

Northern Big Bend eligible for Wilderness Designation

Over 99 additional square miles of rugged mountains and sweeping desert expanses in the northern reaches of Big Bend National Park have been determined eligible for wilderness designation. This administrative determination does not make a recommendation to Congress for designation and has no impact on public use, nor does it change current management. Rather, it recognizes the wilderness characteristics of these lands which had not previously been assessed.

“Completing the objective assessment of on-the-ground conditions in the North Rosillos area of the park has long been a park goal. I am delighted with the thorough work of the park staff, as well as the results,” said Big Bend National Park Superintendent Bob Krumenaker. “This is an important step towards the possibility of Congress

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Sul Ross athletics applies for Division II

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Sul Ross Athletic Department, under the direction of Amanda Workman, officially applied to compete in NCAA Division II athletic programs on Jan. 30. Sul Ross currently competes as a Division III school in the American Southwest Conference, but has been

invited to join the D-II Lone Star Conference.

What does this mean for Sul Ross? For one thing, it means that the university can begin making scholarship offers to athletes seeking to participate in sports post high school. This change would mean even more significant future opportunities for prospec-



Amanda Workman

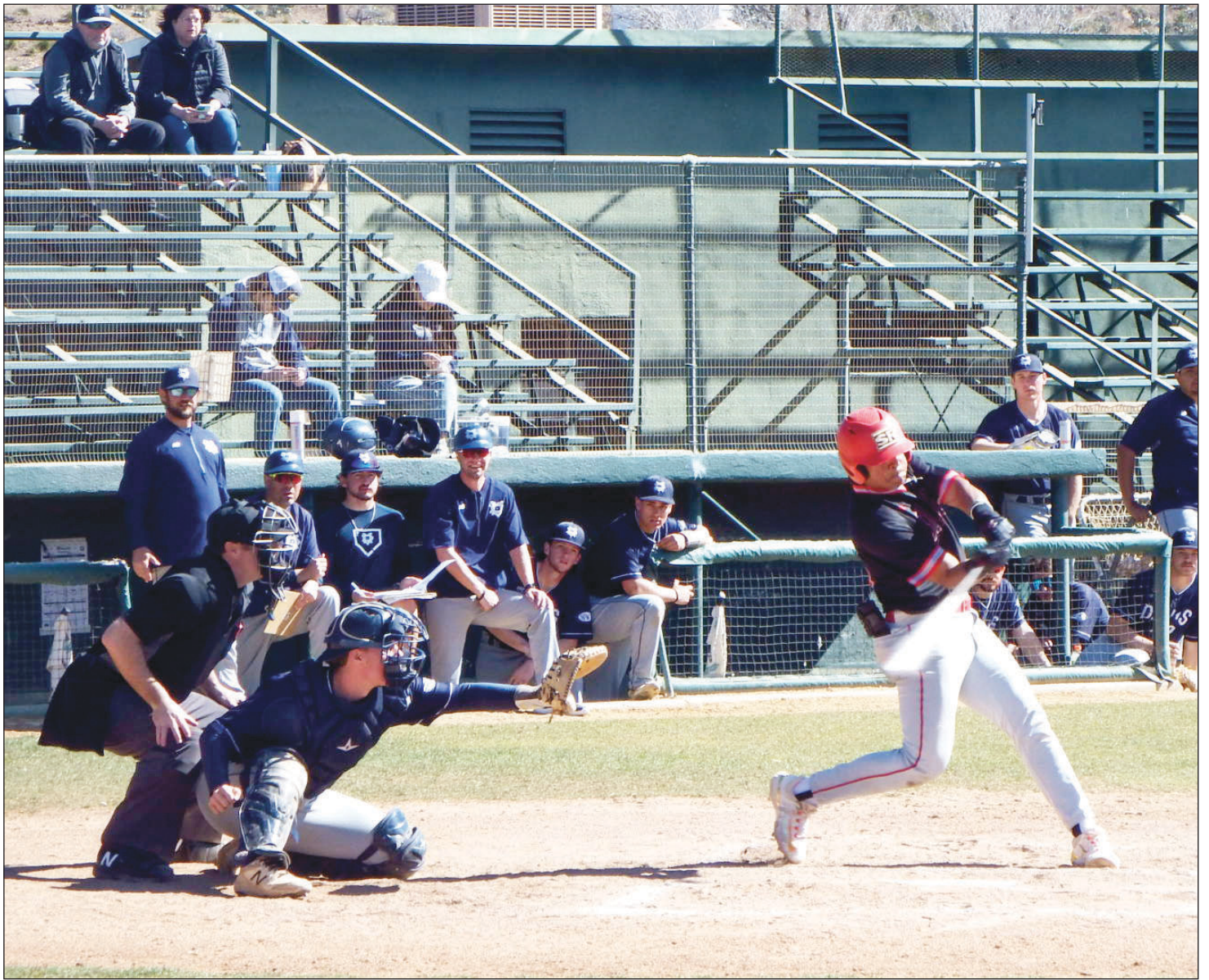
tive students. “We will be attracting more students who will be able to continue to participate in sports after high school, and there will be a value add at Sul Ross. This makes us more competitive on the field and we believe it will increase enrollment and augment retention efforts. Ultimately, our goal is to

have all student-athletes graduate with a degree from SRSU,” said Workman.

Sul Ross has long struggled with student enrollment and retention. Fall semesters commonly see a marginal increase from the previous spring, but not all students continue past their first year or even past their

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Taking a swing



Freddy Nunez of the Sul Ross Lobos swings at the ball off a University of Dallas pitcher in this past Sunday’s game three of the opening season games. The Lobos played a double header on Saturday and the final game in the opening series on Sunday. Sul Ross dropped two out of the three games against the University of Dallas.

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Cowboy Poetry Gathering adds rodeo to its lineup

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering is scheduled for Feb. 17-18, with a rodeo scheduled for Feb. 15.

The year’s gathering kicks off on Wednesday, Feb. 15 with a Rodeo to be held at the Sul Ross S.A.L.E. arena. This rodeo will benefit the Sul Ross State University Rodeo Team. Beginning at 6 p.m., there will be two hours of rodeo events by members of the Sul Ross Rodeo Team, along with poetry from David Richmond and music from Jim Wilson.

Friday and Saturday mornings the gathering starts bright and early with the Chuckwagon Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at

Poet’s Grove in Kokernot Park. This anticipated feast kicks off the official gathering full of shows to be held both days this year.

This year’s gathering is highlighting Charlie Goodnight and is celebrating his life in poetry and song. This presentation will be comprised of 15 poems and 14 songs written and composed by Andy Wilkinson, a distant nephew of the famous cattleman and drover. Wilkinson was first inspired by the stories told by his grandmother and great-grandmother. He was then guided by the history of Goodnight’s life and the trail-drive period of the American West. To research each song and poem, Wilkinson made personal trips



Campfire coffee is a staple at the chuckwagon breakfast for Cowboy Poetry participants such as cowboy cook Don McLeod, shown serving Don Cad-den that much coveted cup o’Joe.

