

County approves housing state prisoners

Proposed contract contingent upon approval by Ector County

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 11, and commissioners approved a proposed jail housing agreement between Brewster and Ector counties as requested by Sheriff Ronny Dodson. Commissioner, Pct. 4, Mike Pallanez, was absent. Dodson said several deputies traveled to Austin

and San Antonio to attend special prisoner training based on a federal requirement titled the Prisoner Rape Elimination Act that was signed into law in 2003. He said this was required under federal law for any jail facilities housing federal prisoners.

In addition, Dodson said the county jail would have to undergo a separate federal audit despite a state inspector recently approving

the jail facility. "It will be \$7,000-14,000 a year for them to audit and come check us," said Dodson. "We get inspected by the state for free, but the fed requires different procedures than the state does. We are looking at a \$50,000 jump, and we are not budgeted for that."

Dodson justified housing state inmates from Ector County rather than federal prisoners due to the high expenses mandated by the federal government. He said both Ector and Midland counties had overcrowding problems, and



Ronny Dodson

housing their inmates in the Brewster County jail would be beneficial to the county. The rate to house state inmates would increase from \$65 a day to \$68, giving the county a less costly option, with the ability to use low level state prisoners to work on community projects.

Dodson said he would ensure that state inmates to be used for community projects were low level offenders as opposed to dangerous felons charged with

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First Baptist Church of Alpine Pastor Coleman Reidling, wife Louise, and son Henry.

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God's call brings new pastor to Alpine

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

It is always an exciting time when a new pastor joins a church, particularly in a small town where many attend worship services, and the congregation forms a close relationship with the pastor and his family.

Next month, First Baptist Church of Alpine will debut a new pastor who is looking forward to getting to know Alpine, and continuing the strong partnerships that have been a part of the church for years.

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A celebration of faith, family, and friends



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church of Alpine Guadalupe ministry and Berta Rios Martinez of Alpine enjoy the festivities during the Fall Festival Parade held on Oct 8. The church's annual fall festival is a local favorite as they celebrate faith, family, and friends on a fun-filled, family friendly weekend.

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End of life care a topic of concern for Big Bend

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

The issue of care for an aging population is an important topic of discussion that is inevitable as loved ones near the end of their lives. While reaching old age is something to be thankful for, there are also concerns facing older adults, particularly in the Big Bend region where nursing homes or hospice facilities don't exist.

"Brewster County is a vast and sparsely populated area of Texas, and this makes it challenging for a hospice service company to serve a county that covers more than 6,000 miles with fewer than 10,000 residents," Big Bend Regional Medical Center staff noted.

Staff members indicated that many patients and their families choose to plan in advance for their end-of-life care preferences, often forming a palliative care arrangement with their primary care provider. When a patient receives a terminal diagnosis, either a primary care provider or hospital case management staff member can connect patients and their families with the nearest hospice provider.



End of life care for an aging population is a concern in Big Bend.

Courtesy photo

At Agave Home Health, a privately run home health care provider for the Big Bend based in Alpine, there are additional concerns that are taken into consideration.

"We are bound by the Medicare rules and regulations by what is covered under home health care, and those types of services that are not covered under the home health benefit per se," said Cynthia Kirkpatrick, Agave clinical manager and supervising nurse. "We would be able to accept care for a terminal

patient if one of their care needs fell under the home health benefit."

The best option would be for families to discuss their wishes with their physician, and the physician can either set up home visits, virtual visits, or anything needed to monitor the patients' situation. It is also important for the patient to have a caregiver in place who will be with them 24/7, especially due to the remoteness of the region where there are limited caregivers and providers.

Kirkpatrick, a former hospice nurse, has been in the home health business since 2011. She noted it was "extremely challenging" to start a hospice agency in Alpine, due to staffing issues.

"You have to have nurses, nurse aides, social workers - there is a long list of people you need to provide hospice services, so that's a huge challenge for the Big Bend," she said. "There is a lot of time on the road for very few patients who are spread out, and those are the reasons why hospice has never really worked in Alpine."

She added, "Home health is really set up and designed to be more of a short-term service, and so it is not geared to be in there for the long haul for patients who are declining over time, and in need of longer term care."

Death is often a difficult topic for families to discuss and plan for, but a good starting point is for older adults and their families to have the support necessary to make informed decisions about end-of-life options available, financial implications, and how to ensure that the individual's wishes are respected.

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OBITUARIES



Keisha Hernandez

On Oct. 6, 2022, Keisha Hernandez was called home to be in paradise with our Lord Jesus Christ. She was only 46 years old.

Keisha left behind a

husband of 27 years, Hector; and three beautiful children, Sean, 25, Cheyenne, 24, and Christian, 20.

Keisha was such a joyous person, and loved having her family by her side. They were

her genuine happiness, along with her four granddaughters. Anyone who knew her knows that she would want us to celebrate her life, and so as we all grieve the loss of a beautiful loving soul, we also cel-

brate the 46 years she gave us all.

Praying of the Most Holy Rosary was held on Oct. 12, 2022, at Santa Teresa de Jesus Catholic Church in Presidio, Texas, followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Of-

ficiant was Father Mike Alcuino.

Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

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Candidate forum coming up Oct. 17

With early voting later this month, on Monday, Oct. 17, at 5:30 p.m., a candidate forum will be held in

the Alpine ISD auditorium, 704 West Sul Ross Avenue.

Candidates invited to the forum include,

for the Brewster County judge position, Greg Henington and Oscar Cobos; and for Brewster County

commissioner, Pct. 2, Mark Chiles and Sara Colando.

The public is invited.

Library celebrates National Friends of Libraries Week

Alpine Public Library will spend Oct. 16-22 celebrating its Friends of the Library group as part of the 17th annual National Friends of Libraries Week.

Friends of the Alpine Public Library was established in 1949, and has continuously supported the library through volunteering and fundraising activities. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the library relies heavily on the contributions of the Friends. Roughly

30% of the funds necessary to meet the library's operating budget comes through the efforts of this group who volunteered for over 4,000 hours in 2021.

"Our library is stronger with the help of the Friends," said library Director Don Wetterauer. "Funds raised by the Friends are crucial to the success of our library."

Over the decades, these activities have included assisting library staff during children's

programs, teaching English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency students, selling used books during special sales and in Re-Reads bookstore, and helping with the annual silent auction held during Artwalk.

