

## Court recognizes Sunshine House

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The Brewster County Commissioner's Court held its regularly scheduled meeting July 7, at 9:30 a.m.

In this Tuesday meeting, several notable items were discussed, such as future budget items coming up for update and renewal, the Sunshine House shared the efforts they've made in the community, and the possible historical preservation and care-taking of the courthouse lawn was discussed.

Sunshine House executive director, Kerie van Zeyst, spoke to the court about the effect the outreach efforts have had in the community.

The most recognizable service the Sunshine House provides would be the Meals on Wheels initiative, where they prepare and deliver food to members of the community in need.

"We do about 250 meals

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## A student's mentor gives impetus to the creation of BRI

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

This year, the Borderlands Research Institute, located at Sul Ross State University, culminates its 15-year anniversary of conservation biology and land stewardship in the Trans-Pecos and Chihuahuan desert region of West Texas and northern Mexico, as well as areas in the Texas panhandle, New Mexico, and southeast Arizona.

Dr. Louis A. Harveson, professor of wildlife biology, and

founder and director of BRI, holds the Dan Allen Hughes, Jr. Endowment of Directorship and is the Provost of Research and Development at Sul Ross.

Harveson, a PhD. Graduate of the partnership between Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Texas A&M University, spent his graduate years working and studying under the notorious Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute in Kingsville.



Pronghorn, once 17,000 plus strong in West Texas, began a significant decline about 15 years ago, due to an abundance of blood parasites and drought. Their numbers are slowly increasing once again.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

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## Grilling for Legends



Daniel Holguin mans the grill, while Butch Holley, Tony Molinar, and Jesse Hernandez assist at this past weekend's Legend's Golf Tournament held at Alpine Country Club.

Courtesy photo

## No paving for city streets in the next year

BY JOH COVINGTON  
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The Alpine City Council held a special meeting July 11, to make up for the July 4th holiday break last week. The reports on the agenda were given by Mayor Catherine Eaves and City Manager Megan Antrim.

Eaves shared that there are two positions available on two of the city's boards, one on the Animal Advisory Board and one on the Parks and Recreation Board. "We are almost 100% filled with our boards, which hasn't happened for years and years from what I've observed," Eaves said. The mayor also posts informational videos, which can be found on the city website.

At the end of her six-minute limit, which is the new standard of allotted time given for reports, presentations, and dis-

cussions, Eaves invited Antrim to give the City Manager report. One of Antrim's main concerns lately has been the water demand placed on the city water systems, and whether or not those demands can be met, as well as exploring options to make sure that they can be.

Antrim has been consulting with engineers contracted with the city to move forward with the use of the Daugherty well, to study the Lewis test well, and the possible renewal of the well project known as the "tying of the two sides" which would connect the Sunny Glen wells and the Musquiz wells. This connection would be in an effort to aid parts of the city that experience well issues, though the project was previously abandoned because of



Megan Antrim

ensuing line breakage.

There is also abandoned equipment from this project that has never been utilized and is nearly brand new. "If we can't re-engineer and tie the two sides, I want to pull that equipment and use it somewhere else, so that it's not just sitting there and going to waste," Antrim said.

There were two leaks this last weekend that were isolated and thus did not affect the city. Antrim noted that the Peirce tank can't currently hold water and that it was also something that needed to be investigated.

Also in the report, Antrim announced that the city will not be paving this year. "We will still be seal coating, so we will still be maintaining several of the city blocks. We just won't be having a third-party vendor

come in and pull up the actual road and put down new pavement," Antrim said.

Of note, Sylvia Borunda Firth, from the Bojorguez law firm was present for the meeting via zoom. The law firm is now serving the City of Alpine as the city's attorney, replacing Rod Ponton who resigned earlier this summer.

During the Public Hearings, the council heard from Brian Shugart of Ward 1, who is a strong supporter of the addition of four-way stop signs at multiple intersections along 8th Street and one on 7th Street. Regarding 8th and Sul Ross Avenue specifically, Shugart said, "Six years ago or so, my wife was t-boned there, fortunately she wasn't injured." Shugart said that there are many accidents

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## OBITUARIES

### Kristin Margaret (Carpenter) Garcia



Kristin M. Garcia, 67, died unexpectedly July 5, from secondary to complications of cancer. She was born October 5, 1956, in Enid, Oklahoma to Stephen Kirk Carpenter and Barbara Kristin (Bergstrom) Carpenter. She graduated from Berea High School, Class of 73. She attend-

ed college at Kent State University and Odessa College where she graduated with a degree in biomedical electronics. Following graduation

at one of her first jobs, she met her soulmate, Silbestre Garcia. They celebrated 42 years of marriage on July 3. After many years in Midland, where they raised their daughter, Santana, they retired to the mountains of Alpine. Kristin pursued her passions of cooking, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. She was a strong, smart, independ-

ent, kind, hard working woman who followed her dreams. She never met a stranger, was the best listener, an amazing hostess, and was always ready to help anyone anytime they needed it. She leaves a legacy of what it means to be a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, friend, and neighbor.

Kristin was predeceased by her parents,

Stephen and Barbara. She is survived by her husband Silbestre, her brothers, Steven Carpenter and Blaine McKelvey of Cleveland, Ohio, her daughter Santana, and her granddaughters Maple and Capri of Alpine.

A service of remembrance will be held Saturday, July 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 105 Wild Cherry Rd. Those who wish to remember Kristin in a special way may do so by remembering her as they knew her.

