

*Wildfires
 always
 a threat,
 Part 2*

BY BETH PEABODY
 Contributing Writer

This is the second in a three-part series about the causes, effects, and management of West Texas wildfires.

“Fire doesn’t care if we’re paid,” said Alpine Fire Chief Andrew Pierce, speaking about the volunteers who give tirelessly of themselves. “We’re just here to do the job, and the community is always very thankful.”

Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis counties boast a strong backing for their local fire departments. Pierce described no hesitation from Alpine and Brewster County to provide aid to protect both residents and property.

According to the Congressional Research Service 2020, federal land accounts for only 1.9% of Texas, which offers little federal funds for state-wide firefighters. That

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Rainfall totals at Alpine-Casparis Airport

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A river runs through it

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
 Managing Editor

In April and May visitors to Big Bend National Park found the Rio Grande dry in many places, but by late May, river trips through Santa Elena Canyon had resumed. That is not expected to continue, though.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the summer of 2021 exceeded all past droughts in the region since 2000, and a recent study found

the period from 2000-2021 was the driest in 1,200 years in the Southwest U.S. That trend continues today.

Far Flung Adventures owner Greg Henington, whose livelihood depends on the Rio Grande, said the river would “come and go all summer.”

At the east end of the park, springs supplement the Rio Grande, but upstream the river is

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A dry Santa Elena Canyon in Big Bend National Park in late May stands as evidence of extended drought in the Southwest.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

Cowboys win home opener at Kokernot



Ridge Walker from Moravia, N.Y., took to the mound Tuesday evening at the Alpine 06 Cowboys 2022 home opener. In an intense battle the Cowboys went on to beat the Austin Weirdos 9-5.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

Multicultural festival brings unity to Alpine

BY ROXANNE HILL
 Staff Writer

Achieving unity that brings together a diversity of families and friends in a spirit of mutual respect is what a new festival coming to Alpine will be all about.

Alpine’s Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church’s traditional indigenous dance group, Matachines Danza Guadalup, hopes to accomplish that and more as it hosts its inaugural Alpine Multicultural Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12, at Kokernot Park. The group’s focus is to promote unity and goodwill among Tri-County residents and visitors in a multicultural setting.

Church pastor Rev.



Rev. Victorino Loresca of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church joins Matachines Danza Guadalup members Eva Olivas, Dayami Fernandez, Carmen Dominguez, Ruth Macias, Ramon Olivas, Martha Sanchez, Blanca Caughman, and Kirk Caughman.

Pablo Matta will provide an opening prayer for peace, and Carl Covington and others will join Matta. Afterwards,

a parade will kick off the event in front of the church and will feature four grand marshals - Matta, along with Alpine

residents Ruben Melgoza, Hortencia “Mimi” Cordova, and Anna Talley. The parade will proceed toward Kokernot

Courtesy photo

Park, where there will be an opening ceremony.

Alpine resident Eva Olivas credited husband and former Alpine city council member Ramon Olivas as instrumental in reaching out to the City of Alpine to assist with obtaining hotel occupancy tax funding, which in turn could bring in out of town visitors to the city.

“We wanted to do something for the community, and we thought about bringing people together. It’s for everybody to participate in,” explained Olivas, who is also President of Matachines Danza Guadalup. “We have many different countries and cultures living in Alpine, and that

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OBITUARIES

Luis Lauro Hernandez

Luis Lauro Hernandez, 68, entered into eternal rest on June 5, 2022, in Del Rio, Texas. He was born on July 13, 1953, in Del Rio.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Berta Hernandez; and his father, Jose Venancio Hernandez.

He is survived by his beloved wife of seven years, Beverly Hernandez; her



children Dawn and Robin; his three children, Luis Antonio "Tony" (Elizabeth), Amanda (Victor), and Jose Roberto "Joey;" grandchildren Alexandra "Alex," Angelina "Angel," Ga-

briel, Ariana, and Lorenzo; his mother Juanita Trevino Hernandez; siblings Diva Mayra (Francisco), Jose Venancio (Isa), Maite, Mario, and Naela (Rogelio); and numerous nieces and nephews who loved him immensely.

He was a dedicated educator, earning his degree from Sul Ross State University. Throughout his teaching career, he influenced many lives across multiple cities as a Span-

ish and art teacher. He enjoyed road trips, riding his motorcycle, storytelling, and making long-lasting friends everywhere he went.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He will be incredibly missed, forever celebrated, and perpetually loved by his family and friends. Gone but never forgotten, we love you Patch.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 9, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home in Del Rio. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 5:30 p.m. at 2020 North Bedell Avenue in Del Rio 78840.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, June 10, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 510 Wernett Street, Del Rio, 78840. Additional memorial services to be held in Palacios, Texas, and Alpine, Texas. Dates and services pending.

Gloria Luna Chavira

On May 27, 2022, with her beloved children by her side, Gloria Luna Chavira, 76, of Marfa, Texas, closed her eyes to her earthly home, and opened them to a glorious homecoming.

Gloria was born on Feb. 20, 1946, to Augustine Luna and Seferina Ontiveros in Marfa. Gloria was an LVN at Big Bend Re-

gional Medical Center for over 30 years, and was in nursing for over 40 years.

Gloria loved her Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and served in various ministries. A ministry that was very important to Gloria was serving as mission coordinator for Rio Grande River Ministry. She held this position for over 30 years.

Those left to cherish the memory of Gloria are her sons Patricio "Patrick" Chavira, Jr., of Marfa, David Luna Chavira of Albuquerque, N.M., and Travis Salvador Chavira of Austin, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made in Glo-

ria's memory to:

Life Quest USA, 4020 Edith Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, 505-341-9383, Lifequestusa.org.

The Chavira family has entrusted Alpine Memorial Funeral Home with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

Robert John Glasscock

Robert John Glasscock, 75, passed away at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home in Temple, Texas, on May 30. Robert was born on Dec. 21, 1946, in El Paso, Texas. He was the son of James W. Glasscock and Jean Epperson Glasscock.

Robert moved with his family to Alpine, Texas, in 1954, when his parents became editors and publishers of the Alpine Avalanche. Like his siblings, Douglas and Sarah, Robert worked at the weekly

newspaper. One of the highlights of his newspaper career was an interview with the Beatles in Dallas during their 1964 American tour. Robert used his Alpine Avalanche press pass, and the interview was printed in the Avalanche.

Robert graduated from Alpine High School in 1964, and was salutatorian of his class. He also played the trumpet with the Alpine High School marching band. Robert graduated from the University of Texas-El Paso in 1968 with a Bachelor of Business Ad-

ministration degree.

Robert was soon drafted, and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in Vietnam with the 41st Field Artillery Brigade from 1968-1970. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for "meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 9 June 1969 to 16 May 1970."

After his honorable discharge from military service, Robert worked as an intern for U.S. Representative Richard C. White in Washington, D.C.

Robert was preceded in

death by his brother Douglas Glasscock.

He is survived by his sister Sarah Glasscock of Austin, Texas; his niece Lee Emily Glasscock of the Woodlands, Texas; his great-niece Elizabeth O'Donnely of the Woodlands; and several cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas,

First national park sites dedicated to modern Latino history

The Blackwell National Historic Site will soon shed light on an often-overlooked injustice in American history, and will be an important step forward for including Latino stories.

The U.S. Senate recently passed the Blackwell School National Historic Site Act, which would designate a half-acre school campus in West Texas as one of the first national park sites dedicated to Latino history. It will now go back to the House of Representatives for a vote, and the last step remaining is for President Joe Biden to sign it into law.

