

Early voting to begin next Monday

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Early voting for the May 6 general election will begin next Monday, April 24 and continue until Tuesday, May 2. Polls will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alpine Civic Center.

There are two races on the ballot for this election. First, the position for Single Member District 6 on the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees is the only contested race for the school board. Incumbent Dr. Adrian Billings will be vying to keep his seat against challenger Richard Portillo. Single Member District 2, held by Joe Portillo went uncontested, so Portillo was removed from the ballot.

Alpine City Council election candidates not facing challengers and earning their seats without being placed

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Artists to be featured in Amazon Prime series

BY KARA GERBERT
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Last week, director Christelle Bois, currently of New York, descended on Alpine to film portions of her Amazon Prime series “The Story of Art in America.”

Bois focused her efforts on local artists Pauline Hernandez, a ceramicist and muralist, Michael Stevens, a guitar builder, Dot Mainz, a local quilter, and printmaker Ramon Deanda. Bois’ focus for this series explores the vitality and diversity

of art in America in small and medium-sized cities residing outside of the “art world” prominent in the large cities.

The Avalanche sat down with Bois, a native of France, to gain a better understanding of her vision behind this series.

This film project, according to Bois, began as a personal project. “I was never formally educated in art. I also thought that art was



Christelle Bois, director of the Amazon Prime series ‘The Story of Art in America’ is pictured here with local quilter Dot Mainz. Mainz was instructing Bois on the art of hand quilting.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

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Fossils, rocks, and more



Jaxon Turner of Alpine shows off some of his ‘gems and minerals’ he picked up at this past weekend’s Big Bend Gem & Mineral Show held at the Alpine Civic Center.

Courtesy photo

City to take over TXDOT right of way maintenance

BY KARA GERBERT
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The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Councilor Sara Tandy, Ward 3 was absent.

Of interest on the agenda was a report from City Manager, Megan Antrim on TXDOT relinquishing their maintenance of the right of ways on Highway 90, Highway 118, and Loop Road. Maintenance includes the watering of plants and trees, removing dead trees and replacing them, mowing and weed eating, and general clean up.

TXDOT notified the city last week that they were going to

discontinue the maintenance effective immediately. Antrim told the council that this would pile more work onto city workers who were already understaffed. She also mentioned that TXDOT had obtained contracts with some providers that handled these services in the past, and that she would try to contact providers to see if entering into a contract agreement with them on behalf of the City of Alpine would be something feasible.

In other news, Hugh Johnson of Alpine told the council he was concerned about the environmental impact the large number of old tires would present to the community that are



Megan Antrim

currently piled up at the former Oasis Tire Co. He wanted the council to discuss the possibility of an ordinance to handle the situation.

The tire shop, now under the ownership of Bill Williams Tire was approached by the city’s representative Adellina Beal, along with a letter from the city asking them to dispose of the tires in a proper manner as well as clean up the general look of old tires, by making them more presentable before they were disposed of.

Johnson told the council that he had contacted a representative from TCEQ and briefly spoke about the issue, but he said, “I believe Alpine should

work to take care of their own messes locally before relying on state and or the federal folks.” Antrim told the council that there were measures in place with TCEQ and that Bill Williams Tire was responsible for registering their business with them and following their regulations. “They know what they are required by law to do as far as storing and disposal of tires, as they have a long-standing business located in Fort Stockton. While they may have inherited the large, unorganized pile of tires currently on site at their Alpine property, they are still responsible for following state regulations

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for very skilled people, people who could draw, paint, make music and things like that. That wasn't me," remarked Bois. "I moved around a lot for the first 40 years or so of my life, and so I had to re-invent myself many times over. At some point I began writing, and that just wasn't enough. So, I moved on to photography and that was not quite enough for me either. I ended up taking a photo that I wanted to enlarge on a really big scale, so I began painting it and realized that it became artwork without knowing it, and I had my first solo exhibition in New York in 2018."

Bois, having waited later in life to express herself via art began asking the question of other artists, the how, when, what, and why of how they themselves became artists. At this point, she decided to hire a team and journey cross country from New York to California to discover the answer to these questions. Bois produced her first documentary, and it was so well received she

and her crew decided to make it a series. Bois sent her documentary to a company called Indie Rights, and she said whether by luck or accident, it ended up on Amazon Prime.

During the creation of her series, Bois interviewed somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 artists. She said that while some artists can easily express themselves and explain their art, there are others that have difficulty in this area. "I really appreciate these artists because they have so much to say, and I want to spend more time getting to know them and what they are trying to get across through their art. Unfortunately, I don't have a lot of time to do this."

Out of the artists Bois will feature locally, she said, "Michael was fantastic. He was so joyful and interesting, and really had a lot to say about the history of his art form. I really enjoyed the quilters as well. I feel like this artform is completely ingrained in America, and I was sen-

sitive to quilting before, but sitting down and getting a feel for the time and effort that goes into quilting I appreciate it even more."

Bois' decision to choose Alpine as a filming location was not an exact science. She looked at Texas as a whole, and knew that while Dallas was a larger city, they were well founded in the art world, and she would begin work on the third season of the series from there. She and her team of filmmakers then looked west, and while Marfa was well known, it made her wonder what the towns surrounding it might be producing in the way of art. All of this had to be completed on a road trip that had to be done in a month. Her producers asked Alpine's director of Tourism, Chris Ruggia to send them an initial list of 12 different candidates, so a committee was formed with members representing the Big Bend Arts Council, Sul Ross, Artwalk, and Catchlight Art Gallery.

Bois wanted as diverse a group of artists as possible, covering a wide range of media as well as different demographics and life experiences. "There are so many interesting and talented artists making up Alpine's art community," Bois said.

Bois' experience in Alpine, with the artists as well as the overall difference in the area, is something she believes she needs more time to absorb. She feels the experience of what she calls "the real America" is something that everyone should experience. "This is the 'real America', not what you see on TV, not the big cities, but these small towns and cities are where life in America is happening."

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on the ballot are Ward 1 councilor Judy Stokes, and the Ward 3 seat being taken over by Darrin Nance. Nance takes the seat previously held by Sara Tandy, who did not seek re-election.

In the race to fill the City Council Member Ward 5 position, recently held by incumbent and the late Jerry Johnson, Johnson is set to face

challenger Rick Stephens. Stephens held the Ward 5 seat prior to Johnson's election, when he termed out in 2021. According to state election laws, Johnson had filed his intent to seek re-election in a timely enough manner that his name remains on the ballot.

Since Johnson is still eligible for re-election, were he to win the elec-

tion, the city council would declare the Ward 5 seat vacant and would then appoint a resident to fill the position until the next election.

