

## Big Bend celebrates Fourth of July

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Big Bend area will celebrate Independence Day with festivities throughout the region. Celebrations begin on June 30 in Fort Davis and culminate on July 7 in Marathon at Post Park.

The party begins on the Jeff Davis County courthouse lawn on Friday, June 30 with entertainment, games, food booths, and merchants followed by a dance that evening at the Kelly Pavillion at 7 p.m. with Doug Moreland and Friends. Saturday, the annual hometown parade kicks off at 10 a.m., along with a car show.

A repeat of the day before will be held at the courthouse along with a husband calling contest and a pie contest. That evening, scoot a boot to the western stylings of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys at the Kelly Pavillion. On Sunday, the fun begins at noon,

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# McGuire found guilty of murder

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

Closing arguments for the trial of Lisette McGuire, 31 of Marathon, were heard on Tuesday, June 20 in the 394th District Court for the alleged murder of Aquiles Gonzales.

In late April of 2018, McGuire was arrested for the hit-and-run perpetrated on 37-year-old Gonzales. Gonzales suf-

fered life threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Alpine Police were dispatched to the 400 block of North 17th Street on Sunday, April 29, 2018 following reports of a hit-and-run where they found Gonzales with severe trauma and witnesses



Lisette McGuire

who described the vehicle that hit Gonzales as a 2012 GMC Acadia that was driven by McGuire.

Along with McGuire was reported passenger at the time of the incident, Jon Jay Whitley, also of Marathon.

McGuire and Whitley were later taken into custody in Marathon by the Brewster County Sher-

iff's Office and booked into the Brewster County jail. McGuire was booked on first-degree murder charges, while Whitley was booked on charges of failure to report a felony.

McGuire faced a jury trial for charges of first-degree murder which began Monday, June 12, 2023. She entered a plea of not guilty and did not testify on her own behalf.

After hearing closing arguments for the defense and ending with closing arguments from the prosecution, the honorable Roy B. Ferguson dismissed the jury for deliberation at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The jury came back with a guilty verdict at approximately 5:15 p.m., with sentencing to be held sometime early next week.

## The King is back!



Joe King Carrasco and his band performed this past Saturday for the ArtWalk's fundraising Pachanga. Also on hand was the Alpine Humane Society who were accepting donations for their services for local pets.

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## A journalist's evolution into teaching and fiction

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

Born and bred in Texas, Sidney Balman Jr. made the world his glass slide and his career a microscope. As a security correspondent for many years, Balman made it his job to share the seedy underbelly of the world's governing bodies with the public eye. Now, Balman uses this history in research and reporting to create fictional storylines that reflect the world he sees, as well as teach the next generation of aspiring journalists how to get the job done, as Sul Ross' writer in residence.

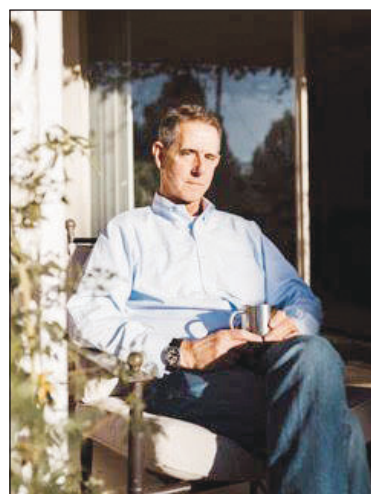
After coming to Alpine during his first book tour, for his book "Seventh Flag", the first of his now complete tril-

ogy, Balman was approached by faculty of Sul Ross State University to be involved in the College's Journalism endeavor.

The position Balman has now been occupying since 2020, "is a dream for a writer; full time job, space to write, in a great place," said Balman.

As the writer in residence, Balman had the opportunity to write in a beautiful and peaceful part of the country while also sharing his experience, gathered over the course of a colorful career in news through the avenue of education.

"I wasn't a teacher, I mean I had taught a course here and there at various colleges just on the side, but it's like the



Sidney Balman Jr.

Courtesy photo

third leg of the triad; there's the place, the writing and there's the teaching," Balman said, "So, I'm able to live in an incredible place, do what I

love, and there's that interaction with people," continued Balman.

Inside the classroom, Balman tries to encourage the students to truly study and dissect what's going on in the world. Students must keep up with breaking news in politics, international news and sports etc. in order to answer Balman's famous "news quizzes."

"Sometimes they roll their eyes at me, but I've had so many interesting conversations. There are all kinds of politics, all over the board," said Balman.

In the classes that Balman has taught, the students have an open floor to express their

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## OBITUARY

### Miriam McCoy



Miriam McCoy, matriarch of her family and a Texas philanthropist, passed away on June 14. She was born to Lloyd Swanson and Florence Yager Swanson on December 17, 1924, on Long Island, New York. She and her brother, Lloyd, were raised in Millerton, New York, a small town in beautiful Dutchess County. Miriam met her future husband, Emmett, when she was 14 years old, and he was 16. Emmett had traveled from Galveston to New York City to attend New York Trade School. He lived in the YMCA with another Texan. Miriam's brother, who was attending New York University, lived there, too. When Thanksgiving came, the boys from Texas couldn't travel home, so they were invited to Millerton for the holiday. Florence and Lloyd were known for their hospitality and welcomed the young Texans. When they walked into the Swanson home, Miriam was in the kitchen playing with a new puppy named Pal. After they met, Miriam and Emmett dated, often in New York City, where Miriam stayed with her uncle, Reginald Yager. Emmett escorted Miriam to her senior prom in Millerton. After Pearl Harbor, their romance was interrupted by World War II. Emmett worked in a shipyard in Orange and later served in the Pacific in the United States Army. Miriam went to secretarial school and worked in an office during the war. In 1946, Emmett returned from the Pacific, and they were married in Albany, New York on February 23, 1946. They made their home in Galveston, where

Emmett worked in the family roofing business. Pal moved to Texas with them and eventually was buried under a magnolia tree at their first home at 1308 Church St. in Galveston. Emmett was a true entrepreneur. The roofing company grew to become McCoy's Building Supply, which continues into its 96th year. Emmett and Miriam's family grew, too. They had four children, Brenda, Michael, Brian, and Dennis. Miriam was a busy mom and managed the family's many rental properties. In 1961, the disastrous Hurricane Carla struck Galveston. The following year was a challenge and, at the same time, the roofing company and the two retail stores thrived. After a year, the McCoy family decided to take a much-needed vacation. They stayed at Landa Park in New Braunfels and Emmett became enthralled with the Texas Hill Country. Soon, he saw an ad for a ranch on the Blanco River near Kyle. Emmett and Miriam purchased this ranch and began to spend many weekends there. Eventually, they moved the headquarters of their growing business to San Marcos and built a home on the ranch. During this time, Brenda married Kaare Remme, Mike married Myra Partridge, Brian married Wetonnah Lane and Dennis married Cindy Cox. Their sons and son-in-law worked in the business. All four children made their homes in