"To me, libraries are critical in providing easy access to information, culture, arts, and entertainment for the entire community," said Friends president Chris Ruggia. "Joining the

Friends of the Library through a membership donation or volunteering our time are ways to ensure that every single one of us can continue to share in our collective wealth of culture and knowledge."

Other officers of the organization are Vice President Ellen Ruggia and Secretary Kathy Bork.

Contact the library at 432-837-2621 or visit alpinepubliclibrary.org to find out how to become a member.

Meet the Mustangs



The Marathon PTO introduced Marathon ISD students to the community at the Meet the Mustangs welcoming meet and greet held on Sept. 29, followed by a hot dog dinner, and decorating horseshoes in front of the elementary and secondary schools. The PTO also honored the Marathon High School Class of 2023 with a special Mustang pride display. Here, seniors Isiah Briones and Candace Aguilar showcase their school pride.

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No answers in pedestrian death

On Sept. 15 at about 1:45 a.m., an unidentified sports utility vehicle traveling through town struck Stephen Halsall of the U.K. at the underpass on U.S. Highway 90 west of Alpine. Halsall was walking back to the Hampton Inn alone when he was struck by the vehicle.

Alpine Police officers responded after a 911 call from a motorist passing by in reference to a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle. Emergent Ambulance Service responded, and transported the patient to Big Bend Regional Medical Center.

The officers commenced the

search for the responsible vehicle. Texas Department of Public Safety was called to assist with the investigation.

The patient was later flown to University Medical Center in El Paso. On Sept. 25 Halsall died in El Paso with his wife beside him.

The investigation is ongoing.



Paisano Chapter members with donations for Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend are Lindy Stumberg, Teresa Cotman, Mary Smith, Kay Houston, Jennifer Shelton, Judy Parsons, Janith Stephenson, Laura Decker, Kitty Allison, Jody Stone, Muriel Cotman, and Cindy Arnold.

Courtesy photo

Service organization donates to family crisis center

In honor of its National Day of Service on Oct. 11, the Paisano Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution organized a donation drive for the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend in Alpine. Donations included requested items of clothing, toiletries, and canned goods having protein.

Vice Regent Judy Perry organized the drive, and said, "The Family Crisis Center is a worthwhile and needed organization for our community and

area. The Paisano Chapter is pleased to help support survivors and clients."

Paisano Chapter is one of many chapters of DAR whose members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism to their local communities across the country and world.

To learn more about DAR membership in a local chapter, contact Regent Kay Houston, regentpaisano@gmail.com.

Jamming at the Civic Center



Alpine's the Old Rugged Choir joins in the inaugural Big Bend Bluegrass Festival held Oct. 8 at the Alpine Civic Center. Presented by the Big Bend Bluegrass Association, the two-day festival featured popular Texas bluegrass artists like the Kody Norris Show, Calamity Creek String Band, and more, and entertained bluegrass fans with jamming workshops, food, and door prizes.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Park to protect bighorn sheep

During the week of Oct. 10, the National Park Service will continue with measures to protect desert bighorn sheep in Big Bend National Park, which includes reducing the population of non-native aoudad, or Barbary sheep. Beginning Oct. 11 the Park Service will partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to survey for native bighorn, and to remove invasive Barbary sheep using helicopters and staff trained in aerial shooting operations. The remote Deadhorse Mountains and surrounding areas, including the Dagger Flat Road and Old Ore Road, will be closed to entry. Closure areas will reopen once the surveys are completed. Closure signs will be posted for trailheads and roads. Barbary sheep are native



Desert bighorn sheep.

Courtesy photo

to the dry mountains of Northern Africa, but now thrive within the rugged landscape of West Texas. Over the last 30 years, Barbary sheep have established a foothold within the park, and have

increased significantly in recent years. Hundreds now roam the area, but the park is home to only a tiny population of native desert bighorn sheep. Barbary sheep occupy the same habitats as native

bighorn, and negatively impact the natural ecology of the park. Large groups of aoudad can prevent desert bighorn from accessing water, threaten biodiversity, and impair park visitors' ability to experience natural conditions and scenery. This effort is part of Big Bend's long-term, integrated approach to control exotic animals and protect park resources. Management of aoudad is in keeping with the Big Bend Exotic Animal Management Plan and Environmental Assessment finalized in June 2018. For more information on the ongoing efforts of the state to support native bighorn sheep and remove non-native aoudad, contact the TPWD Press Office at 512-389-8030 or news@tpwd.texas.gov.

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SRSU announces STEM Research Institute

An education research program that investigates digital innovation and future-ready STEM teaching at Sul Ross State University has been officially named.

The La Frontera STEM Research Institute will have offices on all four SRSU campuses in Alpine, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math, which compose core curriculum for students in Texas public schools. Funding from the NSF Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program provides institutions of higher education with scholarships, stipends, and programmatic support to recruit and prepare STEM majors and professionals to become K-12 teachers.

According to Dr. Jennifer Miller-Ray, the LFRI team is partnering with stakeholders like schools, libraries, and municipalities to develop programming, and to learn how the institute can interact with communities to improve STEM learning experiences for rural communities

and to increase the number of STEM majors attending the university.

"We're very interested in adult learning and how to connect the digital divide that was exposed in the pandemic," said Dr. Miller-Ray. "There's a lack of resources, but there's also a learning barrier. We want to explore ways to improve the digital literacy of the general public."

One way to connect will be through the use of the "mobile STEM lab" with delivery expected around the first of November. A van outfitted with hands-

on learning products, purchased through grant funding and the Science Mill partnership, will be used to teach adults and children about things like renewable energy, technology in agriculture, and climate change with robotics, drones, and 3D printing.

Two graduate research assistant positions have also been funded, one for the Alpine campus and one for the Rio Grande College campuses.

To apply or for more information about scheduling the mobile lab, email jennifer.miller@sulross.edu.

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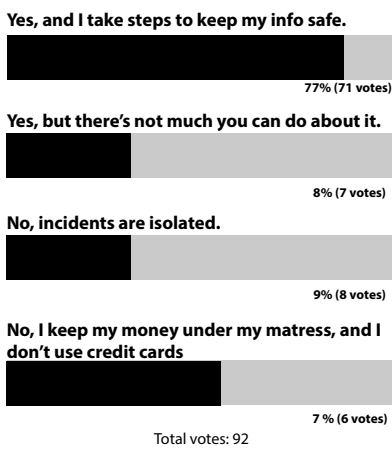
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We all have a role to play to end bullying

October is bullying prevention month. Throughout October, students across Alpine ISD schools will participate in numerous anti-bullying activities. Our motto for the month is "Take a stand and lend a hand!"