Voters in Alpine ISD district 6 and City of Alpine Ward 5 may cast their ballots during the early voting period or on Saturday, May 6 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alpine Civic Center.

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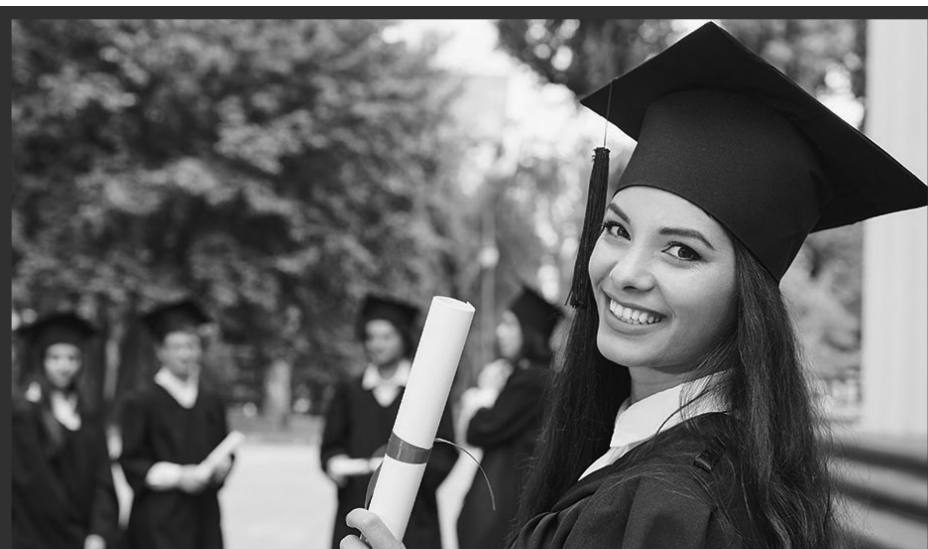
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RESULTS

Yes **88% (155 votes)**

No **7% (12 votes)**

If I remember to **5% (9 votes)**

TOTAL votes: 176

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

Do you vote in city elections?

-Yes

-No

-If I remember to

Vote for this week's poll online at: www.AlpineAvalanche.com

LETTERS

Send us your letters. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification purposes. Only your name and city will be published. Letters should be no more than 300 words. Letters become the property of the Alpine Avalanche and may be edited prior to publication for spelling and grammatical errors, clarity and length. Ad hominem attacks will not be accepted. Letters that include profanity or libel will not be printed. Send your letters to kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com by noon Monday for consideration.

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Learning to drive in a real car

"You put your left foot in, you put your right foot in, you let your left foot out, and you jerk the car about."
 — The Hokie Pokey stick shift driving school song

Renewed my driver's license a few weeks ago. Quite a few changes since I got my first license. Even since the last renewal. You now have to wait eight years before a shot at a photo better than a wanted poster. Plus, an appointment is required; no more walk-ins and the appointment must be made online.

But there is a workaround ... if you didn't read the instructions. I saw it when I was there waiting for my appointed time. A guy walks in and is asked if he has an appointment. "No," he replies. "You'll need an appointment," the lady behind the desk says with a smile, motioning toward the computer he had just passed up. "See if a time slot is open. We'll try to work you in."

I smiled because I had an appointment. Made it online. Yes, I read the instructions that came in the mail. But the TXDLP blog site did make me laugh. It suggested that one should learn to drive in a car equipped with an automatic transmission because it is easier. "Once only popular with

elderly drivers and those unable to drive a manual car, automatic cars are now commonplace," the blog site said. As an "elderly driver," I rolled my eyes and groaned.

I was driving before I turned 14, the legal age in Texas then with driver's ed. The next Saturday morning, I was sitting in Lee Gray's driver's ed class at the Mount Pleasant High School choir building. Monday through Friday, Mr. Gray was also the MPHS choir director.

Dad's driver's ed classes started when I was 11. Sunday afternoons on west Texas dirt roads near Seymour. That's where he instructed me in the fine art of shifting a manual transmission while keeping his '55 Chevy between the ditches.

My grandfather supplemented that with trips to DeWoody's Western Auto or the barber shop in Pittsburg. Once out of sight of the house, he would pull into the A&P parking lot and let me drive his manual transmission '57 Ford with overdrive to what the locals called "back street." Off the main drag.

"Don't tell your grandmother," he warned. "Or me and you both will be in trouble."



LEON ALDRIDGE
 Guest Columnist

Back then, automatic transmissions were limited to Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles, expensive cars. The Aldridge family's first car with an automatic was a '58 Ford station wagon. It fared well until the day Mom left my grandparent's house with three young kids aboard and other things on her mind. She accelerated to the point that familiarity felt it was time to shift into second gear. So, she threw the shift lever up in "three-on-the-tree" fashion where second gear would be. In a standard shift car.

Unfortunately for Mom and the car, that spot with an automatic is called 'park.' After recovering from the sudden screeching stop and the awful noises from under the car, she called my father in tears. He consoled her without ceremony or criticism. Soon after, our first automatic transmission car was replaced with another used car. One like we had always had, driven by synchronizing three forward speeds with the clutch pedal.

Lacking the knowledge and experience of manual transmissions is a shifty concept to grasp growing up in a generation of kids who considered learning to drive

a rite of passage. Learning how to shift gears by listening to the motor, downshifting to reduce speed, running through the gears in a four-speed high-performance car, or the art of heel-and-toe braking and accelerating a sports car while maneuvering through a road course. What joy is there in driving without those memorable moments?

Besides the fun, learning to drive in manual transmission cars also had advantages. Enamored with cars long before the formality of a license, by the time high school graduation rolled around, I had owned three old used car 'hot rods' of my own, bought with money earned working after-school and Saturday jobs. That knowledge opened doors to summer jobs like driving tractors, trucks, wreckers—anything that rolled on wheels and shifted gears.

I know times change, however. Sometimes for a good cause and other times not so much in my book. But I'm prepared. With a couple of manually shifted mid-50s vintage Fords in my garage, I'll do my part to help educate future generations of young drivers.

"Look at this automobile child. Let me show you what driving a real car is like—one with three pedals on the floor."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Questions about school spending
 After reading Alpine ISD Superintendent Michelle Rinehart's opinion on state education funding, and her call for transparency, I wanted to know what the district spends per student. Not finding financial information in

the ISD website, transparency??? I looked elsewhere. According to an outfit out of New York City called Public School Review the Alpine ISD spends about \$16,100 per student across its three campuses, above state average. I also found the district is well above state average in what matters most, stu-

dent academic achievement. Way to go! Ms. Rinehart is worried about taxpayer dollars following students rather than funding legacy institutions. A well enough performing District like Alpine has little to fear about parents seeking better options elsewhere. But what her opinion ignores are the

tens of thousands of students trapped in lousy districts across Texas with no hope. It's these students the Texas legislature is seeking to help. It's time Texans let dollars follow students so that we may have an educated population.

