

The Granada opens its doors again

BY BETH PEABODY
Contributing Writer

It was the day of Herbert Hoover, the Great Crash, Pope Pius XI, John Wayne, and the Granada Theater in Alpine. The theater was built in 1929, and opened its doors on Christmas day, providing morale and hope in times of desperation.

Local resident Ann Tally, 94, and many others, fondly remember frequenting the theater, which served as a respite in a struggling era.

Today, life has filled the halls of the Granada Theater once more. On Aug. 17 business owners and non-profits were invited to commemorate this new beginning.

Dozens in attendance included Start Local, Alpine Public Library, Fort Davis County Library, Veteran Realty Group, Essentially Abundant Living, Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Bread Garden Bakery, Casa Candelilla Air BNB, Chinati Mountain Retreat, Big Bend Community Chorale,

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Property tax increase coming for county

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County Commissioner's Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 23, and the proposed 2023 budget and 2022 tax rate were on the forefront of the agenda. After holding public hearings for the proposed budget and tax rate at which no one spoke, commissioners unanimously approved both.

Treasurer Julie Morton indicated the budget included monies for the general fund, Road & Bridge Department, courthouse security, historic preservation, jail infrastructure, HOT funding, and more. Commissioners then voted in favor of adopting the amendment concerning the elected county officials, precinct officers, and employee



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salaries, expenses, and other allowances for the fiscal year 2023 budget. The proposed budget also included an increase of \$279,126 for property tax revenue which commissioners approved unanimously.

Next, commissioners voted in favor of adopting the 2022 total tax rate of \$0.395545 per \$100 valuation. This

included \$0.372951 in maintenance and operations, and \$0.022594 in interest and sinking.

Judge Eleazar Cano said this year's overall tax rate is a decrease of 6.16% from last year's overall rate, and this year's rate will raise more funds for maintenance and operations than last year's.

Commissioners then unanimously approved that the property tax rate be increased by 4.71%.

Next, Erin Albright of Marathon Public Library discussed proposed plans for expansion along with a draft of a proposed lease agreement with the county for use of a Library Study Club building.

Albright said the library has experienced major growth, and welcomes 9,000 visitors a year, offering more than

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A new year and a new school



A group of Alpine High School students and principal Jarrett Vickers gather in front of the newly constructed facility on the first day of the 2023 year.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

Night skies a priority for Alpine library

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

Night sky enthusiasts, astronomy clubs, and other related organizations gathered at Alpine Public Library for the See More Stars event on Aug. 12. It was funded in part by NASA to better acquaint both children and adults with the James Webb Space Telescope, launched Dec. 25, 2021.

The telescope is the largest launched into space so far. Its primary mirror is the size of a tennis court, and had to be carefully engineered to fold up during the launching process and unfold once it was in space. The telescope conducts infrared astronomy, and views objects that are farther away, fainter, and older than what the Hubble Space

Telescope can see.

"The Hubble collects light in the visible range, but the James Webb Space Telescope is tuned for infrared, which means it picks up light from very far away, and can get through dust and gas. We're just now getting images from it," said Children's Librarian Mary Beth Garrett, who curated the event.

For the event Garrett set up multiple interactive educational stations. Members of the youth community could paint a nebula, make a Play-Doh sculpture of a night-sky object, learn about the phases of the moon, among other activities. The Sul Ross State University football team helped run the stations, wearing their jerseys.

"I asked them to wear



At Alpine Public Library's See More Stars event, Bill Ramey, an astrophotographer with Marathon Sky Park, showed images of deep space taken from the onsite observatory he helps manage in Marathon.

their uniforms to help normalize higher education," Garrett said.

She created the event as an ongoing series, and wants it to act as a forum for night-sky organiza-

tions to interact with the general public as well as with kids.

McDonald Observatory was on hand with outdoor lighting displays to demonstrate night-

sky friendly options. Members of the Alpine dark skies team offered information about a program available to pay

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OBITUARIES

Robert “Bobby” Martinez

Our loving husband “Jampa” and friend Robert “Bobby” Martinez of McAllen, Texas, and Alpine, Texas, closed his eyes to his earthly home on July 15, 2022, with his loving wife and family.

Bobby was born on July 20, 1946, in Marfa, Texas, to Consuelo Rivera and Eliseo Martinez. Bobby was a devoted Catholic and a true Christian. Bobby



met and married the love of his life, Patsy Rojo. They were married for 34 years.

Praying of the Most Holy Rosary will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., with

Mass of Christian Burial following the rosary by Father Pablo Matta, Father Alfonso Coronado Sanchez, and Father Victorino Loresca. Bobby will be laid to rest at a later date.

Bobby was a graduate of Marfa High School, and attended pre-k through eighth grade at St. Mary’s Parochial School where he was taught by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word. While in school, Bobby loved to play football,

basketball, and baseball. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan, and bled blue and grey.

Bobby held many accomplishments in his lifetime, those being the first Hispanic mayor of Marfa, Presidio County judge, Marfa city administrator, and member of Marfa Lions Club. For the last 28 years of Bobby’s life, he and his beloved wife Patsy lived in McAllen where Bobby worked as a customs broker for McAllen For-

eign Trade Zone, Jimmy Santos Brokerage, and Rio Grande, Camargo Bridge, Bernice Warren Brokerage.

Bobby is survived by his wife of 34 years Patsy Martinez; daughters Benita Ann Razo and Sandra Houston; sons Adolfo Antonio Razo and Bobby Martinez; 18 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Rebecca Ann Razo, Benita

Ann Razo, Vanessa Rae Sanchez, Brianna Lee Gonzalez, and Selena Fierro.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Danny Rojo, Jr., Devon Rojo, Jaime Rojo, John Fellows, Eddie Barraza, Matthew Coleman, and Ronnie Martinez.

Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

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

Mary Rodriguez Ramon

Mary Rodriguez Ramon, 81 of Alpine, Texas, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family, on Aug. 19, 2022, in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at the Martinez Funeral Home in Odessa. Service will follow from 7-9 p.m. at the Martinez Funeral Home. Memorial services and burial will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine. A Celebration of Life luncheon for Mary will follow at 1 p.m. at Kokernot Lodge located at 1104 Loop Road in Alpine, 79830.

