

Aerial firefighters are a special breed

BY BETH PEABODY
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This is the final installment in a three-part series about the causes, effects, and management of West Texas wildfires.

The expression “bird’s eye view” dates back to the 16th century to offer insights on a much greater scale. This is especially true for wildfires when ground crews require perspective on a large fire. Here enters the aerial firefighters, who do exactly that.

Jorden Grieff, a dedicated aerial firefighter, said the perfect scenario is where civilians are successful in preventing the initial fire.

The second ideal scenario occurs when all the elements work in favor with local volunteers to contain a fire. If needed, additional backup is standing by, ready to fight.

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Parks board debates alcohol in city parks

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

City of Alpine Parks and Recreation Board held a workshop at city hall June 8. Discussions centered around ordinance changes to allow alcohol for special events, prioritization of parks, event planning processes for festivals and large events, and rental fee structures for park assets like Kokernot Park Pavillion.

About half a dozen people were in the audience, many of whom were city staffers or council members, including the mayor.

The proposition of allowing alcohol in the parks had Alpine resident Amy Struthers voicing

stern disagreement. Currently, there is a zero-alcohol policy at all 12 of the city managed parks. However, there was a general acknowledgment that drinking at the parks already occurs despite the current policy. Considerations are underway to change the policy and allow drinking at events by issue of special permit.

Chair of the Board Darin Nance said the city had been approached about hosting a bluegrass festival in the park, but the zero-alcohol policy turned them away. Additionally, there was interest in allowing alcohol consumption at the parks under certain circumstances to generate more



Parks and Recreation Board members Karen Cantrell, Lucy Escovedo, and Chair of the Board Darin Nance were present for the June meeting to discuss issues facing city parks.

use by residents. Nance mentioned events like Pints and Pups in other cities, which bring people with dogs out for a mixer at the dog park.

But Struthers’ concern was that events allowing alcohol would create an unsafe environment, and

would exclude families who did not approve.

“Where would the families go?” she asked.

Other concerns were about how the city would police alcohol consumption, and what kind of mess would be left behind. The parks board had

consulted with the chief of police on the matter, and suggested a no glass rule if a new policy is drafted. The board will host a second workshop on the issue and is seeking community input.

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It’s time to fiesta



Students from the Fort Davis High School Spanish Club and dance members from the Folkloric Group showed off their colorful costumes and participated in the Alpine Multicultural Festival parade which kicked off in front of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church of Alpine on June 11. Here, they posed with Fort Davis High School Spanish teacher Martha Sanchez as their parade float took off for Kokernot Park for the festivities held June 11-12.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Library celebrates 75th birthday

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Alpine Public Library has played a vital role in helping advance the knowledge of Alpine and area residents for generations, and now is about to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding. Today at an open house, everyone is welcomed to partake in a celebratory communal setting, much like in 1947 when a group of women from the El Progreso club first decided to bring the dream of a public library to fruition.

“The El Progreso Club had the idea of getting a library going because in 1947 there was no library to service the 17,000 residents of the 12,000 square miles



Public Services Librarian Nan Jamieson and library Director Don Wetterauer at Alpine Public Library.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

of the Big Bend,” said Library Director Don Wetterauer. “They had a gathering, and they asked everybody to bring a book, and they collected 300 books, and that was the first collection.”

Seventy-five years later, the library has kept on going, enabling resi-

dents of all ages to engage in the furtherance of knowledge.

Public Services Librarian Nan Jamieson loves interacting with library patrons.

“I am kind of a jack of all trades,” said Jamieson, a professional librarian who has been

at the library since 2017. “We applied for a grant to get some new technology, and I am trying to keep those up and running, and I try to come up with different teen programming and adult programs.” Wetterauer said the library was only one of 60 around the

country chosen to be a part of the NASA educational kids’ program, which also came with a grant from the American Library Association. Jamieson said the popular and entertaining travel talks are now recorded and later streamed on an Alpine Public Library YouTube channel.

Librarians are natural problem solvers, so it comes as no surprise that a dedicated staff member like Jamieson is there for older adults or anyone looking to get some assistance. Whether helping them become more computer literate, or helping them finish an online course, librarians will walk them through the process.

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OBITUARIES

Maria Lorisa Gallego

Maria Lorisa Gallego - daughter, sister, mother, and friend to all - went to be with the Lord on June 12, 2022.

Lorisa, as she was known by those closest to her, was born on Dec. 1, 1943, to Ben and Amelia Gallego in Alpine, Texas. After attending Alpine Centennial School she combined her affectionate personality with her love of feeding people, working in the Sul Ross State University cafeteria for more than 20 years. She then moved onto Alpine



ISD, cooking for all four of her grandchildren as they attended school. She ended her career filling empty bellies and warming hearts at the Sunshine House in Alpine.

Lorisa knew that the bond between family and friends is strength-

ened by good food. She prided herself in the dishes and baked goods she would make for those she cared about. Most weekends you could find her driving up and down Gallego Avenue in her Crown Victoria (in the later years her blue Mercury), delivering her famous arroz con pollo to a benefit enchilada dinner, or taking 20 pounds of potato salad to the Parish Hall for a quinceanera or one of the many church functions she loved being involved in. And if you saw her rolling through stop signs or not obeying all the posted road signs, it was just

to keep from spilling whatever delicious treat she had sloshing around in her back floorboard.

She made the best chile macho in Alpine, and she knew it. It was a painstaking process for her to roast the chiles and combine the ingredients by hand, never using a food processor. So rest assured that if you were ever hand delivered a recycled pickle jar filled to the brim with the barrio's best salsa, you were loved.

Lorisa had an infectious laugh. She radiated love, and that love found its way into her cooking. Every dish she made, she made with her whole

heart. Most Sunday afternoons her children, grandchildren, and extended family gathered around her table to tell stories and eat her cooking. These days found her most at peace.

Lorisa is survived by her children Cynthia Ann Ramos and Larry Gallego; grandchildren Salomon Ramos, Felina Molinar, Michelle Ramos, and Sara Ramos; great grandchildren Audriena Ramos, Gabrielle Ramos and Salomon Ramos, Jr.; and siblings Elidia Leyva, Irene Espinoza, Ruben Gallego, Berta (Dean) Celaya, Jimmy Gallego, and B.J. Gallego.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Amelia Gallego; and her brother Jose Ben Gallegos.

Rosary for Maria Lorisa Gallego will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine. Funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Our Lady of Peace, with burial at Holy Angels Cemetery following the funeral.

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

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The Presbytery of Tres Rios and The First Presbyterian Church of Alpine, Texas cordially invite you to join them in celebrating the installation of The Reverend William Cotman as Pastor **Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**

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Nelda A. Gallego

Nelda A. Gallego, 66, passed away on Feb. 19, 2022, at St. David's North Austin Medical Center in Austin, Texas. She was born June 21, 1955, in Alpine, Texas, the daughter of Santiago and Olga Gallego. She graduated from Alpine High School, class of 1973. Following graduation Nelda married Juan Llanez, and was the loving mother of Jay Llanez Aguirre and Johnny Llanez. She worked as administration assistant for the Depart-



ment of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Sul Ross State University for over four decades.