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Jason Barrett: I'm still trying to figure that out, but in the meantime, I'm going to enjoy it right here in beautiful Terlingua.



Edna Queen: Somewhere in the Colorado Rockies.



Jan VanLiere: Either Portugal or Peru



Mindy Wiggins: Somewhere on the Devil's River is where I'd want to live.



Shawn Yadon: I'd want to live here in Alpine, where friends and family are close by.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27 Ribbon Cutting, 5:30 p.m. for Outwest Floral, located at 205 E. Holland.

April 29 Big Bend Native Plant Society, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plant Sale at Forever West Texas/Keller Williams Real Estate 308 W. Ave E.

ONGOING EVENTS

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American Legion Post 79 meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

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Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society's Pet of the Week is Yuri. Yuri is an adorable and shy kitten, about six months old. She loves to be held and cuddled. She enjoys chasing a feather wand as well as playing with toy mice. She also enjoys naps on your lap and will purr you into oblivion.

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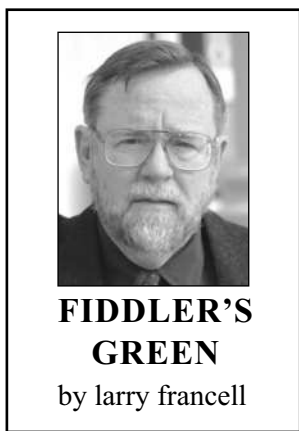
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Walter S. Miller, Mister Fort Davis

When the Scenic Loop, the seventy-five-mile road that traverses the Davis Mountains, was dedicated on June 28, 1947, the one man most responsible had been gone for ten years and never saw the fruits of his labors. That dedication was held at the Lawrence Wood Rest Area along Madera Creek at the base of Fisher Hill. That location only existed because of Walter Miller.

Lawrence Wood arrived in Fort Davis in 1932 as the District Highway Engineer and was responsible for much of the construction of the Scenic Loop. The rest area named after him on Madera Creek is one of the most beautiful spots on the loop highway. Wood arranged a land swap between A.R. Eppenauser, who originally owned the location, and Walter Miller. Miller then donated the area for the roadside park we know today.

Walter Spurgeon Miller was born January 6, 1871, and he and his wife Lena Espy Miller settled in Fort Davis when he became a major



FIDDLER'S GREEN
by Larry Francell

shareholder in the Union Trading Company in 1908. It was in this capacity that he became the single greatest promoter at that time of Fort Davis and the Davis Mountains. In this capacity, he convinced the Union Trading Company partners to build the Limpia Hotel in 1913, which by 1921 he was responsible for operating.

Miller was not able to enjoy the fruits of his labor, dying in the Pecos Hospital on September 30, 1936, at the age of 65. That September was exceptionally rainy, so bringing Miller home for burial is one of those truly West Texas stories. As late as 1936 most of the local roads were still unpaved and the hearse could not make it down

Limpia Canyon to Fort Davis. The coffin was placed on the Texas & Pacific and transported to Sierra Blanca where it was transferred to the Southern Pacific for transport to Marfa. From there a heavy-duty truck was able to make it up the unpaved, muddy road to Fort Davis.

His son, Keesey Miller, explained that his father wore out three different vehicles taking visitors around the Davis Mountains, promoting a scenic drive, pushing paving projects in the county, and generally promoting the community as a major tourist location. But his greatest achievement came when the University of Texas decided to build a major observatory in West Texas.

In July 1932, dignitaries from the University of Texas seeking a suitable site for their observatory arrived in Fort Davis where they were met by Walter Miller. In two vehicles they toured the Davis Mountains. The first of several trips, one that included representatives of Warner & Swasey from Cleveland,

the firm contracted to build the facility.

Mrs. Violet Locke McIvor of Concord, New Hampshire, at the behest of Miller and others donated two hundred acres for the site of the observatory and Miller named it Mount Locke in her honor. An additional two hundred acres on an adjacent mountain, Little Flat Top, was donated to the University of Texas by Edwin H. Fowlkes Estate and the name changed to Mount Fowlkes. This is the location of the HET dome of the observatory complex.

What may be the most important of Miller's contributions to the history of the Davis Mountains is the project he and the Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce commissioned in 1834. The photographer W.D. Smithers was contracted to document what is now the Scenic Loop. Thanks to Smithers' series of hand-colored photographs and Walter Miller's diligent efforts we are blessed with one of the most beautiful scenic highways in Texas.