The National Parks Conservation Association

and Blackwell School Alliance are leading a grassroots campaign for a park that will honor the stories of Mexican American students and their families during this nationally significant chapter of history.

The Blackwell School National Historic Site Act is a historic bipartisan agreement amid challenging conversations about race across the country.

Until the mid-1900s, school systems across the American Southwest segregated Mexican American students from white peers, sending them to separate schools with fewer resources. Nestled in the borderlands town of Mar-

fa, the Blackwell School is one of the last remaining Mexican schools where the so-called "separate but equal" doctrine applied.

Many years after the school closed following integration, a group of Blackwell alumni formed the nonprofit Blackwell School Alliance, and saved the property from possible destruction.

"Despite the enormous impact Latino people have had on our country and continue to have today, their stories are underrepresented in our national parks," said Theresa Pierino, president and CEO for the National Parks Conservation Association.

Nau honored with conservation award

The Borderlands Research Institute and the Borderlands Research Foundation honored Houston businessman John L. Nau III with the inaugural West Texas Conservationist of the Year award on May 25. The award was presented at a special event at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston.

Nau has impacted all corners of the country through his conservation vision. Among his myriad accomplishments, he currently serves on the boards of the National Park Foundation, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, the American Battlefield

Trust, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Here in Texas, he is a longtime member of the Texas Historical Commission, and is currently serving as board chairman.

In West Texas, Nau has partnered with the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University in Alpine on numerous wild-life and habitat research projects. In 2007, he acquired Nine Point Mesa Ranch in south Brewster County, a high desert oasis teeming with wild-life, and the location of a continuing restoration success story.

"We've been fortunate

to partner with John on a variety of research projects at Nine Point Mesa Ranch," said Dr. Louis Harveson, the Dan Allen Hughes, Jr., BRI Endowed Director and professor of Wildlife Management at Sul Ross State University. "The ranch is an extension of Sul Ross State University, and has become a training ground for our students, who will become the next generation of conservation professionals."

The event was also a Borderlands Research Foundation fundraiser supporting the work of the Borderlands Research Institute.

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City discusses possible EMS merger

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled council meeting on June 7, and a possible regional based EMS operation was discussed, along with city annexation issues and a paving update. Council member, Ward 3, Sara Tandy was absent.



J.D. Newsom

J.D. Newsom, executive director of Big Bend Regional Hospital District, addressed the council in an information-only discussion regarding the state of emergency medical services in the Tri-County. Newsom said there were six different agencies that provide EMS services in that area, that he said are “struggling.” He wondered what EMS would look like 10 years from now.

“Do we want to be at another place where we are hanging on by a thread, and can’t wait to find a solution, or can we have some discussions now and educate ourselves on what some options might be?” asked Newsom. “There are some strategies with consolidation that could help save money, help leverage buying all these capital assets, improve training, recruitment, etc. These are conversations we are going to have. It is going to require a very unique solution, trying to figure out what is going to work for everybody in the most equitable and beneficial way.”

Newsom admitted it would be a lengthy process which could take years to complete, and stressed the importance of having Jeff Davis County as a key player involved in the discussions.

City Attorney Rod Ponton suggested circumventing the Texas Legislature, which he claimed was not “friendly” to cities, and said one possibility was having interlocal agreements among cities and counties to agree to pay a certain amount of money to the hospital district.

Council, Ward 5, Jerry Johnson then reminded Newsom that when the hospital district was formed, Jeff Davis County had opted out of being included.

Newsom then told council he would provide updates on the EMS regional issue.

In other business, city manager Megan Antrim provided a paving update. She said paving will get underway after work on Alpine Country Club Estates, along with Public Works crew repairing potholes and seal coating some of the streets on the city’s southwest side. Antrim also indicated the city was working on a paving map which would indicate city-wide paving progress, and would have it ready to be viewed in the next several weeks.

Next, Ponton addressed annexation laws relevant to the city, and said it was state law that annexation occurs only when property owners consent after hearings where a majority of voters and property owners’ consent to the annexation. Ponton said it was exceptionally difficult for a city to annex property.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers and via Zoom videoconferencing.

Downtown Association supports new taproom on Murphy

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

The Alpine Downtown Association convened for its monthly meeting at Alpine Visitor Center on June 1. Among regular business items, the group considered a name change, and voted to support the taproom to be built on Murphy Street.

The taproom, named Chisos Brewing Company, was met with initial hesitation from a handful of residents. The owners have been working hard to connect with the community and address concerns since then. They have built rapport by attending civics meetings, maintaining open communication, and attending local events to offer samples of their product.

The taproom is slated to be built on Murphy Street across from Alpine Farmer’s Market, with construction projected to begin this fall.

The business, a passion project dreamed up by the Fielders, a family with deep West Texas and Big Bend roots, seeks to fill a void left in Alpine when Big Bend Brewing Company closed in late 2018. Unlike Big Bend Brewing Company, a large operation focused on making craft beer for distribution across the state, the Chisos Brewing Company will focus on the local market with beer available onsite but not for distribution. Their brewhouse will accommodate a maximum capacity of 1,040 barrels of beer a year, which they do not expect to fill in the beginning. By comparison, Big Bend Brewing Company was built to accommodate an estimated 15,000-30,000 barrels per year.

“This is not an industrial enterprise,” noted



Attendees to the June Alpine Downtown Association meeting easily filled the conference room of the Alpine Visitor Center.

Photo by Shawna Graves

Lisa Fielder, attending the meeting along with her husband Guy Fielder and son Tim Fielder.

They are working on the project together, with Tim positioned to be the lead brewer.

“We’re building a family business and our brewery is going to be a place for people to gather,” Guy said.

The taproom will feature a large native garden landscaped by local botanist Michael Eason.

“It’s going to be the closest thing to a natural history museum in our area,” said Abbey Branch, an Alpine native working as the design firm for the project.

The family brought in multiple experts to design the space, including water consultants who specialize in brewery wastewater management.

The Alpine Downtown Association voted unanimously to support the taproom.

The group discussed future directions, including whether they should absorb the duties of the defunct Alpine Chamber of Commerce. The group was originally formed at a time when the chamber was unable to support efforts to bring more vitality to the downtown district.

One of the group’s founders, Jim Street, said the group was never meant to be exclusive to

cept that an active downtown district is good for all businesses. The group recently began hosting mixers to bring organizations and businesses together for networking opportunities.

Other goals include supporting conscientious growth, and considering a new name to reflect broader inclusivity. From there, they will revisit their mission statement and by-laws. Visit AlpineTX.org for more information.

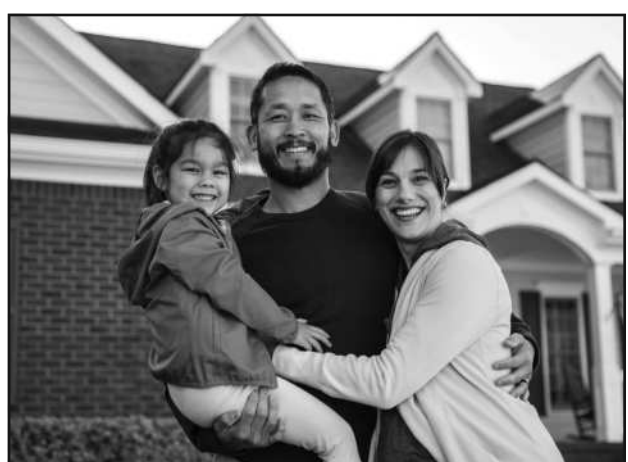
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Valedictorian enjoys the fruits of her labor

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Alpine High School recently celebrated the class of 2022 graduation, and for valedictorian Lilianna Terrazas, this signifies new beginnings and success in both academic and social endeavors. Born and raised in Alpine, Terrazas is following in the footsteps of older brothers in pursuit of higher education at the University of Texas at Austin.