San Marcos and 10 grandchildren were born. In 1996, Emmett and Miriam celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party at Green Pastures in Austin attended by friends and relatives from San Marcos and all around the United States. Having raised their family, Emmett and Miriam turned their attention to opportunities to give back to the communities that had supported their stores across the state. They were active in the Heritage Association of San Marcos. They were major contributors to area hospitals and the Hays Caldwell Women's Center. Miriam was also instrumental in the development of the Miriam McCoy Shelter for Animals, now known as PAWS, and not long ago supported an expansion of this project to the Dripping Springs area. She was also instrumental in the development of Grand Companions Humane Society in Ft. Davis. She had pet dogs all her life—always rescue dogs. In 2004, Emmett and Miriam made their largest donation ever to the Texas State University College of Business which now bears their names. In recognition of this contribution, Miriam received an honorary doctorate from Texas State in 2007. The Emmett and Miriam McCoy Foundation continued its philanthropic works, making major donations to the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University, alma mater of all four of their children. The foundation also made major donations to the Museum of the Big Bend, which will open a new wing named in Miriam and Emmett's honor this month. During their time in San Marcos, Miriam and Emmett

played tennis every week with friends at Quail Creek Country Club. They were avid runners and worked out regularly in their home exercise room. Miriam completed two 10K runs, placing in her age group in the Capitol 10,000. Miriam worked out with her personal trainer, Jack McMahon, for many years and as recently as this February. Her interest in fitness inspired her contribution to the Miriam McCoy Rehabilitation Center at Seton Ascension in Kyle. Miriam and Emmett also supported research at University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, for the treatment of Type I diabetes, which Miriam developed in her 40's. She managed her condition and remained active and healthy well into her 90's. Miriam was known and loved for her positive outlook on life and her cheerful personality. In recent years, Miriam continued to reside in her ranch home which was always open to visitors at about 4 pm for "wine time." This tradition was continued in the last few months of her life, which she spent at Sage Spring Assisted Living Community in San Marcos. Miriam was preceded in death by her husband, Emmett, her son, Dennis and her grandson, Keith Remme. She is survived by her large, loving family who will cherish her memory: daughter, Brenda Remme and her husband, Kaare; son Michael and his wife, Myra; son, Brian and his wife, Wetonnah; and daughter-in-law, Cindy. She's also survived by her grandchildren: Andy McCoy and his wife, Laurel; Kara Remme and her husband, Louis Doiron; Matthew McCoy and his wife,

Denise; Heather Endsley and her husband, Phillip; Reid McCoy and his wife, Katherine; Kathryn Weinstein and her husband, Jon; Kristen Nunnally and her husband, Scott; Meagan Jones and her husband, Richard; and Lori Medefind and her husband, Caleb. She had 29 great-grandchildren: Jayde, Alayna, Evan, Brecken, Genny Bell, Otto, Rylan, Lucas, Anna, Nathan, Emma, Jackson, Coleton, Corinne, Hope, Kiera, Wyatt, Stella, Teddy, Gideon, Greta, Grant, Kyle, Kendall, Taylor, Caroline, Barrett, Lyla and Weston. A private family service is planned at historic Blanco Chapel on the McCoy Ranch near Kyle. The McCoy family is forever grateful to the caregivers who made it possible for Miriam to live

safely at home during her final years, including: Deidre Laffere, RN; Margarita Castillo, Angelica Camarillo, Shirley Flores, Tori Maldonado, Bernice Mendoza, Maria Ibarra Rangel, Virginia Rendon, Vanessa Sandoval, Mary Helen Stewart, Janette Weems, Gail Zavala and others through the years, and also to Hope Hospice nurse, Mary Tison. Memorials in Miriam's memory may be made to support the McCoy Scholars Endowment at the McCoy College of Business Foundation, McCoy Hall 322, 601 University Drive, San Marcos TX 78666; Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, P.O. Box 234, San Marcos TX 78667; Grand Companions Humane Society, P.O. Box 1156, Fort Davis TX 79734, or a charity of your choice.

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This year's field day will be Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. On Saturday, June 24,

from 1 p.m. to Sunday, June 25, 1 p.m.

Field Day is a showcase for how amateur radio works reliably under any conditions from almost any location to create an independent communications network. "Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with laptops or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage," says Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, spokesperson for ARRL The national association for Amateur Radio®, www.

arrl.org, which represents amateur, or "ham" radio operators across the country. "In today's electronic do-it-yourself, DIY environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down," Inderbitzen adds.

Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are more than 750,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 9 and

as old as 100. And with clubs such as Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, it's easy for anybody to get involved right here in the Big Bend. For more information about Field Day or amateur radio, contact Bob Ward, WA5ROE 432-837-2061 or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

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# Council discusses 25 mph limit in city

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held its regular city council meeting on June 20. This approximately two-hour meeting was one of the first to limit discussions, presentations, and city staff updates to six minutes for a trial period. Future meetings have the potential to be more streamlined, in the council's effort to attract more participation and presence from the community.

Following the recent resignation of the Alpine City Attorney, Rod Ponton, the city council is looking for necessary legal representation. In Tuesday's meeting, the council met with Alan Bojorquez, the owner of the Bojorquez law firm, via Zoom conference. This firm has worked with Alpine in the past and represents approximately 45 cities statewide, including neighboring Presidio and Marfa.

Ward 5 council member Rick Stephens asked Bojorquez many questions about the firm's qualifications and abilities to potentially act as city attorney for Alpine, including whether they could also handle prosecution responsibilities. Bojorquez assured the council that they are indeed capable of handling most of the city's needs, as the firm is primarily a

city attorney, while offering a competitive rate.

The council then approved the addendum to standard terms of engagement to reflect Bojorquez Law Firm as the new city attorney for Alpine and amended the hourly billing rates for the city.

The familiar subject of the annexation of Skyway Gardens II was raised once again. At the last meeting, the council and representatives from Skyway Gardens went through the development agreement and service agreement to work out the conflicts and language.

Skyway had no issues with the updated agreements, according to City Manager, Megan Antrim, and thus the council could approve the final reading of the ordinance, providing clauses, facts, and effective date.

One of the remaining uncertainties lies with the road paving. Skyway has agreed to pave 30 feet of Lechuguilla road, what remains is deciding exactly which 30 feet they will pave.

Several items on the agenda brought up by Antrim will affect many Alpine citizens directly. One such item is the dark sky compliance. Alpine has until 2026 to become compliant with the Dark Sky ordinance adopted by the city.



Catherine Eaves

"We'll send out notification next month. So, expect in your water bill to get a little friendly reminder that the ordinance is in play," Antrim said.

The second and third item on the agenda had to do with the status of Alpine's city water situation and the concerning dips that the levels have taken. There has been recent water loss that the city has been trying to find the source of, while also trying to maintain water levels that won't damage the system.

In an effort to do this, Antrim consulted with the parks and water department to try and catalogue every leak in the system and see how the current watering system works. Surprisingly, all of the parks are watered on the same days during the week and typically from about midnight to approximately 6 a.m. Staggering this system may relieve some of the problem.

The west side of town specifically, has been dealing with concerning water level dips in the water system. For four days straight, employees had to balance levels in the tanks in order to avoid damaging the system, while meeting demand. Things have improved due to these efforts, well adjustments and conservation efforts.

