

Kindness and gratitude shines in Alpine

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is just around the corner—a time for community members to share treasured memories while being thankful for life's rich blessings. But for many families in Alpine and the surrounding communities who are not as fortunate, several area churches and non-profit organizations are stepping in to lend a helping hand this holiday season.

At Alpine's Grace Christian Fellowship, Pastor Shirley Williams welcomes everyone to a hearty Thanksgiving meal at the grand dining hall on Nov. 20, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. "We have a commercial kitchen and dining hall, which we have extended now," Williams pointed out. Grace Christian offers a significant outreach program for children and teens, and programs are often geared towards youth, which features freebies like gift cards and exciting giveaways such as a

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Fightin' Bucks take fourth bi-district title

BY MESINDA LLANEZ
Sports Correspondent

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks came home with their fourth bi-district title Friday night under Coach John Fellows and his staff. The Bucks were the 21-point underdog in this fight against the Brady Bulldogs, and the 30-degree temperature did not keep the fans from loudly cheering on their Fightin' Bucks to a nail-biting victory.

Quarterback Tray Ervin started out the night with the first touchdown, hurdling the Bulldog's defender. Senior Jared

Roggow's kick was good for the extra point, and the Bucks were now on the board, 7-0. Before the first quarter ended, Ervin was able to connect with senior Jordan Rodriguez and another extra point was completed by Roggow, which put the Bucks up 14-0.

The Brady Bulldogs finally got on the board in the second quarter with three touchdowns. Senior Oscar Velasquez scored for the Bucks before the half-time, but the kick for the extra



Fightin' Buck quarterback Tray Ervin attempts to cross the goal line in Alpine's Bi-District win against Brady last Friday.

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Champions again



Alpine's Logan Smith intercepts the throw against the Brady Bulldogs in Ozona during Friday night's Bi-District win.

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City discusses water billing issues

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled city council meeting on Nov. 15 with an abbreviated meeting, with major items topping the agenda. The items up for discussion were the water billing procedures as well as a resolution to approve the boards, commissions, and committee's handbook.

Regarding the topic of utilities and water billing, Alpine Mayor Catherine Eaves stated that several residents had initiated communication with her regarding concerns with water read estimations and the process for estimating water bills, and Eaves asked City Manager Megan Antrim for clarification. Antrim

stated that the city utility department was working extensively on actual meter readings for about 2900 water customers in the city. Antrim then explained the water billing process thoroughly, focusing on how the city estimates meter readings along with specifics on the computer software program and how it processes and calculates the water bills. She added, "Our system takes the last average daily consumption-It's going to take the lifespan of your water account, all the water you have used, calculate the daily rate, and then multiply that by 30 days of that billing cycle. Once it does that, it gives us an estimated read. If you



Megan Antrim

have an account that is 30 years old, your average water is going to be significantly different than someone who has an account that is maybe three months old."

Antrim admitted that the city does overestimate the billing but reverted the problem to the computer software program which generates the amounts based on predictability of water usage. Antrim pointed out that in the event of an overcharge, the city would adjust and credit the customer accordingly based on the new meter readings.

Next, the only action item on the agenda was a resolution to approve an updated handbook for boards, commis-

sions, and committees.

Antrim indicated that this was an ongoing project for over a year, going back to nearly 20 years, and that another city's handbook was presented to council for guidance. Some of the updated items on the handbook include topics of interest to those serving on city boards and commissions, as well as rules and regulations. Antrim indicated that an ordinance was passed at the last council meeting and that the handbook was updated to reflect that ordinance which would also remove sections no longer applicable. Council then voted in favor of approving the resolution by a vote of 4-1.

Finally, Eaves reminded the public about the town hall city strategic

plan meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 pm, noting that due to the cold weather, the location was moved from the Alpine Visitor Center Pavilion to the Alpine Civic Center.

"We hope to see a lot of people there to write down their ideas for us," Eaves added.

After the regular meeting concluded, the city went into executive, or closed session to discuss the West Texas Gas offer to settle the outstanding February 2021 Operational Flow Order invoice, with consultation with City Attorney Rod Ponton. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm in the city council chambers and via Zoom videoconference.

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OBITUARIES

Anita Balog

Anita Sue Balog passed away on Nov. 7, 2022, in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Officiating will be Kirk Betz, with burial



to follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Anita was married to her best friend, Michael Balog for 28 years. She was a recipient of the Certificate of Special

Congressional Recognition for Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community. Anita attended the Pecos Police Department Citizen Police Academy and was deeply involved in the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. Anita served on the American Red Cross Disaster Team and Citizens Emergency Response Team. She was a CASA volunteer and a devoted Christian. She had a

passion for animals, and she lived her life to give and serve. She will be missed.

Pallbearers will be Ronny Dodson, Clay McKinney, Mauricio Cordova, Zach Dodson, Rick Johnson, and Justin Cross.

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Aurie West

Services for Aurie Mitchell West, who was born Nov. 15, 1937 and

passed away Nov. 14, 2022, will be held Saturday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Marfa.

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Herminia Salcido

Herminia "Minnie" Salcido was called to The Kingdom of God on Nov. 4, 2022, to join the love of her life for eternal rest.

Viewing will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. followed by Praying of the Most Holy Rosary at 6 p.m. by Rosella Salmon. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. with Father Alfonso Coronado Sanchez officiating.

Herminia was born on August 12, 1939 to Antonio Nunez, Sr. and Carmen Mediano Nunez in Ruidosa, Texas. She went to St. Mary's Catholic School from kindergarten to the 8th grade,



followed by Marfa High School.

