

Early voting on propositions underway



BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
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Early voting on eight constitutional amendments proposed by the recent 87th Texas legislative regular session began Monday, and will continue through Oct. 29.

All voters in all Brewster County precincts will cast ballots early at the Judge Val Beard Office Complex at 203 North Seventh Street in Alpine. On Thursday, Oct. 21, and Monday through Thursday, Oct. 25-28, polls will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 29, polls will be open from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 22.

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City discusses proposed brewery

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Plans for a new brewery generated discussion at the City of Alpine regularly scheduled city council meeting on Oct. 19.

Mayor Andy Ramos was absent, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Johnson filled in for him.

Chisos Brewing Company, a proposed brewery that would start construction and design pending city building code requirements, would be located in the 200 block of East Murphy, between Third

and Fourth streets.

Alpine resident Guy Fielder, a part owner, introduced himself to council, and the city showed video footage of Guy's wife Lisa addressing a recent Alpine Downtown Association meeting.

"We want it to be a world class facility, something that Alpine can be very proud of," Lisa said. "We want to make this available for meetings, free for nonprofits, available to anybody in the community who needs to meet. We want it to be a gathering place for the

community, open to all."

The Fielders expressed frustration at the lengthy time period for the city to provide code requirements and enable the owners to submit those to the Austin architects who would be designing the brewery and British-style pub. The city currently has no building official.

Guy said most of the feedback for the proposed brewery has been very positive, and added, "Most people miss Big Bend Brewing Co., and they like to have a place to go after work." Council,

Ward 2, Chris Rodriguez

said she was interested in meeting with the Fielders to further discuss the issue. Next, municipal court judge Jodi Cole presented an update on the city court process, including dismissals and disposition, an agenda item brought forth by Rodriguez. Cole also talked about new procedures being implemented in the court that would allow it to be more efficient and effective at resolving the backlog of cases that had been prevalent in previous city administrations. Cole said she was working



Chisos Brewing Co. logo.

Courtesy photo.

with city attorney and city prosecutor Rod Ponton on the case dismissals, including inactive cases.

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Showing respect in Tornillo



During a beautiful evening in Tornillo, the Alpine Fightin' Bucks kneel in respect of the flag before the kickoff. The Bucks came out ahead 47-0 against the Coyotes in the first district game of the season.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

Honoring loved ones while sprucing up

BY ROXANNE HILL
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It is the beginning of cool fall weather in the Big Bend, and with it comes the start of unique family traditions designed to honor departed loved ones. For the Holy Angels Cemetery Association in Alpine, it all starts with beautifying and sprucing up the place of rest.

The nonprofit organization is headed by Alpine native Mike Pallanez, who grew up around the colorful and traditional Día De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, celebration, a festive Mexican-American holiday that brings families and neighbors together for camaraderie and remembrance of those who have gone before them. The nonprofit association has a dedicated board of directors who see that the cemetery's projects come

to fruition, and make sure the revamp and sprucing up are completed in preparation for this unique celebration. Whether to mow the lawn, pull weeds, clean up debris, or decorate the graves of loved ones, anything to help make the grounds more presentable and welcoming is important.

"Our biggest acquisition we had was buying more land, and not just for people from Alpine, but people who were raised here and lived in other places, but made Holy Angels their place of rest," said Pallanez. "We ran out of space fast, so we had to buy three acres this year."

Besides hosting fundraisers for additional plots, the association had to come up with about \$7,000 to fix an antiquated water well, along with other much needed repairs. Holy Angels has a



Rena Gallego, Velma Flores Valero, and Mike "Coach" Pallanez pause for a photo at a recent Holy Angels Cemetery Association Cinco de Mayo barbecue fundraiser.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

special place to honor and recognize several military veterans, including Pallanez' own father Antonio, a World War I vet, who is also buried there in the family plot.

"For El Día de Los Muertos, we raised the flag, and we had a really

nice ceremony honoring our dead," said Pallanez, who hopes to have a similar ceremony this year.

Holy Angels has other fundraisers throughout the year, such as the Cinco de Mayo barbecue fundraiser and the Fourth of July hamburger sale at Koker-

not Park that were highly successful. The current project the association is working on is building a new fence around the cemetery, and it hopes to have that in place before the year is over.

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OBITUARIES

Dolly Jean Calhoun

Dolly Jean Calhoun, 82, of Midland, Texas, died Oct. 13, 2021 in Midland. She was born Aug. 12, 1939, in Eastland, Texas, to Bertha Mae and C. V. Williamson.



Dolly graduated from Midland High School in 1957. She married Carl Rayford Calhoun on Oct. 19, 1957, at Greenwood Baptist Church in Midland County.

Always involved with her three daughters' activities, she served as a leader in PTA, Camp Fire Girls, and 4-H. She was honored with a lifetime PTA membership, and awarded Outstanding 4-H Leader by Texas 4-H. When grandchildren came along, she attended and supported their activities.

Dolly worked as a mortgage loan officer at several area lending institutions, and was active and served in local business, realtor, and service organizations. After retirement she began making quilts, and exhibiting her creative works in shows. She volunteered as a docent at Midland's Scarborough/Linebery House for 10 years, and led the

annual school children quilts project. Dolly made and gifted a quilt to every member of her family as a lasting remembrance of her love for them.

She encouraged her husband in his steer/team roping hobby, and traveled many miles to watch him compete in and enjoy his lifelong passion. From their early marriage on, she and Rayford relished the many lively evenings spent dancing to country music with family and friends. They were members of First United Methodist Church of Midland and Partners Sunday School Class for over 30 years.

Dolly was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of almost 64 years, Rayford Calhoun; daughters Vicky (David) Saxe, Rainy Walker, and Christi (Billy) Lehw; sisters Charlise (Johny) Wey-

erts, and Gayle Lewis; grandchildren Taylor Welch, Justin Welch, Jessi Welch Medlin, Miles Walker, Madeline Walker Henson, Clay Lehw, and Katelee Lehw; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Taylor Welch, Justin Welch, Kristopher Medlin, Miles Walker, Clay Lehw, and Ryan Calhoun. Honorary pallbearers were members of First United Methodist Church Partners Sunday School Class.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 18, 2021, at First United Methodist Church in Midland. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are entrusted to Willowbrook Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Midland. To place online condolences, visit willowbrk.com.

In lieu of flowers, Dolly requested that memorials be considered to First Methodist Midland, 300 North Main Street, Midland TX 79701, Midland Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 8757, Midland TX 79708, or Heifer International, One World Avenue, Little Rock AR 72202.

Angelica Raquel Aguilar-Pearce

Angelica Raquel Aguilar-Pearce of Alpine, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 13, 2021. She was 36, and was loved by her family and friends. Angelica was born on Dec. 11, 1984 in San Antonio, Texas, where she grew up surrounded by the love of her parents and siblings. She has a twin brother, Charlie Aguilar, and they shared a true twin bond. She grew up in a home filled with music, like oldies and Tejano, which sparked her love for dancing.