She has been in the marching and concert bands since eighth grade, and this past year was drum major at the high school. She was also active in Student Council, serving as president, and serving as vice president of the National Honors Society.

Terrazas thoroughly enjoys being part of the special place she calls home, and sees the many benefits a small town like Alpine offers.

“I really like how close knit our community is, and if you are ever in trouble people will come and have open arms, and open hands, ready to help,” said Terrazas. “It’s easy to go outside and walk to the park, or go hang out with friends, and not have to worry about the dangers of a huge city.”

The seasoned clarinetist competed in the solo and ensemble band competition that advanced to State. On the academic



Lilianna Terrazas

side, she took dual-credit classes at Sul Ross State University, including advanced placement calculus.

Beyond the hallways and classes, Terrazas was actively involved in community service with the Alpine Humane Society, the Food Pantry, and highway litter cleanup, totaling around 70 hours. During her

high school career, Terrazas recalled the time in 2020 when the schools were shut down because of COVID concerns, and how she welcomed having additional time off just as spring break was wrapping up.

Terrazas’s parents have always pushed her and her older brothers to succeed academically as it paves the way for success in college. Terrazas appreciates Buck Band Boosters President Regina Terrazas, who is not only mom to her, but also an unofficial “mom” to the other band kids. “That’s so awesome that she was there for every milestone of my life, and I appreciate her so much,” said Terrazas.

As far as a message to the class of 2022, she offered, “I am going to miss ya’ll so much. I am so proud of all of us for

persevering through COVID and everything else, and I am so proud of everyone.”

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Finding solutions

Why is it that some small towns are able to thrive while others decline and even face abandonment? How do towns keep their scenic beauty, historic heritage, small-town culture, and flourish economically? With economic prosperity comes a better quality of life for everyone overall. Being a scientific researcher previously made me want to find the answers to these questions. So last year I set out to do just that. One article in particular resonated with me, "The Secrets of Successful Small Communities," written by Edward T. McMahon.

In the article he stated that most successful towns have some common characteristics. One is that they all have a strategic plan that was created using a wide cross-section of the town's residents. Successful towns take advan-



CATHERINE EAVES
 Mayor, City of Alpine

tages of their assets such as architecture, history, natural surroundings, and home-grown businesses when planning for the future. After spending 25 years as an educator, I understand why it is important to have community involvement in developing our blueprint for the future. The best ideas and products come from people brainstorming and working together in teams. Educators have put students into teams for decades as it's an extremely effective way to help find solutions. Groups of people working together come up with questions, thoughts, and

ideas that one person working alone may have never thought of. It is from bouncing ideas, suggestions, and solutions off one another that great products are produced. I believe it's preferable for Alpine to move into the future by choice with a plan, and not by chance. The future is coming whether we like it or not, and with it comes change. Thinking about all of this was the impetus for my decision to run for mayor. Even before my campaign kicked off full force, my first goal was to increase community participation in our city government. I was already attending city council meetings when I realized I could help increase engagement by summarizing what was discussed at the meetings and posting it on social media. Life is busy, and it can be hard to attend

meetings or even watch the video on the YouTube Channel. I too had a full-time job up until I retired on May 20. I also remember what it is like having children to care for. I felt like anything I could do to help someone be more connected the better. Those of us at city hall need you. We need your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and solutions. We need you to work with us as a team as we move forward together. We have a lot of tough decisions ahead. Please make plans to attend as many city council meetings as you can. They are usually the first and third Tuesday of every month. Come out and meet with me at the meet with the mayor events. These locations will be published on Facebook and various other places. Together we can do so much more!

Learning to appreciate the regular flu

I recommend the seasonal flu, but please allow me to explain. About a week ago, I felt suddenly rundown and weak. I just wanted to lie down. I thought nothing of it at the time. My family is facing some difficulties at the moment, difficulties we all must face now and again, and all of us are getting beat down. But it wasn't just fatigue. Was it the big C, I wondered? Nope. I'd never tested positive for having COVID-19. Did that dreaded virus finally find a way to feast on my blessed good health? Nope. It turned out to be just a regular flu, but there was nothing regular about it. A particularly nasty and highly contagious bug that's spreading rapidly, it turned out to be the worst case of flu I ever recall having in my life. With the intense national and



TOM PURCELL
 Guest Columnist

regular flu is. According to the CDC, which has always had a hard time pinning down the exact numbers, the flu has been killing anywhere from 17,000 to 97,000 Americans every year since 2012. Healthline says the flu has caused at least "3.5 million flu illnesses, 34,000 hospitalizations, and 2,000 deaths" in the U.S. this season. And I was among its victims. I went to the ER to make sure it was the bug causing my issues, and that my heart and fundamentals were sound, and I am

very lucky they were (and are). Then I returned home and commenced immediately lying in the same spot without moving for the next four days. My teeth itched. I felt like a piano was sitting on my chest. The nausea would not relent. It's a challenge all too common in affluent America. You can easily lose sight of how good you have it until you are reminded how bad things can get. I recall filling my truck up for \$40 a tank not long ago, and now it costs \$70 a tank. All I can think of as I stand there pumping is how hard I worked the prior few years, and how I was able to put a nice little buffer in my savings account to prepare for a rainy day. Now I think of the 1% return my savings account is paying against the 8.4% inflation rate from last month — and the 9.6% rate it is going to be this month — and I realize how much I

took for granted the low-low inflation rate we've been enjoying for several decades. Having your good health taken from you suddenly — but temporarily in my case, thankfully — makes me want to focus my energy on important matters, not trivial ones. From now on I do not want to waste one fraction of a single second discussing politics on social media, but I do want to spend as much time as possible with my mom and dad as long as we have them to enjoy. Every time I see them now, and I wasn't able to do so at all the past week, I ask them a new question about their lives and other family members. They are a fountain of wisdom, and I want to capture as much of their experience and knowledge as I can while they are still able to share it. And now you know why I recommend the seasonal flu.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gun deaths
 The CDC says there are around 45,000 annual U.S. gun deaths, with murder being 43%, suicide 54%, and police shootings a little more than 1%. There's no account for the remaining less-than 2%. The CDC doesn't give an exact number for "mass" shoot-

ings, so I'll place the number at that 2%. If we track deaths in the U.S. from tobacco, alcohol, other suicides, drugs, and abortions, it comes to an annual number of 1.5 million. Politicians would take guns away from people who have nothing to do with the 45,000

gun deaths, while allowing gun criminals guilty of murder to run free. Those same politicians either stand by and do nothing, and/or do things to support many of the 1.5 million deaths listed - something to think about before you head to the election booths in November.

Also, while praying for Uvalde, please pray for the 50 Catholics killed in Nigeria while at Mass on June 5, the killings some of those politicians want us to believe only happen here in the U.S.

James R. Le Blanc
 Fort Davis

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Heard on the STREET

How do you stay cool in the summer?



Robert Fields, Alpine: I take a rag, get it wet, and wrap it around my neck. That keeps the arteries cold, so that's nice. When it's really hot, I'll wet my hat and put it on soaking wet, and that keeps me cold and cool as well. And when I can, I work in the shade.



Sara Bow, Alpine: I usually like the heat. I love the heat, but I stay under the shade at our home.



Noemi Bickham, Alpine: Ice water, and playing with water balloons outside with my kids. Fun stuff like that.



Brent Freeland, Alpine: Shade. I'm a shade seeker! I stay inside a lot during the day.



