

Texas voters add eight constitutional amendments

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
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With no state, congressional, or local races to top the ticket, Brewster County voters turned out in small numbers to answer eight ballot question about constitutional amendments proposed by the recent 87th Texas Legislative regular session.

After legislative sessions, Texans are often asked to vote on proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, called propositions, that have developed in those sessions.

Of 7,319 registered voters in the county, 793, or 10.83%, turned out, 307 during early voting and 486 on election day, Nov. 2.

With only one exception, results in the county paralleled those statewide, and Texas voters gave the nod to all eight constitutional amendments.

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City says yes to new wine bar

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

News of a proposed wine bar tentatively scheduled to open next year highlighted the City of Alpine's regular city council meeting at the Alpine Civic Center on Nov. 2. Council, Ward 2, Chris Rodriguez was absent.

The council approved a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a special use permit ap-

plication to allow business owner Thomas Kerner to establish a wine bar that would include serving and sale of alcohol. The proposed wine bar, Alpine Wine, would be located at 116 North Fifth Street, the former location of Taste and See Bakery.

Thomas and Sharon Kerner, current owners of the historic Alpine Bed and Breakfast, later told the Avalanche that building renovations will start Dec. 1, with a



Tom and Sharon Kerner tentative opening date of Feb. 1, 2022.

Interim City Manager Megan Antrim then discussed the city's emergency operations plan, noting the last she could find was from 1999, and included Brewster

County. Antrim alluded to the winter storm from earlier in the year, and said the city has held several meetings with the county and Sul Ross State University for critical infrastructure plans. She further noted that the city was collaborating with the Rio Grande Council of Governments to address emergency needs presented to FEMA for funding.

Antrim said Senate Bill 3 requires the water

and wastewater utilities department to implement an emergency preparedness plan by July 2022.

"The final plan is presented to FEMA," said Antrim. "We are trying to include as much information as possible so it helps determine the level of funding if it comes to an actual emergency that we already predicted and called this out on behalf of the city."

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Ghouls just wanna have fun



It's a fun time at Alpine Elementary School for Victoria Rios' pre-k 3 class as the kiddos were all decked out in their Halloween costumes during the Alpine pumpkin patch and hay maze on Oct. 29. The Halloween themed event featured elementary school teachers and staff with costumes, and Sul Ross State University students helping out with the games. The event was sponsored by Porter's Thriftway and Out West Feed. The Alpine Police Department was present to watch over the activities.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Marfa barbecue joint among best in Texas

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

There's truly no place like Texas when it comes to barbecue, and for one hip West Texas barbecue joint in Marfa, being named one of the best in the state by Texas Monthly magazine is a notable distinction.

Everyone knows barbecue is more than just a meal. It's a weekend activity with its own culture from the passing down of family traditions, a community get-together with friends, and plenty of Texan pride. Convenience West Barbecue of Marfa certainly has that to offer, not only for locals but also to visitors and tourists who stop

by to savor some of the best barbecue in Far West Texas and in the state.

Pit master and co-owner Mark Scott, a Marfa resident since 1995, has been perfecting his savory recipes and cooking techniques sure to tantalize one's taste buds. He serves up delicious smoked meats that are more than just your standard brisket, ribs, or sausage.

Joining Scott are co-owners Kaki Aufdengarten, Katy Rose Elsasser, and Adam Bork.

"Every four years, Texas Monthly comes out with their top 50 barbecue joints in the state, and this year, the 2021 list came out,

and we were on it!" exclaimed Scott, who opened up Convenience West in 2017.

Scott indicated that Daniel Vaughn, barbecue editor for Texas Monthly, had traveled all over Texas to sample 400 barbecue restaurants, writing reviews, taking notes, and compiling his findings to come up with a list based on many factors. More than just a typical "best brisket" list, Texas barbecue has innovated to include wild barbecue fare, such as fusion-style barbecue, along with other styles, something that caught the attention of Texas Monthly.

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Convenience West of Marfa shows off its designation by Texas Monthly.

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OBITUARIES

Amber Dawn Parr
Amber Dawn Parr passed away suddenly on Oct. 28, 2021, in San Angelo, Texas. Casual Country Celebration of Life to honor Amber will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov.

6, at the Historic Millersview School Gym, 12199 County Road 6009, Millersview, Texas, 76862. A meal for guests will follow. Her obituary will be published next week.

Veterans Day activities

Alpine ISD will again host the annual Veterans Day Ceremony honoring all veterans.

Nov. 11 is the one day set aside each year to honor those who have served and continue to serve the nation in uniform. Veterans Day offers an excellent opportunity to teach civilians about the sacrifices service members and their families make year round.

Alpine ISD will have the annual community program to honor veterans and their service on

Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at Buck Stadium. Staff Sgt. Taylor Moore, U.S. Army, will be the guest speaker.

Alpine Elementary fourth graders will host veterans at a hot dog luncheon in the cafeteria at the elementary school immediately after the program.

The visitorside of Buck Stadium is reserved for parents and community. Park in the visitor parking lot.

All are invited to Buck Stadium to show gratitude to service members.

PET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Homer, a black and white male kitten born in late April 2021. He and his brother Kenai are almost identical twins. We always must look twice to see who we are playing with.

Both of these kittens are loving and outgoing. Of the two, Homer is just a bit more reserved, but we think that will change once he is in a home and confident that his environment is stable. All cats like a routine, and we believe Homer will benefit from exactly that. In addition, adopting two kittens so well-paired means that you will have a playmate to burn off energy, plus show each other the ropes of your household.