She brought laughter, friendship, and lots of attitude to anyone she came in contact with. If you were in her inner circle, you were one of the lucky few. She will be missed by many.

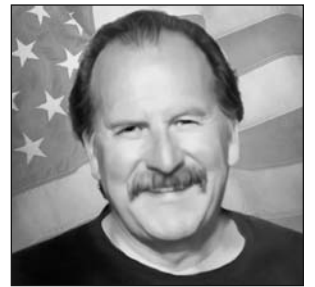
Praying of the most Holy Rosary will be held on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass of

Christian burial with Fr. Pablo Matta as celebrant.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving include her daughter Jay Aguirre; her husband Curtis of Haslet, Texas.; son Johnny Llanez; grandchildren Jocelyn and Elias Aguirre; four sisters, Rowena, Janet, Caroline, and Denise; one brother, Jimmy Ray; many nieces and nephews; and the father of her children, Juan Llanez.

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Antonio "Tony" Munoz Pacheco

Antonio "Tony" Munoz Pacheco of Marfa, Texas, passed away on June 9, 2022, in Marfa, Texas.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022, at St. Mary's Church in Marfa.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Merced Cemetery in Marfa.

Tony was born in Marfa to Mariana Munoz and Antonio Pacheco on Sept. 9, 1943. He has a twin sister, Viola Razo. He went to school at the historic Blackwell School in Marfa.

He married Patricia Miller on June 1, 1963, in Marfa, and they moved to California to raise a family. They were married for 20 years. In 1991, Tony met Laura Fry, and they married on Oct. 16, 1998.

Tony was a faithful Oakland Raiders fan. Tony worked as a commercial painter for W.G. Thompson Painting in northern California for 35 years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and served in the U.S. Army. Tony's love for Marfa and his family brought him back to his hometown where he resided for the rest of his days.

Tony was preceded in death by Mariana Munoz, Antonio Pacheco, Patricia Miller, John Razo, Chon Sotelo, and Jose Sotelo.

Tony is survived by Laura Fry; children Christine Carroll, Veronica Pacheco (Francis), and Daniel Pacheco; sisters Viola Razo (twin), Lillian Garza, and Yolanda Patton; brother Alvaro Sotelo; grandchildren Vanessa Freeman and Bryanna Francis; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Garza, Paul Garza, Clifford John Gordon, Aaron I. Razo, John A. Razo, Samuel Sailler, Juan Lara, Jr., and Juan Carlos Vilalobos.

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Ben Krauskopf, Jr.

Ben Krauskopf, Jr., also known as "Junior" to man), age 57, of Del Rio, Texas, passed away on June 10, 2022, in San Angelo, Texas, after a courageous battle with ALS.

Ben was born in Fort Worth, Texas, to Benjie and Joan Krauskopf on Nov. 15, 1964. He grew up in Del Rio, and graduated from Del Rio High School.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Roxanne Marie Krauskopf.

Ben was an avid sportsman, and loved hunting, fishing, and camping. He also loved gardening, and grew his own vegetables and huge pumpkins. Ben was a simple man, and loved to barbecue and sit around a fire outside



while catching up with friends and family.

Ben is survived by his brother Edward Krauskopf (Donna), and sisters Sue Flake and Joanie Bolner (Victor "Dan").

Funeral Services will be directed by Alpine Memorial Funeral Home, with graveside services on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine, Texas.

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Giving back while empowering youth

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Giving back to the community teens call home not only brings intrinsic rewards but also offers the opportunity to make a difference. That is what Frontier CASA, a nonprofit organization helping support children in foster care, is all about. The dedicated team of court appointed advocates and staff serve in seven Far West Texas counties, including Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. Frontier CASA has recently launched a new youth-based program, Friends of CASA, designed to provide additional support. At the Alpine office, Arely Leyva juggles a variety of roles - advocate, facilitator, and recruiter who also oversees social media. "Advocates for Frontier CASA must be 21 years of



Gloria Gordon and Arely Leyva at the Frontier CASA office in Alpine.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

age for them to get cases," said Leyva, a Presidio native. "However, we do get a lot of students and other people who cannot really dedicate that much time to a case, but want to help in one way or another."

And this is where

Friends of CASA comes in, to bridge the gap and further the organization's mission. Leyva said volunteer advocates are especially needed to travel to towns like Marfa and Van Horn, where there is a lack of advocates. Though mileage

reimbursement and meals are provided, fuel prices ultimately affect everyone involved.

"Gas prices keep going up, and our budget is getting tighter and tighter," noted Leyva.

She said the main goal for this summer was for Frontier CASA to create a fundraiser that would directly help with the purchase of baby diapers, along with a much-needed crib for a parent.

On June 8 a Friends of CASA recruiting event was held at Sul Ross State University, inviting young adults ages 16-20 to get involved with outreach, social media, community events, resource finding, and more.

"Teenagers play a very big role in our world, and what better way to spread child abuse awareness than

by creating TikTok and social media since they are very good with that," said Leyva. Frontier CASA will be at the Alpine Community Health Fair on Saturday, June 18, and Leyva hopes to use that as an opportunity to spread information about Frontier CASA's objectives, as well as using it as a networking resource and referral opportunity.

Ultimately, Frontier CASA's main goal is to

be there for the children it serves, and maintain an active presence through the collaboration of its advocates.

"We are a program that helps children. They are our priority," Leyva pointed out. "That's what Frontier CASA is all about - the child and its needs. Friends of CASA can help because it can help find good advocates and assist those families."

Cherishing a baseball memory



Elise Kuchler, Judy Stokes, and Madison Cavness pose outside of Koker-not Field in Alpine with a 1960s signed Alpine 06 Cowboys baseball bat. It was then presented to Hugh S. White, Stokes' uncle. The vintage bat was signed by all of the 1960s players and their manager. His grandchildren Brad Brahm and Amy Driscoll have cherished the bat, but decided it should be back in Alpine.

Courtesy photo

Grupo Alegre brings joy to the Big Bend

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

From sharing common bonds through the joy of music, to growing up together as brothers and friends at church, Alpine's Grupo Alegre matches its namesake in Spanish - cheerful group. It has become one of the Big Bend's live music favorites, and the one many area residents reach out to for festive celebrations of all kinds.

Grupo Alegre consists of Alpine natives and life-long residents Johnny Milan and brother Richard, friends Joe Prieto, Miguel Lujan, and Juan Iniguez. The band started in 1991 when they played gigs at Railroad Blues while touring all around the area.

