Billings, Stephens prevail in elections

BY KARA GERBERT Managing Editor

Amongst this past weekend's Cinco de Mayo celebration, the City of Alpine and Alpine ISD held their election day, with polls open at the Alpine Civic Cen-

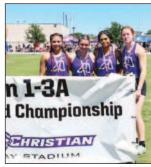
Alpine ISD's contested race for the Single Member District 6, Board of Trustees was between incumbent Dr. Adrian Billings and Richard Portillo. The unofficial totals of this election had Billings tallying 104 votes to Portillo's 26 votes.

In the election for the City of Alpine Ward 5 city council seat, challenger Rick Stephens faced the incumbent, the late Jerry Johnson. The unofficial totals of this election were Stephens with 104 votes to Johnson's 44 votes.

Results of this election are unofficial pending a canvass of the votes.

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Brewster County readies for Title 42 expiration



Illegal immigrants are shown here being detained by the Brewster County Sheriff's Department while awaiting transfer into U. S. Border Patrol custody.

Courtesy photo

BY KARA GERBERT Managing Editor

try to the U.S.

Today, May 11, the March 20, 2020, enactment of Title 42 expires. For those unfamiliar with Title 42, it is a WWII era public health law authorizing U.S. border officials to expel migrants immediately upon en-

Title 42 was enacted at the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency to stop the spread contagious diseases. This was to control the mi-

gration of illegal immigrants across our U. S. borders that could spread COVID-19 and other diseases that could further compromise the health of Americans.

Under this portion of the U.S. Code, illegal immigrants detained while crossing into U. S. territory are immediately expelled, and unable to seek asylum. With the expiration of Title 42, automatic expulsion is no longer an option. Instead,

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Cinco de Mayo smiles



Kristy and Jacob Cross participated in this past Saturday's Cinco de Mayo parade. Jacob dressed his pony up with paper flowers to help celebrate the event.

Photo by Kara Gerbert.

Fires combatted in Brewster County over the weekend

BY KARA GERBERT

Managing Editor

The Brewster County Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting this past Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. On the agenda were several presentations, along with updates from the Road and Bridge department and the Emergency Services Coordinator.

A presentation by Tiffani Bird of Angels Care Hospice was presented to commissioners, with an overview of their services they are able to offer for the citizens of Brewster County. Angel Care Hospice is the largest, privately owned hospice provider and is owned by Angie and Mark Eden from Mansfield. Angel Care currently has 10,000 patients and 100 offices who provide care in Arizona, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, as well as Texas. Bird told commissioners, "Hospice care is 100% covered by Medicare, and there is no limit to the length of time hospice care is available as long as the patient

continues to decline." Next on the agenda was a presentation by Daniel Alvidrez from the law firm of Lineberger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson in Odessa. Alvidrez' firm was contracted by Brewster County in 2019 to pursue collections of delinquent property and mineral taxes in Brewster County. Alvidrez told commissioners the methodology by which his firm pursues those who are delinquent in taxes and the consequences and steps taken if property owners fail to pay the taxes owed.

The next presentation was given by David Quinn, program

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An airplane drops fire retardant on the wildfire that broke out in the area of Paisano Baptist Encampment west of Alpine this past Sunday. Alpine VFD along with Marfa VFD and the Texas Forest Service responded to the blaze.

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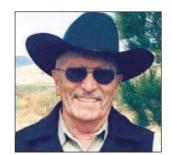
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Vincent J. Lavallee Jr.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Vincent J. Lavallee Jr., on April 17. Vince was born the second child of four siblings to Vincent J. Lavallee Sr. and Merele Lavallee of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He was raised in Hempstead, NY, where he attended and graduated school.

After high school graduation, Vince enlisted in the United States Navy. He was stationed in Corpus Christi, where he met the love of his life Marsha, also in the Navy. During their four-year tour they welcomed their first child in May of 1968, Vincent J. Lavallee III "Vinnie". On completing their duty, they moved to Hempstead, NY where he worked for TWA



at JFK Airport and volunteered for the Hempstead Fire Department. During their time in Hempstead, they welcomed their second child, Kathern R. Lavallee-Burkett "Kat" in April of 1973. After a few short months they picked up and moved back to Texas and lived in Del Rio where he worked for the Laughlin Air Force Base Fire Department. After several years in Del Rio, he applied for the United States Border Patrol. In 1978, Vince and his family

moved to Alpine, where he started his career as a U.S. Border Patrol Agent. During his 24-year career, Vince traveled many miles, detailed out to many stations in the United States and different departments throughout the government. He was stationed in Alpine, Marfa and Presidio, where he finally retired as a supervisor in January 2002. After retirement, he continued to work for several more years for the Brewster County Sheriff's Department and then the Federal Court House and finally in 2005, he hung his hat.

Finally enjoying his retirement, he traveled with his wife, played golf and was able to spend quality time with his grandchildren. The three joys of his life. He loved his grandchildren. Vince never met a stranger, he had an infectious smile, huge heart and always took the time to make others feel special. We will miss him terribly.

He is preceded in death by his mom Merele, his dad Vincent and his mother and father-in-law Myron and Lena Bixby.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Marsha, his children Vincent J. Lavallee III (Cindy), Kathern R. Lavallee-Burkett (Hunter), the joys of his life, his grandchildren Vincent J. Lavallee IV "Joey",

Megan Widder (Cole) and Ivory Burkett. His sister Joy Kisling (Rick), brothers Gary (Ellen) and Dave (Kim) Lavallee and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A memorial service was held May 6, at Big Bend Cowboy Church in Alpine.



