

City discusses water well issues

BY ROXANNE HILL
 Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled council meeting on July 5, and water well issues, a delinquent HOT funds update, and a volunteer fire department update drove the discussions.



Andrew Pierce

City Manager Megan Antrim said the city is still under water restrictions, and announced that over the weekend, parts of Sunny Glen experienced power outages due to storms.

She said water wells were checked by the staff, and they found two non-operational wells that supply water to half of Alpine.

"We believe it is a storm weather incident, and they were hit by lightning. Once we pull the pump out, we can tell," said Antrim. "They are working on getting those up and running as soon as possible, and we are continuing the

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Alpine ISD approves budget

BY ROXANNE HILL
 Staff Writer

Alpine ISD Board of Trustees approved the 2022-2023 budget at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 29 that included salary increases for paraprofessionals across the board. Dr. Adrian Billings, Dist. 6, was absent.

District CFO Clay Braden proposed a \$4,000 raise for all paraprofessionals - cafeteria, maintenance, transportation, classroom aides, and other non-professional employees.

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart said the budget was as conservative as possible, adding, "It was based on low average daily attendance, which we know is a big focus for this year."

Regarding the proposed tax rate, Braden emphasized it cannot be adopted by the district until the state certified values are released in August.

Next, former Interim Superintendent Dennis McEntire provided a high school construction



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Saluting the Stars and Stripes



It was a proud and patriotic day for Alpine Boy Scouts Troop 41 as they march their way to Kokernot Park at the July 4th celebration parade. A cool and cloudy day with light rain was in the forecast as spectators enjoyed seeing the red, white, and blue patriotic decor all around Alpine.

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New Presidio ag extension agent focused on growth

BY ROXANNE HILL
 Staff Writer

Micki Harris is leading the way as the new extension agent for Presidio County.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is an educational agency which reaches into every Texas county to address local needs in production agriculture, natural resources, and more, and Harris is ready to roll up her sleeves.

Harris comes to Marfa and Presidio from Central Texas, having grown up in Gatesville. Two years prior to her new stint, Harris worked as a lab technician for a livestock entomology specialist in Stephenville.

Said Harris, "I maintained a house fly colony, conducted trials for insecticides on flies and ticks, performed collec-

tions at dairies and other livestock facilities, and coordinated with county agents to determine needed supplies and collections."

After spending much of her time in Central Texas, Harris decided to pack her bags and head west, and is excited to hone her skills in Presidio County.

"I think the ag extension role in its entirety is very important within the communities because it works as a bridge between Texas A&M University, new research and methods, things like that, and getting them to the community," explained Harris.

She will wear many hats as the Presidio County 4-H coordinator and hopes to bring significant growth to Marfa 4-H and Presidio's Rio Grande



Micki Harris

4-H clubs to prepare kids for the future by helping them look at career avenues and fields involving agriculture.

"I'm hoping to grow that and show kids the opportunities they can get through 4-H, whether it be scholarships, professional development, or growing this program and Presidio County as much as I can with the resources I have," she said.

Currently her focus is on getting to know the community and deciding the county's needs so she can better implement successful programs. Harris will also be partnering with Brewster and Jeff Davis County Ag Extension Agent Luke Hendryx, who will provide mentorship and area information to assist her.

As the new school year ap-

proaches, Presidio County will kick off its 4-H recruiting event that Harris hopes will bring in more volunteers and students. The event will be held sometime in late August to early September, and Harris will be present to answer questions and provide information on 4-H clubs. She also wants to make sure students are aware of the varied agricultural career fields, not just the conventional ones.

"I want to show those kids that if you want to be a scientist, agriculture needs scientists," Harris pointed out. "We need communications people, journalists, we need anything you can think of - there is a place for that in agriculture. I want to focus on career development with these kids, and especially with the older kids going into college, helping them find a better program to pursue."

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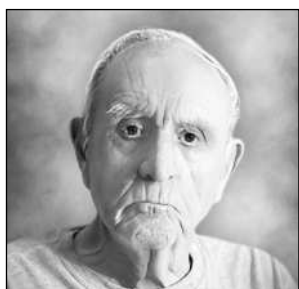
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OBITUARIES

Lorenzo Moreno Lara



With the faith and love of his blessed Lord and Savior, Lorenzo Moreno Lara closed his eyes to his earthly home on June 28, 2022, and opened his eyes to a glorious homecoming to be welcomed by Jesus Christ, his personal Lord and Savior.

Praying of the most holy rosary will be recited on Friday, July 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine, Texas, followed by a mass of Christian Burial with Father Alfonso Sanchez to

serve as celebrant. Burial will follow at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine where Lorenzo will be laid to rest.

Those providing one final act of love for Lorenzo by serving as pallbearers will be Remigio Carrasco, Michael Rodriguez, Steven

Rodriguez, and Derek Rodriguez. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Larry Lara, Lonnie Lara, Gilbert Gonzales, Carlos Rodriguez, Ryan Baade, and James Howell.

Lorenzo was born on July 21, 1933, in Shafter, Texas, to Luis Lara and Ernestina Moreno. He attended public school in Alpine, and obtained a general equivalency degree before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force on July 18, 1952, where he was a construction equipment operator. He proudly served our country for

four years, and received an honorable discharge on July 17, 1956.

He married the love of his life, Maria Eduvina Campos Garcia, on July 27, 1956, and had Larry Ramsey Lara, LaNelle Martha Rodriguez, Lonnie Robert Lara, Lorinda Ann Gonzales, and Lu Lara-Valdez. Lorenzo and Eduvina were married for over 65 years.

Lorenzo was Catholic by faith, and was devoted to his family. He loved life, and was a friendly and familiar face in the community.

Lorenzo was preceded

in death by his parents, Luis Lara and Ernestina Moreno Lara; brothers Luis "Vichy" Lara, Leopoldo "Polo" Lara, and Leovigildo "Leo" Lara; and his grandson Jason Scott Rodriguez.

Those left to honor and cherish Lorenzo's life are his children Larry Lara and wife Elizabeth Montalvo Lara, LaNelle Lara and husband Carlos Rodriguez, Lonnie Lara and wife Becky Pal-lanez Lara, and Lorinda Gonzales and husband Gilbert Gonzalez; and daughter Lu Lara-Valdez. Lorenzo had the honor

of being called "Tata" by his 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has offered prayers, thoughts, and just being there for us during this time. God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.

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Donald George Satterwhite



Donald George Satterwhite, 92, of Alpine, Texas, passed away at his residence on June 25, 2022.