Mary was born in Al-



pine to Felicita M. and Manuel Rodriguez on Aug. 1, 1941. Mary married Alvaro M. Ramon in 1960 in Pecos, Texas. Together they had four children, Joe Albert Ramon, Alvaro “J.R.” Ramon, Jr., Debrah Jean Ramon, and Rodney Edward Ramon.

Mary had cultivated the kind of qualities which made her beautiful in God’s eyes. Her inner heart was the source of ones’ thoughts, attitude, and feelings that

mattered to the people who loved her. Mary was a faithful servant of Jehovah God and Jesus Christ. She was a Jehovah’s Witness. As we mourn her death, we ask God to strengthen us as we pray. We will receive “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.” The peace that God gives calms our hearts, and stabilizes our thoughts. There will be a day when God fulfills His heart-warming promise to “wipe out every tear from our eyes.”

Mary was one of the oldest of eight siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents, Felicita M. and Manuel Rodriguez; and her infant brother, Manuel Rodriguez, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 62

years, Alvaro M. Ramon; children Joe Albert Ramon of Rosharon, Texas, Alvaro “J.R.” Ramon, Debrah Ramon Montez, and Rodney Edward Ramon of Odessa. She was a wonderful grandmother to eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements are entrusted to Martinez Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at martinezfuneal.com.

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PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.466326 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.457882 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.533307 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF ALPINE from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF ALPINE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF ALPINE is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 @ 5:30 PM at CITY OF ALPINE - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 803 W HOLLAND, ALPINE, TX 79830.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF ALPINE is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of CITY OF ALPINE at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: JUDY STOKES - WARD 1 / CHRIS RODRIGUEZ - WARD 2/ MARTIN SANDATE - WARD 4 / JERRY JOHNSON - WARD 5
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: SARA TANDY - WARD 3

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF ALPINE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF ALPINE this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2021 adopted tax rate \$0.508345	2022 proposed tax rate \$0.466326	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) per \$100, or (percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year)% INCREASE - 2%
Average homestead taxable value	2021 average taxable value of residence homestead \$130,825	2022 average taxable value of residence homestead \$144,780	(Increase/Decrease) of (percentage difference between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year)% INCREASE - 10.6%
Tax on average homestead	2021 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$665.04	2022 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$675.15	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year), or (percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year)% INCREASE - 1.5%
Total tax levy on all properties	2021 levy \$1,992,873.82	(2022 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$2,038,391.37	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year), or (percentage difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year)% INCREASE - 2%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact Tax Collector, Sylvia Vega, Brewster County Tax Assessor/Collector at 432-837-2214 or taxassessorcollector@brewstercotad.org, or visit www.brewstercountytexas.com for more information.

Helping the schools

On Aug. 17 Alpine Lions Club sponsored a hot dog dinner for Alpine ISD teachers and staff at the middle school. Here AISD Superintendent Michelle Rinehart accepts a check from Lions Club President John Sutterfield to help pay for student backpacks.

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Marfa burritos crafted with love from scratch

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Burritos are well known as a staple in Mexican cuisine, but few Tex-Mex restaurants can boast of having celebrities as clientele, or making everything entirely from scratch and only using the freshest ingredients. Just ask Ramona Tejada, co-owner of Marfa Burrito, a hip eatery that offers delicious breakfast and lunch options.

Tejada, a Marfa resident for 32 years, co-owns Marfa Burrito with son Jesus, an Alpine native who also makes Marfa his home. Since 1995, the family-owned restaurant has brought delightful fare to locals, tourists, and even the occasional celebrity who makes a stop at the popular joint. Celebs like Kevin Bacon, Mark Ruffalo, and native Texan and Hollywood A-lister Matthew McConaughey have all stopped by to enjoy the home-made fare, and photos of the famous adorn the walls.

Tejada’s first stint in Marfa was as a housekeeper for Thunderbird Hotel/Capri Lounge, and later evolved into her love of making fresh, delicious burritos entirely from scratch. She keeps busy, making sure everything is running smoothly to help the restaurant grow and thrive, and does everything from cooking and making tortillas, to cleaning, taking orders, and running the cash register. Tejada is delighted to cook her staple Tex-Mex fare and welcomes everyone.

“We’ve had celebrities come here to visit us and dine in with us,” said Tejada. “Matthew has given us a lot of fame. He came to eat breakfast with his wife and children, and then I asked him if he could take a picture with us. Then he came into the kitchen to take photos with us. It was nice.”

Besides cooking flavorful dishes such as asado, ground beef with fresh chile, onions, and tomatoes, the restaurant features homemade enchiladas, and the staple dish - huge

burritos wrapped with Mexican sausage and egg, bean and cheese, egg and potato, and many more. The burritos are the most popular and the best sellers.

The breakfast and lunch offer many options, all cooked simply but crafted with love, something Tejada loves to do.

“We get to know many people, and we have very nice customers,” she said, and she enjoys getting to know them, and welcoming them to her simple, no frills, Mexican kitchen.

Tejada is grateful to all her customers, whether they come from Alpine, the Big Bend, or across the country or the world, and is pleased with the wonderful welcome and friendly dispositions that they bring to her restaurant.

“We are all grateful to our customers, and they are all so lovely,” exclaimed Tejada.

Marfa Burrito is located at 515 U.S. Highway 67 in Marfa, and is open Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Marfa Burrito co-owner Ramona Tejada poses with Matthew McConaughey.

Courtesy photo

Wildlife conference highlights role of private landownership



Big Horn Sheep.

Courtesy photo

The 2022 Trans-Pecos Wildlife Conference held at Sul Ross State University Aug. 4-5 drew about 175 attendees for a full day of speakers and panel discussions, and optional half-day field excursion to view habitat restoration techniques in progress.

The conference, co-hosted by the Borderlands Research Institute, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been offered every few years since its inception in 2002.

Themes of partnership, habitat restoration, and holistic land management were repeated throughout the event, with acknowledgment given to the prominent role farmers and ranchers have in making wildlife and habitat conservation a statewide success.

A big challenge facing the agricultural industry is public perception.

“We hear about overgrazing and people think that livestock is bad. But

research has shown that grazing is a tool that can be utilized wisely to benefit the land,” said Carlos Gonzalez, the Nau Endowed Professor of Habitat Research and Management at BRI.

He highlighted research that showed an increase in available forage for pronghorn when livestock was carefully, rotationally grazed. It’s important for land managers to determine their stocking rate and then make a grazing plan, Gonzalez noted, and there are many organizations ready to work with landowners to help develop those plans.