Joseph Paul Milder

Joseph Paul Milder was called home to our lord Wednesday, April 12. He and his wife Carolyn were longtime residents of Alpine. He was a lifelong fan of baseball; it didn't matter too much who was playing but definitely a fan of the Braves and Rangers. His introduction to baseball came from the Assumption Seminary in San Antonio while he was a student in the 1950's. He spent much of his life as a mechanic and metal fabricator. Mechanics and fabrication were natural pursuits given his eye for detail and regard for safety. He got his start in metal fabrication with A E Collins in El Campo. While he worked there. he enlisted in the Texas National Guard as a tank retriever mechanic, where he met the love of his life, Carloyn. They had three children and found their way to Alpine in the early 1970's where he spent the remainder of his life. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carloyn and two sons, Joseph Paul Milder



One granddaughter: Jackie Umoru. He is survived by a daughter, Julie Worden, and a son David C. Duncan. Two brothers: Frank and Louis and two sisters: Diana and Mary Jo. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Stephanie, David, Cari Jo, Buddy, Zachary, Ricky, Duncan, Ezekiel, Harley, and Cassie and nine great- grandchildren: Chloe V, Joe fish, Addy, Marc, Jake, Dougie, Connor, Oliva, and Chloe M. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming from the Alpine Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make charitable donations to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, or you reach out to those you love and let them know how you feel about them. Never let the occasion fall on a vacant audience.







Looking Forward to Working Together for a Better Alpine

One of the great attributes of Alpine is its diversity...diversity of the land we live on and around, diversity of climate, the diversity of wildlife and flowers and fauna. We also enjoy the diversity of thinking, perspectives, capabilities, and skillset of the people who live, work, learn and play in a place we call home.

With the Ward 5 city council election complete and the preliminary results in, I look forward to joining the other members of the Council, the Mayor, and City leadership in mapping out the way forward. The diversity of perspectives and capabilities of the elected leaders, in my view, provides a strong capacity for creating the go forward plan. The City Manager and employees have plenty to do as they utilize the financial resources that residents, businesses, and visitors provide to meet what everyone expects: A clean and smoothrunning city providing the services that are important to all.

Council plays a critical role in supporting the City by setting top level strategies, establishing key performance measures, monitoring progress against those measures, and ensuring that city ordinances and policies are consistent with the expectations of the residents and good governance. I look forward to being a member in that group.

One of the most important opportunities I've enjoyed these past few weeks has been the wide- ranging discussions with residents of Ward 5. There were several concerns raised, and a number of recommendations made. In the end, I know I walked away from those discussions much better in tune with issues and better educated about the needs of Alpine and Ward 5. I believe many walked away with a better sense of who I am and put to rest rumors that they may have heard.

Based on those discussions, I've already started making a list of key performance measures for Ward 5. I look forward to discussing those measures and sharing them regularly and widely across Ward 5. A key recommendation shared by many was establishment of more face-to-face forums and events at different locations in Ward 5 so that we can share, talk, and discuss. In my view, that's what community are all about. Not always agreeing, but always willing to talk, to share, to debate and hopefully align. The Ward 5 list, along with the list of key performance measures for the City, will provide us all with a sense of how we are doing together. And while it is the Mayor, Council and City leadership and staff that provide the oversight and insight about the way forward, success depends on all of us "Working Together for a Better Alpine".

Many thanks to the residents of Ward 5 for your confidence in selecting me to represent you. And, many thanks to those who took the time to share your thoughts with others so that voters could make an informed decision.

> Sincerely, **Rick Stephens**

Political ad paid for by Rick Stephens

Keep Big Bend Wild to hold meetings

The Keep Big Bend Wild coalition of Big Bend National Park supporters will hold two community meetings focused on designating undeveloped areas of Big Bend National Park as a protected wilderness area.

The first meeting will be held on May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Oasis

Lodge Community Room at the Far Flung Outdoor Center in Terlingua.

The second meeting will be held on May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Alpine Public Library.

The meetings are designed to seek comments on the proposal to designate the undeveloped areas in the park as protected wilderness. Such as designation would not change or affect any of the existing infrastructure or camping or hiking options. It is only designed to preserve the undeveloped areas and keep them intact for the enjoyment of visitors.

For more information, visit www. keepbigbendwild.org.

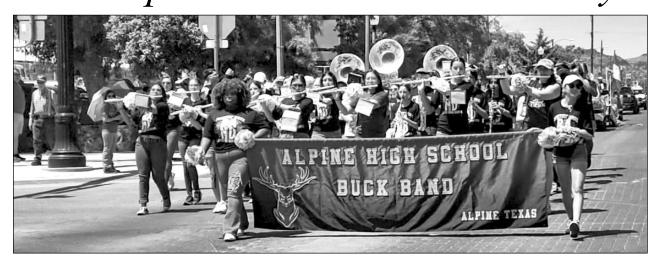
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Lemonade, come and get it!



Part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration held this past Saturday included the "Downtown Hoedown" at the corner of 5th and Holland. A lemonade stand was manned by Zoe Wood, Harper Price, and Marlis Price of Alpine. Pictured in back is John Price.

Brewster County Clerks office will be closed May 10, 11, and 12, 2023.

The clerk's office will be receiving probate training.

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Cinco de Mayo parade winners announced

The 28th Annual Cinco de Mayo parade was held this past Saturday. Winners for the best parade entries were first place-Nueva Generacion

Grupo Folklorico Terlingua School, second place – Mystic Gitanas, and third place-Big Bend Regional Medical Center.

Outwest Floral ribbon cutting



Outwest Floral had their official ribbon cutting ceremony on April 27. Pictured are Julie Edwards, owner Katy Ceynowa, Lainey Ceynowa, Eva Olivas, Debbie Jordan, Sarah Bow, Judy Stokes, Gerri Davis, Mayor Catherine Eaves, Dona Ward, and Alyn Covington.

Senior CPR class

Seniors in the Senior CPR class, taught by Ms. Gayla Owen, AISD district nurse, practiced each Wednesday during the month of April the fundamentals of CPR. Students will receive a certification after the class is completed.