He was born in Necessity, Texas, on Sept. 2, 1929, the oldest of three children of George and Winifred Satterwhite.

After graduating from high school, he joined the armed forces, and proudly served in the U. S. Marine Corps. Following his discharge, he attended Tarleton State University, then transferred to Texas A&M University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology.

Don began working for Gulf Oil Company, and was sent to Mara-

thon, Texas, where he mapped a large portion of the Marathon Basin. Several years later after leaving Gulf, he enrolled at Sul Ross State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, then took a job teaching in Clint, Texas, for two years.

After returning to Alpine, he began working for the Alpine Independent School District, and in 1964 received a master's degree in English from Sul Ross. Don con-

tinued to work for AISD for many years, and taught at the high school, middle school, and Centennial School.

He was a voracious reader, a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan, and loved riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He enjoyed all kinds of music, including classical, Tejano, country and western, big band, New Orleans style jazz, rock'n'roll, and blues, and was particularly fond of the song "Ramblin Man" by the Allman Brothers Band. Another favorite pastime was sitting under his shaded patio watching the wild birds he fed every day.

Don's loving family and friends will remember his compassionate nature, sense of humor, generous spirit, and

kindness towards all. He was a loving father and grandfather, and a devoted husband, and caregiver to his wife for as long as he was able.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved dogs Snoopy, Iris, Lacy and Sunka, many cats, his favorite cousin Ted Parks, and his good friends Albert Hallford and Sanford DeVoll.

Survivors include his wife Laura Lee; daughter Lauren Satterwhite; granddaughter Jade Spear; brother Fred Satterwhite; sister Polly Coleman and husband Jake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Per his wishes, no fu-

neral or memorial service is planned. Memorial contributions can be made to the Marathon Animal Shelter, P.O.

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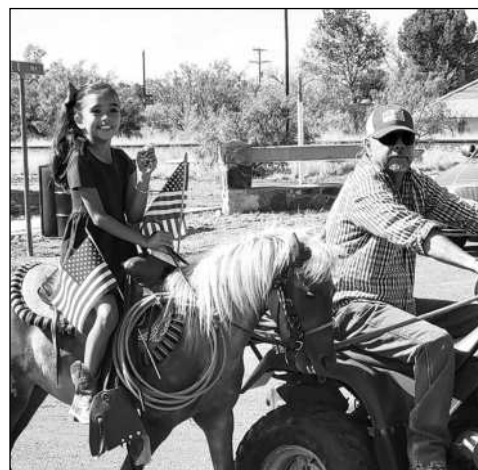
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Summer exhibit features multimedia story

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

The current exhibit, "Photographs by Edward S. Curtis," at the Museum of the Big Bend opened mid-June and runs through Sept. 3. The exhibit was pulled from the museum's extensive collections, and includes a variety of media, from photographs and maps, to artifacts.

The photographic works of Curtis were produced from 1900-1930, and feature striking portraits of Native Americans. The series was prompted by the belief by many that Native American tribes and cultures had vanished. Curtis set out to capture as much of what was left as he could and ingratiate himself into the everyday lives of dozens of tribes, explained Museum Curator of Collections and Youth Programming Matt Water.

Walter and Museum Director Mary Bones curated the exhibit, with Walter weaving a narrative across a series of annotations throughout, beginning with one of the earliest maps of America. Terra Nova by Martin Waldseemüller, dated 1513, is an original, and at over 500 years old, still looks brand new, with its vague boundaries of the New World separated from the Old World by a vast sea.

The progression of maps paints a picture of a solidifying New World identity that takes more certain shape at the expense of the indigenous people already there.

Maps dated 1836 and 1867 show rapid changes. One was published just before Congress passed the Indian Removal Act, and shows generous boundaries of tribes sprawling from the Gulf of Mexico

to the Polar Sea. The next map shows the restrictive boundaries of Indian Reservations created with the post-Civil War Indian Reservations Act. Later maps leave out any reference to Native Americans at all.

As of the 1880s, it was thought the bison were extinct. The Smithsonian Museum sent its collector W. T. Hornaday west to purchase bison hides while they still could. While exploring, Hornaday discovered there were still a few pockets of bison left across the Southwest. This discovery led to efforts to increase the herds that continue to this day. A map of Hornaday's discoveries is on display.

Artifacts on display include tribal clothing that would have been worn by Native Americans during the time represented in Curtis's photographs. Unfortunately,



Matt Walter co-curated Museum of the Big Bend's current exhibit of Edward S. Curtis photographs, historic American maps, and Native American artifacts, all from the museum's own collections.

Photo by Shawna Graves

nately, the garments lack paperwork detailing their provenance, Walter said. That's because during the 1940s, Works progress Administration workers were hired to redo the

museum's paperwork. They did not record all of the information nor keep the originals, Walter said. That makes the new museum building addition, currently under construc-

tion, especially significant. Project donors will be signing the building's highest beam July 13, and Bones expects the new building to be open to the public by January 2023.

Tourism up at national park

A new National Park Service report shows that 581,220 visitors to Big Bend National Park in 2021 spent over \$53 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 726 jobs in the area and had a cumulative benefit to the West Texas economy of \$61 million.

"National parks are a vital part of our nation's economy, especially for park gateway communities where millions of visitors each year find a place to sleep and eat, hire outfitters and guides, and make use of other local services that help drive a vibrant tourism and outdoor recreation industry," said Superintendent Bob Krumenaker.

Visitation to the park in



2021 set an all-time record, and was up by 25% over 2019, the previous record visitation year for the park.

Nationwide, the report shows \$20.5 billion of direct spending by more than 297 million park visitors in communities near a national park unit. This spending supported 322,600 jobs nationally, 269,900 of those in these gateway communities. The cumulative ben-

efit to the U.S. economy was \$42.5 billion.

The lodging sector had the highest direct effects, with \$7 billion in economic output nationally. The restaurant sector was had the second greatest effects, with \$4.2 billion in economic output nationally. Big Bend saw a similar pattern, with lodging accounting for 26% of the economic impact and

restaurants 16%.

Direct visitor spending also generates indirect impacts on the economy from sales, income, and employment resulting from local businesses purchasing supplies and labor, and employees spending their incomes in the local economy. This totaled 30% of the economic impact from visitors to Big Bend National Park.