Mayor Catherine Eaves said, "I want to thank the residents too, for all of your water conservation measures. It matters, it's important."

The city will be tackling a huge effort to process the data that has been gathered from the water systems in the future, in order to get a clearer picture of the supply and demand. The council broached the subject of encouraging residents to pursue xeriscaping with possible incentives.

Also on the agenda for this meeting was the city budget. The council will be meeting before each city council meeting at 3 p.m. to discuss the budget, starting July 11, so it can be approved by September 15.

Regarding the potential 25 mph limit, the different wards were assigned to consult maps in order to decide which city roads should not be affected by this possible change. This, and the installation of additional four way stop signs at the intersections of 8th Street and Sul Ross Avenue, 8th Street and Avenue A, 7th Street and Hendryx Avenue, and 8th Street and Del Rio, were met with agreement from the council and in consultation with police chief Darrell Losoya.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for July 11 at 5:30 p.m.

# 58th season of Theatre of the Big Bend set for July 7

BY KARA GERBERT  
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The 58th season of Theatre of the Big Bend is set for July 7 at 8 p.m. This year's summer production scheduled for the outdoor theatre is titled "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" by Rachel Sheinkin. The score for the production is by William Finn.

This production follows a group of middle school youth vying for the Putnam County Spelling Bee championship. The winner goes on to the National Spelling Bee, so the stakes are high for this diverse group of youngsters.

"We have a wonderful cast. It's a mix of Sul Ross theatre students along with professionals from New York, South Carolina, and Texas."

— Marjie Scott, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" producer

This musical comedy features audience participation, with four volunteers joining the cast on stage each night to compete in the Bee.

"The nightly volunteers are not a 'plant,' so it will be a different show every night," says director Bret

Scott. "Middle school is a time where nobody feels like they belong, especially the kinds of kids who excel at a spelling bee. This show is touching and funny because we all recognize these kids. And you can't help but want to give them all a big hug."

Producer Marjie Scott says, "We have a wonderful cast. It's a mix of Sul Ross theatre students along with professionals from New York, South Carolina, and Texas."

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" runs Fridays through Sundays, July 7-23 at the Kokernot Outdoor Theatre. All performances at 8 p.m., and

some parental guidance is suggested due to mild innuendo.

This production features the cast of Kevin Arnold, Chloe Friedman, Justin Hinton, Julian McDonald, Olivia Pertuso, Jenna Reyes, Bret Scott, Josh Tanzer, and Becca Adams Weinberg. Musical direction by Andrew Alegria and choreography by Heather Plumberg.

Set and lighting design by Ross Fleming and costume design by Carolyn Barrientes. Stage manager is Melissa Urness.

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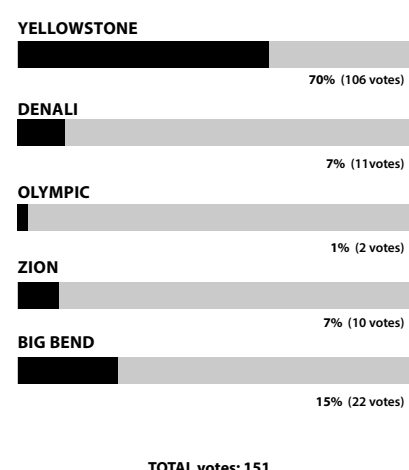
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## Indian Emily returns

When Elton Miles discussed the legend of Indian Emily in his "Tales of the Big Bend," he stated that he thought the story was not unique to Fort Davis, but he made no reference to any other locations where the story was told or from where it may have originated. In my research, I could find no other antecedents for the tale, but my internet research skills are limited.

Not so are the skills of my friend Hoot Baez. After I recently made a presentation on the Indian Emily story at the Jeff Davis County Library, Hoot turned his considerable skills to seeking the elusive Emily. While, to date, he has discovered nothing definitive, he did uncover some interesting and intriguing references. I hope he will continue to search.

As far as I can tell the story began with Carl Rath's "Romance of the Davis Mountains and Big Bend"- 1919, and was



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further promoted by Barry Scobee, the Scribe of Fort Davis. Scobee, in the face of the research done on Fort Davis by William Utley, National Park Service Historian, finally gave up Scobee once remarked that if he ever saw Rath again, "I'll hold him down on the sidewalk with my foot till he tells me the truth about the story."

Hoot found two stories that relate, both with protagonists named Emily. Neither parallels our legend completely, and both are written as fictional short stories. In 1855 Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine published a story titled "The Indian Lover" by Blanche D'Artois. As Hoot points out this is likely a nom de plume since the real Blanche D'Artois was the Queen of Navarre and died in 1302. In this story Emily travels west from New York for health reasons and falls in love with Kisko, the son of a Native American chief.

Caught alone in a small boat on a lake in a storm, Emily is saved from drowning by Kisko, who succumbs instead.

This reverses the Indian Emily story and was written so early that it seems unlikely that it was the antecedent for our legend. The second story has more merit, was published in a national magazine, and at a time when someone with an imagination like Rath may have read it.

In 1902 McClure's Magazine published "A Paternal Government" by Luella Lathrop. Her story takes place on the Dakota Reservation, and while the Army is not mentioned, the period is right. Emily is born to a Sioux woman and a white man. Rejected by her mother she is raised by the teachers at the reservation Indian School until she turns eighteen. She is then taken in as a servant by John Deane, the Indian Agent, and his wife.

She falls in love with Allen West, the clerk of the Agency, but the daughter, Mildred Deane, returns from an Eastern

College. Mildred puts Emily in her place as a servant, West rejects the love of a woman who is only half white and transfers his affection to Mildred. Emily returns to the squalor of her home on the reservation and promptly dies of consumption. Someone with imagination might well have segued this into a more creative story, but we may never know.

Another aspect of Hoot's research was to look at early silent movies as precursors or origins of Indian Emily. Two, "The Broken Doll"- 1910 and "The Indian Maid's Warning"-1913, have strong elements of the Indian Emily legend, but neither correlate directly.

The actual origin of the legend of Indian Emily is still unknown, and I hope the search continues. The origin story is out there somewhere, and I thank Hoot Baez for his effort. Regardless I believe that the real value of the story is in the power of myth and that is why there is a Fort Davis National Historic Site today.

## Maybe this experience will seem funny someday

*"The thing about parenting rules is there aren't any. That's what makes it so difficult."*

— Ewan McGregor,  
Scottish actor.

I missed writing something special for Mother's Day, so I skipped Father's Day. Didn't want to show any favoritism. However, I'm celebrating my own creation this week. I'll call it parent's day.

In deference to National Parent's Day, July 23, I'll call mine "my parent's day." Truthfully, parents should be celebrated every day.

I was blessed with wonderful parents. They weren't "do as I say" parents; they were "good example" parents. I learned more by watching them than I did by adhering to any rules — which weren't many.

Mom was not a doting mother. I heard, "You just wait until your father gets home," more often than, "I love you." But I never had any doubt about her love for me. She demonstrated it every day in everything she did. Including not spanking me herself before my father got home. Mom could wield a mean hairbrush.

In her defense, I was a trying child. Trying to stay out of trouble.