### Pamela Sue Salcido



Pamela Sue Salcido of Fort Davis entered her rest June 17. A graveside service for Pamela will be held Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m. at Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Fort Davis. All Services are under the direction of Davis Mountains Funeral

Hall -Mobile Mortician of Texas.

Her husband, Jimmy Salcido, wishes to express his sincere appreciation for all the prayers, visits, and many other acts of kindness shown during the time of her lengthy illness.

"Though her smile is gone forever and her hand I cannot touch I still have so many mem-

ories of the one I loved so much. Her memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has her in his keeping, I have her in my heart. Sadly missed, but never forgotten."

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

### Margaret Stella Smietana



Margaret Stella Smietana passed away quietly in her sleep on May 9. She was 86 and had lived in Alpine for the past 16 years.

Margaret was born on August 28, 1936, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Stella Culp. She married the late John J. Smietana on October 23, 1954, soon after high school. They raised three children together: John Jr., Marjorie Lynn, and Robert Charles Smietana.

Margaret was an expert in the preparation of upscale meals and baked goods. She was famous for a number of items, including her New York cherry cheesecake, traditional Polish meals, and a variety of Christmas treats, and sweets, among other things. She was an avid reader who delighted in passing on her enthusiasm for literature to her children, grandchildren, and friends. Gardening and crocheting were two of

her favorite hobbies that she pursued in her leisure time. Additionally, it was well known that she had a soft spot for animals.

Mother Stella, father Charles, and husband John were all deceased

before Margaret. Her surviving family members include her children John (Evelyn) of Alpine, Marjorie of Odessa, and Robert (the late Dyonne Talbott) of Escondido, CA; two granddaughters, Catherine and Laura (Earnest Jones) of New Braunfels; three great-grandchildren, Easton, Ellis, and Evander Jones; brother Charles (Geraldine) Culp of Churchville, PA; niece Denise Boyle of Churchville; nephew

Gregory (Christine) Culp of Myrtle Beach, SC; great-grand nieces Shannon, Cailin Boyle, and Jenna Culp; great-grandnephew Gregory Culp

On Friday, July 14, at 10 a.m., a memorial service will take place at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine, and burial will follow at Holy Angels Cemetery. Blue was Margaret's favorite color.

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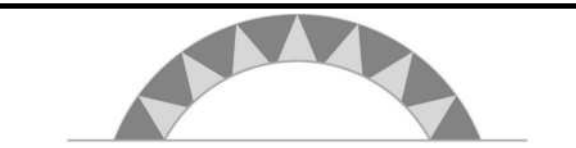
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# USDA extends deadline for revenue loss applications

BY KARA GERBERT  
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture is extending the deadline for their Emergency Relief Program, ERP, Phase Two and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program, PARP.

Application deadlines for both programs have been extended to July 14.

The original deadline was set for July 2, but this 12-day extension allows producers a bit more time to apply for assistance.

In addition to this extended deadline, the USDA's Farm Service Agency, FSA, will partner with nine separate organizations to provide educational as well as technical assistance to ag producers. The FSA will also provide assistance in completing the ERP Phase Two application. The extension of the deadline also gives

the partner organizations more time to work with producers who may be applying for assistance.

Through cooperative agreements with the FSA, the nine organizations providing free assistance to producers across the U.S. and its territories are the Alabama State Association of Cooperatives, Farmers Legal Action Group, INC., Flower Hill Institute, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Inc., New South Institute, Renewing the Countryside II, Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA, Rural Coalition, and Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers CBO.

Depending upon location, these partners can provide assistance either by phone or through on-line meetings software such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

"Farm Service Agency recognizes that there is a

learning curve for producers applying for our new revenue-based programs. We want to make sure producers have the time they need to apply for assistance," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Partnering with these multiple organizations through cooperative agreements provides additional educational and technical assistance to producers who may need help with the ERP Phase Two application process. This deadline extension will give producers more time to locate and work with these organizations to complete their program application."

There is no charge for technical assistance provided by FSA employees or cooperative agreement recipients. These organizations will assist producers with the completion of the applications and any follow-up future

insurance coverage requirements. Producers who receive ERP payments are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, NAP, coverage for the next two available crop years. These organizations will not collect producer records, complete, or sign the application form, or act on the producer's behalf in any way through this process.

More information on FSA cooperative agreements and contact information for the nine organizations may be found by visiting [fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/cooperative-agreements/index](http://fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/cooperative-agreements/index).

For PARP application assistance, the USDA hosted a webinar that focused on completing the PARP application form on June 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST with members of the National Farm

Income Tax Extension Committee.

To be eligible for the ERP Phase Two, producers must have suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2020 or 2021 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event. Assistance will be primarily to producers of crops that were not covered by Federal Crop Insurance or NAP, since crops covered by both of these were included in the assistance under ERP Phase One.

Eligibility for PARP includes the producer having been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a 15% or greater decrease in allowable gross revenue

for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a baseline year.

Producers should contact their local FSA office to make an appointment to apply for ERP Phase Two and PARP assistance. Producers should also know that July 15 is a major deadline to complete acreage reports for most crops. The FSA encourages producers to complete applications for both the ERP Phase Two, PARP, and their acreage reporting during the same office visit. For more information contact your local USDA Service Center. For Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio counties, call the FSA at 432-837-2325, and for Pecos and Terrell Counties, call 432-336-5206.

## Dancing with Big Bend's Stars fundraiser a success

BY KARA GERBERT  
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This past Saturday, the Alpine Public Library's fundraising event, Dancing with Big Bend's Stars was a success. Seven teams competed in the event held at the Granada Theatre on June 8.