MICHELLE RINEHART
Superintendent,
Alpine ISD

This motto focuses on the fact that we all have a role to play in preventing and stopping bullying in our schools, in our community, and online. When we see someone bullying another, we can take a stand in solidarity with them, lending them a hand of support, and collectively calling out bullying as unacceptable behavior.

We can raise our children to exhibit kindness, inclusivity, and compassion, as well as a strength of character, to stand with classmates who

are being bullied.

Adults in our community can help prevent bullying in our schools by talking about bullying with our kids. Questions such as, "What does bullying look like?" "What could you do or say if you saw someone being bullied?" and "How could you get help?" can spark important learning and skill development for our children.

We know adults can stop bullying behavior among children by quickly and consistently intervening, identifying instances of bullying as unacceptable behavior. Parents, teachers, staff members, and administrators are partners in this important work of intervening.

Within our schools we also focus on building a safe

school environment, one where each child is known, and where every child has supportive relationships with trusting adults. Additionally, we strive to clearly describe and enforce how students are expected to treat each other. This focus on positive behavior helps paint the picture of what anti-bullying is all about - kindness, inclusivity, patience, and compassion.

One of the factors that drew my family and I to Alpine ISD was its set of core values. The district's core values include many you would expect to see in any school district - honesty, respect, responsibility, fairness, and accountability. Additionally, Alpine ISD has also identified compassion as a core value of the district. This focus on living and embodying compassion sets us apart. It means that we deliberately exhibit a

concern for others. This focus on compassion can (and should) extend beyond our school system, as well.

We can model in our community the same values we all work to instill in our children - anti-bullying, kindness, patience, and compassion. In an age of keyboard warriors and online shaming, we can instead make compassion (exhibiting a concern for others) a pillar of our community.

Students, parents, schools - we all have a role to play in preventing and addressing bullying. If someone you love is experiencing bullying at school, please reach out to your child's campus principal or counselor so we can provide support, resources, and interventions to collectively address the problem. Together we can take a stand and lend a hand.

What was so funny about that?

There are advantages to growing older. No doubt, one of them will come to mind soon.

Tem Morrison asked last week if I wanted to take a look at some old car parts. That's like asking my dog if he wants to take a look at a pork chop. Problem was, we set a time that slipped my mind until several hours later. When the light came on, I went straight to his office, apologizing profusely, and admitting that memory lapse was something happening more frequently.

I related to Tem the story of a successful local businessman, Cortez Boatner, who owned a furniture store when I was a youngster. He always wore a white dress shirt and a tie when he came in Perry Brothers to visit with my father, and I noticed he always had a small spiral notebook and pen in his shirt pocket. As conversations progressed, out came the notebook, and Mr. Boatner was making notes.

"I used to think that was funny," I told Tem. "But you know, as I've gotten older, I'm finding it hard to



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

remember exactly what I thought was so funny about it."

As grade schoolers, my sisters and I teased our mother about her memory. Actually, it probably wasn't that bad, but she had this uncanny, comical way of forgetting where she left things. Two classic moments we never let her forget as long as she was with us.

Banana pudding was my dad's favorite, and mom made it often. That was during an "Ozzie and Harriet" time when the whole family sat down together for the evening meal. About three bites into dessert one evening, dad stared into the pudding bowl stirring it with his spoon as if searching for something.

"I don't think there's any bananas in mine," he said.

As if on cue, the rest of us did the same search only to discover that there were no bananas in any of our bowls either, just pudding and vanilla wafers.

"Oh no," mom exclaimed on the verge of tears. "I must have forgotten to put the bananas in it."

Sure enough, the unpeeled

bananas were still on the kitchen counter where she had prepared the evening meal. We consoled her as we ate every morsel, hoping to make her feel better.

Then there was the scissors thing when they mysteriously disappeared.

"They were right here," she said, the frustration in her voice registering higher with each word. "I just had them in my hand. Did one of you get my good scissors?"

"No," we chimed in unison. "Besides, mom. You said you just had them."

As she searched, I headed for the refrigerator searching for some leftover dessert, preferably banana pudding. Preferably some with bananas.

There they were. On the shelf right beside her ironing bag laid mom's good sewing scissors.

Now if you consider a cloth iron an antique, you won't know that "ironing bag" dates to a time before dryers. Everything was ironed as part of the weekly laundry ritual because laundry was dried hanging on a clothesline. My mother ironed school clothes, she ironed church clothes, she ironed play clothes, she

ironed my father's work clothes, she ironed sheets and pillowcases. Ironing that wasn't completed in one session was sprinkled with water, and stored in a plastic bag in the refrigerator until the next scheduled ironing time.

For my mom, this was typically early afternoon somewhere around the time slot for "As the World Turns," or "Queen for a Day" on our new black-and-white television. And I don't mean new as in replacing the old one. There was no old one. This was our first TV. I was in about the third grade. This television was replaced with a color set about the time I entered my first year of college, when there was still only one TV and only one phone in our house.

"Mom," I called out snickering at her forgetfulness. "Were you ironing before you were sewing?"

We giggled as mom retrieved them from the refrigerator, and would graciously smile each time over the years when we recounted the story.

But you know, as I think about now, I'm wondering once again. What was it that was so funny about that?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Too many questions about brewery

I begin with full disclosure - I am a partner in the Hotel Ritchey property that eventually will be a neighborhood music venue/bar.

I am not opposed to a brewery in Alpine. However, I am concerned with the following.

How much water is Chisos Brewery proposing will be used in the production of thousands of gallons of beer? Industry estimates range from 12-20 gallons of water for every one gallon of beer produced.

Does the City of Alpine currently have the water and sewer infrastructure that will

be required for an industrial site such as proposed by Chisos Brewery? Consider poor water pressure, antiquated sewer and water lines, and tremendous increase of water usage.

The location for the proposed Chisos Brewery is currently zoned commercial, but a commercial brewery

would be considered industrial. Zoning would have to be changed through the Planning and Zoning Commission. Are all current members, those who will be making the decisions for a zoning change, residents of the City of Alpine?