After high school she went on to attend Sul Ross State University. She met her husband Paul Pearce, and they quickly fell in love and expanded their family and welcomed twins, Jeremiah and Miah Pearce. Three years later Matthew arrived to complete their family.

Angelica was the backbone of her family, and she took care of their every need. Her sense of humor and compassion kept their home full of love and laughter. She was truly the heart of her family. The same music that filled her childhood home continued to fill her home as she passed on her joy for music to her children.

Angelica spent the last four years cooking at Uncles. She poured her passion into the kitchen, and went above and beyond for her customers and served them with kindness. It's easy to see why she had so many regulars stop by for breakfast and lunch.

Angelica was the light of her family's life. She was an amazing wife, a loving mom, a sweet daughter, a protective sister, and a loyal friend. She will be missed beyond belief. Her family and friends love her a whole lot and will love her forever.



She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Paul Pearce; sons Jeremiah and Matthew; daughter Miah; parents Juan and Rosalinda Aguilar; and in laws Paul and Shelly Pearce. She leaves behind her brothers John Albert Aguilar, John Anthony Aguilar, Marcos Aguilar, Carlos "Charlie" Aguilar,

Juan Aguilar, Genaro "Ricky" Aguilar; sisters Rosenda Livas and Monica Anzaldúa; brothers in law Weldon Pearce and Jeremy Pearce; sister in law Sarah Alvarado; and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be held on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, from 1-6 p.m. at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home, Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home, Memorial Chapel, with burial at Holy Angels in Alpine.

Project Graduation tournament winners



Alpine High School Project Graduation 2022 sponsored a cornhole tournament and taco sale at American Legion Post 79 on Oct. 16. In first place were Alex Gonzales and Camilo Celaya shown in the photo. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation 2022.

Courtesy photot

Deadlines announced for Conservation Assistance Funding

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline of Oct. 29 for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. A second funding application deadline will be Feb. 11, 2022.

Applications are taken year-round for the pro-

grams, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Farmers.gov.

The Incentives Program

is voluntary, and provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from program specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns, and improve soil, water, plant,

animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For more information or to sign up, call the Alpine Service Center at 432-837-5864 ext. 3 to set up an appointment. Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis.

For additional information visit the website at tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Sul Ross Theatre hits its mark with its 100th season

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer



Marjorie Scott

Live theatrical productions have delighted audiences for centuries, and in the Big Bend area, Sul Ross State University's theatre department has achieved that purpose by entertaining with unique experiences about all aspects of life.

Sul Ross will kick off its 100th season this fall, and it promises to bring something for everyone. Marjorie Scott, chair of Fine Arts and Communication and assistant professor of Theatre, looks forward to welcoming area residents to a season full of eerie tales, drama, comedy, and more. "Sul Ross theatre has been going on for a very long time, and it actually started as a student club on campus called the Mask and Slipper Club," said Scott. "It eventually became a major on campus after World War II. We have been producing summer theatre for about 56 years, so it's a very old tradition here."

"A lot has changed in the past 100 years, and the current program tries to fulfill its role in addressing difficult topics, reviving some classic theatre presentations, and providing learning opportunities to students," said Carolyn Barrientes, assistant professor of theatre and program coordinator.

Barrientes teaches interior design, costume design, and technical theatre, and stressed that one of her goals was to develop English-Spanish bilingual theatre. The season kicks off on Friday, Oct. 22, with the first production of the season, "Blithe Spirit," a funny and eerie British comedy by 20th century English playwright Noël Coward. The play is set in the 1940s in England during World War II, and features themes of deception, love, loyalty, and the complex legacy of past

relationships.

Barrientes went all out with the elegant costume design of the time period, incorporating jewel tones in the costumes with a variety of colors.

"Blithe Spirit is about a husband whose ex-wife comes back from the dead, and haunts him and his current wife," said Scott. "She is summoned back from the dead to a séance, and chaos ensues. It's a classic piece of theatre, and fun for the whole family. Despite the subject of death, it's done in such a way that even children can enjoy it."

Next month, Scott will be spearheading a walking ghost tour in downtown Alpine in conjunction with the Alpine Historical Association. Scott is writing and producing original content inspired by ghost stories from the Big Bend.

Scott said that kids' theatre camp will be back next summer after a halt due to coronavirus concerns. Barrientes and Scott were excited to be able to produce live shows for audiences again, and celebrate the 100th season on stage.

"The community is a big supporter of ours," said Barrientes. "Without the community, we wouldn't be the same, and we rely on their support, not only in Alpine but also the communities of Fort Davis, Marfa, Fort Stockton, Terlingua, and Presidio."

Open house at historic Ruidosa church



On Saturday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friends of the Ruidosa Church will host an open house at the recently restored building in Ruidosa on FM 170 west of Presidio. The church was built in 1915, but fell into disrepair, and by 2000 the Diocese of El Paso recommended it be torn down. In 2019 it was turned over from Presidio County to the non-profit Friends group for restoration and repair.

Photo by Mike Green

Historical survey comes to Marathon

SHAWNA GRAVES

Contributing Writer

A consulting firm based out of Houston has been in Marathon surveying the town for potentially significant historic buildings from Tuesday to Thursday of this week.

The firm, McDoux Preservation LLC, helped the Gage Hotel gain a place on the National Register of Historic Places at the end of 2020. After working with Gage Hotel owner J.P. Bryan on that project, Bryan tasked the firm to investigate other potential nominations, and to determine if all or part of Marathon is eligible for an historic district designation.

The firm emphasized that designation on the registry is an honorary title only, and does not put any restrictions on the property owner. However, a historic designation could potentially result in tax credits or grants.

A federal historic tax credit for rehabilitation is open to income-producing properties, and a Texas state historic tax credit program is available for properties belonging to nonprofit organizations. Com-

mercial properties can apply for a state sales tax exemption on construction labor. If a business offers amusement services such as movies, concerts, antique shows, spectator sports, participatory games and sports, carnivals, or other tourist attractions, that property would be eligible for state sales tax exemptions, according to the firm.

The survey consists of taking photos of properties all over town from the public right-of-way, and collecting information about the properties. The team will then analyze that data to determine which properties might be eligible for historic designation. If a property is deemed eligible, the property owner will be notified by mail from McDoux Preservation. To pursue the designation, a nomination involving lengthy paperwork would have to be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission for approval. If part or all of Marathon were deemed eligible, it would require support from over half of the property owners to go forward.

The firm hosted a meet and greet on Oct. 14 at the Ritchey

Building, and will be back in town to discuss its findings if a significant portion of the town is found to be historically important.

In early surveys like one that took place in Marathon in 1978, the Texas Historical Commission only documented buildings that were at least 50 years old. Nowadays, historical surveys document the entire town, including the town's main strip, any community parks, general stores, and more. All these places are potentially eligible to be included on the National Register of Historical Places.

McDoux Preservation is an award-winning, female-owned consulting firm that specializes in community-driven, data-driven work with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, to tell the full story and include resources that are culturally significant to the entire community.