The group brings the traditional mariachi sound alive as Johnny plays the six-string acoustic bass, while Richard jams on the guitar, Lujan with the violin, Iniguez with the accordion, and Prieto with the vihuela, a type of Spanish guitar.

The Milan brothers attended Alpine High School, with Richard graduating in 1973 and Johnny

in 1979. Prieto graduated from Marfa High School in 1963.

"I have been playing with different groups since I was 15," said Richard, who pointed out that Juan Iniguez is especially talented. "He plays different instruments - keyboard, guitar, and all kinds of music on the keyboard. You name it, he will play it!"

After graduating from Marfa High School, Prieto enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from 1965-1967, and recalls the time he started playing the guitar at age 13. "At 15, we put a group together in Marfa called the Fantastics, and we were together for four or five years. Then I got drafted, and some of the other guys got drafted, so the group dissolved."

Prieto has played with Grupo Alegre since 1991, and has lived in Alpine for 25 years. He is now retired, but not from music. The Milan brothers got the musical bug from the family, as father Francisco played casually at home, and mother Santos would sing at church.

Johnny's 13-year-old granddaughter Maria Elena Rivera is following her



Grupo Alegre's Joe Prieto, Johnny Milan, and Richard Milan.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

grandfather's footsteps, and plays with a Midland mariachi group. Johnny's son Miguel played saxophone during his freshman year at the high school.

Grupo Alegre will be at the Holland Hotel for Viva Big Bend this summer, and they just came back from a 50th wedding anniversary gig in Fort Davis. Johnny enjoys serenading lovebirds on Valentine's Day, or going door to door to surprise Alpine mothers of all ages, but the love of music is what keeps him and Grupo Alegre going.

"I want to make people happy," said Johnny. "We are available, and I want to ensure everybody that they can reach out to me."

Prieto added, "Music is

in my veins. Every time we get together, it's a high for me."

To contact Grupo Alegre for bookings or for more info, contact Johnny Milan at 432-386-6318.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

In light of the Uvalde tragedy and several other recent mass shootings, what is your current stand on gun control?

- The Second Amendment still stands - I have the right to bear arms. Period.
- Automatic and semi-automatic weapons should definitely be banned, stricter laws and background checks are needed, and red flag laws should be universally in effect and enforced.
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Cyber bullying



ELEAZAR CANO
Brewster County Judge

As we return to the state of normal, parents and kids alike are turning their attention to swimming in the afternoon, parades, family trips and, the ever constant social media platforms.

The deaths of Phoebe Prince, Megan Meier, and Alexis Pilkington have raised concerns over the phenomenon of cyber bullying. Once relegated to the playground and school hallways, bullying has moved online, and under the cloak of anonymity it is both more public and more vicious. Long held to be a rite of passage and a natural occurrence at the playground, researchers are only just beginning to understand the long-term effects of bullying on emotional development in children. Bullying does appear to be a fairly common occurrence, but research suggest that this may be due in part to the absence of efficient adult supervision of social interaction at the stage when children are just beginning to navigate relationships.

While victimization does appear to be largely situational for children at this age - dependent on what the child is doing, and where and with whom the child is playing - evidence suggests that children who respond to aggression by

peers in ways that diminish the effects of that aggression ultimately discourage harassment, which becomes increasingly intermittent.

That is, children who display "victim tendencies" - identified by these researchers as the manifestation of social disengagement and recognizable anxiety - tend to experience more harassment for longer periods than children who do not. This suggests that over time, some children learn how to manage their emotional response to harassment, and consequently manipulate the emotional responses of others.

One way to understand this form of emotional management is with emotional intelligence, defined as "the capacity to reason about emotions, and of emotions to enhance thinking." It includes the abilities to accurately perceive emotions, to access and generate emotions so as to assist thought, to understand emotions and emotional

knowledge, and to reflectively regulate emotions so as to promote emotional and intellectual growth.

Emotional intelligence is an important social tool. It helps mediate our relationships with others. Individuals with high EI also seem to do better in school and succeed at their jobs. However, persistent bullying can increase anti-social behavior, which in turn can impact the development of EI. As bullied children withdraw socially, they also reduce their opportunities to perceive and respond to emotions and consequently develop EI. Researchers report an inverse relationship between bullying and EI.

Though EI may evolve with the web, it's also important to help give children the skills they need to operate in our digital world. It's no secret that in certain situations, I am a huge advocate of digital education, but we also need to evaluate what our expectations are concerning our interactions online. What value do anonymous posters add to discussions? Is it time to shift attention to developing online identities, and evaluating the content and information produced by these individuals?

The real cost of border security

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association members living along the Texas-Mexico border and in South Texas are on the front lines of a dangerous and costly battle against increasingly brazen illegal border crossers.

Hardworking ranchers, landowners, and their families experience this crisis every day. For them, it's far more than a political controversy on the nightly news, and far simpler than the national security concerns raised by analysts.

It's their personal safety, security and livelihood. It's the first thing they worry about when they wake up, and the last thing they think about at night.

It is incredibly sad and unfortunate that our federal government — the entity in charge of maintaining secure international borders — has failed so dramatically in its duty to the American taxpayer. Unwilling or unable to do its job, the responsibility and costs have fallen to state and local governments, private organizations, and individual landowners.

As a result, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association members regularly come forward with personal accounts of burglarized buildings, stolen property, damaged infrastructure, and even armed intimidation.



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The cost to fix their fences and deal with other damages also add up. Not to mention the added burdens and stretched budgets communities incur from increased local law enforcement needs, and the influx of migrants utilizing public services in rural Texas.

The emotional costs also continue to mount.

These are the men and women who make it possible for the American public to order a hamburger at the drive-through, or grill a steak on their back porch. Yet they must constantly worry about themselves or their kids running into armed trespassers on their own property.

We are incredibly grateful for our law enforcement officers, and cannot say enough good things about their work. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, so long as Congress fails to act, and the Biden administration refuses to acknowledge the crisis, cattle raisers and landowners will continue to suffer.

At Texas & Southwestern Cattle

Raisers Association, we are committed to calling attention to the plight of these families. Lawmakers on every level of government and the public need to know what they're experiencing. We hope this awareness and the strain on our food supply will spur action, especially in Washington, D.C.

To help facilitate this, I am proud to announce Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recently formed our own border security task force. The group consists of impacted members from across South Texas, staff, and select association special rangers.

The task force will rely on the extensive experience of these individuals to identify areas of concern, and develop creative solutions to mitigate the impacts of illegal immigration. The group will guide association efforts on border security and serve as a resource for policymakers, law enforcement, and impacted landowners as we work together to end this border crisis.

As chairman of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association border security task force, I am proud to take on this challenge, and optimistic we can improve the lives of cattle raisers and landowners impacted by this terrible crisis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thank you

We extend a sincere thank you to the following individuals for the success of the Alpine Multicultural Festival on June 11-12.