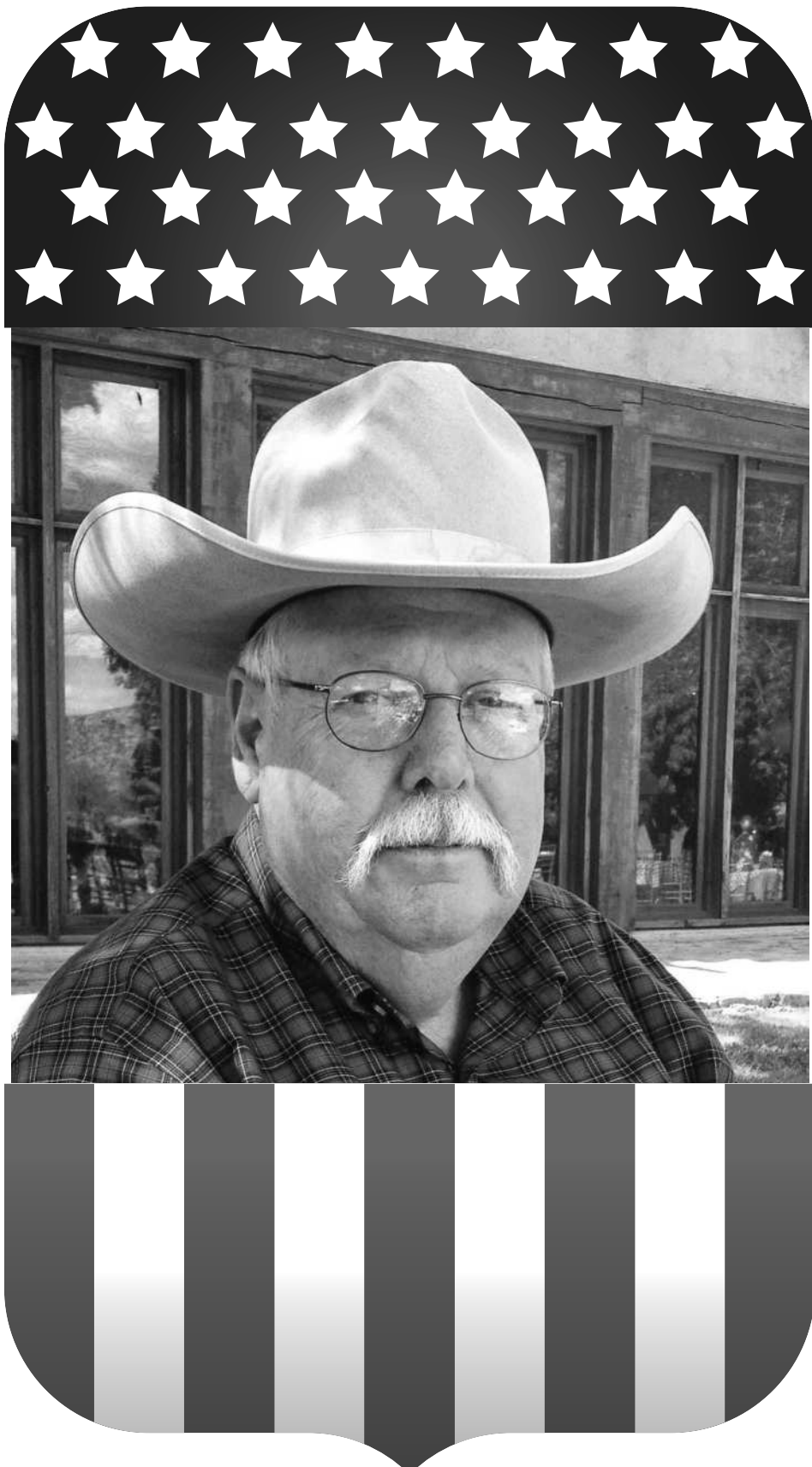
OBITUARY

Brian Kenneth Kokernot

In loving memory of Brian Kenneth Kokernot, born on April 27, 1953, in Utica, NY, died on Jan. 4, in Austin. He was a long-time resident of Alpine. He loved to hunt and fish and golf and tennis were his favorite ball sports. Brian was a friend to many here. He is survived by his daughter Kallihan Lee Kokernot and brothers Bruce and



Rand. There will be a funeral service in Old Forge, NY on June 24. There will also be a celebration of life here in Alpine at a time yet to be specified.



JERRY JOHNSON

Ward 5 Alpine City Council

We are asking for your VOTE to re-elect incumbent Jerry Johnson.

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Please vote early on April 24 thru May 2nd at the Alpine Civic Center. If you want to vote on election day, it is May 6th at the Alpine Civic Center.

Former Mayor Andy Ramos asks that you get out and Vote for Jerry!

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Area historians advance to Nationals

Students from around the world discover history through National History Day. Each year, these students create historical research projects, developing skills in communication, project management, and historical thinking.

At the NHD contest, students present their work to judges, who give all students feedback on their work and select projects to advance to the next level of competition. During the time between contests, students are encouraged to revise their projects based on the judge's feedback they have received. They can make as many revisions as they want, so long as they are in accordance with the contest rule book.

The top two entries in each category at all the affiliate contests are invited to attend the NHD national contest. Approximately 3,000 students from across the U.S. and overseas compete each June in College Park at the University of Maryland.

The Big Bend Regional History Fair is the smallest region in the state. Caroline Fox has been the regional coordinator since 2001. The fair has been blessed with donor support from the Brewster County Historical Commission, the Bechtel Fund and Sul Ross State University, who all support the Big Bend Regional History Fair.

History Fair in Alpine began in 1980 and has continued to be strong all of these years. Due to Covid, all of the history fairs around the state were held virtually except for the Big Bend Regional History Fair. It was held in person with all necessary precautions.



Annaliese West and Izabella Briones present their history fair performance project entitled Mission Impossible: Cabeza de Vaca y la Nueva Frontera. The team of West and Briones will compete at the national competition in June, held at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Courtesy photo

Each year the National organization sends out the annual theme. This year's theme was Frontier's in History: People, Places, and Ideas. The students choose a topic that falls under the theme and research for an entire year to become experts on their topic. There are five categories in which students can show their research: Exhibit, Documentary, Performance, Website, or Historical Paper.

This year the regional fair was held back at Sul Ross State University after a three-year stint at the Alpine ISD Administration Building. Valentine, Marathon, Fort Davis, Alpine Middle School, Alpine High School, and Terlingua competed this year with all schools advancing students to the state competition in Austin April 15.

Marathon's Annaliese West and Izabella Briones' Jr. Group Performance Mission Impossible: Cabeza de Vaca y la Nueva Frontera placed second at state and are advancing to Nationals.

Marathon's Sadie Carter and Madi West placed third with their Sr. Group Performance WWI Nurses: A Frontier in Medicine and Warfare that Paved the Way for Women's Rights. Alpine High School's Dulce Munoz and Ella Wonzowski placed third with a Sr. Group Website titled Star Trek: On the Frontier of Diversity.

This is the second time since 2021 that a performance from Marathon has qualified for Nationals. In 2021 West and Sadie Carter advanced for their Jr. group performance.

State rodeo qualifier



Alpine Middle School student Rode Babb qualified in two events for the Texas Junior High Rodeo State Finals held in Gonzales. Babb placed second in the average for chute dogging and fourth in the average for team roping at the Region 2 Finals. He will compete at the State Finals at the end of May.

Courtesy photo

Museum's McCoy Building grand opening rescheduled

The grand opening of the Emmett and Miriam McCoy Building, the new addition to the Museum of the Big Bend has been rescheduled for June 23-24.

Located on the Sul Ross State University campus in Alpine, the Museum of the Big

Bend is excited about the addition of the new McCoy Building to their space. This addition will double the size of the current space occupied by the museum, creating a large, dynamic space for future events as well as the display of historical artifacts and art.

On display in the new building for the grand opening will be "Western Beef Cattle," a series of rarely exhibited paintings by the late El Paso artist Tom Lea. Also, on exhibit will be works from the John Nau III Collection of Texas Art, a gift

from LIFE Magazine to the Dallas Museum of Art. There will also be historic murals by Clint Baermann, Xavier Gonzalez, and Julius Woeltz. There will also be newly acquired works on display from the museum's permanent collection.