Shopping and donating items at the Alpine Humane Society directly benefit our mission. The store is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and donations are accepted during those hours.

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.

St. James Episcopal Church open again

St. James Episcopal Church at Avenue A and North Sixth Street will resume worship on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. The Eucharist will

be offered each week. St. James will also be hosting a concert by the Sul Ross Concert Choir on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Conference on history and archaeology coming up

The Center for Big Bend Studies will hold its 27th Annual Conference Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6, in the Morgan University Center.

The conference brings together historians, archaeologists, folklorists, and other researchers studying the past and present of the Big Bend.

The two-day event will feature more than 20 speakers, a reception both evenings, a silent

auction, and a Saturday evening banquet featuring Dr. Rolfe Mandel whose talk will highlight the search for the first people in the Americas, and feature several ongoing studies in the Big Bend.

This event is open to the public, and is free to students, staff, and faculty.

Call 432-837-8179 or visit cbs.sulross.edu for more information.

At the top of the ranks



Marathon High School sophomore students Alexa Hernandez and Madeline West were recently inducted into the Marathon ISD National Honor Society. Joy Golden is the sponsor of the organization.

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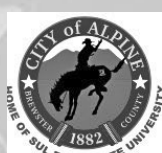
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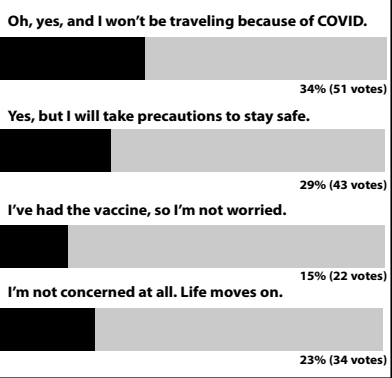
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now, the Avalanche asks:

Should former President Donald Trump run again in 2024?

- 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.

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

LETTERS

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Be thankful

On Thursday, Nov. 11, Alpine ISD will honor our veterans at our annual Veterans Day program. This event is one of our most anticipated community gatherings. We take great pride in this opportunity to thank each veteran for everything they have done for our wonderful county.

The community is invited to help us celebrate Veterans Day. The program will be held at Buck Stadium at 11 a.m. We ask that all visitors and community members enter through the visitor's entrance on Sul Ross Avenue, and sit in the visitor's stands on the east side of the stadium. All our Alpine ISD students will be in attendance, and many will be speaking and performing throughout the event. The fourth grade elementary students will host our veterans for a hot dog luncheon after the program, and they are anxiously waiting to visit with our local heroes, and



BECKY MCCUTCHEN
Alpine ISD Superintendent

we hope you will join us.

Construction at Alpine High School is moving along quickly. We appreciate the patience our students, staff, and families have shown during the construction project. The band hall, agriculture shop, and welding shop are all scheduled for completion in December. Our students should be back in these program areas for the beginning of the second semester in January. The next phase, which is the new two story wing, is scheduled for completion in May 2022. We are looking forward to beginning the school year in August in the new Alpine High School.

At Alpine ISD we will complete the second grading cycle of the school year on Friday. Our students have been busy this school year, and as always, there are numerous student activities planned that promise to keep everyone busy for the rest of the school year. Our students have continued to learn and grow this school year, and we are concentrating on making each day the best it can be.

The Thanksgiving holiday is quickly approaching. This is another great opportunity to think of everything we are grateful for and the many ways we can count our blessings. As we move into the holiday season, we are reminded that there is always something to be thankful for. Thankfulness and gratitude are the quickest paths to joy.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and blessings for you and your family. Be better, be best, Bucks!

Stop the madness!

"Remember to set your clocks back this Saturday night. Remember to set your clocks forward this Saturday night."

The dumbest collective human experience we exercise twice a year is switching our clocks forward one hour, then back one hour just four months later. We are the only species that compensates for the tilt of the axis of the earth, other than the folks in Hawaii and Arizona.

This strange ritual that has become ingrained in our lives since 1918 started when the U.S. Congress decided to manipulate time by passing the Standard Time Act to save energy and create time zones. Back then, coal was our exclusive energy source, and ensuring that Americans had more daylight working hours made sense.

Today there is no reason to continue this practice. In fact, in 2008 the U.S. Department of Energy determined that sticking with one time year-round could actually save about 0.5% of electricity each day nationwide.

The practice of changing our clocks has other significant drawbacks. The risk of heart attack increases 10% in



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the days following springing forward, most likely caused by sleep deprivation and the interruption of biological rhythms. Studies also indicate that we're more likely to get sick, less productive, and, frankly, just exhausted directly following the time change.

California and Florida have elected to observe daylight saving time year-round. The nation is waiting for Texas to pick one - daylight saving time or standard time - and stick with it. If the voters elect standard time, the change will be automatic. If voters elect daylight saving time year-round, we will need Congress to amend federal law to allow states to remain on daylight saving time.

During the 2019 legislative session, my office filed legislation seeking to end this primitive practice. Joint Resolution 117, if passed, would have allowed Texans the opportunity

to vote whether to stay on standard time year-round or daylight saving time year-round. HJR 117 passed the House 133-9.

Frustratingly, once the bill reached the Senate, it was never referred to a committee. The proposal died in the Senate without even a word spoken about it on the Senate floor.

Had the bill passed in the Senate, it would've been the first time since daylight saving time was enacted over a century ago that voters in Texas would've had the opportunity to vote to end the biannual clock-changing process.

For the past century, Texas legislative efforts to do away with the biannual clock adjustment have been attempted many times. None of those efforts have come this close to passage. We believe that our approach of allowing Texas voters to pick between keeping daylight saving time or standard time year-round provides the compromise needed to get this done.