A special thanks to City Manager Megan Atrium, Mayor Catherine Eaves, Police Chief Darrell Losoya, Chris Ruggia, and Eddie Molinar and his city park staff for their support.

The parade was a huge success thanks to Robert B. Dominguez, patrol agent in

charge for the Horse Color Guard Patrol from the U.S Department of Homeland Security. Our grand marshal included Rev. Pastor Pablo Matta, Hortencia "Tenchi" Cordova, Ruben D Melgoza, and Anna M. Talley. Numerous floats participated in this awesome parade including the fire and ambulance department

The opening ceremony held at the Kokernot Park pavilion included guest speakers Pastor Carl Covington, the grand marshals, and the Alpine Ambassadors. Matta inaugurated the event with a special blessing. The program included Matachines from Alpine, Presidio, and Kermit, a wide variety of musical dance groups, and games and piñatas for kids. We want to thank the Sul Ross State University Theatre Department and UTPB poters for your participation.

A special thanks to all our sponsors for their generosity and the participation of a wide variety of food and merchandise vendors.

Finally, a "well done" salutation to the following Matachines Danza Guadalup committee members for their hard work and dedication in making the event a success - Blanca and Kirk Caughman, Ruth and Joe Macias, Dayami and Jose Fernandez, Adriana and Danielito Holguin, Hortencia Cordova, Martha Sanchez, Eva and Ramon Olivas, and the UTEP pharmacist students that volunteered to help.

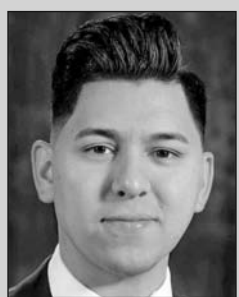
The Multicultural Festival Committee

Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "Will you plan on attending Alpine Cowboys 06 baseball games this season?"



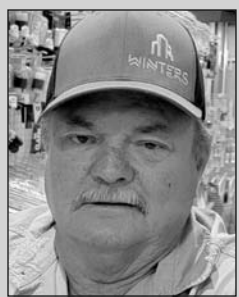
Ben Telesca, Alpine: Yes, I absolutely plan on attending the games. The community should support them more often and get out there. These guys do such a great job out there on the field. We have a great talent that comes through here and plays with us, and I've been to a couple of games already. It's such a nice, relaxing way to relieve stress. And people need to embrace that part of it, even if they're not huge baseball fans.



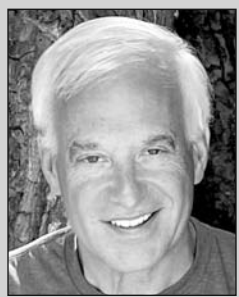
Isaac Pizarro, Alpine: Yes, the ones on the weekends are the ones I usually attend.



John Garcia, Marfa: Yes, it's fun and exciting for the kids, and they just love coming up here. We're from Marfa, and we don't have that there. So, we spend all our time here.



Buster Mills, Fort Davis: Yes, because it's an exciting and fun thing to do in West Texas.



Jim Hawk, Alpine: I've already attended two this year, and they're 2-0! It's baseball - of course it's fun! I go whenever I can.

Wildlife conference returns in 2022

For the first time since 2016, the Trans-Pecos Wildlife Conference will be held at Sul Ross State University on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4-5 this year. The event will be co-hosted by the Borderlands Research Institute, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The Trans-Pecos is one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world, but managing wildlife in the desert is difficult where frequent drought, invasive species, and brush encroachment seem to constantly challenge the landowners' ability to meet their conservation goals. The Wildlife Conference aims to address the needs of landowners and managers by covering relevant topics on big



Pronghorn.

Courtesy photo

game species like pronghorn, aoudad, bighorn sheep, and mule deer, as well as non-game species like black bears and songbirds.

Attention will also be given to energy development and conservation planning, as well as land-

owner support programs for habitat restoration activities.

The conference will begin Thursday morning at the Sul Ross Morgan University Center. Natural resource experts from across the region will share information with

landowners, ranchers, natural resource professionals, and wildlife enthusiasts about various management strategies, recent research updates, and conservation opportunities. That evening, the Texas Wildlife Association will host a social at Kokernot Lodge for all participants.

The conference will conclude Friday morning

with a half-day field tour to demonstrate various habitat management prescriptions, enhance plant ID skills, and discuss on-the-ground wildlife management on several private ranches.

Register early, as space is limited. Contact Amanda Gobeli at agobeli@texas-wildlife.org or 720-333-6224 for more information.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Oswald, a shy, sweet, tiny orange tabby who takes some time to warm up to new friends, but has never turned down pets. Oswald can seem a little standoffish at first, but a little scratch behind the ears will quickly win him over. He's affectionate and sweet, and can always be heard purring. Oswald is great with other cats and kittens and will play with anyone. He's honestly a little obsessed with bells, and can keep himself entertained for hours with just a jingly toy.

June is Adopt A Cat Month, and all cat and kitten adoptions are half price at just \$50. This includes spay/neuter, vaccines,



and microchip. There are many purr-fect felines at the Alpine Animal Shelter and at the Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store Cattery. Kittens are always better adopted in pairs, and we have many kitten siblings ready to join your family.

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.



Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Open House, 5:30-7 p.m. at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Celebrating the library's 75th anniversary. Door prizes and gift cards will be given away. Refreshments, live music by Calamity Creek. Free and open to the public.

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 medical 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 Mon-

day each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

See more at alpineavalanche.com.

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- 11:00AM-Rio Grande COG-Aging Services**
 "General Overview of Medicare Benefits"
 "Area Agency on Aging Services"
- 12:00PM-Sun City Dietitians**
 "Let's Get Cooking"
- 1:00PM-Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services**
 "Amplified and Captioned Phones"
- 2:00PM-Whole Life Wellness**
 "Stem Cell Therapy"

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Running for the Cowboys



Runners of all ages and skill levels paused for a photo outside Kokernot Field for the Alpine 06 Cowboys annual Home Run 5K and 10 K held outside the ballpark on June 11. Participants received a hand-made medal courtesy of local artist Pauline Hernandez, as well as other prizes after the popular event.

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FIREFIGHTERS • FROM 1



Aerial fire retardant is spread by firefighters.

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Sharing his thoughts on the mindset of firefighters, Regional Fire Coordinator Joe Pasqua spoke openly, saying, "Fire fighters have unique character traits to run towards fire rather

than away, as to better understand and be prepared to protect the area and the people."

Grieff agreed, adding, "It takes a very special kind of person who devotes their life to save others."

It is definitely a lifestyle involving perpetual education and training, practice, and team building. According to Grieff, his team must live simply, stretch their endurance, and know their assets.

The main aircraft used by aerial firefighters is the single engine air tanker. The two main air tankers are called Airtractor 802 and Fire Boss. They can load 800 gallons of retardant, water, or a foam/gel mix in under 15 minutes. A variety of factors determine which of these will be used for any given situation.