Avalanche photo

to the very places where Goodnight traveled, lived, and worked. In addition, he devoted hours of research in libraries,

museums, and archival collections. Released in 1994 as an album to great acclaim, the show is rarely performed live.

Barry Corbin, most recognized from the TV series Northern Expo-

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OBITUARIES

Billy Gene Roberts

Billy Gene Roberts, 82, better known to everyone as Ike Roberts from Marathon, entered eternal rest on Jan. 29. Ike was born November 26, 1940, in Alpine to Travis and Polly Roberts. He was raised in Marathon and grew up working on the family ranch and the Catto-Gage Ranch. He attended Sul Ross State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Ike met his lifelong partner "Sue" in Marathon, a few weeks after she arrived in West Texas from England to work for the Gage Holland Fam-



ily. The two were smitten by one another. Ike proposed and traveled to England with Sue and they were married on January 4, 1967.

Ike and Sue spent 54 years together until Sue's passing. Ike spent his career working on the Catto-Gage Ranch and Roberts Ranch.

He was a public servant, involved with ag-

riculture boards such as the Big Bend Soil & Water Conservation District board for thirty plus years, FSA Board, ASCS, Water Board, history associations, he was a member of the Brewster County Historical Commission, Center for Big Bend Studies Advisory Board, and Marathon Museum, and a volunteer for the National Weather Service and Big Bend National Park. He was a Brewster County Election Judge for many years. He volunteered and greatly enjoyed helping the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, especially field day.

He was Catholic and a parishioner of the Mara-

thon Catholic Church. Later in life, he could be found every weekend at the Farmer's Market in Alpine.

Ike has five wonderful grandkids: Larry, Michael, George, Margaret, and Sarah Roberts. He loved his grandkids; whether he was giving them the instructions on how to do something correctly, giving them a weather report on how much it rained or a local history lesson and quiz; he was happy, and they usually were too.

Ike was preceded in death by his wife Sue, his parents Travis and Polly, sister Betty, brothers Travis Jr. and John

and his beloved daughter Sally. He is survived by sons Joe and wife Zaira Roberts and Tim and wife Amy Roberts, and grandkids Margaret, Sarah, Larry, Michael, and George.

Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Mission in Marathon.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 at St. Mary's

Catholic Mission followed by graveside service at the Marathon Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Mary's Mission in Marathon.

Online condolences may be left at: www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com

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Senaida R. Wright



Senaida R. Wright, 72, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away Dec. 31, 2022, in Odessa. She lived in Alpine all her life. Her hobbies were walking, gardening, talking to people and most of all being of help to people. Most of all talking to people and

helping. She was a very caring and loving person. We will miss her dearly. She will always remain in our heart forever. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lucia Rojo, father Eloy Wright Sr., brother Eloy Wright Jr., and sister Delma Hinojos. Senaida is survived by one brother

Raul Rojo and two sisters Josie Muniz and Linda Kay as well as one daughter Irene Olivas. She is also survived by six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Church services will be held Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at Calvary Apostolic Church, 45980 State Hwy 118 in Alpine.

Vernon "Mac" McIntyre Morrow

Vernon "Mac" McIntyre Morrow, of Alpine, passed away peacefully and painlessly on Jan. 16. Mac was

born on March 23, 1949, in Alpine, and spent most of his life living and working in Brewster County. He was preceded in death by his parents Keith and Janette Morrow, his eldest son Michael McGregor

Morrow, and youngest son William Wetzel Morrow. Mac is survived by his sister Jan Skaggs, brother William "Mo" Morrow, children Benjamin Morrow, Katie Henson, Shannon Morrow, Chisum

Morrow, and Philip Morrow. Mac also had had two nephews, two nieces, sixteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren at the time of his death.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Castillo signs with Sul Ross



Kiara Castillo signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Sul Ross State University on Tuesday. Kiara is shown here supported by her family.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Ervin signs with Hardin Simmons



Tray Ervin signed a letter of intent to play football for Hardin Simmons University on Tuesday. Tray is shown here with his family.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Thank You!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER ELENA RIOS FIERRO.

It's been difficult after the passing of our mother. We are so thankful to so many of our friends and family who attended our mother's funeral and there in spirit. She would have been proud to see the outpouring love and support during this difficult time for her family. From all the food, flower arrangements, text calls, cards, donations, and additional support were beautiful gifts, and everyone's kind words warmed our hearts.

God Bless.

Love,
Danny (Pat), Berta (Mario), Terry (Jacob), and Phillip (Beverly)

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Mixed emotions run high at council

Infrastructure again tops discussion during meeting

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 7 at 5:30 in council chambers. Several items on the agenda were of importance and evoked mixed emotions from council members.

Of importance was item number two under agenda item eight, that was strictly a discussion item for the council. This item was asked to be moved forward on the agenda by councilor Chris Rodriguez, Ward 2, directly following the reports from the Mayor and City Manager. Rodriguez's reasoning behind moving the agenda item forward was due to the fact that the representative from Skyway Gardens, Roy Lopez had a lengthy drive ahead of him after the meeting. Council agreed to the movement of the agenda item and lengthy discussion ensued.

Skyway Gardens, represented by Lopez presented to the council the company's plans to propose the building of another 49 units, in addition to the 44 units already in place currently on Lechuguilla Road, and that he needed

to know if he had the council's and the city's support so that he could apply for the correct permits with the state, with the right monetary amounts by his March 1 deadline. The biggest discussion, was again having to do with water and the issues with infrastructure that the city faces. City Manager Megan Antrim told the council that complaints had come in from citizens beyond the current complex of having issues with water pressure. Lopez told the council that the Skyway property did not have any pressure issues, and that they have their own water tank, a well to supplement their watering of landscaping, as well as their own private fire hydrant because the one that belonged to the city did not have adequate pressure when the first units were being built. Antrim explained "The complaints of low pressure are down the line from the Skyway Gardens property, and without a feasibility study, which would take at least 30 days, we can't tell for sure if the pressure issue is due to the system being gravity fed or if there are infrastructure constraints such as

smaller pipes or even pipes that could be used but are capped." Antrim went on to say that if council approved support of Lopez going ahead with his filing for permits, the feasibility study was still in the works because there is a problem with pressure currently. Councilor Judy Stokes, Ward 1 told the council "We know we're going to have to bite the bullet and fix our infrastructure anyway, so why not start here. Alpine needs more affordable housing and we need new water infrastructure, so with the feasibility study, we will know what, if anything needs to be done, and this is as good a place as any to begin fixing this problem and not putting another band aid on the problem." The council, while they could not make anything official due to rules of order, told Lopez that he should proceed with his filing.