Larson can be reached at lyle.larson@house.texas.gov or @RepLyleLarson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom worth working for

When I read Eleazar Cano's words in the Avalanche on Oct. 21, I am reminded of how grateful I am for growing older. At 69-plus years old, my expanded perspective on life has significantly freed me from focusing on what other people think it

takes to be a valuable woman or valuable human.

What Eleazar describes as "our negative narrative from within" seems to me to be the negative narrative that comes from outside ourselves, that comes from comparing ourselves to superficial values modeled by the internet, TV, movies, magazines, and

harmful cultural norms.

My message to all is this - don't fear aging. It has many unrecognized benefits. My specific suggestion to women and to men (who are also strongly influenced by external definitions of their worth) is this - do your own thinking, and set aside harmful messages that say you're not

good enough. But do check your values to be sure they are healthy.

Growing older has significantly freed me of obsessing about whether I measure up to superficial external values. This is a freedom really worth working for.

Pam Gaddis
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Counseling debuts online wellness center

BY ROXANNE HILL
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In this day and age with people having such busy lives, it's easy to become stressed and anxious, or just needing balance by using wellness techniques to cope with life's challenges. That's where licensed professional counselors Jacque Bow Rousselow and Toni Sands come in, helping clients achieve productive lives no matter what situations they may face.

Rousselow and Sands are partners in the Big Bend counseling world, and recently launched a new online wellness program, Brisa Therapeutics.

"Our life's work together, with 23 years of experience with therapy, we are creating a whole wellness program with toolkits that include e-books, e-journals, and videos to work with clients through different techniques, and guided audio exercises," said Rousselow.

Clients can do this all from the comfort of home, and it's a guided program appropriate for all ages. Both Rousselow

and Sands are certified eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapists who bring a wealth of experience to trauma based needs and a variety of mental health issues. They seek to make the program accessible and affordable to reach as many people as possible, as not everyone is able to see a therapist for a variety of reasons.

The dedicated duo credit the brand management expertise of social media and brand management specialist Lacy Schniers, who was instrumental in creating the new website. The website, just launched on Halloween, features a complete wellness package filled with video clips, e-books, and many other therapeutic tools to help clients handle whatever life throws at them.

"We want to make it where we take the specialized learning we've had from all the different conferences, trainings, and everything we've done so whenever people are working on it, they feel that they can do it on their own," said Sands.

Both therapists have high goals for the future, includ-



Certified EMDR therapists and licensed professional counselors Toni Marie Sands and Jacque Bow Rousselow.

Courtesy photo

ing an in-person wellness center. It would include yoga training, an organic chef, and more, as well as providing free stays and make it affordable.

With Veterans Day just around the corner, the team knows how important mental health is to this special group.

"It can be difficult for veterans to commit to therapy, to put themselves in a vulnerable position to receive therapy, so this can get them associated with therapy in a gentle way

at their own pace. Then this will hopefully open the doors for them to seek more support," said Sands.

"Almost everyone I know struggles with some type of mental, emotional, or spiritual issue at some point," said Rousselow. "Imagine if all of us had access to healing right then. Painful experiences affect people in such a negative way. If all of us could do these exercises, it would make an enormous difference in the Earth!"

Mexican national sentenced for illegal reentry

A Mexican national was sentenced on Oct. 27 to over eight years in prison for illegally entering the U.S. On July 19 Graciano Moral-Carrillo, aka Franciso Mora-Carrillo, 52, of Mexico was found guilty by a federal jury of one count of illegal reentry.

On March 1 Moral was arrested by Presidio Border Patrol Agents for being an undocumented citizen present in the U.S. Evidence presented at trial disclosed Moral was previously deported from the U.S. on seven other occasions. Further, Moral had

numerous other convictions, including three convictions for driving while intoxicated in the Odessa/Midland area, one for resisting arrest, one for assaulting a public servant, three for illegal reentry, and one for possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

In addition to the sentence of 105 months in prison, the defendant also received a sentence of 18 months in prison for violating conditions of supervised release on an underlying case. The two sentences will run consecutively.

Moral has remained in federal custody since his arrest on March 1.

HSI with the assistance from the Presidio Border Patrol investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lance L. Kennedy prosecuted the case.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Mya Montgomery

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

What I most looked forward to has actually passed! I looked forward to this year's Homecoming week more than anything, especially from the eyes of a senior experiencing their last homecoming.

All the hard work put into our class float, the student council's homecoming dance, and the homecoming game paid off in the best way possible. Other than that, I look forward to the spring season since most of my extracurriculars start during that time.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

I take great pride in participating in Alpine High School's Student Council,

National Honors Society, one act play, and golf team.

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

Mrs. Greene, our previous AP English teacher, now elementary vice principal, has been one of the most influential teachers in my high school career. I had always looked forward to her class and the conversations we would have as we prepared for our exam. However, not only did Mrs. Greene prepare me for that exam, she offered opportunities that created what I'm so proud of today.

What was your favorite moment in the last four years?

My favorite moment of my high school career was my junior year one-act UIL trip to Anthony. I had really found my voice through my



Mya Montgomery

experience acting that has helped me become a more outspoken person overall. On a lighter note, I had really connected with some of my now closest friends during this trip and look forward to this year's one-act experience for sure!

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I hope to attend the University of Texas at Austin or Texas A&M to major in the STEM field to pursue a career in the medical field.

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Matt Moore, Alpine: I have a Brother® 7040 laser jet printer. I use it for work, and I use it for home. It's easy- it's a great 3-in-one.