Aerial firefighters are set into motion with the initial smoke report and

dispatch, and then to the air tanker manager, the aerial attack and ground resources, over to the spotter, back to dispatch, through the air tanker manager again, and finally the pilots load the aircraft.

This brilliant team responds as a single unit, with planes circling at 3,000 feet in a seven-mile ring to execute orders. The incident commander on site controls ground and aerial support, and informs air attack to coordinate with pilots for appropriate tactics for the end goal to anchor, flank, and pinch.

Air tanker manager Bill Sprinkle said, "It depends on the kind of burn to determine the drop, from light fuel like grass, to medium like trees, to heavy fuel like logging slash."

They work with heavy equipment such as bulldozers and graders from Texas A&M Forest Ser-

vice to clear a circle around the fire.

"Clearing the ground down to the dirt separates the fuel from the fire because dirt doesn't burn," explained Sprinkle. "Fire only stops when it runs out of available fuel, like rivers, roads, rocks, and water. By clearing we make the fuel unavailable to the fire."

Sprinkle called these resources, "Just tools in the tool chest for the firefighter, like their equipment, materials, technology, and vital team members."

Knowing and respecting the tools is key.

The aerial firefighters invited all Alpine youth ages 10 and older to come see the planes on Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m. at Alpine-Casparis Municipal Airport. Kids and their parents can meet and take pictures with firefighters, an excellent Father's Day outing.

WORKSHOP • FROM 1

"We want a lot of feedback and expect it to be a slow process," Nance said.

Five city employees manage all of the parks. The board is exploring ways to lessen their burden by partnering with other organizations and considering park usage and ways to repurpose or possibly close some of them. There are several small parks down-

town that lack signage or other amenities indicating they are public spaces. Some city parks even get used as parking lots.

Board member, city council Ward 2, Lucy Escovedo said parking on park property needed to stop.

"If people want to drink, that's their business. Even the loud music doesn't bother

me. But people need to stop using city parks as a parking lot," she said.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at city hall, and meetings are open to the public. Meetings are listed on the calendar on the city website at CityOfAlpine.com, as well as published in The Alpine Avalanche.

LIBRARY • FROM 1

The library hopes to bring back a silent auction in the fall, and next spring will hope to bring back the popular Dancing with the Stars event, both popular and profitable fundraisers that benefit the library.

Library expansion is another project in the works.

"We are still working on getting bids and hoping that maybe later this

fall we will get started," said Wetterauer.

Around 2,000 square feet would be added to the library, along with a new children's area, an outdoor patio, a family restroom, and a craft room. There will also be an expansion in the teen/young adult area.

Said Wetterauer, "Our goal is to provide a community space, a space where people can come

in, feel comfortable, interact with each other, and relax."

Having the library celebrate this milestone is something Jamieson is particularly proud of.

"I feel like it's our birthday. It's really something to celebrate," exclaimed Jamieson. "We really want to reposition ourselves as being a very welcoming center of the community, and that's our goal."

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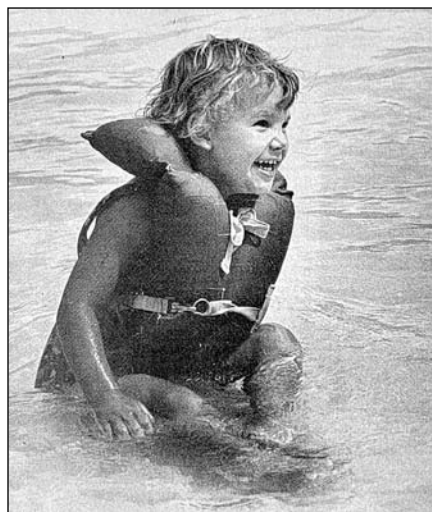
LOOKING BACK

Alpine Avalanche

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June 16, 1977

SCS district representatives attending a meeting at Range Science Building, Sul Ross University, Alpine, Saturday, were Joe Antilley, president of Texas State Board of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Kenneth Kuykendall, president of the Texas Association of SWCDs; and Rex Ivey, chairman of Big Bend Soil and Water Conservation District.



June 16, 1977

Tara Mechelle Shipp, 3, keeps cool last week as temperatures climbed into the upper 90s. Tara was enjoying the water at the Alpine municipal swimming pool. The mercury has yet to hit the magic 100 degrees.

June 16, 1977

Ray McLaughlin receives recognition from Boss Lion Jodie Holman during an awards banquet on Memorial Day. Looking on are Sul Ross State University President Bob Richardson, Anju Rangra, and Avinash Rangra.



June 23, 1977

Kimra Smith of Alpine, a student in the East Texas State University Model Learning Center kindergarten, puts the final touches to a Father's Day gift for her dad Roy Smith, a member of the industrial arts faculty at Sul Ross State University. Hand tooled key chain ornaments were made by the children under the direction of Dr. Leon Harney. Mrs. Delores Smith, a teacher in Alpine Junior High School, is attending ETSU this summer.

Redbud leaves changing color

Dear Neil: We bought a redbud tree while it was blooming. When it leafed out, its leaves were burgundy, but now that we're into summer the leaves have taken on a dark green cast. Is that normal? I really like the burgundy.

That's normal for almost all burgundy- or purple-leaved plants, not just redbuds. The chlorophyll pigment comes to the forefront in the warmer temperatures. These same varieties, when grown on the West Coast or in the North, will hold onto their purple color much better through the summer.

Dear Neil: Some of the leaves of my Nuttall oak came out a reddish color this spring, and overall the tree is more of a pale green color. Do you think this is a min-

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

eral deficiency? What can I do?

This is iron deficiency. Have your soil tested for its pH. If it shows up to be alkaline, higher than 7.0, iron will become insoluble and, therefore, unavailable for uptake by the tree's roots. You could add iron and a sulfur soil acidifier. If after a couple of years that proves not to work, you need to contact a consulting arborist, but I will

warn you that correcting iron deficiency with a tree can be a thankless task that gets worse and more expensive with each passing year.

Dear Neil: I have three cucumber and two eggplant plants in separate containers. They are all very healthy plants, but they

are not setting fruit. My tomatoes in the same planting medium are setting fruit profusely. What might the difference be?

Those crops pollinate differently. Cucumbers are pollinated by bees, but you must have male and female flowers. Male cucumber flowers have

straight stems. Female flowers have swollen stems that will become the fruit. If you don't see bees actively working the flowers you will need to pluck off a few male flowers, peel back the petals, and daub their pollen onto the female flowers. That works for all cucurbits. Eggplants are pollinated by vibra-

tion just as are tomatoes. Thumping the flower clusters is often a help. They also will fail to set fruit well at very high temperatures. That could be your problem in this summer of early heat.

Email him at mail-bag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.