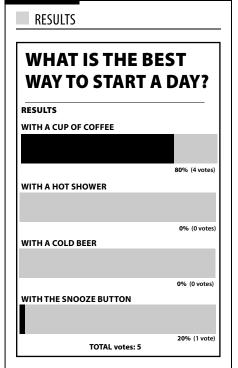






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Online poll



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

What is the best way to start a day?

- -With a cup of coffee
- -With a hot shower
- -With a cold beer
- -With the snooze button

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

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Send your letters to kara.gerbert@ alpineavalanche.com by noon Monday for consideration.

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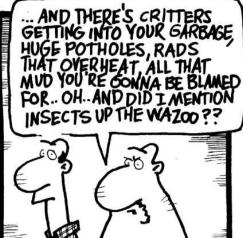
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Shaping the Future of Alpine

As we welcome summer and out-door activities it is the perfect time for residents to get involved and engage in our city. The season provides a unique opportunity to make a positive impact, from participating in local events to exer-

local events to exercising our right to vote. At City Hall there were two elections held recently. One for the Ward 5 Council position and one for Alpine ISD School Board Member. Remember, voting is a vital component of a healthy democracy and directly impacts the quality of life in our city.

Here's how you can make the most of this summer while contributing to the improvement of Alpine.

Attend local events: Summer is filled with community events, such as the farmer's market, outdoor theater, concerts, festivals, and art exhibits just to name a few. Attending these events not only enriches



CATHERINE EAVES

Mayor, City of Alpine

local issues and meet with your elected county and city officials.

Volunteer: Summer is an excellent time to volunteer your time and skills to support the city and local organizations. From helping at the museum, the Sunshine House, the family crisis center, the animal shelter and humane society to joining one of the local nonprofits, there are countless ways to

your summer experi-

ence but also helps

support local busi-

nesses and fosters a

sense of community.

Keep an eye out for

events where you

can learn more about

city, but also provides a sense of accomplishment and pride in your civic contributions.

Engage with local government: Make it a point to attend city council meetings, town hall discussions, budget work-

shops, which are coming up

quickly and other government

make a positive impact. Volun-

teering not only improves our

events throughout the summer and beyond. By actively participating in local decision-making processes, you can help shape the policies and initiatives that directly affect our day-to-day lives.

Practice environmental

Practice environmental stewardship: Summertime activities can generate additional waste and pollution. Be a responsible citizen by recycling, conserving water, and properly disposing of waste. Participate in our community cleanup events. Encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Let's work together to keep Alpine Beautiful.

Stay informed and share information: Keep up to date with local news and issues by following our city website and social media, listening to the radio, reading the newspaper, and attending community meetings. Share important information with your family, friends, and neighbors to keep them informed as well.

Support local businesses: Summer is an excellent time to explore your community and patronize local businesses. Supporting small businesses helps create a thriving local economy and can also lead to stronger connections within

the community.

Encourage others to get involved: Inspire your friends, family, and neighbors to join you in civic activities this summer. Share information about local events and the election, invite them to volunteer with you, and foster open conversations about the importance of being an active community member.

By taking an active role in your community this summer, you not only enhance your own experience but also contribute to a more vibrant and thriving Alpine. Embrace the spirit of civic responsibility, participate in the democratic process, and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in the place we call home, our Alpine. Your voice and actions matter – and together, we can shape the future of our city.

Maybe I have been around a long time

"I ain't old, but I've been around a long time.

Long enough to know that age is just a state of mind."

— Song lyrics

by Delbert McClinton

"Ask Leon, he probably knew him."

The insinuation in that declaration from Texas Press Association Executive Director, Mike Hodges, was that I had been around for a long time. His humorous jab was responding to a question posed at the North and East Texas Press Association's convention in Nacogdoches last weekend. Someone wondered whether anyone still living may have known Texas newspaper publisher Sam C. Holloway, a newspaperman in the early part

of the previous century.

The Holloway Award is presented annually by the North and East Texas Press Association to an "outstanding NETPA member and journalist who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in support of the association while also upholding high standards of journalistic integrity and service to the community."

Holloway was born in 1888 and bought his first newspaper, the Deport Times, in 1912. Shortly after, during the 1930s oil boom in northern Titus County, he established newspapers in Talco and Bogata. Holloway was one of the founding members of the NETPA regional press association in 1926 and served as

its second president in 1927. The first Holloway Award was presented to its namesake at the 1958 convention in

Tyler.

In keeping with the spirit of the convention conversation last weekend, I answered Mike. "I

answered Mike. "I remember him, but I was just a cub reporter."

The exchange was fun but evoked serious reflection on my years in the business. Also made me wonder how many conventions I have attended since I was ... well, a cub reporter

I entered journalism in a back door fashion through the front door of The Monitor in Naples when Morris Craig, aka "Craig," offered me a job as a photographer "until I found something else." News wasn't my first career path choice.

I had been a newspaper employee just long enough to learn how to spell journalism when Craig sent me up to Sherman to accept NETPA awards for his newspaper at the association's 1976 convention.

The northeast Texas newspaper has earned a wall of plaques and awards dating to before Craig's time which started in 1956. But while Craig produced a newspaper worthy of accolades, attending the conventions to collect acclaim was not his cup of printer's coffee.



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

at my first newspaper convention 47 years ago sporting a new light blue leisure suit and a tie wide enough to lease out for billboard space. It was also my first time meeting seasoned newspaper veterans that I

So, I showed up

would not only come to consider mentors for journalism "done the right way," but also as longtime friends.

People like Roy Eaton at Decatur, Bob Hamilton at Iowa Park, John Crawford at Dennison, Jerry Tidwell at Granbury, Harlan Bridwell at Bridgeport, Dick White from Pittsburg, and others whose names will come to me. Right after this piece goes to press.

