

## OUR TOWN

SEPTEMBER 2018

ALPINE MOUNTAIN  
DAYS

As the summer comes to a close we wanted to acknowledge this year marked the 28th year of Alpine Mountain Days. With the help of volunteers, the generosity of many businesses and individuals, and the participation of craftsmen, vendors, and those who attend, this event has grown year by year into one of the largest weekend festivals in the area. As always, we are extremely grateful for our dedicated volunteers and could not have such a successful event without them. We look forward to next year's event.



## Alpine Car Show 2018 sponsored by Top of The Rockies



Top of the Rockies Snowmobile Club sponsors the Alpine Car Show each year. This much anticipated event in Alpine is very popular with car enthusiasts. This years event was held August 18th. If you would like more information about the Top of the Rockies visit their website at [ridealpine.com](http://ridealpine.com).





## GOT KNAPWEED?

**Citizens of Alpine unite to fight back against spotted knapweed**

If you live in Alpine, it is very likely that you have been a host to the foreign invader called spotted knapweed. If it has not yet taken root on your property, you surely have seen it inhabiting road easements, vacant lots, and untended yards throughout Alpine.

This thistle-like flowering plant is native to Asia. It was accidentally introduced into the U.S. in 1900 in a contaminated shipment of alfalfa seeds. It has since spread throughout the country, significantly reducing the economic and ecological value of the land it invades.

Spotted knapweed was first discovered in western Wyoming in 1974 on ranchland bordering the Gros Ventre river. Its seeds had likely hitchhiked to the ranch in a shipment of hay. By 1999, it was evident that this infestation had spread, following the river corridors throughout Teton County and down to Alpine. Spotted knapweed is now so widespread in Alpine, realtors have given it the name “Alpine Grass.” But don’t let the euphemism fool you – spotted knapweed and other noxious weeds decrease our property values!

Spotted knapweed exudes a chemical from its roots that inhibits the germination of other plants around it, turning your yard into a solid stand of knapweed. This makes gardening and landscaping difficult because nothing else will readily grow in a knapweed stand. It eventually costs landowners a lot of money to let these plants grow unchecked. According to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Act of 1973, we are legally required to eradicate these and other listed noxious weed species from our properties. The longer we let them grow unchecked, the more expensive and time-consuming will be to remove them.

A group of Alpine residents have decided to take a stand against this noxious weed invasion that threatens our property values and the integrity of our natural areas. We have formed the Alpine Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (ANWAC) with a mission to educate the government and residents of Alpine on how to identify and treat noxious weeds on their property. ANWAC members include Lincoln County Weed and Pest District Supervisor Travis Osmond, Teton County Weed and Pest District Educator and Alpine resident Meta Dittmer, Town Council Member Jeremy Larsen, and Alpine residents Sam Dowd, Jan Hansen and Bryan Lane. Our master plan involves reaching out to Alpine landowners and offering free weed inspections, consultations, and treatment plans for their properties, free use of a hand sprayer loaded with Milestone herbicide, and educational events throughout the year.



**Spotted knapweed is closely related to thistle, but its leaves have no spines. The black “spots” on its bracts distinguish it from other knapweed species.**



**Spotted knapweed easily outcompetes native plants, allowing it to spread and form dense monocultures. The allelopathic chemicals released by its roots make the land inhospitable to other plants, decreasing the value of the land.**



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## How can YOU get involved?

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- Look for ANWAC members at upcoming Alpine farmers' markets and other town events.
  - Contact us at [Stoptheweeds@gmail.com](mailto:Stoptheweeds@gmail.com) for a free inspection, consultation and treatment plan for your property
  - Make your property noxious weed free, get a sign in your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same
- Volunteer to be a community leader in our neighborhood weed watch program.

We live in Alpine because we share a love for the mountains, forests, waters, and wildlife that surround us. Let's work together to protect this special place from the irreversible threat of noxious weed invasion.

Thank you!

Meta Dittmer—ANWAC

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Farmers Market

Thursdays from 4 p.m.—7 p.m. and will continue each Thursday throughout mid September.

**Bingo**—Sponsored by American Legion—Starting October 5th continuing every first & third Friday of the month until April 2019.

**Pumpkin Patch** October 20, 2018—Visit the website for more information.

**Trunk or Treat**—October 31, 2018 at Broulim's Alpine Market. Visit the website for more information on this event.



## ALPINE HORSESHOE PITS

The Town of Alpine has recently completed the horseshoe pits located down by the baseball field. We hope that everyone can go out and enjoy this new addition to our town parks. As always, please respect the Town properties. A special thanks to JL Concrete & Construction, Johnson Electric, JD Lawncare, & Alpine Excavation for their participation in this project.

**Election** November 6, 2018 from 7:00 a.m.—7 p.m. at the Donn Wooden Civic Center - The Mayor and 3 Councilmen will be elected.

**Thanksgiving** Sponsored by the Top of The Rockies November 22, 2018—Visit the website for more details on this event.

### Santa comes to Town

December 8, 2018 Donn Wooden Civic Center. Visit the website for more information on this event.

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

## OFFICE CLOSURES

Town of Alpine offices will be closed on the following dates **October 8th, November**

**22nd & 23rd, December 24th & 25th, & January 1st.**

**SNOW REMOVAL** just a reminder for upcoming months we will soon have snow. No person shall park, place or leave any vehicle or trailer on any public street, alley or Town of Alpine right-of-way between the hours of **7:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.** during the months of **Nov.—April.**



## CLEAN AND ORDERLY PREMISES

Recently we have received several complaints about the maintenance of some properties located within the Town of Alpine. The Town of Alpine does have ordinances that govern the general maintenance of properties located within the incorporated boundaries of Alpine. To familiarize yourself with the Town of Alpine Ordinances they are available to you on the website. <http://www.alpinewy.org/ordinances-resolutions/>

If you have any specific questions on the maintenance of your property please call the Town office and we are more than happy to assist you with your questions or concerns.



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## TOWN OF ALPINE

[www.alpinewy.org](http://www.alpinewy.org)

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ROB STEPANS ..... MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

GARREN STAUFFER ..... PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

DAN HALSTEAD ..... MUNICIPAL OFFICER



Town of Alpine is always looking for volunteers to help with town events. If you are interested in joining us and giving back to your community please contact the town office.