She married the love of her life, Gabriel "Sonny" Salcido, Jr. at St. Mary's Catholic Church on July 11, 1956. They both raised five children - Juan, Sally, Helen, Gabriel III, and Lorenzo. She was a devoted housewife, loving mother, and a blessing to those who met her. She was preceded in death by her

parents Antonio and Carmen Nunez, Gabriel Salcido III, Trinity Rayne Hernandez, Jonathan Chance Salcido, and the love of her life Gabriel Salcido, Jr.

Herminia is survived by her brother Antonio Nunez, Jr., of Alpine and Estella Quintella of Fort Stockton, son Juan Salcido of Alpine, daughter Sally and Jose Dominguez of Roswell, New Mexico, Helen and Armando Garcia of Del Rio, and Lorenzo Salcido of Roswell, New Mexico, along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and close family members.

"Well done my good

and faithful servant", come and share your Heavenly Father's happiness.

Honorary Pallbearers are Denica Hernandez, Amy Garza, Abel Garcia, Anthony Salcido, Naathan Salcido, Monique Guerrero, Santiago "Jimmy" Salcido, and Ismael "Ismo" Salcido.

Pallbearers are Isaiah Salcido, Elias Salcido, Jeremiah Salcido, Matthew Salcido, Albert Garcia, Armando Garcia, Jr., and Jose Dominguez, Jr.

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Quail Coalition funds BRI Montezuma quail study

Thanks to support from Quail Coalition in Texas, the Borderlands Research Institute (BRI) at Sul Ross State University will conduct the first-ever research to determine the population of Montezuma quail in the Davis Mountains of West Texas. The research project will deploy innovative acoustic monitoring techniques, another first for BRI research efforts.



“Montezuma quail are a unique but elusive species here in West Texas, and we don’t know much about them,” said Dr. Ryan S. Luna, who is the Kelly R. Thompson Professor of Quail Research at BRI. “One of the basic research questions we need to answer is population size. We are very grateful to the Quail Coalition for funding this project and their ongoing support for quail research in West Texas.”

Quail Coalition consists of 12 local chapters across Texas that are dedicated to quail research, education and habitat improvement. This particular project will use bioacoustics technology to monitor Montezuma quail, the first time this technology has been used by BRI researchers.

“Bioacoustics is essentially the audio version of a game camera,” explained Luna. “It allows for unattended and non-invasive monitoring. Because few studies have been published on Montezuma quail, and there is no tried and true way to survey for them that yields a reliable estimate, we anticipate this will be the first study to determine a rough population estimate for Montezuma quail in Texas.”

The \$152,000 project will fund research stipends for graduate students and technicians, wildlife acoustic song meters, GPS attachments for programming acoustic devices, and related software and supplies to analyze data. Three Quail Coalition chapters have provided funding this year, including \$67,000 from the Park

Cities chapter, \$50,000 from the Permian Basin chapter, and \$35,000 from the Cross Timbers Chapter.

“Thanks to the 3,000 quail hunters that make up our membership, our chapters collectively raise more than \$3 million annually at fundraising dinners, with an end goal of sustaining and restoring wild quail populations for future generations,” said Quail Coalition Executive Director Jay Stine. “Quail Coalition is proud to partner with BRI on meaningful and innovative research, and the fact that three of our chapters are collaborating on this Montezuma quail research project speaks volumes about the quality of BRI’s work.”

Local equestrian gallops to success

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Evan Means is no stranger when it comes to horsemanship. A graduate of Valentine High School, she has been involved with horses all her life, and horse shows in particular.

Recently, Means, a member of the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team, competed with her team at the Stock Horse of Texas Collegiate World Championships where for the third year in a row they brought home the Division I World Title. Means individually is the Collegiate Non-Pro Champion for 2022.

The Avalanche caught up with Means to find out a little more about this competition and her involvement in horse shows. “This event is the Stock Horse World Show, and this competition is specifically put on by Stock Horse of Texas.” When asked about her experience when it came to showing horses, Means replied, “I have been showing most of my life and I started showing in competitions around the age of 11 or 12.”

Means is in her fourth year at Texas Tech University, and we inquired if



Evan Means and her horse Holly-wood Big Star, aka ‘Thatcher’

Courtesy

showing horses was something she planned on doing after she graduates. Means added, “I am already showing outside of my team, and I am fortunate enough to get to go to some big shows like the one they have in Las Vegas, so yes, I hope to compete long after my collegiate career is over.” Means plans to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in advertising sometime in the following year.

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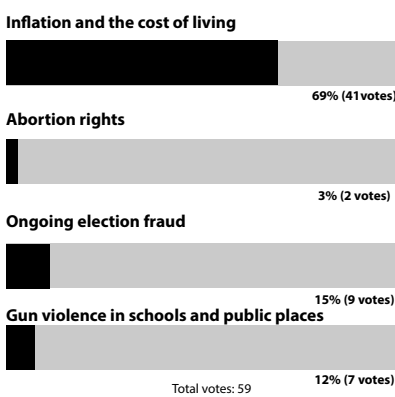
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Always said if I saw one, I would buy it

"There are places I'll remember, All my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better, Some have gone, and some remain."
— "In My Life," recorded by The Beatles on their 1965 album, *Rubber Soul*.



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

"Can I take that to the front for you," she asked, nodding toward the TV lamp tucked under my arm?