Following that first stint at the Monitor and one at the Many, La., Sabine News, I wound up in Center, where Jim Chionsini took me down a new career path at the East Texas Light that would merge with the Center Champion while I was there. From Center, teaching journalism at Stephen F. Austin State University beckoned before returning to ink and newsprint as editor and publisher in Boerne and Marlin. Then back to The Monitor as owner, editor, publisher, and janitor.

During those years, I served as president of NETPA twice, one of only two people to do so, first in 1986 while at the Light and Champion and again

in 2002 while at The Monitor.

After that, the road detoured to the other side of the communication desk in marketing positions for a while before circling back for a brief appearance splitting time at Center and at the Tribune in Mount Pleasant a few years ago. Before winding up back at Light and Champion in Center two

years ago for "one more time."
Still smiling last weekend at Mike's suggestion that I had been around a long time, I glanced around the room. There was Jim Bardwell from Gladewater and Phil Major from Mineola. I thought about others not at the convention, like Randy Keck from Aledo and other friends I had made since that 1976 convention.

That's when the sobering realization soaked in. We were now the "seasoned ones." We were filling the shadows of those I remembered from Sherman almost 50 years ago, making the effort to "do journalism the right way."

No, I wasn't around when Sam Holloway printed the news in Northeast Texas. But I was honored by NETPA in 1999 with the award that bears his name. Still not sure I deserved it, but I was humbled that my colleagues in the profession thought so.

Maybe that's why I'm still doing it and trying to do it the right way. Or perhaps it's just as that Delbert McClinton song concludes ...

"If there's a secret to life that I've ever found,

<u>Letter to the editor</u>

Many thanks

My thanks for the tremendous support and outcome of the 28th Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. Friday's turnout at the Enchilada Plate Dinner was well-attended.

Saturday's events were enjoyed by many, starting with the colorful parade with participation of our community and school participants.

Lastly, attendance at the Mercado on Historic Murphy

Street was enjoyed by many, with vendors, live music, dancers, a car show, and games.

My goal is and has been, to bring and present entertainment that is family orientated. I thank you, the community, friends, volunteers, and sponsors that have graciously given of your time and support to continue to provide these special events for our community.

Respectfully yours, Mary Ann Lujan

ROCKSLIDES

Send your community events to kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the American Legion a spaghetti dinner will be held. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased by contacting an AVFD member or their website.

May 13 Mile-High Mountains Fest, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Davis Mountains State Park for Texas state park's centennial celebration.

May 13 Seeing in the Dark: Watching Invisible Bird Migrations, 7:30 p.m. presented by Alpine Public Library with Maureen G. Frank PhD.

ONGOING EVENTS



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

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.

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

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

Big Bend Community Chorale 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 bbcchorale. wixsite.com/bbcc.

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STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "Are you

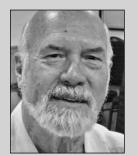
superstitious?"



Ali Chambers: Yes! I am definitely superstitious.



Sara Colando: No, I'm not superstitious at all.



Bill Ivey: I am superstitious, but I don't let it rule my life.



Jason Sanchez: No, not really.



Hannah Juett: Yes, I'm very superstitious.

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Salsa de Mayo contest



The winner of this year's **Alpine Humane Society** Salsa de Mayo salsa contest was two-time winner J.D. Newsom, who also won the 2022 Dia de los Quesos event. Newsom is pictured here with his daughter Anna, Alpine Mayor Catherine Eaves, who judged the salsa contest, and the People's Choice winner William Gornto of Alpine.

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Pet of the Week



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Flash! Flash is a very charismatic and funny little guy. He loved to run around and play with his siblings, but he is the last of that is a fan of climbing and chasing anyone he sees! He is also a very sweet and loving kitten that also enjoys naps curled up against someone. It is kitten season. Alpine Humane Society always needs kitten fosters, including those capable of bottle-feeding orphan kittens. We supply all needed supplies, medications, and food for fosters. Sometimes fostering is only needed for a couple of weeks. Others are needed until a pet can be adopted.

Interested potential fosters can reach out to AHS in-per2532. There are kittens waiting for fosters now!

Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10 am to 1 pm and 2 to 6 pm 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 Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 N. 5th Street in Alpine, son or by calling 432-837- open 10 am to 5 pm Monday

through Saturday. The Pet Pantry recently moved to 600 N. 5th Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit PetFinder. com or www.alpinehumanesociety.org, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

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RAISE VALUES AGAIN

Notices of value are in the mail to local taxpayers showing significant increases in almost all types of property. Sales continue to rise and are well above previous appraised values, so the district must raise values to comply with the state law which requires composite values to be at least 95% of selling prices.

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Migration to Texas and a movement from cities to more rural areas has driven demand upward causing prices to spike. Many people coming to Brewster County are from other states where values have been much higher, and they see Texas real estate as a bargain while others are buying property here to take advantage of the beauty of the area and the recreational opportunities.

Additionally, schools in Alpine and Terlingua are facing the loss of state funding because the locally appraised values of homes and land did not reach the ratio mandated in state law. The appraisal district and local schools learned of the study results in early February. Appeals have been filed by attorneys, but the differences are so significant that the appeals are unlikely to bring the school into compliance.

Denise Flores, Chief Appraiser for Brewster CAD lamented the results. "It is really bad news for all of us. This means that we will have to increase values again this year after significant increases in the past two years. It is not something we want to do, and there is no other benefit than passing the state audit because as values rise, tax rates are adjusted downward."

"There is some good news for local taxpayers," said Flores. "Persons with a homestead exemption are limited to a 10% increase from the prior year, and that will help to restrict major increases for homeowners. Also, for homesteaded properties whose owners are over 65 or disabled, school taxes are capped so nothing will change for them on their school taxes, regardless of the value changes."

Notices will include a protest form as well as instructions on how to file a protest online. "We just want to get the values correct so that the local schools will be fully funded," said Ms. Flores. "If taxpayers have evidence that we are wrong, we will gladly correct our values. Good evidence to provide to the district include recent purchase paperwork, recent fee appraisals, or information showing problems areas that would impact sales prices."