With more opportunities on the horizon than ever before, TWA President Sarah Nunley Biedenbarn urged attendees to stay optimistic.

Communicating the value of private land is a vital component in gaining broad public support for conservation initiatives. Developing opportunities to get people

out of urban centers to experience wildlife and the wilderness firsthand on those lands will help meet that challenge, according to Biedenbarn. It takes the participation of landowners willing to make that happen, and TWA and organizations like Texas A&M AgriLife are happy to facilitate the process.

TWA’s youth and adult mentored hunting programs offer introductions to hunting for those with no former experience. Additionally, they offer many other educational and experiential outreach opportunities to get urban dwellers out on the landscape. AgriLife offers programs like Birding the Border to connect landowners to ecotourism opportunities in the birding community.


TPWD Wildlife Division Director John Silovsky emphasized, “The native wildlife belongs to all the people of the state of Texas, regardless of fence size.”

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ORDINANCE 2022-08-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING ARTICLE V - RECORDS MANAGEMENT TO THE ALPINE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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A job well done to city workers

Every year there is a National Employee Appreciation Day dedicated to honoring and celebrating employees everywhere who work tirelessly to keep businesses moving forward. There are also dedicated weeks for national recognition, such as National Public Servants Week, National Telecommunicators Week, National Public Works Week, Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and many more.

But employees deserve more than just a day or week of appreciation. We often focus on employee appreciation during those designated days, weeks, or holidays, and forget to appreciate them all year round. The City of Alpine and I believe that employees are the most valuable resource. Our gratitude should not be expressed on a single day or

week, but every day to all our employees. On behalf of the city, I want to thank our employees who continue to serve the Alpine community, even during the most challenging circumstances. Each of our employees continues to remain a stable force for those we serve. I want to thank our employees who have thought outside the box when resources are and continue to be limited. Thank you to those who have worked long hours repairing infrastructure. Thank you to those that stepped in when



others needed rest. Thank you to those who volunteer to help other departments or take on new responsibilities.

Thank you to the police officers and dispatchers who assist no matter when and what the situation is. Thank you to Public Works for its continued efforts to repair and maintain streets and city buildings.

Thank you to our Parks Department for providing clean and safe parks for our families, friends, and neighbors. Thank you to Animal Services for its continued efforts to educate the community on animal care and safety. Thank you to our wastewater treatment plant workers who, day after day, ensure our treatment plant functions. To both mechanics who keep all departments operating, thank you.

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of travelers by maintaining the runways and taxiways. Thank you to our Gas Department for maintaining a solid system in Alpine and Fort Davis. Thank you to our court clerk, utility customer service clerks, finance team, and administration for their commitment to providing quality customer services. Thank you to the Water Department for continued repairs to our water system. Thank you to our tourism team for all your hard work attracting tourists to our city. Thank you to Environmental Services for your complete dedication to making Alpine beautiful. Thank you to Building Services for ensuring the health and safety of our community through proper building standards and permitting.

Thank you to each and every one of you. We are one city, one team.

Bobby always swore the story was true

"The old man used to say that the best part of hunting and fishing was the thinking about going and the talking about it after you got back."

— Robert Ruark, author of The Old Man and the Boy.

Hunting season is almost here, and working on the upcoming guide for 2022 reminded me of some great hunting stories.

Magic fills the fall air with the approach of hunting season. And every year, new stories are anticipated - except for mine.

By admission, I am not versed in the epics of hunting. I went with my father as a kid, and once with a friend in college. But the only episodes I had to cherish were little more than humorous material for a column.

My favorite hunting story was told by the most avid outdoor sportsman I ever called a friend and with whom I also worked, Bobby Pinkston. Bobby always began his stories with a smile. The hunt starts, he would say, about 1 a.m. when your alarm clock goes off. Have you ever noticed that an alarm clock at that time of the morning is louder than one at 7?

Around 2 a.m. your hunting partner arrives and drags you out of bed.

At 2:23, you throw everything in the pickup truck. By 3 a.m. you're on your way



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

So you go back, get it, then start drivin' like crazy to get to your stand by daylight.

At 4:35 a.m., you're settin' up the deer camp, and discover that you also forgot the tent. Around 5 a.m. you've given up on camp, and headed into the woods.

Just as the sun is comin' up, you see five deer grazing close to you. You take careful aim and squeeze the trigger.

"Click."

The deer disappear over the hill while you're loadin' your rifle and mumbling under your breath.

Somewhere around 8 a.m., you climb out of the stand thinking, "Back to camp for breakfast."

It's 8:34 when you're wondering if you're headed in the right direction. By 10, you realize you don't have any idea where camp is.

At noon, you fire your gun to signal for help. Then, at 12:10 p.m., you eat a handful of wild berries because you're starving.

At 12:13 you see six deer

to the woods. About 20 minutes down the road, you remember leaving your rifle at home.

just a few feet away. But you're out of ammunition because you used it all signaling for help.

At around 12:21 p.m., you get a strange feeling in your stomach. Two minutes later, you realize you must have eaten poison berries. Cold sweats, cramps, and fear of dying alone in the woods overcomes you.

Around 3:15, you finally find your way back to camp - tired, hungry, and sick. At 3:29, your huntin' buddy says, "Let's hit the woods again and see if we can find that big one."

It's 4:04 p.m. when you return to camp after realizing you failed to get more ammunition.

At 4:07, you're leaving camp again, with ammo. At 5:10, you haven't seen anything except pesky squirrels irritating you. So, you empty your rifle at them. Squirrels escape unharmed.

Back in camp by 6 p.m., and there are seven deer grazing there. You reload your rifle and fire, missing the deer, but hitting the pickup.

At 6:07 p.m. your huntin' partner returns to camp draggin' a trophy-size deer with a huge rack. You control a strong desire to shoot your huntin' partner, but instead throw your gun down in frustration, stumbling and falling into the campfire in the process.

By 6:12, you're changin' clothes and throwin' the burned ones in the campfire. Still mad at 6:15, you take the pickup, and leave your huntin' partner with his trophy deer in the woods.

At 6:34, you're sittin' on the side of the road. The pickup got hot and boiled over. You discover a bullet hole in the radiator.