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Sports

Fightin' Buck Schedule

BASEBALL
April 25: Presidio vs Alpine Varsity @ 4:30 p.m., JV @ 4:30 p.m.
April 28: Kermit vs Alpine

SOFTBALL
April 21: Kermit vs Alpine Varsity @ 5 p.m., JV @ 7 p.m.
April 29: Bi-District TBA

TRACK & FIELD
April 21: Area Meet Denver City

Runnin' Bucks continue to excel

BY KARA GERBERT
 Managing Editor

On April 6, Alpine competed at the Crane Relays, and just missed dominating the event by one point. Alpine placed second in the meet, just behind Crane and this meet was a preview of what was to come for the district meet set for April 13-15, when they traveled to Crane once again. Stanton, Kermit, Crane, Odessa Compass, and Presidio all competed against the Runnin' Bucks on April 6, and the only school missing was Tornillo. "Tornillo will show up at the district meet with some state quality distance runners and a few competitive sprinter/jumpers. We can't count them out," said Coach Cory Cason. Sprinter Valeria Crespo still continues to dominate in the 100-meter



Members of the Alpine High School girls' varsity track and field team took home the district championship this past weekend at the district track meet held in Crane. This is the third district title in a row for the girls' track and field team, with several members of the team advancing to Area competition in their events.

dash. Alpine took first, second, and fourth in the 100m race. In the 200m race, Novah Carrasco took the first-place finish followed by Danica Mulholland in second at the Crane relays.

The longer races have Hope Dominguez as a strong competitor against the other district teams. Dominguez placed fourth in the 800m race and first in the 1600m race. Also placing in the 1600m

was Tannin Ritchie who came in fifth. Ritchie also placed fourth in the 3200m. The Runnin' Bucks began the district meet on Thursday, with field events, preliminaries,

and the 3200m race. On Saturday, April 15 they competed in the finals and the Lady Bucks clinched their third district title in a row. On Thursday, Tannin Ritchie placed fourth in the 3200m, advancing her to the Area meet in Denver City tomorrow, April 21. Ritchie was one of many individuals moving on to Area competition. Hatfield Cason is also moving on, thanks to his third-place ranking in the 3200m for the boys' team. Saturday saw the Runnin' Lady Bucks not only top the podium but beat many of their own personal best times. In the 100m dash, Valeria Crespo not only took the top spot, but had a personal best time of 12.8 seconds. Likewise, in

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The lady Bucks rallied for an extra-inning district win at Stanton on Friday and will celebrate seniors Thursday at 6 p.m. against Kermit at the Sul Ross Field.

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Lady Bucks continue winning streak with extra-inning win

BY SHAWN YORKS
 Contributor

The offensive juggernaut that is the Alpine Lady Bucks hit a brick wall last Friday in Stanton. The host Lady Buffs had an answer to the Lady Buck bats and held a 2-0 lead into the sixth inning before Alpine, 17-7 overall, 8-1 district tied it in the sixth and scored three runs in the 10th inning for a 5-2 victory.

"What a battle," said Alpine head coach Chris Virdell. "We saw some really good defense on both sides. Our girls never let up, never got down and kept fighting to the very end." The game was scoreless before Stanton eased out to a 2-0 advantage in the bottom of the fourth. Aubrey Villa tripled in a run and later scored on a

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Alpine tennis going strong

Players compete at Region 1-3A meet, tourney

Last week was a great week for Alpine tennis. Senior Madison Mendoza represented Alpine High School at district and competed at the Region 1-3A tennis meet in Abilene on Tuesday, April 11. She fell short in a hard-fought battle against Canadian winning three games in her set, 1-6 and 2-6. Madison had an excellent season, and we are very proud of her work and dedication to the program.



Madison Mendoza recently represented the Alpine High School tennis team at the Regional Championships in Abilene after earning her spot at the district competition in Fort Stockton.


Photo by Shawn Yorks

This past Saturday, April 15 the 7th and 8th grade Bucks competed in their first tournament of the season in Fort Stockton. The middle-schoolers came out strong with Andynne

Ramirez taking second place in the girl's championship bracket,

falling just short to Sanderson in the championship match.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MADISON MENDOZA
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passed ball and the Lady Bucks found themselves in a late-inning deficit on the road.

But Alpine responded in the top of the sixth inning with two runs to tie it.

Mia Lewis got things started by reaching third base on an error by Paisley Carby. Emily Sweat followed that up with a single to score Lewis and later scored on an error by Zoe Aguirre to tie it. Stanton pitcher Lilli Rodriguez got out of the jam when Alexis Rodriguez flew out, stranding Kody Hawkins on second with what would have been the go-ahead run.

From that point, neither team could get much going in the way of offense.

Stanton had two runners on in the bottom of the seventh, but Alpine pitcher Hannah Juett got out of the jam. Hawkins doubled in the top of the

eighth inning, but the Lady Bucks were unable to bring her in, which was the only threat by either team until the Lady Bucks plated three in the top of the 10th inning.

Jaycee Portillo hit a 1-out double to left field and Sweat singled her in for a 3-2 lead before Hawkins put an exclamation mark on the game with a 2-run dinger to center field.

Stanton got a runner on via an error in the bottom of the inning but never threatened again.

Rodriguez, Portillo and Hawkins each hit doubles, Portillo added a triple and Hawkins the 10th inning homerun.

Juett pitched all 10 innings, striking out 11 and walking three in 132 pitches.

“We had some key at-bats that led to the girls evening up the score and in the last inning to go ahead,” Virdell said. “To stay focused like they did

in a 3-hour game is big time, their learning curve is growing and a big win like this will only help them move forward through the playoffs.

Alpine 15, Tornillo 0
An 11-run second inning lifted the Lady Bucks to a 3-inning run-rule win over the Coyotes at Sul Ross on April 11.

Emily Sweat and Mia Lewis each hit doubles and Nayeli Acosta a triple, while Paula Vargas stole three bases and Kody Hawkins two as the Lady Bucks manufactured runs, scoring 15 runs on just seven hits.

Alpine has outscored nine district opponents 98-16 this season.

Hawkins pitched all three innings for the win, striking out nine and walking four in a 60-pitch effort.

The Lady Bucks will celebrate senior night today, Thursday, at 6 p.m. against Kermit.



Members of the Alpine High School boys' track and field team brought home second place overall this past weekend at the district track meet in Crane. Several members of the team will advance to Area competition in their respective events.

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the 200m race, Vanessa Rice placed first and beat her own personal record with a time of 26.52. The 200m race saw Alpine sweep the podium, with Novah Carrasco placing second and also with a personal record of 26.86 seconds and Danica Mulholland placed third.

In the 400m race, Emy Hernandez also had a personal best time of 1:01.81 and took first place in the race. In the 100m hurdles, Mia Morris continued her dominance with a first-place finish along with a first-place finish in the 300m hurdles and a personal record of 47.68 seconds.