Seth Fields, Alpine: I usually stay inside with the AC.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JUNE 11-12
Multicultural Festival, at Kokernot Park, sponsored by Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Matachines Danza Guadalup. Games, live music, food, bouncy house, and more. A ribbon cutting will take place at noon on June 11. All are welcome.

JUNE 16
Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 100 Agave St. in Fort Davis. Call Dr. Sherill Easterling at 325-207-6427 to schedule an appointment.



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.

JUNE 25-26
Co-ed Softball Tournament, Lujan baseball field, 500 S. 11th St. in Alpine. Proceeds to benefit Shelly Pearce for medi-

cal expenses. Will be selling Frito pie and burgers with chips and drink. Donations welcomed and appreciated. To enter or for more information, call Paul Pearce at 432-294-0780 or Maurissa Vasquez at 432-294-0246.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 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 bbchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.

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

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

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Outdoor theatre opens July 8 at Kokernot

The Theatre of the Big Bend's 57th season opens Friday, July 8, with "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

The production runs weekends July 8-24 at Sul Ross State University's Kokernot Outdoor Theatre. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

Based on the comic strip by Charles Schulz, with music, book, and lyrics by Clark Gesner and Andrew Lippa, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" fol-

lows the beloved Peanuts gang as they navigate the joys and challenges of childhood.

"This show is about hope," said director Bret Scott. "Charlie Brown represents unwavering hope against all odds. He can't resist the opportunity to kick a football, even though he knows it'll probably get pulled away at the last second, but he still tries. It's sweet and funny and connects us to the inno-

cence of childhood."

The cast features Sydney DeMaria (Sally), Justin Hinton (Schroeder), Rachel Nicol James (Snoopy), Elijah Johnson (Charlie Brown), Benji Sills (Linus) and Kiera Welsome (Lucy). Musical direction is provided by Andrew Alegria with scene and lighting design by Ross Fleming, and costume design by Carolyn Barrientes.

For more information call 432-837-8218.

Library book amnesty through June

To commemorate 75 years of service, Alpine Public Library will extend debt forgiveness for all missing books, DVDs, and audiobooks throughout the month of June 2022.

This one-time fine amnesty will culminate on July 1. Anyone who may have had their account blocked due to lost books and materials, other than

electronic devices, can come to the library with a current ID and proof of mailing address, whereupon their account will be reinstated, as well as children's accounts, no questions asked.

Additionally, the library will celebrate its 75th birthday on June 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. with an open house with refreshments and

live music from Calamity Creek. Bid on the painting *Pronghorn* by Chris Ruggia, visit with friends, read some history, meet other library lovers, and join Friends of the Library.

Door prizes and two \$200 gift cards will be given away. Register at the event to be eligible for the drawing. Must be present to win.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Laya. Laya's listening ears are on, and she's on high alert. She is a beautiful, one-year-old Husky and Shepherd mix with the tallest ears in the shelter. Laya has a ton of personality, she's always ready to play, and would run around all day every day given the chance.

She's polite for such an energetic dog, walks well on a leash, and plays well with most dogs. Laya does occasionally have a tough time reading the social cues of some dogs, so she's not everyone's cup of tea, but high-energy, non-dominating dogs make the perfect playmates for an athletic gal like Laya. Come by the shelter to meet Laya, your new best friend.

We are hosting a clinic in Presidio June 3-5 for dogs and cats. We are offering affordable spay/neuter services, as well



as vaccines and microchips. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. Contact us at 432-837-2532 for more details or to register.

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

Marathon Highway.

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

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WILDFIRE • FROM 1



Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

leaves private and state land in Texas, where fire resources are contained locally, at 164,986,402 acres. Comparatively, non-federal Texas land exceeds the entire combined states of California, Wyoming, and Puerto Rico.

The mitigation of wildfires is a cooperative effort of many.

“The Emergency Management Assistance Compact allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to assist with response and recovery efforts in other states,” states the EMAC website.

One such crew from northern California called Trinity Hotshots was here for two weeks on rotation during the local fire season. Typically these teams

battle lightning fires, out of control debris burns, or highway fires sparked from dragging chains or metal objects. Chief Tristan Dias and his crew were standing by to assist, but no fire activity was reported.

Joe Pasqua, regional fire coordinator in Fort Stockton, was pleased to have “other states come and help this time of year, because we are part of a larger team helping one another.”

With such a massive area and little resources, it is vital to create strong relationships with other firefighters and agencies.

The protection of West Texas includes a most prized feature, the University of Texas McDonald

Observatory. Situated on Mount Locke and Mount Fowlkes in Jeff Davis County, the observatory is a prime target for wildfires. As such, Texas A&M Forest Service sent the Lone Star State Hand Crew to moderate wildfires.

Dustin Morris is a task force coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service, Lone Star State Hand Crew. His 10-person crew helps battle fires throughout West Texas.

“We make sure we have the resources to meet the needs of the state,” said Morris.

The main focus of his team is to clear the mountains around the telescopes, and clear home ignition zones.

This reduces vegetation around structures, maintaining a fuel break and keeping a safe area for residents.

For the protection of life - the absolute priority of any firefighter - individual preparedness is key. “Since evacuation is sometimes necessary, especially in high-risk areas,” Morris urged residents to be ready with a go bag. “This way we can reserve resources and personnel to focus on the fire, knowing the people are safe.”

The agencies represented each noted a “thank you” for the appreciation shown their men and women who battle fires and keep people and property safe.

RIO GRANDE • FROM 1

dependent upon reservoirs in northern Mexico.

Henington explained there’s a series of reservoirs in northern Mexico, and those are all very low now from drought.

“They don’t have any rain either,” he said. “Those are the consistent source of water for the Rio Grande. If it wasn’t for the Rio Conchos coming out of Chihuahua, we wouldn’t have any water at all.”

Reservoirs in Mexico feed into the Rio Conchos, and the Rio Conchos intersects into the Rio Grande around Presidio. The reservoirs exist to provide irrigation and water for human consumption. Only when the reservoirs are full is water released into the river.

“In good years when there’s lots of rainfall, there’s plenty of water for everyone. But since it’s been so dry here

and in northern Mexico, there’s not enough water to go around. They have to protect their agricultural interests first,” said Henington.

Tom Vandenberg, chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at Big Bend National Park, said localized downpours in South County last week sent water rushing into creeks and the river.

“Eventually everything ends up in the river at

some point,” he said. “A big pulse of water moved down the river late last week and moved through the park.”

Vandenberg noted the flash floods damaged the Hot Springs area, and the trail was closed.

Henington and Vandenberg agreed that the river would recede quickly, and both were hoping for good rains when the monsoon season starts in mid-July.

Praising God while having fun



Youngsters from pre-k through sixth grade enjoy opening day of vacation bible school at First Baptist Church of Alpine on June 6. Kids met for a fun-filled day of worship and Bible study, mixed with lots of activities and games that got them engaged and entertained. This year’s theme is “Created in Christ, Designed for God’s Purpose.”

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

FESTIVAL • FROM 1

was the idea.”

Some of the highlights will include the performances of folklorico dancers from Fort Davis, home school dancers from Alpine, and even a hard rock band. Native Apache Crown dancers from Arizona will provide plenty of unique entertainment for the public.

There will be lots of food and merchandise vendors, along with community information booths by local health clinics and other entities. In addition, Alpine non-profit Holy Angels Cemetery will be raising funds. Funnel cakes will play a starring role in the treats and eats realm, and homemade Mexican piñatas for children will be shown by Alpine resident Blanca Caughman.

Bringing together diverse festival goers of all faiths and ethnic groups enhances a community’s ability to unite and not divide, according to Olivas.

