

Bell retires, archives carry on



Senior Archivist Melleta Bell, now retired, stands among the collection at Archives of the Big Bend.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

Senior Archivist Melleta Bell had spent 35-plus years of her life devoted to historical resources for Sul Ross State University and the Big Bend communities. She retired last Sunday with a poignant goodbye at a party in her honor.

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County raises tax rate, approves budget

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County commissioners met on Aug. 25 at their regular meeting, then met again on Aug. 30 to adopt the 2021 fiscal year tax rate and the fiscal year 2022 budget.

A public hearing included the proposed 2021 tax rate of 0.396040 for maintenance and operation and 0.025491 for interest and sinking (property tax rate for debt service), resulting in 0.421531 as total proposed rate.

During public hearings, there was no public comment on the budget or the proposed tax rate. Commissioners then unani-

mously approved both the 2022 budget and the proposed tax rate.

Kimberly Baeza, new administrative assistant for County Judge Eleazar Cano, later told the Avalanche the tax rate had increased by 15.98%.

During the Aug. 30 meeting, County EMC Stephanie Elmore addressed the county wide burn ban. Cano said some South County residents had been contacting him regarding the burn ban, asking what the options were to lift it. Elmore suggested that it be possibly lifted in between commissioner court meetings, but



Eleazar Cano

Commissioner, Pct. 3, Ruben Ortega had a different opinion, and told Elmore that residents wishing to do a prescribed burn should contact her first to provide the necessary details. Elmore said there had been many prescribed burns done recently.

Cano said residents could call Elmore on a case-by-case basis where information on water sources would be provided for safety issues. Elmore then said residents can either contact her or the Sheriff's office dispatch, and she would be notified. "I will review it," said

Elmore. "Usually, if we get a burn, we notify them on where it's going to be at."

In other business, Cano provided an update on community facilities, saying that Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson, City of Alpine Interim City Manager Megan Antrim, and City of Alpine Attorney Rod Ponton paid a visit to the area behind the Brewster County jail. They were looking for a location to install a new generator and a gas tank.

Cano said he also reviewed the interlocal agreement between the county and the city, and added, "We are back on good terms. We are talk-

ing. So I want to capture that moment while we are getting along, sign off on that, that way it won't be an issue down the road. I think it will be fine- the relationship with the City of Alpine."

Finally, Brewster County Tourism Council Executive Director Robert Alvarez did not preside at the meeting to provide a tourism update, as he was out on vacation, and Cano provided a brief update on Alvarez's behalf.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

Back to school again!



Kindergartner Eliana Chavez and fourth grader Adryan Chavez head back to classes at Alpine Elementary School on Aug. 23. School started last Wednesday at all Alpine ISD campuses.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

Historic ranch opens to hiking, agate hunting

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
Contributing Writer

The historic Kokernot 06 Ranch traces its roots back to early 1800, and has largely remained off limits to anyone outside of its cattle operations or the occasional guided hunt since then.

Sprawling between Alpine and Fort Davis at 108,000 acres, the ranch spans some of the most beautiful high desert country in Texas. It's finally offering access to some of its choicest locations for pleasure hiking, agate hunting, and camping opportunities.

Aaron Thomas, owner of Trilobite Food Truck and a former geophysicist, has been an enthusiastic agate hunter for the past 25 years. He manages a Facebook group called Texas

Rockhounds, and his side company, Take A Hike, arranges statewide rockhounding trips with schedules posted on Facebook.

Thomas struck up a relationship with avid outdoorsman and man about town Roy Saffel, a close personal friend to James Winn of the 06. The three hit it off, and decided to make exploratory excursions on the ranch, following Thomas's understanding of geologic processes and clues from Winn's own hiking discoveries. Their prospecting paid off when they found multiple world class agate sites.

Thomas was given the opportunity to work out of some of those sites with his Take A Hike company, and beginning in summer 2020, he and Saffel hosted

weekly trips. Word of mouth spread quickly, and agate hunters have come from across the globe for the chance to fill their buckets with Alpine agates.

Rockhounds cut and polish the stones for sale or to display in rock shows, as well as for making jewelry, bookends, and other items.

Agates are transparent to semi-transparent fine-grained quartz rocks, with a range of color inclusions. They occur in igneous and metamorphic zones, of which the Alpine area is rich. The Woodward Ranch south of Alpine is one example of a site that became famous for its red-plume agates. It was open to the public for a long time, closing around 2014.



Showing off the find of the day, rockhound Fred Hall drove from Boulder, Colo., to look for large, quality agates at the Kokernot 06 Ranch with Take A Hike.

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Big Bend Regional Hospital District Budget Hearing September 24, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Big Bend Regional Hospital District has caused to be prepared an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said proposed budget will be held on September 24, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the BBRHD Administrative Office at 105 W. Holland Ave, Alpine, TX 79830.

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 President / Board of Directors

OBITUARIES

Klementyna "Klemie" L. Bryte
 Klementyna Bryte passed from this life on Aug. 8, 2021, after a brief illness. Klemie was born in Baltimore, Md., on March 27, 1947, to Philomena Bryte. She was adopted by Wayne Bryte when Philomena remarried. Klemie grew up in Essex and Westminster, Md. She graduated from St. John's High School in Westminster, then attended the University of Maryland, College Park,



graduating with a degree in English. She married her college sweetheart, Larry Dawson, in 1972. They divorced in 1982. Having always had a desire to help people, Klemie spent several years as a social worker for the Baltimore City Department of Social Services. She then worked at various places, including Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Baltimore Gay Paper, before settling into a career as a journal proofreader at Waverly Press and a medi-

cal book copy editor at Williams & Wilkins. After leaving Williams & Wilkins, Klemie realized her lifelong dream of moving to the Southwest, settling with her partner Tom Lehr in Marathon, Texas. There she continued editing for various publishers. She also worked at the Marathon Motel, Evans Gallery, Spring Creek Gallery, the Adobe Rose Inn, and Front Street Books, and cleaned and managed vacation rental homes. If you stayed at a vacation rental in Marathon and discovered that the pillowcases had been freshly ironed, that was probably Klemie. She also loved feeding the neighbors' dogs, cats, horses, burros, chickens, and reptiles when people needed to leave town. She greeted everyone as a friend, and started numerous long-term friendships while working in Marathon's shops and lodgings. Klemie was preceded in

death by her parents. She is survived by her sister Leesa Zeiler of Marathon; brother W. Hollis Bryte of Blountville, Tenn.; brother Mark Bryte and his wife Michelle of Piney Flats, Tenn.; niece Cassandra Davis and her partner Gilbert Chavez of Marathon; nephew Mark Bryte and his partner Elissa Jacobson and three daughters of Hampstead, Md.; nephews Michel Conaway of Piney Flats and Matthew Bryte of Bristol, Va.; niece Ariahna Bryte of Blountville; her longtime partner Tom Lehr of Marathon; and her beloved cats Pootie, Beautiful Carla, Bo Peep, and Nina. Memorial services will be held at a later time. Remembrances may be shared at acreswestfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made in her name to animal rescue organizations or those assisting Native Americans.

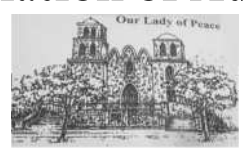
Duane Noble Smith
 Duane Noble Smith, 85, passed away on Aug. 24, 2021, at home in Sierra Vista, Ariz. Duane was born in Del Rio, Texas, on Dec. 28, 1935. He is survived by his wife and soul mate of 65 years, Janice Parker Smith, four sons, their wives, 16 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Duane was the son of



Duane Eugene and Louise Noble Smith, and was raised in Sanderson, Texas, until the age of six. His fam-

ily then moved to Alpine, Texas, where he attended all 12 years of public school. Duane's parents in partnership with others owned and ran the Alpine Rexall Drug Store for many years. Duane attended Texas Christian University on a full basketball scholarship. Duane and Janice were married on Dec. 26, 1956. He transferred to the University of Texas, and graduated as a distinguished military graduate in 1959. Following graduation Duane, Janice and family embarked on a career in the U.S. Army, culminating in a stellar 27-year military career. After retiring as a full colonel, Duane pursued a second career with McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Co. in Mesa, Ariz. Duane and Janice retired to Sierra Vista in 1997. As a lover of sports, Duane was an avid tennis player and overall sports enthusiast. He was devoted to Janice and the care and wellbeing of his family. His children and grandchildren benefited from his teaching and guidance emphasizing professions, education, and sports. Duane loved Arizona's natural beauty. Being surrounded by the Chihuahuan and Sonoran deserts and the Huachuca and Dragoon mountains reminded him of his boyhood home in Alpine.