Walkin' toward home at 6:39 p.m., you stumble and fall, droppin' your gun in the mud. At 6:42, you see eight deer. You take careful aim and pull the trigger. Your gun blows up because it's plugged with mud. You wrap what's left of the rifle barrel around a tree and start walking.

Somewhere around midnight, you stumble into your house.

You spend Sunday afternoon watchin' a football game while tearin' your huntin' license into tiny pieces, which you stuff in an envelope to mail your huntin' partner with detailed instructions on what he can do with the unwanted license.

Every time Bobby told this story, he swore it was true - somewhere.

I think the primary reason it was my favorite lies in the fact that it was uncomfortably close to my attempts at deer hunting.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

On behalf of Fiesta 1888, special thanks and blessings to all who supported us and

made our event possible.

Mary Ann Lujan
Annette Gallego
Robert and Elidia Polanco

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Heard on the STREET

Will you be attending any of the local high school athletic events this fall?



Hilary and David Beebe, Marfa: Starting this Friday, we are excited to cheer on our Marfa Shorthorns varsity football team! We love seeing friends and neighbors under the Friday night lights, especially once the temperature starts to drop. Our school is in the heart of our small town, and the football experience ties us all together, young and old alike. We can't wait for the season to start. Go Purple and White!



Jason Ballmann, Marfa: Our Marfa Shorthorns work hard on and off the field, and I look forward to supporting our teams, so they win this fall. As a jogger, I even offered to join a cross-country practice session, but I'm sure they'd leave me in the dust. I love the sense of community, energy, and learning Marfa ISD brings to its sense of sportsmanship. Go Shorthorns!



Bri Adams, Alpine: No. I did not go to high school here, so I don't have a direct connection. Unless a friend of mine is maybe visiting a sibling who is going there, then I'll go with them.



Logan Calderon, Alpine: Yes, my sister Karyssa is in the band, and I'll be attending the games.



Tim Ervin, Alpine: Yes, I'll be attending the Buck football and basketball games. Go Bucks!

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

■ UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG. 26
Travel Talk, 7 p.m. at Alpine Public Library in the AEP Foundation multipurpose room. Linda Hedges will share her experiences traveling among three faiths in the Middle East. Free and open to the public.

AUG. 27
Movie Showing, 3 p.m. at Alpine First Assembly of God, 1802 Fort Davis Hwy. 118. The movie is "God's Not Dead: We The People." Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Free and open to the public.

SEPT. 2-3
Rummage Sale, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 406 S. 6th St., St. Vincent de Paul fundraiser. Donations are needed and may



include furniture, kitchen items, home decor, towels, sheets, bedding, small appliances, DVDs, jewelry, books, and holiday decor. No clothes or shoes. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society. Contact 432-827-3304 to donate.

SEPT. 3
Brewster-Jeff Davis 4-H Kickoff, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Jeff Davis County Courthouse lawn. Games, refreshments, and fun. Call 432-837-6207.

Ordering swine tags

It is time once again to order swine state validation tags for the spring major stock shows. Those showing in Alpine only don't need this tag. This applies to both barrows and gilts showing at any major show. Those who are unsure should call Doug Fox

at 432-294-2434 or just purchase the tags. This is a one-time purchase. He will need to know the number of tags needed, and barrow or gilt. Cost is \$15 per tag by Sept. 23. After Sept. 23, there will be a late fee of \$25 per tag. Late orders will be accepted until Nov. 1.

Painting art with the Lobos



Children of all ages had fun at Alpine Public Library's Community Room on Aug. 12 as Sul Ross State University football players stopped by to create fun artwork and engage with the kids and the community. The event featured kids' activities, refreshments, nighttime telescope viewing, and more in conjunction with McDonald Observatory and other non-profits raising awareness for dark skies.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Paisley, who came in with her brother and sister on Aug. 9, and she was the most outgoing and social of the litter. She was the first to come to the kennel door to greet visitors, the first to come up and receive pets, and the first to explore outside of her kennel.

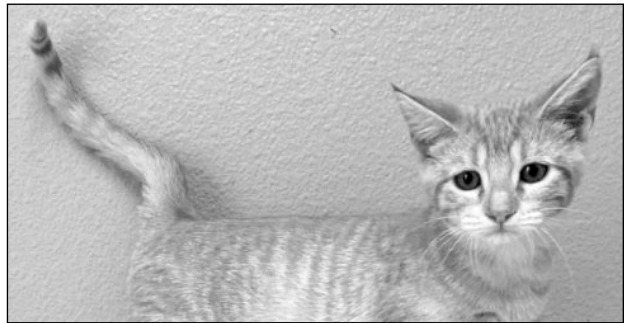
The AHS Pet Pantry has moved. It is now located about a block away from the Thrift Store and Cattery at 600 North Fifth Street. This is the blue and white building at the corner of Fifth Street and Avenue A. It is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., or by appointment by calling 432-837-2532.

The Pet Pantry offers dog and cat food to those who

are unexpectedly short of funds to ensure they have food for their pets.

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. Cats and kittens are also available for adoption at the AHS Cattery, located in our Thrift Store.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 North Fifth Street, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday 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 Pet-Finder.com or alpinehumanesociety.org.



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■ 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 432-837-8216, or visit bbcc-chorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul

Ross University Center, room 210.

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

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

Voter registration assistance, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E. 432-837-2621.

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BBRHD is now accepting grant proposals for the FY2023 Medical Enhancement Grant program, the deadline to apply for funding will be on October 14, 2022. Brewster and Presidio County entities that provide healthcare or other related services, consistent with the mission and objectives of the District, to residents of Brewster or Presidio Counties are eligible to apply. The grant application package and additional information are available at www.bbrhd.com or call 432-837-7051.

ALPINE ISD Career and Technical Education Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

Alpine ISD offers career and technical education programs in Applied Agricultural Engineering, Design and Multimedia Arts, Welding, Engineering and Health Science. Admission to these programs is based on career interests, aptitude and schedule availability.

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Alpine ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator/Section 504 Coordinator, Caroline Fox at 432-837-7700, ctox@alpineisd.net.