Taxpayers will have the opportunity to visit with staff and receive answers as to why the values were set on their property. If an agreement on value cannot be reached, the taxpayer may appeal their value formally to the local Appraisal Review Board, a group of local citizens appointed by the District Judge.



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First Communion



The First Communion celebration and Mass was held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church on Saturday, April 15. From left, bottom row: Catechist-Cynthia Wood, Aiden Gonzalez, Troy Vidal, Dazia Villareal, Willow Velasco, Melinda Rodriguez, Mason Losoya, Lucas Valenzuela, and Catechist-Barbara Tucker. In back, from left: Catechist-Manuel Martinez, Emma Sanchez, Zoe Wood, Nathalia Rosas, Camila Loya, and Fr. Pablo Matta.

Courtesy photo

FIRES • FROM 1

manager of Public Power Pool or P3. P3 procured Brewster County's new electricity in 2022 and saved the county around \$19,000 in electricity savings. Quinn told commissioners that his company serves school districts and hospital districts as well as municipalities.

In action items, Justice of the Peace, Pct.1 Scott Wasserman presented a new contract for a credit card processing system that will merge with his office's current court management software. This new system comes at no cost to the county and will allow his assistant to expedite payment of fines. Commissioners approved accepting the

contract with InCourt for park road where 16 miles this new system.

Road and Bridge superintendent Frenchie Causey told commissioners that his department had hauled all of the tires from Marathon, the landfill, and Terlingua to their county yard. Causey said that trash was hauled from Terlingua to the landfill and that most of the trash from Marathon had been taken to the landfill as well. Causey also reported that his department was still working on the kiddie pool at Pena Park and that they had mowed the grass, while one of his other guys worked on potholes on Terlingua Ranch. Maintainers were moved from Mills Road to the were graded.

Emergency Management Coordinator Stephanie Elmore told commissioners that several fires broke out inside Brewster County this past weekend. Elmore said that Alpine Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire on big hill just south of Alpine, while the Terlingua Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Terlingua. There was also a brush fire that occurred between Alpine and Marathon, and both fire departments responded to this fire and the Marathon VFD responded to a fire at a roadside park.

The largest fire that occurred Elmore told commissioners, was near Paisano Baptist Encampment. This fire was responded to by the AVFD, Marfa VFD, and the Forest Service on Sunday. The fire re-started on the Presidio County side yesterday and the Marfa VFD responded to this re-kindling.

Finally, commissioners approved a \$500 donation by former County Judge Val Beard to refurbish the gardens behind the Brewster County Tax Assessors' office.

The next regular meeting of the Brewster **County Commissioners** Court is scheduled for May 23 at 9:30 a.m.

ELECTION • FROM 1

Billings will serve another three-year term for the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees and Stephens will serve a two-year the Alpine ISD Board

term as the City of Alpine's Ward 5 city councilman

The next election for

of Trustees for Single Member Districts 1, 3, and 4 will be held in May 2024. Likewise, the City of Alpine will hold

elections at the same time for the Ward 2 and Ward 4 seats on the city council, along with the mayor.

TITLE 42 • FROM 1

illegal immigrants, who are not criminals and meet the criteria, may seek asylum under U.S. immigration laws and be incorporated into the general population of the country.

The Avalanche recently spoke with Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson about this change.

"Title 42 was initiated to stop the spread of disease. Now that it is expiring, immigrants are aware of this, and gathering in large numbers at the ports of entry," said Dodson. "We have seen an increase in numbers in Brewster County recently, and they may increase a bit more, but not like the ports of entry where they are able to seek asylum."

Dodson remarked, he's receiving reports of upwards of 110,000 waiting to cross the southwest border of Texas and Del Rio is reporting they expect to have significantly large numbers in the near future. El Paso is also seeing a significant

According to current figures, there are approximately 660,000 displaced immigrants in Mexico. These are nonnatives of Mexico, consisting of persons from Honduras, Guatemala, Venezuela, and El Salva-

dor among others. When asked how procedures will change for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office, Dodson said, "Immigrants fall under federal law, so unless they have broken a state law, no state peace officer can arrest them. They may be detained, and then turned over to

U. S. Border Patrol for processing, but once Title 42 has expired, if they are not criminal migrants, they would be processed locally by border patrol and then transferred to El Paso for further processing to complete the asylum pro-

cess if eligible." Dodson also said that those coming across into Brewster County, are not the family units that they are seeing at the ports of entry. Instead, other than a few instances a couple of years back, what the BCSO encounters are usually military aged males, and many times smugglers who would be unlikely to qualify for asylum at a port of entry.

"Nothing much will change for us," said Dodson. "We will continue to see about the same demographic we've always seen, and the numbers will ebb and flow just as they always have, with certain key pressure points that always increase or decrease the numbers of migrants crossing into Brewster

County."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON MAY 16, 2023 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CAPTIONED **ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE 2023-05-01: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPOSED SKYWAY GARDENS II DEVELOPMENT THAT IS ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS 5.000 ACRES OUT OF SECTION 102, BLOCK 9, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 10.0 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 314, PAGE 453, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 32556.

ORDINANCE 2023-05-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 - ANIMALS TO THE ALPINE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM FEE STRUCTURE FOR ALL ANIMAL SERVICES FEES; AMENDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR KENNELS, PRIVATE BOARDING, BOARDING AS A BUSINESS, RAISERS, OR BREEDERS OF DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER ANIMALS.

ORDINANCE 2023-05-03: AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 6, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITIZEN OF ALPINE TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 5.

THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 16, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY AT (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.