Anne Calaway
Alpine

Heard on the STREET

Do you decorate for Halloween, and if so, how?



Shanna Moody, Alpine: Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. I love to make homemade costumes. But my decorations are more fall seasonal than specifically for Halloween.



Antonio Molinar, Alpine: Yes, I usually like to go a little bit wild, like with big blow-up balloons in front of the house and with pumpkins, lights.



Aaliyah Chavez, Alpine: Yes! I carve pumpkins with my family, and after we go trick-or-treating.



Karen Beinhauer, Alpine: I decorate our entry gate, inside and outside the house, and put a skeleton on my grille guard. I hang a lot of decorations from the ceiling because my house is fairly small.



Kristin Rosas, Alpine: Just trick or treating with my kids, and I take them to things going on around town. I also decorate my house with spider webs and pumpkins.



Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 13
Spaghetti Supper, 5-7 p.m. sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at Alpine Elementary School cafeteria. Spaghetti and homemade desserts. For more information, call Rhonda Cole at 432-294-0956.

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 camping options. To register go to nature.org.

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 meet-

ing, 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.

A patriotic parade



Alpine VFW Post 7207 color guard members Mark Padilla, Adan Reyes, Robert Polanco, and Jimmy Morris march on at the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Fall Festival parade held in Alpine on Oct 8. The parade featured decorative floats from community members and organizations to kick off the weekend filled with faith, family, and friends.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Buzz about Bees returns to Fort Davis

Entertaining and educational, a special event offered at the Jeff Davis County Library on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. will highlight the importance of bees. Kim Lehman is a professional beekeeper, story teller, musician, author, and inspiring performer who is back by popular demand. She captivated a large audience in 2018 keeping children and parents engaged for nearly an hour.

Activities will include creative projects, beekeeping, pollination games, comb rubbings and honey tasting, puppetry, and more.

While the Buzz About Bees is primarily designed for children in grades K-five, master naturalists and educators, along with interested adults, may want to attend. The program is free and sponsored by Friends of the Library, with additional funding provided by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

For further details, call the library at 432-426-3802.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Parma. She is the sole female, and the only non-ginger kitten, in a litter with orange brothers. Born in April, she holds her own with them, and has a fun and outgoing personality.

Terlingua will be the site of a low-cost spay/neuter/vaccine/microchip clinic Sunday and Monday, Oct. 23-24. Pet owners throughout the region can sign up for services at alpinehumane.org, or by calling 432-837-2532. The \$100 cost will include surgery, basic vaccines, rabies vaccine, and a wellness check-up. Microchips will be \$10. Financial assistance is available for those who cannot pay the total cost.


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 in Alpine, 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 PetFinder.com or alpinehumane.org.

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Entry: Pies/Cobblers Cake/Cup Cakes Dessert Bars/Cookies

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Date: October 22, 2022 Place: 402 E. Holland Ave, Sunshine House

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murder or rapes. Dodson said county Attorney Steve Houston had reviewed and approved the proposed contract. "With federal prisoners, they put so much on us, it's going to start costing us to keep them," explained Dodson, who said that the number varies from 15-30 a day, with 20 currently housed in the jail.

Because the jail isn't in compliance with federal standards, the county will no longer be able to house federal prisoners although a cutoff date has not yet been established.

County Judge Eleazar Cano said the proposed contract with Ector County would be a win-win situation, adding, "With the feds, the money comes, but there is a lot of strings attached. That's the bottom line. It's almost become more burdensome than it's worth."

Commissioners then unanimously approved the agreement with Ector County to house some of its state prisoners.

In border security news, auditor Patty Roach said the county received a \$20,000 border security grant, an amount that would be added on as a budget amendment.

Finally, Emergency Management Coordinator Stephanie Elmore announced that the Keetch-Byram drought index was in the 400-500 range, and that there had been enough rain and moisture countywide to keep the burn ban off. She said it would be revisited again in the next commissioner's court meeting on Oct. 25. She also reminded county residents to contact her or the sheriff's dispatch for prescribed burns to avoid the fire department being called.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

Derailment in Alpine



Early in the morning on Oct. 12, a Union Pacific train was traveling east of Alpine when six cars derailed. There were no injuries, and no hazardous materials were involved. Union Pacific is investigating the incident.

Courtesy photo

Celebrating National Night Out with APD



Valerie Kettani, Sadie Portillo, Wyatt Chopelas, Chief Darrell Losoya, Alexis Haymon, Felipe Fierro, Jr., and Zach Juarez of the Alpine Police Department pause for a photo on Oct. 4 for the National Night Out held at Baines Park. The event brings neighbors and community together in a cordial, safe environment, and is celebrated annually in Alpine. There was a bounce house for the kids, hot dogs, and plenty of activities and entertainment.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Serving the servers



On Oct. 7, The Stable in Alpine hosted a luncheon for law enforcement personnel and first responders. In the photo, U.S. Border Patrol Agent Roberto Dominguez, Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson, and Brewster County Commissioner, Pct. 1, Jim Westermann mingled with the crowd and enjoyed the event.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

PASTOR • FROM 1

Coleman Reidling and wife Louise, along with 15-week-old son Henry, will be making their way to Alpine as they start a new chapter of their lives in Big Bend country, while Reidling answers the call from God to preach the Gospel.

Originally from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, the Reidlings are excited to soon call Alpine home. Coleman attended seminary at Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, where he met Louise, a Baylor graduate. The couple live in Central Texas where Reidling is wrapping up his duties at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Iredell, a small town about an hour from Waco and 76 miles from Fort Worth. He brings with him experience preaching in different churches and denominations across Central Texas.

"We really felt God's call in that direction," said Reidling. "It's just a divine thing. I know the church had a lot of prayer that went into it, and Louise, and I were praying a lot, and I think God really connected us."

The process to be chosen as the new First Baptist pastor involved the congregation making the choice. Reidling had been involved in dialogue with the discernment process on the pastor's team, and on

Sept. 18, the Reidlings were able to meet the First Baptist congregation in Alpine. Reidling preached the message, then the church voted for him to be the new pastor. He accepted the call with a big smile and a lot of gratitude.

He hopes to forge strong partnerships with Sul Ross State University and collaborate with other churches, doing his part to bless Alpine and share the message of God's love, mercy, and the grace of Jesus.

