

Elementary school launches improvement plan



Alpine Elementary School Principal Curtis Wubbena.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

Alpine ISD Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 22, and a campus improvement plan for Alpine Elementary School, along with work in progress and construction reports on the high school, drove the agenda. Single member, Dist. 5, Haley Babb was absent.

Alpine Elementary School Principal Curtis Wubbena told trustees that a campus improvement plan included what worked and did not work for the school in the past year, and a new plan will be launched in October.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN, A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EVERY DAY.



Bucks win District opener

BY MESINDA LLANEZ
Sports Correspondent

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks were fired up and ready to start District play against Odesa Compass at Buck Stadium on Sept. 23. Purple and gold filled the stands as the Bucks celebrated their homecoming with a big win.

Alpine put on a great show for the 1972 State Semi-Finalist football team, who were celebrating their 50-year anniversary at Buck stadium. Also in attendance was Matt Stepp from Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine. Senior Aiden Garcia put

up the first touchdown of the night, and senior Jared Roggow tacked on the extra point.

With a couple of minutes left in the first quarter, the Bucks defense was able to recover a fumble. This allowed Alpine to capitalize on the turnover to produce a drive, as senior quarterback Tray Ervin punched in his first touchdown of the night. Roggow's kick was good, and the score was 14-0. Ervin scored again with a little over a minute in the second quarter, and the extra kick by Roggow was good, 21-0.

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Alpine Fightin' Buck captains Ylan Hernández, Jeremiah Pearce, Oscar Velasquez, Mateo Miranda, and Tray Ervin take the field at Buck Stadium on Sept. 23.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Hutchings takes first round



Tristen Hutchings wins the first round of the bull riding at the 77th Annual Sul Ross College Rodeo with an 81 point ride. He finished second overall in the bull riding finals.

Courtesy photo

Alpine church brings back fall festival

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

It is a long-honored tradition for communities across Texas to host fun church fall festivals, a place where residents, families, and children of all ages come together to enjoy faith and fun. This is also a welcomed time for Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church as it brings back its traditional fall festival.

Parishioner Irma Campbell is this year's festival organizer. She looks forward to bringing a weekend of faith, family, and friends the weekend of Oct. 8-9. The festival will kick off with a parade at 1 p.m. on Saturday that was organized by Alpine native and

historian BJ Gallego.

On Sunday, food booths featuring delicious cuisine by Alpine parishioners will be sold at 11 a.m., followed by children's games, live music, and performers in the afternoon.

For some tasty cuisine, there will be traditional Filipino dishes made from scratch by Father Victorino Loresca, formerly a priest at Our Lady of Peace who is now at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marfa. Campbell said proceeds from all food booths will go directly to benefit improvements on the church building.

Kids' activities will feature a petting zoo, bounce house, face painting, and much more,

while adults can enjoy live music, dancing, bingo, a silent auction, and more. A Mexican folklorico group from Fort Davis High School will dance.

Gallego said the church parade will be especially significant this year, as the honored Grand Marshal will be Alpine native Sister Cecilia Hernandez. Departed priests David Gallego Fierro, Fr. Alfred Villanueva, and Fr. Jose Valadez will also be remembered. Gallego said the historical parade is even more significant this year because it features the descendants of early families from Alpine who have come together.

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Our Lady of Peace Fall Festival parade Grand Marshal and Alpine native Sister Cecilia Hernandez.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Dean Fields

Robert Dean Fields of Alpine, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 24, 2022, at the age of 51. Robert was born Oct. 17, 1970, in Germany to Richard and Louise Fields.

Robert grew up in Abilene, Texas, and New Braunfels, Texas, graduating from New Braunfels High School in 1989. He received his BA in speech communication with a minor in geology at Texas State University, his MA in public administration at Sul Ross State University, and he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort



Worth, Texas.

During high school with the guidance of the Moore family, Robert accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and changed the course of his life. Robert served God with every breath he took. He was active in every community, campus ministries, Boy Scouts, and prison ministries. He

loved and served God in all aspects of his life.

Robert met Amy Salone at Texas State University in 1993, and they married in June 1995. His love of geology brought them to Alpine, and the beauty of the mountains and the loving community kept them here. He was extremely proud of his son Seth, who was born in Alpine in 2003. He enjoyed summer and winter camping with Seth and the Boy Scouts, and he looked forward to these adventures year-round.

Robert is survived by his parents, Richard and Louise Fields; his beloved wife Amy; and his

son Seth. He was loved dearly by Amy's family - Brent and Ginger Salone, David, Laura, David and Will Pearson, Ben and Roxanne Salone and Asher, Jon and Anna Salone and Liam.

There are so many people he loved and prayed for and served in Christ that they can't be named. Services for Robert will be at First Baptist Church in Alpine on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m.

Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

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

Illegals apprehended

On Sept. 24 a joint operation between Brewster County deputies and U.S. Border Patrol agents resulted in the apprehension of five illegal aliens from Mexico, and the arrest of Emanuel Hosea Hafford. Hafford was discovered to be smuggling the suspects on U.S. Highway 385 south

of Marathon.

The suspects from Mexico were processed by Border Patrol agents, and Hafford was booked into the Brewster County jail on five counts of smuggling of persons.



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Alpine High School 2022 Homecoming Court Queen candidates Ella Wonsowski, Estefania Mucharraz, Queen Kiara Castillo, Melanie Armendariz, Jasmine DeLeon, and Alexis Rodriguez pause for a photo at the Alpine Buck football stadium on Sept. 23.

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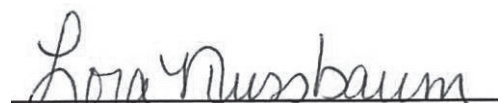
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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the General Election held on NOVEMBER 8, 2022 will be tested on October 4th at 10:00 AM at VAL CLARK BEARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 203 N 7TH to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.