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Ceramic art concealed meth

A federal jury in Pecos convicted a Dallas man on Aug. 26 for possessing methamphetamine. According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Oscar Santiago Garcia Sanchez, 32, drove a vehicle with a trailer filled with ceramic art pieces into the Presidio Port of Entry. During inspection, Customs and Border Protection officers discovered a crystal substance inside the art pieces. The substance turned out to be 3.4 kilograms of methamphetamine. Sanchez faces up to life in prison. His sentencing date has been set for Nov. 23. Sanchez has remained in federal custody since his arrest on Feb. 2. HSI, CBP, and DEA are investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Weber is prosecuting the case.

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Blending creativity and passion in Marfa

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Exciting things are happening at Ballroom Marfa, a non-profit contemporary arts museum that boasts not only a wide variety of arts exhibitions, but also features screenings, public artworks, and concerts that cater to artistically or musically inclined arts fans.

Daisy Nam is the museum's curator, and has been since a year ago when she landed in Marfa. She brings with her an impressive background, having worked with a plethora of arts organizations throughout the U.S. She worked at a contemporary arts center at Harvard University when she lived in Boston, Mass., and before that spent time at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City and the School of the Arts at Columbia University.

Joining Nam at Ballroom Marfa are Exhibition Coordinator Brenden Cicoria, Operations Manager Britney Bass, and off-site Music Programs Director Sarah Melendez.



Daisy Nam.

Courtesy photo

At Ballroom Marfa Nam works with visual arts and mainly with contemporary artists and credits the strong commissioning program there.

"We invite artists to come to Marfa, and we do site visits and research trips and get them acclimated to the region based on their experiences here, and then during the exhibitions we install their work," said Nam.

She indicated that community service is also very important to Ballroom Marfa, and last year dur-

ing coronavirus concerns, the museum gave back to the community by hosting several fundraisers and partnering with West Texas Food Bank and other local organizations to help residents who were going through tough times.

Nam and the Ballroom Marfa staff are set on promoting artists and allow them to grow and display pieces that have not been shown before, and use the art museum as a source of inspiration. "Sharing that type of knowledge with the artists is always really

fun and interesting," exclaimed Nam. "Marfa is known as a contemporary minimalist art town with Donald Judd, but there's more beyond that."

She is impressed by the landscape in Marfa and the Big Bend, and added, "A lot of the artists we've worked with, some of them are local so they know about the region, but if we are bringing them from out of town, there is so much for them to be inspired by."

Currently, Ballroom Marfa is exhibiting "Espejo Quemada," work by Chicago artist Donna Huanca that opened in June and runs through January 2022. The exhibition features mirrors that are used as metaphors to respond to changing conditions, and uses color, texture, sound, and scents to capture the brilliance of metaphorical art.

Being in some of the world's most prestigious art museums and galleries, Nam has become an expert in all things related to the popular medium, but ending up in Far West Texas brings her a sense

of wonder that has inspired artists and other creative types for decades.

"It's definitely an adventure! I've learned so

much," she said. "I have had an interesting time getting to know the region, and the landscape is just so beautiful."

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Bringing back the faith

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

It's a time of new beginnings in Alpine with practicing the faith and growing in relationship with neighbors, and building strong relationships through discussion and reflection. That is the mission Alpine natives Dorinna Tanksley and Elva Torres are set to do at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church as the new co-directors take over the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program.

The program is the process by which interested people gradually become members of the Catholic Church. For those not yet ready to be a member, through the program they can see if the faith is something that touches their heart.

The stages begin with asking and seeking and attending Mass, and discern God's call by engaging in faithful reflection and prayer as they learn more about the sacraments of initiation - baptism, confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.

Tanksley and Torres have big shoes to fill as former RCIA educators JoAnn and Dr. Paul Lister, stepped down this summer. The Listers were instrumental in introducing the Catholic Church to Christians and non-Christians alike. Whether a prospective student has never stepped foot in a Catholic church, or perhaps he or she has had all the sacraments except confirmation,

or are lifelong Catholics but would like a refresher course, RCIA is a one stop shop for all.

Tanksley pointed out that husband Paul, who grew up Baptist, heard the call to conversion, and expressed his desire to engage in the Catholic faith.

"You can't be doing it for a person," said Tanksley, adding, "It has to come from the heart. That is the one thing I told Paul when he and I were dating, and he wanted to become a Catholic. I said don't do it for me, because you are doing it for all the wrong reasons."

New deacon Alfonso Coronado will assist the group as needed throughout the program. Coronado recently relocated to Alpine from Houston where he was taking theology classes in a Master of Divinity program.

Both Tanksley and Torres agreed that building a strong foundation was very important in anything, and



Elva Torres and Dorinna Tanksley.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

resonates with the RCIA program.

"I am looking forward to seeing a lot of new Christians and future Catholics be a part of this program," said Coronado. "Something that amazes me is to see how many people from other Christian denominations have been accepting the true ways of the Catholic faith."

Tanksley said she definitely felt a higher calling inviting her to come back to her hometown after living in the Rio Grande Valley for so many years.

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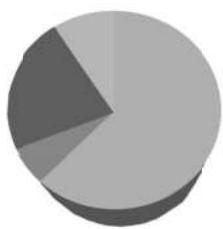
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ONLINE POLL

RESULTS

Previously, the Avalanche asked:

What do you think about a physical border wall being built in the Tri-County?



I think it's a great idea throughout the area, and should be started as soon as possible.	37.3%
It should be built anywhere it's geographically feasible and where it won't interfere with tourism.	6.4%
I favor a "virtual wall" that uses the latest technologies to guard and defend borders.	30.9%
A wall of any kind is merely a "feel good" fix, since those who want in will find a way to get in.	25.5%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now, the Avalanche asks:

If you're traveling this summer, does COVID scare you?

- Oh yes, and I won't be traveling because of COVID.
- Yes, but I will take precautions to stay safe.
- I've had the vaccine, so I'm not worried.
- I'm not concerned at all. Life moves on.

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

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Respect



BECKY MCCUTCHEN
Alpine ISD Superintendent

The school year has started at Alpine ISD, and I want to take a moment to thank our parents and community for entrusting us to serve your children. It is refreshing to have the students back in class and participating in activities. We appreciate the support you have shown the Lady Bucks and Bucks in the past few weeks.

As you know, mandating masks in schools has become a legal issue and a debate over the right course of action. While many have strong feelings about this issue, there are those that agree that masks are helpful and others that don't. One thing that is certain is that we will

never be in 100% agreement over the wearing of masks. We can however, choose to move forward in a manner that shows respect for each individual's choice.

As Juan Pablo Galavis states, "Different people have different opinions, and it's okay to respect them all."

Given the uncertainty in our nation, this is a great time to show respect and

kindness to our fellow community members. Please keep the communities and school districts affected and damaged by the recent hurricane in your thoughts and prayers. I hope you can also take a few moments to say a prayer and show respect and gratitude for our service men and ladies. These brave individuals risk their lives on a daily basis to protect our freedom and are our true heroes.

As always, the students will remain our first priority at Alpine ISD. We will always enjoy the time we get to spend with them as they strive to reach their full potential.

Be Better, Be Best, BUCKS!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Over reach

You said over reach? I am a resident of Brewster County. I live outside the Alpine city limits. I became aware of a city ordinance called "extra territorial jurisdiction" one day last week.