She was the antique shop proprietor. I guessed her to be a little younger than me, but that's just about everyone these days.

"It looks just like the one my mom had," I said, handing it to her with a smile. "In 1957. I was just nine, but memories remain like it was yesterday. Always said if I saw one, I would buy it."

"What's a TV lamp," some may ask, even some the same age as the antique shop lady.

TV lamps flourished as a phenomenon when televisions became common in homes during the early 50s. However, they were not like standard lamps because they lacked a shade, and their primary purpose was not to provide room lighting. Instead, the bulb was located behind

the lamp's body to cast a soft glow of light on the wall behind the television and a silhouette of the lamp toward the viewer.

They were born on the notion of diffusing light near the television, thereby preventing damaged eyesight from watching too much TV, a problem espoused by medical experts in the 1950s. But then, it was a time when parents' fear of children going blind from watching too much television was second only to shooting an eye out with a Red Ryder BB gun or, heaven forbid, catching ringworms from a cat.

Since they occupied prominent places on top of large floor model black-and-white televisions popular back then, TV lamps quickly became decorative statements. Ceramic frogs, flamingos, seashells, swans, and such-like. However, for some inexplicable reason, the most common lamp was a panther. Sleek, black, and poised in a stalking stance.

And that was mom's TV lamp. A squared-off, gold-colored metal mesh base supported the ceramic cat and housed a planter in the bottom. Mom kept ivy growing under her panther, giving

the illusion that it might be prowling the jungle while she watched Perry Mason.

I always remembered mom's lamp. And the night a lifetime ago when both her lamp and her heart were broken.

It happened during a move from the public housing apartments in Seymour, where we lived out in West Texas until my parents bought a house on E. Morris Street, just a few blocks away. I don't remember what else was in the back of the pickup truck. Maybe a couch, a coffee table, or something else. I just remember the truck hitting a bump, bouncing the panther out and onto the pavement, shattering the ceramic figure and my mother's heart.

Probably because of her tears as we picked up the pieces off the dark street, that's all I remember about that incident. Maybe it was a special gift. Perhaps she had saved money to buy it or used books of S&H Green Stamps from shopping at the grocery and meat market on the downtown square.

Memories defining her attachment to it are gone.

We all have memories of special moments, places, and things that remain. But I'm not just a memory collector; I collect documentation. I

have furniture that belonged to my grandparents. Some of mom's salt and pepper shaker collection. Dad's coin collection and his tools. My grandmother's dishes and knick-nacks. Hey, I even have a '57 Ford my grandparents bought new 66 years ago this month.

Each piece evokes a memory. A smile. A laugh. Other times, tears. And whenever a memory of that TV lamp crossed my mind over the years, I would think, "If I ever see one like it, I'm going to buy it."

That day dawned last Saturday.

"My mother had one like this, too," the lady at the antique store, the lady who was probably a little bit younger than me, said as she carefully wrapped it and placed it in a bag. "It brings back lots of memories."

Tonight, my 1953 vintage sleek black panther planter TV lamp is casting a soft glow on the wall under my flat-screen television mounted above it. I'm drafting memories into words, watching Perry Mason, and remembering the night mom's lamp was lost.

I'm also thinking now that I have a TV lamp, I should quit worrying about going blind from watching too much television.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kind assistance

Sometimes, when bad things happen, we meet the most wonderful and kind people. This is unique to the Big Bend, I'm sure.

The other evening, my truck refused to speed up as I drove north of the airport. She kicked and bucked and refused to go forward. In total rebellion to my efforts, she stalled and would not start. It was getting dark and

so cold. Luckily, a lovely family stopped to see how they could help. They were bringing their son back to Sul Ross. When this young man realized I was shivering, he took his jacket off and laid it on my shoulders.

His sensitivity to my distress almost made me cry. I don't do well if I am cold. Their son helped by calling AAA for me, where we were told it would be FOUR hours for their tow truck to get to me. I

would have been deep in hypothermia by then. Why do I pay AAA?

Then, a state trooper built like a refrigerator (that's a compliment) drove up behind us and the lovely family went on their way. We blessed each other. The trooper let me get in his cruiser to get warm which was his first kindness. He then arranged for a tow truck to take my truck back to my mechanic where I picked it up that very

next morning, "all fixed".

I live in Fort Davis where the trooper drove me to meet up with a Jeff Davis County deputy sheriff who was yet another hero and drove me right to my gate in the DMR. He stayed right there with the high beams on to see that I got up the driveway safely.

Such kindness. I feel so grateful. I am so grateful. Bless them all.

Marjie Erkkila
Fort Davis

Neighborhood peace would be disrupted

My family has been in Alpine for over 100 years. I was born in Alpine while my family was living in a little house on Murphy Street. My family has been here for three generations. I live on the south side, and I am concerned about the proposed Chisos Brewery being built on Murphy Street. This

large two-story building will not blend in and will bring traffic to our neighborhood. This neighborhood is a quiet, peaceful place, of old people and families.

The south side has always had low water pressure and sewage problems. If the brewery goes in and uses commercial water amounts, will this make our water pressure even lower? Our infra-

structure needs to be updated first. Our city needs to think of the people in the community before allowing a brewery in a neighborhood.

The south side has Our Lady of Peace. The Parish Hall, site of the oldest church building in Alpine. The church was completed in 1892 and is still serving this community. This church is located on Gallego Street.

The church is in the center of the south side.

We need a business that fits into the community and will benefit the people of the community. I am opposed to placing a brewery in a peaceful neighborhood. I ask you; would you want a brewery next door to your family and home?