Signature of Officer

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Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usara en la Elección GENERALES que se llevará a cabo el 8 de NOVIEMBRE de 2022 se probará el 4 de OCTUBRE a las 10: 00 AM en LA SALA DE CONFERENCIAS VAL CLARK BEARD 203 N 7 th para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.


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"Last time I had a garage sale I did not put it in the paper and I did not have a good turn out at all. I always do because I put it in the paper."
- Susie Gonzales

County approves permits for Terlingua chili cookoffs

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 27, and the court approved the permitting process for the upcoming Terlingua international chili cookoffs. Commissioners also approved tax collection agreements and other contracts with various local non-profit groups. Commissioner, Pct. 3, Ruben Ortega, was absent.

Commissioners approved orders granting permits for the 55th annual CASI Terlingua International Chili Championship to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5. The cookoffs will be fundraisers for local Terlingua charities and Chili Appreciation Society International scholarships.

Commissioner, Pct. 2, Sara Allen Colando voiced full support for the allocations.

In other business, regarding short-term rentals and unpaid hotel/motel occupancy taxes, commissioners approved moving forward with the request for proposals, which would include bid solicitation from qualified companies for software and monitoring, enforcement support, and administration.

Next, commissioners approved an interlocal agreement for law enforcement services for fiscal year 2023 with Alpine ISD for use of sheriff's deputies to be employed as school resource officers for the elementary, middle, and high schools. County Treasurer Julie Morton said the agreement would be in effect as of July 1 this year, and

there were discussions on how the county would be compensated for the law enforcement services.

Morton said that in the past, AISD was billed a yearly amount divided by four quarters, but moving forward, overtime pay would be added to the total actual payroll costs. Commissioners then approved the interlocal agreement with the school district.

As is the norm this time of year, commissioners approved the yearly tax collection agreement for other governmental entities on behalf of the county and other taxing entities throughout the county, including Alpine ISD, Terlingua CSD, San Vicente ISD, Marathon ISD, Big Bend Regional Hospital District, and the City of Alpine. Morton said the amount for fiscal year



Residents and visitors enjoy a past chili cookoff in South County

Courtesy photo

2023 for each entity had increased 5%, an amount reflected in both the agreements and the county budget. Commissioners also approved fiscal year 2022 contracts for service with local non-profits, includ-

ing Alpine, Marathon, and Big Bend public libraries; Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend; Sunshine House; Frontier CASA; Elm Grove, Holy Angels, Marathon, and Mexican American cemeteries;

Big Bend Amateur Softball Association; and Big Bend Little League.

Regarding the upcoming court meeting schedule, commissioners approved the calendar for fiscal year 2023 that runs from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023. Meetings continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Finally, County Emergency Management Coordinator Stephanie Elmore said the county-wide burn ban was still off, but prescribed burns would have to be approved by contacting her or the sheriff's office dispatch.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

Sul Ross receives funding for anthropology program

The Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University received \$1 million in funding from the Department of Education through the office of U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, Texas Congressional Dist. 23.

"The funds will go toward building an anthropology program at Sul Ross," said CBBS director Dr. Bryon Schroeder. "The majority of this funding will be spent hiring three PhD level researchers for a three-year appointment, aiding in the expansion and development of anthropology courses and regional research programs."

Schroeder said the money will help to professionalize the Center as they work to become a leading research organization in the region and the nation.

"This is a major shot in the arm for a department like ours," he said. "We will be able to advance our department and push the discipline forward using the world-class archaeological record in our region."

Gonzales first announced the procurement last March. The funds will be spent over three years.

Established by Sul Ross State University in 1987, the Center for Big Bend Studies promotes archae-

ological and historical research in the Greater Big Bend region of Texas and northern Mexico.

The Center conducts research and provides educational opportunities to university students, the public and outside researchers.

The 28th annual CBBS conference is scheduled for Nov. 11-12 at the Morgan University Center. For more information or to register, visit cbbs.sulross.edu/28_cbbs_conference/#.

Offices are located at Ferguson Hall on the SRSU campus in Alpine. Email cbbs@sulross.edu to learn more.

BBT receives grant



Last week the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded BBT a \$24 million grant for the five-year fiber optic buildout to the border communities of Candelaria, Dryden, Redford, Ruidosa, and Shafter.

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STRATEGIC PLAN TOWN HALL MEETINGS

City of Alpine is beginning the process of creating and implementing a Strategic Plan. Defining what is most important to our citizens, as well as how we can accomplish those priorities as a City, will guide decision-making for public improvements and fiscal planning for a sustainable future for us all.

Beginning in October, the City will host six public meetings, one per Ward plus a Mayoral meeting, structured to hear and document public ideas and concerns. Specific TOPICS that we would love to hear the public's ideas on are: 1) Transparent Government, 2) Strong & Resilient Economy, 3) Safe & Flourishing Neighborhoods, 4) Sustainable Infrastructure, and 5) Effective & Efficient Services. We will also have an "Other" category for all other comments and ideas that do not fit into the five topics listed.

City staff looks forward to seeing you at one of the following meetings:

- October 3, Monday, Alpine Civic Center, 5:30pm (Ward 2)
- October 19, Wednesday, Alpine Elementary School Cafeteria, 6:00pm (Ward 1)
- November 5, Saturday, Granada Event Space, 2:00pm (Mayor)
- November 17, Thursday, Visitor Center Pavilion, 5:30pm (Ward 5)
- December 1, Thursday, Alpine Public Library, 6:00pm (Ward 4)
- December 7, Wednesday, American Legion Hall, 12:00pm (Ward 3)

All citizens can attend any of the offered meetings; you are not limited to just the one assigned for the Ward you live in.

Opinions

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RESULTS



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

- Are you active on social media sites?
- Yes, I have accounts with several social media sites, and I check them throughout the day.
 - Yes, but I limit myself to one or two social media sites that I check when I have time.
 - Yes, but I check them only occasionally.
 - No, I have no interest in social media.
- Vote for this week's poll online at: www.AlpineAvalanche.com

LETTERS

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The checkout time was 1 p.m.