Cleaning up the town



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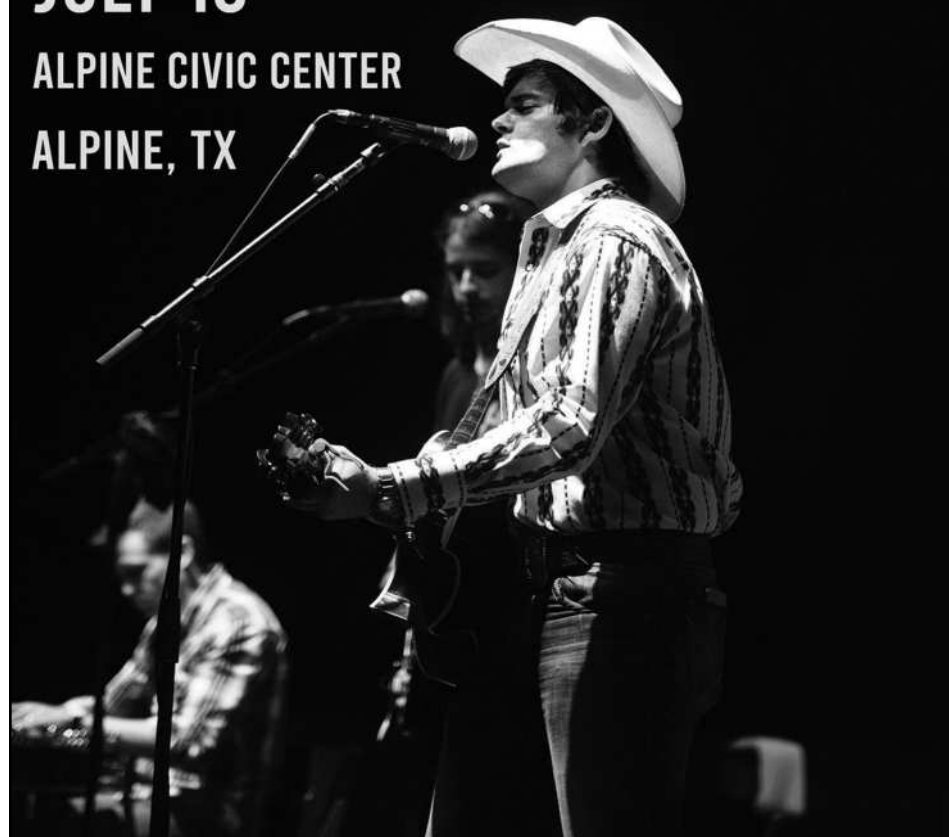


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RESULTS

The Second Amendment still stands-I Have the right to bear arms. Period.

53% (126 votes)
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.

41% (98 votes)
Complete gun control is the only solution-the government should confiscate all weapons from private ownership.

Total votes: 238

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

Will today's high motor fuel prices keep you from traveling this summer?
- Absolutely! With the outrageous price of gasoline and diesel fuel, I plan to stay close to home this summer.

- I will likely do a lot less traveling this summer, but I still plan to take a driving vacation.

- Not at all. It is what it is, and it won't stop me from traveling.

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Recent cases highlight the importance of courts

As we celebrate America's independence, it is a fitting time to recognize one of the institutions vital to preserving our rights and freedoms - the judiciary.

Each year state and federal courts across the nation hear thousands of cases, not to consider an individual's guilt or innocence, but to interpret and apply the laws themselves. These court cases examine the laws passed by the legislative branch and regulations enacted by the executive branch. Ultimately, the courts will decide whether they are constitutional, how they apply to specific cases, and resolve questions such as jurisdiction.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association actively participates in this judicial process when cases reach appeal and have consequences beyond the parties involved. Recently, several cases have warranted our involvement, through amicus curiae briefs, because of their potential to impact cattle producers in Texas and across the country.



BRIAN McLAUGHLIN
Board of Directors, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association

Happily, cattle producers can notch two significant victories with recent Texas Supreme Court rulings.

In a May 20 ruling on *Pape Partners v. DRR Family Properties*, the Texas Supreme Court reaffirmed a long-standing precedent on how Texans' water rights are protected. A lower court ruled that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had exclusive jurisdiction to decide disputes over water rights. The Texas Supreme Court overturned the decision, maintaining the courts are the proper venue, not a state agency.

This victory ensures consistency and clarity for Texas cattle producers who rely on

decided recently. Unfortunately, the court determined that the proposed high-speed rail project from Houston to Dallas can use condemnation authority to acquire the land they want.

Finally, at the federal level, we expect a decision next year on the case of *Sackett v. EPA*. This U.S. Supreme Court ruling will clarify the Environmental Protection Agency's authority under the Clean Water Act and have broad implications for federal efforts to define what water features they can regulate.

It is certain more cases will arise affecting your ability to raise cattle and preserve your land for the next generation. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will continue to fight for you in the courts, but regardless of individual wins and losses, I am proud to live in a nation with an independent judiciary where cases are decided based on fact and law rather than politics.

Fortunately, the Supreme Court found he should have been able to testify to the value of his property, and privately negotiated pipeline easement transactions are admissible as evidence of market value in condemnation proceedings.

The ruling was a tremendous victory for landowners. Pipeline companies often utilize the threat of condemnation to drive down land acquisition costs, but now they will no longer be able to ignore comparable, privately negotiated sales.

Another landmark case on eminent domain, *Miles v. Texas Central*, was also

No problem, I can deal with change

"Change? I'm all for it as long as everything stays the same." Yep, I've probably been accused of saying that.

Looking out the exam room window at the dentist's office last week, I started to think. Nothing complicated or even philosophical. Just a simple observation, "The view out that window hasn't changed in 40 years."

Truthfully, it was a comforting thought that made me smile. When you've been walking through the front door of the same dentist's office for most of those 40 years, little things do not go unnoticed.

Change resonates with me more than it used to. It comes with age, I guess. It also seems to me it's a younger generation that seeks change more while it's the "wiser through experienced" generation that tends to question it.

My father, typically a man of few words for advice, put it best many years ago. Two times he offered tidbits of wisdom that have remained with me. One was about decisions, and one was about love. We'll save the one about love for another time and a much longer column.

On making decisions, I



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

shared details with him one night about a major purchase I was contemplating, probably an old hot rod or race car. I don't remember what it was, just what he told me. Still in college at the time, in my mind, I knew it all anyway.

As I laid it out to him, he listened quietly. Then I paused, anticipating his praise for making such a smart move. But his response startled me.

"I don't think that is such a good decision."

"Why not," I asked him in disbelief.

After telling me why he felt the way he did, he added, "But I know you will do what you want to regardless of what I say. And I know that only because I was the same way at your age. I had to learn the hard way, from experience."

