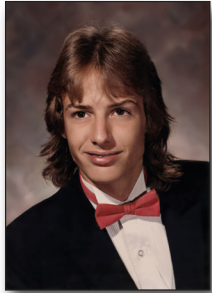




Name that Staff Member!

You just may hear this teacher singing Oliva Newton John's number one hit, "Let's Get Physical!" in the hallways and byways of AHS. The song came out in 1981, and he would have only been in the 6th grade, but by the looks of that hairdo during his senior year in 1986, you KNOW he must have been boogieing in his bellbottoms!!



Can you name this staff member?

Local Baker Creates
Delectable Delights

by Zaelynne Ruiz

Have you ever tried authentic baked goods in Alpine, or Brewster County for that matter?! The "WOW" factor is high for these deliciouso treats. Local talented baker Brianna Rios was self-taught when she started her baking journey back in 2010 experimenting in her little apartment kitchen. She was born and raised in Alpine but moved to San Antonio, Tx where she later Graduated From NorthWest Hills Christian Academy school in 1999. She then a few years down the road attended Kaplan College to get her medical billing Certificate. Although she went on to work in the medical field for several years, that just wasn't quite the road she dreamed of taking. Baking has always been a passion of hers. She started off by making cakes for family gatherings and such when she felt the need to enhance her selection of baked goods that were very popular in the big city of San Antonio for example sweet breads aka "Pan Dulces". It was then when she taught herself how to make Conchas, Empanadas filled with different fillings, Marranitos which have a great taste of molasses especially with coffee. These Mexican Pastries are such a delicious way to also celebrate our culture. The most requested pastries from Miss Brianna are her Conchas, Marranitos, Tres Leches, and as well as her chocolate dipped assortments of pretzel rods, rice krispies, marshmallows and of course Strawberries. Miss Rios is a very well known supporter with her baked goods especially for co mmunity fundraisers and more. She's always a call away and ready to bake her heart out to put smiles on anyone's faces and that sweet tooth fulfillment or antojo (craving)!! One Day she would like to create a Cake Shop/ panaderia Of her Very own to provide that Mexican taste of Authentic treats for the City of Alpine!! And As always just like her slogan says: "Baked con Corazon!!" (Baked with Love)

"He's the one"

Rollercoaster Love Story
Between Two AHS Staff Members
by Lillian Stewart



It's Valentine's day! The classic holiday of love. But Valentine's day isn't the same without a fun love story to go along. And who better to get a love story from, than our own AHS staff members, Mrs and Mr. Reyna? Mrs and Mr.Reyna have been married for 10 years, but their shocking love story lasts much longer than that.

Their story starts in their middle school years, at Muleshoe, Tx. Mrs.Reyna, known as Kristyl, and Mr. Reyna, known as Charlie, went to the same school. They knew each other since childhood, because both their mothers were teachers. But Charlie wasn't very fond of Kristyl, as he thought she was a stuck-up person. Kristyl was also dating Charlie's best friend at the time, so neither of them had any romantic interests for each other. In their Junior year of High School, Kristyl moved to a different town, losing communication with Charlie as they both moved on with their lives. But an unfortunate event led to their fortunate re-uniting.

In 2012, Mrs.Reyna's previous husband unfortunately passed away. Due to the shocking and heart-breaking loss, Kristyl didn't want to date anyone for quite a while, especially because she had a son named Ian who just lost his father. With this in mind, she set up what she calls the "5-year plan." In this plan, she promised herself she would not have romantic relations with anyone for at least another 5 years. But she never would have guessed what her future had planned for her. When her husband passed away, Charlie reached out to her over Facebook to see how she was doing after the loss.

What started as "small-talk" between the two, after years of not speaking, blossomed into regular conversations everyday. Kristyl realized that she did like Charlie, but she was determined to follow the 5-year plan for the sake of her son. Little did she know, Ian had no intention of keeping her from dating for the full 5 years.