I walk past it with every trip to my toolbox for another wrench - the tool I really needed when I thought the one in my hand would work.

It's a short journey through the door separating my workshop where the toolbox resides and the garage where my antique road warriors slumber. However, the small hotel room placard attached to that door still evokes a smile when I glance at it.

"Shamrock Hilton Rate Posting Law - Room 532," the placard reads.

Following a paragraph of hotel legalese certifying the room for four guests, the daily rate typed in for four is \$143. The three-guest price noted is \$127. For two, \$111. And for one person to spend the night in what was once the grandest hotel in Houston and the largest hotel built in the 1940s, the 1986 rate was \$95.

Oh, and the checkout time was 1 p.m.

The Shamrock, as it was called when it was built by oil wildcatter Glenn McCarthy between 1946-1949, was constructed southwest of downtown Houston, next to the Texas



BY LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

Medical Center. The St. Patrick's Day party was touted in the newspapers as costing an estimated one million dollars. Stories reported a glamorous array of Hollywood stars in attendance, along with the most elite of the oil industry and social citizenry.

For 37 years, the hotel was a favorite spot for Houston events such as debutante balls, galas, conventions, and business meetings. Its lavishly landscaped garden, 5,000-square-foot mahogany and marble lobby, and 165- by 142-foot swimming pool, described as the world's largest outdoor pool accommodating exhibition waterskiing and a three-story diving platform, made it a popular gathering place for more than three decades.

The Shamrock was referred

to as Houston's Riviera in the early 1950s for its private and sleek Cork Club where singer Frank Sinatra performed, and where oil deals were made.

The Hilton chain added the hotel's reputation for elegance to its line in 1955, and operated it until 1985. It needed renovation and updating when it was donated to the Texas Medical Center during a local recession.

Demolition of the grand old hotel began in June 1987, and it was gone from the skyline by August. The last Shamrock St. Patrick's Day party was in 1986, and the hotel's last day open to the public for guests was the first weekend of June that same year.

That summer weekend, I was the last guest in room 532.

Arriving Friday at the still elegant facility, I joined the throng of the curious. A variety of parties were already in progress. I was there to "close up" the elegant old hotel with Houston's classic Thunderbird club.

Gathering to say goodbye was sad. Mother Nature contributed clouds for the historical land-mark's swan song, obscuring the sun all weekend. She also threw in off-and-on rainfall

that suggested tears shed for the structure's eminent passing.

The car club staged a show around the hotel's entrance drive late Saturday evening. But weathering the pesky mist put a damper on outside activities, so most of us cruised old cars over to nearby Prince's Hamburger Drive-In, another Houston landmark.

Back at the hotel that night, a line outside the restaurant waited to buy glasses, silverware, or anything that bore the Shamrock Hilton logo. Noticing empty sign frames in the elevator, I commented to a hotel worker making the trip up that it looked like the souvenir hunters had been busy.

"We're encouraging it," he said. "Better to leave as someone's keepsake than to go the way of the hotel demolition. And be sure to get the rate sign off the door in your room," he added. "You will have it to remember that you were the last person to stay here, in that room."

And I still smile when I see "Checkout time is one (1) p.m." on my workshop door, on my way to get the right tool again.

Thank you for being mannerly

"No problem." That is how I used to reply to people who thanked me for holding the door open for them or for offering some other small gesture.

I don't know where I got into the habit of saying this to people, but I do not say it anymore.

My mannerly response of choice now is the one my mother taught me over and over again as a child, "You're welcome."

You may see no difference between the modern, slangy reply "no problem" and "you're welcome," but there is one, slight though it may be.

So why not make the change back to the traditional response?

After all, any time you are more polite to your fellow human beings, you spread the desire for them to be more polite to others.

Politeness is infectious, almost as infectious as rudeness is.

Consider this. If someone



TOM PURCELL
Guest Columnist

cuts you off in traffic, then gives you a very rude gesture with his middle finger, are you not filled with instant anger and aggression?

Are you then more likely to be rude to some other stranger?

"Incivility is a virus," said Christine Porath, a Georgetown professor and author of "Mastering Civility: A Manifesto for the Workplace."

She explained to NBC News that rude reactions tend to create more rude behavior, creating a big negative spiral, and a negative culture.

Being mannerly is especially important now. We live in a time of increasing rudeness thanks in no small part to the way we treat each other on social media.

Social media has resulted

in more group-think where-by we are certain that we and our friends are 100% correct about any particular issue, and those with whom we disagree are not only wrong, but also stupid and evil.

Group-think has given us license to lash out at others without restraint.

Thirty years ago if you said some of the things to a stranger that some people say all the time to others on Facebook, you'd likely get punched in the face.

But the days in which there were consequences for such rudeness are long over.

Psychology Today says there is one key reason why people are so much ruder today - a lack of eye contact.

We behave differently hiding behind a fictitious online name when we do not have to make face-to-face contact with whomever we are verbally criticizing or attacking.

One solution - let's be more mindful of being mannerly on-

line and off.

As a kid, I had it drummed into my head to say "please" and "thank you."

Now, when I phone the electric company or a client, I always ask, "How are you today?"

It throws people off. Most of the time, they reply, "I'm great. How are you?"

And off we go, with a touch of civility established, to tend to our business.

I have to work hard at being polite, particularly in traffic, because I do have a temper, and I do respond with aggression if someone gives me the middle-finger gesture after cutting me off.

A better way to respond, my wise mother keeps telling me, is to smile and wave - gestures that suggest "my bad" even though I did nothing wrong.

Truth be told, I've only managed to do this once. But boy, does it instantly confuse and disarm rude people.

Polite behavior always does.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Water - what to do with it, and what do we do without it?

I am a fourth generation rancher in Brewster County. While I have only lived and ranged here for the last 20 years, I see first hand every day I am at the ranch what water means to our environment, lifestyle, business, and our very survival.