Rena Gallego
Alpine

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Heard on the STREET

What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?



Omar Madrid, Alpine: I am thankful for being healthy and serving this wonderful community. It's awesome to protect and serve this community, who is grateful for us.



Karrin Ford, Alpine: I'm grateful for so many things-good health, friends, and a job that I love.



Will Warren, Alpine: Just coming back to Alpine. I didn't know if I was going to be able to come back to work here. I am grateful to come back and serve students.



Betteanne Purcell, Alpine: I am thankful for the safety of my family. They were in both hurricanes in Florida.



Brandy Snyder, Alpine: I am grateful for better health post-Covid.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 17 Brewster County Historical Commission, will have their next meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Big Bend.

Jeff Davis County Library, will host university students from Glasgow, Scotland who will perform original song, dance, and storytelling. This begins at 4:30 p.m., is free, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information call (432) 426-3802

NOV. 19 Ribbon Cutting, The Alpine Ambassadors will have a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. for The Magical Warehouse located at 113 E. Holland.

NOV. 21 Music Series Jeff Davis Co. Library, beginning at 1 p.m. there will be a new music series hosted by the Jeff Davis Co. Library. The series will continue each Monday at the same time through the 12th of December. There is no charge and light re-



freshments will be served.

NOV. 25 Family Barn Dance, Featuring Doug Moreland and Friends it will be held at the Kelly Pavilion in downtown Fort Davis.

NOV. 28 Ribbon Cutting, The Alpine Ambassadors will have a ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. for Epic Powerhouse located at 1301 W Ave. E.

ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Bones. Bones is friendly and athletic, and he still acts like a puppy. He likes to race around the play yard, roll on the ground, and wrestle with friends.

So far, his favorite companion is Topaz. They have a similar build and love to zoom around the yard together. Bones has soulful eyes and an affectionate demeanor.

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new Sony PlayStation. Gift cards are also given away from local restaurants such as McDonald's, Sonic, Subway, and Dairy Queen. For those athletically geared youngsters who want to stay active and engage in team sports, there is a brand-new athletic facility where they can hone their basketball and volleyball skills. "We have a huge game area for the youth, and we just poured a new outdoor basketball court, and we are finishing up within the next few days on an outdoor sand pit volleyball court for the kids," exclaimed Williams. "We have been adding these things to the community. We keep being told that it is the best outdoor court that we have in all the region. They are playing on it, and it's actually NBA style." Vaughn Williams, youth pastor, oversees the youth program at Grace.

In preparation for the holiday season, Alpine Police Department Chief of Police Darrell Losoya and APD will be hosting Operation Blue Santa to assist needy Alpine families to be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children, and anyone wishing to donate unwrapped gifts can bring them by the police station.

Over at the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Jennie Hall, client advocate and community educator, said that the crisis center will be providing Thanksgiving baskets for clients in need, and donations of turkeys with all the trimmings and canned goods are always appreciated.



Alpine Christian School students volunteered at Grace Christian Fellowship's food distribution center last month.

Courtesy photo

Jan Moeller of the Alpine Food Pantry stated that Thanksgiving food vouchers from Porter's grocery store will be provided along with "a little something extra" for folks in need that stop by the distribution center.

Lana Covington from the Alpine Ministerial Alliance said that an emergency fund for food and utility assistance is offered, but those funds are only for emergencies and are limited. For those wishing to contribute, cash and check donations can be mailed to: PO BOX 356, Alpine, TX 79831.

Finally, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church of Alpine, Rob-

ert Polanco and the Knights of Columbus will be distributing traditional Thanksgiving boxes complete with turkeys and all the trimmings to Alpine, Marathon, Fort Davis, Marfa, and Valentine. The Knights will also be gifting wheelchairs to those in need during the next couple of months.

There are many ways to be grateful and share in the generosity in the spirit of Thanksgiving this holiday season, and it's always important to remember our neighbors who may be going through a tough time, so that they can experience the joy of gratitude while celebrating with their loved ones.

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point was no good. The Bucks were now trailing 21-20.

As the Bucks began the second half, Ervin was able to find the end zone for his second touchdown of the night. Ervin then connected with Rodriguez as the Bucks went for two, now leading 28-21. Before the end of the third quarter, Velasquez recovered a Bulldog fumble. This allowed Velasquez to find the end zone again and Roggow's kick was good, bringing the score to 35-21. The Bulldogs were quick to get back on the board however, and the score was now 35-28.

As the fourth quarter began, the Bulldogs were quickly successful in tying the game, making it 35-35. This did not stop the Fightin' Bucks from battling their way to score once again, with

Fightin' Buck Schedule

FOOTBALL

Nov. 18: Alpine vs Spearman @ 6 p.m. for Area Championship

BASKETBALL

LADY BUCKS

Nov. 19: Alpine vs. Midland Christian JV @ 12p.m., Varsity @ 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Alpine vs. Buena Vista JV @ 12 p.m., Varsity @ 1p.m.

Nov. 22: Trinity vs. Alpine JV @ 5p.m., Varsity @ 6:30 p.m.

BUCKS

Nov. 21: Alpine vs. Monahans 9th grade gold @ 4 p.m., JV @ 5:30 p.m., Varsity @ 7 p.m.

another touchdown by Velasquez and Roggow's extra point. This was Velasquez's third touchdown of the night, making the score 42-35. Before the quarter ended the Bulldogs once again tied the game, 42-42, running down the clock and forcing the first overtime of the game.