Living outside the city, I had no idea I came under any jurisdiction regarding codes and ordinances of the city. I do now! This ordinance gives the city authority to impose their codes and regulations on any property that extends 5,000 feet, that is only 280 feet short of a mile, beyond the city boundaries. From what I have learned this ETJ ordinance was pushed through the city council by two gentlemen, one elected and one a paid

employee, neither of whom are any longer affiliated with the city.

Living outside the city, I do not have a vote in the city elections. Therefore, I have no voice, yet I can be governed without any input. Some might say, "Well this does not concern me because I already live inside the city." To those folks I might ask, "Are your streets in such good shape, are all things city in such good shape that they can reach out and control a vast area outside the city?"

This matter affects us all. It does not matter if you live inside or outside the city limits, overreach is overreach. As citizens of the greatest country in the

world, we have seen many instances of overreach in recent times. Our only voice in federal and state government is our vote.

However, we all can make a difference here at home by getting involved. Anyone and everyone who would like to see such over reach stopped can contact a council person, mayor, or city manager and ask them to consider rescinding the ETJ ordinance.

There are just the thoughts of one ole boy who is fortunate enough to live in the best corner of God's green earth.

John R. Robertson
Brewster County

A box of chocolates

If someone gets struck by lightning, tests positive for COVID, and is bitten by a rattlesnake at the same time, what is the cause of death? What is the result of vaccination?

Child of 12: "Lightning because it's quicker;" "Food reward."

Rattlesnake handler: "Lack of faith;" "Hellfire."

Centers for Disease Control: "Lightning-enhanced and venom-enhanced COVID" "Compliance."

Individuality, a valued human characteristic protected by the U.S. Constitution, allows perceptions as wide apart as those of the child and the snake handler.

Compare U.S. laws to Taliban laws for women in Afghanistan prior to U.S. intervention, based on Wahhabism – a stretch of Islamic law: "You will not paint your nails. If you do you will lose

a finger. You will not laugh in public. If you do, you will be beaten. Girls are forbidden from attending school." "You will stay in your homes at all times." (CDC approved) "If you show your face [in public] you will be severely beaten." (CDC approval pending) No cosmetics, jewelry, "charming" clothes, and of course, stoned to death if your husband accuses you of adultery.

For all citizens, "If it is prayer time [five times daily] and you are caught doing something other, you will be beaten. If you are caught trying to convert a Muslim to your faith, not Islam, you will be executed. If you steal, your hand will be cut off at the wrist. If you steal again, your foot will be cut off." No singing, dancing, playing chess, gambling, flying kites, writing books, watching films, painting pictures, etc.

Afghanistan's Taliban were schooled in Wahhabism, the Saudi sect of Islam

taught at Saudi-funded madrassas in Pakistan. Wahhabism became the state religion in Arabia when the Saudi tribe brutally gained power in 1932. Forty thousand beheadings and 350,000 beheadings and befootings popularized the cult.

Mr. POTUS, when you did not evacuate all those who risked their lives for ours in the War on Terror, you took lightly the responsibility that history places on a free people. The Vladimirs, Xis and Ayatollahs of the world are as proud of the East as you are ashamed of the West. Life is not a box of chocolates. When you show the world that you don't deserve the freedom you were born into, and reach for your food reward, someone else will gladly relieve you of its burden.

Rex Redden
South Brewster County

Masks, please

It's been many years since my last letter of public appeal through the Avalanche. If wearing a mask might help one child stay healthy, isn't that enough incentive for the school board to put it on an agenda, discuss it, and vote?

I'm conservative. I don't like to be told what I can or cannot do. I don't like masks, but I wear one. I agree with our

governor on most of his choices. But, I think he's made a misstep on schools pertaining to his mask mandate. I wish he would correct himself to allow each school district to choose for itself.

My loyalty is with public schools, specifically AISD. I realize it is difficult for a board member to make some decisions, especially one that may be contrary to the governor's. When it

might help a child stay healthy and then, by extension, his/her classmates, teachers, family, or neighborhood, then it shouldn't be so difficult.

Please, school board members, consider placing the wearing of masks on the agenda soon.

Margie Brooks
Alpine

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Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What are your plans for Labor Day weekend?"



Rob Perry, Alpine: Hopefully throwing some bacon wrapped dove on the grill!



Brianna Portillo, Alpine: Going to Marfa Lights Festival, and hanging out with my family.



Sandra Cano, Alpine: I have plans to go to El Paso, not only because almost all past Labor Days we would help mom at the St. Anthony's Bazaar, as she had a tacos de cochinita pibil, but also because it's my oldest son's birthday.



Woodrow Pinkerton, Alpine: I'll probably be out here on the corner ministering Christ to people.

Food Pantry distribution for September

The Food Pantry of Alpine will distribute food to northern Brewster County residents on Saturday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m.-noon at 108 South Neville

Haynes in Alpine. Additional days that FPA is open this month are Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Sept. 21 from

4-6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m.-noon. Eligible residents may receive food once a month from the Food Pantry of Alpine, and can select a day

and time that best suits their schedule. All sign-in and deliveries will be made curbside. Volunteers are not needed at this time due to our additional precau-

tions, but to help in the future, email the volunteer coordinator at alpinefoodpantryvolunteer@gmail.com. For more information, call 432-294-5053.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 4-5

Gun and Knife Show, Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Gallego Center on the Sul Ross campus. Sponsored by Alpine Lions Club. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit local charities and Lions Club charitable activities. For more information, contact John Sutterfield at 432-295-2088.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, Room 210.

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, 6:30 p.m., third Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Big Bend Community Chorale rehearsals on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-



8216, or visit bbchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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 Spicewood restaurant, 2612 W. Hwy. 90, Alpine. 805 W. Ave. E. After school club for grades one to three.

Senior Coffee, 9:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621.

Sons of the Legion, 6:30 p.m., fourth Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Veterans Services Office of Brewster County, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on third Thursdays at the Family Crisis Center next to the store in Terlingua Ghost Town, then at Terlingua American Legion from 4-5 p.m. on the same day.

See more at alpineavalanche.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Hannah, a funny, flirty four-month-old female cat who will be on the smaller side. She loves to tease and flirt, but doesn't always let you pet her until it is her idea. Then the fun starts, and it is a race to the toys or you or whatever gets her attention first.

Hannah is interested in all the other cats, and doesn't seem to have any issues with younger or older ones. She holds her own when some older cats hiss at her. Her sweet disposition usually dispels any quarrels. Hannah is just one of many, many kittens available for adoption.

Alpine Humane Society and Alpine Animal Shelter are participating in the nation event, Clear the Shelters. All pet adoptions are currently half price, just \$50, in our effort to find every pet

a loving home!

Adoptions are handled by Alpine Animal Services at the city shelter, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 East Old Marathon Highway.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 North Fifth Street in Alpine. For information about adoptions or other services, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpinehumane.org.



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BBRHD is now accepting grant proposals for the FY2022 Medical Enhancement Grant program, the deadline to apply for funding will be on October 29, 2021. Brewster and Presidio County entities that provide healthcare or other related services, consistent with the mission and objectives of the District, to residents of Brewster or Presidio Counties are eligible to apply. The grant application package and additional information are available at www.bbrhd.com.

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AGATE • FROM 1

The o6 sites are gaining a reputation for having access to the most abundant variety of agates in the world.

A frequent visitor, Mark Zirinsky, said the experience is incomparable. Zirinsky is a sculptor from Boulder, Colo., and has hunted agates all over the southwestern U.S., Canada, and Australia.

“This is by far and away the best of them all,” he said. “The patterns and sheer variety, plus the incredible hosts Aaron, James and Roy, and getting to talk to other rockhounds, make it great.”

In one afternoon of agate hunting on the o6, one may find blue agate with quartz crystals, moss agate with gold and yellow, black dendritic agate, color banded agate, plume agate, and more. From Zirinsky’s experience, he would have to cover 400 miles in Australia to see that kind of variety.

