

Council sets focus on infrastructure

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Alpine City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday Jan. 3. Ruling most of the meeting was discussion on the failing infrastructure and on-the-job training for all departments. Councilor Chris Rodriguez, Ward 2 was absent, and City Mayor Catherine Eaves attended via Zoom due to illness.

Eaves began meeting discussions with her report about the Sul Ross Small Business Development Center and their Economic Round Table meeting. According to Eaves, the SBDC together with the Workforce Solutions Borderplex out of El Paso, would like to hold a series of courses in which participants may receive a certificate at the conclusion showing they have completed the requirements for customer service certification. Eaves stated, "The biggest hold up so far is they are waiting for businesses to get involved

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Black bear study underway near park

BRI research technicians Matt Hewitt and Nicole Dickan, along with TPWD mammalogist Dana Karelus and TPWD wildlife diversity biologist Krysta Demere, check a bear trap near Terlingua.

Courtesy photo



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Black bears were once common throughout West Texas. Their numbers diminished around the mid 20th century due to sport hunting, habitat loss, and predator control. But in the 1980's they began to re-establish themselves in Big Bend National Park, crossing the Rio Grande out of northern Mexico and expanding their territory back into Texas.

Led by the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University, a comprehensive, multiyear study entitled "Understanding Natural Recolonization of Black Bears in West Texas" is underway. This project will initially follow 30 collared bears over a two-to-five-year span and will encompass locations that surround Big Bend National

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30 bears to be studied in area



BRI research technician Nicole Dickan sits with an anesthetized black bear that was recently outfitted with a tracking collar.

Courtesy photo

Library looking at porch expansion

BY KARA GERBERT
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The Alpine Public Library boasts two sizeable porches, one on the west side of the building and the other on the south side. These are the two areas they are looking to change.

Don Wetterauer, Director of the library said, "Both of these porches are around 1,000 square feet, and our plans are to expand the one on the west side of the building to about double the size it is currently."

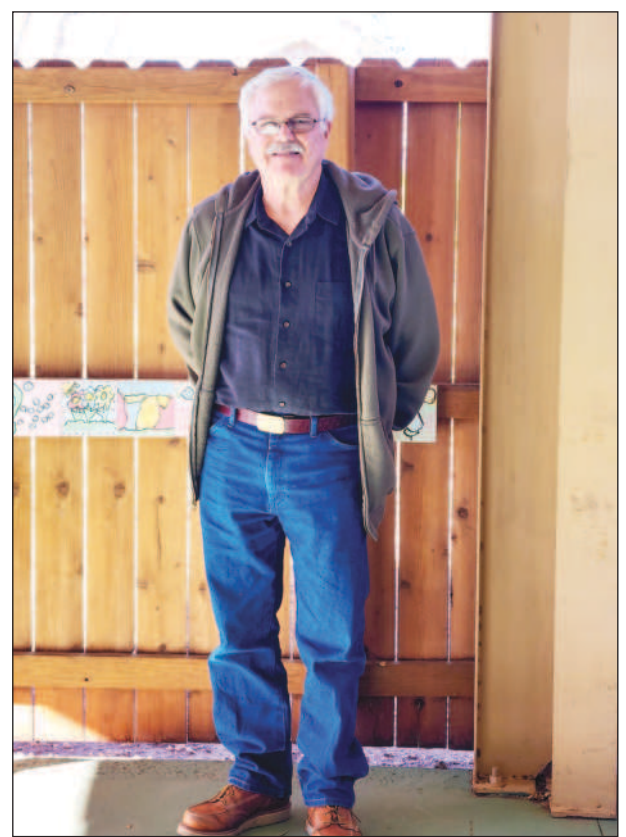
When the library was built and opened its doors in February of 2012, the idea of the two porches was to have a place for kids and or other library patrons to have an outdoor space to enjoy; weather permitting of course, and this is one of the reasons for

the expansion. Wetterauer stated, "The wind and the dirt blow so much out here that really enjoying the two outdoor spaces has been a challenge. So, we decided to expand the space on the west side and enclose both porches."

The porch on the west side of the library will be geared towards young children. The current outside wall will become glass, with an entry door to the rest of the library on both ends, and the area will extend westward towards 13th street. They will add a restroom and a closet on the north end and enclose the entire space. This area will have more room for the maker space area, where kids can come in during the library hours and do arts and crafts, and there will also be roll-

ing bookshelves that can be rolled to the walls or into another part of the library in case an event is being held. This will effectively increase the area to approximately 2,000 square feet that can be utilized. "We soon realized that with all our programs, the AEP room wasn't always available or at times even big enough to fit our needs, so enlarging and enclosing the spaces that were not seeing as much use seemed the best use of our resources," responded Wetterauer.

The porch on the south side of the library will also be enclosed, and this will be geared towards teenagers and young adults. In fact, there were several teens



Alpine Public Library's Director, Don Wetterauer, stands on the west side porch the library plans to expand.

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OBITUARIES

Maria De La Luz Granado



We are sad to announce the passing of Maria De La Luz "Lucy" Granado of Fort Davis. She was born March 19, 1957 and passed away peacefully at the age of 65 on Jan. 6.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Anna Marie; son, Eric Lee; mother, Eva Lara

Granado; brothers, Robert Granado and Leroy Granado; nephew,

Agustin Lujan.

She is survived by her father, Conception "Chon" Granado; sister, Lorenza Lujan, and her husband Jorge Lujan Sr.; niece, Jennifer Lujan; nephews, John Lujan, Ashton Granado, Leroy Alex Granado, Jorge Lujan Jr.; great nieces, Jorgia Lujan, Olivia Lujan,

Vraelee Fernandez, Cien-na Fernandez, Cataleya Granado, Zaryanna Granado, Adria Granado, Samantha Granado; great nephews, John Jackson Lujan, Sebastian Lujan, Carter Granado, Callon Granado, and sister-in-law Diana Granado. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held Monday, Jan. 9, at St Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Davis, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Rosary will follow from 6 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, at St Joseph Catholic Church with graveside services to follow.

Pallbearers are Jorge

Lujan, John Lujan, LeRoy Alex Granado, Francisco Perez, Nathan Casarez, James King, Jorge Lujan Jr., John Jaxon Lujan, Kylie Glidewell, McKinsley Rose, and Carmen Salcido.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.mmoftexas.com.

Palma Beckett



Palma Jean Clark Fessenden Beckett was born on March 20, 1936, in Ringgold, LA and died Jan. 5, in Maggie Valley, NC. She was the daughter of Al and Marguerite Cook Clark of Ringgold. Palma was really bright and talented and had a wicked sense of humor. She was gifted with perfect pitch and a photographic memory and was a music major at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA where she sang in the a cappella choir. When Palma left Northwestern, she moved to the big city of Ft. Worth. Her work life was primarily in technical industries, including American Cyanamide and Lockheed Martin. While at Lockheed, she was the administrative assistant to the VP. In this position, she quickly learned new

computer programs and she was asked to teach the new programs to others, which were used to create technical presentations for international participants. When Palma decided she wanted to master new things it happened, because she willed it to be so.

After retirement, she moved to Alpine, where she loved playing in a ladies' golf league and it seemed that once she had achieved her hole in one ... she then moved on to learning all about fiber from the gathering, cleaning, preparation to spinning, dyeing, and weaving. She loved

sharing with others the "how to's" and the easier ways to do any task. Palma truly enjoyed her time with her dear friend, Linda Bryant, as they partnered in buying and the entire process of picking, washing, and readying the alpaca to be spun into fiber for their projects. Palma was a member of the Catchlight Gallery where she enjoyed making, selling, and demonstrating weaving or spinning to anyone who might be interested. Palma participated in Yarn Arts at the Alpine Library, where she really enjoyed her fiber arts friends. She thrived being in the company of art and artists and living in Alpine. She was no fan of "pushing dirt" and was usually reading or doing some type of handwork, but rarely were her hands idle nor empty.