In other news, action items, mostly re-plate applications were all approved unanimously, but of specific interest was action item five, which was the approval of Resolution 2023-02-01, a resolution approving a letter of

support for the Mountain View Apartments 2023 Tax Credit Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. This filing is for the purpose of rehabilitation and improvement efforts for the property. The current property, built in the early 80's has fallen into significant disrepair and the current owners of the property plan to remodel all units, add a BBQ area and a playground as well as a community building to the property, with a space for a full-time on-site manager.

Directly following the approved action items, of which there were six, the council retired to executive session at 8:11 p.m. to deliberate the possible dismissal of City Attorney Rod Ponton. The council reconvened into open session at 9:16, in which action on the executive session was brought to the table. Councilor Rodriguez called for a vote and made a motion to terminate Ponton as City Attorney for Alpine. The motion died due to lack of a second and no other motions were forthcoming at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Local winners announced in youth poetry contest

The 2023 Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering Youth Poetry Contest garnered 110 entries in five levels. Contestants included students from Alpine Christian School, Alpine ISD, Fort Davis ISD, Valentine ISD, Marathon ISD, Balmorea ISD, Austin ISD, Uvalde Classical Academy, and Columbia Elementary School in Louisiana, along with several home schools in West Texas, Central Texas, Ohio, and Alaska. Levels were broken down as follows. Level one is Kinder 5 through Second grade, Level

two is grades three and four, Level three is grades five through six, Level four is grades seven through eight, and Level five is grades nine through 12.

Many of the winners, along with several students who received honorable mentions, will be sharing their poems in the youth poetry session at the Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering. The public is invited to attend on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11 A.M. in Lawrence Hall at Sul Ross State University. This is one of many free sessions at the 2023 Gathering.

POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

LEVEL ONE

- First Place – Bethia Baize - Paisano Home School
- Second Place – Eden Alvis -Home School, Ohio
- Third Place – Alyson Glasscock - Uvalde Classical Academy

LEVEL TWO

- First Place – Shyanne Grubb - Valentine ISD
- Second Place – Lane Medina -Valentine ISD
- Third Place – Lillian Klatt - Homeschool, Austin, Texas

LEVEL THREE

- First Place – Kaela Baize - Paisano Home School
- Second Place – Adriel Navarrette - Valentine ISD
- Third Place – Ellie Terazzo - Valentine ISD

LEVEL FOUR

- First Place – Annaliese West - Marathon ISD
- Second Place – Sierra Nickel - Uvalde Classical Academy
- Third Place – Kaiden Whetten - Marathon ISD

LEVEL FIVE

- First Place – Jordan Miller - Valentine ISD
- Second Place – Aiden Mellard - Home School, Presidio County
- Third Place – Evie Callis - IDEA Home School, Fairbanks, Alaska

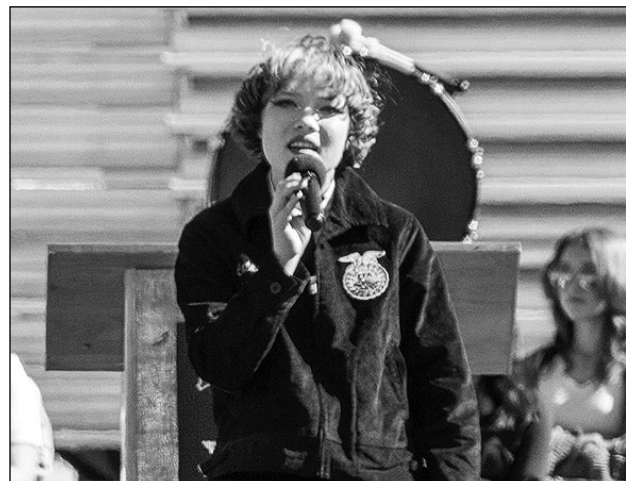
Alpine FFA student sings in the rings

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Alpine FFA student Collette Sharron opened this past weekend's San Angelo Lamb and Goat show by singing the National Anthem. Sharron also sang at this year's Big Bend Livestock show and sale and she's been invited to sing the anthem at the San Antonio Lamb and Goat show as well.

Beginning the summer of her seventh-grade year, Sharron expressed interest in singing at the Alpine Cowboys' baseball games. "Collette never has had any formal training. This is just something she wanted to do and asked if she could open the baseball games with the National Anthem," said her mom, Elaina Sharron. "Since that summer, she has sung God Bless America at the Veteran's programs, and the National Anthem at baseball games, as well as our local livestock show," added Elaina.

After her first perfor-



Collette Sharron sings God Bless America to local veteran's at the Alpine ISD Veteran's Day ceremony.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

mance for the Cowboys, her mom shared the video, which caught the attention of Mrs. Caroline Fox, who works for Alpine ISD. When Caroline heard Sharron sing, she reached out to her mom to ask if she was interested in singing at the stock show and sale, as well as the Veteran's Day program. "Her mom told me that she recently sang at a basketball game as well as the other venues. I am a big fan, and I've encouraged her to sing

whenever possible," said Caroline. "My husband, and ag teacher Mr. Doug Fox and myself are trying to encourage her to sing for the District FFA contest that could lead to Area and then State competition," Caroline added.

Her dad, Todd Sharron is super proud of his daughter and her ability. "When she was little, about third grade or so she would ride around with me when I was feeding cows and sing

'Lonely is the Night' by Billy Squire over and over again. I had to play it in the truck on repeat. She also liked to sing one of the songs by the group Lady A, but I can't recall which one that is," replied Todd. "I think that her singing the National Anthem in San Angelo this past weekend was her best singing to date," Todd added.

Sharron is just a freshman at Alpine High School, and Caroline hopes that she will continue to open the Big Bend Livestock show and sale every year with the National Anthem as well as sing God Bless America at the annual Veteran's Day program until she graduates. Both her parents and AISD faculty continue to encourage her singing and believe she has a bright future ahead of her with her talented voice.



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Newspapers	0% (0 votes)
Online platforms	0% (0 votes)
None of the above	67% (2 vote)
	0% (0 votes)

TOTAL votes: 3

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

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- Online platforms
- None of the above

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The status quo is not OK!

Great things are happening in Alpine thanks to a lot of hard-working, dedicated individuals coming together.



CATHERINE EAVES
 Mayor, City of Alpine

It was recently announced that there will be a new 50-spot daycare opening this summer in Alpine. This was a collaborative effort among different Alpine Nonprofit Organizations such as Alpine Community Projects, and the Alpine Business Alliance, formerly known as the Alpine Downtown Association. The Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Sul Ross State University, and the City of Alpine were also involved in bringing this childcare center to Alpine with Alpine ISD and Dr. Michelle Rinehart being the heavy hitters.

The increased partnerships between the different groups and organizations have been a refreshing change. The city and the county are working together more frequently also. I personally believe

that we can do the hard things when we work together and that we should not accept the status quo for our city, our home.