We cannot exist without it, and this land cannot thrive without it. Therefore we

have to be thoughtful about how we decide to use it.

Drought is a very real issue that all Americans are facing right now, and we have to be careful about how we spend our water resources. Right now most of us have been very lucky with the precious rainfall we have gotten in the last two months, but in the eight months leading up to the end of July this year, we have gotten a big fat zero in rainfall.

Folks, I don't live in the Alpine city limits, but I know water is very precious to all of us and how we live our lives. The City of Alpine issued water rationing guidelines during the last few months.

There is news of a proposed beer brewery to be located on the south side of Alpine City limits.

Did you know that beer is 90-95% water? I enjoy a beer or two occasionally, but

maybe right now the fragility of our water situation is too much of a liability to be building a business that depends on a lot of water to exist.

I would encourage the proposed business developers, the city of Alpine, and other citizens of Alpine and the area to think about what will happen to our lives when/if there is no water.

Chachi Hawkins
Alpine

Heard on the STREET

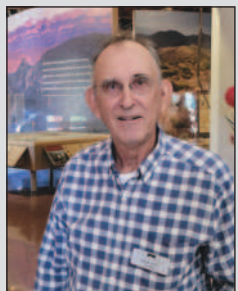
Have you registered to vote, and if so, why or why not?



Ana Renteria, Alpine: No, I'm not registered. I haven't found time to do it. This will be my first time since I had my citizenship.



Katy Williams, Alpine: Yes, because I am a voter deputy registrar for Brewster County. My vote matters.



Dave Leet, Alpine: I'm registered, and so is my wife. She's a registrar that goes out and registers



Aaron Majek, Alpine: Yes, because I intend to vote. Voting is good to let your opinion be heard.



A. Dean Snedecor, Alpine: Yes, I just hope people use common sense when voting.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. Alpine Police Department will sponsor its annual National Night Out at Baines Park at Fifth Street and Gallego.

Brick Vault barbecue will grill hotdogs supplied by Porter's Thriftway, and a J&C bouncers will be available for the youngsters.

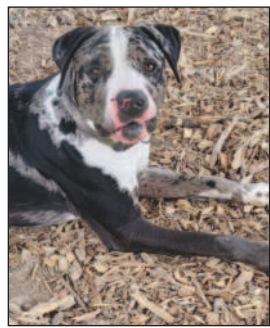
National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while encouraging a true sense of community.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Tigger, a handsome and athletic boy. A one-year-old Catahoula mix, he gets along well with his friends in the play yard and loves to run. He is good-natured and likes attention, although he is not pushy about it. He has a great smile, and would love to be your walking, hiking, and TV watching companion.

The AHS Pet Pantry helps pet owners who find themselves a

bit short of funds, and need temporary assistance with food for their pets. Wet and dry food for cats and dogs is available. The pantry recently moved from the Thrift Store and Cattery to 600 North Fifth Street at the corner of Avenue A. Pantry hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., or by arrangement by calling 432-837-2532. Good quality pet food donations can be made at the Thrift Store or the new pantry location. Alpine Animal Ser-



vices 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. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the shelter at 432-837-9030.

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Oct. 8-9
Fall Festival at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 406 S. 6th St. in Alpine.

Oct. 13
Spaghetti Supper, 5-7 p.m. sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at Alpine Elementary School cafeteria. Spaghetti and homemade desserts.



Oct. 14
Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m. at American Legion Post 79, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. All proceeds benefit Sul Ross State University athletics.

Oct. 14-16
Open Days, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Davis Mountain Preserve in Fort Davis. Open for hiking, biking, equestrian, picnics, photography, birding, and other outdoor activities, including overnight camp-ing options. To register

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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.

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My Barn Swallow family

This summer I was delighted to host a Barn Swallow family under the eaves of my front porch once again. I've always been envious of all my friends - both birders and non-birders - who have had swallows grace their homes, garages, and barns with nests. And I got to observe their behavior and watch the birds raising their young from the very beginning.

The Barn Swallow is widespread and common throughout North America. Historically, the birds nested in caves and on cliffs near rivers or streams, but now nest almost exclusively on man-made structures, including under bridges and culverts. And they sometimes form large colonies where conditions are favorable.

From the family Hirundo of which there are seven regularly occurring species in North America, this most graceful of our swallows shows a blue-black upper side, whitish to orange underside, and a dark rufous throat. The Barn Swallow's long, forked tail and long pointed wings make it unmistakable in flight.

Since Barn Swallows need mud to construct their cup-like nests, they'll be found near a water source, even if it's just a puddle in a regularly watered lawn or around a stock tank. Both parents construct the nest, and it was fascinating to watch them carry mud pellets in their bills and carefully stack them to build the cup walls. There's a small pond about a block away from my house, and I'm



BIRDS-EYE VIEW
 by gail d. yovanovich



Barn Swallow feeding young on my front porch.

Photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

assuming that's where the birds picked up their mud.

The pair also wove plant fibers among the pellets for strength and stability. And when I saw the birds carrying feathers to line the nest, I knew construction was nearly complete. It's a labor-intensive process that took the birds nearly three weeks from start to finish.

The female Barn Swallow lays four or five smooth, white or pale gray eggs incubated by both parents, and the young are fed every few minutes by both the male and female.

My swallows successfully raised two broods this summer. With both broods, the young remained in the nest for about three weeks, and by the end of that time, they were as big as the adults, and had to pile on top of one another to fit in the nest!

After my first group of chicks fledged, they still returned to the nest each night until momma swallow kicked them out to start her second brood. The older siblings remained nearby, though, and often perched on the utility wires in front of the house. After the second brood fledged, all 10

swallows traveled, fed, and roosted together as a family group.

The open field behind my house provided the perfect feeding spot, and I could sit on my patio each evening and watch as the swallows whirled, swooped, and darted, plucking insects from the air and chattering constantly.