Palma leaves behind

her sons, Lee Roy Fessenden of North Texas and Bruce Alan Fessenden of Alpine. A sister, Mary Cup Harrison and husband Harry of Waynesville, NC. She also leaves behind a niece and nephew, Gina Hoenke-Wilcox and husband, Dan and Clark Hoenke and wife Sabebe. The family wants to recognize her loving NC caregivers: Renee, Melody, and Laurie. Palma had a stroke in 2019 and it was followed by dementia, but she agreed to leave her beloved Alpine and moved to North Carolina in April 2020. Even as the disease progressed, she would answer the question of "how are you doing today" with "present and accounted for". She focused on taking care of "her" people, whether that meant driving them

in El Paso or Midland-Odessa or taking care of her elderly parents. She was indeed present and accounted for and will be sorely missed.

There will be a Celebration of Palma's life in Alpine in the spring. If you would like to donate in her memory, please consider The Alzheimer's Assn. or Hospice.

Correction

In the Jan. 5 edition, the front page article titled "Its' stock show time again," the abbreviation for the Big Bend Livestock Show Association should have read BBLSA instead of BBSLA as was printed.

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Data	10		Total
	General	Other	
Control Codes	Fund	Fund	Fund
REVENUES			
5700 Local and intermediate sources	\$ 1,105,512	\$ 51,563	\$ 1,121,710
5800 State program revenues	635,362	-	635,362
5900 Federal program revenues	19,097	27,173	46,270
5020 Total revenues	1,759,971	43,371	1,803,342
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	827,985	17,604	845,589
0012 Instructional resources and media service	1,453	15,265	16,718
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	1,436	7,804	9,240
0023 School leadership	94,626	-	94,626
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	15,339	1,765	17,104
0033 Health services	1,690	-	1,690
0034 Student transportation	10,457	-	10,457
0035 Food services	19,076	-	19,076
0036 Extracurricular activities	83,063	1,111	84,174
0041 General administration	259,882	-	259,882
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	174,414	-	174,414
0052 Security and monitoring services	14,233	-	14,233
0053 Data processing services	117,657	-	117,657
0061 Community services	276	-	276
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	22,742	-	22,742
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	671	-	671
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	82,180	-	82,180
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	4,920	-	4,920
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	34,957	-	34,957
6030 Total expenditures	1,767,057	43,549	1,810,606
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,086)	(178)	(7,264)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,942,576	1,463	1,944,039
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	54,601	-	54,601
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,990,091	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,991,376

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Regional beef producers attend seminar

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Texas A & M Agrilife Extension in cooperation with Sul Ross' Range Animal Science Center held its first, of a three-part seminar titled Big Bend Beef 706. This program is funded by the Texas Beef Council and the first session, held this past Saturday, saw around 40 area beef producers attend.

The first session began with a welcome from Dr. Bonnie Warnock-Dean of Agriculture, Life, and Physical Sciences, at Sul Ross, who then turned the program over to Brewster and Jeff Davis County extension agent Luke Hendryx, who presented a brief overview of what the first session would entail.

The first speaker for the program was Jordan Manning with the Texas Beef Council.



Jordan Manning from the Texas Beef Council speaks to area beef producers at the Big Bend Beef 706 seminar held this past Saturday at the Sul Ross Range Animal Science Center.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

dan Manning with the Texas Beef Council. Manning gave the area producers an overview of what the Texas Beef Council does, where and how they market beef, including a BBQ show that streams on Hulu, and also how they work with doc-

tors and nutritionists to promote beef as part of a healthy diet.

The next speaker to address producers was Dr. Dan Hale, Associate Director with Texas Agrilife Extension. Dr. Hale explained that this seminar is something that they do regu-

larly to keep local beef producers informed on what is happening in the industry, how to better care for their cattle, and what to look for and be aware of when purchasing or selling their product. Next on the agenda was Dr. Ron Gill, a professor and Extension Livestock Specialist. Dr. Gill went in depth into explaining the best practices for vaccinations, to reduce the possibility of lesions. He also spoke at length about what types of cattle buyers are looking for when they are sent to the sale barn. How you can increase what you will get for the cattle by what type of cattle you are producing, increasing their overall immunity genetically with hybrid vigor, and fertility to select for growth traits, as well

as proper feeding. These are all aspects buyers are looking for and will affect the outcome of the value of the cattle.

There were four steers of different breeds selected and donated from area producers, as test subjects for the duration of this program. Bartek Cattle Company supplied a Charolais/Akaushi steer, Sul Ross supplied a Hereford and a

Red Angus, and Williams Cattle Company supplied a Black Angus. All steers had a list of their vaccine record and their starting weight. Each steer will be evaluated throughout the program from start to finish on growth, composition, and overall health. All four animals will then be processed, and their carcasses graded at the conclusion of the seminar in May.

Draft recovery plan available for Mexican long-nosed bat

Plan aims to ensure conservation of endangered bat found seasonally in West Texas, New Mexico

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public comments on a draft revised recovery plan for the Mexican long-nosed bat, an endangered migratory bat that travels annually between Mexico and the Southwestern United States to follow the blooming period of flowering agaves and cacti.

"Mexican long-nosed bats are important pollinators that feed on the nectar and protein-rich pollen of more than 50 species of plants in the Southwest," said Dr. Jade Florence, Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the Service's Austin Ecological Services Field Office. "Unfortunately, the loss of food resources and disturbance by humans has contributed to a range-wide decline in their population. This recovery plan aims to ensure the conservation and long-term viability of the Mexican long-nosed bat in the wild such that the species no longer requires protections under the Endangered Species Act; ESA."

Measuring up to 3.75 inches, the grayish-brown bat species boasts a long muzzle and three-inch tongue, which is adapted for feeding on the flower clusters that emerge from agaves at night.

In the U.S., Mexican long-nosed bats spend spring and summer roosting in maternity colonies in high-elevation caves and mines in West Texas and Southwestern New Mexico. The two known roost sites in the U.S. include a cave located in Big Bend National Park, and another located in a Bureau of Land Management; BLM Wilderness Protected Area in New Mexico, which are both federally protected and monitored annually.

The primary threats to the species across their range in Mexico and the U.S. include the reduced availability of adequate roost sites, a lack of sufficient forage plant species and habitat connec-

"Unfortunately, the loss of food resources and disturbance by humans has contributed to a range-wide decline in their population."

— Dr. Jade Florence, Fish and Wildlife Biologist with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

tivity to support annual migratory movements, recreational human disturbance in the form of people entering bat roosts and hindering their survival, and lack of protection for several roosts.

While they are not regulatory, recovery plans provide a framework for the recovery of a species so that ESA protection is no longer necessary. The draft revised recovery

plan describes actions that are considered necessary for recovery of the species, establishes delisting criteria, and estimates the time and cost to implement recovery actions for the species.

The overall recovery strategy for the Mexican long-nosed bat involves preserving, restoring, and managing their habitat, along with the resources necessary to support resilient populations of these species and the ecosystems on which they depend.

Specific recovery objectives include effective protection and management of known critical roosts, providing adequate food resources through protection of existing foraging habitat and restoration and management of agave habitat, environmental education to

gain support for conservation and management practices, and research on biology, demography, and ecology of the species.

Recovery plans are guidance and not regulatory documents, and no agency or entity is required by the ESA to implement actions in a recovery plan.

The Service encourages the public, federal and state agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders to review the draft recovery plan and provide comments during the 60-day public comment period, ending on Mar 7. To review the plan and find out how to submit a public comment, visit <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8203>.