He said, "I wish there was some way to benefit you from the knowledge I've gained from my experience, good

and bad. But I know that's not possible. Some things in life have to be learned just like I did. By experience."

On any other day, it might seem odd those thoughts were going through my mind sitting at Dr. Clayton Windham's office.

The smile about noticing the same old view out the window was still there when another aspect of change hit me. And I'm not talking about the fact that the "new" Dr. Windham to whom I entrusted my dental care 40 years ago is not the same "new" Dr. Windham in whom I place that same trust today.

When Clayton became the new dentist at the old dentist's office a few years ago, I admit to having apprehensions about breaking in a new dentist at my age.

But they were short-lived apprehensions. Dr. Clayton Windham has proven to be every bit as good a dentist as Dr. Danny Paul Windham. The change I'm addressing here goes much deeper than dental care.

Gazing out the window reminded me of the office music softly soothing anxious dental patients for all those years.

A professional musician and appreciator of good music, Danny Paul, featured a mixture of what many call singer/songwriter country music. I spent decades getting dental care while relaxing to the likes of Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jerry Jeff Walker, David Allan Coe, and others of the same genre.

But as I gazed out the window last week, taking in the same view I'd seen for four decades, I noticed I was now listening to classical music. Instead of steel guitars and fiddles, I was listening to woodwinds and violins. The music had changed.

Exam done, I mentioned jokingly to Clayton that I noticed the new music playing softly throughout the office. In response, he offered that his wife was in charge of the music and that a variety of tunes was being played that would still include country collections on some days.

"No, problem," I thought. I can deal with change.

In response to the usual question about a convenient date for my next checkup, all I have to ask is, "What country music days do you have available?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

On behalf of the family of Maria Loris Gallego, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Dr. James Luecke and staff, Connie Brinker, Alpine Memorial

Funeral Home, Fr. Matta, Rosella Salmon, Rick Ruiz, Juan Brito, and Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church and the bereavement committee who provided the wonderful meal after the service.

We would also like to ex-

tend our deepest thanks for the food, flowers, cards, and phone calls received, and those in attendance for the services. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. The love you have shown has given us great

comfort during this difficult time.

It is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered by the family of Maria Loris Gallego.

The Family of Maria Gallego



Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "Where would you go for your dream summer vacation?"



Clare Ritzi, Alpine: I would go to a warm beach, and mainly hang out in a beach rental house. I would like to take lots of my friends and family. Spend some time just sitting on a beach talking and getting caught up on life. Because people are more important than they know, and I miss lots more people than I can see.



Angelina Taylor, Alpine: I would go to Antarctica. I have always wanted to go for as long as I can remember and would love to see penguins.



Anthony Foster, Fort Davis: Toronto, Canada. Went years ago for client depositions. Got to see a lot of attractions, but not all. The weather is mild.



Mandy Jorgenson, Terlingua: The beach - saltwater, the ocean, any beach will do.



Jennifer Hansen, Terlingua: Alaska, because it's cooler.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8
Alpine Cowboys Tailgate Party, 5 p.m. at Kokernot Field patio before the home game against the Weimar Hormigas. Hosted by Marfa Meats, Big Bend Telephone, and Morrison's True Value. Free and open to the public.
July 21
Alpine Ambassadors Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., at the BBT conference room. Sponsored by BBT.



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 BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.
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 Choral 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

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noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.
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See more at alpineavalanche.com.

Taking first place



The Alpine Memorial Funeral Home float won first place in the Coolest Fourth of July parade in Fort Davis on July 2. Dozens of floats entertained the large crowd lining the street for the annual celebration.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Vonya, a six-week-old female grey tabby. She is a sweet and playful kitten who just happens to be FIV positive.

There is much misinformation about FIV in cats. In the case of kittens under six months of age, a positive result can mean the kitten has inherited antibodies from its mother - not that it has - a virus. These inherited antibodies usually go away by six months, meaning they never had FIV to begin with.

FIV is not a deadly virus, and is not Feline AIDS. FIV positive cats with homes can and do live long, healthy, normal lives when given the

chance. Statistically, most FIV cats live as long as their indoor counterparts (13-18 years), and much longer, in fact, than cats that live outdoors (three to eight years). In addition, there are many reported cases where FIV positive cats live well into old age without ever showing any symptoms. FIV positive is just a diagnosis that someday a problem might develop.

Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions 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,

open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpin-humane-society.org.



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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING: 5:30 P.M. ON JULY 25, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING: 5:30 P.M. ON AUGUST 2, 2022.

THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

- CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION:** A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST ALLOWING THE APPLICANTS, STEPHEN & ELIZABETH WOOD, TO ESTABLISH A MIXED-USE OCCUPANCY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUSINESS WITH A DETACHED COMMERCIAL KITCHEN ON PREMISE. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 209 N. 13TH ST. RECORD PROPERTY OWNER(S): STEPHEN & ELIZABETH WOOD.

THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED APPLICATION. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.

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Bidders may print free plan sets from Plans Online <http://www.txdot.gov/insidetxdot/division/support/plans-online.html>. Or bidders may buy plan sets from the Reproduction companies listed on the website.

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update, saying he was pleased overall with the progress and pace so far. Imperial Construction Superintendent Eddie Bauer provided an update, along with Imperial Project Manager Bobby Kelley.

“Manpower is the biggest issue,” admitted Kelley. “They are having crews quit left and right, so you’ve got one crew that’s there, they quit and walk off, and you got to find another crew, and that’s one of their biggest issues which we run into a lot.”

Next, trustees unanimously approved a proposal for a sign to be placed at Kokernot Baseball Field highlighting the history of the field, the Kokernot family, and baseball in Alpine. The field is owned by the school district. Braden said he was contacted by o6 Cowboys General Manager Kristin Cavness and Alpine Tourism Direc-

tor Chris Ruggia. According to Ruggia, within the hotel tax budget the city has funds earmarked for the sign, so there would be no cost to the district.

In other news, during public comment, Alpine parent Liz Templeton spoke on behalf of other parents who had expressed interest in having the district start discussions on becoming a guardian school, the designation for authorizing school employees to carry firearms. Under the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act and the Texas Penal Code, school districts can grant written permission for anyone, including designated employees, to carry firearms on campus.

Templeton later told the Avalanche, “We the parents want to know that we are doing everything we can to protect our kids. Most of us think it should not be a school board decision or a parents’ decision,

but a teachers’ decision because it is a program asking the teachers to do something if that is something they want.”