ALPINE ISD Educacion tecnica y profesional Notificacion publica de no discriminacion

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Alpine ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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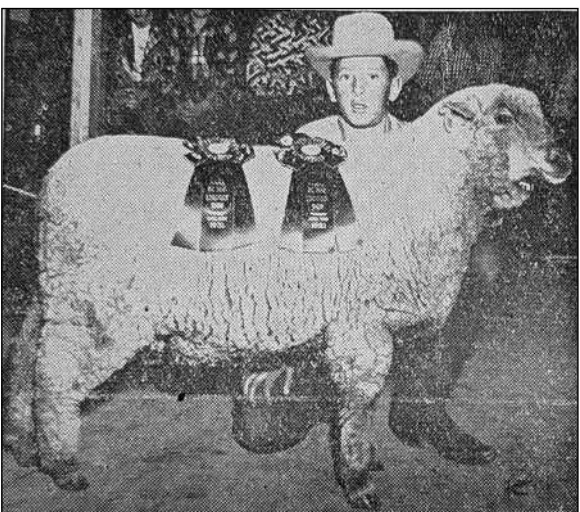
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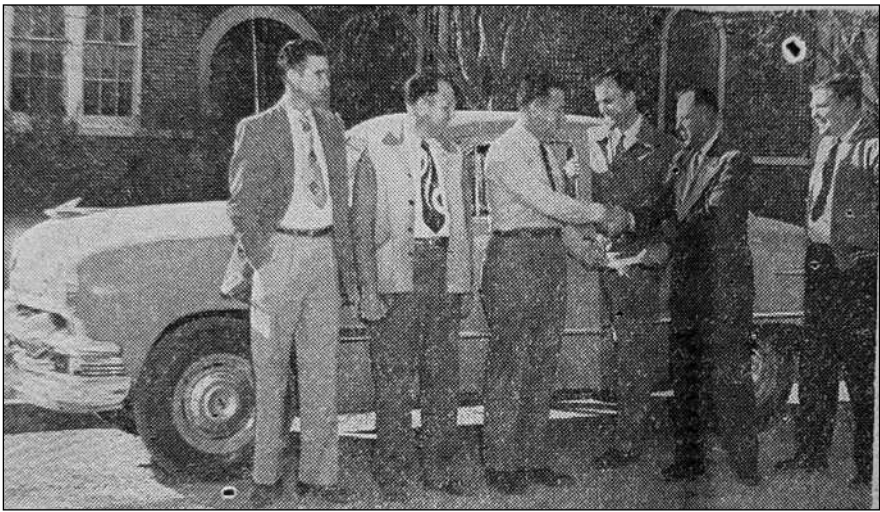
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February 16, 1951
Trudy Acton of Fort Davis is shown with the grand champion calf of the Big Bend Livestock Show held last Saturday. She is a 4-H feeder and, like her brother Brooks who showed the grand champion here and at El Paso last year, she is quite a hand with livestock. Trudy also showed the reserve champion calf here.



February 16, 1951
Carrol Joe Smith, 4-H lad from Marathon with his grand champion lamb at the Big Bend Livestock Show last Saturday. This animal brought \$525 at the auction sale, bought by First National Bank Alpine, was returned to the lad.

February 23, 1951
Reginald Votaw is shown, third from left, presenting to Peyton Cain, superintendent of Alpine schools, the new Ford car assigned for use in the driver education classes. Other from left to right are Kenneth Stucke, salesman; Frank Votaw of Brewster County Motors; Ken McAllister in door of car; and Jas. L. Crawford, high school principal.



September 15, 1944

Indian hawthorn should be replaced

Dear Neil: This plant was in our landscape when we bought our house new 30 years ago. The cold in February 2021 hurt it badly. Will it survive? What is it?

I believe it's Majestic Beauty Indian hawthorn. That plant was on the market back then and still is, although it's never been very widely used. It's about triple the size of other Indian hawthorns that subsequently became so popular before Entomosporium fungal leaf spot began to kill them out. This plant has been hurt by the cold, by insects and, I'm sure, by this year's drought. You asked my opinion - I would plan on replacing it. Even if it survives, it won't look like much.

Dear Neil: We paid someone to dig up a crepe myrtle two years ago, but they left some of the roots behind. Now I have sprouts coming up all over the yard. Roundup doesn't stop them. What can I do?



GARDENER'S MAILBAG

by neil sperry

Glyphosates, such as the original formulation of Roundup, are really more effective at killing grasses than they are at controlling broadleaved plants like crepe myrtles. I would suggest spot-treating with a broadleaved weedkiller containing 2,4-D. It's late in this growing season for such a spray to have much impact, but it should do a reasonable job next May or June. If you're willing to wait, the sprouts will give up after a couple of years.

Dear Neil: Should we

stay on schedule with our September lawn feeding, or should we postpone it until later in September as a result of the heat and watering restrictions?

You don't want to fertilize turf later than advised, with upwards of half of that N in slow-release formulation. Water the lawn immediately after you apply it.

Hopefully recent rains have soaked into your ground. This last feeding should be of the same product you have used all through the season. It should be all-nitrogen or high-nitrogen, with upwards of half of that N in slow-release formulation. Water the lawn immediately after you apply it.



Majestic Beauty Indian hawthorn

Dear Neil: I have sago palms that have weathered the cold the past two winters. Would it help them in future winters if I pruned off all their leaves in the fall so I could cover them more successfully?

That would set them back dramatically. If they survived February 2021, they should make it through almost anything. You would be much better

off investing in wide sheets of frost cloth that you could secure over their tops in their event of a repeat of that cold spell. But let's hope that it won't happen again for many decades.

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 TXism: "plain as the nose on your ____"
- 5 film about Hank Williams: "____ the Light" (2015)
- 6 "the ____ of my existence"
- 7 historical periods
- 8 absorbed unit of radiation
- 9 in 1981 TX Orbison won a Grammy in a duet with this Harris TXism: "so many you couldn't ____ 'em with a stick"
- 16 bad draft pick by the Cowboys? (2 wds.)
- 21 Cross Plains High class
- 22 curve an eyebrow
- 23 "The eyes of Texas ____ upon you . . ."
- 24 TXism: "it ____ _ poke in the eye with a sharp stick"
- 30 bad dream
- 34 not MD or XL
- 35 Hebrew Bibles
- 36 you can ____ on a cruise from Galveston
- 37 TXism: "never let ' ____ you sweat"
- 39 TXism: "attracted ____ _ magnet"
- 43 Ruth of 1950 western "Dallas"
- 44 wished for
- 45 _ _ Belo was co-founder of Dallas Morning News