“This is the first time we have had an event like this because it’s the church and city working together,” she pointed out.

Olivas stressed unity in the community, and said that every day a special white balloon will be released at Kokernot Park to symbolize the desire to achieve peace.

“It’s going to be awesome,” exclaimed Olivas. “We have invited people to join us and just relax and have fun. I think this is going to be amazing. That is our message - peace, unity, and love.”



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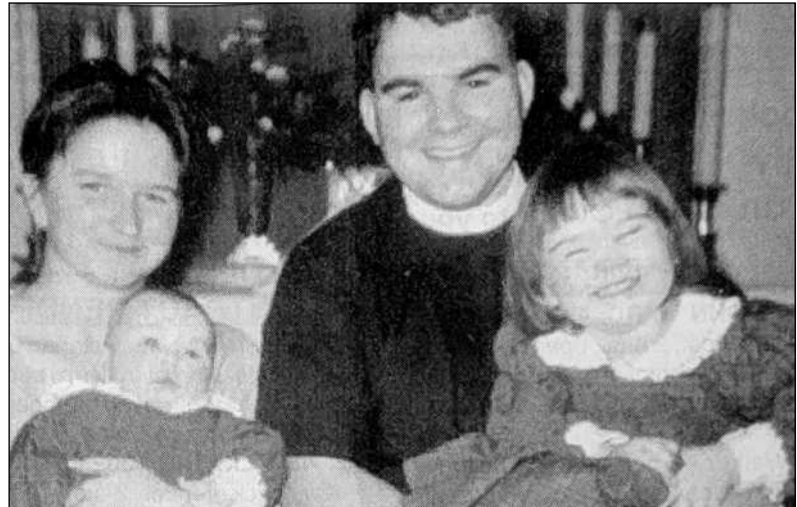
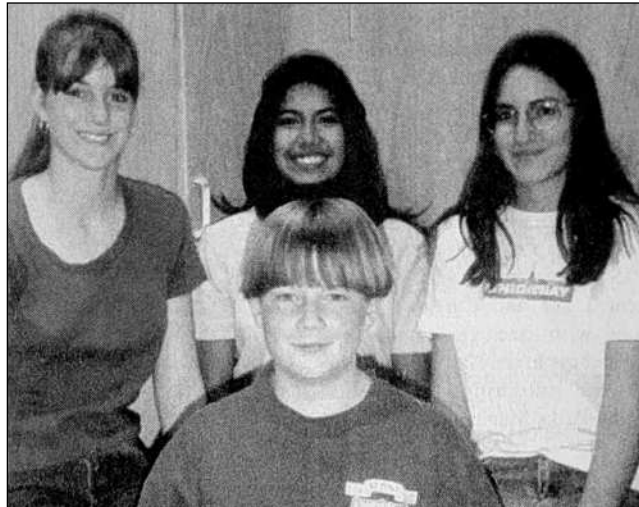
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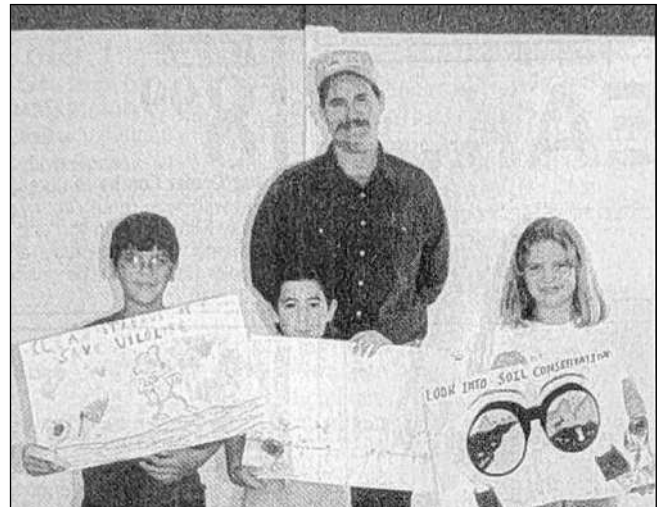
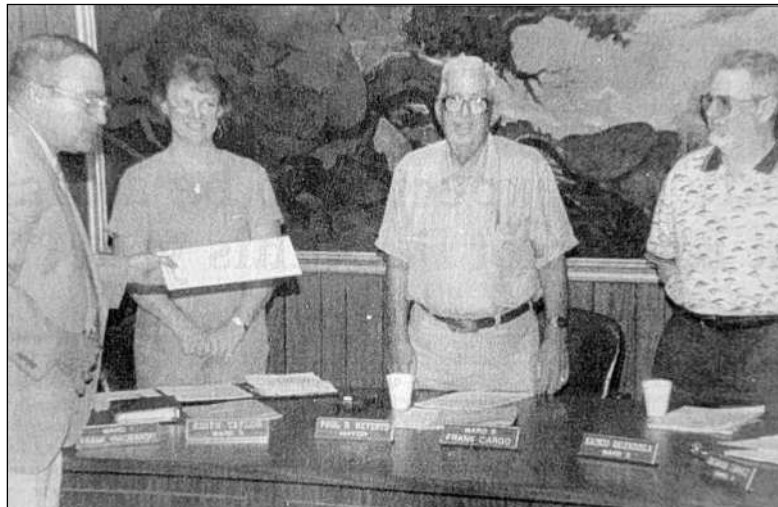
Alpine Avalanche

June 11, 1998
Members of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands at Alpine Middle School recently competed in the Greenwood Music Festival with 68 division 1 ratings brought home. Pictured are Susannah Philbrick in percussion, Esmeralda Torres on the baritone, Nicole Rodriguez on the trumpet, and Brandon McCraw on the trumpet.



June 4, 1998
The Reverend Doctor Keith Patrick Steinhurst is filling the position of rector of the Holy Cross Anglican Church in Alpine. He is pictured here with his wife Chanda and two daughters, Abigail, five months, and Grace, three years.

June 25, 1998
Billy Roberts of Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation hands over a check for \$200,000 to the Alpine city council Tuesday night. The check is from the sales of the gas transmission lines in Alpine and Marfa. Pictured are Billy Roberts, Councilwoman Edith Taylor, Mayor Paul Weyerts, and Councilman Frank Cargo.




June 11, 1998
Range Management Specialist Clay Lindley presented trophies to the winners of the soil conservation poster contest. The third place winner was Salvador Fuentez. Joe Henry Cobos took second place. The first place winner was Cassandra Fuller.

Frozen crepe myrtle needs to be heavily pruned

Dear Neil: Maybe it was the last two cold winters. The top half of my crepe myrtle is dead. The bottom half is green, and has new growth. Can the dead part be removed, or does it need to be cut off at the ground?

All the dead trunks need to be cut completely to the ground. That's probably going to be difficult among all the new shoots but do the best you can as soon as you can. If you end up cutting it all back to the ground, the plant will put out many new shoots in a hurry. From that point on you can retrain your plant into an attractive new form. You just don't want to have dead stubs left in place.