In addition to agate hunting, the ranch offers guided hikes throughout the week and camping on selected weekends in the fall. For scheduling and pricing, check the Texas Rockhounds Facebook page, or contact Thomas at 432-538-2399.

The o6 Ranch is private property accessible by appointment only.

Martin resigns

City of Alpine Police Chief Robert Martin resigned from his position on Aug. 23.

Martin was hired in early November 2019 after working for the Brewster County Sheriff’s Office. Prior to that he served



Robert Martin

and retired from the City of Katy.

During Martin’s term, he was one of many crucial team members who helped the city navigate the pandemic.

The city appreciates all of his dedication

and service to its citizens.

With the absence of the Chief of Police, the recommendation was to appoint Captain Darrell Losoya to the position. The City Charter allows the city manager to recommend the hiring of directors with the advice and consent of the city council.

Library benefits from celebration



The Gage Hotel recently hosted the third annual Marathon Song Festival. As part of the celebration, the Gage Hotel did a library-benefit raffle, and Drew Kennedy donated a guitar to the library to inspire the next generation of musicians. In the photo, Library Director Dara Cavness, Bobbie Gallo-Trehus, Adrik Aguilar-Prieto, Gage Hotel General Manager Carol Peterson, Gage Hotel Director Philip Moellering, Maggie Dabbs, Diego Aguilar, and Maya Aguilar.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET

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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 REGARDING THE FIRST READING OF THE FY 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET.

THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGET. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY BY EMAILING CITY.SECRETARY@CI.ALPINE.TX.US OR BY REQUESTING A COPY IN PERSON AT CITY HALL MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED THE FOLLOWING CAPTIONED 2021 ORDINANCE:

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West Texas landowners can apply for grants

The Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are partnering to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners interested in restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat on their land.

The Partners for Habitat Program will provide \$150,000 of financial assistance directly to private landowners across the West Texas counties of Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. The application period is open from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, and landowners can apply online at sri.sulross.edu/stewardship-services. “This new Partners

for Habitat Program will provide some additional resources that West Texas landowners need to implement positive conservation practices on their properties,” said Billy Tarrant, Associate Director of Stewardship Services for BRI.

By partnering with BRI, the USFWS is leveraging BRI’s relationship with landowners across the Trans-Pecos.

“The Borderlands Research Institute has an established track record of effectively working with landowners across the region,” said Brendan Witt, a private lands biologist with the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. “More than 95% of land in Texas is privately

owned, and providing these funds for habitat conservation on private lands will make a difference in terms of healthy terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.”

Projects that will be funded include habitat enhancement and restoration actions that may include but are not limited to brush management, invasive species removal treatment, establishment of native vegetation, pollinator plantings, stream side management, and erosion control practices.

Once the application period closes on Oct. 15, the projects will be ranked according to accepted criteria by BRI and USFWS. Selected recipients will be notified by the end of the year.

BELL • FROM 1

Archives of the Big Bend at Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library at the university house a collection that encompasses the Texas Trans-Pecos and the corresponding border area of northern Mexico. Holdings include manuscripts; records of businesses, organizations, and individuals; photographs; maps; oral histories; newspapers; the university archives, and much more.

Bell had attended Sul Ross, and in 1975 took a student job at Museum

of the Big Bend under then-Director Ken Perry. At that time Perry was in charge of both the museum and the archives. The archives had always been, and still is, part of the library, and while there, Bell worked on some archive projects.

After graduation, Bell worked at the Alpine Avalanche from 1977-1986. When a job at the archives came open, she applied and was hired as an archival assistant, then moved up to senior archivist.

University President Pete Gallego recently said the archives would close temporarily so a full inventory of the holdings could be performed. Referring to Dean of Library and Information Technology April Aultman-Becker, he indicated she thought it would be best to allow the archives to close while inventory was taken because the entire library was short staffed at this point.

Gallego’s Chief of Staff Mike Pacheco told the Avalanche it was a temporary close.

“We’re actually trying to expand the archives to have more space. The archives themselves are not closing,” he said. “We have not found another archivist yet, so until we do, access will be very limited. But we also want to make sure the archives are ready to expand and grow when a new archivist comes on board.”

Those wanting to access the archives should see one of the librarians at the Wildenthal Library on the Sul Ross campus.

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Painters in Presidio

BY GREG L. DAVIS
Big Bend Sector Public Affairs Officer

Border Patrol Agent Janenne Ellis knows a thing or two about heat. That's because she works on the border at Presidio Border Patrol Station, an area which is generally 10 degrees warmer than Big Bend Sector Headquarters in nearby Marfa. She also knows that sometimes the best way to get through the day is to "brush it off."

That's exactly what she and a small group of volunteers did recently at Presidio Station when they painted an inspiring mural on a new building.

In the summertime in the Big Bend it's sweltering, with temperatures breaking 100+ degrees for weeks at a time. It's also a hot spot because the Presidio Port of Entry is located here, and the activity associated with illegal immigration, drugs, and contraband being pushed through the area by smuggling organizations.

When a new building was brought in, the station ended up with the broad side of a tan building sitting directly inside of and facing those entering the main gate. This perfect blank canvas became a morale-boosting mural project led by Watch Commander Janenne Ellis.

"That is what you see when you come in the gate here," said Ellis. "The side of a blank wall. When they were putting it up, I was thinking that would be so cool if we had a mural here."

Ellis is an Army veteran and currently the only female agent at Presidio Station. Her hus-



Janenne and Steven Ellis stand in front of the mural at the Presidio Border Patrol Station.

Courtesy photo

band, Steven, is a retired Army vet who now plays the role of key spouse. Both were instrumental in turning an idea into art and improving the aesthetic appearance of the entire compound.

The large mural incorporates symbols and silhouettes across the length of the building to represent various landmarks in the region and aspects of the job. While the couple led the mural effort, they were joined by others from Border Patrol.

Something like this doesn't happen without leadership approval. However, that was not hard to get after the proposal was made to Silve-

rio Escontrias, Presidio's patrol agent in charge.

Ellis recalled that it took just over a month to complete because they worked on it during off-duty hours using their own supplies. "It was a lot more [time] than we thought it was going to be to start," she said.

"I am grateful for the pride and initiative shown by Ellis and everyone who assisted with this project," said Sean McGoffin, Big Bend Sector Chief Patrol Agent. "This initiative is a direct reflection of the professionalism and attention to detail that all our Big Bend Sector employees put into their duties on a daily basis."

A well-deserved honor



Melleta Bell, senior archivist for Archives of the Big Bend, pauses for a photo with family and friends at a retirement reception held in her honor on Aug. 29 at the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library on the campus of Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Standing here are family and friends joining in the special recognition and celebration, including son Max Rogers, brother Shawn Rogers, niece Lauren Rogers, and family friend Lorraine Reynolds, all of Alpine.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Aiden Morrissey

What are you especially looking forward to in your senior year?

I am definitely looking forward toward my last year playing high school basketball.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

I am currently involved in varsity basketball, football, track, golf, and National Honor Society.

Who has been your most influential teacher or coach through high school?

My most influential



Aiden Morrissey

teacher has been Ms. Golden, always helping me find the good in every situation. My most influential coach has been my dad, always

pushing me to be the best I can be in everything I do.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moments have been seeing all my family support me at every event!

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan to further my academic and athletic career playing basketball. Immediately after I graduate, I plan to attend med school in hopes of becoming an anesthesiologist.

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Sports

Fourth quarter touchdown submarines Bucks

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

Alpine fell at home Friday night to the El Paso Jefferson Silver Foxes, 44-27, behind quarterback Nathan Alcalá's big five-touchdown night for the first Buck loss of the season.

Head Coach John Fellows uttered the statement himself, saying, "I think it's a tale of two halves, and our inexperience showed up a little bit. But what I just told our guys was the effort was there all night long. Start to finish, we never gave up. We played hard all night long. Hey, I can coach a team like that any day of the week."