- 46 on most car windows
- 47 Texas pro wrestler David Shelton was known as the " ____ Death"
- 49 remains of prehistoric animals
- 52 TXism: " ____-horse town" (small town)
- 53 TXism: "pay him ____ never mind"
- 54 full sized Chevy SUV
- 55 James Bond (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 forensic evidence
- 2 TXism: "fast ____ _ up a rafter"
- 3 seat of Hemphill County
- 4 female sheep
- 9 star actress in 1956 epic Texas film "Giant" (init.)
- 10 TX singer who died in 2022 (2 wds.)
- 11 TXism: "school ____" (teacher)
- 12 TX-born Victor Willis sang lead on this "Village People" hit

- 13 this TX Jim was a PBS journalist
- 14 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ____ two"
- 15 fictitious sister of TX Ima Hogg
- 17 TXism: " ____ concrete" (city boy)
- 19 TX Johnny Horton's "The Battle of New ____" (1959)
- 20 Lady Bird was a UT ____
- 24 Austin's marshal in 1881, Ben (init.)
- 25 first president of Rice University, Edgar (init.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 26 a dry climate
- 27 TXism: " ____ load off" (sit)
- 28 TX Lyle Lovett's " ____ Lady"
- 29 allocate
- 31 TXism for "female"
- 32 punched
- 33 joy or anger, e.g.
- 38 golf ball cut
- 40 pecan is the Texas state ____
- 41 skinny Gulf fish
- 42 TXism: "busier than ____ boomtown"
- 48 Rusk has longest ____ bridge in U.S.
- 50 rescues
- 51 TX George Jones' " ____ Thinks I Still Care" (1962)
- 56 drives out
- 57 TXism: "does a bear ____ in the woods?" (yes)

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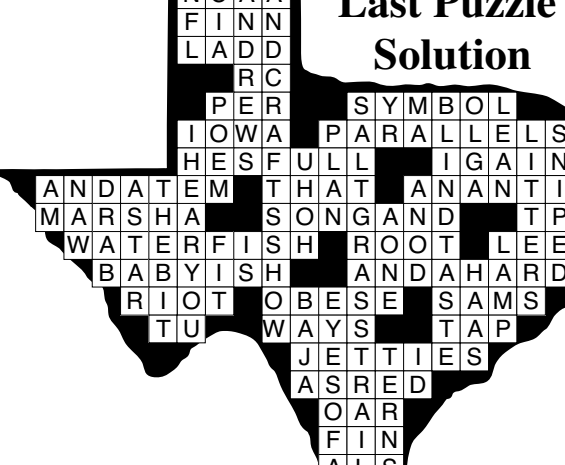
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Cross country kicks off season



Runnin' Buck girls relay team members Alexa Renteria, Danica Mulholland, and Megan Struthers take a break during the Derek Hernandez Memorial Relay in Andrews on Aug. 20.

BY CORY CASON
Cross Country Coach, Alpine High School

The Alpine cross country season started off this year at the Derek Hernandez Memorial Relay in Andrews on Aug. 20. With a difficult six-mile, two-person relay format and serious competition, the runners had a challenging introduction to the season. The girls' team was led by returning senior Vanessa Rice with the

fastest split of the day, followed by junior Tannin Ritchie. Moving up from the Alpine Middle School team, freshman Megan Struthers had the third fastest split for the Lady Bucks. After losing five seniors on the girls' side, a majority of the team is new to distance running, but shows promise for the upcoming season. The boys were led by sophomores Hatfield Cason and John Mendoza

placing 15th out of 67 relay teams. Returning juniors Martin Sablatura and Aaron Miller placed 31st with a strong showing in their first race of the year. Both the middle school and high school teams will travel to Midland on Saturday, Aug. 27, for the Tall City Invitational. Alpine's popular Big Bend Mountain Ramble will be held later this season on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Kokernot Park.

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Alpine volleyball mixed results in San Angelo

BY JOHN SMITH
Contributing Writer

The Lady Buck Volleyball team set out on Aug. 18 on a whirlwind tour of the Concho Valley that included competition at the annual Nita Vannoy tournament in San Angelo. The road trip began with an afternoon game against the Wall Lady Hawks on their home court. The Lady Hawks proved too much for the Alpine team to handle, downing them in three sets. The Lady Bucks dusted themselves off and started tournament play the next morning in San Angelo. Pool play

was a mixed bag, with losses to the Tom Moore Warriors and the Benjamin Mustangs. The single win against Midland Trinity slotted the Lady Bucks in the Bronze bracket for tournament play on Saturday. Convincing wins against the 4A Andrews Lady Mustangs and the 5A Horizon City Scorpions sent Alpine to the bracket championship game. Junior middle hitter Adayna Garcia had a monster game against Andrews, recording 12 kills. Next, with five kills was junior outside hitter Novah Carrasco. Serving was also a strong point in that

game where the team put up 15 aces. Newcomers to serving this weekend, Ali Maroney and Hannah Juett, led the way with nine. Paula Vargas, Garcia, Mia Morris, and Carrasco all notched aces as well. The team had to settle for second place after a lackluster performance against the Water Valley Wildcats. Coach Autumn Kilpatrick focused on the positive saying, "Our ability to play and beat schools bigger than us shows the promise of what will come for this season. The



Lady Buck Hannah Juett goes up for a block at the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo. Courtesy photo

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Marching to the beat of Friday Night Lights

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

With the start of a new school year comes the high school football season in Texas, and with it the halftime performance that a talented marching band brings to enhance the school's pride. For new Alpine High School Band Director A.K. Holmes, talent and a great working relationship mixed with a dose of competition and sheer talent clearly spells a winner. After graduating from Sul Ross State University in 2018, Holmes' first job was in La Pryor, a small 2A school south of Uvalde. This year Holmes, a native of Cotulla, decided her career needed positive change, and decided to venture out West to Alpine, and the rest took off from there. She was officially hired in June, and has been working with the band since July 18 to prepare for marching band season. "It's been amazing so far," exclaimed Holmes. "I love the kids. Not only are they intelligent and very talented, but they are hilarious as well. They make me laugh all the time!" Holmes and the Fightin' Buck band are preparing for the UIL Regional Marching Contest, and if they garner Division 1, they will get an opportunity to advance to the area competition. The band will be busy attend-