In the 800m race, Emy Hernandez came in second followed by Hope Dominguez in fourth, advancing both girls to Area competition. Both of them also had personal best times of 2:31.33 and 2:33.57 respectively.

Alpine ruled in the relay races for the day as well. The 400m relay of

Morris, Crespo, Carrasco, and Rice placed first, followed by the 800m relay team of Mulholland, Carrasco, Crespo, and Rice, also with a first-place finish. The 1600m relay team of Maroney, Hernandez, DeLeon, and Dominguez took a second-place finish to advance them to the Area meet tomorrow.

In the field events, Mulholland placed second in the high jump. Rice and Crespo placed second and

third in the long jump, and in the triple jump, Alpine took three of the four spots to advance to Area with Rice placing first, Morris placing second, and Alexis Rodriguez in the fourth position.

The distance race of 1600m had Dominguez placing second with a personal best time of 5:49.40. Hat Cason on the boys' team also advanced in his 1600m race, placing third with a personal best time of 4:40.

Alpine Junior Bucks 3-4 grade Champions



The boys fourth and fifth grade team of the Alpine Junior Buck League, Lil Hooperz were undefeated and are pictured here with their championship rings. From left is Canon Ryan, Xander Jasinski, Cason Weaver, Rolke Martinez, Dio Portillo, Brock Mesker, Kutter Baeza, not pictured is Liam Smith. In back are coaches Alec Ramos and Aneesa Payne.

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Alpine Junior Bucks 5-6 grade Champions



The Alpine Junior Buck League held their end of season tournament recently. The girl's Regulators team of fifth and sixth graders went undefeated and were the league champions. Pictured here with their rings are Coach Cynthia Payne, Daniella Navarette, Lelani Sotelo, Stella Kinkade, Zoe Munoz, Zakirra Fuentez, Audreana Lara, Shannon Tamale, Reyna Martinez, and Coach Sarah Martinez.

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COWBOYS START LIGHT WORKOUTS; TO OPEN SEASON HERE MAY 10

The Alpine Cowboys baseball club started light workouts Monday preparatory to opening the 1947 season with a pair of games to be played here May 10-11.

The opening date was decided on at a meeting held at the Kokernot ranch just north of the ball park last Sunday evening with H. L. Kokernot Jr., Cowboy club sponsor, host at a barbecue for the players, officials and their families.

Ross Moore, assistant coach at the School of Mines, El Paso, who will report here as Cowboy coach at the close of the El Paso school, was present at the meeting. Travis Cook, Alpine High school coach, is assistant coach of the Cowboys and will be in charge of the training until Mr. Moore's arrival.

Arrangements are being made for the opening games and a schedule for the remainder of the season. The new grandstand at Kokernot Field, home of the Cowboys, will be completed for the opening games. An inter-squad game will be played Sunday, April 20.

April 11, 1947

The Alpine Cowboys began workouts on Monday, April 7 in preparation of the opening day games to be held at Kokernot field May 10-11. Cowboy club sponsor, H. L. Kokernot Jr. hosted a barbecue at his ranch just north of the ballpark for the players, officials, and their families in conjunction with a meeting to determine the opening date of the season.



April 23, 1954

Lucius D. Bunton of Marfa, district attorney for the 83rd Judicial district announced he is seeking the nomination for his currently held position. Bunton was appointed to the district attorney position by Governor Allan Shivers to fill the unexpired vacancy of the former district attorney, Travers Crumpton of Fort Stockton, who resigned.



April 5, 1946

Veteran mentor and probably the best-known athletic coach in West Texas, B. C. Graves announced his resignation from Sul Ross this week. Graves is taking a position with the rehabilitation department with the Veterans Administration. Sul Ross president Dr. R. M. Hawkins announced the resignation on Tuesday, April 2.



April 30, 1948

Miss Anne Mimms of Fort Davis was recently named 'Miss Sul Ross' at the official opening of the swimming pool at Sul Ross college. Mimms, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Mimms of Fort Davis and was chosen out of a field of 25 other young women vying for the title.

Freeze damage most likely the cause of dying vines

Dear Neil: My bald cypress tree is sending up huge roots above the ground. Can I cut these off? I'm afraid they'll eventually reach my foundation and damage it.

You're probably referring to the tree's "knees," more properly called "pneumatophores." That specialized type of "breathing structure" in the root system typically develops on trees growing in water or very near water's edge where the soil's water table is quite near the surface. A certain percentage of bald cypress trees exhibit this style of adaptation even when they're growing in normal landscape soils. Yes, you can remove them. Use a sharp, long-handled axe and not a chain saw. If you accidentally dip a chain saw down into soil it will instantly dull it.

Dear Neil: My tangerine vine looks as if it is dying. A friend suggested cutting it back. What would your ideas be?



GARDENER'S MAILBAG

by neil sperry

Tangerine Beauty cross-vine Bignonia capreolata 'Tangerine Beauty' is a popular landscape plant of the past 20 years. I believe I would agree that it has died back. It looks like it might have suffered freeze damage, either during this past December's cold spell, or left over from February 2021. It's normally winter-hardy in all but the coldest parts of Texas, but December's extreme cold caught many species before they became hardened prop-

erly, and the February 2021 freeze was one of the worst in recent decades and it came at a time when plants were already gearing up to grow. Yes, I would trim your plant back dramatically – perhaps even down to 18 inches or so. Remove all the dead stubble and follow the trim with a high-nitrogen lawn-type fertilizer and a deep soaking. If it doesn't send out strong new shoots, consider replanting with a new, vigorous plant.

By the way, I notice that the St. Augustine in the one photo is struggling with take all root rot. Note the yellowed patches within the lawn. It's a cool-weather disease that can be helped with an application of Azoxys-

trobin fungicide.

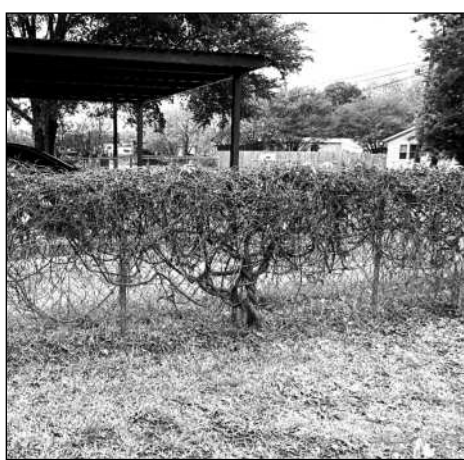
Dear Neil: I'd like to plant a queen's wreath vine, but how aggressive are the bees that are attracted to it? I don't want to have to worry all the time about being stung.