In addition, Angels Care Hospice is now servicing Alpine. Plus, there are other exciting things going on currently with many of the aforementioned nonprofits. What they are working on is sure to make Alpine thrive again. Also, there are a lot of great community events in the works for 2023 and they will be certain to fill up your calendar.

Our City Government is also undergoing a much needed and positive transformation. We held six Town Hall meetings between October and December in which residents were able to write down their thoughts and opinions regarding what priorities they felt the city should focus on and post them around the room under whichever broad topics they thought fit. Not surprisingly after the two boil water no-

tices, the top priority was Infrastructure, particularly water, and wastewater.

In addition, we have held three Strategic Planning Prioritization Town Hall meetings so far this year to discuss how we should go about taking care of these priorities. During these town halls, we have also looked at long-term goals for the city and how we might realize them once we have our foundation, and our water and wastewater systems repaired.

City transparency has improved drastically over the last couple of years. Not only is there more information available on the city website, but we are receiving more information from the city manager and city staff at each council meeting. Everything is being discussed, our strengths, our weaknesses, our opportunities, and the challenges that face the city.

Along with transparency, comes an increased willingness for residents to get involved with what is going on. More people than ever are attending council

meetings and are becoming active on our Commissions and Boards. Those who can't attend city council meetings or town hall events are often opting to Zoom in or view the recording on the City of Alpine, Texas YouTube Channel.

During the formal City Council meetings on the first and third Tuesday of most months at 5:30, residents have the opportunity to speak on any agenda item during the three-minute comment period. This procedure has been in place going back at least 10 years. Residents are also allowed to speak during the Public Hearings portion of the meeting and if time allows, also during the discussion section if they raise their hand and the council approves them coming forward to speak, which has occurred several times since May.

I urge everyone to get involved with moving Alpine forward. I believe we can have the Alpine we want if the residents are actively involved, and we are persistent in reaching our goals.

An idea: We are all from Valentine

Out in the West Texas town of Valentine, now population 78 per the recent Census, I fell in love with an idea.

As Valentine's Day approaches, our little pueblito takes the opportunity to shine as folks seek out the cancellation stamp designed by one of our students. Typically, the obligatory photos at Prada Marfa are also a part of bucket lists for travelers. By their own admission, a blink of an eye causes them to miss what they perceive to be just another Highway 90 ghost town in the middle of nowhere.

If you take a minute to venture off the main paved road, there are subtle hints of more bustling days gone by in a ranching and railroad town

where dogs and mesquite are now the main inhabitants. Stories can still be heard loaded with a multigenerational wisdom as they have been passed on. Listen closely and you can hear the narration of those who came before. It's in the gestures, the laughter, and characterization of the spirit that still lingers.

Approaching 20 years since I walked across our auditorium stage, graduating with plans that I suspected wouldn't involve me coming back after university, I now find myself reflecting on the great things I learned about this world with my five other classmates. Valentine is a special place where we can always go back and explore all our yesterdays.

Lessons coming from a

resilient community include, volunteerism shouldn't be just embraced but expected. Working together for the need of the community in hard times not only allows survival but enables us to thrive. Treating each other with respect and compassion creates a harmonious environment we need to enhance our quality of life. Pragmatism sometimes gets you closer to where you need to be than any other alternative and when it comes to politics, people not party, with the exception of the one party that is highly encouraged.

On Feb. 18, we welcome y'all to the very heart of West Texas to celebrate not only our Homecoming, but the overall Valentine's in

Valentine Extravaganza. A huge thank you to the graciousness and generosity of Mr. Matt Kruger for investing in this awesome event.

The Valentine Homecoming festivities include the annual washers tournament, lunch provided by the Valentine I.S.D. Student Council, and a West "Texas Valentine's" Parade. For information, you can email ExStudents@ValentineISD.com.

So, join the party. For one day, we will convene and celebrate our collective West Texas heart. For one moment, we will all be from Valentine as we listen to the tunes that whisper into the wind our love for this idea that is our town.

L. John Porras, Jr.
 Valentine Class of 2003

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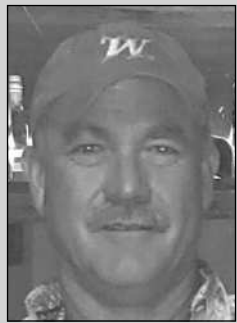
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Heard on the STREET

How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?



Lyn Shackelford: I usually attend the local Marathon dance Fish Fry fundraiser that is put on by Commissioner Ortega. It doesn't actually fall on Valentine's day, but I donate a little money and I dance the night away with my mom and any of the ladies that need to be danced with.



Traci Martin: I will be celebrating with my dog, a hike, and a glass of red wine.



Conrad Galindo: I make reservations for dinner, usually at Reata and have a nice, quiet dinner with drinks and dessert.



Kelly Springfield: We usually don't do much, maybe dinner. My husband makes the excuse that Valentine's Day is a government holiday created to generate revenue.



Kaci Kothmann: I celebrate Valentine's Day with a card exchange, take out dinner, and a movie at home.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 2-17 Big Bend Little League, Online registration for the Big Bend Little League began Jan. 19. The last day to register is Feb. 17. You may register online at <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/bigbendlittleleague>

Feb. 11 Pajama Story Time, 6:30 p.m. at the Alpine Public Library, there will be games and story time for a Valentine's Day celebration for ages 4-12.

Feb. 11 Fish Fry, the annual Marathon Fish Fry will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Marathon Community Center.

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 BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.

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, 4 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 bbccchorale.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.

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Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210

Rodriguez makes history



Alpine Lady Buck Alexis Rodriguez broke the school record of total points scored in a basketball game. Rodriguez scored 28 points in a single game to beat the old record. Read about the Lady Bucks on page 8.

Courtesy photo

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Sansa. Sansa is energetic, playful, curious, intelligent, and cute as heck.

Sansa is the epitome of a puppy; this puppy wants to play. She has been working on leash walking, socializing, and boundaries, to name a few. She will need early puppyhood training but with that, we believe she will make an excellent addition to the family. Be patient; she's still learning. We haven't had a chance to see her interact with kids, so you will want to make sure kids in the family are respectful and interactions are monitored at the beginning; she may not know how to be gentle with a small kid but again, be patient. Sansa has done well with other dogs mainly medium to large-sized dogs.

Alpine Animal Services offers microchipping of pets at the Shelter. A microchip ensures that if your pet is lost and subsequently found by someone, the finder can take your cat or dog to any veterinarian, rescue group, and some police departments for scanning. The chip will reveal your name and contact information so your pet can be reunited with you. Call the Shelter in advance to arrange for a microchip at 432-837-9030.

Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030.