Beginning overtime saw the Bucks with possession of the ball and success, as Rodriguez put the Bucks up on the board. Along with Roggow's extra point, this brought the score to 49-

42. The Bulldogs would answer back again, tying the score 49-49. The Bucks were now forced to go into double overtime as the Bulldogs scored on their possession and failed on the two-point conversion. This gave the Bucks the momentum they needed to take advantage of the situation. Velasquez had his fourth and final touchdown of the night, and quarterback Ervin was able to tag on the two-point conversion for the win, with a final score of 57-55.

BIG BEND FAMILY PRACTICE

Our final day will be **November 15, 2022 at 12:00** but we will continue to be available to obtain your medical records until **December 1, 2022**. Please call the office at 432-837-9887 and leave a message for any records, or refills. You should have received a letter with details several days ago also. Thank you for all your support.

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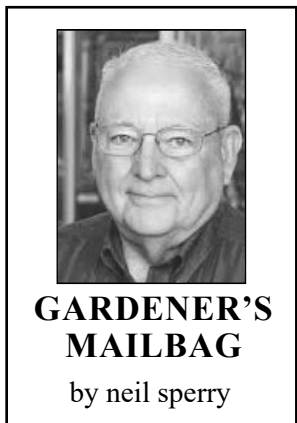
November 24, 1950
Mrs. Margaret Huffman became Mrs. Philip Walker, when she and the Rev. Walker exchanged vows Nov. 11.

Combatting compost woes for your fall garden

Dear Neil: The compost that we bought and spread on our garden from a local source several years ago seemed to promote all sorts of weeds. Can we use an herbicide on the garden now to get rid of the weeds before we take another load of compost for this year and rototill it in before spring planting?

That's a good plan for fall garden preparation, but in all honesty, it would have been better if you could have done it in October. It will work as long as the weedkiller (a glyphosate-only type would be best) has two weeks to kill the weeds before the first killing freeze. That's why an earlier date is better - you want to be able to kill weeds like bermudagrass, Johnsongrass, and other perennial grasses before the first freeze turns them to chaff. But give it a try. It will still help unless they're all already brown.

Dear Neil: I have read that the tall shoots of my azaleas should have been cut back after their spring bloom, but I didn't get the job done. Should I do it now, or



GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

will I be removing next spring's flowers?

It appears you have one of the repeat-blooming varieties that have two or three bloom cycles per year. It would be best if so, to prune the plants lightly after each flowering round. Looking at your photo I would take the loppers to remove that one woody stem in the center back into the crown of the foliage so you couldn't see the cut. I might do the same with the dark green stem to its right. The rest of the branches are smaller and younger, and I would just do some selective tip-pruning on them. After each cut, step back and see how the planting looks before you make any additional cuts. You can always remove a

branch or twig later. You can never put it back. Blow the grass clippings off the base of the periwinkle and azalea leaves to prevent any kind of decay from starting up.

Dear Neil: I read your answer about leaving St. Augustine tall during the winter and that it would not be beneficial. Our issue is that a mower set to 3 inches would scalp our lawn. Right now, it's at 5-1/2 inches so that we can still have green showing. Have you ever heard of that?

No. Not in 65 years of tending St. Augustine lawns! Here in Texas, we

have two common turf grasses, St. Augustine and bermuda grass. Both of these are creeping grasses that produce runners. The more runners we get the denser the turf will be (a good thing). When we

start to mow grass taller than recommended, the blade growth becomes vertical, as it were, "reaching for the light." Runner production is greatly reduced (a bad thing). Your chance to lower the height will come at the end of winter when the grass is likely to be browned from the cold. That would be the time to drop the blade down to get things back to a more normal height.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? E-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually



ACROSS

- 1 in Hays County on I-35
- 5 Christmas carol
- 6 most Astro innings have 6 of these
- 7 Decatur is the seat of this county
- 8 TXism: "bright eyed bushy tailed"
- 9 TX-born Smith who won pole vault gold in 1948 (init.)
- 12 TX Willie's "On the Road"
- 17 TXism: "put ___ back burner"
- 19 high dollar areas at Cowboy games in AT&T Stadium
- 21 a direct flight, e.g.
- 22 TX-based "Chili's Grill ___"
- 23 when nearby Frost got the railroad, this Navarro County town faded away
- 28 where some Texans ski in New Mexico
- 29 a soothsayer
- 30 part of a barn where hay is stored
- 31 he was "Texas John Slaughter" on television (2 wds.)
- 35 Al del ___ was an Oiler/Titan kicker
- 36 TX Barry Cobin was this deputy in "Lonesome Dove" (2 wds.)
- 42 TXism: "fast ___ rafter"
- 44 TXism: "bowl ___" (chili)

DOWN

- 16 TXism: "she has to stand ___ place twice to cast a shadow" (thin)
- 48 beneficial things
- 49 she swore in LBJ on Air Force One (3 wds.)
- 50 "menu mama" thank yous
- 51 former Eastland AM
- 52 Cowboys' confer.
- 53 "___ It Romantic"
- 54 TX Trini sang "If ___ a Hammer"
- 56 career is over (abbr.)
- 57 female sheep
- 58 nat'l ID no.
- 1 TXism: "what she don't ___ learning" (knowledgeable)
- 2 TXism: "he'll kick ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- 3 proper response to question, "Should we move from Texas?" (2 wds.)
- 4 "anything ___ you need?"
- 9 this Preminger directed TX Prentiss in "In Harm's Way"
- 10 some believe the Marfa lights are these (2 wds.)
- 11 Labor Day no.