Queen's wreath, also known as coral vine, is a beautiful and strongly growing vine that's well adapted to the southern third of Texas, except in record cold winters. The bees that you'll find flying around it are no more assertive than any oth-

er honeybees. Unless you have a serious allergy to bee stings you should have nothing to worry about. I have a couple of hollies beside water faucets in my landscape. In the spring, when the hollies are blooming, I go about my business of watering my plants while the bees are busy doing their work. In 45 years of co-existing we've never had a disagreement.

I try to coach my grandkids not to worry about honeybees. They are ultra-beneficial to all life, and unless we try to hurt them, they will very rarely hurt us. Enjoy your queen's wreath!

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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CANDIDATE Q & A

Editor's note: In the contested races in Alpine for the general election on May 6, we asked the candidates a two-part question: What qualifications do you have for the position, and why do you believe that you are the right candidate for the job? Below are their responses.



RICHARD PORTILLO
Single Member District 6

I have been involved in youth sports for a long time here in Alpine. I have tried getting a Boys and Girls Club established here in Alpine. I was born and raised

here in Alpine, my kids have gone or are going to school here. I am a voice the board needs, I believe in fighting for what is right. Once A Buck Always a Buck!!



DR. ADRIAN BILLINGS
Single Member District 6

Over the past six years as an AISD trustee I have learned a significant amount about rural public K-12 education, enrollment, and school finance challenges. This knowledge and experience make me a senior trustee on the board and thus, I hope, more impactful than I may have been in my previous terms serving as a junior trustee. I am committed to helping AISD students and staff be successful, and I want to raise my hand again for the opportunity and privilege to serve as a trustee to help be a part of the effort to find solutions to our rural school's challenges.



to pursue careers in rural health care. In the past year, I have been at the Texas Legislature multiple times testifying and advocating for both rural health care and rural students. During my invited testimonies, I proposed creation of a Texas Center for Rural Health Education as a solution to the chronic rural health workforce shortage. I am excited that both State Rep. Eddie Morales and State Senator Cesar Blanco have filed companion bills in both the State House and State Senate to create a Texas Center for Rural Health Education at Sul Ross State University. My service as an AISD trustee has given me the knowledge and credibility to work with legislators and academic leaders to advocate for our rural students and schools. My ultimate goal in my academic job is to build pathway programs for admission for rural students into various health care training programs at TTUHSC and other academic health centers.

Most importantly, I have one Alpine High

School graduated son and a second son who will graduate from AHS in May. Alpine is our home, and my wife and I cannot think of anywhere else we want our Alpine Middle School sixth grader to graduate from than AHS. All three of my sons began kindergarten in AISD, and I am invested and committed to the success of all of our AISD students and staff.

I view that to be the best at anything is a constant work in progress. I know that I can always continue to learn and be a better servant leader, advocate, physician, father, and friend. I believe that my past six years of experience as an AISD trustee and my duty as a rural health care champion and advocate qualify me to be impactful in the board room. The school board in Alpine consists of seven trustees. I currently am one of this team of eight, including the superintendent. I feel that we have an extraordinary and dedicated team. I know that this school board, with or without me, will continue to improve the lives of our students and staff at AISD. If I am given the opportunity to continue to serve as a trustee, I will work tirelessly for our students and staff. I will lend my voice and the privilege of my positions to help those who may not have the voice that I do have. Go Bucks!

NOTICE OF SALVAGE SALE Brewster County

By order of the Brewster County Commissioners Court, the county will be offering a variety of salvage items for sale via online auction beginning **May 1, 2023.**

For more information about the online auction please go to www.brewstercountytexas.com

Questions may be directed to the Brewster County Judge's office Monday - Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. by calling **432-837-2412**



CITY OF ALPINE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2023-04-02
ROAD MATERIALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Alpine is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for multiple types of Road Materials. For a detailed list of materials and quantity, please view the complete RFP on the city website at www.cityofalpine.com/bids.

Sealed proposals are due to the Office of the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2023. In order to be considered, the sealed proposal must address each of the requests for information in the Summary of Qualifications section of the RFP. Proposals should be clearly marked **"SEALED RFP ROAD MATERIAL 2023-04-02 – TO BE OPENED MAY 9, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M."** and submitted to the address below:

City of Alpine
Office of the City Secretary
100 N. 13th St
Alpine, Texas 79830

Questions regarding this project may be directed to the Director of Public Works, Eddie Molinar, at eddie.molinar@cityofalpine.com by the Explanation, Clarification, and Interpretation Deadline on May 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. No inquiries will be accepted after the deadline. The projected award date for this project is May 16, 2023.



CITY OF ALPINE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2023-04-03
STREET PAVING

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Alpine is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for Street Paving Services. The complete RFP may be viewed on the city website at www.cityofalpine.com/bids.

Sealed proposals are due to the Office of the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on May 11, 2023. In order to be considered, the sealed proposal must address each of the requests for information in the Summary of Qualifications section of the RFP. Proposals should be clearly marked **"Request for Proposal – Street Paving."** and submitted to the address below:

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CITY OF ALPINE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2023-04-01
CONCRETE AND CONCRETE PAD SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Alpine is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for Concrete and Concrete Pad Services. For a detailed list of the projects, please view the complete RFP on the city website at www.cityofalpine.com/bids.

Sealed proposals are due to the Office of the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023. In order to be considered, the sealed proposal must address each of the requests for information in the Qualification Proposal Information section of the RFP. Proposals should be clearly marked **"SEALED RFP CONCRETE AND CONCRETE PAD SERVICES 2023-04-01 – TO BE OPENED MAY 10, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M."** and submitted to the address below:

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Gem and mineral welcomers



Members of the Big Bend Gem and Mineral Show committee welcomed visitors to their annual event this past weekend, held at the Alpine Civic Center. Pictured are members of the committee, Suzanne Franklin, treasurer and co-chair of the event and owner of the Davis Mountains Rock Shop, Judith Brueske, president and secretary and owner of Ocotillo Enterprises, and Paul Graybeal, past chairman and owner of Moonlight Gemstones in Marfa.

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for storage and disposal," said Antrim.

Antrim told Johnson and the council that an ordinance would be worked on to address not only the current complaint, but also anything that may occur in the future.

Another item of detailed discussion was a request by Roger Horton of MMEX Resources of San Angelo for a letter of support for a hydrogen hub concept. Horton told councilors that there was 6-7 billion dollars on the table through the Department of Energy via grants to help establish these hubs as clean energy. As this was just a discussion item, no action was taken but the council told Horton that this would require more research before they could make the decision about a letter.

Finally, there were three action items on the agenda for council approval. Action item one was to approve a resolution to initiate annexation proceedings and setting dates, times, and place for public hearings on the annexation of the proposed Skyway Gardens II Development.