She tried to teach me how to stay out of trouble. Keep my clean room. Help with household duties. Dress properly for all occasions. Keep my shoes polished for Sunday because I was going to church with her.

Every Sunday. Without fail.

She even taught me how to iron and designated that duty as one of my after-school chores.

Mom also helped establish the principle that there are no free rides. She set my allowance at 25¢ a week, which I collected every Saturday. Provided the trash was emptied, the grass was cut, and her flower bed by the front porch was weed-free.

From there, Dad took over when I graduated from allowance to an occasional night and Saturday job, sweeping floors and assembling bicycles and wagons at Perry Brothers. Overnight, I was promoted from 25¢ a week to 25¢ an hour.

Dad was practical, hardworking, and encouraging. Again, I learned more from him by example. Only two times do I recall him offering life lessons that may have been construed as rules.

Once was advising me that he feared I was "ripping my britches." It's a humorous old saying indicating that one is about to make a costly mistake. Time has blurred exactly what my intentions were. Likely buying another old hot rod car. An automobile to Dad was transportation. Point A to point B. Nothing more. As I said, he was practical.

To me, the objective was how fast I could get from A to



LEON ALDRIDGE  
Guest Columnist

B and how good my ride looked getting there. "I could tell you that I don't think what you're doing is a good idea," he said as we stood in the kitchen that night. "But I also know you're going to do whatever you want regardless of what I say," he added. "I know because that's the way I did it. I had to learn from my mistakes. And I know you will learn from yours."

The jury is still out on that one.

The other time was advice on love and marriage. Again, I don't remember how we got into the conversation. It's his response I remember.

"Love can be elusive in the beginning. You make the best decision you can, getting to know someone as well as you can," he said. "Once you marry, it will take work and understanding every day, but that's the key to making marriage last and love better."

He must have known what he was talking about. Mom and Dad were married for 63 years before he passed away.

He did offer basic rules every father taught his son back then about being a gentleman. Remove your hat indoors. Open doors for the ladies. Address your elders with sir and ma'am. "Yes sir, no sir — yes ma'am, no ma'am." Never talk back to your elders. And the one rule

we all heard. "Children should be seen and not heard," meaning remain quiet when adults are talking; don't butt in.

With my children, I can tell you about one time when that rule failed me.

My son Lee was perhaps six or seven years of age the night we attended that social function in Shreveport. Dressed in our Sunday best, sporting a coat and tie. The crowd was large. The finger food was good.

Just as someone I knew spotted me; Lee tugged at my sleeve. "Daddy," he said. "You've got ..."

"Not now," I smiled. "Daddy's talking."

When he tried one more time, I reminded him of proper etiquette for children when adults were talking. One more time, he politely responded, "OK."

As the event ended, we thanked the hosts, said our goodbyes, and left.

Walking to the car, I said, "Thank you for being polite while Daddy was talking. What did you want to say?"

"You've ripped your britches," he replied.

Reaching back to discover a gap where the seat of my pants once existed confirmed my son's observation.

"Yeah, Lee, looks like I did. Perhaps in more ways than one," I laughed.

"Just look at it this way. Maybe this experience will seem funny someday ... when you reflect on any rules about parenting, I imparted to you."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A big thank you

A very big and sincere thank you goes out to everyone who participated, attended, volunteered, and judged this year's Smoke in the Mountains BBQ and Ribeye Shootout. The Smoke in the Mountains board can't begin to express our appreciation to everyone that has supported us throughout the year as well as the event itself.

Between the attendance of the teams and locals alike, we are just blown away. The event was better than we expected, and this year's success left us flying high and excited about plans for next year's Smoke in the Mountains 2024. While a final tally of the donation money is not available at this time, we will have it available to present the donation at the July 11 Jeff

Davis County commissioner's court. The donation money will go towards the first responders in Jeff Davis County including the Fort Davis Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMS, the Valentine Volunteer Fire Department, Davis Mountains Resort Volunteer Fire Department, and the Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The success of this event allowed us to pay out \$23,175

in prize money which was all entry fees and add on money donations from individuals and companies like Henley Buildings of Midland and Big Bend Title of Fort Davis and Alpine. Once again, thank you so much from the bottoms of our hearts for all your support.

Jennifer Webster  
President-Smoke in the  
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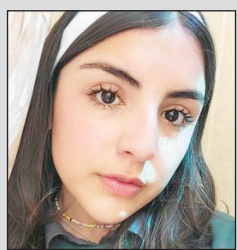
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# Heard on the STREET

What is one thing you wish Alpine had?



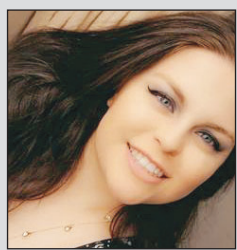
**Clara Mendias:** More options for clothing. Somewhere to go that's nice for just a quick fix for everyday jeans or shoes that won't cost an arm or a leg.



**Gisselle Rueda:** I wish Alpine had a little Walmart or supermarket like that. Anything that would offer some variety for making more food at home and competitive prices. Something more, especially for college kids on a budget.



**Lane Tippet:** I think Alpine has everything I need and more. The limitation of "big city" amenities is what makes Alpine so great.



**Autumn McFadden:** More grocery options and cheaper produce. Such as Walmart, HEB, or United. I think the Alpine community is charged higher rates partially because of the lack of competition.



**Dawson Beard:** I wish Alpine had more to do. Whenever I have a night out with friends, our only options in town are the bars. It would be nice to have some variety in what we can do for fun around here.

Send your community events to [kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com](mailto:kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June Volunteers Needed,** The Museum of the Big Bend is seeking volunteers to help in the new Marilyn Ann Caldwell welcome center in the museum's gift shop. Help is needed Tues. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Rebekah Antrosio at 432-837-8145 or [Rebekah.antrosio@sulross.edu](mailto:Rebekah.antrosio@sulross.edu)

**June-August Summer Reading Program,** The Alpine Public Library is hosting its



summer reading program for all ages along with various events. For more information visit [alpinepubliclibrary.org](http://alpinepubliclibrary.org) or stop by

## APD adds officers



The Alpine Police Department has added three new officers to their department. Officer Alexis Armendariz, Officer Chase Ikeda-Thiede, and Officer Preston Bolton will be hitting the streets of Alpine to protect and serve. Officer Ikeda-Thiede comes to us from Florida and recently graduated from the Sul Ross State University Law Enforcement Academy. A classmate of Ikeda-Thiede at the SRSU Academy and Alpine native is Alexis Armendariz. Armendariz is a U.S. Navy veteran and was the keynote speaker at this past year's Veteran's Day ceremony held at Buck stadium. Officer Bolton will be attending some trainings and indoctrination and will then join the rest of the Alpine PD to carry out their daily duties of protecting Alpine and its citizens.

## PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Selena. Selena is a vocal kitty who makes sure her presence is known. She knows she has a lovely coat with a striking fur pattern that turns heads. Even her nose is unique with its half-pink, half-black coloring. This three-year-old Dilute Torti enjoys affection and watching happenings outside the window. Beauty naps are a regular part of her day.