Everything went swimmingly in the first quarter as Alpine went up by two touchdowns, 14-0. Jayden Canaba engineered a beautiful eight-play, 92-yard first drive of the season

that only took three minutes and 22 seconds off the clock. Canaba finished off the drive on fourth and short from the 11. The Bucks elected to go for it, scooting around the right side on a quarterback keeper for the first Buck touchdown of the season, 7-0.

Canaba was seven for 22 passing on the night, with 88 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 88 yards and another touchdown, with two costly interceptions.

Fellows and his Offensive Coordinator Adam Llanez proved tactical geniuses, going for it again on fourth and one from the 26. This time senior Diego Monclova took a toss 26 yards for another Buck touchdown. For those counting at home, that was two big fourth down calls resulting in touchdowns.


See BUCKS • A12



The Fightin' Bucks get ready to take on El Paso Jefferson on Aug. 27 at home.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



JAYDEN CANABA

6 carries for 81 yards, 1 TD. 6 for 22 passing - 1 TD, 1 punt for 70 yards

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Girls cross country wins Wildcat Invitational

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

This past weekend Coach Cory Cason and her Lady Bucks placed first in the Wink Wildcat Invitational.

Sophomore Tannin Ritchie finished sev-

enth overall, freshman Hope Dominguez came in 10th, junior Vanessa Rice placed 14th, and seniors Lauren Penders and Elizabeth Uranga finishing 16th and 21st respectively. Kylie Garcia and Nora Hillery made up the rest of the winning team.

The boys also experienced success as freshman Hatfield Cason was Alpine's top performer, finishing fourth. Seniors Noah Pineda and Marco Martinez finished 13th and 14th. Martin Sablatura and Javy Prieto were also finishers for the men.

Coach Cason was a cross country runner herself. She is an El Dorado Eagle graduate who went to Texas Tech for undergrad and Colorado State

for her Master's in Fine Arts. She is both the boys and girls cross country coach, while teaching world history and fine arts at the high school. Cason believes the first race her teams participated in Midland on Aug. 21 allowed them to work off some rust and get acclimated to competitive running again after the summer layoff. The first meet was composed of about 25 teams from West Texas, including the big 6A teams of Odessa Permian, Midland High, and Midland Legacy.

"The first race of the season is always a little difficult," said Cason. In this race the girls ran two miles, and the boys ran three miles.

Cason said this about her two top finishers for the ladies, being a freshman and a sophomore in Ritchie and Dominguez.

"I am hoping we are going to be good, although we are about to lose five seniors that have been with me for a very long time," she noted. "We are going to take a hit on numbers, that's just the nature of the sport. We do have some really young runners, but we have some really old runners."

About the boys, Cason said, "Except for two seniors, they are pretty young, I have a lot of freshmen and sophomores. This is Noah Pineda's first

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Fightin' Buck Schedule

Football
Sept. 2 Fort Stockton @Alpine JV 5 p.m.
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Lady Bucks fall to Crane

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

Coach Rick Garcia and his Lady Bucks had a warm homecoming with a win over the Crane Lady Birds, 3-2, last Tuesday night (20-25, 25-18, 25-14, 26-28, and 15-11).

Garcia and his Lady Bucks returned home to the Gallego Center after two weeks on the road against Pecos, Wall, and various duals and tournaments around West Texas, and were rewarded by a narrow victory.

Garcia was happy to be home, saying, "Let me tell you, this is our first home game. We haven't been home since our scrimmage Aug. 7, and I think being on the road playing the tougher teams made us mentally tough, and we were going to prevail for our first time back home."

The Lady Bucks lost set one 20-25 after jumping out 4-0, and were ahead the whole match

until Crane took control 17-16 for their first lead of the game. Chloe Cordova had a giant kill, and Amory Aranda had some crafty points, confounding the Lady Birds, but they still came up short in set one. Aranda also had a beautiful block with the help of one of her cohorts during the set.

The Lady Bucks took the next two sets 25-18 and 25-14 for their most lopsided wins of the season. Sophomore Ali Maroney had back-to-back blocks in set three, and Alpine was cooking with gas as the girls were unloading on the Lady Birds. Crane had a spike go high as Alpine won set three.

In set four excitement ensued as the Lady Bucks tried to finish off the Lady Birds. Crane proved tough, and was about to win the set 24-20, but the Lady Bucks fought back, and

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Running with it



Alpine Fightin' Buck quarterback Jayden Canaba runs with the ball against El Paso Jefferson on Aug. 27 at home.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Canaba and Colon make ASC watch list

Annika Canaba and Tatyana Colon were listed among 18 others as 2021 American South-west Conference Volleyball Players to Watch in an announcement made Aug. 27 by the conference office.

For the Spring 2021 season, Canaba was named West Division Most Valuable Player, to the All-Conference Team, and All-West Division First Team.

She recorded 3.23 kills, 3.58 assists, and 2.50 digs per set while hitting .304 with 25 aces and 18 blocks. She also led the nation with five triple-doubles.

She is a two-time

member of the All-Conference Team, also being named to it in 2019. She is a three-time All-West Division after being named to the first team in 2019 and second team in 2018. Canaba was also named ASC West Freshman of the Year in 2018.

Canaba was a two-time ASC West Offensive Player of the Week in Spring 2021. Her first came on March 10 after a sweep of Howard Payne on March 2. She started the week with a game-high 11 kills, tied for a game-best 16 assists, six digs, and a game-high four service aces in a 3-0 win in match one. Canaba finished the day with

a match-high 15 kills, 19 assists, and 10 digs in a 3-1 win in match two.

Colon finished the spring 2021 season with team-bests in both service aces and digs, with 27 and 203 respectively. She was also fourth on the team in assists with 48.

She matched her season-high in service aces with five twice in back-to-back matches against Howard Payne on March 2 and March 9.

The Lobos start their season on Friday, Sept. 3 with a doubleheader against Arlington Baptist and University of Dallas to start the Austin College and University of Dallas Tournament in Irving.

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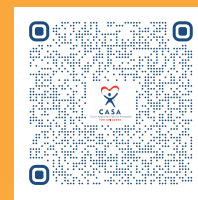
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Chile verde to the rescue

From time to time I have been known to feed local cowboys during their cattle works. I have served everything from burritos to spaghetti, but none has been as big a hit as chile verde.

This savory stew can be eaten out of a bowl or, as those of us here in the Last Frontier prefer it, in a soft, fluffy, flour tortilla. Many years ago, I took it upon myself to learn to make many different

Mexican dishes. As a financially challenged college student, I couldn't eat out every time I craved enchiladas or tacos, so I set about learning to cook my favorite dishes, chile verde being one of them. I searched far and wide across the internet looking for a recipe that satisfied the taste I first encountered as a kid growing up in Pecos.

Every recipe I tried was just, well, lacking. Most called for tomatillos, which have a bit of a tart, vinegar-like taste that I did not enjoy. I tried every combination I could think of until I ran across a recipe in a Dutch oven cookbook, and gold, or rather verde, was struck. Over the years I adapted this recipe to my own with a tweak here or there, but basically it remained the same.

Unlike most recipes for chile verde that call for pork, I prefer beef. I buy beef stew meat, and on medium-high heat cook it down until all the liquid is gone. I then add garlic and onions and brown them for a few minutes. I add salt, pepper, and cumin and mix well. I buy the Bueno chopped green chiles in the frozen section, thaw, and then process in the blender



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

before adding to my meat mixture.

I stir this all together, add a significant amount of water, and turn my

heat to low to allow it to simmer for a couple of hours until the beef is fork tender. If you choose to make it on the stovetop, you should check it ever so often to add a little more water and to stir to keep it from sticking to the bottom of the pot and burning.

When I make this on the stovetop, I use a deep cast iron Dutch oven because this is my preferred vessel for cooking most dishes. If I am in a hurry, however, I turn to my Instant Pot to shorten the

cooking time so the beef is still tender.