Finally, Rinehart was positive about establishing partnerships and building relationships with local governmental entities, indicating that she recently spoke to Alpine Mayor Catherine Eaves, Brewster County Judge Eleazar Cano, and Sheriff Ronny Dodson. She hoped to meet soon with other public and business leaders. She had also met with Congressman Tony Gonzales (TX-23) regarding grant and funding opportunities focused on safety and security for AISD schools.

The next regularly scheduled Alpine ISD Board of Trustees meeting is set for Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room.

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voluntary water restrictions.”

Regarding the ongoing issue of delinquent hotel occupancy taxes, problematic because short term rental operators are not paying the taxes, Antrim said Tourism Director Chris Ruggia was working on an internal audit to detect active and inactive accounts of short term/hotel rental operators, and will be sending notifications of past due accounts.

“A lot of short-term rental operators get into the business, they think it’s a great plan, but they don’t know how much work it entails, and they stop but never notify us,” noted Antrim.

A final list of past due accounts and supporting documentation will be provided to city attorney Rod Ponton.

“We want them to verify that they are no longer in operation, and whether they are up to date with their payments as well. Once we have the final list, and we have given them the opportunity to pay, we will move forward in providing everything to the city attorney so he can take legal action with council approval,” said Antrim.

Next, Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Chief Andrew Pierce provided an update, referencing events, fundraisers, and past fires the department handled.

Said Pierce, “It’s been an honor to be in this position, and I appreciate the faith that the fire department and the city have in me.”

He announced that so far there were 18 firefighters on the roster, a significant increase from several years ago. He welcomed the public to tour the fire station. Pierce also said the department plans to participate in Fire Prevention Week at the schools and in National Night Out. He added the fire department was working to upgrade all its equipment to better serve the citizens.

In other business, the council unanimously approved hiring Alicia Salinas of Fort Stockton as the new director of finance, a recommendation made by Antrim.

Finally, Antrim announced the Alpine Visitors center will have a

grand opening on Thursday, July 28, at 3:30 p.m. to which the public is invited.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers and via Zoom videoconferencing.

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Reagan Reed
Superintendent
Terlingua Common School District
PO Box 256
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Proposals will be opened Wednesday, July 13, at 4:00 PM, at the administrative office of Terlingua CSD, located at 550 Roadrunner Circle, Terlingua, TX 79852.

For questions, contact Reagan Reed by email at reed@terlinguacsd.com or by phone at 432-371-2807.

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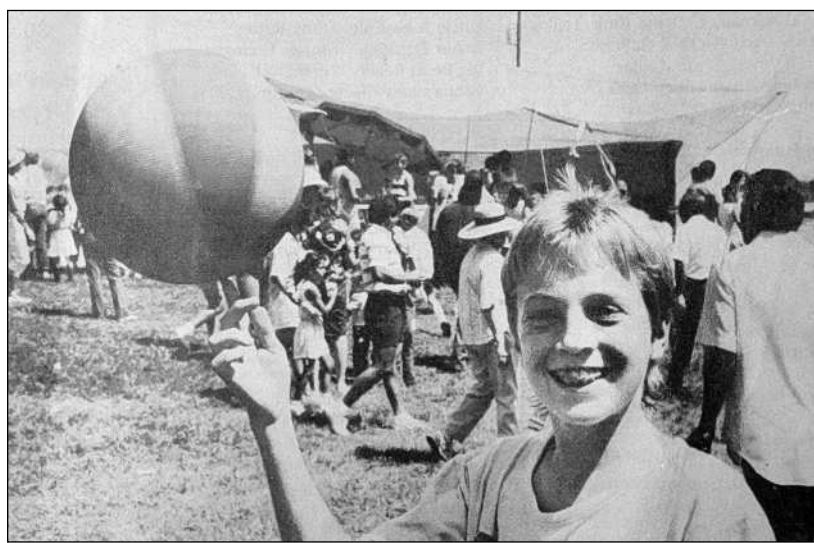


July 21, 1988

Alpine High School students at the drug seminar were (front) Shane Williams, Dallas Haynes, Justin Haynes, and Tim Davis; back, Tally Covington, Serina Geesling, and Perla Bermudez.

July 28, 1988

Dorotea Dutchover Grando will celebrate her 100th birthday this Saturday in Fort Davis.




July 7, 1988

Jesse Hodges of Fort Davis puts a little spin on the celebration July 4th.

Blueberries present special problems

Dear Neil: I planted a Southern Bluebelle blueberry in April. In the past two weeks some of the leaves have turned brown. I planted it in a bagged potting mix "designed for shrubs." I water it weekly for 20 minutes with the yard sprinkler, then once a week with a hose to keep it going. Is it possible that water is standing around the plant's root system?

Any time you have tipburn or browning around the edges of leaves, that tells you a plant has struggled with moisture stress. Water is delivered last to those extremities as it's pulled through the plants' conducting tissues. Then those are the first places to dry out. That's why wilting always shows up at the outer tips of shoots first. Also, blueberries require highly acidic planting soils. That planting soil you described



GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

is probably neutral or even slightly alkaline. I don't think that has anything to do with your plants' issues, but I wouldn't use it on acid-loving plants like blueberries or azaleas in the future. They would be better served with sphagnum peat moss. Finally, remember that you need two varieties of blueberries blooming at the same time near one another to ensure pollination. Somehow you got fruit to set this year. I wonder if

your plant's flowers were pollinated at the nursery. You need to plant another variety soon.

Dear Neil: A large, beautiful pine was struck by lightning a year ago, and is now totally brown. What can be done to save it? If nothing, how long before it falls?

It is lost. Unfortunately, pines have no means of sending out new growth when this happens. However, you don't want to wait for a tree of that size to fall. Contact a certified arborist who is insured and bonded to do this work for you. There is too much danger of property loss and, more importantly, injury or death if this tree comes down in the wrong way or at the wrong time.

Dear Neil: My rose bushes were being stripped of their foliage almost overnight. I couldn't

figure out what was doing it. A local nursery suggested a spray, but it got worse. One day I observed the culprit. A large wasp was carrying a piece of the leaf in its mouth. It flew a short distance and went into our gas grill. I opened the grill and it had built a three-inch wasp nest. Who would have thought!

You've been visited by a leafcutter bee. They're usually solitary insects that are fascinating as they construct



Bluebelle blueberry

their nests from large, semi-circular parts of leaf edges. The female doesn't actually feed on the leaf pieces, plus she's not there very long, so sprays are essentially ineffective. They do little harm to their host plants so about all we can do is learn to live with them. Odds are good that you won't have the problem next year. I've had

one or more of them one year, then not seen them in my garden again for 15 years. If you'd like to learn more about them Google "leafcutter bees."