Alpine Humane Society is committed to community outreach and education. We are happy to visit your organization to talk about our mission, pet health, and more. We've been to library toddler story time, Sunshine House, Sul Ross University's De-Stress Week, and have spoken to area service clubs. If your organization or business would like us to visit for some informal pet therapy, also known as petting cats and dogs, or to hear about our work, let us know, and we'll be there!

Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Alpine Animal Services, a



department of the City of Alpine, handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. weekdays 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, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Pet Pantry is at 600 N. 5th Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view all adoptable pets, visit [PetFinder.com](http://PetFinder.com) or [www.alpinehumanesociety.org](http://www.alpinehumanesociety.org), and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

and visit the circulation desk for more information.

**July 2 Community Picnic,** 6:30 p.m. on the Brewster County Courthouse lawn. Sponsored by the Alpine Historical Association. For more information call or text Abbey at 713-515-1204.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Alcoholics Anonymous,** 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or [aa-intergroup.org](http://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](mailto:Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu), call 432-837-8216, or visit [bbc-chorale.wixsite.com/bbcc](http://bbc-chorale.wixsite.com/bbcc).

**Celebrate Recovery,** at Big

Bend Cowboy Church on Monday evenings 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information contact CW at 432-386-3628 or Stacey at 432-386-2979.

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

**ESL Tutoring,** at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

**GED tutoring,** at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

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

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT A CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON JULY 11, 2023 REGARDING:

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE APPLICANT, BIG BEND COLLECTIVE LLC DBA OLD GRINGO BAR & RESTAURANT, TO OBTAIN AN ALCOHOL LICENSE/ PERMIT FROM THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION TO OPERATE A BAR & GRILL. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS LOCATED AT 101 W AVE E. THE RECORD PROPERTY OWNER IS DANNICA INVESTMENTS LLC. THE PARCEL ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS R11886.**

THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY JULY 11, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.** AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED APPLICATION. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY AT (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.

# Alpine Ambassadors welcome Velocerus



The Alpine Ambassadors celebrated the grand opening of Velocerus Technology Solutions last Thursday evening with owner Aaron Rodriguez. Pictured are Jacob Sanchez, Eva Olivas, Dona Ward, Aaron Rodriguez, Jade Spear, Savannah Granger, Sarah Bow, Gerri Davis, and Catherine Eaves.

## AISD at Summer Leadership Institute



Alpine ISD School Board members, along with superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart spent time in San Antonio last week at the Summer Leadership Institute. From left Lt. Jimmy Morris, Joe Portillo, Haley Babb, Mary McCallister, Dr. Adrian Billings, Nikki Ahrens, Dr. Michelle Rinehart, and Eddie Natera.

Courtesy photo

## BALMAN • FROM 1

own beliefs in open discourse with him and fellow students. These discussions can be divided, but Balman tries to maintain a respectful and advancing environment, allowing students to practice critical thinking.

Balman has been teaching at the University since 2020, at the height of COVID-19 and during the election. Coming from Washington DC, it was a bit of a culture shock. His friends back home would wonder at the events that occur in the small rural community.

“There were times when I’d wonder, ‘What are you doing out here?’” said Balman. However, this area and the people he met had a great influence on his

“Seventh Flag” trilogy.

All three books revolve around two families based in Dell City, a small town about 80 miles east of El Paso, made famous by the water rights granted to the larger city. The families, the Zarkans and the Laws, navigate environmental uncertainty, political unrest, and racial divides from two completely different backgrounds. The Zarkans are Syrian-Muslim immigrants while the Laws are a prosperous local ranching family.

The books look at the evolution of radicalization of the country and citizenship. “It evolved over time, but the plan always was to go from just after WWII into the future,” Balman said. “The third book is sort

of a culmination of a possible future if we stay on the same track,” Balman shared.

Picking up 30 years into the future, the final installment of the series titled “Algorithms” will be published this August and follows the familiar characters in an unfamiliar and changed world, altered by the decisions that are being made today.

“The symbols, and the people, and geography are the same. I mean Sul Ross is in it. A lot of it takes place out here,” Balman said.

The Big Bend area was a magnet that he was happy to give into. “I was familiar with it and moved by it, like everybody is. It’s a completely unique place in the world,” Balman said.

## FOURTH • FROM 1

with a pet parade and later in the evening a free Latin music concert featuring Frederico7 will conclude the festivities. “This will be a weekend filled with family, friends, and fun. Everything is shaping up to be a great weekend in Fort Davis,” commented Reagan Stone, Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce director.

On Tuesday, July 4, the 52nd Annual Kiwanis Fourth of July celebration begins at noon with a BBQ at the American Legion until 2:30 p.m. The Alpine Cowboys will be at home, hosting the Roswell Invaders at Kokernot Field, with a double header beginning at noon, and the second game to start at 4 p.m. The annual parade will begin its lineup at the corner of 5th and Sul Ross at 4:15 and will travel down 5th Street to Kokernot Park, where booths will open at 5 p.m. There will be a car show at Kokernot Park at 5:30 p.m., a hot dog eating contest at 7 p.m., the community band will play at 7:30 p.m., and at 9 p.m. there will be more music provided by Russ Money. After all this fun and excitement, there will be the always anticipated fireworks display at dark.

The annual Fourth of July parade in Terlingua will also be held on Tuesday, July 4. The parade line up begins at the old Study Butte store across from the Cottonwood Store at 5:30 p.m. and will finish at the Fire and EMS station. Following the parade, there will be hot dogs with all the fixings, live music, a 50-50 raffle, and other family fun. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three floats.

Marathon will have a Full Moon festival and chili cook-off held at the Marathon Motel on June 30-July 2. They will also have a dance and the proceeds benefit the

Marathon Volunteer Fire Department.

On Friday, July 7 the annual Post Park event takes place with games for the kids, volleyball, and food trucks during the day, followed by local music that begins at 5 p.m. and then Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band take the stage at 8 p.m. to end a week-long celebration of Independence Day. “This event, as always is B.Y.O.B., and while it is free of charge, donations are greatly appreciated,” concluded Kelly Springfield of the Friends of the Post group that is hosting this event.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ .8538 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ .18 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	.400	% increase	or		% (decrease)
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Total expenditures	.223	% increase	or		% (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
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**SADDLE PACK COMBINATION:**  
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Campus leaders at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton, Texas, who are listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" are pictured above. They are: seated, left to right: Miss Evelyn Griffin, Littlefield; Miss Beth Hutcherson, Timpson; Miss Harriet Moody, Galveston; Miss Nancy Salisbury, Alpine and Mexico City, Mexico; Miss Maudie Leddon, San Antonio, and Miss Bess Hieronymus, Temple. Standing, left to right: Miss Lillian Marie Meyer, Hempstead, and Miss Mary Jo Smith, Goose Creek. Miss Salisbury is a graduate of Alpine high school, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Salisbury, for a number of years residents of this city, now living in Mexico.

June 2, 1944

Miss Nancy Salisbury, a graduate of Alpine High School, made the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" list. Considered a campus leader, Miss Salisbury now attends Mary Harden-Baylor college in Belton, Texas.