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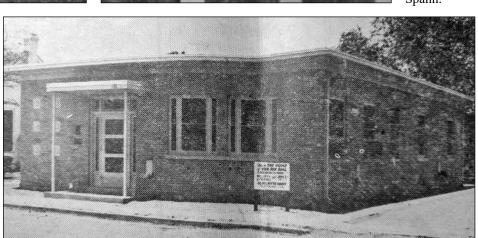
May 24,

the contest held at Texas Tech on April 27. Pictured are Buck Webb, Juan Portillo, and Jim Spann.



May 28, 1954

The Alpine High School Buck baseball team brough home the regional championship, defeating Merkel High School in a two-game series. The Bucks won the first game 8-7 and the second 24-8. The Bucks were undefeated in district, bi-district, and regional play. Front row, left to right: Phil McGaughy, Freddie Davis, Fidel Cano, Tom Valadez, Ramon Galindo, Scotty Escareno, Elijio Hernandez, Tino Valenzuela, and Vichy Hernandez. Back row, left to right: Coach Pete Bromley, Jack Burgess, James Thomas, Dickie Allen, Raul Molinar, Marlin Robinson, Duane Smith, Terry Beckett, Jim Turner, and manager David Hernandez.



May 28, 1954

Bell Telephone recently held a three-day open house at their new building in Alpine. A total of 1,120 visitors registered for service and toured the facilities during the three-day

than others. Mowing it to

keep it from flowering and

going to seed will help a

Wait for seeds to drop before mowing

Dear Neil: I have an acre of native grasses that I normally mow one time per year, usually in January. This year I wasn't able to do that, and now I have numerous purple verbena plants growing across it. I'd like to let them reseed themselves. When, if at all, can I mow my field to allow the seeds to spread?

Of all our Texas wildflowers, that's one of my favorites. It blooms in really bad places where nothing else wants to grow, not implying that about your acre, plus it stays in bloom for a comparatively long time. It's mannerly and it's a color that we don't see widely represented in other wildflowers. I would suggest simply keeping an eye on the plants. As the seeds start to dry and release, then fall to the ground you'll be safe to mow. It's going to be a while longer - another month or two at a minimum. Don't mow while the plants are still producing new flow-

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GARDENER'S MAILBAG

by neil sperry

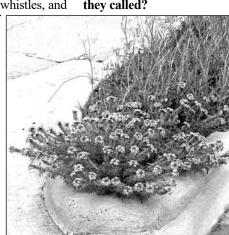
ers. Would it be possible to set your blade higher than usual this time around so you can leave the seeds that are at the bottoms of the plants even longer?

Dear Neil: We are not allowed to fence our front yard. Deer keep the St. Augustine mowed to the ground. What is the best way to prevent that kind of damage?

a combination of things. Unfortunately, when it gets hot and dry and their natural food sources dry up, you can expect deer to become more desperate and willing to bypass your control measures. I did a quick online search and found scores of matches – too many to read and condense. Most included suggestions of bad smells like putrefied eggs, etc., motion devices like pie plates that spin, or motion-activated sprinklers, sound devices such as horns and loud whistles, and

lights. None of those sounded too good for a residence in an urban environment, but perhaps there is something in there that you will find useful. Better Homes and Gardens of deer-resistant www.bhg.com/gardening/ pests/insects-diseases-weeds/ tips-for-deterring-deer-fromeating-gardens/. If you want tips that are legitimate and carefully researched, you might Google "University deer resistant landscapes". Hope that's all a help. It's not going to be easy.

Dear Neil: How can I get rid of these awful weeds? Their seeds stick to clothes, to our dog's and cats' fur and they're almost impossible to remove. What are they called?



It's a weed with several great deal. So will applying a very understandable and cubroadleafed weedkiller spray containing 2,4-D as soon rious common names: sticky willy, Velcro weed, catch as you see it germinating in weed, and cleavers. Botanilate fall or starting to grow in cally it's Galium aparine. I've very early spring. seen the same thing happen in my rural neighborhood it will be worse some years

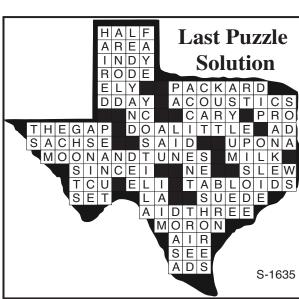
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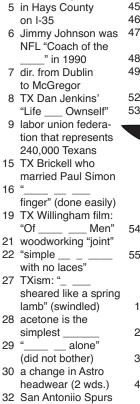
Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? E-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens. com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

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Fightin' **Buck Schedule**

TRACK

May 11: Lady Bucks

State Track Meet -

800M Relay, 6:25

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The Runnin' Lady Buck 800M relay team.

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Lady Bucks on the way to Austin this week

BY KARA GERBERT

Managing Editor

The Runnin' Lady Bucks 800-meter relay team consisting of Novah Carrasco, Valeria Crespo, Danica Mulholland, and Vanessa Rice traveled to Austin this week to compete at the 3A State track and field competition. The relay team placed

high enough and with a fast enough time at the regional competition in Abilene to earn the wild card spot at the state meet. The Avalanche spoke with these Lady Bucks and their coaches to gain their perspective on what it means to compete at the state level.

Vanessa Rice, the only senior on the relay team replied, "I am so grateful to be able to qualify for state. These girls I run with have been with me for as long as possible. To finally make it to state my senior year off the wild card made the sweat and tears well worth it in the end."

Coach Albert De Leon is the girls relay coach. "I am really looking forward to watching the girls compete this week. They've worked hard all season, and I really don't see how anyone could have put in more effort and relay work than these young ladies have so far, "remarked De Leon.

This relay team has two juniors on it. Valeria Crespo, who stood out in the 100M dash all season, and Novah Carrasco. Crespo said, "Qualifying for state has been an amazing milestone in our careers. I'm excited to go compete with my amazing teammates after all the long hours of hard work."

Carrasco replied, "We are going to state! This is a dream come true. My team and I have worked so hard for this, and we have known since the beginning of the season that we had something special. We will be representing Alpine in Austin. This wild card relay will be on the podium!"