Dear Neil: This year my tomato plants seem to have been sun-burned. They are seem-

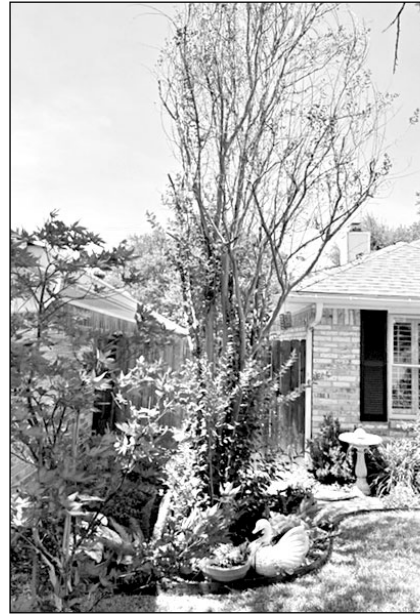


GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

ingly being helped by the 40% shade fabric I've hung to their west side. Thoughts?
Tomatoes can handle the Texas sun. That's why we don't grow them back under shade trees. I think your plants have been hit by a dose of early blight (lower leaves yellow in blotches, then brown and crisp) and spider mites (lower leaves turning tan in finely mottled pattern). You can confirm spider

mites by thumping one of the infested leaves over a sheet of white paper. If mites are there, you will see tiny specks starting to move about freely. Look for a general-purpose insecticide labeled for mite control, and be sure to apply it to both top and bottom leaf surfaces.

Dear Neil: We have three century plants (agaves) in front of our building that have all decided to bloom this year. We've had them for 15 years, and they were large plants when we bought them. Is there anything in their care that will either encourage or discourage



Frozen crepe myrtle.

flowering? They really are spectacular.
Yes, they are stunning. Take some nice photos to save. And, no, I don't know of any way to speed things along or to slow them down. The plants just have to reach a point in their maturity. As you can tell by their name someone must

have felt it took 100 years, but the time frame is you have experienced is about normal. They generally flower when they're 15-20 years old. What you may not know is that the mother plant dies after it blooms. You will then see a cluster of "pups" coming up around each mother plant. You'll probably have 15-20 sprouts per

plant. You'll need to remove the dead mother plant, then dig and give away most of the off-sets. You can replant a few, and start the process over again.

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

ACROSS

- 1 this "Beetle Bailey" artist Walker lived in Texas as a child
- 5 Baird High class (2 wds.)
- 6 this Moore was co-star of TX Swayze in "Ghost" (1990)
- 7 ___ old Cowhand . . .
- 8 seat of Pecos County (2 wds.)
- 17 irritate, annoy
- 18 auto sellers (2 wds.)
- 21 a boot width
- 22 TXism: "plain as the nose on your ___"
- 23 TXism: "restless as ___ church"
- 24 TX George W. lost ____, George H.W., in 2018
- 29 longtime U.S. rep. from the Valley: Kika ___ Garza
- 30 ___-gallon hat
- 31 Super Bowl ___ (Cowboys' first win)
- 32 TXism: "raised ___" (city boy)
- 34 Coleman High class (2 wds.)
- 35 "What's the ___?" (slang for what's happening)
- 36 these cranes migrate to Texas in the winter
- 37 horse coloring
- 38 boot bottom
- 39 beginning course in social behavior: "Intro ___"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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DOWN

- 1 this gives the best shotgun pattern for a medium range (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "run that by me ___ time"
- 3 make a comment
- 4 TXism: "___ so" (not true)
- 9 "___ up" (increase)
- 10 org. that nurtures the arts in Dallas
- 11 ___ City, Texas
- 12 fixed term/interest savings tool (abbr.)
- 13 this Michael starred with TX Randy Quaid in "The Paper"
- 14 TXism: "it'll ___ faith healer to fix it"
- 15 "Tiger" Teague, veteran and Texas congressman
- 16 actor Beatty in film "Big Bad John"
- 19 Odessa Permian has one with Mldland Lee
- 20 military marksman
- 22 horse's foot joint
- 24 Santa's word
- 25 agcy. now a part of Homeland Security
- 26 shoo!
- 27 benefactor
- 28 Texas-based 1949 film: "Calamity Jane ___ Bass"
- 29 H-E-B cold cuts and cheeses section
- 30 TX Dobie Gray hit: "Drift ___" (1973)
- 33 Houston university
- 34 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have ___"
- 35 old man's gray hair used to drill Spindletop (2 wds.)
- 38 cow away from the herd
- 40 cal ___ hummingbird is the smallest bird in Texas
- 41 dry, arid
- 44 Rusk AM/FM
- 47 TXism: "busy ___ at happy hour"
- 49 TX Buddy's wife: Maria ___ Holly

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Sports

Cowboys swept in opening series

BY ETHAN EIBE
Sports Correspondent

The 2022 season did not start off as planned for the Alpine 06 Cowboys.

After arriving in southwest Kansas to take on the Garden City Wind for the first series of the year, Alpine was promptly handed a four-game sweep, the first time they have lost four in a row to start a season since joining the Pecos League in 2011. For Garden City it was the first time they had swept the Cowboys in any series since their inception in 2015.

Third-year Skipper Sean Persky sent left-hander Ridge Walker to the mound to start opening day on June 2 at Clint Lightner Field. Walker matched Wind hurler Keisy Portorreal through six frames, allowing just two runs, one earned, and striking out six. After outfielder Mark Traylor scored the first run of the season for Alpine in the second, the Cowboy bats went cold until the ninth inning.

Down 4-1 with three outs to work with, Alpine tied the game off Garden City closer Devin Malone thanks to clutch run-scoring doubles from Colin Johnson and Andrew Capone. Tied at four in the bottom of the ninth, reliever Trey Silmon entered the game, and surrendered the winning run on a bases

loaded single off the bat of Neil Taylor.

Alpine hoped to bounce back in game two Friday night, but was met by a Garden City offensive charge spearheaded by Leo Gallegos and Brandon Pugh. The pair homered off of Alpine starter Alejandro Amezcuita, who maintained a one-run Cowboys lead until the sixth inning when everything fell apart.

The Wind sent 11 men to the plate in the frame against Matteo Avallone and first-baseman Bryce Donovan, who was forced to pitch due to the Cowboys lack of pitching depth. Garden City tacked on seven runs in the inning to take a 12-6 lead before the game was called early due to inclement weather.

Saturday night was Alpine's best chance to scrape out a win against Garden City. Donovan cranked a grand slam to right field to open the scoring for the Cowboys in the second off Marty Camahan. The Wind countered by scoring five runs against rookie southpaw A.J. Gartland in the first three innings. The Cowboys tied the game at five after Traylor scored on a double play in the sixth, then took a one run lead an inning later after a Johnson RBI ground-out scored Donovan.

Jonathan Triesler, who

was stellar out of the bullpen for Alpine, nearly made it through three innings of scoreless relief when he gave up the tying run in the eighth with two outs via an RBI double from the Wind's Alex Nielsen. After the Cowboys stranded the potential go-ahead run in the top of the ninth, Garden City earned its second walk-off win in three days. Pinch hitter Jaisel Perez knocked in a run on a bases loaded single off Michael Castillo to seal Alpine's third loss in a row.