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### BAYGENT COACHES

June 15, 1945

Residents and travelers can now take advantage of the new direct bus schedule. The Baygent Coaches Bus now carries passengers from Presidio, Marfa, and Alpine daily.

### Alpine Girl Winner In Recent Press Contest

(Sul Ross Skyline)

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's annual student publications and yearbook contest was held at Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, May, 1945.

Among entries submitted by the "Skyline" and the "Brand" there were two winners. Taking first place in the essay contest was Lois Burleson of Alpine who wrote "Education—The Cradle of Good Neighbors." This essay was one of the three entered in the Pan-American essay contest earlier in the year. The other winner was the 1943-44 copy of the "Brand" which placed second in Division III. Division III is the class into which yearbooks costing less than \$1500 for publication are placed.

June 15, 1945

Local Alpine girl and Sul Ross student, Lois Burleson, won a student publication state competition. Burleson won first place with her essay "Education-The Cradle of Good Neighbors." Sul Ross' yearbook, the "Brand", also placed at the competition, winning second place in Division III.

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# Post oaks abhor human invasion

Dear Neil: We have read your column for many years. Two years ago, we bought property near the Red River in southern Oklahoma. We love the oaks there, but we are concerned about some of them. We lost two large trees last year, and now some of the smaller ones near where the two trees were seem to be having problems. What could it be, and what should we do?

You have post oaks. I grew up among post oaks, so I am quite familiar with their quirks. They're handsome trees, but among oaks, they are notoriously challenging. That's why you'll never see them being sold in nurseries. They do not like human invasion of any kind. Those do not appear to be factors but keep that in mind on the rest of your property. Do as little to change their native habitat as you can. One thing that we have observed after the great drought of 2011 was that

**GARDENER'S MAILBAG**  
by neil sperry

post oaks were lost in great numbers to a fungus called Hypoxylon canker. The first symptom: the trees lost chunks of bark for no obvious reason. The evidence started to show up a couple of years later and the trees weakened fairly quickly. Again, I don't see that on these trees, but I felt like I ought to mention it after last summer's heat and drought. At this point I can't do much from photos. You need a certified arborist or forester on site to inspect your trees closely. The Oklahoma Extension office could refer

you to someone who is in that area. They could also instruct you on how to get samples collected and sent to the Plant Pathology lab at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. In Texas it's the Texas Plant Clinic at Texas A&M. They can culture samples to determine if a pathogen is involved. Post oaks "put" over things that wouldn't bother other trees. I hope someone can help you identify the cause.

Dear Neil: We have lived in our house for 2-1/2 years. Our hollies were probably planted a couple of years prior to when we moved in. One of them died suddenly 6 months ago and now another is in distress. What is causing it?

We don't want to lose any more. We don't think the winter is responsible.

I am a holly fanatic. I have perhaps 200 plants of some 35 varieties in our rural landscape, many of them that I've been growing for more than 40 years. I'm pretty familiar with hollies. This is not a problem that has been caused by insects or diseases. In fact, I've never seen any insect or disease do serious harm to any of my plants. They do get scale insects occasionally, but they

are mostly a nuisance and never a threat. In the past 10 months all of the losses of hollies that I have seen across Texas have been due to last summer's drought. I did several television reports on how they can reach the point of no return without much warning. The only symptom is that the leaves turn olive drab instead of lustrous dark green. Many people don't even notice it. However, I may just have insulted your intelligence with

that suggestion. I would also recommend thinking back to any types of weedkillers or weed-and-feed fertilizers that might have been applied near them. Or possibly a gas leak near the plants since they are adjacent to one another. But those are the only things I can think of.

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

- ACROSS**
- UH is TX Dennis Quaid's \_\_\_\_\_ mater
  - TX Jordan Spieth is on the PGA \_\_\_\_\_
  - out on the Gulf \_\_\_\_\_
  - mailed a letter \_\_\_\_\_
  - network of old soap opera "Dallas" \_\_\_\_\_
  - gun rights grp. \_\_\_\_\_
  - TXism: "drawing \_\_\_\_\_ on it"
  - "Texas" is an \_\_\_\_\_ drama in Palo Duro Canyon
  - whooping \_\_\_\_\_ migrate to Texas in November
  - church tower, spire \_\_\_\_\_
  - TXism: "gone \_\_\_\_\_" (deteriorated)
  - 1952 "Viva \_\_\_\_\_!" was filmed in Texas
  - rod and \_\_\_\_\_
  - NPR FM station in Commerce \_\_\_\_\_
  - wheeler-dealer \_\_\_\_\_
  - TX Charley's "All \_\_\_\_\_ to Offer You"
  - late Texas "Lemon Tree" singer, Lopez \_\_\_\_\_
  - TXism: "nervous as \_\_\_\_\_"
  - cat in a room full of rocking chairs" \_\_\_\_\_
  - TX Roy Orbison group: "\_\_\_\_\_ Wilburys"
  - apple drink, e.g. \_\_\_\_\_
  - old AstroWorld ride: "Batman \_\_\_\_\_"
  - airplane garage \_\_\_\_\_
  - state to the NE \_\_\_\_\_

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- tributary of the Frio, a tributary of the Nueces (2 wds.)
- "it's not whether you win or \_\_\_\_\_ how you play the game"
- in Cooke County on U.S. 82 \_\_\_\_\_
- "I smell \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism for "no"
- Coleman was founded on one (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- late TX Kenny Rogers sang "You \_\_\_\_\_ So Beautiful"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ your age"
- TXism: "I'm so \_\_\_\_\_"
- Midland news/talk AM \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "a day late \_\_\_\_\_ dollar short"
- horse morsel \_\_\_\_\_
- Lone \_\_\_\_\_ State
- Sam Houston's 2nd wife, Rogers \_\_\_\_\_
- stat for a Ranger or Astro hitter \_\_\_\_\_
- this Desmond represented the Rangers at the 2016 All-Star Game \_\_\_\_\_
- dir. from Grapeland to Nacogdoches \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ up a little" (relax)
- Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Park, Texas
- this TX Winters was drafted by the 49ers in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_
- TX actress, Duncan (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- hero general in Texas, Zachary (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Garfunkel of "Catch-22" with TX Paula Prentiss \_\_\_\_\_
- Texas actors want to land a \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ road (unpaved)
- in Shelby County on U.S. 59, 84, 96 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bissinger wrote "Friday Night Lights"
- TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_\_\_ the bit" (eager)
- military health agcy. \_\_\_\_\_
- Lou Gehrig's disease (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ his upper lip" (weak)
- how Bowie crossed Alamo line (3 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- actress, TX Darnell Buchanan of 1941 film "Texas" \_\_\_\_\_
- drug trafficking agcy. \_\_\_\_\_
- a boot wale \_\_\_\_\_
- TX-born Dale Evans cowboy hubby (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- "were" in Spanish \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ grip like a snappin' turtle" the \_\_\_\_\_-banded armadillo is the state mammal of Texas

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# Sports

## Cowboys sweep Wind, drop series in Tucson

BY ETHAN EIBE  
Contributor

### Sports Schedule

**06 ALPINE COWBOYS BASEBALL**  
 June 22 @ Roswell Invaders 7 p.m.  
 June 23 @ Roswell Invaders 7 p.m.  
 June 24 @ Roswell Invaders 7 p.m.  
 June 25 @ Roswell Invaders 7 p.m.  
 June 26 @ Roswell Invaders 7 p.m.  
 June 27 vs Austin Weirdos 7 p.m.  
 June 28 vs Austin Weirdos 7 p.m.  
 June 29 vs Trinidad Triggers 7 p.m.  
 June 30 vs Trinidad Triggers 7 p.m.