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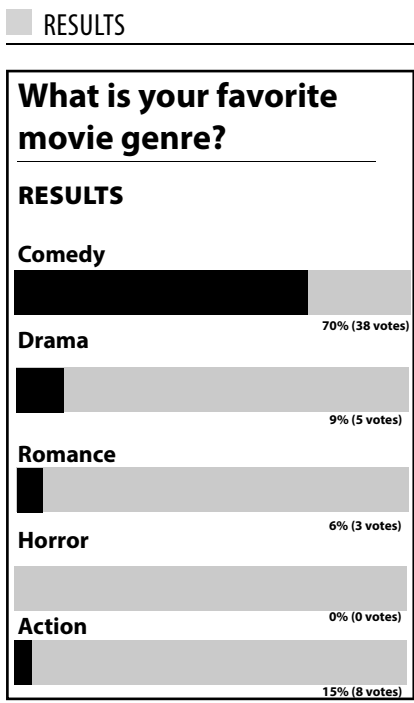
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'Water, water, everywhere'

"Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink." These words written by Samuel Taylor Coleridge came to my mind as I surveyed the water leak in Alpine on Christmas day. Water was flooding the parking lot of the U.S. Attorney's Office next to the Federal Courthouse on Highway 118. It was everywhere, and it was certainly not fit for drinking. Unlike the abundance of water found in the ocean setting for Coleridge's poem, we don't have an overabundance of water in our area. Every drop wasted should be a concern for all of us.



CATHERINE EAVES
 Mayor, City of Alpine

As of Monday, we were working on repairing another leak. This one affects our family, friends, neighbors and fellow residents in Alpine Country Club Estates as well as Los Ranchos Estates. More water wasted due to a leak and another boil water notice posted.

I imagine you have heard that like so many communities, Alpine's infrastructure is aged. The discussion last year was on the wastewater treatment plant with an esti-

mated 4.6-million-dollar price tag to repair in the spring of 2022. With inflation over the last year, it isn't too far-fetched to say it will be more than that this year and each subsequent year. This estimate is just to repair the treatment plant. It does not address the sewer mains. Some of the mains are orangeburg and could be as young as 50 years old or as old as 75 years. The typical life expectancy is anywhere between 30 and 50 years old, with the pipes typically starting to deteriorate around 30 years.

Many of the freshwater lines are also in need of repair. Because of this, we are often faced with water leaks in our desert city where water is a precious commodity. The leak on Christmas Day was due to an approximately eight to eight and a half-foot gash down the pipe from rocks shifting because of the bedding under the pipe shifted allowing rocks to rupture the pipe. This leak with its resulting loss in pressure led to the first boil water notice we have had in years.

If we don't start repairing our infrastructure, then we may see more boil water notices sooner rather than later. Alpine, it is time to act and do what we need to do in order to maintain our quality of life. Enough talking about it, now is the time for action.

These leaks and problems with water as well as wastewater are going to become more common. The infrastructure should have been addressed decades ago and now here we are, left holding the bag. It is time to repair our city, our home and not let it continue to deteriorate. We deserve better.

In addition, without the infrastructure to support new businesses that may want to come to our city, we are also losing out on economic opportunities when they realize we can't take care of their water and wastewater needs.

We must abide by the policy of not extending services to anyone outside of city limits because our infrastructure just can't handle it anymore. We are having trouble taking care of those inside the city limits, and in some cases, it is impossible to do so, let alone take care of those outside of city limits. This also can be

stifling and detrimental to the city.

Logically, once we have water and wastewater taken care of, we should address our streets. It would not make sense to spend our money repairing the streets only to come in some months later and tear them up to replace the water and wastewater infrastructure.

Making all these repairs are going to require a substantial amount of money and all of us, as residents of Alpine, need to come together and decide how we are going to pay for it.

Grants are limited and we have been searching for grant options for at least a year now. We will have to go out for some low interest loans or bonds in order to accomplish this task. It is important that as many residents as possible attend The Strategic Planning Priority Workshops on Thursday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 26, at 5:30 in City Council Chambers next to the Civic Center.

You will also be able to Zoom in or watch the recording posted to the City of Alpine YouTube Channel. When we come together as residents with a common goal, we can figure out how to get it done.

Memories made meeting people few recognize

"One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching."

— Gerard Way, *American singer, songwriter, and comic book writer.*

A life spent chasing news stories has lots of perks. Not necessarily monetary ones, but indeed many that are memorable.

Besides permitting me to shake hands with U.S. Presidents, it has also put me in conversations with celebrities in the business and entertainment world. It has landed me a seat in at least two courtrooms. One, the press gallery at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. to witness law argued at the highest level in the land as it applied to events on which I had reported. The other, in a district courtroom, seated beside my attorney as the judge looked in my direction and said, "Will the defendant please rise." Also, for points of law as applied to events bearing my byline.

Both great stories for another time.

The "bright lights with famous people" have been fun, but some of the best memories made were meeting people whose names are recognized by few. People like Barry McWilliams.

I bet you've never heard of him. I met Barry in the early 1980s. Unfortunately, I learned only last week that he passed away more than a year ago at his home outside Whitehall, Montana, at the age of 79.

Barry McWilliams was born in 1942 in North Hollywood, California. According to his obituary bio, he grew up in what he referred to as an "immigrant home" where three families shared a small three-bedroom house with wall-to-wall mattresses—a period he reportedly reminisced about as a simpler time with his sister and cousins.

His love of literature led him first to teach English, but that was not his last calling. Following a couple of other pursuits, he ultimately worked selling ads and shooting pictures for The Madisonian, a small weekly newspaper in Virginia City, Montana.

He began drawing his weekly editorial cartoon, "J.P. Doodles," while working for The Madisonian before he "split a week's worth of firewood for his family, bought a week's worth of food, spent his last \$20 on gas, and headed out across Montana on a late-November night with packets of cartoons."

McWilliams ultimately created Doodles for more than 1,500 newspapers. I signed on for the weekly cartoon at the East Texas Light in Center in late 1982.

J.P. Doodles was a likable farmer type who dealt with small town issues like making ends meet, bad roads,



LEON ALDRIDGE
 Guest Columnist

taxes, kids, schools, weather — life as we know it. McWilliams got his inspiration by traveling the country, visiting hundreds of small elementary schools, and cartooning about what he saw.

Barry came to Center on one of those jaunts shortly after I started running Doodles in the newspaper. For all the world, he struck me as a younger version of the older J.P. Doodles character in his cartoons. He arrived driving a highway-worn long-wheelbase pickup truck and wearing jeans, a plaid flannel shirt, cowboy hat, and boots. And that's the same way he dressed when he engaged attentive young minds, including my daughter Robin, at Center's Elementary School that day by teaching kids how to draw cartoons while talking to them about life in small towns across the U.S.A.

I ran his cartoons in Center in the 80s, Boerne in the Hill Country in the 90s, and The Monitor in Naples when I was there.

His monthly batch of cartoons always included a message that chronicled his travels. Plus, they often contained personal notes inquiring about what was happening wherever I was. Other times, he called from distant regions inquiring about how his cartoons were working and asking about any local issues to

share as cartoon fodder.

True to the obit bio I read last week, Barry "was a character. Unique. Unlike anyone you've ever met. He was an adventurer who hitchhiked around Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War to interview soldiers, joined a government trade mission to Asia, declared himself 'shipwrecked' on Flinders Island off the southern coast of Australia, and helped mastermind America's biggest cattle drive in over a hundred years. He could walk into a restaurant and sit there for hours talking to complete strangers who quickly became friends."

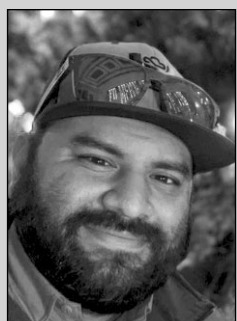
Not mentioned in the internet obit bio was an experience I recall him writing about in his weekly notes. A northern Alaskan stint spent in a cabin accessible only by boat or plane, enduring weather with daily high temperatures ridiculously below zero. He still brought J.P. Doodles to life from there, sending cartoons back to civilization on the weekly float plane that also brought supplies.

The obit concluded by announcing a celebration of life for Barry at the Whitehall Community Center. The public was welcome.

I'm grateful to this crazy business for the people it's connected me with. I'm thankful for having known people like Barry McWilliams. I have no doubt the celebration of life for him in Whitehall highlighted what Barry obviously lived for, a life worth watching.

Heard on the STREET

What is your favorite movie?



Aaron Rodriguez: My favorite movie is "Happy Gilmore." It's just a classic.



Emily Hendryx: My favorite movie is "The Family Stone."



Vince Lavallee: "Red River" is my favorite movie.



Dr. Michelle Rinehart: My favorite movie is "Twister." It never gets old.