Forest pansy purple-leaved redbud

ACROSS

1 middle name of "Lady Bird" Johnson

5 repair socks

6 get ready for publication

7 TXism: "a shy dog don't get biscuits"

8 TXism: "old as"

9 late TX actress and model, Fawcett "against" prefix

16 TX Leon Jaworski became Watergate prosecutor after this Cox was fired

19 TXism: "that's a fine how" (something irritating)

21 where Moses got the commandments

22 TXism: "of arrows in his quiver" (capable)

27 tear in a sweater

28 sell door to door

29 TXism: "useless as perfume"

30 TXism: "a whipped pup"

32 Austin band: "Asleep the Wheel"

33 TX Cooley is known for his work in surgery

36 Granbury historic hotel: "House"

37 nickname of president born in Denison

38 TXism: "attracted like a magnet"

39 male fowl (2 wds.)

41 "black gold"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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42 Texas city meaning "the pass" (2 wds.)

45 many Texans have played on the PGA

46 Astros former leag.

47 chain-fence

48 marching cadence word

49 in Texas, cars must have a registration

52 "in the face" (an insult)

53 Ocean, Texas

DOWN

1 suffix for "lemon" or "lime"

2 young man

3 Groveton is the seat of this county

4 TX Tanya Tucker sang "San" (1975)

8 TXism: "slinging drunk"

9 TXism: "a would have more fun" (bored)

10 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)

11 actor Rock in Texas epic "Giant" (init.)

12 TXism: "cream top" (good quality)

13 head nod at an auction (2 wds.)

14 TX Woodward was the walking boss in "Cool Luke"

15 TXism: "if he's bark"

16 Eve's mate in Eden

17 TX Shaquille won 3 titles as this (city abbr. + team)

18 calorie counter

20 the family

22 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to"

23 Lennon's widow

31 Palo Canyon

34 Metroplex mexican eatery: "Fenix"

35 TXism: "some gravel" (fell)

37 TXism: "lapped" (believed)

40 "grapes"

43 "The Leaning Tower of"

44 TXism: "numerous as dead worm"

50 a "Corps" member at Texas A&M

51 military kitchen duty (abbr.)

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Sports

Softball team swings at the competition



Alpine girls softball team, TRU 12U, from the Big Bend Amateur Softball Association, went undefeated this season and became the champs, having an 18-0 season. They celebrated being crowned the reigning champs on June 10 at Manuel Payne Field in Kokernot Park. In the photo, standing, Coach Neil Martinez, Alice Saunders, Lily Mendoza, Kayleigh Parsons, Natalie Navarette, Alyna Gutierrez, Danika Baeza, Coach Cynthia Payne, Coach Lil Payne, and Manager Chiquita Ramos; bottom row, Harper Sinclair, Aaliyah Garcia, Isela Carrasco, Ailea Fierro, Reyna Martinez, Leah Struthers, and Georgia Sinclair.

Courtesy photo

Stieg qualified for State 4-H show



Talynn Stieg, Twin Peaks 4-H club member, qualified for the Texas State 4-H horse show in Bryan. Stieg earned her trip to the competition after a successful District show, with firsts in halter, poles, and stakes race, and third in barrels. Stieg is shown here at the District 6 4-H horseshow in Monahans.

Courtesy photo

Cowboys gave fans plenty to cheer about last week

BY ETHAN EIBE
Sports Correspondent

After enduring a brutal four-game sweep on the road to begin the season against the Garden City Wind, the Cowboys returned to form by winning five games at home versus the expansion Austin Weirdos and Weimar Hormigas to bring their record to 5-4.

"The guys started to play together as a team," Cowboys Manager Sean Persky said. "A lot of the new guys bought into what we do here. The offense picked up more aggressively at the dish, and we got a lot out of our starting rotation."

Opening Day saw Cowboys starting pitcher Ridge Walker hold Austin to five runs through six innings, matching his inning total from his first start against the Wind. The Cowboys battled back from a 5-3 deficit to tie the game in the sixth inning, and take the lead for good in the seventh.

Alpine broke the five-run deadlock when shortstop Manny Garcia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, forcing home Mark Traylor from third. The Cowboys tacked on three more in the inning to earn a 9-5 win in front of 912 adoring fans.

The following day's ballgame was no contest, as the Cowboys blew out the Weirdos 19-5 on 17 base hits. Remarkably, just two of Alpine's knocks went for extra bases. Traylor blasted his first home run of the season to left field, setting the tone for a 14-run second inning. Buzz Shirley, making his professional debut on the mound, pitched in on offense with a two-run double. The rest of the bats followed suit to allow Shirley to coast to his first Cowboys win. Shirley, a Candor, N.Y.

native, was added to the roster ahead of the homestand to provide Alpine with much-needed pitching depth. His strong seven innings on June 8 were the most in one game by a Cowboys hurler this season.

Alpine's bid for a series sweep of Austin was cut short in the sixth inning on Thursday night. With the game tied at 10 runs apiece and reliever Alejandro Amezcua on the mound for the Cowboys, the Guatemalan right-hander induced a double play off the bat of Weirdos second baseman Santiago Rodriguez.

Upon Rodriguez crossing the first base bag, a shouting match commenced between him and Cowboys first baseman Bryce Donovan. Words soon ascended to fists in a bench-clearing brawl. Both dugouts emptied as players from teams landed punch after punch in the scuffle behind the first base bag. After the teams were separated, the three-man umpiring crew took extra time to decide which players to eject. As the umpires notified the teams of the disqualified players, members of the Weirdos left their dugout and confronted the officials at home plate, leading to the umpires calling off the game entirely, as they felt the unsportsmanlike conduct had gone too far.

Cowboys catcher Colin Johnson was the only Alpine player suspended following the league's review of the incident. He made an appearance on the Cowboys radio broadcast while serving his two-game punishment.

"If you mess with one of us, you are going to get all of us," Johnson said. "That's the Cowboy way."

The game is scheduled to be continued from its point of suspension when the

Weirdos return to Alpine from June 27-29. The exact date and time have not yet been announced.

The Cowboys took on the Weimar Hormigas in the second half of the homestand, outscoring them 52-19 in the three-game weekend sweep.

Alpine secured a 7-6 victory Friday night on their first walk-off win of the season. After trailing the entire night against Weimar, Cowboys catcher Dylan Nolan tied the game at six in the bottom of the ninth inning with a clutch RBI single to left field, scoring Colton Whitehouse. Pinch hitter Calvin Graves provided the game-winning hit one batter later. Graves grounded a ball off the glove of Hormigas third baseman Dylan Gausman to bring home Garcia, and begin the celebration. It was a much-needed moment for Graves, who had been struggling at the plate to start his third season with the Cowboys.