Kristyl and Ian were at a shop, when her son said something shocking. "Hey mom, there were two guys around your age in there, are you interested in them?" Surprised, Mrs.Reyna told her son that they were not her type. Her son responded with "Mom, what is your type?" After this conversation, Kristyl confessed to her son that she was talking to Charlie and was romantically interested in him as well. Her son simply responded with " I want to talk to this guy." Later that evening, Charlie and Ian spoke over the phone. "They talked for hours," said Mrs.Reyna, "and by the end of their call, they had set up a meeting with each other." Charlie lived very far away at the time, but he drove 13 hours to meet with her son. When he arrived, Charlie and Ian talked for a while, before going outside with a football. They played a heart-felt game of catch in the yard, chatting with each other while they played. When Charlie and Ian finished playing catch, Ian walked up to his mom to say, "Mom, he's the one... you will marry him".

Mrs and Mr. Reyna have been with each other ever since then, and their relationship continues to blossom. Mrs. Reyna now knows that Charlie truly was "the one!"

Herd In The Hall

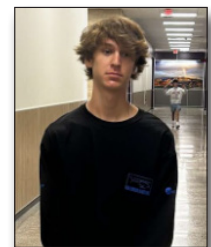
What does Valentine's Day/Love mean to you?



Ferris Daley: Valentines Day to me is appreciating the ones you love and doing something super special for them to make sure they know how much they mean to you (and how much you mean to them)!



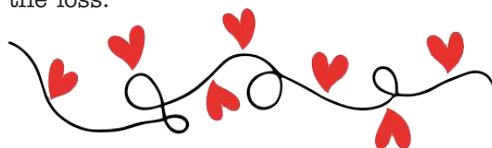
Zoe Millan: Valentines is just like any other regular day, there is nothing special about it in my opinion, but I do enjoy helping my dad find gifts for my mom and vice versa. They always get one cute gift and one silly gift and honestly, it's very nice seeing them open each other up. They are a truly happy couple!



Landyn Marta: Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate relationships and the emotion of love. The way I celebrate Valentines is by hiking with the love of my life, my dog! That companionship is unconditional...



Yanessa Welch: Valentines day for me is to reflect on how lucky I am to be loved by the people around me, and to appreciate my loved ones, friends and family alike!



Pictures for Local Baker Creates Delectable Delights

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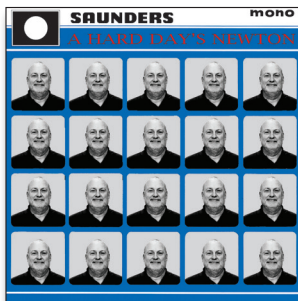


by Zaelynne Ruiz

Traits of El Toro

by Gabby Huerta and Alyssa Mitchell

Typical sun in El Toro traits include being hard headed, down-to-earth, tenacious, reliable, and passionate. All of these characteristics mirror themes covered by a bull. Although El Toro individuals are hard workers, they live at a slow, deliberate, and easy pace. They're focused, determined, patient and can't be rushed. Although generally good-natured with the ability to flick away annoyances, challenge or rush an El Toro and, like a bull, they'll snort and stomp angrily!



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One Act Play, This Month!



By: Yanessa Welch
Attention theater goers!
This month we will be holding our very own Alpine High School, One

Act Play performance! Coming up, February 29th, the play Farewell To Galatea will be performed by our very own AHS students! A comedy based on an old Greek mythological story, Farewell To Galatea presents a more modern-day spin on the original story. Written by Ford Ainsworth, this hilarious love story is sure to entertain and enlighten you and your entire family.

But hurry, don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! 7:30 sharp, February 29th, at the AISD

Administration building stage. A completely free performance which pays you back in laughter, beauty, and so many fun memories. Come see your own friends and students perform live on stage. Submerge yourself in the world Ainsworth created, as our actors bring Galatea to life! To the entire production, "Break a Leg!"