The Alpine Humane



Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 N. 5th Street in Alpine, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Pet Pantry recently moved to 600 N. 5th

Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit PetFinder.com or www.alpinehumanesociety.org, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

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500# - 600# Heifers	171.00 to 182.50
600# - 700# Steers	175.00 to 189.00
600# - 700# Heifers	156.00 to 171.00
700# - 800# Steers	172.00 to 175.00
700# - 800# Heifers	148.00 to 156.00
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SUL ROSS • FROM 1

first semester. For those students who enroll in Sul Ross in hopes of continuing their sports careers, this division change may help in retaining a greater number of students in the spring semesters as well as increasing the number of students enrolling in the fall.

Due to its location, Sul Ross' student athlete's travel far and wide to compete. They may travel as far as 14 hours in one direction for a game, and it is rare that they travel less than six. This limits their competitors from other schools, including those who fall into the non-conference category because they are unwilling to travel such long distances. This poses a challenge for coaches in trying to fill a game schedule as well as for students due to the amount of time classes are missed. Schools in the LSC are more regional, including San Angelo State University, Eastern New Mexico University, Lubbock Christian University, and the furthest universities in the LSC being Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City and the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

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— Dr. Carlos Hernandez, Sul Ross president

At some point this summer, Sul Ross expects to hear from the NCAA on whether or not their application to become a D-II school is accepted. If they are accepted, Sul Ross must enter into a three-year provisional period that includes one more year as a D-III, and they would be scheduled to begin D-II play in the Lone Star Conference in Fall 2024. One

of the conditions of accepting a D-II status is an earmarked pool of \$250,000 for athletic scholarships. Saving on travel expenses will help offset those costs, as will a minimal increase in the athletic fee, along with the expected higher enrollment. "Most of this cost is expected to be generated by fundraising efforts," replied Workman.

"Most of our students are First Generation, which means Sul Ross has an outsized impact on the future of their lives, families, and communities," said President Dr. Carlos Hernandez. "We have to make an impact and we need to be intentional. Applying to be a part of Division II is one way to do those things through athletics. We can attract more student-athletes with the judicious use of scholarship funds, create a more positive student experience for everyone, and increase enrollment across the board. Happy students finish their degrees, and we want them to finish at SRSU," remarked Hernandez.

COWBOY • FROM 1

sure as well as his portrayal of Charles Goodnight in a one-man play called Charles Goodnight's Last Night and in earlier performances of this show, said, "You've heard of people who don't suffer fools gladly. Well, Goodnight didn't suffer fools at all. He was a crusty, cantankerous old man, and he was pretty much the same as a young man. Goodnight would use violence if it was necessary. But he didn't love violence. As a matter of fact, he sort of detested it. And as soon as law and order arrived,

he quit wearing a gun." Corbin continued, "What is important today about Charles Goodnight is the man's unshakable belief in right and wrong. He lived by a code, which most people on the frontier did. And that's almost unheard of today ... When Charlie Goodnight ran his ranch, his first priority was to make sure the hands were fed and could make a living. And in return for that, he had their absolute loyalty."

This special production will feature many singers, reciters, and musicians who have performed

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— Barry Corbin on his one-man play "Charles Goodnight's Last Night"

the work before. They include Barry Corbin, Alissa Hedges, Andy Hedges, Donnie Maines, Lloyd Maines, Chuck Milner, Waddie Mitchell, B. Byron Price, Rod Taylor, Emily Wilkinson, and Andy Wilkinson. These performers

will be joined by others from the Gathering such as Jim Bradley, Pipp Gillette, Maggie Rose Hedges, Joel Nelson, Don Richmond, Larry Scott, Dave Stamey, Ian Wilkinson, Pixel Wilkinson, and Sterling Wilkinson.

BIG BEND • FROM 1

designating these lands as wilderness."

In 1984, the Harte brothers donated their 67,135-acre North Rosillos ranch to the Nature Conservancy with the intent that the land would ultimately be incorporated into Big Bend National Park. In 1989 the Nature Conservancy fulfilled the brothers' wish by conveying the vast area of mountains and desert to the park. It was the single largest donation since the park was established in 1944

Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964, and in accordance with agency Management Policies, the National Park Service, NPS completed a Wilderness Eligibility Assessment for the North Rosillos lands and concluded that 63,505 acres of the 67,135 acres are eligible. The section of land represents 7.9% of the park's total acreage. The remaining 3,630 acres do not meet the agency's wilderness eligibility criteria due to the presence of permanent roads, improvements, and/or developments that are critical to park operations.

NPS lands are considered eligible for wilderness designation if they possess the following characteristics, as identified in the Wilderness Act of 1964:

The earth and its community of life are untrammelled by humans, where humans are visitors and do not remain.

The area is undeveloped and retains its

primeval character and influence without permanent improvements or human habitation

The area generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of humans' work substantially unnoticeable.

The area is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions.

The area offers outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Park partners, the public and local communities have expressed their love of the wide-open spaces, unrestricted views, rich wildlife habitat and amazing night skies of Big Bend National Park - all values that are key to a wilderness experience. There is a growing community interest and effort to raise awareness and fulfill the vision of previous generations at Big Bend National Park to assure permanent protection for the undeveloped lands of the entire park. The NPS has protected these lands from development for decades, and this effort will reduce uncertainty about the direction of future management as the park grows in popularity.

The North Rosillos area ranges in elevation from 2,600 feet in the desert to 5,373 feet at the windswept summit of Rosillos Peak. This is one of the least visited areas in Big Bend

and solitude is easy to come by. Recreation opportunities include scenic driving the along the unpaved Terlingua Ranch Road, wildlife viewing, cross-country hiking, and remote backpacking. The area has outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation. While the geology, wildlife, flora, and cultural resources are similar to those found throughout much of Big Bend, this section of the park is unique in that it has a recent history of human use. The North Rosillos is a case study in Chihuahuan Desert rangeland recovery, giving the area significant ecological, scientific, educational, and historical value

The memorandum approving this determination will be published in the Federal Register on Feb. 6 of this year. Combined with lands the NPS recommended to Congress for formal wilderness designation in 1978, now approximately 80% of Big Bend National Park is recommended, potential, or eligible for wilderness designation. The eligibility determination is the first step toward consideration of an area as wilderness. As required by NPS Management Policies, the NPS will take no action that would diminish the wilderness eligibility of an area possessing wilderness characteristics until the legislative process of wilderness designation

has been completed.

To view more details on wilderness management at Big Bend, including the Wilderness Eligibility Assessment for the North Rosillos area, please visit: <https://www.nps.gov/bibe/learn/management/wilderness.htm>. or contact Tom Vandenberg, 432-477-1107 or Bob Krumenaker, 432-477-1102.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Lisa Rojo

In what activities did you participate in high school?

I participated in marching band from freshman year to my sophomore year, then my junior year and senior year I joined flags. I am participating in one act my senior year, and I was part of the yearbook group my whole high school career.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

I do not have a favorite teacher. I have enjoyed every teacher and their class. They have all taught me so much



throughout my years.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

I don't have a favorite moment. I have enjoyed all my years and have made so many good memories.