Among the teams that competed in the fundraiser were Las Adelitas, Zumba of Alpine Public Library, Nora Hubbard and Matheo Karleen, Kiwanis Low Steppers, Greg and Valynda Henington, Rubbie Ortiz Dominguez, and the City of Alpine.

Members of the Las Adelitas team were Eva



Brewster County Judge Greg Henington and his wife Valynda were one of seven teams who participated in the Alpine Public Library's fundraising event this past Saturday night.

Olivas, Blanca Caughman, Ruth Macias, Carmen Dominguez, Juany Rodriguez, and Angel Silvas.

The Kiwanis Low Steppers team was made up of Jimmy Case, Marilyn Gruebel, and Ralph Gruebel.

After all expenses, the event brought in \$9,317.15 for the Alpine Public Library.

## Kiwanis Club Fourth of July

Shirley Biellier and her daughter Rhonda Cole dance outside the tent set up by Alpine's Kiwanis Club, during the 4th of July festivities held at Kokernot Park last Tuesday.

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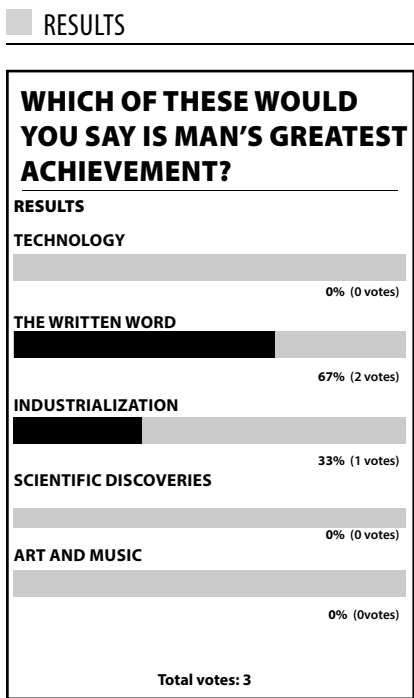
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## Climate change, desert dwellers, water conservation

With somewhat agitational words like “climate change” being thrown around these days, one may wonder what all that entails. People from all walks of life and political leanings will have an opinion on what they believe it means. Politicos would have us all believe that the increase in human population and greenhouse gases are the only culprits and that fossil fueled vehicles are evil and the biggest cause.



KARA GERBERT  
Managing editor

While I'll not argue that with the onset of industrialization at the turn of the 20th century, and the exponential increase in humans and fossil fueled transit and transport have added to the problem, the truth as I see it is that the earth has experienced heating and cooling periods from its beginnings. With the use of “dead dinosaurs” to power our planes, trains, and automobiles, are we any more of a problem than said dinosaurs themselves? Perhaps, but let's face it, like cows who have most

recently become “public methane enemy number one,” dinosaurs themselves had to contribute to the methane and CO2 in the atmosphere also. Not to mention the geological unrest with volcanoes that were arguably much more active than those today. So, as the earth has heated and cooled repeatedly, and inland seas have dried up, several areas across the globe, such as Big Bend, have become desert climates. The Chihuahuan Desert that we are a part of here in the Big Bend region is short on rainfall and heavy on sun. Weather patterns like El Nino and La Nina can affect how much moisture the area receives in any given year. Drought is not uncommon in the desert, and thus as modern human consumers we all should be cognizant of our water usage. Modern day man is used to instant gratification and amenities that our ancestors didn't take for granted. The Baby Boomer genera-

tion's parents, Generation X's grandparents, suffered through the Great Depression. Their generation scrimped and saved and sacrificed. There was little to no rain and very little food, and the economy was in the toilet. To say they struggled is an understatement. But as inhabitants of this desert, we call home, we should take note of their struggles, especially in regard to our water. Water is a precious commodity across the globe, despite the earth being covered in 71% of it. Only 3.5% of all the earth's water is fresh water. That's not much when you consider there are almost 8 billion people on the planet, not to mention wildlife, domestic animals, and all the processes required to produce goods and services that utilize water. In an attempt to conserve such a precious resource, many people have turned to water catchments and xeriscaping in the Big Bend area. I can attest to the fact that the only plants watered in my yard are my pecan trees; two of which were planted by my grandparents. The largest, whose girth is larg-

er than a man's reach, has been there longer than my 103-year-old house. Since affording a complete xeriscape yard is out of my budget, along with the water catchment accessories, the next best thing is allowing the yard to go back to native plant life. While some of this occurs in the form of unsavory weeds, slowly, native grasses and wildflowers are beginning to take hold. Such native vegetation is relatively drought tolerant, and certainly desert hardy. There are several prickly pear cacti as well as cholla and mesquite, and even a couple juniper trees. The water they receive comes directly from the sky, and not from the City of Alpine's collected supply, even though their wells rely on rain to recharge the aquifer. Emerald-green yards are beautiful but costly, and in a desert, drought susceptible climate, I feel the need to conserve. With city wells and water infrastructure struggling, water conservation in all forms is the best way those of us who live here in the Big Bend can ensure that we have an adequate supply in years to come.