Heather Yadon: My favorite movie is "The Wizard of Oz." Ever since the first time I watched it as a little girl, it's always been my favorite.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12 WTex Talks, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Granada Theater 'Cycles and Seasons of Health' with Mary Powers

Jan. 21 Living with Black Bear in West Texas, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Bunkhouse at Bad Rabbit Café, Terlingua Ranch and 2-4 p.m. at the J.W. "Red" Patillo Community Center in Study Butte. Seminar hosted by Borderlands Research Insti-



tute and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Jan. 27 Travel Talk, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Alpine Public Library, "Ultimate Africa: Five Countries, Four People, Three Weeks" presented by Albert and Kathy Bork, Linda Hedges, and Rick Reese.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the BBT confer-

ence room, 5th St. and Brown St. **American Legion Post 79 meeting,** 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 4 p.m., third Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Big Bend Community Choral rehearsals, on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu,

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

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

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Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.

Sul Ross releases Dean's List

The Sul Ross State University Alpine campus released the Fall 2022 Dean's List in an announcement from the Office of Registration and Records, with several students from Alpine, Fort Davis, Marfa, and Presidio making the list.

The Dean's List recognizes students who maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 semester credit hours, or more are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in the computations.

Students making the Dean's List for Fall 2022 from Alpine were Jennifer Keeling, Buddy Imboden,

Veronica Lara, Matthew Tellez, Grace Knight, Kylie Garcia, Melanie Pate, Jacob Dominguez, Elizabeth Del Colle, Delilah Ada, Kealani Escalera, Aneesa Payne, Merlin Collins, Cailey Saenz, Daniel Flores, Johanna Covington, Alyssa Miranda, Julie Morales, Mandalay Derden, Kimberly Lara, Melodie Karleen, Travis Owen, Jacob Spurlock, Keanna Cobos, Blake Greer, Kaitlyn Szemett, Ashley Roberts, Taylor Hunt, Rocky Rodriguez, Sol Valenzuela, Joe Salazar, Ian Albertson, Jacob Nunley, Morgan Hassell, Cali Porter, Muriel Cotman, Maudeline Evan, Jayden Canaba, Esteban

Ramos, Noelle Karleen, Christopher Wright, Kota McDonald, and Yaritza Corona.

Students from Fort Davis were Harlem Ramos, Marines Arias, Alayna Damm, Kayla Grado, and Karla Ramos.

Students from Marfa were Kendra Saenz, Kendra Serrano, Arron Luna, Ian Martinez, Brielle Gonzales, Isabella Morales, and Kimberly Soto.

Students from Presidio were Raul Rios, Ichel Valenzuela, Joel Martes, Aile Loya, Alfonso Ramos, Sofia Garcia, Ashton Haines, Jimena Proano, and Alexandra Carrasco.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Lilliana. Lilliana is just a year old but a gentle, old soul who walks very well on a leash. She's equally attentive to her environment as well as to her human companion.

She's a little shy at first but reveals herself to be sweet and affectionate after only a short time. Lilliana is a sweet girl who has energy in leaps and bounds. She is starting to make dog friends at the shelter but is a little shy with other dogs at first. She would make a great hiking, running, or walking companion.

She's yearning for a per-

manent human and would make a wonderful addition to any family. She would love for you to come to visit and take her for a walk so she could get acquainted.

Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030.

The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view



adoptable pets, visit Pet-Finder.com or www.alpin-humane.com.

The Old Spanish Trail Gallery and Museum is hosting an artist's reunion and rendezvous on January 14 from 2-5,

with an open house for art collectors, enthusiasts, and the art curious. Enjoy light appetizers while meeting with artist that show at the gallery.

DATE: JANUARY 14

TIME: 2-5

LOCATION: 401 Crow's Nest Road, 18 miles west of Fort Davis on Hwy 166

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ALPINE ISD'S TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT

Alpine ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 to discuss

Alpine ISD's rating on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

The meeting will be held in the Alpine High School Band Hall located at 300 E. Hendryx, Alpine, Texas.

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What to expect in this legislative session

The 2023 Texas legislative session opened Jan. 10, with property taxes, gun control and the power grid expected to be among the top issues on the agenda. The Texas Standard talked to political journalists Niki Griswold of the Austin American-Statesman and James Barragan of the Texas Tribune to see what might be upcoming. Griswold predicts the “so-called culture war issue” could take cen-

ter stage, with a number of bills already filed regarding the rights of transgender children and their parents, as well as battles over what books should be made available to children in the classroom and libraries. Barragan said the state’s predicted \$27 billion surplus will attract a number of factions wanting a piece of that action. Gov. Greg Abbott has called for about half

the surplus to be spent on property tax relief, while House Speaker Dade Phelan is pushing for more spending on infrastructure. Griswold pointed out that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wields considerable power in the Legislature and is keenly interested in more fixes to the state’s electric grid. The regular session will last 140 days, as set by the state constitution.

Crump named to South Plains College Fall 2022 President’s List

Jake Crump of Alpine was named to the South Plains College Fall 2022 President’s List. Crump was among more than 340 students named to the Spring 2022 President’s List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 4.0 and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours.

LIBRARY • FROM 1

on the building committee that contributed ideas and input for the design for this space. According to Wetterauer, this area will be more in line with what teens and young adults are interested in, even including the installation

of some 3-D printers. Wetterauer said, “We began our fundraising for this around 2017, so between our fundraisers, various grants, and generous donations, we hope to be able to begin the build this year. We are look-

ing at approximately six to eight weeks of construction at least. All of this is of course dependent upon supply chain availability.” The library intends to use local contractors for the expansion and enclosure of these spaces.

BEAR • FROM 1

Park, northwards to the Davis Mountains, and eastward to the Devils River corridor.

This study begins at a time where bear populations in West Texas have increased and spread out, to a point in which they are encountering humans on a much more frequent basis. Local reports have seen bears foraging out of trash cans and pursuing other sources of human food. Recently, one bear that has been dubbed the “dumpster diver”, continually sought out dumpsters and trash cans in the Terlingua Ghost Town, despite efforts by Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel to deter the bear. The bear was captured and collared by

BRI research technicians and then was relocated by TPWD to the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area. Data from the BRI collar showed that six days later the bear appeared in and around Terlingua Ranch Lodge, where locals complained of the bear getting into their trash also. Mike Janis with TPWD said, “Typically in drought years we tend to get more complaints of bears coming into contact with humans. With the combination of the drought as well as the population growth of the black bears in Big Bend, it is natural to see them re-colonize areas they used to inhabit.” According to Dr. Louis

Harveson, Director of BRI, the return of black bears to Texas brings with them the need to gain current information on the population. The goal of this research overall is to develop a better understanding of bear ecology, including ranging habits, diet, population numbers and other data so that human-bear conflict can be kept to a minimum. Cooperation with landowners, residents, and local communities is vital to the study. Guiding the way with community engagement, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is hosting a workshop Jan. 21, called “Living with Black Bear in West Texas.” This two-

hour workshop will be held twice that same day. The first workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bunkhouse at the Bad Rabbit Café at the Terlingua Ranch Lodge. The second workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the J.W. “Red” Patillo Community Center located in Study Butte, behind the Post Office. On hand for this workshop will be a TPWD game warden, TPWD biologists, and BRI researchers to answer questions, present a history of black bears in West Texas, and discuss the preliminary findings of this project. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no cost for the workshop.

COUNCIL • FROM 1

for this to go forward.” Continuing her report, Eaves thanked the City of Alpine’s employees and residents for stepping up and handling the water leak situation that occurred over Christmas. Eaves said, “We really need to consider our aging water infrastructure and how we are going to go about getting it replaced.” She went on to add that Alpine ISD superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart reached out and utilized the AISD texting system to notify everyone in the school district and those associated with AISD about the boil water notice, as well as Brewster County Emergency Management Coordinator Stephanie Elmore who also utilized the county’s hyper-reach system to convey the boil water notice as well. Residents may sign up for the hyper-reach program that notifies residents of emergency situations by going online to brewstercountytexas.com/hyper-reach/ and signing up for notifications.