I have found that many dishes such as this are always better the next day after the flavors have had a chance to marry together overnight. I have also found that while I will adapt recipes to my liking, I'm still a bit of a purist when it comes to most dishes I prepare. Chile verde is no different.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at foodie9372@gmail.com.

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These Alpine High School majorettes will lead the Buck Band in between halves ceremonies at football games this year. From left are Judith Smith, head majorette, Linda Reed, Bonnie Uranga, and Donna Mueller. Photo by Hunter

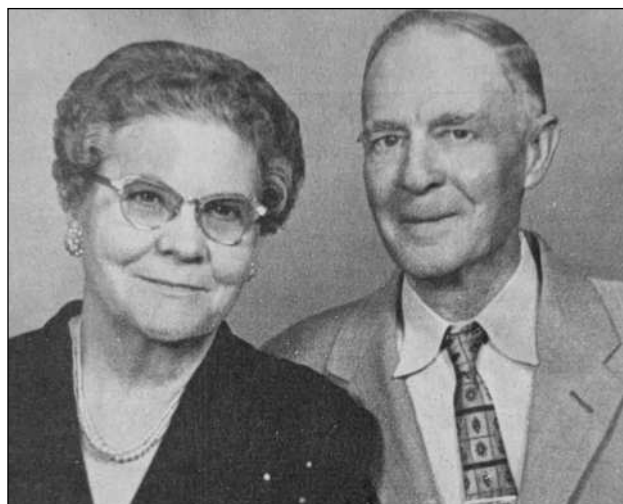


September 14, 1961

Hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food and \$239.50 in cash were contributed by residents of Alpine, Marathon, and Fort Davis to victims of Hurricane Carla. From left are Jimmy Eichholtz, Alonzo Hord accepting a check from Levi Bell, and Dick Tucker. Avalanche photo

September 28, 1961

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Knight, pioneer residents of Presidio County, will be celebrated at a reception given by the couple's children Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Marfa Pilot Club lodge. Hosts for the reception are Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Knight, Marfa; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff M. Graham, Alpine; and Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Dewberry of Midland.



September 7, 1961

The first annual Outdoor Art Corral Exhibition stage in Alpine last weekend drew a large number of visitors despite the rainy and cool weather Sunday and Monday. Hallie Matlock of the Alpine Artist Guild and Mrs. Henry Bailey of the American Legion Auxiliary thanked everyone who participated in the program. Proceeds from the exhibit will go toward the Legion Auxiliary building fund. Photo by Gaines

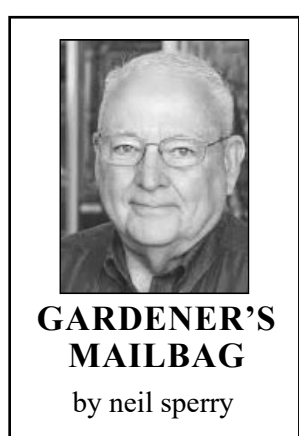
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Pistachio will likely not recover from cold

Dear Neil: We have seven Chinese pistachio trees that have been in our landscape for five or six years. One of them seems to have been hurt badly by last February's cold. It has less than 25 percent of its normal leaves. It has round bumps on its trunk, but nothing has happened this year. Should I take it out or wait until spring to see if it recovers?

If it's in a location where it wouldn't hurt anyone or anything should it come down over the winter, I'd leave it there to see if it rebounds. I really don't think that it will, but it's worth the small gamble. Goodness, from the photo of your other trees, your landscape and lawn are beautiful.

Dear Neil: What can I do about crabgrass in my raised vegetable garden without using something not good for my vegetables? I tried pulling it, but it has become stronger



GARDENER'S MAILBAG

by neil sperry

than I am. Would burning the ground like I remember my grandparents doing work?

Oh, don't do that! And no, it wouldn't help anyway. First, I doubt if you have true crabgrass. Crabgrass is an annual weed. It germinates in the spring, grows, and completes its life cycle in one growing season. If that's what you have, it would be fully seeded by now and about to die, roots and all. I suspect you may have Johnson-

grass. It's a much stronger, perennial weed that can grow to be three to five feet tall if it's not trimmed. If it were my garden, once I had finished harvesting, I definitely would spray with a glyphosate-only weed-killer. Glyphosates do not contaminate the soil. Your other option, would be to solarize the space by covering it with black polyethylene plastic for the rest of this summer and fall. You might have to do so for the spring and summer next year as well, depending on what type of weed you have. I'd suggest you visit with a Texas Certified Nursery Professional at a local independent garden center to get it identified and to outline a course of action.

Dear Neil: My neighbor's hackberry trees are infested with wooly aphids. I have tried spraying an organic solution on our side of the fence six times but it hasn't

helped. He has not given me permission to hire a professional to come onto his property to spray the tree. I created a COVID-safe place to gather in our backyard last year, but it is uninhabitable due to the wooly aphids and the mess they have created. What can I do?

I wish I had a better answer, but if the tree is on his property, it's really up to the two of you to work out a way. Wooly hackberry and oak aphids are plant feeders that suck sap from the trees. Other than the nuisance and mess you described, they present no risk to you or your guests and really not much of one to your plants. A driving rain will help clean things up, as will the first freeze.

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



Chinese pistachio thin canopy.

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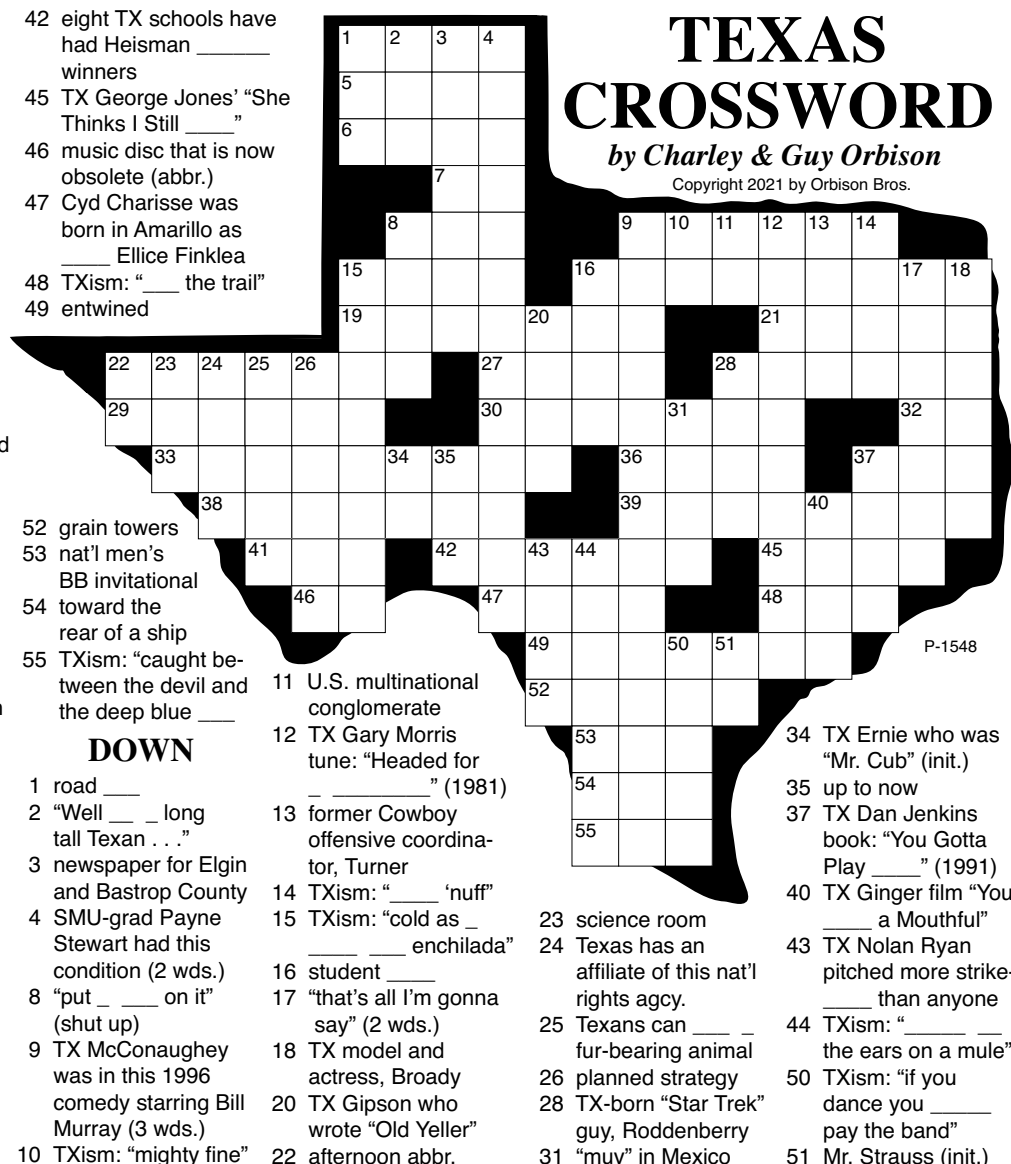
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- land subdivided
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1. Fort Stockton 10. Texas ATM
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 3. Balmorhea
 4. Wis
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1. Alpine 10. Texas A&M
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Bucks seek playoff spot for 11th consecutive season