## This car tag discussion has me thinking

*“If an expired license plate means another decoration for your living room wall ... you might be a redneck.”*  
— Jeff Foxworthy

“I'm going to the courthouse to get new tags for the car,” I remember my grandfather saying as he tapped his pipe on the ashtray to empty the remains of Prince Albert tobacco. “You want to go with me.” That was a no-brainer. It meant he would let me drive as soon as we got out of sight of the house. I was still a couple of years short of the required license age of 14. But my grandfather saw no harm in teaching a youngster how to drive with behind-the-wheel instruction on the way to the hardware store, the gas station, or the courthouse. My grandmother, on the other hand, was adamantly opposed. “Take him out to the pasture where I learned how to drive,” she reprimanded him. I loved my grandmother, but that declaration always puzzled me. They lived in town. There was no pasture. My grandmother was also a wise woman. So maybe there was a message in there somewhere. Going to the courthouse to get new tags, as license plates used to be characterized, was once a springtime ritual in Texas when every car and truck license expired on the same date. Lines were long at the license office on that last day. Like many back then, my grandfather hung expired tags on the wall of his garage. I

don't have expired plates on my living room wall ... yet. But I do have a wall of them in my garage. A 40-year collection spanning a brand new, still with a paper divider, set of 1929 plates up into the '70s. About the time my interest in cars and plates begins to wane. A look at the history of the often-ignored license plate is intriguing. Texas first required registering motor vehicles in 1907. Car owners made their own license plates in the beginning, most often by attaching metal numbers to a piece of wood using a “serial number” assigned to them by the county. That remained the norm until 1917, when the state began issuing metal license plates. Like cars of the era, license tags came primarily in black. Random years saw some orange plates before the state began alternating the two colors every year. Made it really easy to spot anyone driving with expired tags. In 1957, the alternating colors were changed to white with black letters and black with white letters. That was the style in the early 1960s when I began driving. “How do I get plates like those black and white ones,” I asked while in the courthouse a few weeks ago to renew the registration on my Tahoe. I noticed the new black plates with white letters when they were offered as personalized, or “vanity” plates a few years ago. They reminded me of the



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Guest Columnist

1968 black plate with white letter design I attached to my burgundy 1965 Chevelle Malibu SS that year. Those of us harboring an appreciation for old cars also appreciate old license plates. We also remember heartwarming moments like that. I bought my first vanity plates in the 1970s, soon after Texas began offering them. Mine read “CAMEO.” Looked great on the first vehicle restoration I attempted, a 1956 Chevrolet Cameo Carrier pickup. Regular issue plates in the '70s were white with letters of black, green, or red until 1999. That's when arguably the ugliest license plates any state ever conceived was adopted. Supposedly symbolizing all things Texas with a space shuttle, cactus, a cowboy, and I forget what else, was incorporated into the design. Thankfully, in 2012, the issue of white with black letters replaced them. And they remain as the standard. Probably will be for a while, as the Department of Motor Vehicles reported recently, they have no plans to change the design anytime soon. Contemplating plates also reminded me that misuse of tags can come with consequences. A long-ago moment of temporary insanity when learning to make license plates

in a state prison loomed large. That was the summer between college semesters spent working in my uncle's body shop in California. Amazing as it may seem, money intended for college funds found its way into purchasing a Southern California hot rod Ford Model A with a hopped-up DeSoto Hemi motor. I thought it was college related. Besides books and other college stuff, a guy also needed a cool car. Needing to drive the yet unregistered car to the shop for a paint job one night, borrowing the front plate off my friend's '57 Chevy seemed a reasonable solution. MPHS classmate Ronnie Lilly had made the summer trek out west with me. My plan began to unravel when one of Canoga Park, California's finest decided he needed a closer inspection. He was about to buy my story about driving the car from Texas until Ronnie passed us and pulled over to see what was happening. The look on the officer's face when he discovered Ronnie's car had a matching plate to the one on my hot rod said it all. Fortunately, he gave me an A for effort. That and an expensive ticket. So, now this has me thinking. Some of my unique old Texas plates could look pretty good on my living room wall. I believe the feng shui will work if I hang them with the 1950 Studebaker grille near the gasoline station sign.

# Heard on the STREET

What is something that you hate doing, but do anyway because it's good for you?



**Elizabeth Beam:** I hate eating veggies but do three times a day because I know it's good for me!



**Adam Brant:** Exercise. I dislike the pain... but appreciate the gain.



**David DeLao:** I don't like doing work that isn't acting related. But it pays the bills and makes me appreciate my times on set more.



**Caroline Luna:** I hate letting go of physical reminders of lost loved ones. The items feel so connected to the people, but the clutter they create is overwhelming! You can't live life surrounded by the past, you have to let go of these things and trust that memories will live on in your heart and mind, but I hate doing it!



**Mellissa Murphy:** One thing I hate doing is brushing my teeth. It's like one of my least favorite things, but I do it because I don't want to have homeless man teeth and don't want to scare other humans away with dragon breath.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 and visit the circulation desk for more information.

**July 7-23 Theatre of the Big Bend,** 8 p.m. "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" to be performed each night.

**July 13 Holy Angels Cemetery Association,** meets at 5:30 p.m. Chapparral Building 1009 E.



Gallego. Contact Susie Gonzales at 432-244-9805 for more information.

**July 17-20 Summer Bible Camp,** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church for grades pre-k through 6. A pool

party will follow from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Alpine city pool on Thursday, July 20. Registration will be at the OLP office.

**July 22 Sul Ross Exes Reunion Roping,** 9 a.m. at the SALE Arena. For more information contact Beto Hinojosa at 361-271-8418 or go to [www.sulrosssexes.com](http://www.sulrosssexes.com).

## 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.

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## City Drug mural

Monty Welt creates another mural to enhance downtown Alpine. This mural is located on the back of City Drug.

Photo by J.T. Maroney



## PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Rex. Hello, I'm Rex. I have a whole heap of get-up-and-go and I'm not short on affection either. Don't be intimidated by my bark I know it's quite loud but it's just to make sure that you will be looking my way. Runs or walks...well who am I kidding? It's going to be a run. I love, love, love it all. I also enjoy a good tub of water on a nice hot summer day. So, let's go and adventure and hike with stops by the river for a dip.