“We really need to consider our aging water infrastructure and how we are going to go about getting it replaced.”
— Alpine Mayor Catherine Eaves

then told the council that discussions on the raw data compiled from the strategic planning meetings would begin on Jan. 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers and these were open to the public. She said that the main goal for these discussions on the data was to develop and prioritize an order of importance from the information at hand. Antrim also told the council that she recently closed the city offices so that her staff could receive customer service training and that at some point within the next nine months, all departments within the city have plans in place for employee training.

In other news, all four action items on the agenda were approved unanimously by the council. Of special importance to many residents was the amendment to the Alpine Code of Ordinances, amending the chapter on noise, which will provide requirements for the

regulation of noise and its potential to become a nuisance to the public. Also approved was the resolution establishing an Appendix B: Building Service Fees, of the Building and Building Regulations section of the Alpine Code of Ordinances which created a uniform fee structure for all building services and permit fees pursuant to ordinance 2022-12-01, which was also amended in chapter 18 to allow for these changes.

Finally, during council member comments, councilor Judy Stokes, Ward 1 addressed the council and said, “I believe we as a council

need to step up and get this water line infrastructure fixed. It has been said many times in the past that it needs to be replaced, but then nothing has been done. We as a council need to be the ones to step up and do so. I watched those kids out there in the cold, waist deep in water, working all day and half the night and the next day to fix that water leak, and this is a priority. It will cost money, but I don’t mind paying a little more each month in order to see this accomplished.” The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.



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700# - 800# Steers	160.00 to 178.00
700# - 800# Heifers	152.00 to 163.00
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Packer Bulls	90.00 to 103.00
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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss SAN VICENTE ISD'S rating on the state's financial accountability system

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SAN VICENTE ISD'S Texas Academic Performance Report

SAN VICENTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:45, January 19, 2023, in the SVISD Meeting Room 195 Escuela Vista Dr, Big Bend National Park.

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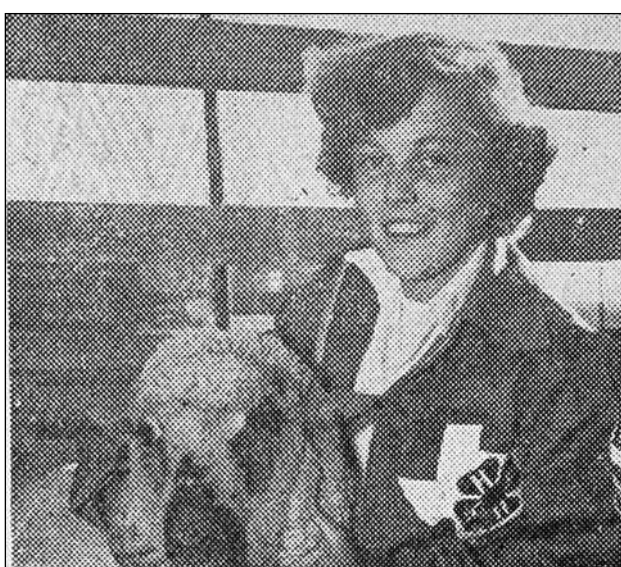
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Jan. 19, 1951

A n n e Devenport is shown here with her lamb she intends to show in the Big Bend Livestock Show set for Feb. 10.

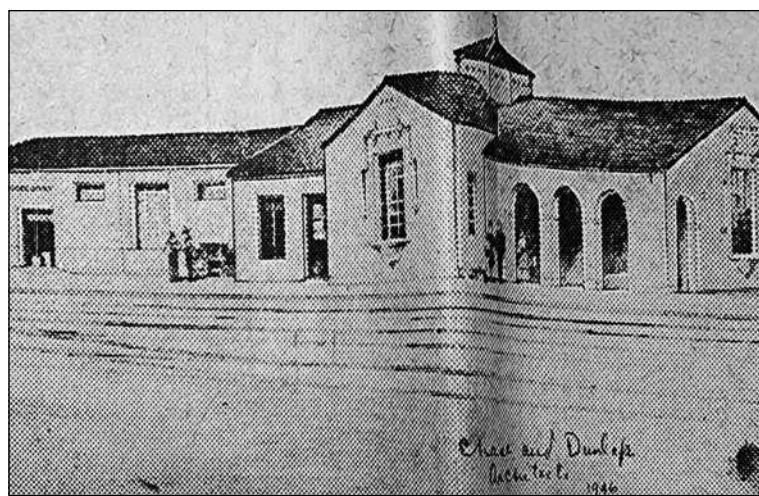
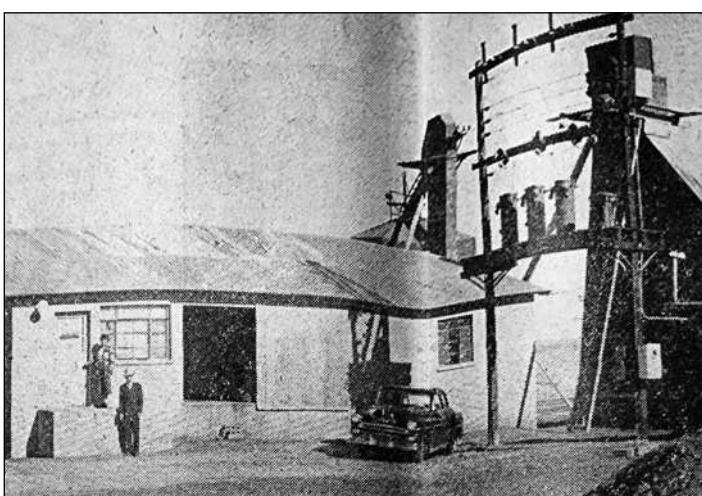


Jan. 6, 1939

The Christian Church here in Alpine welcomes a new pastor to its' pulpit. Reverend J.A. Kearns and his wife will take up the mantle for church services.

Jan. 19, 1951

Mr. J. R. Pattee, president of Soyloid, Inc., and Mrs. Margaret Green, Superintendent of the packaging department are shown here in front of the Soyloid plant located east of the Southern Pacific stock pens here in Alpine. This mineral soil is used nationwide for soil reconditioning.



Jan. 31, 1947

Local contractor Ralph W. Peters was awarded the contract to build the new Southern Pacific train depot in downtown Alpine. Shown here is the architect's drawing of what the depot will look like.

Potato diseases can lie in the soil

Dear Neil: For the past couple of years my potatoes have been having these lesions on their surfaces. I have switched to new beds and still have the same thing happening. It does not affect the taste of the potatoes as it's only on the skin. I really enjoy the taste of fresh potatoes. What causes this and what can I do to stop it?

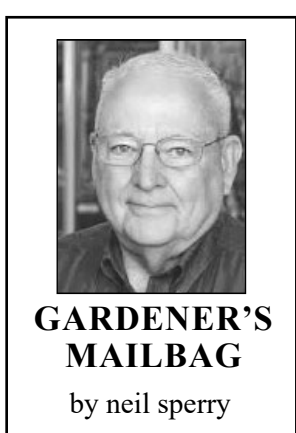
I just spent half an hour online. This looks like potato scab. Cornell is known for their scholarly approach to horticulture. Here is what they have on this disease for the state of New York.

<https://www.vegetables.cornell.edu/pest-management/disease-factsheets/potato-scab/>

And I found similar information from Michigan State University, again of a rather commercial nature.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/potato_diseases_common_scab_of_potato_e2990

Each of these fact sheets points to the fact that a group of diseases can cause the



GARDENER'S MAILBAG

by neil sperry

various types of potato scabs and that these organisms can survive in the soil with or without potatoes for several many years. Their advice is that you start with disease-free seed potatoes and move to an entirely new garden area. Do not share contaminated soil or equipment between the two plots. Leave this part of your garden empty of potatoes and other host plants such as beets, carrots, radishes, and turnips for as long as you can, preferably several years.

Dear Neil: You have described Oakland hollies

and they sound like just what I need for privacy. How well do they tolerate rocky soils, and when should they be planted?