Alpine High School drum majors Zoe Arredondo, Alyssa Nanez, and Jobre Evans. Courtesy photo

ing several pre-UIL competitions on Saturdays, and practicing on Friday nights, when all eyes are on them during the halftime performance. This year, Alpine High School will debut three new drum majors - head drum major Zoe Arredondo and assistant drum majors Alyssa Nanez and Jobre Evans. "I like being able to watch and help kids in our band develop their talent and passion for music and marching," said Arredondo. Nanez indicated she had never been involved in an organization with a home-like ambience like the Fightin' Buck Band, and hopes to strengthen the bond of trust and respect between all band members. The band will continue its tradition of excellence once marching season is over by going straight into concert season, and getting ready for UIL competitions. For now, the focus is on

prepping for the halftime performance during the first home game of the football season on Friday, Sept. 2, when they will perform in front of the exuberant home crowd. "This marching season, the main thing I hope to accomplish is to rejuvenate the energy of our band, as well the faith in our members," said Evans. "Helping each of us remember that band can be so much fun, we should always be proud of each other and our accomplishments." In the end it takes more than musical talent and a knack for live, outdoor performing that makes a successful marching band. "The leadership has blown me away. They work so well together," said Holmes. "It's a very positive atmosphere, we have a lot of fun, we work hard, and I feel blessed to have them and be in this position."

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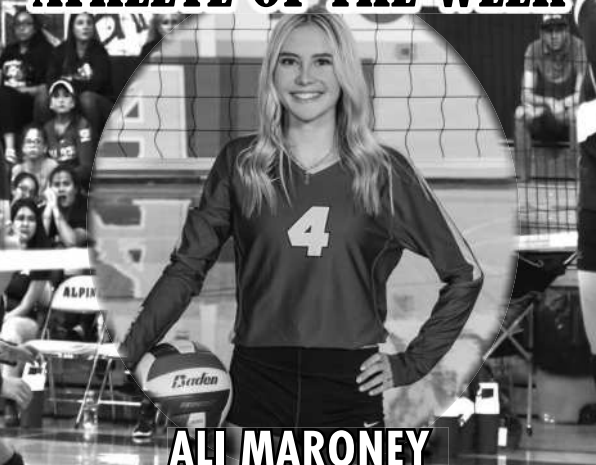
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Tex-Mex Wheels

At some point in our lives, we all need an easy snack or a simple hors d'oeuvre to serve to friends and family. These Tex-Mex wheels are about as simple as they get. Very few ingredients, and the most time spent is on refrigeration.

I have seen different variations of this hors d'oeuvre or appetizer, and I have made a few different variations as well. As long as the first three ingredients are in the mix, this is something you can easily add or subtract to make it your own. For instance, if you wanted these to be spicier than they would be with green chiles, you could easily substitute in jalapeños or serranos. If you wanted more color, red, yellow, or orange bell peppers diced finely would work as well. I might even substitute the seasoned salt for a little taco seasoning.



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert



Changing the entire flavor profile of these is not out of the question either, but you may have to call them something different. In lieu of seasoned salt, you might conceivably add in feta cheese with your cream cheese, cheddar, and sour cream to give it the saltiness, and throw in a little dill to make it more Greek in flavor profile. Another option might also be to use the vegetable wraps, such as spinach or sun-dried tomato. Not only would this

brighten up these appetizers, but they would add to the flavor profile also.

These types of dishes and appetizers are truly my favorite because there are endless ways to make them fit in with your party, lunch, or dinner theme. If you are hosting a meal that consists of Mexican food, then the original recipe will work perfectly. If you happen to perhaps be making Italian food, leave out the olives and green chiles, and substitute with chopped fresh basil and pimentos, or

even add in a little pesto.

One could even conceivably add in a protein, especially if your main dish was seafood. Finely diced shrimp and a little Old Bay seasoning and perhaps a dash of fresh lemon juice may be used to make these and stay within the flavor profile of the main dish.

It all truly depends on you, the cook, as to whether you choose to stay within the original parameters or color outside the lines with this versatile hors d'oeuvre.

Tex-Mex Wheels

Ingredients:	green chiles
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened	½ cup chopped green onions
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded	Garlic powder, to taste
1 cup sour cream	Seasoned salt, to taste
1 (4.25 oz) can chopped ripe olives	5 (10-inch) flour tortillas
1 (4 oz) can chopped	Salsa, option, for serving to taste

Directions:	Wrap each tortilla in plastic wrap, twisting ends to seal. Refrigerate the tortillas for at least two hours.
Beat the cream cheese, cheddar cheese, and sour cream together until blended.	Unwrap the tortillas from the plastic wrap. Cut rolled tortillas into ½- to ¾-inch slices, using a serrated knife.
Stir in olives, green chiles, green onions, garlic powder and seasoned salt.	Serve with salsa
Spread mixture on the flour tortillas and roll the tortillas tightly	

The new age of fire

Although there are no guarantees, we seem to have reached our annual rainy season. Since resetting the rain gage on Jan. 1, we received no recordable moisture until June. Currently, we are within what we hope is an annual average, but as usual we can expect a lengthy dry winter and spring.

Now the grass becomes green and lush, but with fewer animals to graze and overall drought conditions that are not actually mitigated by a short period of moisture, by spring the country will carry a large fuel load, ripe for fire.

Fire season begins earlier and lasts longer, as much as 10 weeks longer in much of the West. Nothing we do makes seems to make a difference.

"There is no precedent for what we are about to experience, no means by which to triangulate from accumulated human wisdom into a future unlike anything we have known before," writes Stephen Pyne in a new seminal book, "The Pyrocene: How We Created an Age of Fire, and What Hap-



FIDDLER'S GREEN

by larry francell

pens Next."

Throughout history the land has burned, and counter-intuitively, that burning has been healthy for the land. Fire regenerates and reorganizes the landscape, often in positive ways.

As Pyne wrote, "What exactly does fire do? Its actions are both precise and generic. It shakes and bakes. It deconstructs biomass, and readies the site for a new reassembly of materials liberated by burning."

But as mankind has entered the picture, in today's world, fire most often has a negative effect.

In 1910 when the U.S. Forest Service was a fledgling agency, there occurred a fire in northern Idaho and western

Montana of devastating proportions. Today this is known as the Big Burn (with a book of that title by Timothy Eagan). Over three million acres burned, and 86 people lost their lives. This was the first of the major destructive fires in the West. It was also the birth of the modern Forest Service. And, by definition, fire was initially anathema to foresters.