They have worked on similar projects in Paris, Texas, in the past year.

The firm intends to wrap up their findings, and provide a report to the community by early 2022.

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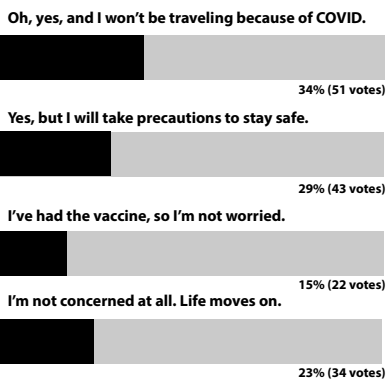
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Now, the Avalanche asks:

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- Absolutely! Our nation needs Trump to get back on track and reverse the disaster that's going on now.
 - Yes, but for now he should run for Congress in 2022 first to put a damper on the liberals.
 - No way! Trump was the worst.
 - I don't care one way or the other.
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Why men love football and women hate models

This is the second installment, written by a good friend and peer of mine. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Comparison is the thief of joy," suggesting that making comparisons can be harmful, and detract from our own happiness, driving us further away from being the truest version of our self.

As a female in today's society, there I am, sitting in a bar, waiting for friends to show. It's Friday night, I'm wearing my best pair of curve-forming jeans, my favorite M.A.C. lipstick, hair is on point, and I'm at the height of my confidence for the day. In the midst of that great moment, in walks a gorgeous girl, long tan legs, pouty pink lips, long California-blond hair, and packed in two-by-three square feet of black Lycra. Before I even realize what I'm seeing, my head is saying, "Wow, she's gorgeous, she must be a model. I hope she falls off the planet, and gets sucked up by a big black hole."

Yes, I know, it's insane how immature a woman can be. Figuratively, it's called a "hit and run." A beautiful girl walks in, and in an instant, my ego just killed my vibe. When a person's ego is filled with negativity, it specializes in catastrophizing one's worthiness. Of course, we are going to resent the model. She just sucked the joy right out of us like those



ELEAZAR CANO
Brewster County Judge

Dementors did to Harry Potter.

This is the downfall of women, plain and simple. You criticize yourself because your negative ego tells you to, "I will never be Rosie Huntington-Whitely".

Thinking of our top female rap artists who have flourished these last couple of decades, Cardi B, Megan Thee Stallion, Nicki Minaj, and of course Queen Bee (Beyonce). Being in the rap industry, they are automatically portrayed as puppets controlled by the strings of patriarchy, sexism, racism, and other manipulative tactics used to contort one's most authentic self.

In a press release for her third album, Queen Bee said, "I have someone else that takes over when it's time for me to work and when I'm on stage, this alter ego that I have created, that kind of protects me and who I really am. Sasha Fierce is the fun, more sensual, more aggressive, more outspoken side and more glamorous side that comes out when I'm working and when I'm on stage."

Until female rappers are granted the

same creative flexibility – the same artistic license to freely engage in aggressive lyricism – as their male counterparts, they have overcome these obstacles by tapping into their alter egos instead of allowing their egos to be their damnation. Just as Todd Herman described in his book, "The Alter Ego Effect," the other I makes one person able to defeat the limiting identities that are meant to stop us.

In Lil Kim's 1996 debut studio album, she created an alter ego to channel her frustrations of being disrespected by her male counterparts in hip-hop, and the betrayal by Notorious BIG, pretty much paving the way for future female artists to do the same, utilizing their own alter egos as a source of freedom and liberation.

This liberation has paved a way for female rap artists to document their sources of inspiration and opportunities, becoming the truest versions of self. Instead, being controlled by our negative narrative from within, cringing at the sight of Naomi Campbell and Beyonce, we can use our own alter egos to break the ties of our stagnating self-identity, and live as our authentic joyful self.

The imaginary, destructive power of social media

It's very easy these days to say that social media is toxic. People act in ways they'd never do in real life because it isn't real life. They act like feral wolves because they can. The Twitter police don't carry guns, and their badges are imaginary. In fact social media is one big imaginary world, and we're all way too wrapped up in things that don't matter - the opinions expressed by strangers in public. Last week, Jon Gruden's life exploded because of some private email exchanges that he had with a colleague between 2011 and 2018. The emails included comments that were objectively racist, sexist, and homophobic, and it's hard to figure out how to defend them. You really can't. Gruden doesn't.

But they were private conversations between two men, and they became public because of a wholly separate investigation into another individual suspected of wrongdoing. Gruden, who was not the target of that investigation, became the victim of what we've all seen over the past few years, something I call the twitch hunt. When the private comments became public, Gruden was essentially turned into a non-person. Matt Taibbi



CHRISTINE FLOWERS
Guest Columnist

had a great column where he described Gruden as becoming increasingly invisible, like a ghost evaporating into the fetid air. Gone, done, canceled. I have friends who were canceled because someone believed that they'd overstepped some social boundaries, boundaries that are now delineated by the tech gods and their acolytes. It's not that Twitter and Facebook make all of the rules, but they empower those with animus and hostility toward this or that to crush the inconvenient and non-conforming. Social media creates and destroys because it has such immense power to influence the way we see the world. In doing so, it effectively changes that world. You can no longer use certain words because the Twitter armies will hunt you down and take your soul hostage if you do. You can't express certain dissonant views about vaccines and masks, or the Facebook Stasi will sniff you out and tag your posts with disclaim-

ers, the social media equivalent of being placed in the public stocks. And if you dared to use racist, sexist, or homophobic language with a friend in the privacy of your email (which of course was never private) you will be sentenced by the Star Chamber years after you transgressed. The sentence will be social oblivion. I was canceled by a newspaper because the Twitter mobs forced the powers that be to silence me. So be it. I found another place, another bully pulpit, another microphone where more than one voice is permitted to speak. But others are not so fortunate. And many, many others who don't have the money and the resources of a guy like Jon Gruden have not only been disappeared like a victim of some South American junta. They have been destroyed. It's all so ephemeral, and yet deadly. A person who we will never meet, and who made some bad comments to someone else we will never meet, is neutralized. None of it touches us, but we're supposed to care.

Meanwhile, real life is happening, and we're too busy looking at our phones to notice. But at least we can mark ourselves "Safe from Jon Gruden."

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ALPINE AVALANCHE

Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What's your favorite Halloween tradition?"

Emma Morales, Alpine: I come from a small town where our hospital is the biggest thing in the community. So, after you go trick or treating you take your candy to the hospital, and you go into the x-ray machine, and you send all your candy down the x-ray machine, and then it will tell you if there's anything sketchy in your candy. Then at the end you get a little bit extra in your bucket.



Melissa Urness, Alpine: Learning about ghost stories and reading horror novels. I consider that my Halloween tradition.



Christian Davis, Marfa: Watching movies, and sometimes pass out candy.



Jacob Nunley, Alpine: Making pumpkin pie, and maybe watching a horror movie or two.