I'll take the easy question first. Since they're always sold in containers with all their roots intact, Oakland hollies can be planted 12 months a year. Be forewarned, however, that no matter when you plant them you need to make provisions to water them deeply by hand every two or three days from

mid-spring into mid- or late fall. That means you will water them with a water hose with a water wand and bubbler, not bubbler heads on a drip irrigation line. Hollies do not wilt when they are dry. They have subtle

changes in color in their leaves and before people realize it, they have waited too long.

As for the rocky soils, the more organic matter they have and the fewer rocks their roots must encounter, the better they will do. That's doubly critical in alkaline soils.

Just for the record, don't overlook Nellie R. Stevens hollies if you need a tall privacy screen. They grow

somewhat taller than Oakland hollies and they get there a bit more quickly. Both are excellent in sun or shade.

Dear Neil: My live oaks have black stuff on their bark. It swells up after rains. Is this a fungus?

Probably. The gray and grayish-green growths are lichens, a symbiotic population of algae and fungus, but the black growths in your small photo are something else. Unless your trees are show-

ing some type of distress you probably don't need to worry. The Texas Plant Clinic at Texas A&M University could culture and identify it for you if you wished. All the details for collecting and mailing your sample as well as fees are on their website.

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.



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- this Lawrence moved Exxon headquarters to Texas
- Billy Ray Cyrus hit: "___ Breaky Heart"
- TXism: "you can write ___ ink" (positive)
- "Acton State Historical ___"
- Adam's mate
- this Zaprunder filmed JFK assassination
- sprinter Lendore who ran for ACU and A&M
- TX Mahomes won S. ___ Belt in 2020
- Junction High class antique autos
- Amarillo's "___ State Fair & Rodeo"
- "___ way" (sick or unhappy)
- Texas-based 1943 film: "___ Cowboys"
- this Davis was a Ranger pitcher from 1999 to 2003 (init.)
- De or, TX, e.g.
- an undocumented one might cross Rio Grande into Texas
- TXism: "weak as a two-___"
- aquarium fish
- TXism: "___ the towel" (give up)
- TX Strait's "You Look ___ Good in Love"

DOWN

- TXism: "___ on concrete" (city boy)
- energetic
- name of 3 Texas towns including one in Titus County (2 wds.)
- TX Phil who was all-around cowboy in 1971 & 1972
- state where Jerry & Jimmy played college ball (abbr.)
- wife of a baron (but not a cattle baron)
- "Flower Gardens Banks," 100 miles off Galveston
- "dip" sidekick
- TXism: "lends a hand"
- Stafford High mascot
- ___ Olde Shoppe
- "sun" in Mexico
- TXism: "she could charm ___ out of a tree"
- TXism: "dull as week-___ pop"
- "loosy ___"
- Colt .45, e.g.
- long time ___
- Texas is 29 times bigger than this NE state (abbr.)

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Fightin' Buck Schedule

BASKETBALL
Lady Bucks
Jan. 17: Alpine vs Presidio, JV @ 5 p.m., Varsity @ 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 20: Compass vs Alpine, JV @ 5 p.m., Varsity @ 6:30 p.m.
Bucks
Jan. 17: Alpine vs Presidio, JV Purple @ 5 p.m., JV Gold @ 6:30 p.m., Varsity @ 8 p.m.
Jan. 20: Compass vs Alpine, JV Purple @ 5 p.m., JV Gold @ 6:30 p.m., Varsity @ 8 p.m.

ALPINE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Lady Bucks
Jan. 16: Alpine vs Kermit
Jan. 23: Crane vs Alpine
Bucks
Jan. 16: Kermit vs Alpine
Jan. 23: Alpine vs Crane

Lady Bucks 3-2 in district play

Last Tuesday the Alpine Lady Bucks traveled to Stanton to take on the Lady Buffs in a district matchup. The Lady Buffs jumped out to an early lead, but the Lady Bucks battled the first half keeping the game close. The Lady Bucks would go into halftime down 26-20. The second half the Lady Bucks struggled with the Lady Buffs size difference. Alpine would end up falling to the Stanton Lady Buffs 60-34. Novah Carrasco led the scoring with 11 points, while Alexis Rodriguez added nine points and Sara Evans put up eight points. "We just couldn't defend their size difference. They had three big girls that rotated and pounded us in the paint. I was very pleased with



Alpine Lady Buck Alexis Rodriguez defends against a Tornillo Lady Coyote in last Friday's game.

our offensive game plan because we pushed the ball very well in transition. Defensively we will have something special for them next time we

meet up. I feel the game was closer than the final score," remarked Coach Virdell.

In other district play, the Lady Bucks hosted

the Tornillo Lady Coyotes on Friday. Alpine quickly jumped out in a first quarter lead, outscoring the Lady Coyotes 19-2. The Lady Coyotes were

not able to close the gap and the Lady Bucks held a 20 point lead for most of the game. Defense pressure was very noticeable as the Lady Bucks overwhelmed the Lady Coyotes the whole game. Alpine would finish the game winning 51-30. The Lady Bucks had several girls in double digit scoring. Hope Dominguez would lead the scoring with 14 points, Novah Carrasco 13 points and Alexis Rodriguez put up 12 points. Sophomore Hope Dominguez said, "The team did great against Tornillo. This was a huge win for us going into the next week. It gives us the momentum to keep pushing forward through district play."

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History made on the court for Lobo

It was a historic day for Julian Paredes.

Entering the contest against East Texas Baptist, Paredes was just 20 points away from joining the 1,000-point club. During the second half, Paredes drained a three-pointer to etch his name in the record book.

Unfortunately, the Sul Ross State men's basketball team came up short against the Tigers by suffering a tough 95-85 loss in overtime at the Pete P. Gallego Center on Saturday evening. Paredes finished the game with 29 points, six rebounds and three assists while he made four 3-pointers. "I'm very grateful. I owe it a lot to my teammates and my coaches," Paredes said. "A lot of my teammates are super unselfish. My coaches always get me in the right spots. They believe in me, and it feels good. "Obviously, it would've been great to get the win, too.

I'm grateful and looking forward to the next game," Paredes stated.

The score changed 12 times while the lead changed 10 times as the Lobos held their own against the second-best team in the American Southwest Conference. Sul Ross broke a 2-2 tie early in the first half by going on a 6-0 run after three layups made by Christian Nevarez, Paredes, and Larry Morrison. Trey Nelson later hit a three-pointer to keep Sul Ross ahead by six. The Lobos led by as much as eight after a three was made by Luke Pluyemen with 13:15 remaining. East Texas Baptist then cut the deficit down to three.

A layup by Pluyemen put the Lobos ahead by five, but the Tigers were on the prowl as they tied up the game at 21-all with 8:09 to go. Sul Ross went on a 5-0

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Julian Paredes



Jordan Rodriguez produced a double-double in the loss to Tornillo on Jan. 6.

File photo by Shawn Yorks

Bucks fall to Tornillo, 91-43

BY SHAWN YORKS
Contributor

This year's Tornillo Coyotes have a new coach in Luis Vega, but basketball fans who thought the Coyotes might be down this season because of it have been in for a rude awakening. The Coyotes vis-

ited Alpine on Jan. 6 and became the favorite for the District 4-3A title with a 91-43 win over the Alpine Bucks.

Tornillo improved to 19-1 overall and 2-0 in district, while Alpine dropped to 10-9, 2-1.

"Obviously you don't like to lose, especially in that fashion," said Al-

pine head coach Aaron Hardwick, who began his coaching career at Tornillo. "But it's cool to see, a lot of those kids, I had their older brothers and sisters as students of mine, so that was fulfilling for me.

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Lady Lobos topple Tigers at home

After grinding on the road for 14-straight games, the Sul Ross State women's basketball team has enjoyed some home cooking lately.

On Saturday afternoon, the Lobos extended their win streak to two with an impressive 71-58 victory over the East Texas Baptist Tigers at the Pete P. Gallego Center. The Tigers entered the contest with a six-game winning streak as they currently sit in third place in the American Southwest Conference. With the win, Sul Ross jumps to fourth place.