When it came to fire, the Forest Service personnel were the experts, and for the first five or six decades of the 20th century the first response to fire was to suppress it with vigor. By the 1970s, and with a greater understanding of fire ecology, it was realized that fire had an important place, and absolute suppression was not what was always best for the environment.

Better fire management began to take hold just at the time mega-droughts and population shifts brought even greater change to the West. As many as 75 million people in the West live in low density, rural housing developments in an area fire officials call the

wildland-urban interface where development expands into the natural environment. Here the danger lurks, as has been demonstrated in numerous recent wildfires.

Since 2011 the Davis Mountains have experienced three major wildfires. The most devastating, the Rock House, burned over 20 homes, as well as hundreds of miles of ranch fences. But there is a solution. The Texas Forest Service sponsors a comprehensive program called Firewise which everyone should consider.

On a historic trivia note, the common tool that wildland fire fighters use is called a "pulaski." During the Big Burn of 1910, Ed Pulaski, a forest ranger saved a team of 45 fire fighters by sheltering them in an abandoned mine shaft, threatening to shoot any man who tried to leave. Commonly, he is given credit for developing the tool, a combination axe and adze, that carries his name.

But Stephen Pyne has the last words, "Fire can exist without man, but man cannot exist without fire."

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girls were able to play at a higher level of competition, and it allowed me to see how well they respond under pressure games."

Kilpatrick also used this round of games to tinker with the lineups, trying out new rotations and roles for many of the girls. The moves provided early season insight, highlighting strengths and weaknesses, and lending to future game improvement.

Junior starting setter Vargas agreed, saying,

"I loved working with the girls, and it was definitely exciting to try new things on the court. It was nice to see everyone work on communication and endurance. Go Bucks!"

Vargas' endurance was on full display as she set for the entire slate of games.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Anissa Moreno

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

Most influential teacher was Robbie Golden because no matter the struggle I dealt with that day or the stress I came across, she was always there to listen and help me remember to keep my head up.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

Attending all the football games, and spending time with those who were close



Anissa Moreno with me.

What are your plans after high school?

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Devotional Page Inflation

BY SCOTT HUCKABY

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By now it is beginning to sink in that higher prices for fuel, food, and pretty much everything else are here to stay. Does the Bible have anything to say about the significance of this trend in our times? It certainly does because God has declared “the end from the beginning” (Isaiah 46:10).

One of the judgments God uses to get the attention of His people prior to the return of Jesus is when a day’s wages will only buy a day’s food (Revelation 6:6). Today’s inflation foreshadows that judgment.

Our inflation is a direct result of the desire for higher fossil fuel prices to force a change to green energy sources by global policy makers. But this utopian vision has many flaws, and one of the painful consequences of this transition is inflation. And coupled with today’s global monetary debt policies which are well known to exacerbate inflation, eventually virtually everyone will be enslaved (Proverbs 22:7).

What makes our inflationary trend a prophetically significant birth pang is that it is happening worldwide, not just in the USA. And global problems cry out for global solutions which drive us closer to the global government the Bible says will be in place when Jesus returns (Rev. 13:7).

The enemies of the Creator have long wanted

to bring back the spirit behind the Tower of Babel, and global government will be the modern expression of that defiance. It was God who divided up humanity into the nations (Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 17:26). Those rebelling against God seek to undo what He has done. The coming global government is being built for the Antichrist, the ultimate human enemy of God.

Many will scoff at the idea that we’re going to have a global government any time soon. But consider the vitriol against any opposition to the globalist narrative. Patriots and those who believe the Bible are labeled “Christian nationalists” to impugn their character. The tension between nationalism and globalism is growing, and those who resist the New World Order will find themselves on the wrong side of history, at least until Jesus returns. Things can change pretty fast when there is a crisis, and you can be sure such a crisis is on the horizon.

The Bible reveals that it will not be a pleasant time to be on earth when the Antichrist is ruling. The good news is that it is still possible to escape that coming time of tribulation. “Pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass” (Luke 21:36).

How may you be worthy? The prerequisite for being worthy is to please God by trusting in His provision for eternal life, Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:10, Hebrews 11:6, John 3:16).

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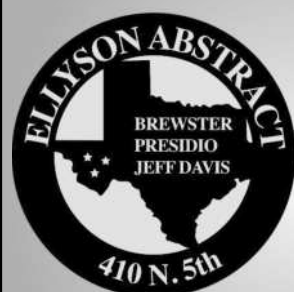


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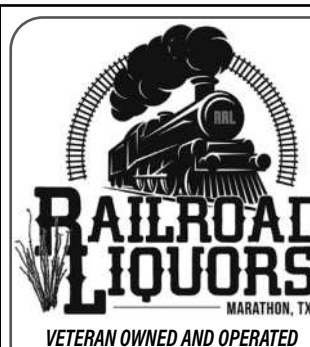
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The Fiesta 1888 Classic Car Show filled a whole city block of Murphy Street at noon on Aug. 20. Winner Juan Fuentez from Del Rio won the People’s Choice Award with his 1967 Chevelle Super Sport and received \$200 in cash.

Courtesy photo

Breaking a sweat for a good cause



Daulton and Liz Beam of Alpine Fitness hosted the “Let’s give every kid the same starting line” 5k run/walk and a one-mile run/walk at Kokernot Park in Alpine on Aug. 13. The 5k was a huge success, generating \$1,800 to help Alpine ISD kids with school supplies. The race had a great turnout thanks to generous fans and the partnership of the Alpine Police Department. Participants Daulton Beam, Clint Hunt, Luis Gomez, Ryan Drake, Heather Plumber, Elizabeth Beam, Austin Aufdengarten, Jessica Murphy, Chance Beam, and Asa Aufdengarten pause for a photo.

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With what some say was a record crowd for an Alpine public event, an estimated 1,500 attendees turned out for Fiesta 1888 last weekend. Live music and an appearance by Grammy Award winning musician Little Joe highlighted the weekend.

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Rockin’ for the crowd



Local band Puro Party All Starz performed Saturday afternoon at Fiesta 1888 for a massive crowd on Murphy Street in Alpine.

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Little Joe sings at the Fiesta



Grammy award winning musician Little Joe performed at Fiesta 1888 last weekend. The event drew record crowds to Alpine for the two-day fiesta.

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