Donors can also pay toward our account at any area veterinary clinic using cash, check, or credit card. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our community's pets!

Pet of the Week promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 N. 5th Street in Alpine, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Pet Pantry is located at 600 N. 5th Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit [PetFinder.com](http://PetFinder.com) or [www.alpinehumanesociety.org](http://www.alpinehumanesociety.org), and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

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400# - 500# Heifers	258.00 to 277.00
500# - 600# Steers	272.00 to 282.00
500# - 600# Heifers	237.00 to 258.00
600# - 700# Steers	240.00 to 272.00
600# - 700# Heifers	210.00 to 237.00
700# - 800# Steers	229.00 to 240.00
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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 TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 REGARDING THE 2024-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 18, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

A COPY OF THE DRAFT PLAN IS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY BY EMAILING [CITY.SECRETARY@CITYOFALPINE.COM](mailto:CITY.SECRETARY@CITYOFALPINE.COM) OR BY REQUESTING A COPY IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.

BRI • FROM 1

During this time, he became acquainted with his mentor, and then director of the CKWRI, Dr. Fred Bryant.

Dr. Harveson began his teaching career at Sul Ross in 1998, and after having spent several years teaching and working in the area, he broached the idea of a program similar to the Kleberg program at Sul Ross. After an initial “the time isn’t right” response from those he spoke with in Kingsville, eventually he would have the opportunity to present the idea to former Sul Ross president Dr. Vick Morgan along with the help of his mentor Dr. Bryant.

The proposal was good enough for Dr. Morgan to approve, and in 2007, their initial year began with a budget of \$3,000. This small beginning has

grown into the success that BRI is today.

“Our goal with BRI is to build a brand. We live in a special area, with a delicate balance in the environment and the wildlife that inhabit it. Beyond the education and the university, we want to share the information we gather and learn through scientific discovery as well as teach landowners how best to utilize the information in a practical manner,” said Harveson.

With humble beginnings, starting with only Harveson himself and Dr. Bonnie Warnock, BRI has expanded to include four endowed positions in the College of Agriculture, 15 to 20 graduate students funded through grants and soft money, five faculty members, and 10 staff members.

Once BRI began rolling, their projects were based on single species in two-year intervals. Gradually these increased to include multiple species and have become 10 plus year projects. Along with the increase in species and time, new technology such as satellite tracking collars have been implemented which allows researchers to grow these projects both spatially and temporally, so the data gathered allows landowners to manage these delicate habitats better.

The institute is also fortunate in that they have partnered with different state and federal wildlife organizations with the same goals for habitat and wildlife conservation. Organizations such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, the National Park Service, and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife are just a few of the organizations BRI has formed partnerships in research with. Their largest, and most important partner however are the landowners. Because Texas is over 93% privately owned, partnerships and good relations with the landowners are the only real way BRI can fulfill its mission.

“BRI has been very fortunate to have many area landowners become partners in conservation with us. We have also had the unique opportunity to get our message out through media such as the press, but also visually through organizations and companies like National Geographic, the BBC television network, and Ben Masters’ Fin and Fur Films,” Harveson stated.

Moving forward into the future, BRI plans to concentrate on what Harveson calls landscape level impacts. Meaning they will be focusing on the effects that a proposed change on a landscape will impact all of the elements that make up that landscape, whether they are positive or negative, and then must adjust accordingly. “We will never be done learning how best to conserve and protect our landscape and how to work with our landowners to help them

to do the same as economically and realistically as possible. There will always be more to do as landowners may change hands, climate challenges in drought years as well as wet years affect flora and fauna, and technology advances. We take great pride in our relationships with our donors and our landowners as well as our ability to have a hands-on approach for our students to continue the mission of BRI,” Harveson concluded.

COURT • FROM 1

a day,” van Zeyst said, “Our mission is to provide quality nourishment and social enrichment.”

Van Zeyst read a letter to the court, addressed to the Sunshine House from a person who receives meals. The letter stated that client was so thankful for the service, in part because, sometimes the volunteers are the only people they see some days, and that their kindness makes a big difference.

She also shared an incident where a volunteer delivering food found a client dehydrated and alone. Once the volunteer helped the client receive medical treatment, it was revealed that this client would have most likely perished after only two more hours.

Commissioner Mo Morrow, Pct. 4, who has volunteered for Meals on Wheels before, said “They had to come looking for me because I was talking to everyone. It’s a very rewarding experience really.”

In appreciation of the Sunshine House’s service to the elderly community, County Judge Greg Henington, on behalf of the Commissioners Court, bestowed a placard to the representatives for the Sunshine House.

Before surprising the representatives with the

honor, Henington said to them, “You are here for many reasons, but one of the reasons we’re here is because we’ve conspired to present you with this plaque for your dedication and service.”

The members of the court were all invited to the Sunshine House for lunch sometime.

Next on the agenda, the court approved the use of funds to have mold growing in the county clerk’s office basement analyzed for removal.

A contract for a training and consulting service, proposed by Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 Scott Wassermann, for the training of a new pre-trial services clerk at the jail was approved.

The court also approved the transition of \$4,000 from the Alpine Fire Department into the newly developed Alpine Emergency Service Board, which oversees the fire department.

“It’s simply just moving it from one hand to the other,” Henington said.

In other news, the courthouse grounds will be receiving some attention in the future. Within the historical fund there are also some allocations available to get the grounds professionally surveyed, the trees to be attended to by arborists, and a possible future re-

landscaping with walking visitors in mind.