As I wrote this, several of the swallows are still hanging around on my porch, one on top of a wind chime, another atop a hummingbird feeder hook, and yet another on the nest's edge. And I often see the entire family of 10 perched on utility wires nearby.

But it's September now, and my little family will soon be joining the swarms of swallows already flying overhead, bound to winter in Central and South America. I anticipate that my Barn Swallows will return to the same spot next year, and I plan to leave the nest in place for them to use again, as swallows often do - and I'm already looking forward to spring.

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Man sentenced for illegal fentanyl and firearm possession

In Alpine on Sept. 27, a Midland man was sentenced to a total of 200 months in prison for possessing fentanyl and illegally possessing a firearm. According to court documents, Edgar Parra, 36, sold a total of 112.3 grams of fentanyl to undercover DEA operatives on three separate occasions between August and October 2021. On Nov. 11, 2021, the Midland Police Department executed a search warrant on Parra's

hotel room where they found a loaded handgun along with 3.7 grams of methamphetamine. On March 23 Parra pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute fentanyl and one count of possessing a firearm during and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Parra has remained in federal custody since he was arrested on federal indictment charges on Jan. 21.

"Prosecuting crimes involving deadly fentanyl is a priority for our office," said U.S. Attorney Ashley C. Hoff. "We are thankful for the collaborative efforts of our law enforcement partners that have taken another fentanyl dealer off the streets such that he is no longer peddling this poison." "Illicit fentanyl is killing Americans across our nation, including in West Texas communities," said DEA Special Agent

in Charge Greg Millard, El Paso Division. "This case shows that DEA and its law enforcement partners will ensure that criminals who deal in this deadly substance are held responsible for the harm they cause." DEA, with assistance from the Midland Police Department, investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Ellis prosecuted the case.

CHURCH • FROM 1

"It's very interesting because there are three priests and two nuns, and they are all cousins, and they all grew up around the church in the same neighborhood," said Gallego. Sister Cecilia attended Our Lady of Peace Primary School, Centennial School, and then Alpine High School in the 1950s. While in primary and high school, she was a standout basketball player, and a member of the Alpine High School Band. Participating in the church parade will be officials from the City of Alpine, Brewster Coun-

ty, Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Sul Ross State University, and local law enforcement agencies. A color guard from the Alpine Elpidio H. Ramos VFW Post 7207 will also be marching. "I don't think we have had a parade like this in a long time," said Gallego. "These are descendants from the beginning people of Alpine who have always contributed to its history and to the church. I honestly feel that this is a blessing - it is a blessing not just for the families and the church here, but also for Alpine."

Parading with purple and gold



Members from 588 Co-op in Alpine enjoy the Alpine ISD homecoming parade festivities on Sept. 21 as they show off their purple and gold adorned float to support the Fightin' Bucks. The Co-op supports children with special needs and their families across Texas, and is now part of the AISD and Fightin' Buck family.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

SCHOOL • FROM 1

"You have your mission, and you have your culture, and there is a conflict between the two. What always wins out is the culture," said Wubbena, who referenced the lower-than-satisfactory test scores the school received in the past year. "I have spent a lot of time and effort working on how things should be - what the district wants us to be like as an elementary school - and some of those things have to be explained through the eyes of the children because we know our scores were not acceptable." Wubbena further explained that coaching and supporting the classroom teachers was a key in moving forward, along with parental collabora-

tion and support. He said parents and business members were tutoring students to help improve their math skills. AISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart then presented the district construction report, giving an overview of progress so far from Imperial Construction, along with punch list items still to be completed. She said the old high school has been demolished and removed, and Imperial was now pouring concrete for the sidewalks and moving into Phase 2 of the project. Imperial Construction Project Manager Bobby Kelley said that a roofing contractor was no longer on the project, but he had contacted several others to obtain quotes, and

would have a decision in the next several weeks. Imperial also worked on plumbing issues and other punch list items such as masonry. Trustees then unanimously approved two construction change requests, the first adding security alarms to exterior doors at the high school, an amount of \$18,943 that would be deducted from contingency. The second request was to add window roller shades to first floor classrooms, and a lower amount than the original \$9,307 was approved. Next, Rinehart announced that the district's proposed daycare grant application was in its formal review stage to the Texas Workforce

Solutions Borderplex, which would include \$500,000-600,000 to start a daycare center. She also was pleased that the Texas Education Agency awarded the district a \$70,000 grant to focus on improvements in k-6th grade mathematics, one of the district's main focus areas. Finally, CFO Clay Braden asked trustees to approve the fiscal year 2023 tax collection agreement in partnership with Brewster County, and trustees unanimously approved it. The next regularly scheduled AISD Board of Trustees meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room.

BUCKS • FROM 1

The Cougars answered back by returning the kickoff for their first and only touchdown of the game with a minute and 27 seconds left in the first half, 21-7. In the second half, the Bucks defense continued to cause problems for the Cougars offense. Senior Oscar Velasquez caused a fumble, and sophomore Iden Lujan was able to recover it, and score for the Bucks. Roggow's extra kick was good, 28-7. Junior Patrick Contreras also had a fumble recovery in the third quarter.

With two minutes left, Ervin punched in his third touchdown of the night, 34-7. In the fourth quarter the Bucks found the end zone one more time as sophomore Moses Riggin rushed for a 15-yard touchdown. The Bucks celebrated their first win of the season with a final score of 41-7. Senior Tray Ervin led the team in rushing, and had three touchdowns. "I feel great about our first District win," said Ervin. "It was a good team win on both sides of the ball. Our main goal

for this week's game was win every drive regardless of the score. Go Bucks!" Defensively, sophomore J.P. Valenzuela and junior Patrick Contreras led the Bucks with four tackles each. Sophomore Devon Rojo, junior Robert Vasquez, and senior Mateo Miranda also contributed with multiple tackles. The Fightin' Bucks are now 1-0 in District. They will take on the Tornillo Coyotes on Friday, Sept. 30, at Buck stadium at 7:30 p.m. The Alpine junior varsity team traveled to play

against the Ozona Lions JV on Sept. 22. Both defenses played a tough game, holding each other to a 14-14 final score. Freshman A.J. Llanez scored the first touchdown of the game in the first quarter. Freshman Dae Hardwick scored the second touchdown of the night in the third quarter, with sophomore David Valenzuela scoring the two-point conversion for the Bucks. The JV Bucks will host the Pecos Eagles on Thursday, Sept. 29, at Buck Stadium at 6 p.m.