Catherine Valenzuela, Alpine: I just have a copier, and it's the best thing in my life.



Jeremy Bentley, Fort Davis: Yes, I have an HP® inkjet printer.



Danielle Pertuso, Alpine: I do, and it's not always reliable. It's a laser printer-I think it's Hewlett Packard®.



Debbie Willbanks, Marfa: No, I use the one here. My husband has one, but I don't know how to use it, so I just wait till I get here.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4
NASA@MyLibrary Program, 7 p.m. at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. An outdoor event free and open to the public. Watch a presentation of the James Webb space tele-

scope, and view the night sky. Free tamale dinner included.

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. See more at alpineavalanche.com.



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RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC MEETING: UPDATE OF BREWSTER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ALPINE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) in collaboration with Brewster County and City of Alpine Hazard Mitigation Planning team will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 1p.m. (CDT) at Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave., Alpine, Texas 79830. The intent of the public meeting is to discuss and gather input on the potential impact of natural hazards and determine mitigation action strategies that may reduce potential for loss, injury, damage and interruption of businesses when hazards occur in the future.

For additional information, please contact Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, Ray Resendez at (915) 533-0998 x 153 or at rayr@riocog.org, or Marci Tuck, Grant Writer City of Alpine at (432) 837-3301 or at grant.writer@ci.alpine.tx.us.



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BAR • FROM 1

Antrim said in the next council meeting on Nov. 16, city grant writer Marci Tuck will present the plan to the council.

Building Services Permit Technician Jessica Boorse next presented updates, saying the

last time the city had a building official was in July this year. She added that a temporary building inspector, Roy Mendoza out of Fort Stockton, was helping the city to issue permits. During action items,

the council approved the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of an unimproved platted alley abutting property owned by Chisos Brewing Company, an agenda item introduced by Antrim.

Council, Ward 5, Jerry Johnson, objected to the approval, adding, "I know from an appraisal review perspective, it would be difficult for someone to sell their home with a bar in the backyard. The

noise would become a problem."

The council then voted 3-1 in favor, with Johnson voting against.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at city council chambers.

Customer appreciation day



WesTex Community Credit Union offered a customer appreciation day on Oct. 20 with Branch Manager Letty Hernandez, Vincent Carrasco, and Victoria Carrasco cooking up hamburgers with all the trimmings.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

BARBECUE • FROM 1

"Texas barbecue has exploded in such a way that the criteria has been expanded to take people going more outside of the realm of just your standard beans and potato salad, brisket, and ribs," Scott noted. "There is so much innovation in the barbecue world these days."

Convenience West is pleased to welcome guests for outdoor dining, but Scott hopes to resume indoor dining towards the end of the year.

"In early September, we opened back up the courtyard and the patio," said Scott. "It feels good to have people sitting outside again, and getting

back to normal."

Scott hopes to attend the big barbecue fest in Austin next year that would enable Convenience West to open more doors down the road, and draw more visitors to the joint in Marfa.

"Being on the Texas Monthly Top 50 is a big deal," said Scott. "This is

the hardest I've worked in my whole restaurant career, and this has been by far the hardest and also the most rewarding. It feels nice to be recognized for the hours of work we put into this place. I also love that we are representing Far West Texas. It makes us all pretty happy."

VOTERS • FROM 1

Unofficial results show nearly identical percentages for Prop. 1 which would allow professional sports team charitable organizations to conduct raffles at rodeo venues. The measure received 83.82% of voter support in the county, and 83.75% statewide.

Although the numbers were close, the exception was Prop. 2 that allows a county to issue bonds to fund infrastructure and transportation projects in unproductive or underdeveloped areas in the county. Brewster County voters rejected the measure with 50.58% against and 49.42% for, while statewide 63.25% accepted the proposition to 36.75% against.

Likely an upstart from the coronavirus panic last year, Prop. 3 prohibits the

state or political subdivisions from prohibiting or limiting religious services, and it passed handily statewide with 62.63% accepting the amendment. Approval was lower in the county, with 55.83% approving the proposition.

In an amendment that would change eligibility requirements for several state judiciary positions, Prop. 4 received 58.73% of the vote statewide, and 56.75% in the county.

Prop. 5 authorizes the state Commission on Judicial Conduct to investigate complaints and reports against state judicial candidates. It received 59.14% of the vote statewide, and 58.32% in the county.

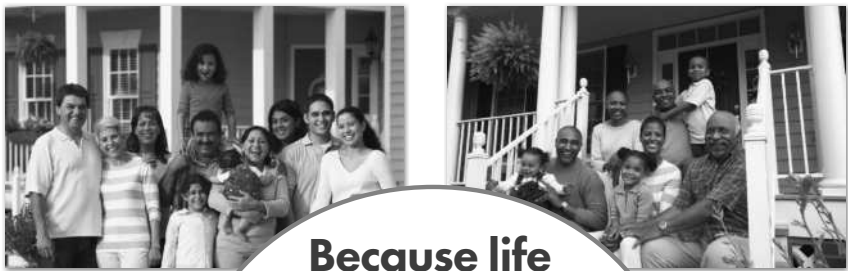
In another likely offshoot of the coronavirus panic, Prop. 6 amends the Texas Constitution to allow

residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or state-supported living centers the right to designate an essential caregiver who may not be prohibited from visiting the resident. County voters approved the amendment with 80.72% of the vote, and statewide it received 87.9%.

Prop. 7 amends the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to extend a homestead tax limit for surviving spouses of disabled individuals if the spouse is 55 years old and resides at the home. Statewide it received 87.01% of the vote, and 86.68% in the county.