The court approved \$15,000 to begin with the survey, landscape design, and some money for the arborist to come in and clean up the tree’s dead limbs and general maintenance.

Judge Henington reviewed the action item to renew the annual PermaCare contract, which grants the county \$24,000 a year for mental health services.

“In return, we basically agree to have deputies that are trained in mental health,” said Henington, referring to the contract.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Stephanie Elmore, reported that there were luckily no incidents for the fire department during the July 4th celebrations and that her department is still pushing for the community emergency response training, known as CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team. CERT helps train volunteers in how to respond in disaster situations.

Elmore also shared the need to renew the current and ongoing burn ban, which has to be renewed regularly, as any burn ban has a time limit.

The court also approved a \$20,000 contract for the Brewster County Tourism’s representation at the

State Fair of Texas.

Finally, the road and bridge department and the sheriff’s office have items that were declared as salvage items for future auction.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 25, at 9:30 a.m.

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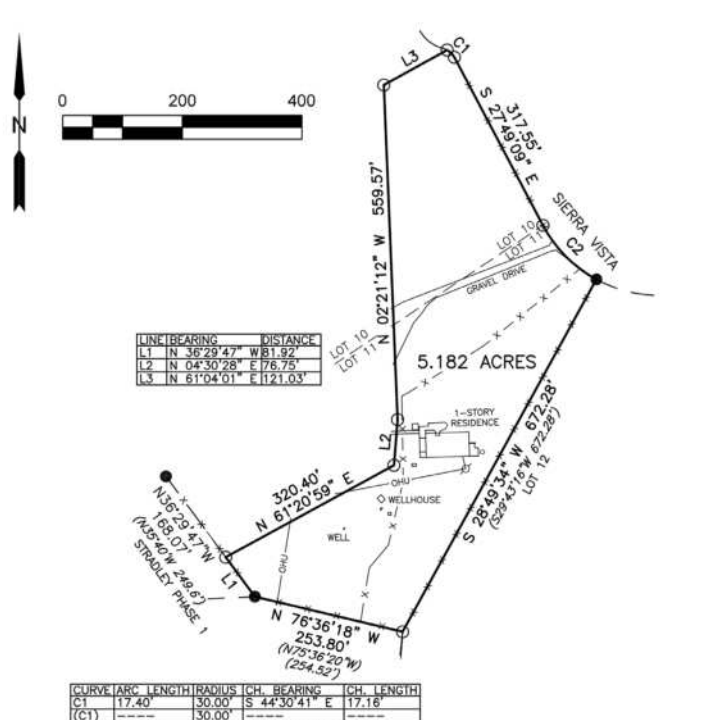
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July 31, 1953

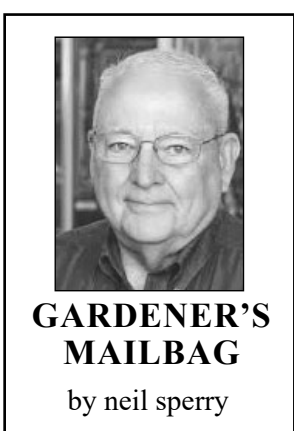
Watch 20th Century Fox's new picture "Taxi" from the comfort of your own vehicle. The Twin Peaks Theatre offers "bigger and better pictures in Alpine" from their outdoor drive-in theatre, where visitors can watch a good movie surrounded by fresh air and the beautiful scenery.

# Container bound bougainvilleas require relentless water in summer

Dear Neil: How can I get potted bougainvilleas to rebloom in the summer? I was advised to use a fertilizer that is high in phosphorus. I'm not sure it has helped.

That would be a logical suggestion, since phosphorus promotes roots, flowers and fruit. However, I'm not sure it's going to help your plant. We have to water container bougainvilleas relentlessly in the summer. That does flush nutrients out of the soil in short order. They need to be replenished, but I would suggest more of a complete-and-balanced, water-soluble food. However, go light on it, perhaps at half rate and frequency. Bougainvilleas flower best when they're rootbound and a little bit hungry.

I suspect bougainvilleas are also "short-day" plants like chrysanthemums. They need full, bright sun for 10 or 12 hours per day, but then they seem to flower most reliably when they get complete darkness for 12 or more hours at night. That's probably why they usually



bloom best in early spring and mid-fall.

Figuring out why a bougainvillea isn't blooming is almost the same as why a wisteria doesn't flower. Truth be known, it's probably a combination of several circumstances all blended together.

Dear Neil: I'm confused as to why my loquats in South Texas froze after last winter when they survived the cold of February 2021. I don't even know where to begin in asking my question. Do you have any input?

I saw this on several species of plants across Texas. One of the differences was that the freeze this past winter came early in the winter (the Christmas season). Plants had not quite acclimated to the upcoming cold yet. As a veteran nurseryman said to me after a damaging cold spell decades ago, "We got caught with our plants down." The more proper horticultural term would be that the plants were not suitably "hardened." I saw it on a lot of Asian jasmine beds, and varieties of crape myrtles that were not hurt in February

2021 were damaged quite badly in colder parts of North Texas, in 2022. The same thing happened to mondograss groundcover plantings in big parts of Texas. They were hurt this past De-

ember, but not in February 2021. Right or wrong, that would be my theory. I'll also add that it looks like your plants may have been growing in a great deal of shade. That would weaken them over an extended period of time. That could have contributed.

Dear Neil: Do you have any idea why the bark on my Japanese maple is disintegrating?