Playing their first home series since the passing of pitcher Jared Strait, the Alpine 06 Cowboys swept the Garden City Wind at Kokernot Field June 12-14. Alpine trailed early in each game but managed to complete the comeback through clutch hits and capitalizing on Garden City's mistakes.

The series opener featured seven Cowboys with multi-hit performances, including three-hit nights for shortstop Manny Garcia and catcher Jake Sisto as well as a four-hit effort by center fielder Andrew Capone. Capone provided the game-winning hit with a two-run double in the seventh inning. First baseman Josh Rego and catcher Kam Holland provided the spark in game two, with Rego

delivering three hits and Holland crushing his first home run of the season to spark Alpine's comeback from behind 8-4 victory.

Alpine's third and final comeback was a 10-8 victory to complete the sweep last Wednesday. After being down 7-0, the Cowboys scored six times across the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to draw the Garden City lead to one. They took the lead thanks to a four-run eighth inning. The bullpen shined the brightest for the Cowboys in this

series; Alpine's relievers allowed just one run over 11.1 innings of work.

The Cowboys' toughest test of the season awaited them at Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium in Tucson, Arizona. Alpine stole the final game of the three-game set to avoid a sweep at the hands of the Tucson Saguaros.

Tucson starting pitcher Ethan Pritchett held the Cowboys' bats in check during the series opener Thursday. He allowed just three runs in an 8-4 Saguaros win. The Cowboys allowed the Saguaros to take an early lead in game two Friday with left-hander starter Brayde Hirai making his Alpine pitching debut.

Unfortunately for the Cowboys, their defense did not do them any favors and allowed Tucson to take a lead they never relinquished. Alpine put up three runs in the

seventh inning to close the gap, but in the end, dropped the middle game 6-5.

Saturday's finale was a turning point for the Cowboys, who outlasted the Saguaros 13-12 in a four-hour thriller. The back-and-forth slugfest featured a three-run homer from Alpine third baseman James Prockish in the first inning to begin the scoring. The Cowboys plated five in the third frame to take a 10-6 lead.

A trio of Tucson home runs, including a pair from shortstop Madison Santos, kept the Saguaros in the game. Up by one run in the ninth inning, Alpine closer Bryson Spagnuolo loaded the bases with one out before striking out back-to-back batters to end the game and secure the save.

The Cowboys host the Tucson Saguaros at



Cowboys right fielder Drew Bayard throws a ball back to the infield during the Alpine Cowboys game against the Garden City Wind at Kokernot Field June 12.

Photo by Julie Meyers

Kokernot Field June 19-21 and then travel to Roswell, New Mexico, to face the Invaders for five games at Joe Bauman Stadium June 22-26.

## Alpine ISD cheerleaders conquer cheer camp

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Alpine High School and Alpine Middle School cheerleading squads participated at the NCA Summer Cheer Camp in Lubbock last week.

The middle school squad received one spirit stick, a technical excellence award in motions, excellent ribbons

for game day cheer and chant, a superior ribbon for band chant, an NCA National Championship bid, NFHS squad credentialing, an overall spirit award, and top team honors for a large junior high squad game day cheer.

All-American nominations were given to Kacy Hawkins and Marisol Jimenez.

The high school squad

was the recipient of four spirit sticks, an excellence ribbon for game day cheer, superior ribbons in chant and band chant, an NCA High School Nationals bid, NFHS squad credentialing, and an overall spirit award.

All-American nominations were given to Masiela Miranda, Sierra Maxwell-Valenzuela, Kendall Emerson, Mia Nunez, Alyssa Duenez, Molly Garrett, Gabby Dominguez, Abby Bruttomesso, Ailea Fierro, and Zevri Llanez.



Alpine ISD middle school and high school cheerleading squads

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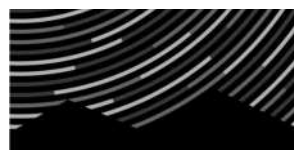
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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Elijah Villanueva

**In what activities did you participate in high school?**

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**What was your favorite moment the last**



**Elijah Villanueva**  
four years?

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**What are your plans after high school?**

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BY CLARK NUSSBAUM  
First Assembly of God

I am amazed, when visiting with people about attending a service that tell me they are a Christian and yet have neither a desire to attend nor a commitment to a body of believers. I have wondered how their belief system can be so contrary to the Bible's teachings and the examples of individuals mentioned in the Bible. If we are true believers, then we are part of the body of Christ with gifts to be used to help one another. When we separate from the body of Christ, we miss out and we are not contributing our gift to the congregation. If you are willing to submit, surrender and yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he will show you which congregation you should be with.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." First of all, this scripture gives a clear directive that believers should be meeting

together. By meeting together, comes a positive result of encouragement and accountability. Nature has always shown us that there is safety in numbers. When we stay within in the group, there is an element of protection from the predator's attack. It is the isolated one that makes them self vulnerable to ultimate destruction.

In Psalms 12:1, David declares how glad he was when it was suggested that he and others go to the house of the Lord. Because of this attitude, David was attributed as "a man after God's heart". In Luke 4:16, Luke tells us that on the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue or meeting place as was his custom. I find it very interesting that Luke wanted us to know that Jesus attended service regularly. If the Son of God found assembling important, how can any true believer in Christ not want to be with other true believers? The Bible mentions assembling of followers of God throughout the Old and New Testaments. To me, getting together with believers either in my congregation or in another service is like a family gathering. We share a common bond, and we are connected to each other because of our relationship in Jesus Christ. So, get back to congregating and be an active part of the family of God!

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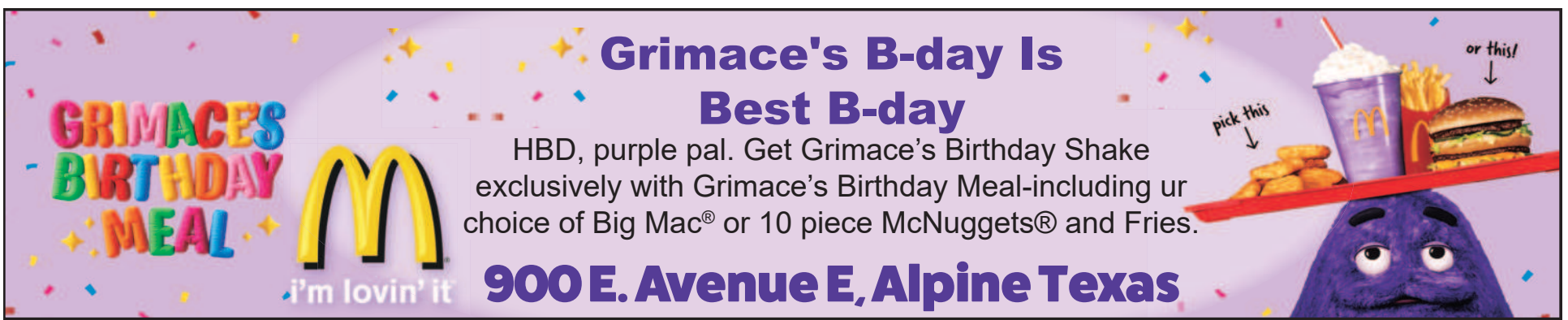
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# By grill or by stove

*Roasted veggies enhance the taste of any dish*

It's grilling season, and whether you choose to do your cooking on the patio or on the stove, the addition of roasted veggies makes a difference in taste to whatever you're creating.