"Everybody was in the game today. They focused. That was awesome to watch and coach," said Sul Ross head coach E.J. Lee Smith. "Things didn't go our way time to time, but that didn't matter to

our players. "They just pushed themselves and our three-pointers are hitting when we needed it. We tried to prepare as much as possible. I'm very proud of each and every one of them."

Sul Ross broke an early 3-3 tie with a three-pointer by Melody Martinez. East Texas Baptist then went on a run to take a four-point lead before the Lobos cut the deficit to one on a three-pointer from Vania Hampton. The Tiger offense got hot and pulled away for a nine-point lead with 33 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

With seven minutes to go in the second quarter, the Lobos were able to fight all the way back to tie the game at 23-all with a layup from Martinez. The scored was tied once more at 25-all

with a layup by Kayley Diaz. Hampton knocked down a clutch three that was followed up by a layup from Marley Rokas that put Sul Ross ahead 30-25. Hampton had the hot hand, shooting another three with 3:20 to go until halftime as the Lobos had an eight-point lead. Sul Ross flipped the script by increasing its lead to 14 after a pair of free throws by Brianna Martin with 21 seconds to go. The Lobos never trailed from that point.

East Texas Baptist cut the deficit down to as little as eight during the third quarter with 2:38 remaining. With a shot in the paint by Rokas and a free throw by Victoria Aguayo, the Lobos were able to hold onto a 12-point lead. The Tigers managed to get to within seven with 4:10 in the fourth quarter, but

the Lobos kept their foot on the accelerator as they raced ahead to a 13-point victory.

Rokas led the way with 20 points, nine rebounds and one steal while Martinez finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. Hampton scored 15 points and grabbed nine boards. Martin chipped in with 11 points. Sul Ross made 10 three-pointers. Martinez landed four while Hampton had three. The Lobos shot 19 of 31 from the free throw line while they won the battle on the glass by grabbing 43 rebounds.

"Our players have confidence in themselves, and I think we'll be fine next game," Smith added. The Lobos travel to Brownwood to take on Howard Payne at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

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run to break away for the 26-21 lead. Nevarez hit a clutch three while Pluymen made a layup during the run. The Tigers tied up the game once more, this time at 28-all with 4:05 left until halftime. Morrison gave the Lobos a short-lived one-point lead on a free throw before East Texas Baptist tied up the score at 29-all. Paredes knocked down a three-pointer to put Sul Ross back out ahead, 32-29, with 2:51 to go.

East Texas Baptist then made a game-tying three which was answered by a three from Gabe Sanchez with 1:05 on the clock. The Tigers cut the deficit to one on a pair of free throws to end the first half. Paredes scored the first four points for the Lobos to start the second half. Trailing by three, the Tigers went on a run to take a seven-point lead with 14:49 to go.

The Tiger lead grew to eight before Sanchez came into the clutch with a pair of three-pointers that chiseled the deficit down to two. On two free throws by Morrison, the Lobos tied up the game at 59-all with 8:29 to go. East Texas Baptist got a three-pointer and a jumper in the paint to take a five-point lead. Paredes came into the clutch with a three-pointer that put the Lobos behind by two with 7:07 remaining. Two free throws by Sanchez later tied up the game at 64-all. East Texas Baptist got hot again on offense, taking a six-point lead with 4:37 to go, but the Lobos didn't quit. Paredes got a three-point play

after being fouled on a made layup. Paredes then gave the Lobos a two-point lead with another three.

The score was tied twice more before Paredes landed two free throws to tie up the game at 78-all at the end of regulation. Sul Ross took a two-point lead to start the overtime period after a layup by Nelson. The score was tied up twice before the Tigers gained a two-point advantage. Paredes then gave Sul Ross a one-point lead on a three-pointer with 2:44 to go. The Lobo offense ran out of gas during the waning minutes as the Tigers pulled away for the victory.

Pluymen finished with 15 points while Sanchez added with 13. Morrison chipped in with 11. Sul Ross knocked down 10 three-pointers while shooting 15 of 17 from the free throw line. The Lobos grabbed 29 rebounds compared to 43 for the Tigers.

"Well, that's a big part of our culture — fighting," added Paredes. "We're not always the biggest team, we're not always the most athletic, but we're going to go out there and give it our all every single game."

Paredes joins an exclusive list of talented players like Jimmy Martinez, Larry Morales, Brandon Harvey, Jorge Quintero, Caleb Thomasson, and Sid Hooper. Hooper is the all-time leading scorer with 1,725 career points. The Lobos travel to Brownwood to take on Howard Payne at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

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"But, obviously, on the other end you hate to lose like that. They're as good as advertised."

The game was physical — in spurts — and Jace Canaba took the brunt of it. "I wouldn't say it was one of the most physical games, but it was physical at spots, and he took the brunt of it," Hardwick added. "He walked away with a bruised cheek bone, a busted lip and a busted chin." Canaba ended up with six points and six assists on the game, and Jordan Rodriguez stepped up with a double-double, 13 points and 17 rebounds. "He always provides a spark," Hardwick said. "He's our energy guy."

Freshman Dae Hardwick also continues to be a leader and, while he may not be shooting well, the coach added, he always finds a way to score. Hardwick said the Bucks need to learn to play better against superior competition. "I'm not saying the outcome would be different, but at least raise our level of play when we play better teams," Hardwick added.

The Bucks played well in spurts, especially in the first and third quarters as Tornillo won the first quarter 14-9 and the third quarter just 16-12. "So, there's something to build off of there for us, for sure," Hardwick said. "But that's a team that's going to be primed and ready to make a deep run in the state play-offs for sure, which will make us look a little better, as well." But competition like Tornillo can only make the Bucks better.

"We've got to figure that out," Hardwick added. "If we want to be



Alpine Buck Dae Hardwick draws the foul in a recent game against the Fort Stockton Panthers.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

the team that I know we can be this year — we're not going to wait until next year — we're going to try to be the best team we can be this year, we just have to find a way to be able raise our level of play against better opponents."

Hardwick has been stressing defense the last couple of weeks and has not put in anything new on offense. Miguel Busey, who was hurt Dec. 2 against Andrews — was set to return against Kermit, but Evren Martinez won't be available to play until Jan. 23, which should make him available for the game at Crane

Jan. 24. "Then we'll have the band back together," Hardwick said.

The Bucks traveled to Kermit on Tuesday night to face a Yellowjackets squad that has struggled with off-the-court issues. Alpine will enjoy an open week on Friday and hit the court again Tuesday at Presidio. The Blue Devils are 6-11 overall and 0-2 in district entering this Friday's home game against Kermit. "If we execute what it is that we do at a high level, especially on the defensive end, we're going to fare well against most teams," Hardwick said.

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Junior Novah Carrasco said "Coming back from the Caprock Tournament I can see we have improved tremendously. It was a tough tournament, which as a team we had to step up and play. Our defense is dominant. We have a quick defense, and it is tough for any opponent

to get past us". The Lady Bucks are sitting in third in district right now, but the next few games can determine whether they move up. "We can definitely make a mess of things in the district and that's what we want to do, that will give us a shot at the district title," stated Virdell.

The Lady Bucks are now 3-2 in district play. "I was very impressed with the way they defended against Tornillo, it was fast and aggressive. That is where we have wanted to be all season. I think we got away from that for a while and seeing the girls get back to

it is very important for us. We want to push the ball and press to create turnovers. With our size and speed that's what we must do to win games. The girls played fast and hard, you could see the difference in overall play because of it" said Virdell.

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Grandmother Kellar's Italian Cream Cake

Let them eat cake is generational in my family.

Don't be fooled by this title, because I mean it literally, in that while the origin of the quote associated with the title may be French, the Italians are bringing you Italian Cream cake. Er, rather I am bringing you Italian Cream cake.

The recipe that follows my drafted ramblings comes from my grandmother. My grandmother Lena made the best Italian Cream cake I have ever eaten. Literally. She had a way about her baking that rivaled much of the higher end restaurant desserts. Sadly, I did not inherit her acuity when it comes to baking. I was much too busy as a child running around the yard chasing chickens, throwing rocks at my sibling, and generally getting into mischief instead of hanging out in the kitchen. I am sorely lacking in that department, partially due to talent and partially due to the fact that baking just isn't something I really enjoy. I do however really enjoy eating baked goods.