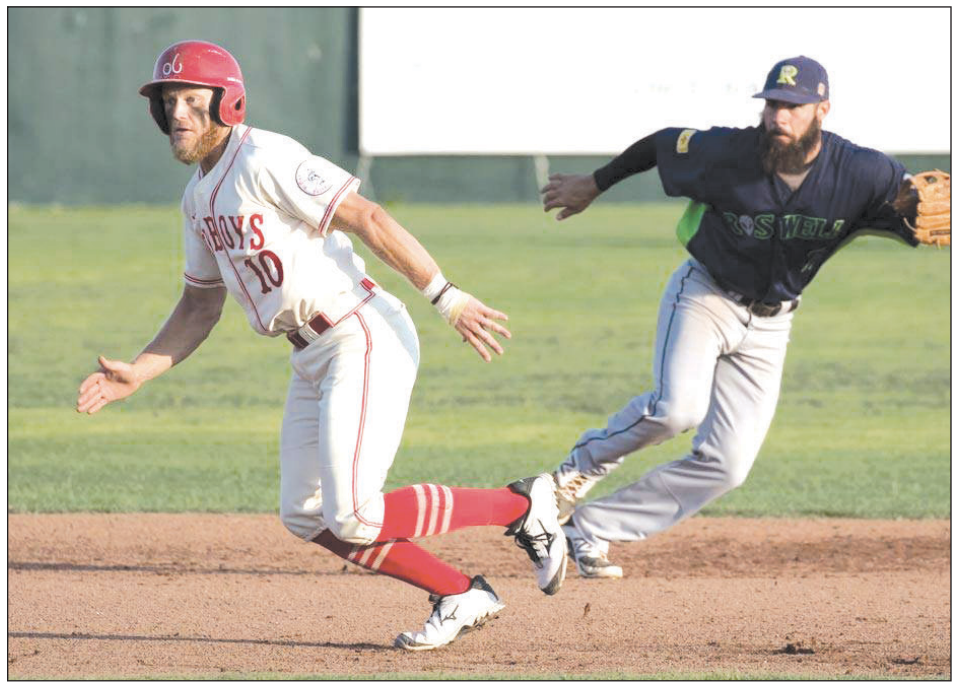
Sunday afternoon's finale did not provide much encouragement. With Persky sidelined following back-to-back ejections on Friday and Saturday, Garden City again took the wind out of Alpine's sails with an 11-5 defeat against starter Ryan Greco.

"It's demoralizing to lose close games the way we did," Silmon said. "However, there are small lessons in here that a lot of our young guys and veterans can take and learn lessons from and adjust immediately for positive outcomes."

The Cowboys will add a few fresh arms before the first homestand to hopefully alleviate the pressure on the pitching staff.

Silmon did offer one bold prediction - a Wind/Cowboys playoff series.

"The Wind will win their



The 06 Cowboys started their 2022 season this week in Garden City, Kan. Photo by Alan Wintz

division, and we will win ours," Silmon said. "We will meet up again with a stable full of horses, and we will get even with that team because we have a really good team and our guys are not soft."

Alpine will look to get its 2022 season back on track as the team returns home for the first regular season games under the lights at Kokernot Field. The Cowboys will take on the Austin Weirdos from June 7-9, and the Weimar Hormigas from June 10-12.

All six games will begin at 7 p.m.

Cowboys Schedule

Jun 10-12 Weimar Hormigas @ Kokernot. 7 p.m.

Local Lobo named Scholar-Athlete Medal of Honor recipient

The American Southwest Conference annually recognizes two exceptional individuals from each of its member universities who represent both scholar and athlete as a celebration of their commitment to athletics, academics, and leadership. This year's recipients from Sul Ross State University are Camryn Har-

din and Ozi-as White.

The medals are presented to one male and one female member of the graduating class who has compiled the most outstanding record over their collegiate career.



Camryn Hardin

Lobos softball's Hardin, an Alpine native, said, "Getting my education while being given the opportunity to play the sport I love is something I'm grateful for, as they are both important to me. I'm very honored and blessed to be a recipient for this award."

Hardin has been a leader on and off the field.

She works on campus helping run the Recreation Department, and is involved in her community. Hardin volunteers with Keep Alpine Beautiful and with the youth of Alpine. She graduated with a 3.95 GPA in Kinesiology. She was a Third Team All-ASC outfielder.

Charlesworth wins first round



In the first round of reined cow horse competition at the Texas High School Rodeo in Taylor County, Emilee Charlesworth of Marathon took the win with 289 points.

Photo by Jennings Rodeo Photography

On to State!



Alpine's 7on7 football team recently advanced to the State tournament at Veterans Park in College Station on June 23-25.

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Slow cooker spinach-mushroom tortellini

The best thing about a slow cooker meal, other than the fact that you add your ingredients and walk away for the day, is that it is a fantastic way to cook a hearty meal without heating up your kitchen. This makes slow cooker meals perfect for the summer when the temperatures are up, and the air conditioning is struggling to keep the house cool. It also cuts down on the cookware, by only using the crock instead of various pots and pans that might be needed to complete a meal.

Being a lover of Italian food, this slow cooker meal courtesy of Betty Crocker is a terrific way to satisfy my craving without the need for several pots and pans and heating up the kitchen. It is a cheesy, one-and-done delight that is perfect for a weekday meal. At first glance, I believed this meal to be a toss everything in at once, come back later, and it's ready to eat. And it is, to a point. The directions, however, will show that it is not that way, but you still start out with ingredients in



your slow cooker and cook all day. You just must add a few things at the end to make it complete which, once you read the directions, makes sense.

This creamy dish is also perfect for those who are cutting meat out of their diets. It is not vegan, but it is vegetarian, and uses three of the best ingredients as far as vegetables and fungi are concerned. Personally, I do not believe one can ever go wrong with onions, mushrooms, and spinach.

I suppose that if you are opposed to mushrooms, they could easily be sub-



stituted for something like bell peppers. It would give this dish a bit of a different taste and texture, but would keep the vegetarian aspect to it. Bell peppers instead of mushrooms is just a spit ball idea for a substitute, but I think the die-hard vegetarians would find that permissible, or they might have something else they would prefer to use instead. Thinly

sliced carrots might also be an option, or if you did not want to use peppers, or you could substitute both.

This is always the beauty of cooking. If there is an ingredient you are not a fan of, there is more than likely another that you can use in its place. So, gather all your ingredients and get to slow cooking.

Questions, comments, or

Slow cooker spinach-mushroom tortellini

- Ingredients:**
- 1 package (8 ounce) white button mushrooms, thinly sliced
 - 1 cup thinly sliced yellow onions
 - 4 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ½ teaspoon pepper
 - 2 cups vegetable broth
 - 1 package (20 ounces) refrigerated cheese-filled tortellini
 - 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened and cubed
 - 3 cups baby spinach leaves, lightly packed
 - ½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese (2 ounces)
 - ¼ cup shredded fresh basil leaves

Directions:
Spray 4-½ to 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Mix mushrooms, onions, melted butter, soy sauce, salt, and pepper in cooker. Pour vegetable broth over vegetable mixture. Cover and cook over low heat setting 7-8 hours, or until vegetables are very tender and browned.

Stir in tortellini and cream cheese. Cover and cook on low heat setting 15 minutes. Cook and stir 14-16 minutes longer, or until tortellini are tender. Stir in spinach and let stand five minutes. Top with Parmesan cheese and basil.

Farm Service Agency now accepting applications for grazing losses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program to provide financial assistance to eligible livestock producers for 2022 grazing losses due to a qualifying drought or wildfire. The deadline to apply is Jan. 30, 2023.

To date 225 Texas counties have met the drought severity levels that trigger eligibility for the 2022 program year. Visit the agency's disaster program web page for a list of eligible counties.