What are your plans after high school?

I would like to attend college and get a degree in nursing and eventually become a nurse practitioner.

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In accordance with applicable state and federal regulations, the 588 Educational Cooperative does hereby notify you of its intent to destroy student special education records. All special education records, prior to **July 1, 2016**, will be destroyed. The 588 Educational Cooperative will destroy special education records for the following school districts:

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STATION KVLV OPENING SET FOR FEBY. 21

The official opening of Radio Station KVLV has been set for next Friday, Feb. 21, it was announced Wednesday. Starting at 9:45 a. m., with a program to be broadcast from the Holland hotel ballroom here, the new station will be on the air continuously, according to the program, until the closing number starting at 10 p. m.

Programs during the day will be broadcast from Marfa, Fort Davis, Marathon and Alpine, with officials, clubs, schools and representatives of other organizations participating.

Full details of the opening program may be found in the announcement advertisement which appears on page 7 of this issue.

Feb. 14, 1947

Alpine's new radio station, KVLV will have it's official opening on Feb. 21. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., and broadcast from the Holland Hotel ballroom, the radio station will air continually throughout the day and will go off the air at 10 p.m. Various programs will also be broadcast from Marfa, Fort Davis, Marathon, and of course Alpine with schools, clubs, and official representatives participating.

BROWNS-WHITE SOX TO PLAY AT KOKERNOT FIELD MARCH 30

Feb. 2, 1951

Alpine will host the St. Louis Browns and the Chicago White Sox on March 30. For the third year in a row, a major league exhibition game will be held at Kokernot Field. This is the second time these two teams will battle it out on the Kokernot diamond.

SQUARE DANCING

Hugh Akin - Van Fossan Building

WEDNESDAY	7:30-10:00	High school and college students
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FRIDAY	7:00-9:30	Pre-High school
SATURDAY	7:30-10:00	Everybody

Students, 25c each

Adults, 50c each

Feb. 11, 1949

Hugh Akin will be giving square dance lessons in the Van Fossan Building Wednesday through Saturday. Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. will be high school and college students, Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. is adults, Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. is for pre-high school students, and everyone is welcome on Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

Hospital Notes

Dolores Espinosa, treatment.
Frances Pena, Fort Stockton, major surgery.
Mrs. Marjorie Wilson, major surgery.
Mrs. Reuben Smith, minor surgery.
Jose Portillo, major surgery.
Robert Sledge Jr., minor sur-


Feb. 11, 1949

Long before HIPPA regulations, area hospitals allowed information on patients to be announced to the public.

Texas mountain laurels not transplantable

Dear Neil: My dad lives on property west of Austin. He has lots of mountain laurels growing there and we'd like to transplant some to our landscape. Do they move fairly easily if we dug small ones?

Well, since you asked, no. But we may be able to figure some workarounds. Most native Texas shrubs and trees have evolved to cope with prolonged drought by developing deep root systems early in their lives. And, like many of the others, Texas mountain laurels often grow in rocky soils where the stones and boulders hold much-needed moisture. Open areas are usually filled with competitive range grasses that outgrow the mountain laurels. All of that makes for difficult times in transplanting unless you can find seedling plants that are 12 to 15 inches tall. Honestly, you might be better off growing your own from the hard, red seeds you'll find around his plants. Take a three-cornered file and hold the seeds in a pair of pliers



GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

one at a time as you file carefully through their outer red seed coat. When you see the yellow inner embryo, stop filing. Soak the "scarified" seeds overnight to get water to the soon-to-be germinating plants, and plant them immediately into 4-inch pots filled with well-draining potting soil. That will speed up germination, sometimes by years, and your new plants will grow surprisingly well in nursery-like conditions until they're big enough to set into the landscape, probably

2-3 years. If you're in a part of Texas where winters drop into the low 20s, protect the potted plants from extreme cold.

Dear Neil: Would you recommend Nellie R. Stevens holly or Chinese photinia for a tall privacy hedge in a dry part of Texas? If you suggested the photinia, would I need to propagate it myself?

I probably would recommend Nellie R. Stevens hollies. I love Chinese photinias and have since I was probably 12 years old. I prefer them immensely over redtip photinias, and I never did understand all the excitement over the redtips. Powdery mildew on the Chinese photinias was a reason, I guess. When Entomospirium fungal leaf spot started killing redtips, most serious horticulturists quit recommending them, me included. To this day, I almost never see the disease impacting Chinese photinias. However, I have seen it happen often enough that I am timid about

suggesting them. I still have five in my landscape, and they have remained healthy. Yes, you would have to propagate them, probably from seed collected now if you wanted to have them. That would take you an extra several years to get plants of any size. The hollies would make beautiful screening shrubs to 16 or 18 feet, and they are available in any size of nursery container almost immediately. They don't require any more water than other shrubs, but if you for-



get for even a few days, you will lose them. The signs of drought with them are very subtle. You will need to water them by hand by soaking them deeply every few days for their first couple of summers. You might consider some of your native junipers if you have a really difficult time getting water to these plants. You could get them irrigation for the first two or three years to get them

started and then hope for the best. I just don't want you to expect miracles in dry Texas.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to Neil Sperry, c/o Features Department, San Antonio Express-News, P.O. Box 2171, San Antonio, TX 78297-2171, or e-mail him at SAEngardenQA@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets he cannot reply to questions individually.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Linden is the seat of this county
 - 5 Paul Reubens was ___-wee
 - 6 TX Bonnie & Clyde killed at least ___ people
 - 7 Spurs' "Pop" was 3 times NBA "Coach of the ___"
 - 8 a State Fair mo. creator of cartoon "Cowpokes" (2 wds.)
 - 16 TXism: "___ light idea" (inspiration)
 - 18 Amarillo "Ranch" has ten of these buried nose-first
 - 21 "In Dreams" TX singer Roy (init.)
 - 22 a Columbus ship
 - 23 this Masterson fought Indians in Texas
 - 24 speak spitefully
 - 30 this Air Command used at least 9 bases in Texas
 - 34 SMU great Kyle Rote's suffix
 - 35 in 2023, U.S. taxes ___ April 18
 - 36 Cuero is seat of De ___ County
 - 37 hubbub
 - 39 TXism: "he's a ring-___" (party animal)
 - 43 rock 'n roll "King"
 - 44 army person
 - 45 birth name of TX born Joan Crawford: Lucille Fay ___Sueur