BY NATHAN HEUER
Contributing Writer

Making the postseason isn't just a hope for the Alpine football team since head coach John Fellows took over the program six years ago.

It's a tradition that has taken place all of Fellows' years at the helm, and one that has continued since this year's senior class was in first grade.

"I think it's kids buying in. We have a couple of simple rules. The two rules are, be where you're supposed to be when you're supposed to be there, do the right thing. On the field it's attitude and effort and we just live and die by those two things," Fellows said of his team's consistent success. "I think consis-

tency also plays a part in it because these kids know what to expect from year to year."

Alpine will attempt to make the playoffs for the 11th consecutive year this upcoming season and win a district title for the second time during Fellows' tenure. Fellows will have one of his greatest challenges in front of him entering his seventh year as head coach of the Bucks, with a starting lineup that features only one starter returning on the offensive side of the ball and three starters on defense.

"We're going to have a lot of spots where we need to grow up," he said. "The junior and seniors are just inexperienced. They were either on JV last year, or played a backup role on the var-

sity. It's not like we're starting nine freshmen or 10 sophomores. It's just a matter of the speed of it, and a matter of doing it over and over again."

The good news for the Bucks – their lone returning starter on the offensive side of the ball is quarterback Jayden Canaba. The 5-foot-11 signal caller had his first year of starting full time under center a season ago after splitting time with Fellows' son, Aaron Fellows, during his sophomore campaign.

Canaba led Alpine to the second round of the Class 3A playoffs in 2020, and did so by tallying 14 touchdowns (nine passing, five rushing), and 1,156 all-purpose yards. Canaba was the Bucks' second leading rusher last season with

293 yards on 92 carries and finished the season with more passing touchdowns (nine) than interceptions (eight).

This past spring the senior led the Bucks to the state 7-on-7 tournament, and showed his head coach that his passing game had improved considerably.

"He's getting a lot better where he is reading coverages. He knows who he's reading on those pass plays. He's throwing the ball really well this year. He really is throwing the ball a lot better than he did last year," Fellows said. "We might be slinging it a little bit more."

Although Canaba's passing skills have improved according to his coach, Fellows has always believed in finding a balance on offense to keep the defense honest.

"One thing I've always thought you need to be able to do, it's hard to do, you have to be balanced and be able to run the ball. You have to," he said.

Alpine lost their leading rusher, Allen Vargas, to graduation this past spring, and he'll be replaced by a committee of two to three running

backs.

The committee of running backs will try to an impact on the ground behind an offensive line that will have new starters at each position.

The Bucks' head coach emphasized that the growth and maturity of his hog mollies up front will be a key for Alpine's success on offense.

"That's going to be a big one," Fellows said. "I think our skilled kids, they're as good as anybody skill wise. The five guys up front are the engine that makes the team go. If they're sputtering, the team is sputtering. That's just the way it is."

On the defense, Alpine lost their five leading tacklers from 2020 to graduation. Defensive lineman/outside linebacker Shaun Foster was the Bucks' sixth leading tackler a season ago, and the senior will look to set the tone for Alpine's 5-2-4 defense in 2021.

Fellows described his

senior defensive leader as a do-it-all player that has the athleticism to rush the passer effectively and sufficiently perform in coverage.

"Foster plays that outside linebacker 90% of the time on the line of scrimmage. Two-point stance, last man on. He had a big pick against Sonora last year in the playoff game," he said.

Other contributors from a season ago on defense that will look to make an impact this season include Jordan Rodriguez, Tray Ervin, and Aiden Morrissey.

Alpine opened the season with a home game against the Jefferson Silver Foxes from El Paso. Jefferson went 1-5 a season ago in Class 5A-2.

The Bucks will then play neighboring rival Fort Stockton in an away contest on Sept. 3. Another game of note is a home matchup with defending 3A-2 District Champion Crane on Oct. 22.







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SEPT. 3	Ft. Stockton Away - 7:00	Ft. Stockton Home - 5:00 Thursday 9/2		
SEPT. 10	Wink Home - 7:30	Wink Away - 6:30 Thursday 9/9	Wink Away - 5:00 Thursday 9/9	OPEN
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SEPT. 24	KERMIT Home - 7:00	KERMIT Away - 5:00 Thursday 9/23	KERMIT Home - 6:30 Thursday 9/23	KERMIT Home - 5:00 Thursday 9/23
OCT. 1	EL Paso Riverside Away - 7:00 Central Time	Ft. Stockton Away - 6:30 Thursday 9/30	Reagan Co. Home - 6:30 Thursday 9/30	Reagan Co. Home - 5:00 Thursday 9/30
OCT. 8	OPEN	Ft. Stockton Away - 5:00 Thursday 10/7	Ft. Stockton Home - 6:30 Thursday 10/7	Ft. Stockton Home - 5:00 Thursday 10/7
OCT. 15 District 1-3A	Tornillo Away - 7:30 Central Time	Crane Home - 6:00 Thursday 10/14	Crane Away - 6:30 Thursday 10/14	Crane Away - 5:00 Thursday 10/14
OCT. 22 District 1-3A Pink Out	Crane Home - 7:30 Central Time	Crane Away - 6:00 Thursday 10/21	Crane Home - 6:30 Thursday 10/21	Crane Home - 5:00 Thursday 10/21
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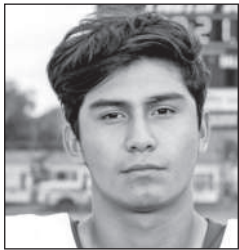
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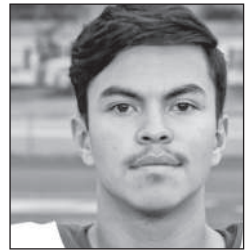
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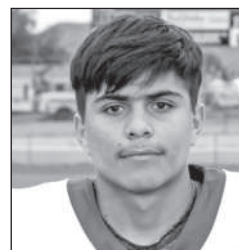
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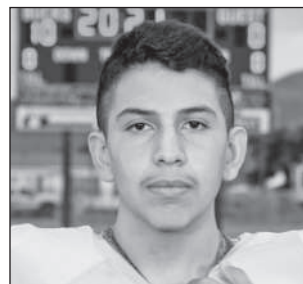
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Looking forward in 2021

BY HEAD COACH RICK GARCIA

My second year at the helms is extra special. First of all, We have a team that is hungrier than last year. They have seen and played in the postseason, something that left a bad taste in their mouths. Losing in the Bi-District match against Littlefield left an empty feeling in everyone's stomach.

We are poised to return to post play and finish what we started. Second, I have my daughter, Selena Garcia, on the coaching staff. She has been by my side since my days at Sul Ross State University (2000-2013), and she keeps me grounded when I need to be grounded.