Rounding out the team of four is sophomore Danica Mulholland. Mulholland re-iterated the excitement felt by the entire team saying, "I'm so proud of this 4x2 team. This has been an amazing season. Going to state as a sophomore is insane, and I couldn't have asked for a better team to run with."

These ladies' head coach, Cory Cason summed up the experience this season has proven to be for the Runnin' Lady Bucks track team. "Competing in May at the UIL State Track and Field Championship is something athletes dream about. For Most, competing at the state level is rarely achieved. Our girls have a serious work ethic and the patience to remain committed when they fall short of a goal. They are coachable and have the ability to persevere when the workouts get hard or the stress of competition is felt," Cason said.

After their escorted sendoff yesterday at 8 a.m., the Alpine Running Lady Bucks will be competing today in Austin at approximately 6:25 p.m. to try and bring home the state title for the girls 800m relay.

Sul Ross athletes recognized at Honors Convocation

Lobo baseball had 18 players receive awards, including Connor Archer, Dawson Beard, and Carsen Thor.

Men's basketball had 12 student athletes who excelled this year, including Julian Paredes and Jordan Rhyne.

The Lady Lobos basketball team also had 12 athletes receive Distinguished Scholar awards this year, including Victoria Aguayo, Melody Martinez, and Marley Rokas.

The men's cross country had seven outstanding students, while the women had three.

recognized this year.

While the men's soccer had two recognized athletes, the women's team had 11 outstanding ladies recognized for their academic efforts.

Lady Lobos softball recognized 12 athletes, including Alpine local Annika Canaba.

Men's and women's

of six athletes, two from the men's team, Kyle Villalon and Ian Wubbena, and four from the women's team, once again including Rokas, who also received an award for women's basketball.

tennis recognized a total

The Lady Lobos volleyball had nine ladies recognized for their

cut the cable

achievements, once again including Canaba.

Finally, Robert Cervantes was awarded for sports information.

For a full list of athlete recipients go to https://srlobos.com/ news/2023/4/25/athletictraining-student-athletesrecognized-at-2023-honors-convocation.aspx.

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Silvestra Lara Molinar

Silvestra Lara Molinar of Fort Davis passed away at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, on Saturday May 6, at the age of 92. Silvestra was born on January 30, 1931, to Brijido Dutchover Lara and Maria Quiroz Lara in Fort Davis. She said she finished fourth grade and continued to practice and improve by reading the Bible and newspapers. She made a living as a self-employed housekeeper. She was married to Florencio "Lencho" Molinar and they had two children: Susanna and Frank.

Silvestra was very involved in her children's sports. She helped by sponsoring and transporting them to out-of-town games and cheering them on. She loved her children's sports and of course later her grandchildren.



She also loved animals. She would feed all the strays and anyone else's animals if they were going to be out of town or happen to wander into her yard. She usually had 2-3 dogs at a time and a cat or two. Being the eldest, she was a hero to all her siblings. She was always there to help them all. She taught them by example through her hard work and honesty. She was always THERE.

Silvestra is survived by her son Frank Molinar and daughter Susanna Jane Liddell and her husband Randy

of Fort Davis; seven grandchildren, Ashley and Wesley Molinar both of Fort Davis, Brooke McKinney, Becky Puckett and husband Worth of Fort Davis, Adam Liddell of Lubbock, Aaron Liddell of Fort Davis, John Liddell and wife Emily of Richardson; seven great-grandchildren Clayton Puckett and wife Savannah of Gilbert, AZ, Jacy White and husband Anthony of Vancouver, WA, William Liddell of Lubbock, Mia, Max, Theo and Beau Liddell of Richardson; and two great-greatgrandchildren Rylee Jo and Bodee Puckett of Gilbert, AZ.

She is also survived by her brother Brijido Lara, Jr. and one sister Mary Alice Hester and husband Joe. Also, her sisterin-law Lolie Lara and brotherin-law Chon Granado, Sr. She was preceded in death by her sister Eva Granado, brothers Fred Lara, Sr., Tommy Lara, Sr., and Ben Lara.

FROM 2

Funeral and burial services will be held at Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Fort Davis at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, with Minister Curtis Wubbena presiding.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Wesley Molinar, Adam Liddell, Aaron Liddell, John Liddell, Worth Puckett and Clayton Puckett.

Honorary Pallbearers are her friends Lolie Lara, Mini Hartnett, Jay Jarratt, Olga Chavez, Carmen Zielinski, and Gloria Jimenez Navarrette. There are many, many wonderful friends that helped Silvestra throughout her life.

Online condolences may be left at: www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Diondra Luevano

In what activities did you participate in high school?

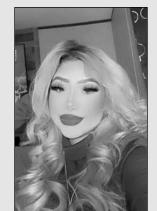
I participated in FFA this year and I showed animals for the past four years. I really didn't do many activities this year.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

I can't really say I have a favorite teacher or coach I think all my teachers are great and helped me out through my school year.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

Being that I only went to school here for a year I would have to say winning first place and class



Diondra Luevano

champion in this year's stock-show with my Pig.

What are your plans after high school?

I will be attending MSU to get my radiology degree I'm 100% committed and so excited to go in the fall!

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Paul Arthur Will

Dr. Paul Arthur Will, 77 of Alpine, made his entrance into heaven Feb. 26, in Waco. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Paul A. Will lecture hall at the Turner Range Animal Science Center at Sul Ross State University.



Devotional Page

Are You Known?

BY CLARK NUSSBAUM

One of the most concerning passages in the Bible is found in Mathew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' This passage informs us that we must have a relationship with our Father God through Jesus Christ. Going through the motions of religious activities or attending church will not be enough to develop a relationship.