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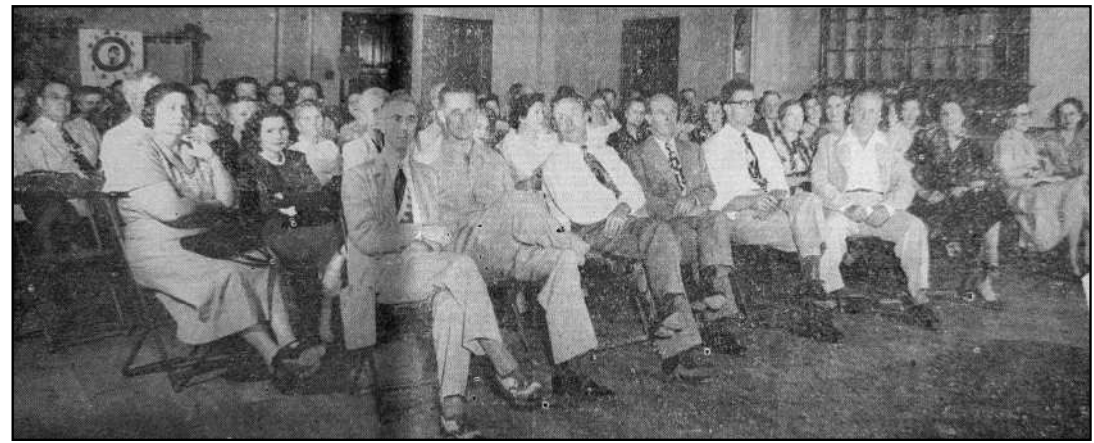
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October 6, 1950
Governor Allan Shivers with kill and 06 Ranch Foreman Bob Wiltoughby. Governor Shivers was one of the early birds to get his antelope just a few minutes after 7 a.m. The governor was an honored guest at a stag party given Monday evening. Photo by Hunter

September 27, 1940

Mary Virginia McIntyre of Alpine, senior at Texas University who was elected queen of the Highland fair, Marfa, Oct. 3-5, when the votes were counted Wednesday night, leading the second highest candidate by 3,800 votes. Miss Mary Virginia was sponsored by the Alpine 20-30 club.



September 29, 1950
Following a meeting of the Big Bend Medical Association here two weeks ago, the group of doctors on the front row, including Dr. J.E. Wright, last man on the front row, gathered in the ballroom of the Holland Hotel to hear a discussion by three prominent El Paso doctors on cancer control.

Ragweed responsible for allergies

Dear Neil: We have what we are told are ragweed and goldenrod that bloom along the creek near our house in falls when there is rain. These are photos from prior years. Will both of these cause allergies? Is there any way to get cities to control them?

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

Ragweed is a huge problem for humans. It grows over much of the U.S., and in wet autumns it can grow to be 15 feet tall. The plants are shorter this year, but they're out there blooming already. Its flowers are not showy, and they are pollinated by wind, hence the issues with allergies. Goldenrod, by comparison, blooms a little bit later. It, too, is widely distributed across the U.S. It's a lovely fall wildflower growing to 18-30 inches tall. It's a great bee and butterfly flower, which tells you that its pollen is sticky, and does not blow through the wind.

Some folks do report allergies to it, but I sometimes wonder if it's not because it is often found growing near stands of the less identifiable ragweed. Ragweed causes the allergic reaction, but goldenrod gets the blame. As for asking cities to eliminate all the existing ragweed, that would be a monumental task that no city could afford. You'd be better off visiting your

local allergist, and finding the best product to help suppress the reactions. We have wonderful medications available to us today.

Dear Neil: What can I do for a pecan tree that is dropping short branches intact? The leaves are green and sticky. It appears the tree will soon be bare.

You may have two problems. The branches that are dropping could have been cut by twig girdlers. They are large beetles with sharp mouthparts. The females deposit their eggs in the distant ends of the twigs, then move back down the twigs a foot or two and almost

sever the branches by cutting a spiral slit. The twig dries, dies and falls to the ground, and the larvae hatch and develop within the decaying wood. There is no chemical control for the pest. She doesn't feed on the tree, and she's only in the locale for a few minutes. The sticky leaves are the result of honeydew being exuded from the bodies of pecan aphids. They suck the

sap from the leaves of the pecans, then deposit it as sweet, sugary sap to all surfaces below. You can control the aphids with a power sprayer with almost any general-purpose organic or inorganic insecticide, but getting sprays up into the tops of large pecans is difficult. We at our house find it easiest just to park somewhere else

for a couple of weeks until the aphid feeding abates. We visit the car wash frequently and we scrub the patio furniture when it's all over. Rain helps, too.

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Ragweed leaves and flowers.

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Sports

Lady Bucks move to 2-0 in District

BY J.T. MARONEY
Publisher

The Lady Bucks sported a 13-9 record as District play began on Sept. 24 in Alpine against the Tornillo Lady Coyotes. District play is what the girls have been preparing for all year, motivated by last year's second place finish to the Presidio Lady Blue Devils.

The first two sets were fast paced on Saturday as Alpine was able to move swiftly past the Lady Coyotes. The Lady Bucks have struggled to close out games in the third set all year. This game came dangerously close to falling into that trap, but the Bucks persevered with a 25-22 victory.