Sandra Fellows rounds out the high school coaching staff. At the middle

school we have Macy Downing and Cassandra Aguilar coaching the junior high girls.

We have a total of 38 girls playing this year at the high school level. The future looks bright with our three seniors laying the foundation since they were freshmen, two juniors who are contributing their experience to the team, and our sophomore class makes a very talented team ready to work together and move this program forward.

Our team motto for this year is, "I Believe...." Believing in each other to reach a common goal is our mission. State bound!



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Cheerleaders lead the charge



The Bucks cheerleaders put in countless hours of work while the sports teams they root for get most of the attention. They are showcased at all the games they attend and all the community events where they appear, but the cheerleaders also do a lot behind the scenes as well.

The huge motivational posters hanging in the gym are often decorated by cheerleaders. Every week during football season, a new mural goes up on the cafeteria windows, and the old one is erased. Every week during football season the cheerleaders bring a gift basket to all the coaches on game day, and before every home game they make a colorful banner that is ripped to shreds by the football team as they charge out of a giant inflatable helmet before kickoff.

Most students look forward to the weekly pep-rallies in the fall, but they only come to fruition after a

theme has been chosen, decorations are hung, games are organized, and a new routine is practiced repeatedly. Cheerleaders also do a lot of cleanup.

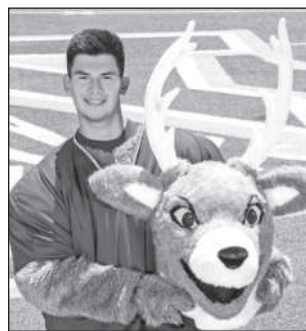
Sandra Fellows took over the squad four years ago after the previous coach resigned. While she oversees practices and other events, she is often distracted on Friday nights. Her husband, John, is entering his seventh year as the Fightin' Bucks head coach.



Lourdes Acosta



Johanna Barber



Marco Blitz-Martinez



Kimberly Lara



Alyssa Duenez



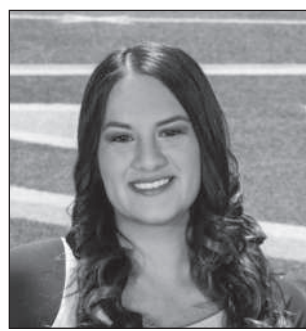
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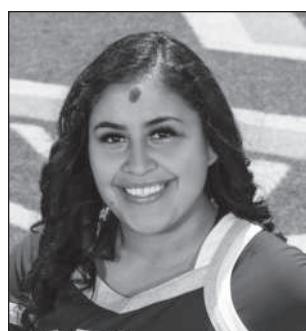
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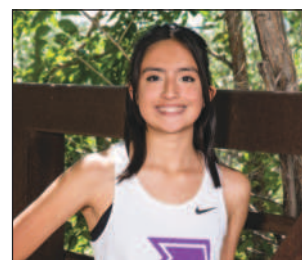
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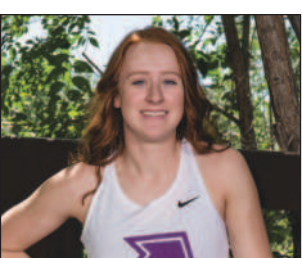
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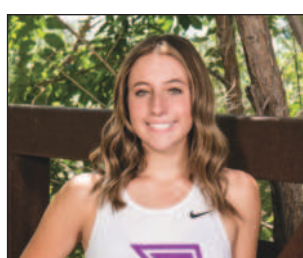
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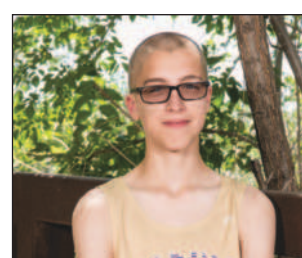
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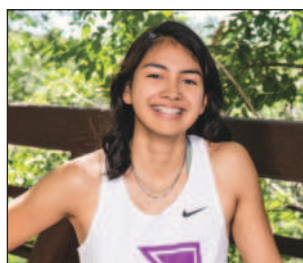


Martin Sablatura

ALPINE CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE 2021

DATE	MEET	LOCATION
Saturday August 21	TALL CITY INVITATIONAL HS	Midland Hogan Park NE
Saturday August 28	WINK WILDCAT INVITATIONAL HS/MS	Wink Winkler Co. Golf Course
Saturday September 4	CRANE INVITATIONAL HS/MS	Crane Crane Golf Course
Saturday September 11	MONAHANS INVITATIONAL HS/MS	Monahans Monahans Golf Course
Saturday September 18	BO COFFMAN INVITATIONAL HS/MS	Presidio Lucy Rede Franco MS
Saturday September 25	LUBBOCK INVITATIONAL HS	Lubbock Mae Simmons Park
Saturday October 2	BIG BEND MOUNTAIN RAMBLE HS/MS	Alpine TBA
Thursday October 7	ODESSA INVITATIONAL HS	Odessa UTPB
Thursday October 14	DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP MEET HS/MS	Tornillo Tornillo HS
Monday October 25	REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET	Lubbock Mae Simmons Park
Saturday November 6	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET	Round Rock Old Settlers Park

Head Coach- Cory Cason, Assistant Coach- George Hazlehurst
MS Principal- Judith Pardo-Alferez, HS Principal- Verl O'Bryant
Athletic Director- John Fellows
Superintendent- Becky McCutchen



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BY CHUCK WILSON
Director of Bands

The Alpine Buck Band is a large organization of musicians who strive for excellence year in and year out. Our young musicians work hard to master their instruments, and to understand how music and its discipline can have a positive impact on their entire life.

Alpine High School musicians and color guard members compete all year long in various areas - from full band, to small group, to individual performance - and they have excelled each and every year. The high school musicians have advanced to the state level of competition every year consistently for the last 18 years, and are working hard to continue that tradition.

Music has also allowed our students to experience things they never dreamed possible, and brought statewide and national recognition to our community. The Band is honored to be a part of Alpine and the community's history of resilience and success. The Band works hard to represent Alpine in ways that will make our community proud.



ALPINE LADY BUCKS VOLLEYBALL

2021 Schedule
REVISED 7/27/21

Month	Date	Opponent	Time	Location
AUGUST	7	6 th Annual Roger Kinzie Scrimmage	8am	9/JV/V
	9	@Monahans/San Angelo Central Dual	11/12:30pm	9/JV/V
	10	@Ft Hancock/San Elizario	3:30pm(MST)	JV/V
	12-14	Monahans Tournament	8am	9/JV/V
	17	@Pecos	4pm	9/JV/V
	19	@Wall	4:30pm	V
	20-21	Nita Vannoy Tournament-San Angelo	8am	V
	24	CRANE	4/5/6pm	9/JV/V
	27-28	Ft Stockton Tournament	8am	JV
	28	@Balmorhea	11am	9th
SEPTEMBER	31	@Wink/Klondike Dual	4pm	JV/V
	4	OPEN		
	7	COMPASS ACADEMY	5/6:30pm	JV/V
	11	VAN HORN	11/12pm	JV/V
	14	@Crane/Big Spring Dual	4pm	JV/V
	18	@Ft Stockton	11/11/12pm	9/JV/V
	21	*PRESIDIO	4/5/6:30pm	9/JV/V
OCTOBER	25	*ANTHONY	11/12pm	JV/V
	28	OPEN		
	2	*KERMIT (Pink out Day)%%	11/12/1pm	9/JV/V
	5	@*Tornillo	5/6pm CST	JV/V
	9	@*Presidio	11/12pm	JV/V
	12	@*Anthony	5/6pm CST	JV/V
	16	OPEN (Regional Band)		
	19	@*Kermit	5/5/6pm	9/JV/V
	23	OPEN (Area Band)		
	26	*TORNILLO (Senior Night)!!	5/6pm	JV/V
30	District Certification			

Head Coach: Rick Garcia
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