- 46 Blake Shelton hit: "___ Country"
- 47 dies with a valid will
- 49 George W.'s is located on SMU campus
- 52 ___-dah! (fanfare)
- 53 TX Bob Wills line: "Ah ___, take it away Leon"
- 54 "hoity-___" (pompous)
- 55 TX-born Kate Capshaw debuted on soap opera "___ of Night"
- 58 rueful
- 59 TXism: "throw some leather ___ horse" (saddle up)
- 60 TXism: "the whole ___ and caboodle"
- 61 TX Nash hit: "I Can ___ Clearly Now"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- DOWN**
- 1 home of West Texas A&M
 - 2 TXism: "just down the road ___"
 - 3 TX Ted Cruz and TX John Cornyn
 - 4 soothsayer
 - 9 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
 - 10 TX Don Henley co-wrote "I ___ You Why"
 - 11 actress Adams of "Raquet" with TX Lynda Day George
 - 12 Cowboys "___ of Honor"
 - 13 John Steinbeck's Texas widow
 - 14 birth state of Charles Goodnight (abbr.)
 - 15 TXism: "smack ___ in the middle"
 - 17 TXism: "it's ___ didley squat"
 - 19 Ted aka "Lurch" first acted in Dallas
 - 20 strain and pressure
 - 24 29th & 32nd governor "___" Ferguson
 - 25 this Howe played for and managed Astros
 - 26 grassy land (poetic)

- 27 TXism: "chucklehead"
- 28 TXism: "it'll warm your ___"
- 29 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo ___ highway"
- 31 ___ Grande
- 32 big Dallas cell phone company
- 33 toothpaste brand since 1873
- 38 TXism: "___ tickler" (pianist)
- 40 a Morse Code dot
- 41 Texas like it iced
- 42 say again
- 48 TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)
- 50 TXism: "trust every-___ but always cut the cards"
- 51 oil ___
- 56 in Bowie County on U.S. 82
- 57 TX Banks who was "Mr. Cub"

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Sports



The Alpine Lady Bucks defend their basket against a Kermit Lady Jacket last Friday during their district closer.

Avalanche photo

Lady Bucks end district season at home

The Alpine Lady Bucks took on the Lady Coyotes last Tuesday in Tornillo. The Lady Bucks started out slow but progressively picked up the energy throughout the game. The girls would play a close first quarter leading the Lady Coyotes 12-9.

The second quarter found Alpine moving the ball in transition and taking a 26-17 lead going into the half. The Lady Bucks defense would take a hold and they quickly jumped to a 20-point lead in the last

quarter. The Lady Bucks would finish the game, beating the Lady Coyotes 51-36.

Novah Carrasco and Alexis Rodriguez each contributed 16 points in the win. Ali Maroney led the rebound charge with 11 rebounds and 5 assists, while Hope Dominguez and Jasmine DeLeon added 5 and 6 rebounds.

“Tornillo is always a tough place to play. I stressed to the girls that we have to play to our level, all the time. They were able to go to a hos-

tile environment and pull off a win, that was big. That game locked us into our playoff spot in the district. I think it gave us a different aspect on how to approach each game. Play up not down, always. Very proud of the girls as they continue to find ways to win,” said Coach Virdell

The Lady Bucks finished their district play in a game on Friday at home. Alpine took on the Lady Jackets of Kermit for this district close-

See LADY BUCKS • 10

Bucks must win out to take second in district

BY SHAWN YORKS
Contributor

After Friday night’s 54-46 win over Kermit, one thing became clear for the Alpine Bucks: “Win and you’re in.”

More specifically, if the Bucks win their final two games – Friday at home against Presidio and next Tuesday at Odessa Compass Academy – second place in District 4-3A will be secured and the Bucks will face the third-place team from District 5 in the bi-district playoffs. As it stands now, Alpine and Stanton are tied for second place in the district standings, but the Bucks hold the tie-breaker courtesy of their two wins over the Buffaloes.

“Technically, we’re still second, but we’ve got to finish it out,” said



Logan Smith has improved his game this season and is one of Alpine’s top contributors this season.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

coach Aaron Hardwick. “Because if not, it could turn into a play-in type of situation. We’ll probably flip a coin but I don’t even want to get to that.

“We’ve got to take care of Presidio on Friday, they were tough.

They’re tough kids and once again we’re going to play against a hard-nosed type of defense, man-to-man wise.”

In Friday’s 54-46 win over Kermit, the Bucks

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Lobos drop two of three in weekend opener

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Sul Ross Lobos baseball team, under the direction of new head coach and Sul Ross alum Ely Gallego faced off against the University of Dallas Crusaders this past weekend at Koker-not Field.

In their season opener, the Lobos took game one against the Crusaders with a score of 7-1 in

Saturday’s double header. Chris Ibanez would throw a complete game to help topple the Crusaders. With the addition of two RBI singles from Peyton Kennard, an RBI double from Tye Lindsey, and an RBI triple from Tristan Karels, the Lobos made an impression on the Crusaders. Game two played out a little differently.

The Lobos came out swinging and were able

to hold a lead of 8-3 in game two until the top of the sixth inning, when the Crusaders would answer back and score five runs to tie the game. With more than their share of opportunities to score, the Lobos were unable to make these opportunities pay off. This allowed the University of Dallas to get in the hits needed to defeat Sul

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LOBOS • FROM 8

Ross 10-9 in game two. Matteo Saenz, who went three for three in game one put the Lobos on the board in the bottom of the first with a two-RBI double. The Crusaders would answer back in the top of the second and cut the score deficit to one. The bottom of the second saw Aaron Morales hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Matthew Wheeler, followed by Orlando Moreno with an RBI single to bring the score to 4-1. The Lobos would increase their lead when Lindsey capitalized on a Crusader error. The Crusaders would

knock in a solo homerun in the top of the fourth, with Sul Ross answering back with an RBI triple from Primo Vasquez and an RBI double to center field by Carsen Thor, leaving the Crusaders trailing 7-2 in the top of the fifth. Another solo homerun by the Crusaders would put them at 7-3, before Karels would hit a sacrifice fly to center in the bottom of the fifth to drive in Wheeler, adding another run for the Lobos.

The top of the sixth saw the University of Dallas come alive, as they hit two home runs,

and then a five-run onslaught by the Crusaders would put them in the lead 9-8. Sul Ross would tie the game in the bottom of the seventh, but no other runs were scored until the top of the 10th, when Crusader Brett Castillo would hit an RBI single to right field and bring in the Crusader runner to defeat the Lobos in game two 10-9.

The final leg of the three game opening series on Sunday was aided with strong pitching on behalf of the Lobos, but several hits into the outfield by the Crusad-

ers left the Lobos high and dry when it came to outs.

The bottom of the first saw Sul Ross take the lead with a sacrifice fly by Freddy Nunez to bring home Jared Roiz. The University of Dallas had two hits but would strand runners in the first two innings. The Crusaders would tie the game in the top of the third, but a solo homerun by Karels in the bottom of the third would give the Lobos the lead 2-1. The top of the fourth would see the Crusaders hit a streak, with three runs on three

hits, bringing them into the lead 4-2.

Neither the Lobos nor the Crusaders would make any progress until the bottom of the sixth, when Kennard would hit an RBI single to bring in Saenz. The Crusaders would add one more run in the top of the ninth. The Lobos weren't able to capitalize on their last at bat against the Crusaders and were defeated with a final score of 5-3.