Treasure Blackburn, Alpine: I didn't grow up celebrating Halloween with my uberly Christian parents, but what I did do was watch the Halloween countdown films on the Disney Channel, which was Hallowentown, Twitches, things like that. That's how I celebrated.



Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21
Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper, 5-7 p.m. at the Alpine Elementary School cafeteria. Hosted by Alpine Kiwanis.

October 23
Children's Fall Festival, 5-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Alpine. Games, face painting, cake walk, and more. Free and open to the public.

October 30
Day of the Dead Celebration, 3-7 p.m. at Holy Angels Cemetery on Old Cemetery Road in Alpine. Menudo, Frito pie, hot dogs, popcorn balls, and more. Proceeds from food sales will go toward improvements at the cemetery.

November 13
Horseshoe and Cribbage Tournament, starts 9:30 a.m.



at the Ghost Town horseshoe pits in Terlingua. Barbecue served at noon, with auction to follow. All proceeds benefit Big Bend Education Corporation for Terlingua school graduates.

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 bbc.chorale.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 the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.

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.

Voter registration assistance, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E. 432-837-2621.

Walk for Life, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays beginning March 30. Locations will vary, so call or email to register at Cathy@cathywright.com or 832-314-8103. A movement intelligence program by Cathy Wright, Learning for Life LLC.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E., with instructor Eva Lambert.

Library to dedicate plaque

All are invited to attend a special event planned for Oct. 22 at the Jeff Davis County Library in Fort Davis when a plaque designating it as a Literary Landmark and a tribute to the late author Lonn W. Taylor will take place.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., light refreshments and music performed by Stephen Bright will give attendees the opportunity to meet and greet special guests State Librarian, Gloria Meraz, and Rebekah Manley from Austin's Center for the Book. The program is outdoors on the terrace, and free to the public.

At 6 p.m. the official proclamation declaring the week of Oct. 17-23 will be read as a county observance in honor of Taylor, as well as commemorate National Friends of Libraries week. His 11 books will be displayed, and his wife Dedie will speak after the welcome.

Tim Johnson, founder of Marfa Book Company, will summarize his experiences publishing Taylor's books. The unveiling of the Literary Landmarks plaque which highlight's Taylor's life will close the program. Fort Davis is one of four libraries in Texas selected this year as a "special place that attracts tourists, book lovers, and history buffs" with the goal "to educate the public about literary works and history."

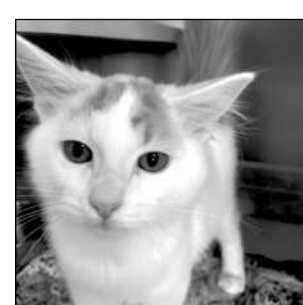
Find more information at friendsjdcl.org.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Ferdinand, a domestic medium hair kitten just under three months old. His orange and white fur and flowing tail are his best features.

Ferdinand is just one of many, many cats currently available at the Alpine Animal Shelter and the Alpine Humane Society Cattery. Both facilities are currently at capacity, and we urgently need to get some cats adopted into loving homes. You can see all of these cats online at PetFinder.com. Just search using zip code 79830.

The Alpine Animal Shelter has not euthanized any healthy, adoptable pets for seven years because adopters step up and take pets into their families, and Alpine Humane Society helps transport many



pets to states where demand is higher. However, there is a limited amount of space at the shelter, and hard decisions could be required if there are no options. Spaying and neutering pets is the number one thing our community can do to save lives.

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 alpinehumanesociety.org.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Bella Lozano

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

I'm especially looking forward to expanding my knowledge and talent in photography my senior year.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

I am involved in a photography internship.

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

My most influential teacher through out my high school years have been Mr. Grisham for helping me find my passion for photography, and Mrs. Golden for offering her friendship and support when I needed it most.

What was your favorite moment the last



Bella Lozano

four years?

My favorite moment these last four years was the moment I realized how much I fell in love with photography and graphic design.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school I plan to study at UNT, and major in photography and minor in social health and services.

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Sports

First boys cross country team to qualify in over a decade



The Alpine Runnin' Buck varsity boys team includes Hatfield Cason, Martin Sablatura, Marco Martinez, Aaron Miller, Ferris Daley, and not shown, Javy Prieto.

BY CORY CASON
Head Coach Alpine ISD

At the District 4-3A Cross Country Championship on Oct. 14, Marco Martinez, Hatfield Cason, Aaron Miller, Martin Sablatura, Javy Prieto, and Ferris Daley became the first Alpine varsity boys team in over a decade to qualify for the Region 1 Cross Country Championships, and the road was definitely not easy.

Bucks traveled to Tornillo Thursday, missing a third of the team due to illness. The summer running, early morning and afternoon workouts, and Saturday races would end anticlimactically for those who had to stay home. Undeterred by the disappointment of the reduced team, the runners who stepped off the bus in Tornillo did what they were trained to do - compete. The athletes represented their team, school, and families with

heart. After years of hard work and patience, senior Marco Martinez qualified for the Region 1 Cross Country Championship as an individual, placing 10th, and as a leader of the qualifying boys team. Freshman Hatfield Cason had an impressive race, placing third in the varsity boys division. He qualified as an individual in the first high school district meet of his career, and has his sights set on qualifying for state in the

competitive Region 1 field. Hope Dominguez was the only Lady Buck to qualify for the Regional Championship this year. With a packed fall schedule as one of the rare two-sport

Courtesy photo

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Alpine Strikes Back!

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

Two weeks after its most debilitating loss of the season to El Paso Riverside, Alpine was on the other end of a blowout against another El Paso-area team, the Tornillo Coyotes, cruising 47-0. It was all Alpine Bucks this past Friday night, and this one counts.

The Fightin' Bucks are now 2-5 on the season, but more importantly 1-0 in District with big-time rival Crane coming to town this Friday for the ever important matchup. The game should once again give whichever team wins a leg up towards the District championship. The win almost guarantees the Bucks a playoff spot.

Alpine was firing on all cylinders from the start as the opening kickoff was recovered when the Coyotes failed to catch the ball. Star quarterback Jayden Canaba was back from his leg injury, along with key players wide receiver-defensive back Aiden Morrissey and kicker Jared Roggow. Diego Monclova and Ylan Hernandez both scored on runs to take the Bucks

up 14-0, on 26- and 36-yard touchdown dashes, respectively.

Then Canaba found Morrissey, one of his favorite targets, for a 14-yard touchdown, pushing the total up to 21-0.

The Alpine offense churned out 456 yards and 12 first downs as 10 Alpine ball carriers toted the ball for 432 yards. It was just the game Canaba needed to get back in the swing of things as junior Tray Ervin took over his signal-caller duties for him from the onset of the second half.

Alpine was averaging a whopping 14.4 yards per rush. Not to be outdone by the offense, the Buck defense limited the Coyotes to one first down and 29 total yards.

Tray Ervin and Canaba added touchdown runs of 53 and eight yards, respectively, to push the lead up to 35-0 at half. Two Jared Roggow field goals of 32 yards and 31 yards and one more Ervin 51-yard touchdown run ended the scoring on the night for the Bucks.