And finally, Prop. 8, applies a homestead tax exemption for surviving spouses of the military to those fatally injured in the line of duty received 83.44% of the vote in

Brewster County, and 87.6% statewide.



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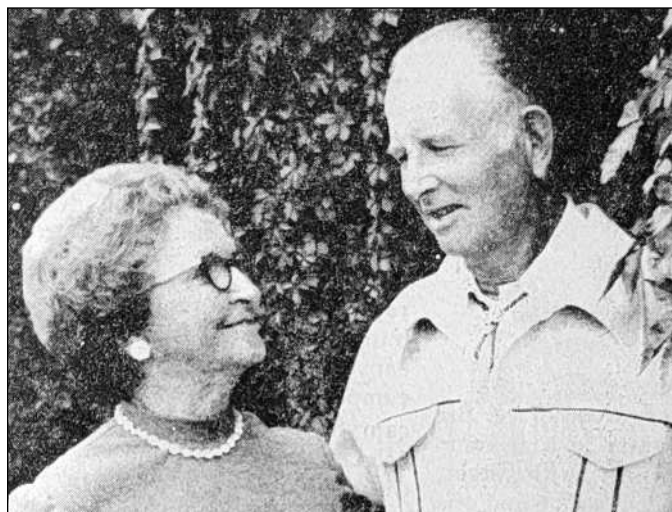
LOOKING BACK

Alpine Avalanche

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November 10, 1977

The Texas Omicron ETA Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Marfa has chosen Vonnelle Davis as 1978 Valentine Queen. Vonnelle has been active in Beta Sigma Phi for six years, and is now serving as president of her chapter. She has lived in Marfa for 10 years, and is employed with Southwestern Bell in the Alpine office.



November 10, 1977

Everyone is invited to share in the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mae and Tot Lawhon from 6-10 p.m., Nov. 12, at the Sunshine House. A dance and reception is being given by their daughter and son-in-law, Janette and Dick Bowers, and the grandchildren Connie, Fred, Clay, Cole, Casey, Kelly, and George.

November 17, 1977

Joel Nelson fires during the Sul Ross State University Range and Wildlife Club's turkey shoot Sunday. Nelson competed with about 100 other participants for 25 turkeys.



November 24, 1977

Moy Martinez offered baked goods to Lela Weatherby recently when the Fort Davis Boy Scouts had a bake sale and nobody came. So the Scouts went to the people. In the back of the truck are Lonnie Bloys, Tex Bloys, Regan Crowder, Ricky Crowder, and Graydon Hicks.

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

Don't pick up hitchhikers

Dear Neil: This is the third landscape in the past 20 years where I have grown *Caesalpinia pulcherrima*. I have never had this experience before. Two large plants set out by a landscaping firm had hitchhiking plants along with them. They bloomed light yellow, and their stalks have many thorns and lighter green leaves. What is this? I can't find it anywhere.

I did some searching, and a website "Weeds of Australia" shows that it's probably *Caesalpinia decapetala*, known by common names such as cat's claw, Mysore thorn, and many others. Try a web search using those key words, or perhaps this link will get you to the page I found, tiny url. com/37jnf5r. You will

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

discover that it is highly invasive and despised, a plant that chokes out all others and, due to its thorny stems, makes forested wetlands impassable. You really don't want to leave this in your landscape.

Dear Neil: All the leaves on our loquat turned brown after the freeze. They are still hanging on the plant, al-

though it's also producing new leaves. Will they eventually fall, or should I take corrective action of some sort?

Try brushing against them. I would expect that many or most would drop off the plant by now. If the tips of the branches died back due to the cold, trim and reshape the plant to correct the damage.

Dear Neil: An Arizona ash was planted 21 years ago in memory of our son. He was a baseball player and umpire. Last February just about killed it. I had an arborist work with it in the spring and more recently. I was told to trim the tree back this fall, but my tree trimmer told me not to do it until mid-winter. What should I do? This tree is very special to us.

It doesn't matter whether you prune it now or while it's completely dormant. I would prune it right away if it were my tree because I'd be able to tell dead branches from live ones. You want to make all your cuts of the dead branches flush with the remaining branches so that they can heal properly. It will be a tedious job



Hitchhiking bird of paradise

that must be done carefully. And you're correct. Ash trees were brutalized by the cold. Hopefully this won't come into play, but should you lose any large part of the trunk, save the wood. Let it air dry, and have a woodworker make you some kind of special and

memorable item for your house. Ash wood is very pretty.

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

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Sports

Alpine kicking on all cylinders

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

The homecoming night the win for the Fightin' Buck football team was never in doubt. A better question was who would be Homecoming King, quarterback Jayden Canaba or do-it-all Aiden Morrissey?

Canaba was the choice by the way, and Alpine cruised 73-0 over the Odessa Compass Cougars behind four interception returns for touchdowns. All was right in the Alpine football universe on a cool Friday night with the mountains providing a gorgeous gridiron setting.

Coach John Fellows gushed about the win with a smile, saying, "I'm just happy for the kids, as always, the wins go to them! Everybody got to play, it was homecoming, and we had four interceptions for touchdowns, and a fumble recovery in the end zone for another."

When asked if the four interceptions for touchdowns was an Alpine record, Fellows responded, "I would think so. In all my 23 years I have never seen a stat line like that."

The Bucks had 6 total interceptions on the night.

The win also sets the Bucks up to play for second place in District tomorrow night against the Anthony Wildcats in the season finale. Just like the Alpine volleyball Lady Bucks last Saturday, the boys' stage is set for a showdown for second, too.