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 hula hoops and mullets, e.g.

5 TX George Jones' "The Race ____"

6 "____-tat" (knocking or gunfire)

7 TX Jamie Foxx's first name at birth

8 TXism: "Devil's ____" (praying mantis)

17 "Texas Tea"

18 TXism: "____ duck in water"

21 4-term Dallas mayor: ____ Thornton

22 truck rubber

23 TXism: "he's ____ walk the river with"

24 TX Bob Wills' "Take ____ to Tulsa"

29 Laredo had a large anti ____ smelter this Bob started a chain of Texas cafeterias

31 big Texas-__ game

32 TXism: "like two dogs fighting ____" (vicious)

34 QB Blake for IFL Frisco Fighters ____ and reel

36 Anglican church service at sunset in Coleman County on U.S. 283

38 TXism: "would ____ maggot" (putrid)

39 TXism: "thick as ticks ____"

41 two-____ (fake)

42 "without further ____"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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43 TXism: "get your ducks in ____" (get organized)

44 this Warren starred with TX Dennis Quaid in 1983 film "Tough Enough"

45 "The Texas Chain ____ Massacre" (1972)

46 former Cowboy DE Ed "____ Tail" Jones

47 a birdie is one ____ par

48 walked ostentatiously "____ hunt" (prank)

12 "mi casa es ____ casa" (neighborly)

13 emotional shock

14 poetry metrical foots

15 Henrietta is the seat of this county

16 state where the Chisholm Trail ended (abbr.)

19 "The Three ____"

20 Barbary sheep

22 "shoo" is a word said ____

24 "Mighty ____" does not flow in Texas

25 New Year's ____

26 UT-Austin mascot

27 AT&T Center and Toyota Center

28 country of Astros and Rangers Blue Jays foe

29 TXism: "____ mama" (waitress)

30 ____-Temco-Vought was a Dallas corp.

33 TXism: "he's ____ big for his britches"

34 white precipitation

35 TX A.J. Foyt, e.g.

37 TXism: "dead as ____"

38 a secure Texas subdivision?

40 TXism: "could count the ____" (light rain)

41 TX Buddy Holly's "Not ____ Away"

44 TXism: "went to the well ____ too often"

47 volunteer worker

49 TX Willie's "Farm ____" was in Manor, Texas

DOWN

1 crowd pleaser all over Texas on July 4 (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "skinny ____"

3 TXism: "it'll ____ something better comes along"

4 between meals treat

9 TXism: "you can write it ____" (certain)

10 "____ a scratch" (unharmd)

11 it's now Verizon

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Sports

Cowboys take two of three from Austin, split with Roswell

BY ETHAN EIBE

Sports Correspondent

It was another wild week for the Alpine o6 Cowboys. The men in red hosted the Austin Weirdos for the second time this year from June 27-29. Alpine had previously won two games at home versus Austin, and

took two of three from the Weirdos on the road. The Cowboys suffered their first defeat at home on June 27 as Austin took an 8-5 victory.

That alone was enough to fire up the Cowboys, as they took the remaining two games of the series, 6-3 and 10-9. Alpine and Austin also concluded a suspended game from June 9 before playing game two. The game had been called in the sixth inning with a 10-10 tie three weeks prior following a bench-clearing brawl between the two teams. Alpine won that game 17-10.

The 10-9 finale against Austin on June 29 brought the Cowboys' second walk-off win of the season, and by far their most impressive comeback. Down 9-5 in the ninth inning, the Cowboys earned three straight walks before outfielder Mark Traylor brought everyone in with a bases-clearing triple. Third baseman James Prockish singled one pitch later to score Traylor, and tie the game.

Traylor found himself in the middle of the action again one inning later. With Matteo Avallone on first, Traylor blooped a single down the right-field line. Avallone reached third on the hit, and scored the winning run when Weirdos right fielder Christian Jones threw the ball back to the infield wildly. The 10th-inning dog pile was on as the Cowboys dugout erupted, mobbing Traylor down the first baseline.

The Cowboys made the 260-plus mile drive to Ro-



Cowboys shortstop Manny Garcia tags out Demarcus Kelly of the Weimar Hormigas on a stolen base attempt during a regular season game at Weimar Veterans Park on June 21.

Photo by Julie Myers

swell, N.M., to take on the rival Invaders for four ball games, the start of eight consecutive games between the two. Alpine had dropped their first game at Joe Bauman Stadium the previous week, losing 6-2 on June 25. Experienced Cowboys fans know that when these squads face-off, crazy things are bound to happen.

And happen they did. June 30 saw a series of lead changes in a back-and-forth affair. Down 5-3 in the bottom of the sixth, Invaders pinch hitter Matt Rodriguez launched a go-ahead three-run homer to left-center field, giving Roswell a 6-5 lead and ending Cowboys pitcher Ridge Walker's night. Alpine strung together six hits and three runs one inning later to take an 8-6 advantage.

Not to be outdone, the Invaders loaded the bases against Alpine reliever Michael Castillo, who allowed two straight hit-by-pitches to force home two runs, tying the game again at eight. Roswell finished off Alpine in the bottom of

the ninth thanks to a walk-off RBI single from Dillan Smith against Trey Silmon, handing the Invaders a 9-8 series-opening win.

Tempers flared between the Cowboys and the Invaders in game two. In the third inning, Roswell starting pitcher Jonathan Chinchilla plunked Prockish with a fastball, leading to the benches clearing. Traylor, on second base at the time, was the first to come to the defense of his teammate, initiating the scuffle. Both Traylor and Chinchilla were ejected as a result.

The Cowboys scored all seven of their runs in the first three innings, and let their pitching do the rest. In his first start, Avallone went five innings and earned the win, striking out three and allowing four runs. Colton Whitehouse took over on the mound in the sixth and delivered the most impressive relief performance the Cowboys have seen this year. Whitehouse, an outfielder by trade, struck out seven batters over the final four innings to secure the

save in a 7-5 victory. Whitehouse had pitched five times previously this summer, but his outings never lasted longer than an inning.

Saturday night in Roswell was another close game, but Alpine pulled out an 8-5 victory. After trading blows in the first five innings, shortstop Manny Garcia put the Cowboys ahead for good with an RBI triple in the seventh, spoiling Invaders hurler Jarod Sprinkle's night. Alpine tacked on two more in the ninth against Roswell's Jonathan Fleckenstein to provide a cushion for Alejandro Amezcuita, who set down the Invaders in order in the bottom of the inning to earn the save.