The program provides payments to eligible livestock producers and contract growers who also produce forage crops for grazing and suffered losses

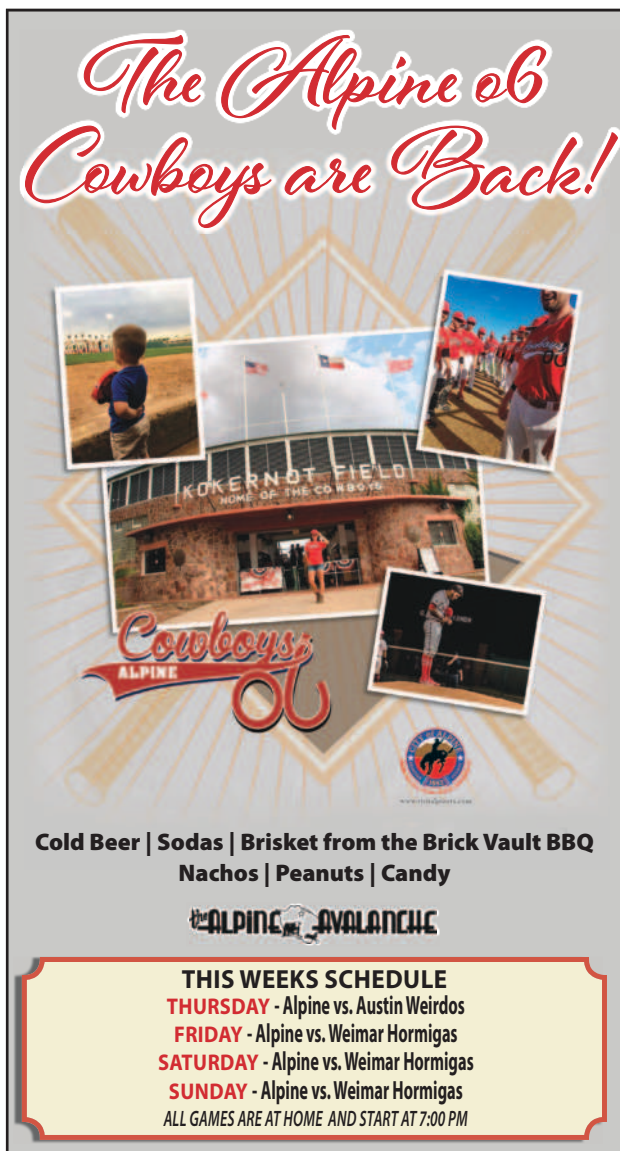
due to a qualifying drought or fire during the normal grazing period for the county.

Producers are encouraged to gather and submit records documenting 2022 losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases, contract grower agreements, and more.

More disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Farmers.gov Drought Webpage, Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool.

For Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

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Fightin' Buck represents in Lubbock



Alpine High School 2022 graduate and Fightin' Buck football player Dominique Fierro pauses for a photo with family members, dad Dennis, sister Ailea, mom Khristal, and brother Izaak, at the ASCO All-Star Classic benefit football game in Lubbock on June 4. ASCO All-Star Classic provides financial assistance to young players who have been permanently injured while playing football. Fierro will play football at Sul Ross State University in the fall.

Courtesy photo

Regents approve name changes

The Texas State University System Board of Regents approved two departmental name changes for Sul Ross State University at their meeting in Huntsville in May.

The College of Literature, Arts, and Social Sciences will be re-named for Dr. Jimmy Case, who retired following the spring 2022 semester, and the Department of Fine Arts will now be called the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

Case, a Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, received undergraduate degrees at Amarillo College and Baylor University before going on to receive his master's and doctoral degrees in political science at Texas Tech University.

He began teaching political science at Sul Ross in 1981. He served as the chair of the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences from 1991-2006, and was named a dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2006. Case was the interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs in 2012 and 2013, before being named the executive vice president and provost in 2015.

"Dr. Case served his students and this institution with all his heart," said President Emeritus



Dr. Jimmy Case and President Emeritus Pete P. Gallego at the faculty and staff appreciation luncheon in May.

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Pete P. Gallego. "He loved Sul Ross and he loved to teach. As a professor of political science and government, he was a role model for public service. Sul Ross is better because of him."

Case credited good relationships with both students and faculty for his fondness of Sul Ross, and said the university is a significant factor in what

makes Alpine so special.

Marjie Scott, chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, said the new name is more representative of the faculty's objectives. She said many Texas universities have already adopted similar names, and the faculty was unanimously in favor of the change.

On your marks



Runners are pumped up and ready for the first annual Spirits of the West Wine and Beef Fest 5k Fun Run held in Alpine early Saturday morning outside the Brewster County Courthouse on May 28. Alpine Police Chief Darrell Losoya leads the way for the athletes, who also received T-Bone Medals and beef breakfast tacos as appreciation. The proceeds of the race, sponsored by Alpine's Artwalk, benefit local art education, scholarships, and more.

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The San Vicente Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 23, 2022 in Meeting Room, SVISD, 195 Escuela Vista, Big Bend National Park, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.9634 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.00/\$100
Approved by Local Voters	(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0% (increase) or	0% (decrease)
Debt service	0% (increase) or	0% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0% (increase) or	0% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$17,462,467.00	\$17,979,746.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$9,265,177.00	\$9,783,321.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$0.00	\$0.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue	State Revenue	
	Per Student	Per Student	Per Student	Per Student	
Last Year's Rate	\$0.9634	\$0.00*	\$.9634	7,480.65	\$58,500.33
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations					
Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.9634	\$0.00*	\$0.9634	\$7480.65	\$58500.33
Proposed Rate	\$0.9634	\$0.00*	\$.9634	\$7480.65	\$58500.33

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$266,023.00	\$266,123.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$231,023.00	\$241,123.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.9634	\$0.9441
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,232.61	\$2,276.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$43.83

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Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is .9634. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of .9634.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$500,000.00
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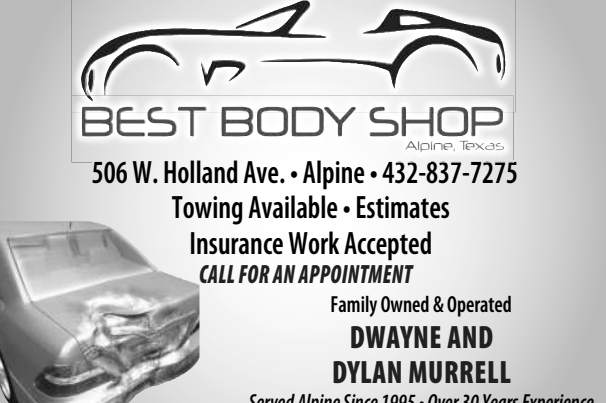
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Michael Lane Scudder, Deceased
Cause Number PR03078
Brewster County Court, Brewster County, Texas
In Probate

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Declare Heirship in this estate on May 26, 2022 requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Michael Lane Scudder, Deceased, and their respective shares and interest in such estate.

This Application is to be acted on by the Court on or after June 9, 2021 at the call of the docket. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest of answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County clerk of Brewster County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

Attorney For Applicant:
Elizabeth J. Lewis, Attorney at Law
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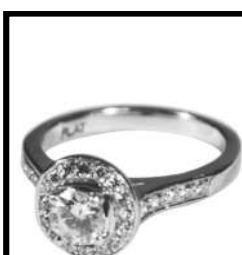


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Terlingua Common School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM on June 22, 2022 in the Big Bend High School Meeting Room at 550 Roadrunner Circle, Terlingua, TX 79852. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.8546/\$100
	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.0/\$100
	(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% (increase)or	2.2% Decrease
Debt service	n/a% (increase)or	n/a% Decrease
Total expenditures	% (increase)or	2.2% Decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$129,364,139	\$170,969,200
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$4,837,967	\$4,790,414
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$113,237,348	\$153,879,761
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$4,764,335	\$4,749,148*

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: **\$0.0**

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student	
Last Year's Rate	\$0.9038	\$0.0*	\$0.90380	7,467	\$6,800
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.94406	\$0.0*	\$0.94406	\$10,084	\$4,138
Proposed Rate	\$0.85460	\$0.0*	\$0.85460	\$9,128	\$5,261

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$85,386	\$96,310
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$48,138	\$52,358
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$.9038	\$.8546
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$435.07	\$447.45
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$12.38

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.


Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.8546. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 0.8546.

Fund Balances


The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.0


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PUBLIC NOTICE

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