"My main goal is that everybody would know that God loves them, and that they have a place to worship God not just on Sunday morning, but every day of the week," said Reidling.

He loves the high desert and arid mountains of the Big Bend. He had

never been to the area, and he and his young family are looking forward to answering God's call in Alpine, the place he will call home in a few weeks. Reidling looks forward to preaching his first service at First Baptist on Sunday, Nov. 6.

"We are definitely in for a treat getting out to Big Bend country, and we are excited about that," Reidling exclaimed. "We think Alpine is a great community, and we are really looking forward to being a part of things there."

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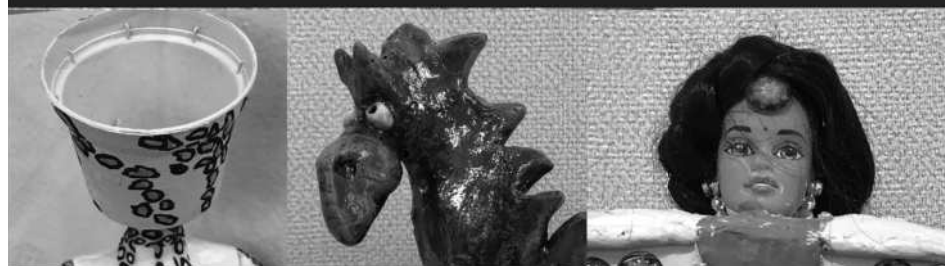
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600# - 700# Heifers	138.00 to 145.00
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This scene was one of those at the annual dahlia show sponsored by the Garden Club two weeks ago. The close-up view shows the enormous size of dahlias grown in this area. Mrs. W.M. Meador, prominent in Garden Club activities, looks over the display. Photo by Hunter



October 27, 1950

Those attending the kick-off breakfast for funds for the Girl Scout activities are shown in this group. At the front table are Sam Thomas, Dick Rogers, Gene Houghton, E.A. McMillan, and M.C. Kay. The ladies present went to work immediately, and the drive was a success. Photo by Hunter



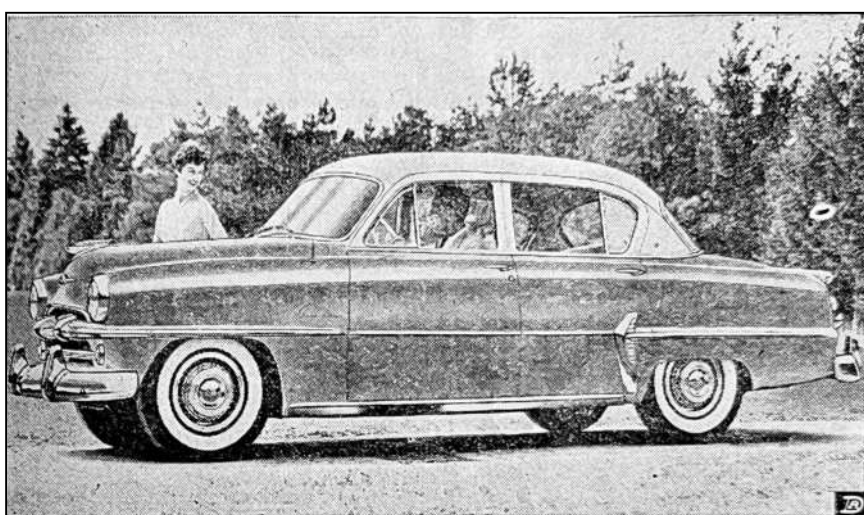
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October 23, 1953

Trumpet vine is pretty but invasive

Dear Neil: Trumpet vine is taking over my backyard. It's growing up into my trees. How can I kill it down to its roots?

Cut off the large "mother" trunks near the ground in March or early April. Drill into the stumps with a pencil-sized bit making several holes to serve as reservoirs for weedkiller concentrate. Fill them with a broadleaf weedkiller (containing 2,4-D). Let it soak into the wood of the stump, then refill them the following day. You will probably also have sprouts coming up in your lawn. They'll be originating from the tethering roots from the original plant. You can try spraying them with the same broadleaf weedkiller mixed at the recommended strength.

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

Apply it while they are growing most actively in mid- or late-spring. Several applications one month apart may be needed. You may decide it's easier simply to use a sharpshooter spade to dig them out of moist soil manually.

Dear Neil: The hollies in front of our home have grown nicely over the past 20 years, but we now want to trim them

down to half their current size so that we can once again see the railing on the front porch. Would that be detrimental to them, and if not, when would be the best time to do it?

Hollies are quite forgiving. I've seen them pruned by that much in mid-winter, and come back beautifully the following spring. But you wouldn't want to do that many times because it's almost like you're punishing them for growing successfully. Do the pruning with hand tools so you won't leave unsightly scars. Sculpt and tailor them, and leave foliage in place



Trumpet vine is pretty, but also very invasive.

so they will have leaves to nurse them along.

Dear Neil: Between the drought and the brutal heat we've been left with a lot of thatchy, dead areas in our St. Augustine. What's the best way to deal with this? Should we rake it up, or will the surviving grass grow into it come spring?

You've left out the source of a majority of St. Augustine problems

that I've observed across Texas - chinch bugs. They moved in just as the heat and drought arrived, so people forgot to check for them or to hold them responsible. The grass will grow back slowly if you opt to wait it out, but you can certainly speed it along if you dig and

replant plugs from the healthier parts of your yard. April would be the best time to do so.

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 ___ Lavaca, TX
- 5 Livingston ___ code is 936 or 281
- 6 shrimp catchers in the Gulf
- 7 TXism: "cough ___ up" (pay me)
- 8 TX Tanya Tucker sang "You ___ So Beautiful" (1977)
- 9 environmental law "Clean ___"
- 15 highest poker pair
- 16 TXism: "black as the ___ coffin"
- 19 Laura Bush's hometown
- 21 in Ellis County on I-45
- 22 you can't take ___ gun on a plane
- 27 TX B.J. Thomas' "___ Lonesome I Could Cry" (1966)
- 28 unrecovered fingerprint, e.g. aviator in Fort Worth Zoo: "___ Canyon"
- 30 TXism: "Cowboy ___" (beer)
- 32 "Lady ___," who died tragically
- 33 Ranger of Texas Rangers for 1 game in 1973 (2 wds.)
- 36 TXism: "don't have the sense to spit downwind"
- 37 this TX Elliott was a Cowboy kicker

- 38 TXism: "bite off more than you ___"
- 39 curling of the lip
- 41 regime of common foods (2 wds.)
- 44 TXism: "she's just ___ of bones" (skinny)
- 45 TX Willie's "___ the Road Again"
- 46 San Jacinto County is located in ___ Texas
- 47 McGraw and Tebow

- 1 TXism: "nervous as a frog in a frying ___"
- 2 ___ City, TX
- 3 TXism: "out to pasture"
- 4 TXism: "___-old dishwasher" (bad flavor)
- 8 battery ___
- 9 Johnson County's "Pioneers ___ Reunion"
- 10 TX Buddy Holly's "Love ___ Strange"
- 11 small state (abbr.)