Ervin had two rushes for 114 yards and two

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Lady Bucks headed to playoffs

BY J.T. MARONEY
Publisher

"This is the level of play this team is capable of. We as a team discuss how, if we work together, we will see results like we saw tonight. This is an amazing team with a high level of talent. Combining all the strong pieces we have, to create a winning powerhouse team is who we are, and it showed tonight," Alpine Head Coach Rick Garcia told the Avalanche after Tuesday night's game in Kermit.



The Lady Bucks traveled to Kermit Tuesday, and came home with a District win.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

strong for both teams. Alpine was able to pack the score up midway through the set with the help of good setting by Kylie Garcia and Jaycee Portillo. Chloe Cordova was on fire with her hits across the net. The Lady Bucks moved fast to end set one 25-16.

Set two left Alpine fans confused after they lost their 10-point lead, and

in turn gave set two to the Yellow Jackets. After a regroup by the coaches and a few changes on the court, the girls were back in action.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

LOGAN SMITH

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When most people hear the word ramen, their minds drift to those college or young adult years where most excess money was spent on cover charges and drink specials as opposed to gourmet foods. That is not to say that they wanted to eat the 10 for a dollar pre-packaged meals, but let's face it, hanging out with friends and having a good time trumps healthy eating every day.

Ramen comes in a variety of flavors, and it seems as if they are striving to-



wards new ones every day. If chicken is your go-to flavor, then your choices are creamy chicken, chicken, roast chicken, and even pi-

cante chicken. You know, for those who need a little extra spice in their lives. Beef gastronome? Well, they have you covered there also. If regular beef flavor will not suffice, then let us try roast beef instead. Not to let those seafood lovers down, the manufacturer's have taken shrimp to the budget-stretching masses as well. If you need a quick, cheap meal, then ramen is the way to go.

But wait, is there not a way to take ramen and

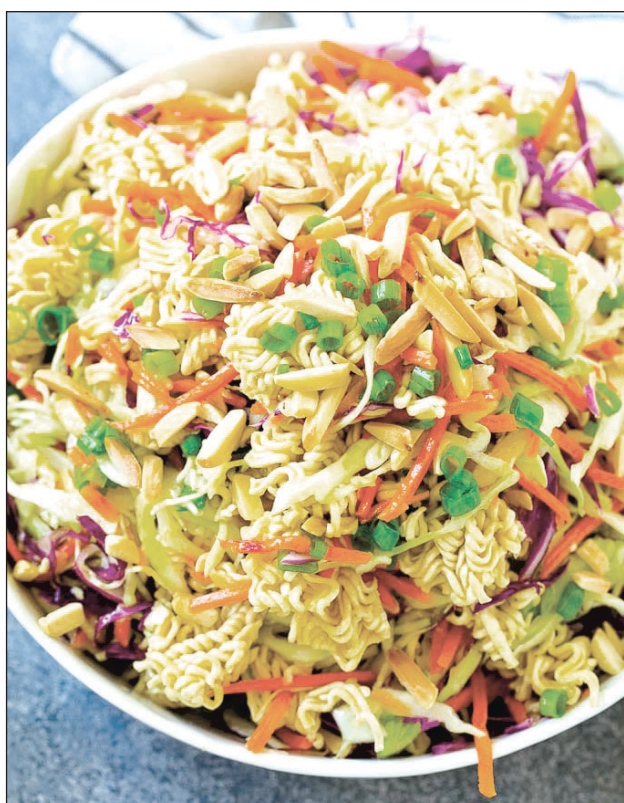
make it something besides just ramen? The answer is a definitive yes! Ramen Noodle Salad at your service. This festive-looking, easy salad is great for those wanting something a bit different, and best yet, it requires no cooking. This makes it a great way to eat something moderately healthy, and not heat up the kitchen when those summer temperatures reach triple digits. Besides the ramen noodles, this salad adds cabbage which

is good for digestion and a good source of vitamin K, carrots that have been linked to eye health, green onions for some vitamin C and vitamin A, and toasted, slivered almonds which can give us a little bit of healthy fat. Cover all this veggie goodness with a mixture of vegetable or olive oil, rice vinegar, and a little sugar, and your crowd pleasing side dish is done.

Ramen is no longer destined to live out its history as cheap, college

student fare, but rather it is being elevated to new and unique culinary delights. Soups, salads, and even stir fry and a mac and cheese version can be found with a little internet snooping. Just like dry goods staples like spaghetti or rice, ramen can now be an inexpensive way to add a flavorful dish to your daily meals.

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



Ramen noodle salad.

Ramen Noodle Salad

Prep Time 15 minutes
Cook Time one minute
Total Time 16 minutes
Serves 8

Ingredients:
4 cups shredded green cabbage
2 cups shredded red cabbage
1 cup shredded carrots
2 packages ramen noo-

dles (noodles broken into chunks, season packets reserved)
½ cup sliced green onions
½ cup toasted, slivered almonds
½ cup vegetable or olive oil
1/3 cup rice vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar

Instructions:

Place the cabbages, carrots, ramen noodles, green onions, and almonds in a large bowl.
In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, rice vinegar, sugar, and ramen

noodle seasoning packets.
Pour the dressing over the cabbage mixture and toss to coat evenly.
Serve immediately, or cover and store in the refrigerator for up to eight hours before serving.



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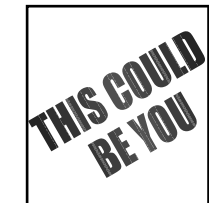
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NEXT WEEK'S PICKS

- High School:** 1. Alpine vs. Compass Academy • 2. Fort Davis vs. Van Horn • 3. Grady vs. Garden City
College: 4. Clyde vs. Wall • 5. Tech vs. OU • 6. Penn St. vs. Ohio St.
 7. MI vs. MI st. • 8. Kansas vs. OSU • 9. Texas vs. Baylor
 10. Purdue vs. Nebraska • 11. Texas vs. Baylor • 12. Ole Miss vs. Auburn
NFL: 13. Steelers vs. Browns
 14. Pats vs. Chargers • 15. Bucc vs. Saints
 16. Cowboys vs. Vikings

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1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Crane	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
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6. Iowa State	15. Pats
7. Kansas State	16. Bucc
8. UNLV	17. Colts
9. Wyoming	

RECORD 80-36

BBT

1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Alpine	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Chiefs
6. OSU	15. Patriots
7. Texas Tech	16. Buccaneers
8. San Jose St.	17. 49ers
9. Wyoming	

RECORD 82-34

CRISTAL BAR

1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Crane	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Chief
6. OSU	15. Pats
7. Tech	16. Bucc
8. UNLV	17. 49ers
9. Wyoming	

RECORD 73-49

PORTER'S SINCE 1945

1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Alpine	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Chiefs
6. OSU	15. Pats
7. Tech	16. Buccaneers
8. San Jose st	17. Colts
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RECORD 80-36

BIG BEND CONCRETE

1. Wall	10. NM St.
2. Crane	11. Ole Miss
3. Iraan	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Titans
6. Iowa State	15. Jets
7. Kansas State	16. Bucc
8. UNLV	17. 49ers
9. NM	

RECORD 77-39

BIG BEND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

1. Wall	10. NM St
2. Alpine	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Chief
6. OSU	15. Pats
7. Kansas state	16. Bucc
8. UNLV	17. 49ers
9. Wyoming	

RECORD 76-40

ASIS TIRE Co.