Rodents, probably rabbits. Maybe rats. Squirrels are also terrible about doing this. I've had more questions about this type of damage to Japa-

nese maples this spring and summer than in the past 30 years combined. It's typical for squirrels to peel bark off limbs high up in pecan trees, for example, as they sharpen their teeth. However, since this is so close to the ground, I'm pretty certain it's rabbits or rats. Hopefully it hasn't been lost all the way around the trunk. If that's the case, the phloem and cambium layers will have been pulled loose with the bark. The phloem is a cylindrical tissue that carries

manufactured sugars from the leaves down to the roots. The cambium is just inside the phloem. Its function is to create more phloem to its outside and xylem — the "wood" of a trunk — to the inside, so when the cambium is lost, a tree is in jeopardy. Time will tell. Good luck.

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

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**ACROSS**

- TX golfer Nelson book: "\_\_\_\_\_ Played the Game"
- longtime U.S. representative Teague
- TX-born Robin Wright's husband actor, Sean
- TXism: "too lazy \_\_\_\_\_ swat flies"
- Congress voted to admit Texas as a state in this mo.
- TXism: "give me some \_\_\_\_\_ room"
- TXism: "a sight for \_\_\_\_\_ eyes"
- he coached for the Longhorns, Oilers, & Cowboys (2 wds.)
- what TX "Spanky" wrote on the flying red horse atop Dallas' Magnolia Bldg. (2 wds.)
- Brady hosted the "\_\_\_\_\_ the Cactus Shoot"
- TXism: "mobile mouse \_\_\_\_\_" (cat)
- country ballad: "\_\_\_\_\_ on My Mind"
- a dazed state
- takes gas with a hose
- \_\_\_\_\_con (now free)
- TXism: "about as clear as Red \_\_\_\_\_" (confusing)
- TXism: "fast as \_\_\_\_\_ up a rafter"
- this Lupino was in 1972 film "Junior Bonner" with TX Joe Don Baker
- polite TX refusal to a woman (2 wds.)
- popular attractions at Six Flags? (2 wds.)
- "Friendship" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "scared the dickens out \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Perot's starting naval rank (abbr.)
- female sheep
- Alpine High School class gave a new "handle"?
- tossed or Caesar snake or scarf
- this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"
- TXism: "at the \_\_\_\_\_ of my rope"
- "The White \_\_\_\_\_" in Fort Worth
- TXism: "hasta \_\_\_\_\_ vista" (see ya later)
- init. of 1-across
- the San Antonio Trail (2 wds.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ to a frazzle" (tired)
- with "long," Houston dock worker
- TXism: "do I have to draw you \_\_\_\_\_?"
- counterterrorism "war" abb.
- the hens won't lay 'cause the dog "\_\_\_\_\_ up"
- historic area: "Coahuila \_\_\_\_\_" (or "Tejas")
- west Texas climate
- Sinatra in "Four for Texas" (init.)
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- Austin: "War is \_\_\_\_\_ only resource"
- whirls around
- Gov. "Ma" once opposed women's right \_\_\_\_\_
- chew
- popular cookie
- barn rodents
- TX Ella \_\_\_\_\_ Morse's "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- TXism: "neon light \_\_\_\_\_" (inspiration)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- is in debt
- defensible
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pa Kettle"
- actor Asner

**DOWN**

- "\_\_\_\_\_ to it!"
- Grand \_\_\_\_\_ Opry
- in Rannels County on U.S. 83
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- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_\_\_ a pinch"

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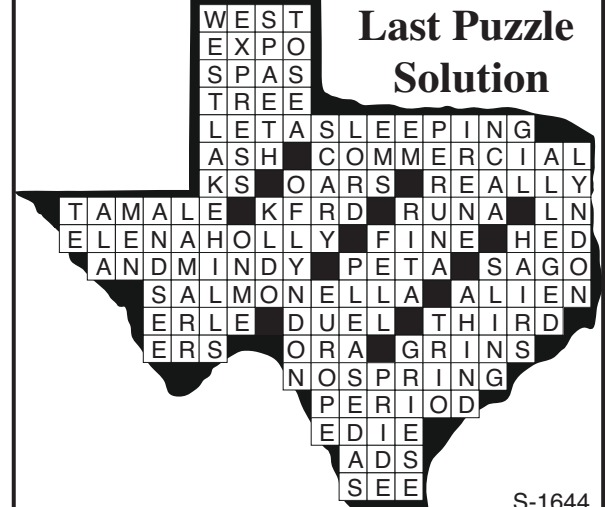
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# Sports

## Cowboys to host All-Star Game July 16

### Sports Schedule

**06 ALPINE COWBOYS BASEBALL**  
 July 13 @ Blackwell Flycatchers 6:30 p.m.  
 July 14 @ Blackwell Flycatchers 6:30 p.m.  
 July 15 @ Blackwell Flycatchers 6:30 p.m.  
 July 16 Mountain Division All-Stars 6 p.m.  
 July 17 vs Blackwell Flycatchers 7 p.m.  
 July 18 vs Blackwell Flycatchers 7 p.m.  
 July 19 vs Blackwell Flycatchers 7 p.m.

BY ETHAN EIBE  
 Contributor

The crown jewel event the Alpine Cowboys have chased for years is finally coming to Kokernot Field. On Sunday, July 16, representatives from all eight Pecos League Mountain Division teams will make the trek to West Texas for the league's annual All-Star Game.

The game is scheduled for 6 p.m., with a home run derby preceding the main event. Each year the Pecos League holds two All-Star Games, one for the eight franchises in the Pacific Division, located entirely in California, and another for the eight scattered across the Southwest.