See, baking is a true science. A chemistry experiment in delicious goodness. I was unfortunately not very good at chemistry unless you consider something along the lines of Tony Stark without the technology, then mad scientist in the kitchen I will claim. But I digress, we're talking cake and not just any cake. One of the few cakes that I truly love that isn't chocolate. What it does have is coconut, buttermilk, and cream cheese. And it had me at cheese.

There are a few key steps to making this cake that will literally make or break it. Mixing the ingredients properly makes for the best cake, otherwise it may taste good, but it won't have the texture that makes this recipe truly great. The egg whites must be on point, the mixing of the soda and buttermilk as well as creaming the oleo well makes a difference. Personally, I would use butter instead of



oleo, because let's face it that stuff is not good for you. For those who don't know what oleo is, it's margarine in case you were wondering. Creaming the Crisco and sugar well is a must also. Like I said, science.

I won't pretend to tell you that I make this well, but it does taste good. There is no way it

couldn't with the ingredients that it's made of. So, the next time you're craving some cake and have some time, try your hand at this Italian Cream cake and your friends and family will certainly thank you for it. But please do yourself a favor and take the time to mix it correctly so that you get to experience the true beauty of this cake with both taste and texture.



Italian Cream Cake

Courtesy photo

Italian Cream Cake

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| Ingredients: | 1 tsp vanilla |
| 1 stick of oleo or butter | 1 cup finely chopped pecans |
| 1/2 cup Crisco | 1 cup coconut |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 cup buttermilk |
| 5 eggs, separated | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 2 cups flour (I recommend cake flour) | 1 tsp salt |

Directions:

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| Mix soda with buttermilk and set aside. | continue beating until everything is well mixed. |
| Beat egg whites until very stiff and set aside. | Gradually fold in egg whites by hand until well mixed. |
| Cream the Crisco and sugar. | Stir in coconut and pecans and mix well. |
| Add egg yolks one at a time to the Crisco and sugar and gradually beat well. | Pour into three greased and floured cake pans. |
| Add the buttermilk and soda and flour a little at a time and beat well. | Bake at 325 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes until done. |
| Add in vanilla and | Ice when completely cooled. |

Icing

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| Ingredients: | dered sugar (sifted) |
| 1 8-ounce package cream cheese (room temperature) | 1 stick of oleo or butter |
| 1 lb. package powdered sugar (sifted) | 1 tsp. vanilla |

Directions:

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| Cream oleo or butter and cream cheese until well mixed, add sugar and vanilla and mix all until there is enough to spread on | the cake top and the sides. |
| | More sugar may be added if needed. |
| | Spread on cooled cake. |

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Property owners may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2022, the appraisal district has requested an updated application, or the owner has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. A copy of a current driver's license must accompany the application. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

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Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they became 65 during 2022 or will be 65 during 2023. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral plus interest, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

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Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled and unemployable, their homestead can be completely exempt. Surviving spouses of military and first responders killed in the line of duty may also qualify for this exemption. An annual reapplication for the 100% exemption may be required by the Chief Appraiser.

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Farmers and ranchers and other property owners may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the typical income for properties in the county. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

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State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. Deadline-April 15. A 30-day filing extension is available by written request.

AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Taxpayers may receive certain notices required by law from the local appraisal district in electronic format. Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district to receive a form requesting electronic communications and how that communication should be transmitted.

PROTESTING PROPERTY VALUE

Taxpayers whose property value increases by at least \$1000 will be mailed a reappraisal notice stating the proposed value. The taxpayer may file a protest of the value change by completing the protest form that will be included in the notice. An informal hearing will be available to taxpayers, and if not satisfied, the taxpayer may have a formal hearing before the Brewster County Appraisal Review Board.

If you have questions about any of these topics, please contact the Brewster Appraisal District at 432-837-2558 or come by our office at 107 W Ave E, Alpine, Texas. Other information may also be available on the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/

Brewster County Clerk's office is working to better serve the community. Plats will **not** be available from January 4, 2023, until January 30, 2023, due to the digitization of preserving some of our county's historical documents. Plats will be digitally available soon on the official website, <https://brewster.tx.publicsearch.us/>

Texas Academic Performance Report Public Hearing Notice

There will be a Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for the Marathon Independent School District as required by State Law at 6:00 p.m. on February 18, 2022, in the High School Library 109 N. 5th Street Marathon, Texas.

The 2020-21 TAPR for the district is currently published to the Marathon ISD website along with the other required reports from TEC Chapter 39.

For background information, the Texas Education Code Chapter 39 requires each district's Board of Trustees to publish an annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR); campus performance objectives; district accreditation status and any distinction designations awarded; district current special education compliance; a report of violent or criminal incidents; and, information received under Texas Education Code §51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Board of Trustees shall hold a hearing for public discussion of the report, and they shall widely disseminate the report within the district.

Big Bend area students make Dean's List

Angelo State University in San Angelo has announced the students achieving the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester.

Sydney Anderson of Alpine, Health Science Professions, Riley Arndt of Alpine, Computer Science, Yoali Aviles Galindo of Terlingua, Interdisciplinary Studies, Chloe Cordova of Alpine, Kinestiology, Julio Estrada of Alpine, Engineering Fundamentals ME, Matthew Fields of Alpine, English Secondary Cert., Raelynn Macias of Alpine, Undeclared, and Thomas Spencer of Alpine, Music.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Sebastian Torres

In what activities did you participate in high school?

I participated in band for all four years of high school. Two as an alto sax and two as a tech.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

All of my teachers have really had an impact on my high school years, but my favorite was Mr. Wilson. If he hadn't introduced me to different music and instruments I would have never been inspired to play.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite high



Sebastian Torres

school moment would have to be this year's homecoming week. It was a nice experience with my classmates.

What are your plans after high school?

I plan to attend Sul Ross and get a bachelor's degree in business.

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Devotional Page The Center of All Things

BY REV. NANCY MAE ANTRIM
 St. Christopher's Episcopal Church – Hobbs, NM

Now that the frenzy of the holidays is over, New Year's resolutions made and maybe broken, it is time to settle back into our normal everyday routines. The Church year is moving toward Lent, but Ash Wednesday is still weeks away.

As a Eucharist visitor and now as a priest, I bring communion to those who are homebound. I have set up for communion on hospitable tables, coffee tables and dining room tables. The other day I was celebrating a home communion service and as I was trying to find space on the table among the books, the knitting and uneaten breakfast plates, I was able to move things aside until I had space in the middle of the table. And as I set up the cup and plate for the bread and wine, I thought how appropriate to be in the middle, the center of the routine, the common, the normal parts of life, for Christ is the center. He should be the focal point for our routine, normal lives. He is not just the major holidays of Christmas and Easter. Unfortunately, for many of us Christ is relegated to church on Sunday. We are too busy with school events, recreational activities, and job concerns to put Christ at the center of our lives.

And it is a challenge to live a Christ-centered life. It requires that we live for a cause

bigger than ourselves. It requires that we change our priorities. We must as Matthew tells us "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness," Matthew 6:33. It requires, no demands, obedience. Just as Christ humbled Himself and became obedient even unto death, Philippians 2, so must we be obedient. It requires that we live a life of humility like Jesus. Philippians 2: 3-4 declares "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

To place Christ at the center means to love as Christ loved. His love is an unconditional love. He loves us whether we deserve it or not. He calls us to love one another as He has loved us. He demonstrated this to the fullest when He died on the cross for each of us.

Obedience, humility, love: these are necessary for living a Christ-centered life, but He does not ask us to do this alone for He has promised, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Matthew 28:20.

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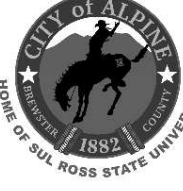


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Beginning in January, the City will host at least two public workshops intended to promote discussion between staff, Council, and the public on establishing priorities from the Town Hall data gathered. Results from the combined six Town Hall meetings will be shared and discussed at these meetings.
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