- 12 TXism: "short as ___ memory"
- 13 "not one red ___" timbre
- 15 ___ Quarter Horse Association is based in Amarillo
- 16 "___ many words"
- 17 a judge might issue "___ of fact"
- 18 bee trouble (2 wds.)
- 20 TX Vikki Carr tune: "Cosas del ___"
- 22 "Cowpokes" artist, Ace (init.)
- 23 TXism: "whippersnapper"
- 24 org. of oil countries

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- 25 book of maps
- 26 TXism: "get ___ brass tacks"
- 28 Groesbeck's County: ___ stone
- 31 mother's or father's sister
- 34 TX Lucy, "Queen of the Confederacy" (init.)
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Fightin' Buck Schedule

FOOTBALL
Oct. 13: Pecos @ Pecos
 Crane @ Crane 7th 5 p.m./8th 6:15 p.m.
Oct. 14: JV and Varsity Open

VOLLEYBALL
Oct. 18: Kermit @ Alpine
 JVP/JVG 5 p.m./V 6 p.m.
Oct. 22: Crane @ Crane
 JVP/JVG 11 a.m./V noon

CROSS COUNTRY
Oct. 13: District
 Championship Meet @ Crane Golf Course TBA

Lady Bucks continue to roll

BY J.T. MARONEY
 Publisher

District play resumed on Oct. 11 in Tornillo after a non-District match against Sonora on Saturday. The Bucks are 4-0 in District with wins over Tornillo, Kermit, Crane, and Presidio.

In round two of District play, the Lady Bucks closed out the Lady Coyotes in three sets. Alpine led all three sets with a 10-plus lead most of the time.

Set one was dominant with good serves coming from junior Paula Vargas. She also had 16 attempts and six kills with



Ali Maroney goes up for the Lady Bucks during Tuesday night's District win over Tornillo. Alpine is leading in district with a record of 5-0.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

only one error on attacking. The Lady Bucks went on to win set one, 25-15.

Set two was a repeat of earlier, dynamic serves by Jaycee Por-

tillo and Mia Morris to help close out sets two and three, 25-13 and 25-14, respectively. Junior Novah Carrasco had 19 attempts, and eight kills with two errors. Freshman Peyton Kincaid had her season high with four kills on 13 attempts.

The Avalanche spoke to junior outside hitter Ali Maroney about her thoughts thus far in District.

"We are ready for the second half of district," she said. "We have come far this year, and improved in every game. Although we still have minor errors, our

team's energy is what gets us the win. If we continue to work as a team, with our momentum we will be District champions."

Head Coach Autumn Kilpatrick added, "The team has been doing great. They play together well, and trust each other. We need to focus on playing an aggressive game, and keeping our energy alive, we cannot afford to let up on our opponents."

Alpine will have a bye week this Saturday, and will face Kermit at home on Oct. 18, and Crane next Friday or Saturday away.

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Bucks fall to Golden Cranes on the road

BY MESINDA LLANEZ
 Sports Correspondent

The Fightin' Bucks traveled on Oct. 7 to face off their District rival the Crane Golden Cranes. This game was anticipated as one that would have helped the Bucks start the second round of their District games in first place.

The Bucks and the rest of the members - are Odessa Compass, Tornillo, and Crane of 3A-2 Region I District I - are in a rare situation where they will play each other twice this season.

The Fightin' Bucks were not able to score against the Golden Cranes Friday night. Crane scored in the first quarter of the game, 7-0. However, both

Alpine's and Crane's defenses kept each other from scoring during the second and third quarters. Senior, Jared Roggow led the team with seven tackles. Crane came out on top in the fourth quarter 14-0.

The Bucks missed a couple of opportunities to get on the scoreboard, but there were also some questionable calls from the referees. The Bucks will be open this week. They begin the second round of their District games on Friday, Oct. 21, against Odessa Compass. The location is yet to be determined. The Bucks are now 2-1 in District play.

The JV Bucks took on Crane's JV team on Oct. 6 in Alpine. Freshman

Maverick Milligan had a fumble recovery in the end zone resulting in a touchdown, 6-0. Milligan scored another touchdown with the extra two-point conversion by Ezicio Guillen, 14-0 in the first quarter.

Freshman A.J. Llanez

scored in the second quarter, and freshman Dae Hardwick's two-point conversion made it 22-8. Milligan scored his third touchdown of the night, 28-8.

In the fourth quarter, sophomore Ethan Flores scored big with the two-

point conversion by freshman Alec Ramos, 36-14. Hardwick intercepted the ball, and gave the Bucks another opportunity to score by junior Jesus Portillo, 42-22.

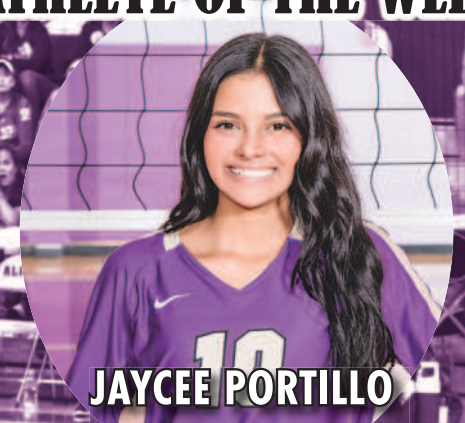
The JV Bucks are now 5-1-1. They will also be open this week.



Alpine Fightin' Buck senior Jordan Rodriguez attempts to move the ball against the Crane Golden Cranes.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



JAYCEE PORTILLO

Jaycee has become one of our most dependable defenders on the back row. Her ability to read and move the ball has improved and shows she is a force.