Dom Fierro kicked off to start the game. The Alpine defense was strong all night, only allowing seven Compass first downs and 87 total yards. Junior Adrian Lujan kicked off the interception- return-for-touchdown party with the longest of the night, 66 yards to pay dirt down the right sideline. The point after by Jared Roggow was good. It was a preview of what was to come.

Tray Ervin then decided to showcase his dual-threat skills. One running touchdown for 21 yards and another 23-yard interception for a touchdown out of his linebacker position, both back-to-back. It was 21-0 with 3:25 still left in the first quarter.

About the game Ervin said, "I felt like we came out and executed right, defense and offense, and we were ready for this game."

Then the senior Homecoming Court duo hooked up. Aiden Morrissey snagged a Canaba pass in the left side of the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown reception, 28-0.

Morrissey beamed about the win and the touchdown, saying, "It was awesome. It's always good, and J will always put it up there to make it easy to snag."

Junior Jordan Rodriguez ended the first quarter scoring with a 45-yard interception for a touchdown as the clock hit zero.

In his first interview of the season, he said, "It was fantastic! I had fun, and I think our team is improving. I can't wait for the playoffs."

Two plays later after a Fierro



Fightin' Buck Evren Martinez runs with the ball at Alpine High School's homecoming game against the Odessa Compass Cougars on Oct. 29 at Buck Stadium.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

kickoff, defensive tackle Andrew Velasquez recovered a Cougar fumble in the end zone, 42-0. Oscar Velasquez and sophomore Evren Martinez got in on the scoring with 36- and 12-yard runs, respectively, to close out the first half, 56-0.

James Morris opened the scoring in the second half with a seven-yard run around the right end, and Roggow added a 32-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter to push the score to 66-0. Martinez added his second touchdown of the night, and ended the scoring with a 60-yard interception return, 73-0. Alpine will face a similar team

tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the Anthony Wildcats. The Wildcats are 3-4 on the season, and the game will be for second place in District and determine playoffs seeding going forward.

About the second-place matchup, Fellows said, "It's the seniors last night, we want them to go out on a big win. I will say this about Anthony, I've seen them on film, and they are a lot better than they have been the past couple of years. It should be a good game."

Jordan Rodriguez added about the big game, "I think we are ready to take on Anthony and play hard, physical football."

Lady Bucks season comes to an end

BY J.T. MARONEY
Publisher

The Alpine Lady Buck season came to an end on Nov. 1 in Andrews after a hard fought loss. Andrews was a neutral zone for the Lady's to take on an old rival from yesteryear, the Littlefield Wildcats, in Bi-District play.

The Wildcats came into Monday's game 16-13 on the season with six seniors on the team. Littlefield was the same team that ended Alpine's hopes from the previous season. Alpine came into the game 11-14 with a tremendous win over Anthony the previous Saturday in Fort Hancock. Rowdy fans from both teams and cheer squads were all in attendance to help support the girls.

In set one the Wildcats won the coin toss to serve first, and came out swinging. Wildcat power hitter junior Madison McNeese unleashed a couple of power kills to give them an early lead. Alpine was up for the challenge, and was able to fight hand to hand after many long volleys to stay in contention in set one. Confident setting skills from Paula Vargas and kills by Chloe Cordova and Ali Maroney helped the team to stay in a tight race. The Wildcats went on to win set one, 25-15.

Bucks were able to shake off the Bi-District nerves, and advance play rapidly. A high-paced competition like fans saw this week made for great entertainment as Novah Carrasco had a good game, and her hits were on fire. Sophomore hitter Adayna Garcia was an asset to the victory that Alpine would see in set two with a final score of 25-23.

Alpine went on to lose sets three and four in a tight race. Set four was the hardest loss to stomach for Alpine with a final score of 26-24. Disappointed girls tried hard to hold their head high after the game.

Carrasco was seven of 12 hitting and five of 10 serving, with four digs. Maroney was seven of 10 hitting and seven of nine serving, with six digs. Cordova made five of 10 hitting and eight of 12 serving, and Vargas put up 13 assists.

Head coach Rick Garcia spoke to the Avalanche after the game, saying, "The girls left it on the court in one of the best matches of the year. Set aside the minor errors - we have a young group, and we have said that before. We are taking steps to where we need to go. I feel for the seniors, and I am happy for them. This is a new beginning."



The Lady Bucks 2021 varsity volleyball team in Fort Hancock on Oct. 30 pose for a photo after a win over Anthony.

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Hutchings wins at Texas Tech



Tristen Hutchings won the men's All-Around title at the Texas Tech College Rodeo last week. He also won the bull riding event, and placed third in steer wrestling. Hutchings is shown on the right in the photo.

Courtesy photo

Cheering for the team!



The Alpine Fightin' Buck cheerleading squad for 2021-2022 stops to smile for the camera. In the photo, Alyssa Duenez, Kimberly Lara, Ryka Morales, Lourdes Acosta, Danica Mulholland, Illeana Hamilton, and Johanna Barber.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

The royal court



Alpine High School Homecoming Queen Jenica Portillo and King Jayden Canaba hold court after their crowning on Oct. 29 before the Fightin' Buck football game against Odessa Compass.

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Colonel Edward Hatch lends his name

Colonel Edward Hatch spent little time in Fort Davis, but he has a consistent presence here and in New Mexico. In the past few weeks, I have been purchasing and roasting for future use Hatch green chilies, always the best. These come from farms in the Rio Grande Valley near Hatch, N. M.