What part did Dillon Orr portray in the emotional performance?

Last issue's calf and staff were senior Jake Esparza and staff member Peggy Low.

Protect Your Heart

by Amerika Vargas



What inspired your artistic piece?

Recently, a local artist Irlanda Vargas was interviewed in order to find out what inspires her to create. "I was inspired by personal experience. I felt betrayed and heartbroken by people I trusted. I needed a way to heal and move forward, so I directed my energy into art. My heart felt heavy, and that's where the idea for the art sculpture came from."



What was the process like in creating your piece?

"I knew I wanted to make an art piece without spending a lot of money. I was on a low budget, so I knew I could use a lot of recycled materials for a very low cost. I have experience in making pinatas, and I was inspired by them! First, I gathered the materials, firstly wires, and then I went around town gathering free newspapers. Next, I started my project at Starbugs in Marfa, which is an art collective space and there I began to build the frame. It took me about three weeks, and it was a six-foot tall sculpture, fake blood bags on the inside and paper mache over. Then I spray painted the sculpture. After that I hung it up and added streamers which came from fabric. Not only was it a sculpture piece, it had a theatrical performance that I directed. It was an emotional theatrical performance by my good friend Dillion Orr."

What part did Dillon Orr portray in the emotional performance?

Dillion Orr portrayed a person who was hurt and decided to avenge his feelings. But it's truly up to the spectators to define the art for themselves. Mr. Orr walked around the heart looking distressed. He seemed frustrated and like he wanted to take his anger out on the heart, --

--until he finally did, took out a knife and stabbed the heart repeatedly as the blood seeped out.

Do you currently have any new projects?

"I'm planning on opening up an art gallery in Alpine and I'm also applying for a residency at ART CITY, which is catalyzed by "The Most Famous Artist", and the town is Tucumacari, New Mexico. I'm also continuing my education at Sul Ross and I am studying psychology and a minor in anthropology."

Are you looking for any other local/nonlocal artist to work with and where can they find you for more information

"I'm always looking for people who love art and I'm open to hearing their ideas or helping anyway that I can. I think being near other people who have an interest in art is inspiring to be around, and it would be great to know more who has the same interests as me. They can find me on instagram and my @ is Landiborghini."

Why is art important to you

"I think art is healing and is part of being a human. It is something humans have been doing since the beginning of time, and being creative is essential to living your best life! You have to be creative to come up with solutions to problems, and by creating art you are working those creative muscles in your brain."

Flying High

by Kendall Emerson

After 2023 graduation, former varsity baseball catcher Teagan Emerson joined the US Air Force. Becoming a member of the military is a transformative experience that shapes the lives of countless individuals. In a remarkable display of courage, determination, and patriotism, a student embarks on a transformative journey from the classroom to the cockpit of the armed services. This article delves into the inspiring story of a young individual who defied the odds, pursued their dreams, and found a higher calling in the service of their country.

For Teagan, the decision to join the US Air Forces was a defining moment. Motivated by a deep sense of duty and a passion for aviation, he chose to leave the comforts of student life behind and embrace the challenges that lay ahead. According to Teagan, "The thing I miss the most is being able to see friends and family everyday, as well as all the sports and extracurriculars where we had so much support from the town of Alpine."

The hardest part of basic training for Teagan was the constant stress about trying to be perfect with everything you do, you don't realize until your done, is nobody expects you to be perfect; they want you to strive for the best however nobody is perfect and they understand that but, they want you to try your hardest to be the perfect self that you see while you go through out basic training.

1961 Alpine High School Court - Queen Norma Uranga and King Frank Bustamante



Little Toritos

This student is always having a "ball," basket or volley, on & off the court! And just when you think her season is over, she's off and running and hard to "track!" Now, if we can just find a way to talk her down from sitting and eating on the countertop, then all would be good in the hood!!



Can you name that student?

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