1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Alpine	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. WFT
5. OU	14. Chiefs
6. Iowa State	15. Pats
7. Tech	16. Bucs
8. San Jose	17. Colts
9. Wyoming	

RECORD 71-45

Alpine Auto Rental and Uhaul

1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Crane	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Chiefs
6. OSU	15. Pat's
7. Kansas State	16. Bucs
8. Sam Jose St	17. 49ers
9. Wyoming	

RECORD 83-33

SMASH MOUTH FOOTBALL

1. Alpine	10. Tech
2. Iraan	11. Vandy
3. Wall	12. WFT
4. Georgia	13. Ravens
5. UCF	14. Raiders
6. TCU	15. Cowboy
7. Texas	
8. Arkansas	
9. Florida	

RECORD 68-31

American Legion Post 79

1. Wall	10. Hawaii
2. Crane	11. Ole Miss
3. McCamey	12. A&M
4. Fort Davis	13. Packers
5. OU	14. Chiefs
6. OSU	15. Pat's
7. Kansas State	16. Bucs
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RECORD 71-45

THIS WEEK'S PICKS

- High School:** 1. Wall vs. Breckenridge • 2. Crane vs. Alpine • 3. Iraan vs. McCamey
College: 4. Marfa vs. Fort Davis • 5. OU vs. Kansas • 6. OSU vs. Iowa State
 7. Kansas State vs. Tech • 8. San Jose St. vs. UNLV • 9. NM vs. Wyoming
 10. NM St. vs. Hawaii • 11. LSU vs. Ole Miss • 12. S. Carolina vs. A&M
NFL: 13. WFT vs Packers
 14. Cheif vs. Titans • 15. Jets vs. Pats.
 16. Bears vs. Bucc • 17. Colts vs. 49ers

BREWERY • FROM 1

Said Cole, "I want our court to have good orderly direction, and I want it to be the court that residents deserve, one that really functions and serves the community's needs."

In other business, Interim City Manager Megan Antrim provided results from the recent sanitation survey sent out to the public. Antrim said that 69 residents responded, and the majori-

ty want to keep using the dumpsters, want to have monthly bulk pick up, and the majority use the Hal Flanders Recycling Center. The next step is for Antrim to go for requests for proposals.

Finally, the council approved resolutions awarding the Women's Club of Alpine the annual Mountain Country Christmas Event for two years, and authorizing

the city to participate in an agreement with the state through TxDOT to request closure of north Highway 118 between Holland Avenue and Avenue E on Nov. 19-20 for Artwalk.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers and via Zoom videoconference.

LOVED • FROM 1

Pallanez credited the Brewster County Sheriff's Office for occasionally bringing in prison inmates to work and spruce up the cemetery, along with other dedicated volunteers. But more are needed as the association can't afford to hire a full-time

groundskeeper.

"It makes me feel good that I can be there for all the departed," added Public Relations Coordinator Rena Gallego. "My parents are there, and I know I take very good care of their plots. At least somebody who cares about the

cemetery is there to take care of it."

Pallanez stressed, "We want to get more community involvement and awareness of what's going on out there. Our mission is to be able to make it a nice, sacred place, that everybody can be proud of."

VOTING • FROM 1

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2. On that day voters must cast ballots in their precincts only.

Precinct 1 will vote at the Sunny Glen Cooperative Building, 2209 West Highway 90 in Alpine; Precincts 2 and 8 at the Judge Val Beard Office Complex; Precinct 3 at the Marathon Community Center, Second and Avenue E in Marathon; Precinct 4 at the Alpine Civic Center Council Chambers, 803 West Holland Avenue in Alpine; and Precincts 5, 6 and 7 at the "Red" Pattillo Community Center, Highway 118 in Study Butte/Terlingua.

After legislative sessions, Texans are often asked to vote on proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution that have developed in those sessions. The Texas Constitution was first adopted in 1876, and has been amended more than 500 times. Amendments, known as propositions, must pass the Legislature by a two-thirds majority vote in both houses, then approved by a majority of Texas voters in a general election.

The issues in question are important enough to be enshrined in the Constitution where they are less likely to be changed, deleted, or overridden. Constitutional amendments can only be changed, amended, or repealed with a subsequent amendment.

Here is a brief summary of the amendments on this year's general election ballot.

Proposition 1 authorizes professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues.

Proposition 2 authorizes a county to issue bonds to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county. Note that property taxes on real estate would be used to fi-

nance these activities.

Proposition 3 prohibits the state or local governments from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations.

Proposition 4 provides additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office. In other words, it would authorize the Commission to investigate complaints against judicial candidates in the same manner that they investigate judicial office holders.

Proposition 5 changes the eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. This would increase the qualification requirements for these positions.

Proposition 6 establishes a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver or in-person visitation. Thus, residents of nursing homes, assisted liv-

ing, and similar residential facilities would have the right to designate an individual who may not be denied in-person visitation as they were during the COVID-19 panic.

Proposition 7 allows the surviving spouse of a disabled person to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older.

Proposition 8 authorizes the Legislature to provide an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

To better understand the meaning of each proposition, visit ballotpedia.org. Scroll down to "On the ballot," and in the columns click on each proposition number individually.

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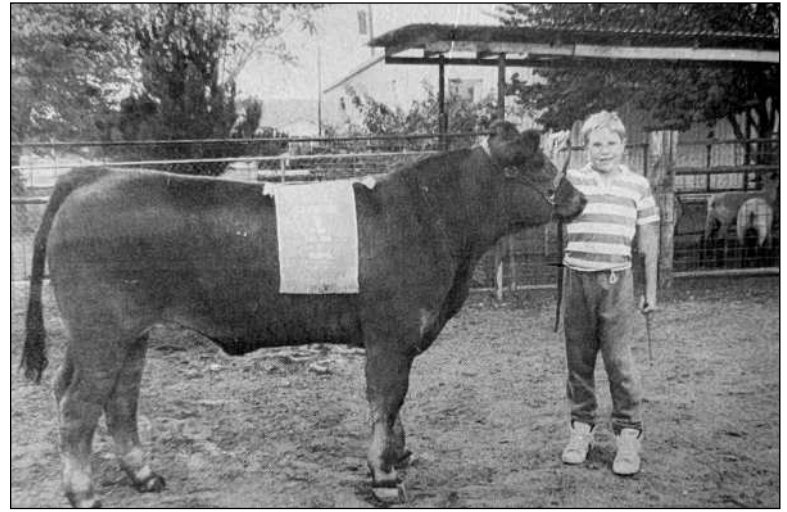
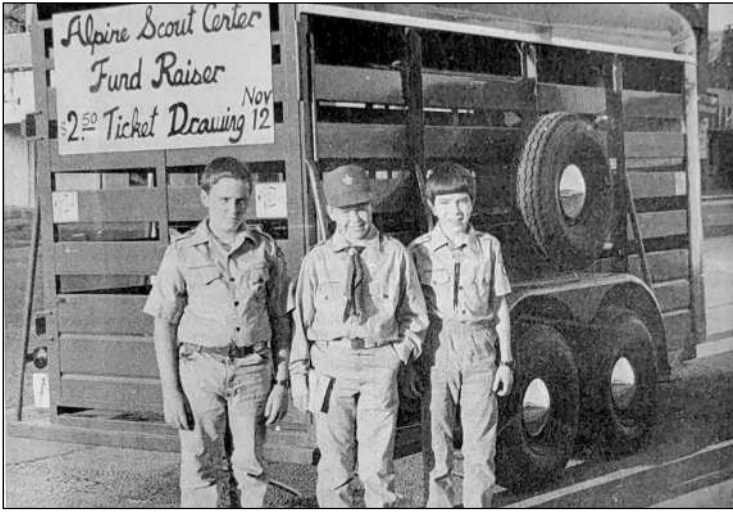
LOOKING BACK