The weekend slate of games proved to be an embarrassment of riches for the Cowboys offense. Alpine put up 24 runs on the scoreboard Saturday to the Hormigas six, and eclipsed the 20-run benchmark again Sunday afternoon, securing the sweep with a 21-7 win. Weimar pitching threw a combined 27 walks across the final two games. Whitehouse provided four RBI on Saturday to pace the Cowboys, while first baseman Alex Westman and middle infielder Josh Laurie combined for eight hits and eight RBI Sunday.

The Cowboys will enjoy four consecutive off days from June 13-16 before embarking on a nine-game, four-city road trip, beginning with a rematch against the Weirdos in Austin Friday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The next home game for Alpine will not be late in the month, when they host the Weirdos from June 27-29. All nine games on the upcoming road trip will be broadcast live on KVLFF 98.7FM.

Cowboys Schedule

Jun 17-19 Austin Weirdos @ Austin. 7 p.m./4 p.m. Sunday
Jun 20-21 Weimar Hormigas @ Weimar 8:30 p.m.



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Flores-Gaytan caps off season with invitation to National Showcase

Javier Flores-Gaytan capped off his Lobo Ultimate Frisbee Team season on a high note with an invitation to participate in the Color of Ultimate: National College Showcase in May. He was the only player invited from Texas.

The showcase is a partnership between Color of Ultimate and USA Ultimate.

The Ultimate program at Sul Ross has been growing steadily since its inception in 2005, and its success has come quickly while competing against 20- and 30-player scholarship squads. The Lobos play in the highly competitive South Central Region, which routinely sends teams to the play-offs.

While they fell short at Regionals this year, the Lobos' season was highlighted by a tournament win in Austin against Division I and II schools. They were also the first-ranked Division III team in Texas.

The Ultimate Frisbee community is tight-knit, and the Lobos have been turning heads around the country.



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Baseball and hot dogs with True Value



Alpine o6 Cowboys Manager Sean Persky joins the Cowboys baseball players at the Morrison True Value Great Grill Sale on June 11 at a meet and greet sponsored by the True Value. True Value co-owner Lucy Ward grilled plenty of hot dogs with all the fixings for customers who enjoyed perusing the selection of grills.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

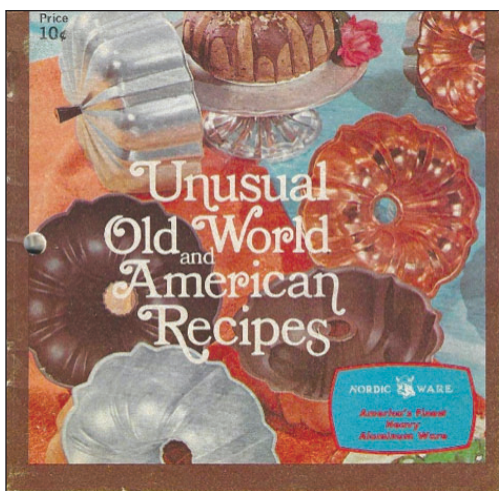
Pistachio bundt cake

One of my fondest memories growing up was my grandmother's pistachio cake. I do not recall where she came across the recipe, but all I remember is that it was delicious. Years later I asked my mom if she had the recipe, or if she would make me one. She claimed she had no idea what I was talking about, but I distinctly remember her making the same cake. I think she just did not feel like baking. Which I can completely relate to.

So years went by without my request or desire for pistachio cake being answered. And then my mom found a sack with recipes my grandmother had put away and forgotten about. Many of these recipes were handwritten on whatever piece of paper, envelope, or paper bag, my grandmother could find to write them on.

It was at this point she tasked me with a job. My mom asked me to scan these recipes into the computer, and save them onto a flash drive so we could keep copies of them long after the paper versions faded and decayed. Although she does have plans to laminate most of them, it was while going through these recipes that I came across this nifty little recipe book from Nordicware with a recipe for pistachio cake.

The recipe that was listed in this little book is different from the one my grandmother made. It has a bit of a twist to it, although certainly not a bad one. You see, my grandmother did not use chocolate in



HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert

her pistachio cake like the recipe in this book does. Instead, I believe she used the basic recipe from this book, minus the chocolate. At least that is what I can extrapolate from what I remember of her making this cake. She also did not ice the cake, but sifted powdered sugar over the top. I am quite surprised she did not use this recipe because she knew I was fond of chocolate and my grandad, well, he was just fond of sweets.

When I read recipes, especially those that are from my grandmother, it takes

Pistachio bundt cake

Ingredients:

- 1 package of white or yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 1 package pistachio instant pudding mix
- 3/4 cup chocolate syrup

Directions:

- Place all the ingredients except the chocolate syrup into a mixing bowl, and mix at low speed for one minute.
- Then mix at a higher speed for three minutes, or until well blended.
- Pour 2/3 of the mixture into a well-greased and floured bundt pan.
- With the remaining 1/3 of the batter, add the 3/4 cup of chocolate syrup, and mix well.
- Once the last 1/3 is mixed well, pour it over the batter in the pan, and run a knife through it to marble it.
- Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.
- Allow to cool in pan for 15 minutes before turning out.

me down memory lane to all those summers and weekends I would spend with her "helping" in the kitchen. The memories are bittersweet, unlike this cake, which is perfectly sweet and awaiting the baker in you.

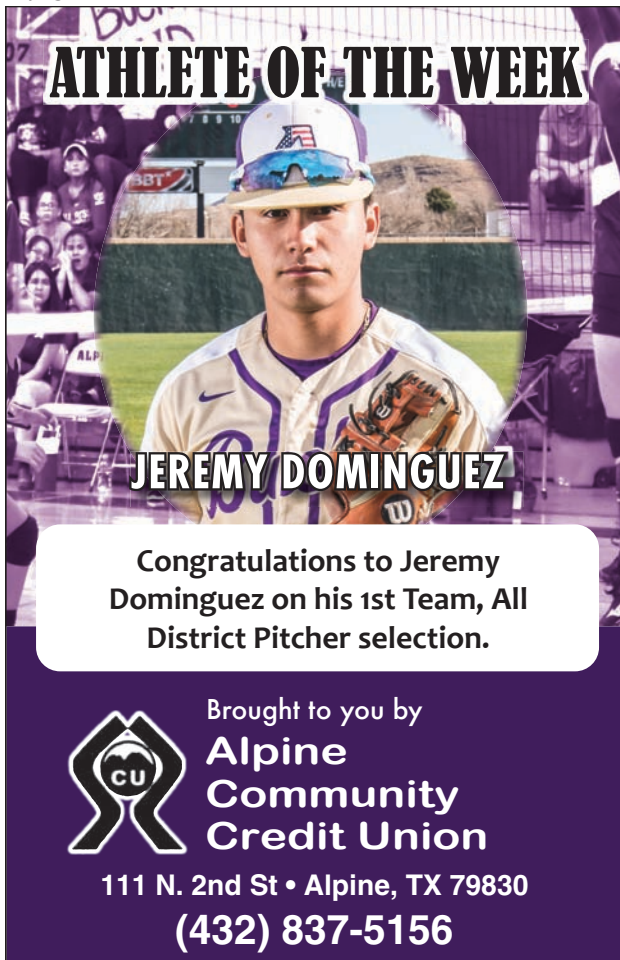
Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at foodie9372@gmail.com.