With the temperatures rising near or beyond the century mark this summer, taking your cooking outside is sometimes the best way to go. Using your stove, and especially if you need your oven heats up the house and makes the already stressed air conditioning



**HEAD OVER MEALS**

by kara gerbert

work that much harder. Plus, there's just something different about food made outdoors. I'm sure many of you



**Corn Salsa**

*Courtesy Photo*

have had roasted corn on the cob at one time or another. And if not, you should get on that. Roasting corn just brings out the flavor and sweetness of this summer vegetable so much more than other methods of cooking. The same goes for roasting peppers. They are so much more flavorful if they're roasted. Which is the key to making corn salsa extra delicious.

This salsa recipe is simple and sinful and makes a great appetizer

for your summertime meals or just as a snack.

Adding the roasted poblano will give this salsa an earthy hint in flavor, while the jalapeno or Fresno chile will bring in the heat. Add in the onion, the sweetness of the tomato, and the pungency of the cilantro and the salsa speaks for itself. But don't take my word for it. Trek on down to your local grocery or farmer's market and pick up the fixins for this summery salsa treat.

## Corn Salsa

**Ingredients:**

- 2 medium sized ears of corn
- 1 medium poblano chile
- 1 medium jalapeno or Fresno chile
- ½ a small red onion
- ½ a teaspoon of Kosher salt, plus more
- 1 large tomato
- ¼ bunch of cilantro
- 1 lime
- Tortilla chips for serving

**Directions:**

- Remove the husks and silk from the corn.
- Place the corn and the poblano chile in a dry, medium sized, cast-iron skillet on high heat.
- Roast the corn and the poblano, turning occasionally until charred for 10-15 minutes. You may also use the grill for roasting the corn and the poblano.
- Transfer the corn and the poblano to a cutting board and allow to cool slightly.

- Shave the kernels of corn off the cobs and transfer to a medium sized bowl and discard the cobs.
- Remove the stem of the poblano and then slice to open like a book. Remove the seeds and veins. Turn the poblano over and with the dull side of a knife, scrape off the charred skin and discard. Coarsely chop the poblano.
- With a wooden spoon or potato masher, mash the corn to release the starches and juic-

- es. This will help to thicken the salsa a little bit.
- Add the chopped poblano.
- Remove the stem, veins and seeds from the jalapeno or Fresno chile and finely chop, adding to the corn mixture.
- Add the ½ teaspoon of salt and stir to mix.
- Core the tomato, removing all of the seeds and watery parts on the inside. Finely chop and gently fold into the corn mixture.
- Remove the leaves from the

- ¼ bunch of cilantro and add to the corn mixture. Finely chop the cilantro stems and add to the bowl. Mix everything together well.
- Cut the lime in half and juice into a small bowl.
- Measure two tablespoons of the lime juice and add to the salsa mixture and stir well.
- Taste and season with more salt if needed and mix well again to combine.
- Serve with tortilla chips. Makes about 2 cups.

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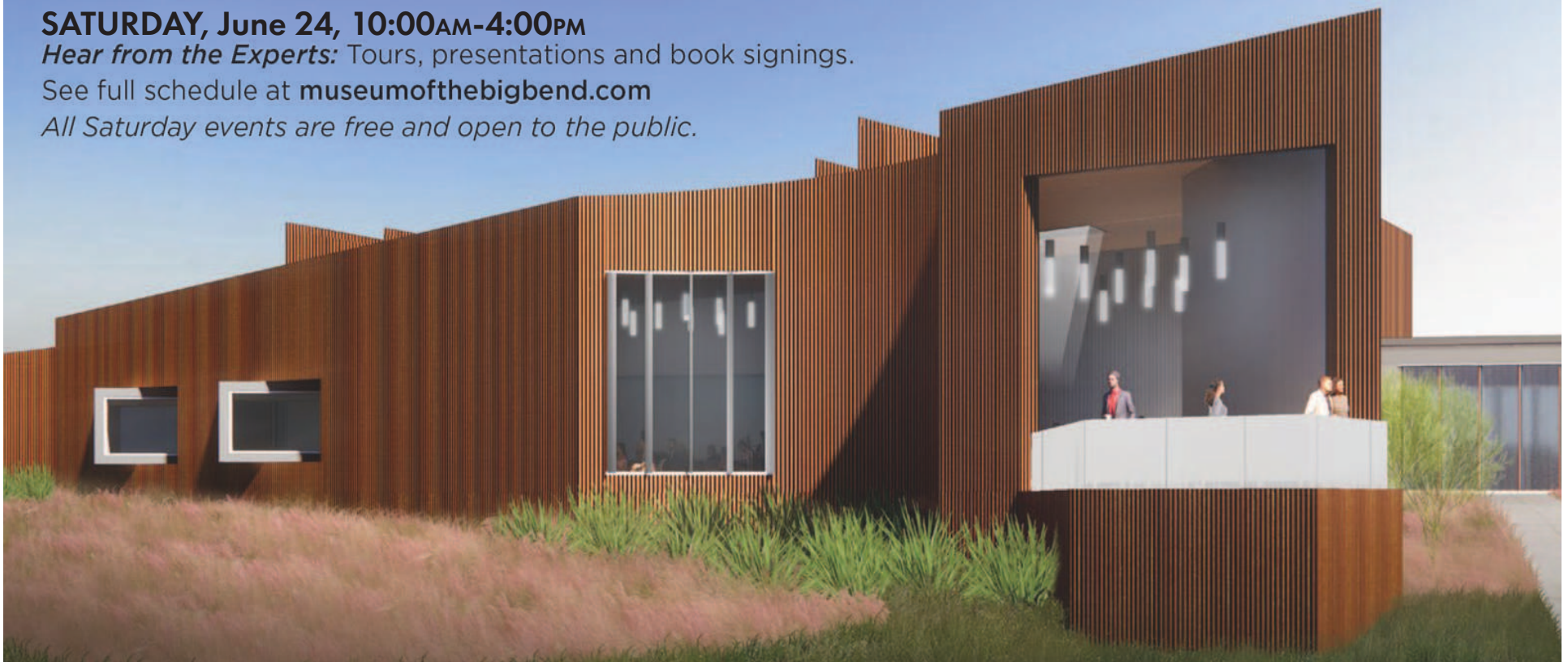
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