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40 forcibly pull from a person's grasp

41 "surf the ___"

43 TX Bob Wills: "___ ha, take it away Leon"

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48 TXism: "happy as ___ on Santa's lap"

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Sports

New coach, new expectations for Lady Bucks

BY SHAWN YORKS
Contributor

For most coaches, a 21-point loss in the second game of the season would not be considered a good thing. But for first-year Alpine head coach Chris Virdell, it was.

"In a way, it was," Virdell said following his team's 71-50 setback in Monahans Nov. 12. "I know the score didn't say it, but with it being my first year here, we're still figuring stuff out."

"We're farther along right now than I expected us to be. I know the game didn't say that, but right now I'm playing a lot of girls, and that will happen as we get closer to district, we'll have an 8-man rotation." The Lady Bucks had a 13-9 record last season and were District 4-3A champions.

In Saturday's loss, the Lady Bucks, 1-1, never led and were tied once – but were within striking distance in the first half, down just 37-30. The

host Loboes opened the second half with a 10-0 run and the Lady Bucks found themselves struggling to keep up with the Monahans press.

In Alpine's season-opener at Pecos, the Lady Bucks were down 20-19 at halftime but only allowed the Lady Eagles nine points in the second half. And that kind of defense is what Virdell says he wants from his team this season.

"I don't really look at scoring a whole lot, my whole thing is defense,"

Virdell said. "I have two girls that are kind of leading everything for me right now – Novah Carrasco and Alexis Rodriguez. They get most of the playing time, they understand it more and they have more experience out there."

Offensively, Carrasco scored 22 points – including a 3-pointer – in the loss to Monahans and Rodriguez added 12. Ali Maroney scored 6 points, Elyse Ramos 2, Jaycee Portillo 2, Nadia Morris 2, and Sara Evans 2.

Virdell has been coaching for 21 years and spent the last four years in Kermit before heading for the mountains. He inherits the defending district champions with six seniors – four of whom played on that team as juniors – and some juniors who got quality playing time on last year's team as sophomores, including Carrasco, Rodriguez, Ramos and Maroney.

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Alpine junior Ali Maroney, left, and freshman Nadia Morris apply defensive pressure to Monahans sophomore Adriana Soto on Saturday in Monahans.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

OSCAR VELASQUEZ

Senior Oscar Velasquez played a big part in helping the Bucks win Bi-District. He rushed for over 221 yards and scored 4 touchdowns against Brady.

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Runnin' Buck races to the top

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Participating in physical fitness and sports is a way of life for the family of Alpine High School long distance runner and sophomore Hatfield Cason. Hatfield is taking off among the state's elite cross-country athletes and is making a name for himself.

Hatfield recently ran to the top at the state UIL cross country championship meet held in Austin, placing 41st out of the best 150 runners in Texas. Though he has participated in Texas UIL cross country meets since middle school, Hatfield has been working hard and dreaming big since he was five years old. Coach Cory Cason is not only his coach but also a proud parent who heads the high school cross country team along with girls track and field at the high school. "When he was 9ish, I asked him what sport he was interested in, and he said running," said Cory. "So, we started training for Texas trail and road races

for fun, 5K to 20K and planned runs at scenic places like Death Valley and Canyonlands. By the time he started competing in middle school, he was really too fast to run with me anymore. We can run at the same road and trail races but not exactly together!"

Growing up, Hatfield, or "Hat", as Cory calls him, got to partake in plenty of outdoor adventures with his parents- biking, rock climbing, skateboarding, hiking, running, canoeing, and more.

"Through our family adventures, we instilled a value for doing things that were difficult but intrinsically rewarding," said Cory. Cory is not only a proud parent, but a delighted coach. "Last year, he was short of qualifying for State as a freshman, and he set a goal to get to State this year," she added. "It was pretty exciting, because I've been working for a lot of years," exclaimed Hatfield. "It was pretty gratifying to finally reach the main goal for most

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Hatfield Cason

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Alpine Buck Jordan Rodriguez attempts to tackle the Brady Bulldog runner at the Bucks' Bi-District win this past Friday in Ozona.

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runners. Our district and our region here are pretty much the hardest in the state. So, while the race there was a lot harder, most of the people who are winning I've been racing against for a while."

Cory added, "That's the thing that he works on year-round, and he puts in a lot of hours running. I think it was really gratifying to see him set a goal and then take those steps to actually get it accomplished." Cory thanks the coaching and teaching

staff at the high school, as well as the administration, for supporting the cross-country team and cheering on Hat all the way to the State meet.

"I definitely plan to keep on running throughout the rest of my high school career and continue to do that for a while," said Hatfield, who will also play a starring role in the mile, two-mile, and 800-meter races during track season. "It's pretty amazing to see 100-150 runners take off when

the gun fires," exclaimed Cory. "Only one person or team will be the actual winner, but they are still out there working to improve and reach their own personal goals. But just like any sport, with cross country there is training, strategy, winners and losers. It's a great spectator sport because the athletes show the grit and determination that young adults are capable of, and I think those are the qualities we want to see in our kids."

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But they all must get used to a new coach with a new system.

"It's always a change for a kid, sometimes it's exciting for them, sometimes it's kind of nervous with them," Virdell said. "I think right now we're in the nervous stage."