The Cowboys had hoped for a quick series finale and victory on July 3. They received neither. In one of the more gut-wrenching losses of the summer, the Invaders outlasted a relentless Alpine offense in a 14-11 final, which took five hours and 13 minutes to complete. Behind 7-1 in the fifth inning, the Cowboys put up one run in the fifth, and eight more in the sixth to take a 10-7 lead thanks to a handful of walks, timely hitting, and key defensive miscues by the Invaders. Even with the momentum in the Cowboys' corner, the Pecos League continued to prove that no lead is safe. Four runs in the sixth against Amezcuita shifted control back to Roswell. The Cowboys tied it again in the seventh at 11 each before the Invaders went ahead for good in the eighth facing Castillo, scoring three against the reliever who until this series has been rock-solid in the back of Alpine's bullpen.

The season series now shifts back to Kokernot Field, where the Cowboys and Invaders are playing three games from July 4-6. A neutral site game between Alpine and Roswell will be played at Cyclone Ballparks in nearby Pecos on Thursday, July 7.

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Anyone who really knows me knows that my all-time favorite food is cheese. I mean, how can you go wrong with cheese? It makes everything from enchiladas to apple pie better. And one of the easiest ways to enjoy cheese is to make a grilled cheese sandwich.

Grilled cheese sandwiches were not always called "grilled cheese" until the 1960s. Before that time, they were often called "melted cheese" or "toasted cheese" sandwiches. Renditions of these sandwiches have been around since the Romans were stomping around, and the French have been making their own croque monsieur since the early 1900s.

When a gentleman by the name of James L. Kraft patented his pasteurized cheese, things really changed. In fact by World War II the Navy was turning out thousands of these "cheese filling sandwiches" courtesy of government-issued cookbooks, although they were open-faced sandwiches with grated cheese melted on top.

It was not until the end of the 1940s that the second slice of bread was added to the sandwich, and at the same time Kraft Singles appeared on the grocery shelves. This all led to what we know today as the grilled cheese sandwich.

As with most recipes,



leave it to us cooks and foodies to produce numerous ways to add to and/or improve on the basic recipe of a grilled cheese sandwich. It's a recipe so basic it can be found on almost any restaurant menu in America in the kid's section. Even a kid has a tough time saying no to a cheese sandwich though they might not appreciate the effort some folks go through to elevate such a simple dish.

And like many foods, we Americans have even dedicated certain days to it. In fact, National Grilled Cheese Day just so happens to fall on my birthday, Sept. 3. I don't think anything could be more appropriate than having a sandwich dedicated to the deliciousness of cheese be celebrated on the day of my birth. Surely this is not a coincidence.

Now, for a grilled cheese sandwich to be considered ultimate, there must be something more to it than cheese and bread. Truly there



The ultimate grilled cheese

Ingredients:

- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 10 slices Italian bread (½ inch thick)
- 2 tablespoon butter, softened

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Stir in cheeses, garlic powder, and seasoned salt.

Spread five slices of bread with the cheese mixture, about 1/3 cup on each. Top with remaining bread. Butter the outsides of the sandwiches.

Cook in a large skillet over medium heat until golden brown on both sides. Serve and enjoy!

must be multiple cheeses, seasonings, and steps involved to make a sandwich ultimate.

This recipe is the brainchild of Nicole Brummett. Not only does she use the standard cheddar cheese, but she throws mozzarella and cream cheese into the mix. She also seasons it up with garlic and seasoned salt, and makes it all creamy and delicious

with a little mayonnaise. The salty deliciousness of butter-toasted Italian bread seals the deal on this easily made yet flavorfully complex sandwich.

Pair this ultimate grilled cheese with a bowl of tomato soup, and you have yourself a meal any restaurant would be proud to serve, especially the restaurant at home.

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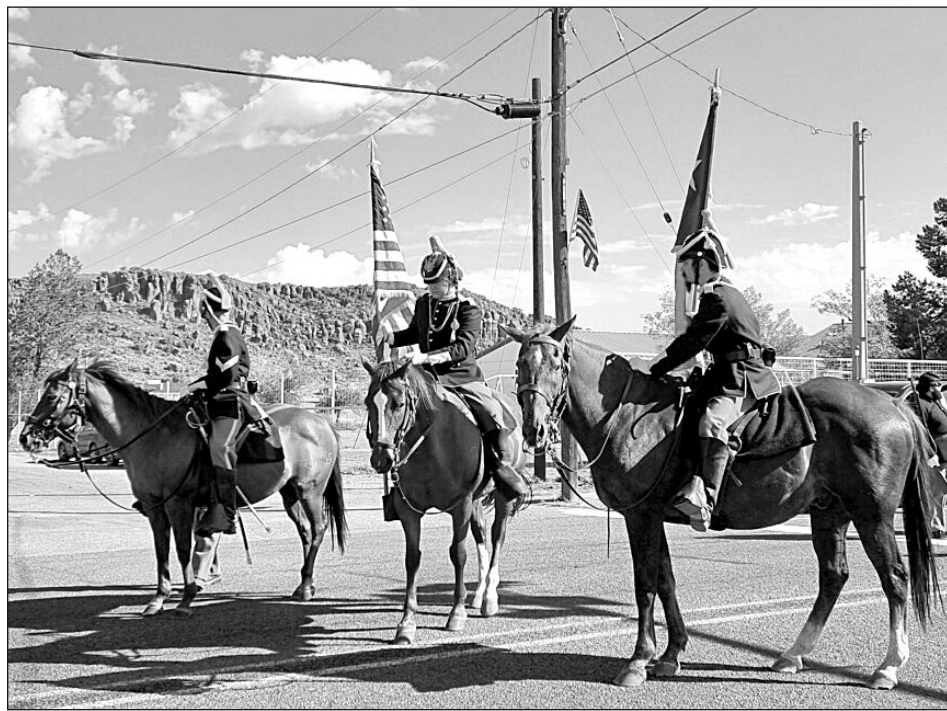
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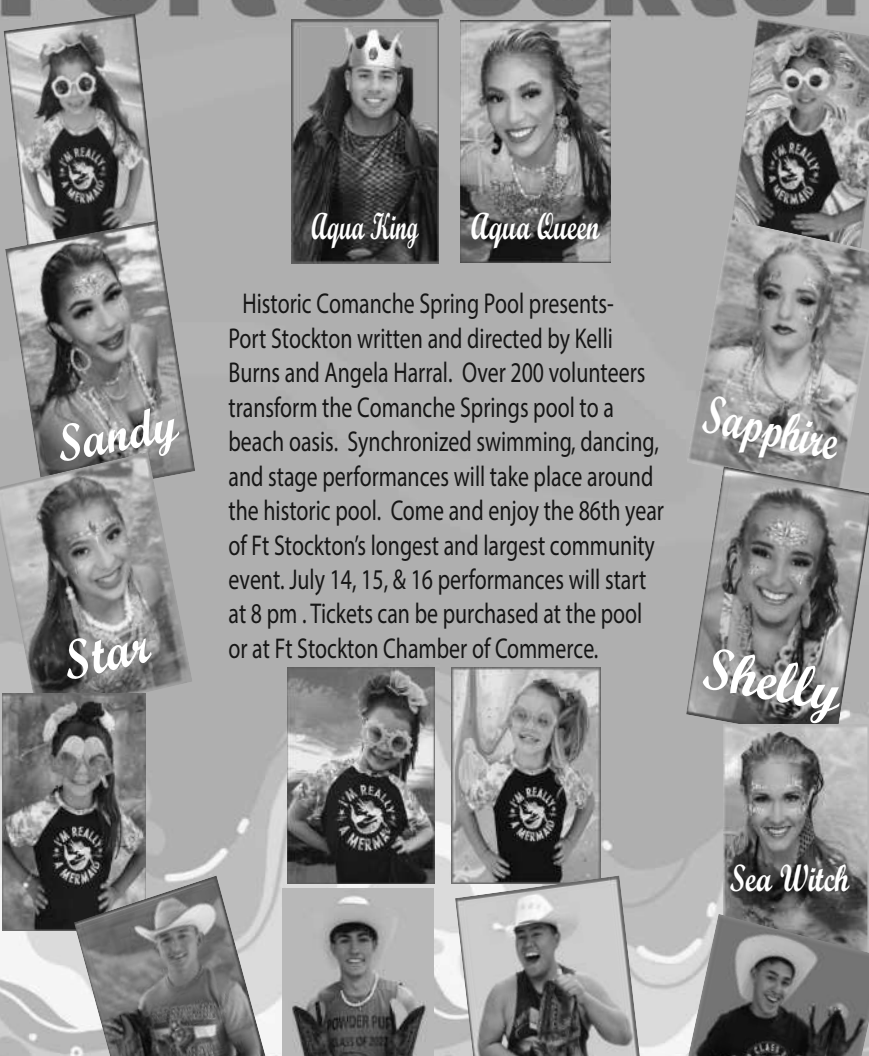
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Shaun Foster