Sophomore Jaycee Portillo led the Bucks

in serving with 22, and added one ace without an error. Paula Vargas' and Adayna Garcia's firepower was notable on offense.

The Avalanche spoke to Head Coach Autumn Kilpatrick about her first District win.

"This feels great, these girls did well," she said.

Looking ahead, she added, "I think Presidio will be a tougher opponent, but our plan is to take the District championship this year."

Junior Novah Carrasco also reflected, saying, "As we approached Saturday's game, we were ready to win. We finished the game in three sets. We will face our other opponents head on as a team, and I know our capability, and we are un-



Junior Paula Vargas goes up for a set at the Lady Buck's first District game of the season.

stoppable. We work hard every day to ensure that we accomplish our goals as one. We are a good team, and we are mentally and physically ready. I believe in my heart we will be District champions."

On Tuesday, the team traveled to Kermit to challenge the Lady Yellowjackets in the second game of District play. The Lady Bucks started sluggishly, winning the first set 25-20, but quickly picked up steam,

winning the second set 25-16. The Bucks dominated the third set with a 25-12 victory, led by the outstanding serving of Paula Vargas with eight aces.

High energy and few errors showcased the

team's potential and paid off with a solid start to District play.

The Lady Bucks are now 2-0 in District, and 15-9 overall. They will face Crane at home on Oct. 1, and away against Presidio on Oct. 4, which

Buck Band ready for a great season



The Alpine High School Fightin' Buck marching band shows off its skills.

Courtesy photo

BY A.K. HOLMES
Band Director, Alpine High School

The Fightin' Buck Band is well into marching season, and currently preparing for the UIL Region Marching Contest on Monday, Oct. 17, in Abilene. The band has been working tirelessly to put all three movements of its UIL show on the field.

This season's show theme is entitled "Lost at Sea," with music by Texas composer Luke McMillan. At Alpine High School homecoming last week, the band performed the show with all three movements on the field, and in the weeks until UIL, the band will continue working to make the show polished and clean for competition.

If the band receives a Division 1 at UIL Region, it will qualify for the next round of com-

petition - the UIL Area Marching Contest on Saturday, Oct. 22, with an opportunity to make Area finals that same day.

The talented, hard-working students make the music come alive and tell a story, and band parents and boosters support the band through every endeavor. Marching season comes to an end in early November, and from there the band begins to focus on UIL Concert and Sightreading well into the spring semester.

October, also known as Bandtober, will be a busy month for the Fightin' Buck Band, with a pre-UIL competition in Abilene on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Big Country Marching Festival.

October will also be the start of fall fundraising. Students will be selling Buck Cards to the public with great discounts to local vendors.

The Band Boosters will also be fundraising with the Burger in a Bag sale to take place on Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Buck Stadium concession stand. Pre-sale has already begun, and band boosters and band members are selling tickets.

The Buck Band would like to thank the community for its enthusiasm and support for the music program.

Cheering for the Fightin' Bucks!



Alpine High School 2022-2023 varsity cheerleaders showcased their pride, carrying the school flag and getting the students, fans, and staff pumped up during the pep rally held at the high school gym on Sept. 16. The pep rally's theme was DC/Marvel, where students were excited to dress up as their favorite DC/Marvel character.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Fightin' Buck Schedule

Football

- Sept. 29 Pecos @ Alpine JV 6 p.m.
- Sept. 29 Fort Stockton @ Fort Stockton. 7th 5 p.m./8th 6:15 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Tornillo @ Alpine Varsity 7:30 p.m.


Volleyball

- Oct. 1 Crane @ Alpine JVP/ JVG 11 a.m./V noon
- Oct. 4 Presidio @ Presidio JVP/JVG 5 p.m./V 6:30 p.m.

Cross Country

- Oct. 1 Big Bend Mountain Ramble in Alpine TBA

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Rio Grande Council of Government Appointments New Board Members

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In 1971, the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster were included in the organization to form a truly “Regional” body, and the organization was renamed West Texas Council of Governments. In 1987, by vote of the membership, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and the local governments within were included as full members and the name of the organization was changed to the Rio Grande Council of Governments.



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Cross country to host Mountain Ramble



The 2022 Alpine Buck cross country team.

The Alpine cross country team will host the Big Bend Mountain Ramble mile high cross country race on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Kokernot Park. Races begin at 8:30 a.m., with the race order to be JV girls, varsity girls, JV boys, varsity boys, middle school girls, and middle school boys.

Photo by Theresa Huckaby

Ace in the hole!



Midland golfer Abby Jimenez scored an ace on the ninth hole at the Magoo Memorial Par 3 Tournament on Sept. 24 at Alpine Country Club. *Courtesy photo*

Getting together at the club



Danny Rios of El Paso, Jamo Reyes of Midland, Magoo's sons Joe Torres of Odessa and Billy Jack Torres of Alpine, Ronnie Monclova of Presidio, and Burger Rodriguez of Fabens pause for a photo at the Magoo Memorial Par 3 Tournament at Alpine Country Club on Sept. 24.

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The Alpine High School marching band makes its way down Avenue E at the homecoming parade held on Sept 21. Plenty of festive floats made the parade a huge success, with Alpine ISD students, staff, and friends showing off their Buck Pride to the community to celebrate homecoming weekend.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

The reigning king and queen



Alpine High School seniors Kiara Castillo and Jeremiah Pearce were crowned as this year's Homecoming Queen and King before the Fightin' Buck football game on Sept. 23. Courtesy photo

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Welcoming a new pastor



First Baptist Church of Alpine welcomed a new pastor, Coleman Reidling and wife Louise, along with their little one, Henry, on Sept. 18 at the church. Reidling preached the morning worship service, and the church membership voted on calling him as the new full-time pastor. Sunday included a meet and greet at Fellowship Hall, and the congregation was pleased to see that God brought a new beginning for the church.

Courtesy photo

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Jasmine De Leon

In what activities did you participate in high school?