Virdell has been at the school since August and helped coach volleyball, but the girls will have a learning curve to figure out what Virdell's phi-

losophy is and the direction he wants to take the team.

"I think they're still kind of hesitant right now," Virdell said. "They work hard, everything that I ask them to do, they do it. So far, they're buying into everything, but it's going to be a process."

"We have great athletes; it's just going to be them deciding to buy in to each other and to the program."

The expectations?

"I expect nothing but a district championship," Virdell added. "We expect to win the district championship and we expect to make a run in the playoffs."

The Lady Bucks will play their home-opener Saturday afternoon against Midland Christian before traveling to Imperial in Pecos County Nov. 21 to face the Buena Vista Lady Longhorns.

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Local veterans honored during the Veteran's Day ceremony held at Buck Stadium last Friday.

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Alpine ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart addresses the crowd of guests at the Veteran's Day ceremony last Friday.



Petty Officer Second Class Alexis Armendariz speaks to the crowd of veterans and civilians at the Veteran's Day ceremony.



Alpine Elementary students honor the veterans with a special song at the ceremony held last Friday at Buck Stadium.

David Delaney Memorial 5K Run

Alpine Border Patrol station and Alpine Morale Welfare & Rec organization hosted its 2nd annual 5K Memorial Run at Kokernot Baseball Field on Nov. 12 in memory of fallen agent David R. Delaney. Pausing for a photo are family members who participated in the 5K run Evelyn Gesultura Delaney, Angelica Skye Delaney, Caitria Eilidora Delaney, and Jonas Brian Delaney along with Big Bend Sector Border Patrol agents.

Courtesy photo



A milestone birthday

Alpine resident Eulalia Bustamante Muñiz, affectionately known as "Grandma Lala", celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 5 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine, where her children, 12 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren joined in the celebration. Lala was born in Terlingua on Nov. 2, 1922 and moved to Alpine at the age of 3. Besides being honored at the church, Lala enjoyed the special moment by having family and friends celebrate her birthday throughout Alpine.

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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 began hosting 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 remaining meetings:

- November 17, Thursday, Civic Center, 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.

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Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?
My favorite teacher was Ms. Ramos. She taught me that I was able to accomplish as much as I wanted to and believed in me when not many did.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?
My favorite moment of high school was managing the girls' teams. They were my second family, and there was never a dull moment with them. I miss it more and more every day.

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Devotional Page Practice the Presence

BY SUSAN CELAYA
Guest Columnist

Years ago, I discovered the small book "The Practice of the Presence of God", by Brother Lawrence. The author, a 17th century monk in France, was a simple man, a former battle-wounded soldier who entered the monastery in middle age and became a cook there. I've never forgotten the valuable message of the writing, which Lawrence expressed as continuously experiencing God amidst in his work in the kitchen, and "turning his little omelet in the pan for the love of God." In essence, Lawrence's way of life was abiding always with God, and communing with God no matter what small task he was doing. He claimed to do everything, even the menial tasks, all for the love of God. The brother took to heart Jesus' charge in John's Gospel to "Abide in me," and Paul's instruction to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 15:16-18).

Lawrence said we should fix ourselves firmly in the presence of God by conversing all the time with him. What does that mean?

Jesus promised his followers the constant comforting presence of the Holy Spirit. So, the first step to practicing the presence is to have faith that God is always with us, no matter where we are or what we are doing and believe that God desires our companionship. Also, we

must realize that it is only through grace that we can experience God's presence; we can't do it through our own effort. That said, living in the presence does take effort and practice. All we can do is begin to try to be ever attentive to God in and around us. We can start with frequent small prayers throughout our day. Say "thank you" when you awaken each morning. Often, we may need to draw our attention back to God during our busy routine by whispering scriptures or phrases such as "Lord have mercy on me," or "God of love, abide with me." Add more periods of quiet prayer to your day when you can. Eventually, wordless communication with God will fill more and more of our hours.

The fruit of this practice is manifold. We'll feel God's love as we go about our everyday lives. We will become more loving and compassionate in our interactions with others. Our hope will grow stronger. By living in God's presence, we ourselves will become a more peaceful presence. And we will come to know more and more about the true character of God.

As we come into the season of Thanksgiving, let us try to open our hearts and minds more fully to the presence of God in our lives. May we endeavor to see and be grateful for the gifts of God in our lives. And let us attempt to focus on God more than on the daily business of life. Practice the presence of God, experience God's goodness and bask in divine love. Amen.

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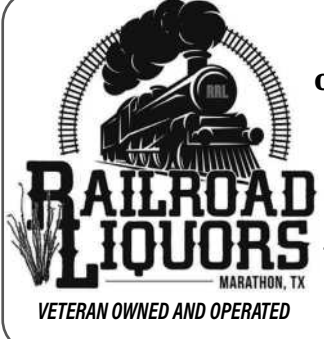
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The sale will be held at www.storageauctions.com beginning Thursday, Dec. 1 at 10 AM. Auction bidding will conclude Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10 AM.

Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full from the tenant. Tenant's property may be redeemed prior to sale upon payment of all sums due to Lessor.