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The first step to the born-again experience is to recognize that Jesus Christ is the Savior sent from Father God. That Jesus lived a sinless life and gave of himself as a sacrifice for our sins. You will need to acknowledge the need for forgiveness of your sins. You must believe that He was buried and was resurrected on the third day. Romans 10:9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Although some say that there are other ways to the Father, Jesus once again makes it very clear that He is the only way (pathway) to the Father. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Once you have that relationship with the Father, you begin the transformation process. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 The final point to remember is that salvation is a gift that we accept. Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Seek and find the truth that is found in a the Father through Jesus Christ.

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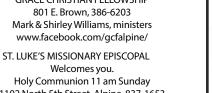
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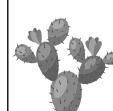


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The nature of this cause is to wit: CLAIMS FOR ADVERSE POSSESSION AND QUITE TITLE OF THE REAL PROPERTY MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING: .25-acre tract of land being out of and part of Survey 216, Block G-4, H.E. & W.T. Railroad Company Grant, Abstract 4056, Brewster County, Texas, and also being out of and part of that same certain tract called El Pueblo described in a conveyance document to Robert Cockrell, recorded in Volume 161, Page 721 of the Brewster County Official Public Records, Brewster County, Texas, AND FOR A DECLARATION OF A FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN PLAINTIFFS AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN BY PLAINTIFFS' PETITION ON FILE IN THIS SUIT.

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.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Alpine, Brewster County, Texas this the 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS: SIBLEY ANDERSON LEWIS SARAH SIBLEY KLEIN 121 N 6TH STREET ALPINE, TEXAS 79830

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The mailing address of the Representative's attorney is:

c/o Amy M. Fuqua FUQUA LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C. P.O. Box 1376 Argyle, Texas 76226

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All claims should be addressed to the Representative's attorney as listed above.

DATED April 29, 2023.

SUBMITTED BY: /s/Amy M. Fuqua FUQUA LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C. P.O. Box 1376 Argyle, TX 76226 (817) 379-6600 amyfuqua@verizon.net Texas Bar No. 24004660

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Mouthwatering buttery lemon chicken

There isn't much that pairs itself better together than lemons and chicken. That said, adding in butter only makes it better.

Boneless, skinless chicken breast is a low-fat, healthy protein and grilled is probably the healthiest way to prepare it. But, sometimes, ok most times, it needs to be "dolled up" a bit. This recipe adds about 200 calories or so per serving, but the taste is worth every one of them.

lending a hint of lemon fla- into the meat without a little



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

Lemon juice itself, while vor, will not imbed itself



there is the garlic. Overall, too much garlic is not a good thing as far as my tastebuds are concerned, but

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is what takes a little bit of a different story. While a strong garlicy taste is not one, I particularly care for on beef or pork, it adds a great umami to chicken. And then there is the but-

ter. I am from the Paula And then Deen school of butter, in that everything is better with it. The butter in this sauce not only enhances the flavor with richness, but it helps the chicken breasts from tasting dry. Since chicken breasts carry so little fat, they easily dry out in many cooking

help. The zest when it comes to chicken it is processes, so adding a little butter just helps them taste better.

> This tasty main course may be paired with vegetables such as broccoli and asparagus along with a side or orzo or cauliflower rice if one is watching their carb intake. This chicken also makes a great addition as a protein component of a salad. So, no matter how you choose to pair it, this buttery lemon chicken is sure to please most every palate.

Buttery Lemon Chicken

chicken breasts ½ cup or so of flour for broth or stock

dredging Salt and pepper

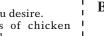
1 tablespoon olive oil 4 tablespoons butter, divided into 1 tablespoon

1 ½ teaspoons of garlic tional

4 small or 2 large, halved or more if you desire. 14 ounces of chicken

> 3 tablespoons of lemon juice and extra slices for garnish if desired.

minced fresh parsley-op-



½ teaspoon lemon zest 1 ½ tablespoons of

Directions:

Rinse and dry chicken breasts, and then place on a cutting board under a sheet of plastic wrap.

Using a meat tenderizing mallet, pound the breasts until about half their original thickness with the flat side of the mallet.

Once flattened, add salt and pepper on both sides of the breast and dredge in flour to coat each breast

completely. Add the olive oil and one tablespoon of butter to a pan, and heat until butter

is melted. Add the chicken breasts and sear on both sides until golden brown and cooked

through. Remove chicken and transfer to a plate.

Reduce to medium heat, adding the minced garlic, and sauteing for about 20 seconds.

Pour in the chicken broth, and deglaze the pan, scraping the brown bits off the bottom. Add the lemon juice and bring the mixture to a simmer, reducing heat slightly and simmering until liquid is reduced by half, about two minutes.

Add the remaining butter and lemon zest and stir until butter is melted.

Return the chicken breasts to the pan, and spoon the sauce over the chicken, coating completely.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley and garnish with lemon wedges if desired.

Serve warm and enjoy.



Buttery Lemon Chicken

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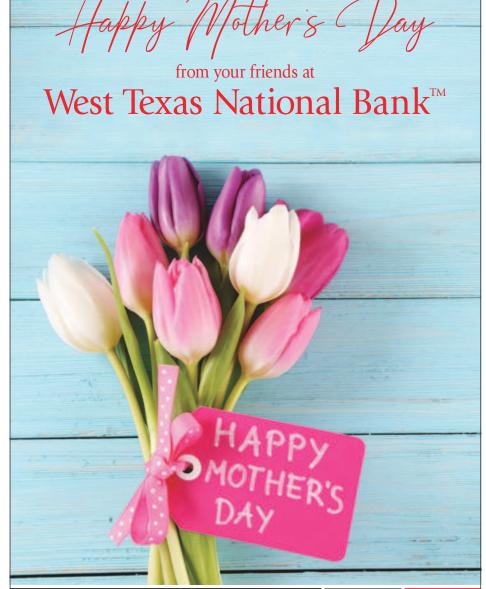
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