The activities I have participated in during my high school career has been cross country my freshman and sophomore years, basketball and track all four years, a football trainer junior and senior year, and National Honor Society my junior and senior years.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

My favorite educator and coach throughout my four years has been my Dad, or you may know him as Coach Del. Coach Del is not only my favorite coach, but he's also my life coach. Not only has he pushed me to be better on the track, but also to be better in life overall. He is the smartest man I know, and everyday he continues to help me grow and become a better person.

What was your favorite



De Leon

moment the last four years?

My favorite moment during my last four years was my junior year 4x4 relay team. Everyday those girls made me laugh, and were supportive through every race we ran no matter how it went. The memories I made with those girls will always have a place in my heart.

What are your plans after high school?

I plan to attend college at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and obtain a degree in real estate and finance. My goal is to become a real estate agent in the future in a big city.

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Devotional Page The evil of unforgiveness

BY ANDREW POSADAS

Fountain of Life Assembly of God

It was only natural for me as a pre-teen growing up in an evangelical home to be frustrated at what I perceived to be a long list of things I should not and could not do. What I failed to understand in my immaturity was that the "right" path was going to be contrary to what I naturally felt inclined to do.

It is my belief one of the biggest mistakes we can make is to teach future generations to "follow their hearts." Christ himself taught us that what we call the heart is where all sorts of evil stems from (Matthew 15:18-19).

Generally, I believed we've done a good job emphasizing a defense against certain evils we as humans are drawn to. Sexual immorality, addictions, and even pride. I have seen all these thoroughly covered. But one thing I believe we do not emphasize enough as an evil is unforgiveness. This is tragic, seeing that Jesus and the rest of Scripture do not shy away from calling it out.

Hebrews 12:14 speaks on holiness, and clarifies that one of the most foundational aspects of holiness is living in peace with everyone. Not teaching forgiveness is a grave mistake because unforgiveness touches on the roots and founda-

tion of our Christian lives.

We cannot be set apart with unforgiveness because unforgiveness looks nothing like Christ. The whole goal of holiness is not just to be set apart for the sake of being set apart, but to draw nearer to God and become more like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

To further emphasize this point, I would like to make a reference to Matthew 18:21-35, where Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, and Jesus answers not only with a hyperbolic number, but also tells him a parable that touches on the essence of the Gospel. We have been forgiven so much by God so that we can bear witness with our actions, and lead others to receive that same forgiveness.

I would like to conclude by encouraging you to connect back with the essence of the Gospel if you are struggling with unforgiveness. Meditate on how much God has forgiven you. Many times at the root of it is not the person we have not forgiven, but rather ourselves. We might be doing so much to try and be "good" when what we really need to do is forgive.

As many have said before, unforgiveness is punishing yourself for the evil someone else did. It does awful things to your spiritual and mental health. But with God's help, we can grow and move past it.

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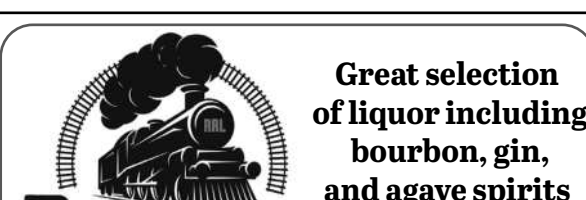
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This Southwest recipe will make you feel right at home

The boys of summer are gearing up for the home stretch, and it is time for those gridiron warriors to take center stage. And what better way to cheer on your favorite team than with hearty food. Football soup is as much a warrior for your table as those boys on the field. It will

tackle your tastebuds as if it were fourth and goal, but will cheer you on to make a comeback.

Football soup is not just a soup, but is chock full of my favorite food. This creamy concoction is all about the cheese, but we throw in a little beer for good measure. And to top it off, we have bacon! The duct tape of the kitchen just makes this soup even better. Fitting in with our Southwest fare, this recipe calls for a jalapeno too. So, we get the best of everything in one bowl - cheese, bacon, spiciness - what more could you ask for.

Now the kicker about this cheesy soup is that while it will taste cheesy, it can taste even better with an addition of what I like to refer to as my "secret ingredient" when it comes to making cheese soup or macaroni and cheese. I always add in at least a teaspoon of prepared mustard. Since this recipe calls for sharp cheddar cheese, this will add just enough extra sharpness to the cheese flavor to have everyone coming



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert



ing going on from your armchair quarterback, because this football soup is a touchdown and a two-point conversion for your game day table. *Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at foodie9372@gmail.com.*

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- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 pound bacon, cut into 1/3- inch pieces
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 - 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
 - 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
 - 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, finely chopped
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 4 tablespoons butter
 - 1-1/2 cup pilsner beer
 - 2 cups chicken stock
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 6 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
 - 4 ounces medium cheddar cheese, shredded
 - 2 ounces pepper jack cheese, shredded
 - Salt, to taste
 - Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 - Chives, optional, to taste
 - Flat leaf parsley, optional, to taste

Directions:

In a large saucepan or soup pot over medium-high heat, cook the bacon until crispy, about seven minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the cooked bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate. Drain all but about one to two tablespoons of the bacon fat from the pan. Add onion, bell pepper, jalapeno, and thyme to the bacon grease, and cook until the veggies are tender, about five minutes. Reduce heat to medium, and add the butter to the veggie mixture, stirring until completely melted. Sprinkle the flour over the veggie mixture, stirring until the flour is fully incorporated. Add the beer to the veggie mixture, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens. Slowly add the chicken stock and cream to the thickened mixture, and stir until all ingredients are combined. Bring soup to a low simmer. Add the sharp cheddar, the medium cheddar, and the pepper jack, handfuls at a time, to the soup, stirring after each addition. Continue to simmer the soup until the cheese is melted. Season the soup with the salt and pepper and add one-half of the cooked bacon. Spoon the soup into bowls and garnish with remaining bacon, chives, and parsley, and serve.

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