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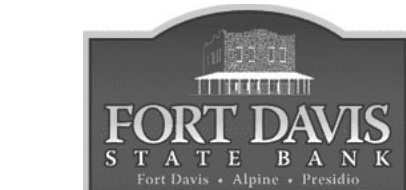
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Notice of Application to Continue Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Service

On October 10, 2022, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas or Company) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to extend its Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Tariffs an additional three years, to April 3, 2026. The Company does not propose to change the terms of the tariffs or the current pricing in this docket. Sections 14.001, 39.001, and 39.051 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Sections 25.341 through 25.343 of 16 Tex. Admin. Code provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to petition to provide Facilities Rental Services if such services are not widely available to customers in an area. AEP Texas received Commission approval to provide such services until April 3, 2023 in Docket No. 49494. The Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Services are contained in Section 6.1.2.3.4, 6.1.3.3.4 and 6.1.4.3.4 of the Company's Tariffs for Retail Delivery Service.

The Company proposes an effective date of April 3, 2023, at which time the proposed tariffs will be deemed approved if no objection is filed with the Commission. Only customers currently taking service under the existing tariffs, as well as the Retail Electric Providers servicing those customers, are affected by this application. Those affected customers take delivery service under Distribution Service Schedule 6.1.1.1.4 Primary Voltage Service, and are located throughout the service area of AEP Texas. This filing has been assigned Commission Docket No. 54196.

The deadline for filing a motion to intervene in this proceeding is December 1, 2022. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact AEP Texas Inc., 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 or call (877) 373-4858 during normal business hours.

Anuncio de solicitud para continuar con el servicio de alquiler de instalaciones de voltaje

El 10 de octubre de 2022, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas o Compañía) presentó una solicitud a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Comisión) para extender las Tarifas de Alquiler de las Instalaciones de Distribución de Voltaje por tres años más, hasta el 3 de abril de 2026. La Compañía no pide cambiar los términos de las tarifas o los precios actuales en este expediente. Las Secciones 14.001, 39.001 y 39.051 de la Ley de Regulación de los Servicios Públicos y las Secciones 25.341 a 25.343 del Código Administrativo de Texas número 16 disponen que la Comisión autorice a una empresa de servicios públicos a solicitar la prestación de servicios de alquiler de instalaciones si dichos servicios no están ampliamente disponibles para los clientes de una zona. AEP Texas recibió la aprobación de la Comisión para prestar dichos servicios hasta el 3 de abril de 2023 en el Expediente N.º 49494. Los servicios de alquiler de instalaciones de voltaje están contenidos en las secciones 6.1.2.3.4, 6.1.3.3.4 y 6.1.4.3.4 de las tarifas de la Compañía para el Servicio de Entrega al por Menor.

La Compañía propone una fecha que entrará en vigor del 3 de abril de 2023, momento en el que las tarifas propuestas se considerarán aprobadas si no se presenta ninguna objeción a la Comisión. Esta solicitud solo afecta a los clientes que actualmente reciben el servicio con las tarifas existentes, así como a los proveedores minoristas de electricidad que dan servicio a esos clientes. Dichos clientes afectados reciben el servicio bajo el Servicio de Voltaje Primario del Programa del Servicio de Distribución 6.1.1.1.4, y están ubicados en el área de servicio de AEP Texas. A esta solicitud se le ha asignado el Expediente de la Comisión No. 54196.

La fecha límite para presentar una petición de intervención en este procedimiento es 1 de diciembre de 2022. Las personas que deseen intervenir en el procedimiento o hacer comentarios sobre la acción, deben ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. También puede obtenerse más información llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos Texas al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Las personas con problemas de audición y/o de habla que dispongan de teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden ponerse en contacto con la Comisión en el número (512) 936-7136. Las personas que tengan preguntas o deseen más información sobre esta petición pueden ponerse en contacto con AEP Texas Inc. 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 o llamar al (877) 373-4858 en horario de oficina.



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Traditional versus non-traditional

Last week I spoke about how a little preparation ahead of the big, holiday meal can make your holiday more enjoyable. In our weekly column 'Heard on the Street,' the question put forth was whether the

citizens of Alpine have a traditional or a non-traditional Thanksgiving meal. This question led me to this week's talk on food.

Growing up in my household, my parents strove to keep everything

traditional. As my brother and I grew older and moved away, everything stayed much the same until we graduated from college. Upon the completion of those endeavors, more so my sibling's than my own, the need for tradition gradually faded. Seven hours away from our hometown and still home to both of us, my brother works in retail sales. In fact, his normal work week is around 70 or more hours, so one can imagine that being able to attend normal holidays is untenable. Thanksgiving, in fact, results in a phone call and a discussion on what he made for himself that day and what football game he was going to scream at on the television. Myself, well I travel the 100 or so miles to have Thanksgiving dinner with my folks.

The one traditional item that has always graced our holiday table is dressing. This is my dad's area. He is the one in charge of the dressing. From prep work to completion, it is his dish. Now, I am not sure how he became in charge

HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert

of this, it just was always that way and still is. I refuse to allow him to cast it onto my plate. My mom oversees the sides she likes to make, such as cranberry salad or green bean casserole. While our dressing is bread based, mom always makes her cornbread salad to add to our carb load for the day. She usually produces some odd dessert to make as well, because while I grew up with her making pumpkin pie, she refuses to do so any longer. This leaves me making pumpkin pie if I want it bad enough. I am just not going to be satisfied with something bought at the store. It is either made with the Libby's recipe or we just don't have it.

As the years have passed, my parents both finally confessed that they really don't like turkey. I am not really a fan myself, so for the most part we either have ham or we may even have steak or brisket. It all depends on how we all feel. It is not unheard of for us to just decide we are having enchiladas, rice, and beans for Thanksgiving. So, I guess you can say we are very non-traditional when it comes to holiday meals. In fact, one Christmas we had tuna sandwiches because that is what I requested.

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