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The founding of Presidio

BY MILO NITSCHKE
Guest Columnist

From 1848-1898, John William Spencer led or participated in many efforts to develop the Presidio area. He, along with Benjamin Leaton, and John Burgess, completed a land survey, and obtained a patent for the establishment of an organized community on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande known as the City of Presidio. He was the first to establish a sustainable economy based on ranching and farming that supported Presidio, the City of Ojinaga in Mexico, Presidio County, and the military at Fort Stockton and Fort Davis.

He was intelligent, fearless, a visionary, a rancher, farmer, prospector, miner, flour mill operator, general store owner, wagon freight train operator, and leader of the community. He left a legacy that heretofore has largely been overlooked in favor of other remarkable people of the epoch and area.

The founding of Presidio had its beginnings with the arrival of Spencer, Burgess, Leaton, and others in 1848. It was after the Mexican American War ended, and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed in February 1848, that the boundary between Mexico and the U.S. was

established. The end of the war and signing of the treaty induced these men to travel from Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Presidio del Norte in 1848.

These men bought land on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande, and Spencer completed survey No. 5 which established the boundary lines for his first ranch located in modern day Presidio. The survey also established the boundary lines for the city. On Jan. 3, 1850, Presidio County was created.

The Spencer family in Presidio dates back to 1848 in Presidio del Norte. He was born on June 24, 1818, in Spencerville, Ind. He was blessed with the spirit of adventure, and the desire for sovereign independence. In about 1835, at the age of 17 he caught on with a wagon train expedition leaving Independence, Mo., to Bent's Fort Colorado. He never returned to his hometown in Spencerville.

In the 1840s he and Leaton engaged in commerce between Santa Fe, N.M., Mexico, and the City of Chihuahua, Mexico. With the outbreak of the Mexican American War, Spencer, Burgess, and Leaton became volunteer fighters for the U.S.

Spencer married María de Jesús Baeza Carrasco on

Feb. 19, 1851. The Baeza family emigrated from Spain to Mexico. In 1795 María's grandfather, Pedro Baeza Saenz, married Maria Rosa Rivas Ruvalcaba in Jesús Nazareno Catholic Church in what is now Ojinaga. María was born on June 14, 1833.

Spencer is credited with several contributions to Presidio, Presidio County, and Texas. He was a veteran of the Mexican American War, and is credited with the founding of the city of Presidio. He was able to successfully live, raise a family, and conduct business in an unsettled land where he learned to work and live together with the Anglo, Mexican, and Native American cultures.

He was appointed notary public in Texas in 1861, and postmaster in 1869. It was through his efforts that demonstrated the viability of sustainable farming and ranching in the Presidio Rio Grande Valley, which led to a sustainable community and economy.

He operated general stores, and his ranch and property provided lodging for his friend, brother-in-law, and wagon freighter Burgess, and housed the first border crossing agency, Union, and Confederate soldiers. Spencer and Milton Faver built the first flour mill. In 1883

Spencer discovered silver in the Chinati Mountains near Shafter. This led to a partnership with General Shafter, Lieutenant Bullis, and Lieutenant Wilhelmi. In 1885 these partners formed the Presidio Mining Company.

After bearing 10 chil-

dren, Spencer's first wife died in 1868. He married a second time to Felicitas Molinar in 1870. Seven of Spencer's 10 children survived, and their descendants have a presence in Presidio.

Spencer died on Sept. 18, 1898, and is buried

on the land of his second ranch located about 11 miles northwest of Presidio. Frank X. Spencer, a great-great-grandson of John William built a chapel at the site where John William is interred along U.S. Highway 170.

CAUSE NO. PR22-03090

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD EARL MOHR, Deceased

IN THE COUNTY COURT SITTING IN PROBATE OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RONALD EARL MOHR, Deceased, were issued on September 20, 2022, in Docket No. PR22-03090 pending in the County Court Sitting in Probate of Brewster County, Texas, to:

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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All persons having claims should address them in care of the representative at the address stated above.

DATED the 11th day of October, 2022.

/s/robertsteele
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ATTORNEY FOR THE EXECUTOR

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Randy Jackson, Deceased, were issued on September 20, 2022, under Docket No. PR03102, pending in the County Court of Brewster County, Texas, to Sherry Jackson.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative,
Estate of Randy Jackson, Deceased
c/o Elizabeth J. Lewis,
Attorney at Law
SIBLEY ANDERSON LEWIS
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All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED October 5, 2022

Sherry Jackson

By: *Elizabeth J. Lewis*
Elizabeth J. Lewis,
Attorney for Applicant

Hot cars in Alpine



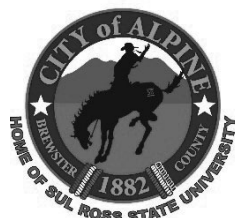
The 2022 OctaneFest featured hot cars from around the country. Sponsored by The Stable in Alpine, many of the drivers lined up their vehicles on Oct. 7-9 before cruising the highways and byways of the Big Bend.

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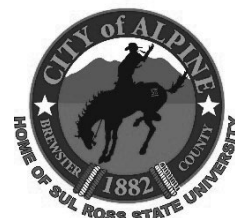
City of Alpine is beginning the process of creating and implementing a Strategic Plan. Defining what is most important to our citizens, as well as how we can accomplish those priorities as a City, will guide decision-making for public improvements and fiscal planning for a sustainable future for us all.

Beginning in October, the City will host 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 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.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 18, 2022 REGARDING:

ORDINANCE 2022-10-01: THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 - ANIMALS TO THE ALPINE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING ARTICLE II - KEEPING ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-48 - REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CATS; PROVIDING FOR UPDATED REGISTRATION FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CATS.

ORDINANCE 2022-10-02: THE FIRST AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN ORDINANCE 2022-08-03; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONING OF EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.** AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES.

COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL, 100 N. 13TH STREET, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. COPIES MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED BY EMAILING CITY.SECRETARY@CI.ALPINE.TX.US. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY AT 432-837-3301, OPTION 1.