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October 13, 1988

Alpine Boy Scouts Dallas Davies, Jonathan Seals, and Brian Hubbard stand beside a stock trailer parked at Foxworth-Galbraith that will go to a lucky ticket holder Nov. 12. Proceeds from the sale will help all Alpine Scouts fund the new Scout Hut.



October 13, 1988

Casey Adams of Fort Davis won the steer show this weekend at the Pecos County Fair. The son of Janet and Scott Adams is a member of the Dort Davis 4-H and a seventh grader.

October 20, 1988

Lori Brown, daughter of Tom and Scherlene Brown of Fort Davis, was crowned the 1988 Homecoming Queen Friday in Fort Davis.



October 27, 1988

Members of the AISD cafeteria team are front, Claudia Zunker, Bertha Pallanez, Elizabeth Carrillo, Jean Babcock, and Hortensia Cordova; back, Lewis Gordon, Gracie Franco, Marla Fuentes, and Thomas Fuentes.

Photos from Alpine Avalanche archives at Archives of the Big Bend, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, Sul Ross State University.

New hollies need lots of water

Dear Neil: I planted this Nellie R. Stevens holly a few months ago. Recently the dark green leaves started turning yellow, then the lower leaves turned dark and died. I put fertilizer on it and the color improved. What is wrong?

I can guarantee that your plant got too dry one or more times. That is the only thing that will give those symptoms. Sadly, I know that from first-hand experience.



Nellie R. Stevens new plant too dry.



GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

Hollies have very stiff leaves, and they do not wilt when they begin to get dry. That means that they don't give us any highly visible symptoms of drought. My rule of thumb is to water new shrubs and trees every two or three days during the warm months. I use a garden hose, and I apply as much water as the container from which each plant was removed.

For example, a five-gallon plant would get five gallons of water two or three times weekly. Hopefully this plant is already budding out with new growth, and with a little luck it can be saved.

Dear Neil: I planted Japanese yews on an eastern exposure along our driveway. A couple look very weak, while one seems to be holding its own. Is this all the result of last February's cold?

For a variety of reasons, I probably would replace them. Yes, the February cold spell hurt Japanese yews very badly across Texas. Your plants seem to be included in those numbers. Even the plant that looks fairly good should be more vigorous. My suspicion is that the morning sun may not treat them well against the brick wall. I would recommend

a rather upright holly such as Oakland. Scarlet's Peak yaupon holly, while uncommon and sometimes hard to find, would be lovely there. Columnar junipers have some serious disease problems, as do Italian cypress, so I can't recommend them. The cypresses also grow far too tall. You might also consider an espalier or vine.

Dear Neil: I've had these boxwoods for 10 years, but in the past year or two twigs and branches have started dying fairly rapidly. What could be causing this?

It could be the impact of nematodes. They're microscopic soil-borne worms that suck plant juices, and often cause knotty galls on the roots. And there is a new disease that has shown up on the East Coast. Box-

wood blight has been brought into this country from Europe. I've written about it here fairly recently, so I won't go into lengthy detail, but you can Google information from North Carolina State and Purdue and Clemson Universities, as well as the Universities of Wisconsin and Maryland. The Texas A&M Plant

Disease Clinic could run diagnostic tests on root and top-growth samples to determine the problem for you. There is a fee for their services. All is explained at their website.

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

- ACROSS**
- 1 poker type
 - 5 skin itcher
 - 6 use a keyboard
 - 7 TXism: "plain as the top line on ___ eye chart"
 - 8 explosive
 - 9 TXism: "let the cat out of ___"
 - 15 in 1861, Sam Houston refused to take Confederacy allegiance ___
 - 16 TXism: "busier than ___ boomtown"
 - 19 La Grange is seat of this county
 - 21 TXism: "safe as a squirrel up ___"
 - 22 mountain ranges
 - 27 late TX handyman Al Carrell helped ___-yourselfers
 - 28 fish cleaner
 - 29 actress Meryl in TX-filmed "Silkwood"
 - 30 TXism: "beats a poke in the ___ a sharp stick"
 - 32 TX Charley Pride's "Where ___ I Put Her Memory"
 - 33 TX Bubble Puppy tune: "Hot Smoke and ___"
 - 36 TX Vikki Carr's "___ Hombres"
 - 37 DFW's "___ Fenix"
 - 38 took a siesta
 - 39 George H.W. line: "No ___"
 - 42 "___ in the hole"

- 43 real ___
 - 46 TXism: "four-___ warm" (hot chili)
 - 47 avg. golf score
 - 48 TX Henley Eagles' hit: "Take it ___"
 - 49 Gov. Campbell (init.)
 - 50 TXism: "exciting ___ the IRS office"
 - 53 C&W singer Travis
 - 54 TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- DOWN**
- 1 former Alamo custodian org.
 - 2 late TX musician Stevie ___ Vaughan
 - 3 TXism: "useless ___ hose to a pig"
 - 4 TXism: "he was alive ___ was only sick" (old)
 - 8 TX basic skills exam (abbr.)
 - 9 Las Colinas: "The First City of ___ Century"
 - 10 ex-Rocket star center (init.)
 - 11 "Giant" actress, Elizabeth (init.)
 - 12 1st coaching job for ex-Spurs Tarkanian: Long ___
 - 13 Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson (Lady Bird)
 - 14 TX Ginger film: "Fifth Avenue ___"
 - 15 TXism: "couldn't fight his way out ___ bag"
 - 16 cowboy bolo (2 wds.)
 - 17 heckler
 - 18 Houston has an ___space industry
 - 20 Santa deliveries
 - 22 Dallas singer Stills (init.)
 - 23 22-down tune: "For What ___ Worth"
 - 24 Astro Greinke stat make a finger sound again
 - 26 oxbow lake in Cameron County
 - 28 pack away
 - 31 TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
 - 34 this TX Fess was Davy Crockett (init.)
 - 35 Aransas Pass celebration: Shrimpo
 - 37 precise
 - 40 UCLA is Aikman's ___ mater
 - 41 TX-born comedian/actor Martin (init.)
 - 44 "want it so bad I can ___ it"
 - 45 TXism: "skinny ___"
 - 51 TX TanyaTucker's "___ Cowboy-Lovin' Night"
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\$15.5 million secured for international bridge

On Oct. 18 the Texas Legislature voted for final passage of Senate Bill 8, which appropriates funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to be used across Texas. A critical piece of this legislation includes \$15.5 million dollars to fund a permanent U.S. Customs and Border Protection Inspection Station in Presidio to serve the South Orient rail line, which crosses the international border in Presidio and continues to Dallas.