What activities were you involved in during your senior year?

National Honor Society, Football All State Academics

Who was your most influential teacher or coach through high school?

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

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moment has to be winning the



Shaun Foster

Bi-District championship multiple years, and spending time with friends.

What are your plans after high school?

Attend Texas Tech University.

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LETTERS • FROM 4

Thank you!

We would like to thank the community and visitors from all over the country for joining us for the 51st Fourth of July Celebration hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Alpine.

Thanks to all of our parade participants. Bert's Mums and More won first place, Alpine Funeral Home was second, and Remington Carrillo third. The spectators were the real winners!

Due to the rain, the car show was small, but everyone loved it. The winners in the classic category were Dave Durant first, and in the modern category were Ken Clouse first and George Silva second. Thanks to our parade and car show judges.

Russ Money played all night, and the community band played for an hour providing patriotic music for the crowd. The TRAD Folk Dance Troupe provided a great show as well.

The hot dog eating contest was a huge success, with Jimmy Morris winning for the second year, and entertaining the crowd. Thanks to our sponsors Alpine Radio and Big Canyon TV.

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See you next year!

Rhonda Cole, Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Alpine

Devotional Page Raw, Real and Relatable

BY MARTHA BUMPAS, MINISTER IN RESIDENCE
First Presbyterian Church, Marfa

Cursed be the man who brought the news to my father, "A son is born to you," making him very glad. Why did I come out from the womb to see toil and sorrow, and spend my days in shame? Read Jeremiah 20:7-18

Jeremiah wraps up his prayer with an expression of grief, and he is shockingly blunt and openly vulnerable in what he has to say. He doesn't try to sugar coat his feelings or put his words in proper King James English in an attempt to sanitize them for God. He simply says what he is feeling.

Sometimes these kinds of open, honest, lay-it-all-on-the-line comments in Scripture make us a bit uncomfortable. We feel as if it is somehow wrong, or at least disrespectful, for anyone to talk like that to God. But it's interesting to note that it was God who determined to include these kinds of diatribes in the Scriptures. We see them repeatedly in the Psalms and in the book of Job. These expressions of grief, anger and sorrow are there to remind us that the life of people here on this earth can sometimes be difficult. We are, after all, only human. We are weak, and prone to feel the effects of the conflict when we attempt to live life on this planet as followers of Christ.

Not a pastor or political leader, Jeremiah was

a chosen instrument of God. He was a faithful servant who was doing exactly what God had called him to do. And his task was difficult. He suffered from feelings of despair, defeat, and discouragement. He got lonely. He grew tired of having to be the bearer of bad news all the time.

Here was a man who was serving God each and every day of his life, and he had reached the point of wishing he had never seen the light of day. Yes, Jeremiah knew God had made him. He knew God had called him. He also knew he had a job to do, and he would continue to do it. But that does not mean that he didn't have moments when he felt completely exhausted and defeated in what he had to do. Living in obedience is not always easy. Read the story of the Good Samaritan.

Like Jeremiah, we live in a culture that doesn't always understand our actions, words, and living choices. Are we living in ways that make people stop and react positively about God, or feel disgust because they see none of God's grace or love?

The apostle Paul wrote, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, (Matthew 25 feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, or visiting those in jail) for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9

Do not give up doing good. Continue to love those in your corner of the world!

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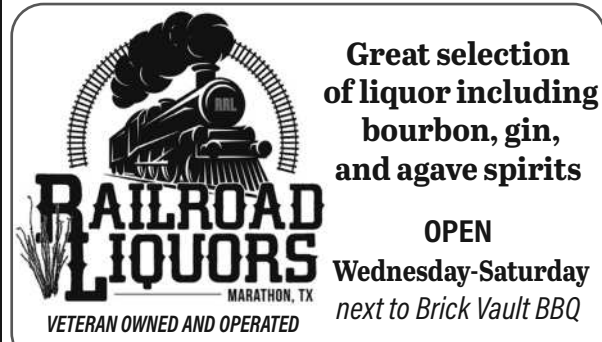
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