Alpine to be featured at Texas Heritage Travel booth during state fair

Over 24 days of the State Fair of Texas, Sept. 30-Oct. 23, more than 2.2 million visitors will attend from within and outside Texas. The state fair, one of America's largest, longest, and most historic, provides a unique venue for the promotion of heritage tourism as a vitally important Texas product. Heather Yadon, tourism coordinator from Alpine, will be there to greet them for one of those days, highlighting the events and attractions that make Alpine special. Volunteers will help staff the Texas Heritage Travel booth in the GoTexan Pavilion next to the State Fair Wine Garden and close to the Cotton Bowl.

Alpine's destination day is Oct. 22 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The city's tourism banner and promotional literature will be on focus display that day.

Alpine residents are encouraged to visit Dallas and attend the fair on that day. Tickets are available at bigtex.com/info/tickets, providing general admission and access to all fair exhibits and free shows. A discount coupon is available online.

"We are thrilled to showcase ALPINE as a focus destination at the State Fair this year," said Wendy Little, executive director of the Texas Mountain Trail Region. "The Fair is an amazing place to

visit, and we look forward to sharing that information with travelers from all over the world who come to enjoy it."

The Texas Heritage Trail Regions are an award-winning tourism initiative of the Texas

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Daniel Diaz Benavides

In what activities did you participate in high school?

I participated in photography, graphic design, color guard, cross country, tennis, student council, and National Honor Society throughout my high school years.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

Although I had a lot of role models in my school years, Coach Gomez, Mrs. Parson, and Ms. Ramos all made a distinctive impact in my life. These teachers assisted me in many different ways that led to me to discover and achieve my full potential. I am forever grateful for their dedication.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

Walking into that high school for the very first



Daniel Diaz Benavides time, knowing we were the first seniors to step into this brand new building, remembering all the memories we had made years past, and how it all came down to us to making this year forever ours.

What are your plans after high school?

I am currently narrowing down my college of choice in order to find my true path through the creative arts field. Whether that may be in architecture or graphic design is yet to be determined.

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Devotional Page

In step

BY CLARK NUSSBAUM, PASTOR
First Assembly of God

"For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps." 1 Peter 2:21

This scripture informs us that Christ is the one we should be focused on. We are called to stay in step with Him. This time of the year, I am reminded of the marching bands that perform at football games. I find it interesting to watch the band members playing their instruments and making movements around the field. They have obviously been practicing many hours to accomplish this task. They must keep in exact step, or else they will run into each other. We too are called to be in step with Him.

From Hebrews 12:2, we are told to keep our focus on Him. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. The point is to keep our focus, eyes, on Him.

We are looking to Him for guidance and direction in every aspect of our lives. You may be called to accomplish difficult things, but by focusing on Him, He will empower you to complete all that He has given you to do.

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"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalms 119:105

One of the important ways we can stay focused on Jesus Christ is through His word. The Bible is our guidebook as we journey through this life. Make a decision to read the Bible daily to know His direction for your life. This will save you from making bad decisions.

Luke 4:16 tells us something consistent concerning Jesus Christ. "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read."

We see from this scripture that Jesus went to the synagogue (church for us) every Sabbath. Do we not need the fellowship with fellow believers? The answer is an emphatic yes! We need to follow that example.

There are many scriptures telling us about Jesus going off to pray. This is another way that we follow Christ.

"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me." John 5:30

Jesus Christ spent time communicating with His Father to know what He should do and say. We need to have a regular prayer life in order to hear what we should be doing. For us to stay in step, we need to read, have fellowship, and pray.

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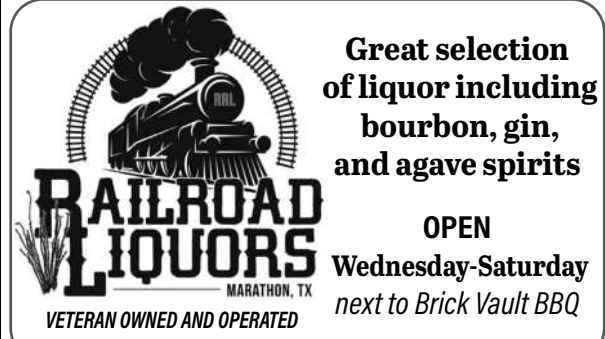
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HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

ing. How can you go wrong with a one dish meal. Since chiles and tortillas are a way of life here in the Last Frontier, layering our favorite staples in a combination with other casserole ingredi-

ents is most certainly a clever idea.

This hearty casserole adds those chiles, Mexican spices, and tortillas to your standard breakfast ingredients of wholesome sausage, fluffy eggs, and pungent onions, and adds in Roma tomatoes for a sweet note to round it all out.

The best thing about this Texas Two-Step casserole is that you combine everything, and let it all marry together for at least eight hours and up to overnight. Anyone who has ever made a Mexican dish like this knows it is always better the next

day. So, if you happen to be running behind for that brunch you must attend, or if you just want to sleep late and serve your family a hearty breakfast without all the morning prep, this casserole is the perfect solution. It is satisfying and comforting and ready the morning of your brunch in under an hour.

Serving it with sour cream, pico de gallo, and lettuce will round out the flavor profiles you're looking for with this dish, and will have everyone at your table ready to dance on through the day.



Texas Two-Step Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 (7-ounce) can plus 1 (4-ounce) can mild chiles, drained very well
- 8 corn tortillas, cut into strips
- 1 (12-ounce) package bulk breakfast sausage, cooked and drained
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1-1/2 cups pepper jack or cheddar cheese, shredded
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, milk, or half-and-half

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt or garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 small Roma tomatoes, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- sour cream, optional, to taste
- pico de gallo, optional, to taste
- romaine lettuce leaves, optional, to taste

Directions:

Lightly coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with non-stick spray. Layer in half of the chiles, spreading them evenly in the baking dish. Layer on half of the tortilla strips. Add half of the sausage and the onion to the baking dish. Add half of the cheese to the dish, spreading it evenly. Repeat the layers with the remaining chiles, tortilla strips, sausage, onion, and cheese. In a medium bowl, whisk the eggs, heavy whipping cream, salt, pepper, garlic salt, and cumin together

until well-combined. Pour the eggs over the casserole. Arrange the tomato slices on top of the casserole. Sprinkle the casserole with the paprika. Cover the baking dish with plastic wrap, and refrigerate it for at least eight hours and up to overnight. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the plastic wrap, and bake until the center is set and the edges are lightly browned, about 40 minutes. Serve hot with sour cream, pico de gallo, and lettuce.

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