Rep. Eddie Morales

Representative, Dist. 74, Eddie Morales spoke on the House Floor about the importance of this inspection station, not just to Presidio, but also for the rest of the state.

The City of Presidio suffered a fire in 2008 that burned down the international bridge. A loss of commercial traffic was detrimental to the community and the entire West Texas region. Now the bridge is operational, allowing com-

mercial and non-essential travelers to visit both Presidio and Ojinaga once again. However, since the bridge had been out of service for so long, many of the needed improvements had lapsed.

Earlier this year, Presidio obtained \$17.5 million in federal funds for its new USCBP station. However, TxDOT needed \$15.5 million to complete the inspection station that would allow for international trade to take place.

Morales formed a coalition with other representatives from West Texas to stress to the Legislature how important this project was for the region and for Texas.

Superintendent advisory committee meets at high school



The Alpine High School Student Advisory Committee met on Oct. 19. Committee members are Kendal Hardaway, Sierra Rickman, Kaitlyn Wiggins, Jaime Rodriguez, Lourdes Acosta, Shaun Foster, Allison Sanchez, and Jace Canaba. The students gathered this week to discuss future bus options, furniture and desk that will be part of the newly renovated high school.

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Devotional Page Our Father

BY FATHER FRED JANEČEK
St. Jonah Orthodox Christian Church, Alpine

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray when He gave us the "Our Father." (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4) It should be noted that the prayer begins with "Our Father" and not "My Father." Our God is the Father of all us because we were all created in the "image and likeness" of God. (Genesis 1:27) Therefore we must see every human person as our brother and sister. We must then obey the will of God's great commandment of love.

Our Lord said, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) Christ even states, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you." (Luke 6:27-28)

This means we must love every human being without exception. We must also ask forgiveness for ourselves as we forgive our brothers and sisters. We can be then at peace in the Kingdom of God.

As our Lord said, "I am the bread of

life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." (John 6:48-51)

Christ said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." (John 14:15-18)

We must then ask, and the Holy Spirit will live within us and our Lord Jesus Christ who is one with the Father will abide in us. (John 17:22) We can receive the Holy Spirit and all that was promised because our Lord said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (John 16:24)

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touchdowns. It was Alpine's second complete game and first blowout, giving the always supportive Alpine faithful who easily outnumbered the Coyotes fans 3-1 at their house something to talk about on the three hour ride home.

Coach John Fellows said about the win, "The defense did play well, the team executed on offense all night. The team win helps more than anything, and

win gives our team confidence moving forward."

Star linebacker-receiver Shaun Foster said about their play and the Golden Cranes coming to town on Friday night, "Being 1-0 in District means a lot to us, but not nearly as much as beating Crane when they come to town as we have been preparing for this game all year. This should be a very physical game on both sides of the ball, but

nothing us Bucks can't handle."

The Crane Golden Cranes resume is impressive. They are 6-2 with losses only to Denver City and Fort Stockton. The Dave Campbell football app has 83% of the vote favoring Crane, and only 17% picking the Bucks as of Tuesday night. In head-to-head matchups, Crane beat Wink 33-25, while Alpine whipped Wink 35-21. Al-

pine lost to Fort Stockton 46-10, while Crane lost to the Panthers 44-8.

Fellows added about the oncoming matchup, "Crane is a very good football team. We will have to play for 48 minutes, limit miscues, take care of the football, and play solid special teams."

The game is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night at Buck Stadium.

Alpine High School homecoming schedule

The theme for this year's homecoming is Haunted Homecoming since it is the week of Halloween.

The parade on Wednesday, Oct. 27, will start at 6 p.m., with lineup at the Alpine ISD administration building beginning at 4:45 p.m. The pep rally and bonfire will start immediately following the parade.

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Donations are being accepted for the bonfire at the corner of Del Rio and Cherry Street, and must be non-treated, natural wood. No pallets, railroad ties, etc.

The homecoming game versus Odessa Compass on Friday, Oct. 29, will start at 7:30 p.m. at Buck Stadium. The queen coronation ceremony will take place before the game at around 7 p.m.

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Excellent serves by Mia Morris and with the help of Hannah Juett, who came back from a recent ankle injury, and freshman power hitter Hope Dominguez, the Lady Bucks took control of set three, dominating the court and playing at a level not recently seen.

The final score in set three was 25-16.

With the help of the JV team in the stands and a good turnout of supporters from Alpine, the crowd noise was replicated from the visitor's side to keep the team pumped up moving into set four. It

wouldn't take long for the Lady Bucks to win the game and head back to Alpine. Also coming off an injury, Adayna Garcia played a helpful roll, good hits by Ali Maroney and Novah Carrasco and winning hit by Amory Aranda would close the door with a

final score of 25-7.

The Lady Bucks will play Tornillo Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Gallego Center. This will be an important game, and will determine second place in District after the forfeiture from Anthony last week.

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athletes, she demonstrated her commitment to be competitive not only on the volleyball court, but also on the cross country course.

Senior varsity runners Lauren Penders, Elizabeth Uranga, Kylie Garcia, and Nora Hillery will end their high school cross country careers eight points shy of a regional championship berth, missing three key runners on the day of district. The team has counted on these girls year after year to bring their special blend of commitment, personality, and camaraderie to a sport

that can be a grind at times. Their leadership, sense of humor, and friendship will be greatly missed.

The sub varsity and middle school runners continue to improve, and will be key to the success of the cross country program in the future. Landon Velasco placed fourth in the JV boys division in his first year. Raul Renteria was the top eighth grade runner for the Bucks with a fifth place finish, while JP Prieto and Clegg Price-Fowlkes placed eighth and ninth, respectively.

Seventh grader Colette

Price-Fowlkes earned the gold medal, not only beating all of the seventh grade girls, but also all of the seventh grade boys in her first district race. Megan Struthers placed ninth in the eighth grade girls division, and will be a welcome addition to the high school girls team next season.

The Region 1 Cross Country Championship will be held in Lubbock on Monday, Oct. 25, at Mae Simmons Park. Alpine cross country wants to thank all the family members and fans, as well as the AISD administration, for spending a long,

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