This is the first time the Pecos League will hold the Mountain Division

Midsummer Classic in Alpine. However, this is not the first occurrence of a professional All-Star Game being played at Kokernot Field. The now-defunct Continental League held its event at Kokernot in 2010, back when the team went by the 'Big Bend Cowboys' moniker.

The Pecos League has used a variety of host sites since its inception in 2011. The first two games were held in Alamogordo, New Mexico, at the Jim R. Griggs Sports Complex, the former home of the extinct White Sands Pupfish. The Santa Fe Fuego's Fort Marcy Ballpark hosted from 2013-16 and again in 2021. The Garden City Wind hosted the game in Kansas in 2017 and most recently

in 2022, and the Trinidad Triggers brought the game to Colorado in 2018 and 2019.

Alpine's edition of the game will pit two former Cowboys players against each other as managers. Sean Persky, who has managed the Cowboys since 2019, will lead a squad consisting of players from the Cowboys, Wind, Tucson Saguaros and Blackwell Flycatchers. The opposing dugout will see a team helmed by Roswell Invaders player-manager Lance Myers, whose roster will include players from the Triggers, Fuego, Austin Weirdos and his fellow Invaders. Myers and Persky both started their Pecos League playing careers as Cowboys in 2017. Myers played under Persky's leadership



**Cowboys third baseman James Prockish bats during a game against the Tucson Saguaros at Kokernot Field June 21. Prockish earned his third consecutive Pecos League All-Star selection and fourth overall by hitting .396 with 4 home runs and 32 runs batted in through July 4.**

Photo by Julie Myers

during Alpine's 2019 championship season and has both played for and managed the Invaders since 2021.

The following Alpine Cowboys have been selected to Persky's ros-

ter: pitchers Matt Hess, Connor Kelly, Bryson Spagnuolo, infielders Alex Canty, Manny Garcia, James Prockish and Josh Rego, catcher Jake Sisto and outfielder Mark Traylor.

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## Battle for supremacy in Pecos League's Mountain Division

BY KARA GERBERT  
 Managing Editor

With three weeks left in the regular season before the opening of the playoffs in August, the hitters league is being helped along the way by strong pitching.

Trinidad's Alex Aleywine has helped the Tor-

nados' cause with multiple-hit games at the plate recently.

Less than two games separate the Mountain Division leaders Tucson from both Trinidad and the defending champion Roswell, with the division All-Star game set for this coming Sunday at Kokernot Field.

Tucson did hit a snag recently while on the road with a pair of losses to Garden City and then a double rain out for their stand against Blackwell.

Trinidad was able to move past defending champs Roswell, putting them in second place in the division standings by winning five of their last six

games, including a double-header sweep against Austin last Sunday, and Roswell helped their own cause with a 14-8 win on Sunday over Garden City.

The hometown Alpine Cowboys are sitting in fifth place in the division standings as of Tuesday, with 22 wins and 15 losses after 37 games. After

sweeping Santa Fe on the road, the Cowboys James Prockish made franchise history against the Fuegos last Friday, with 10 RBI among the 30 runs in their 30-10 victory over Santa Fe, with the most recorded RBI and Runs in a single game since the Cowboys joined the Pecos League in 2011.

## Tourney winners



Tulon Murphy and Noe Lujan placed 1st in the President's Flight at this past weekend's Legends Golf Tournament held at the Alpine Country Club.

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## Coollest 5k in Texas



Alpine's Hatfield Cason crosses the finish line on July 4 as the winner of the "Coollest 5k in Texas" held in Fort Davis.

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**ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Alpine ISD is accepting applications for workers for the new Alpine Child Development Center. Positions include Child Care Assistants and Child Care Leads, caring for children ages 6 weeks through 3 years of age. Provides competitive pay, availability of health insurance, reduced rate childcare for employee's children, family-friendly schedule, full-time or part-time hours available, and on-the-job training. Supportive work environment for someone who loves kids. Positions start in late July.

District auxiliary application may be picked up at 704 W. Sul Ross Avenue or may be accessed on-line at [www.alpine.esc18.net](http://www.alpine.esc18.net) under District/Employment. Return completed application to:

Chelsea Craddock, ACDC Director  
Alpine ISD  
704 W. Sul Ross  
Alpine, Texas 79830

Alpine ISD is an E.O.E. - questions concerning application procedure should be directed to (432) 837-7700. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.



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Alpine, TX 79830

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Interested candidates should email or fax resume to **(432)729-3071 Ext. 607** or **texashr@villagefarms.com**, applications are also available at Village Farms Security Stations 3 Miles N. Hwy 17 Marfa, TX or 3 Miles S. Hwy 17 FT. Davis, TX.

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**AVAILABLE POSITIONS**



**Administrative Assistant**

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**Engineering Support Specialist**

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**Experienced Accounting Assistant**

BBT is seeking a full-time experienced Accounting Assistant. The ideal candidate must be well organized, able to multi-task, work under deadlines, have excellent communication and analytical skills, General Ledger and Excel knowledge, as well as a minimum of 3 years of experience in Accounting. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license, have a good driving record and be insurable under the company's insurance policy. Applicant may be required to work overtime or on weekends and holidays as needed and may be required to attend out-of-town training and/or meetings requiring travel by car, bus, plane or other means of transportation and overnight stays. Hiring Bonus, Competitive Compensation and Benefits Package included. This company participates in E-Verify



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**Customer Operations & Sales Representative**

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**Email resume to: HR@bigbend.com**  
**OR Mail a current resume to BBT, Attn: HR**  
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