Edward Hatch was born in December 1832 in Bangor, Maine, but at the beginning of the Civil War he was operating as a lumberman in Iowa. He volunteered and worked to raise and organize the Second Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. By June 1862 he was the colonel commanding the regiment, and in April 1863 participated in the famous Grierson Raid behind the defenses of Vicksburg to disrupt communications and destroy supplies.

The raid, led by Colonel Benjamin H. Grierson who himself would become familiar with



FIDDLER'S GREEN
by Larry Francell

Fort Davis, consisted of the Second Iowa, the Sixth and Seventh Illinois Cavalry, a force of 1,700 mounted troopers. The raiders left LaGrange, Tenn., and travelled over 600 miles in 16 days before arriving at Union held Baton Rouge, La. Initially pressed by the Confederates, Grierson detached Hatch and the Second Iowa to disrupt the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, and draw off the pursuit. The ruse worked, and Hatch returned to LaGrange.

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Civil War, achieving the rank of brigadier general of Volunteers. Deciding to continue in the Army, he was reduced in rank, as were most of the officers who remained in the military. As colonel he took command of the Ninth Regiment of Cavalry, one of the four Buffalo Soldier units created after the war. His second in command, Lt. Col. Wesley Merritt, was the man who re-established Fort Davis in 1967. Hatch would be in residence in command of Fort Davis from Nov. 26, 1869, until Dec. 15, while his regiment was scattered to various posts in Texas.

In September 1875 the Ninth Cavalry was transferred to New Mexico, and the 10th Cavalry took station in Texas. In both cases the regiments were dispersed to various forts separated by long distances. Fort Hatch - this meant his command was scattered from Fort Garland in southern Colorado to Fort Selden in southern New Mexico. Responsible for dealing with the Utes in the north and the Apaches in the south, his understrength regiment was way over extended.

The Apaches raided and ranged between the Mescalero Reservation near present Ruidoso, the Chiricahua Reservation in Arizona, and seeking shelter in Mexico, Hatch had his friend Ben Grierson and the 10th Cavalry to coordi-

nate efforts. Their efforts paid off during major field campaigns in 1879 and 1880.

As peace came to New Mexico, the small community of Santa Barbara, abandoned for many years, was re-settled in 1875 and named for Edward Hatch. Since then the town and valley have become world famous for the green chilies grown there. The first farmers credited with growing and then widely marketing Hatch chiles were Joseph and Celestine Franzoy who moved to the area in 1917.

In 1971 the community organized the Hatch Chile Festival, which attracts over 30,000 annually to the small town. The area farmers credit the combination of water, soil, and the New Mexico sun for the success of their product, which now has federal certification. This means only those grown in the area can be labeled Hatch Chilies.

It is unknown whether Edward Hatch ever visited his namesake town, but he would serve as the colonel of the Ninth Cavalry from its inception until his death at age 59 on April 11, 1889, at Fort Robinson, Neb. Hatch was a non-West Pointer who achieved the rank of major general of Volunteers, but unlike Ben Grierson, another non-West pointer, he never achieved a brigadier's star in the regular Army.

Celebrating Lonnn Taylor's legacy



The Jeff Davis County Library was designated as a Literary Landmark on Oct. 22 in honor of late Fort Davis resident, historian, and writer Lonnn Wood Taylor. Taylor's wife, Dedie, stands proudly next to the plaque honoring her late husband outside the library, along with Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library board member Elaine Harmon. An official proclamation was also read declaring the week of Oct. 17-23 as a county observance in honor of Taylor and commemorating National Friends of Libraries week.

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a truly satisfying dish is none other than stuffed bell peppers.

As a kid I was "on the fence" about stuffed bell peppers. It was not often that my mother made them for dinner, but sometimes I liked the peppers, sometimes I liked the stuffing, and sometimes I liked both. Now I can honestly say



I love everything about

them, from their savory taste to their simplicity. Unlike the traditional Mexican stuffed peppers, stuffed bell peppers are much easier to make. They do not require roasting and peeling, only slicing and stuffing. Making dinner or lunch does not get much easier than that.

Many recipes for

this dish call for rice to be added to the beef mixture of the stuffing. Growing up this was never added to the stuffed peppers of my childhood, probably because my mother does not like rice, or perhaps because it just was not added to them when she ate them as a child. I do not add rice to my

stuffed peppers, but it is not a deal breaker for me. In fact, if these were being made for a larger family, adding rice would be an inexpensive way to stretch the stuffing.

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

Stuffed Bell Peppers

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| Ingredients: | Tomato paste |
| Bell peppers, any color | Garlic |
| Olive oil | Oregano |
| Ground beef | Can of chopped tomatoes if desired |
| Cooked rice if desired | Salt and pepper to taste |
| Chopped onions | |

Directions:
First, remove the tops of the peppers and the cores. Heat a small amount of olive oil in a skillet, add onions, and cook until softened.

Add in tomato paste and garlic, and cook about one minute or until fragrant.

Add in about a pound of ground beef, and brown until there is no pink left in the meat, then add spices.

If you are adding rice to this stuffing mixture, you would cook half a cup according to package directions.

Place your peppers in a casserole dish, drizzle with olive oil, and add the ground beef stuffing to each pepper. Add cheese to the top if desired, and cover with foil. Place in a pre-heated 400-degree oven, and bake for 35 minutes, or until peppers are tender.

Remove foil and bake an additional 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbly.

