things. I

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We're proud of you, graduates. Good luck and best wishes in all of your future endeavors!



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