Antrim told the council that the previous resolution's date had passed, so they were essentially back to square one. This resolution was simply to approve moving forward with setting the public hearings on annexation approval.

The other two action items were the approval of Special Use Permits for allowing the applicants Alcove, a protective series of Start Local, LLC to obtain a mixed beverage license/permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for the property formerly known as the Saddle Club. The other action item was an approval of a Special Use Permit for a beer and wine license for applicant Brews & Hues, a protected series of Start Local, LLC from the TABC for the property that is the Granada Theater. All action items were approved.

After brief comments from Judy Stokes, Ward 1 and Mayor Catherine Eaves, the mayor called for a motion to convene into executive session. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on May 9 at 5:30 p.m.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Jordan Wilks

1. In what activities did you participate in high school?

In high school I didn't do anything big, I just was being myself, not doing anything too huge if you know what I mean.

2. Who was your favorite teacher/coach and why?

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Parson, she encourages me every day and makes me feel like I am good enough as a person. She makes me stronger. Also, I would like to acknowledge Mr. Grabow for supporting me.

3. What was your favorite moment of the last four years?



Jordan Wilks

My favorite moment of the year was being with my friends and having many laughs and good times.

4. What are your plans after high school?

After high school I plan on attending ASU and getting my degree in biology.

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As the Alleluias Fade: John 20

BY REV. NANCY ANTRIM

Days ago, we welcomed Easter with glad alleluias and proclaiming, "He is Risen," but this was not the case that first Easter morning. The last the disciples knew of Jesus he was dead and in a tomb. They were alone, afraid, confused and remained behind locked doors. Jesus had told them that he would return, and they had seen him raise Lazarus from the dead, but now Jesus was dead. How would it be possible for him to return? They had not understood, nor had they believed.

Through the series of responses by the disciples to the reality of Easter, we discover that believing is neither a matter of physical proofs nor having our conditions met. Likewise, believing is not simply a matter of seeing but transcends seeing, as Jesus' comment to Thomas makes clear: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John's Gospel shows us that there are different kinds of faith, and that faith comes in different ways and with differing intensities to different people. The beloved disciple believes upon seeing the empty tomb. Mary believes when the Lord calls her name. The disciples must see the risen Lord. Thomas says that he must touch Jesus' wounds—although that need seems to evaporate once he sees the risen Christ. People have differing needs and find various routes to faith.

How often do we approach our faith in the same way as Thomas with conditions? "If I have historical proof...If I have a sign... If near-death experiences can verify...If God would do...If Jesus would cure...Then I will believe in Christ...Then I will know that God exists...Then I will know that there is life after death...Then I will make a commitment of faith." We replicate the doubting of Thomas each time we place conditions on our faith. In Thomas' case, the wonder of this story is that Jesus shows up again one week later to provide exactly what Thomas needs.

The promise of this text is that Jesus cannot be stopped by our locked doors. Jesus comes to us as he came to the first disciples, right in the midst of our fear, pain, doubt, and confusion. He comes speaking peace, breathing into our often-anxious lives the breath of the Holy Spirit.

What is more, he keeps showing up. As he came back a week later for Thomas, Jesus keeps coming back week after week among his gathered disciples -- in the word, the water, the bread, and the wine -- not wanting anyone to miss out on the life and peace he gives. And he keeps sending us out of our safe, locked rooms, into a world that, like us, so desperately needs his gifts of life, love, and peace; into a world where our faith witnesses to the love of God through the resurrection of His Son.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION STATED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2023, AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiffs at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days, after the date of service of this citation stated this 13th day of April, 2023, before the Honorable Roy B. Ferguson, 394th Judicial District Court of Brewster County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Alpine, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 21st day of July 2022, in cause number CVB22107 on the docket of said court and styled:

THERESE M. CALLAHAN and TIMOTHY J. CALLAHAN

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The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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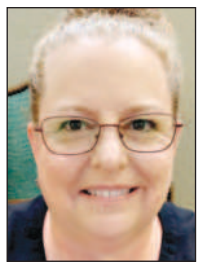
Taters in Texas are next level

Not all potatoes are created equal. In fact, while there are thousands of ways to prepare potatoes, those of us in Texas tend to do things a bit differently.

In the daily decision about what I want for lunch, rarely do baked potatoes come to mind. Normally it would be tacos or burritos, or maybe even sandwiches or pizza, but unless they are French fries or tater tots that come as a side to a burger, seldom are they an item that is thought of exclusively as a meal.

Recently, I found myself in a conundrum about what I wanted for lunch. On average I am neck deep in copy composition or editing, so something quick and easy is usually how I roll at lunch time. But I decided I wanted something different for a change. Internet to the rescue.

Now I know what you're probably thinking, I live in Alpine and have for almost 30 years so I should know what restaurant options are available. And I do, but I just decided to let Google aid me in my decision making. As I'm scrolling through my options, up pops a little spot on the side of



HEAD OVER MEALS

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highway 118 on the way to Fort Davis called the Snack Shack.

Now, I drive by this place all the time, so of course I know it is there, but I tend to forget about it in my search for lunch options. Then I remembered they make a delicious baked potato. And I'm not talking about just any old baked potato, I'm talking about their Texas Tater.

What is a Texas Tater you ask? Well, a Texas Tater is your typical, every day, large baking potato but with a twist. We are all familiar with the term loaded baked potato, where they add butter, sour cream, chives, cheese, and bacon bits, but the Texas Tater is a tad different in that it is loaded with chopped BBQ brisket. But this isn't your only option.



Texas Tater with BBQ brisket, butter, sour cream, cheese, and grilled onions and mushrooms.

The Texas Tater allows you the options, if brisket isn't your thing, of adding ham, chili, chicken, or sausage as a choice of protein. This tater also comes with a choice of five other toppings to choose from aside from your standard butter, sour cream, chives, cheese, and bacon bits. If desired, you can add broccoli, jalapenos, queso, green onion, red onion, or grilled onions and mushrooms. Now how can you go wrong with all of that.

The best thing besides the taste is the price. These potatoes are reasonably priced for all that you can pile on top

of them. The same goes for everything else on the menu as well. Good taste-

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I would be remiss if I did not share my favorite way to eat a Texas Tater with all my readers. My favorite way to dress up my Texas Tater is with BBQ brisket, butter, sour cream, cheese, and grilled onions and mushrooms. It is literally a "meat and taters" meal, all wrapped into one. And it is delicious.

So, the next time you are searching for a lunch idea, give these folks a call. They have multiple options besides baked potatoes, including sandwiches, hamburgers, and Mexican options along with a variety of drink options. Stop on by, you'll be glad you did.

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