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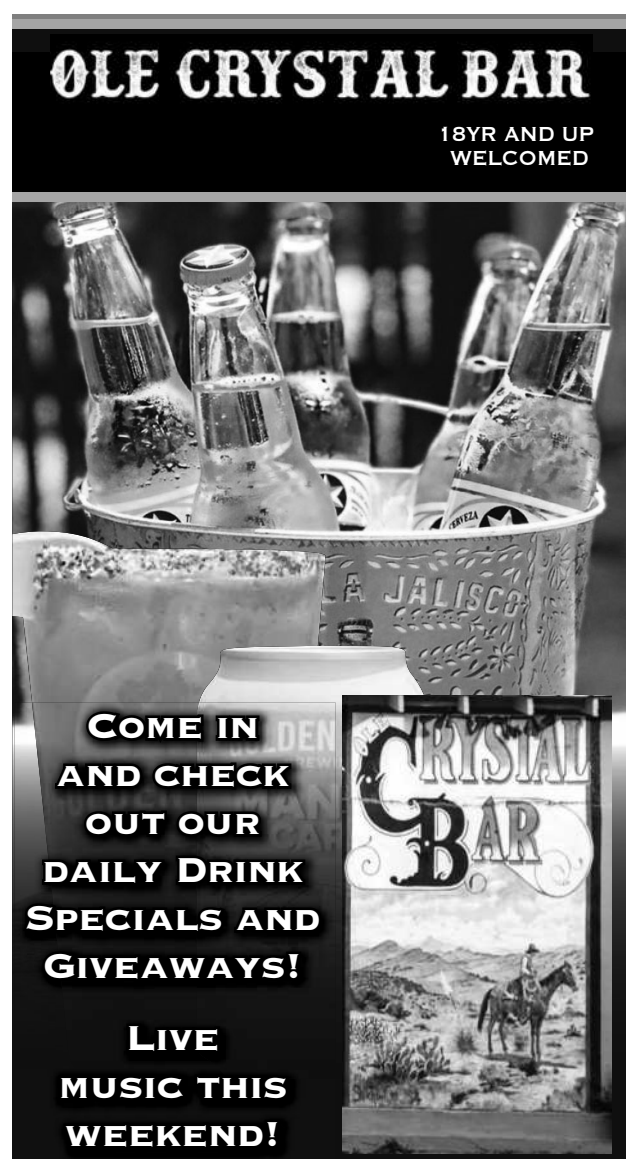
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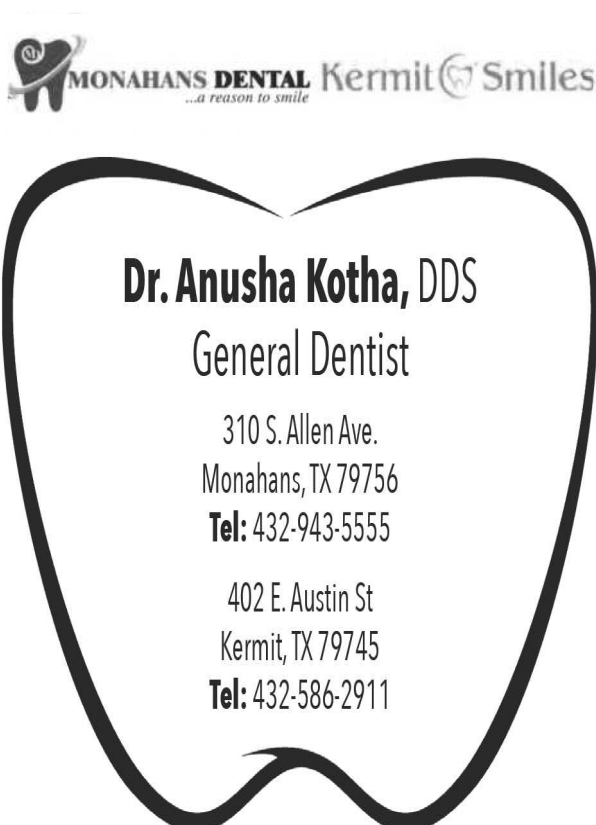
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- Ability to work independently
- The ability to work outside at times
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Fort Davis Junior High School Spanish Club folklorico dancers from Martha Sanchez's Spanish Club show off their colorful outfits at the Family Fun Fall Festival held on Historic Murphy Street in Alpine on Oct 23. There was plenty of music, dancing, food, and games for the whole family, and the Spanish Club dancers delighted the audience with their performance.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Fitzgerald paints alley art

Kerry Awn Fitzgerald, a life long devotee of the Big Bend, recently became an Alpine resident. Fitzgerald is an artist, cartoonist, actor, muralist, comedian, and musician. He was inducted into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame, and has been recognized by the City of Austin and the State of Texas for his contributions to the arts. He was voted Austin's funniest person 10 years running by the Austin Chronicle.



Artist Kerry Awn Fitzgerald paints a utility pole for the Alpine Alley Arts project.

Courtesy photo

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Jeff Davis County Tax Assessor/Collector Clerk

Seeking individual to assist County Tax Assessor/Collector In day-to-day financial operations of the county.

Duties can include:

- General office procedures
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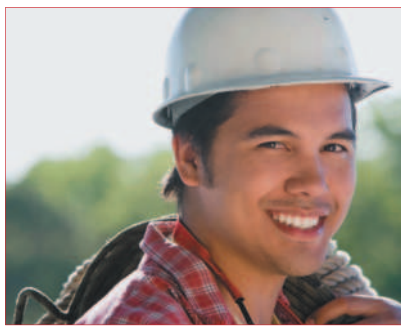


- Develop new accounts by researching and identifying potential leads, soliciting new business, building connections, providing technical information and advice, and preparing quotes
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- Stay informed of market changes with technology by attending educational workshops and reviewing professional publications.
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