Community, music, connections

On Sunday, July 3, First Presbyterian Church in Marfa will host a Community, Music, Connection celebration from 6-8 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

Music will be provided by Hall's Last Call band from Fort Davis. Some tables and chairs will be set up, but visitors can bring their own, along with coolers.

First Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Fort Davis Highway 17 and Columbia Street in Marfa.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JEREMY DOMINGUEZ

Congratulations to Jeremy Dominguez on his 1st Team, All District Pitcher selection.

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Chill and grill



Morrison True Value co-owner Lucy Ward pauses with True Value employees during the traditional Great Grill Sale held on June 11 in Alpine. Ward served up free hot dogs for customers as they browsed the great selection of favorite brands and popular models for gas, charcoal, and pellet grills at special sale prices.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

CBP releases April update

U.S. Customs and Border Protection recently released operational statistics for April for the southwest border.

CBP continues to enforce the Title 42 public health order in addition to the agency's long-standing Title 8 authorities. When Title 42 is terminated, CBP will once again impose consequences for all unlawful entries by fully exercising its Title 8 authorities as it used to long before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Said CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus, "The fact is that our borders are not open, and we will continue to remove those who enter our country unlawfully and have no legal basis to stay. After many months of planning, we are executing a comprehensive strategy to safely, orderly, and humanely manage our borders."

Since many people ex-

pelled into Mexico under Title 42 try to reenter the U.S., it has contributed to a higher-than-usual number of migrants making multiple crossing attempts.

The number of unique encounters nationwide in April was 157,555, a 2% decrease compared to March. There were 201,800 encounters in April, a 4% decrease compared to March.

An additional 32,288 encounters occurred at ports of entry, an increase of 183% compared to March. This was attributed to the high number of Ukrainians processed at southwest border ports of entry. Of the 234,088 total encounters, 28% involved individuals who had at least one prior encounter in the previous 12 months, compared to an average one-year re-encounter rate of 15% for fiscal years 2014-2019.

Seventy-one percent of

all southwest land border encounters were single adults, with 166,814 encounters in April, a 2% decrease compared to March.

For expulsion under Title 42, 96,908 encounters were processed, and 137,180 encounters were processed under Title 8.

Nationwide total encounters for fiscal year 2022 through April were 1,478,977.

Beginning May 23, DHS will no longer process families and single adults for expulsion under Title 42. Instead, it will process them for removal under Title 8. Until May 23, DHS will continue to process families and single adults for expulsion pursuant to the order.

Under Title 8 those who attempt to enter the U.S. without authorization and who are unable to establish a legal basis to remain here will be removed.

Mental health presentation at library

There will be a mental health presentation at Alpine Public Library on Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. All are invited to get informed and trained.

The presentation will include a mental health

lecture, group discussion, and mind challenge games. This training is for those who want to make a change, while making a positive impact on themselves and those around them.

Goals are to encourage deep thinking, self-control, and the ability to unite together with others.

Call the library ahead at 432-837-2621 to reserve a seat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR • FROM 4

Juneteenth

Once again June has come around, and it's a time to remember the 19th of June, 1865, when Texas Democrat slave owners were forced to acknowledge the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of their slaves. This action was brought on by U.S. Republicans who also began receiving Black Representatives and Black members into the Republican Party a short time after the emancipation and the end of the Civil War, unlike the Democrat Party of the defunct C.S.A.

James R. Le Blanc
Fort Davis

To the Big Bend community

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Marfa confirms that Martha Bumpas is our Minister-in-Residence. We welcome Pastor Bill Cotman of Alpine to our community.

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NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING CAPTIONED 2022 ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2022-05-02 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 – ANIMALS; AMENDING ARTICLE 1 – IN GENERAL, AMENDING ARTICLE IV – DANGEROUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING AN UPDATED DANGEROUS DOG DETERMINATION PROCESS AND PROVIDING UPDATED DEFINITIONS)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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

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 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
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.0

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Hanging out at the 5k



Alpine 06 Cowboys players Jose Orta, Ridge Walker, and Alex Canty, along with Alpine resident and Cowboys fan Payton Tays, pause for a photo outside Kokernot baseball stadium during the Cowboy Up! Home Run 5k and 10k held on June 11. The Cowboys players cheered on the runners who participated in the annual tradition.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Field day will focus on skill, service, science

Members of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club will be participating in the national amateur radio Field Day exercise on June 25-26 from 1 p.m. Saturday until 1 p.m. Sunday at North Double Diamond clubhouse. The clubhouse is eight miles south of Alpine just over Big Hill at 46590 U.S. Highway 118.

Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of amateur radio. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Field Day is a showcase for how amateur radio works reliably under any conditions from almost any location to create an independent communications network.

"Ham radio functions completely independent of the internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with laptops or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage," said Bob Inderbitzen, a spokesperson for ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio which represents amateur radio operators across the country.

He added, "In today's electronic do-it-yourself environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastruc-

structure goes down.: Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are more than 750,000 licensed hams in the U.S. For

more information about field day or amateur radio, contact Charlie Troxel at N5CET@arrl.net, or visit arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

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Position requires a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or related field and a minimum of 21 years of age. Applications may be obtained from the Brewster County County Web Page.

Mail application and a resume to

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To receive more information and apply for the position please send your contact information and resume via email to the following link: www.indeed.com/job/manager-property-owner-association-and-lodge-operation-8c1f4b34d895fb01

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT A CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022 REGARDING THE 2022-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 5, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

A COPY OF THE DRAFT PLAN IS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY BY EMAILING CITY.SECRETARY@CI.ALPINE.TX.US OR BY REQUESTING A COPY IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 5:30. Tuesday, June 29, 2022 in Alpine ISD Admin Board Room at 704 W. Sul Ross Ave Alpine, 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	\$.9429/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.20/\$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	3.00% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase) or	.0012% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase) or	4.00% (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	\$893,460,510	\$1,037,724,319
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$17,578,755	\$26,099,733
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$675,058,974	\$783,005,700
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$16,678,023	\$25,452,333

* "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: \$ **19,065,000**

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.0024	\$0.210*	\$1.2124	\$7,863
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations				
Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.9300	\$0.20*	\$1.1300	\$7,617
Proposed Rate	\$0.9429	\$0.20*	\$1.1429	\$8,230

* 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	\$171,107	\$202,690
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$110,836	\$125,414
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2124	\$1.1429
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,344	\$1,433
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$89

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 Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.9429 (M&O). This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.9429.

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)	\$9,249,597
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$716,580

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