The Lobos will host Wayland Baptist JV in a doubleheader on Saturday, Feb. 11 with game one beginning at 11 a.m.



A Sul Ross batter takes a ball from the University of Dallas pitcher in the last game of the three game series this past Sunday. The Lobos dropped two of three games to the Crusaders in the season opener.

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BUCKS • FROM 8

continued their strong defensive-style of play. Down by a point at half-time, Alpine regrouped in the second half. Wins over teams like Kermit, Stanton and Presidio will serve the Bucks well in the playoffs, Hardwick said.

"Just by their style of play," Hardwick added. "It's good to play against them because you're going to see tough, hard-nosed physical defense in the playoffs."

Kermit was playing for their playoff lives as a win would have kept the Yellowjackets in the playoff hunt. The loss ended those hopes.

"I told our guys after the game, signs of greatness are being able to find different ways to win a ballgame," Hardwick said. "It's not always going to be exactly how we want it to be as far as our style of play, but we found a way."

Daedrick Hardwick, Jace Canaba and Logan Smith stood out for the coach.

"Logan has been playing well, you know, he flipped the switch right

after that Lubbock Cap-rock tournament, maybe even during," Hardwick added. "He's understanding what we're needing from him."

Kermit did a good job of getting Busey and Wash in foul trouble, so Hardwick went with a smaller lineup.

"Santiago Alvidrez came up huge for us," Hardwick added. "He's a kid that can knock down a couple shots, he can rebound well, especially offensively. He made some very timely free throws, and his defense was pretty darn good, as well."

"Even though you have Jace and Dae, with the scoring punch, you had Santi come in and do a good job at the end."

Evren Martinez is beginning to get back in form after missing the bulk of the season with an injury.

"He played some huge minutes and played some really, really good defense down the stretch when we needed it and made some free throws to kind of ice it for us there at the end," Hardwick said.

The Bucks will celebrate senior night Friday against Presidio, with Jordan Rodriguez and Jared Roggow being honored. The varsity game tips off at 8 p.m.

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LADYBUCKS • FROM 8

out. The Varsity Lady Bucks fell behind early against the Lady Jackets, but were able to quickly make up ground, scoring easily on transition buckets which led them to jump ahead by 12 points.

Alpine held this lead for most of the game, but Kermit would close the gap in the fourth quarter, coming within two points in the last five minutes of the game. The Lady Bucks were able to capitalize with aggressive defense and free throw attempts to again extend the lead to nine points with only two minutes left in the game. The Alpine Lady Bucks would end the game with a victory over the Kermit Lady Jackets with a score of 67-60.

Alexis Rodriguez broke the single game scoring record, racking up 28 points against the Lady Jackets. Rodriguez

hit four 3-pointers and added nine rebounds during the game. Novah Carrasco added 11 rebounds, 10 assists, and six steals, while Hope Dominguez followed the scoring drive by adding 18 points and five steals.

"We knew what we needed to do. We knew they would come in here and it would be a battle. We wanted to mix up defenses going from man to zone to throw them off and make them attempt to score outside the arc," said Virdell.

"The girls were determined to win this game, they were focused and aggressive and I was very pleased with our transition offense and how we frustrated them on defense for the entire game," Virdell added.


The Lady Bucks finish district play with a 9-3 record and are sitting in third place going into the

playoffs. Next up for the varsity Lady Bucks will

be the Bi-District playoff round. Alpine will travel

to Denver City on Monday to face off against

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Devotional Page TRUE LOVE

BY CLARK NUSSBAUM
First Assembly of God

This is the time of the year that there is emphasis on the word and feeling of love. The word love is easily expressed concerning many aspects of our daily lives. People will state that they love their family, love their job, love their car, love their shoes, and possibly love God. However, frivolous use of love gives a wrong impression. The first thing to understand about true love is that God is love. This is disclosed to us in 1 John chapter 4 repeatedly.

The second thing to understand about true love is that God defines love in his word. This definition is given to us in 1 Corinthians 13: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. This definition of love shows the depth of the meaning to show love. It shows that love emphasizes self denial.

The third thing concerning love is that God demonstrates love to humanity. John 3:16, 17 tells us: "For God so loved the

world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Romans 5:8 tells us: But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. From these scriptures we learn that God set love into motion for each of us if we are willing to respond.

The fourth thing concerning love is that God asks us to respond to him and others with love. When asked concerning the greatest commandment, Jesus responded in Mark 12 "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." God desires a relationship with each and every one of us. He wants us to respond to him. He is calling, as found in Matthew 11:28: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. May you truly allow the love of the heavenly Father to fill your heart.

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 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 cup milk
 2 teaspoons dried parsley
 2 teaspoons dried basil
 Salt, to taste
 Pepper, to taste
 3 cups chicken, cooked and shredded
 3 cups mozzarella, shredded and divided

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees
 Grease a 9 x 13-inch casserole dish with cooking spray
 Cook the egg noodles in the chicken broth with the bay leaves according to package directions for a casserole.
 Reserve two cups of the cooking liquid, drain the noodles and set aside.
 Melt the butter over medium-low heat in a large saucepan
 Add the celery, onion, carrots, and garlic to the pan and cook until the vegetables are soft and tender.
 Add the flour to the pan, mixing it to make

a paste, about 1-2 minutes.
 Very slowly add the reserved cooking broth, approximately a tablespoon at a time, combining each before adding the next tablespoon of broth.
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

Cause No. CVB23169; *Leon Mueller, Plaintiff vs. any person or entity that owns or claims any legal or equitable interest in and to that certain SE/4 of SW/4 of NE/4 of Section (Survey) 8, Block 233, of Terlingua Ranch, Brewster County, Texas, Defendant.* In the Judicial District Court, Brewster County, Texas.


NOTICE TO DEFEND AN : "You have been sued. You may employ: an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Any person or entity that owns or claims any legal or equitable interest in and to that certain SE/4 of SW/4 of NE/4 of Section (Survey) 8, Block 233, of Terlingua Ranch, Brewster County, Texas.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 13th day of March, 2023, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the District Court of Brewster County, at 203 N. 7th Street, Alpine, Texas 79830. Said Plaintiff's Petition on was filed on the 19th day of January, 2023 in this case, numbered CVB23169 on the docket of aid court, and styled: *Leon Mueller, Plaintiff vs. any person or entity that owns or claims any legal or equitable interest in and to that certain SE/4 of SW/4 of NE/4 of Section (Survey) 8, Block 233, of Terlingua Ranch, Brewster County, Texas, Defendant.*




A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: Declaratory Relief and for Quiet Title as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office in Alpine, Texas, on this the 3rd day of February, 2023.


 Sarah Fellows Martinez
 Clerk of the District Court of Brewster County, Texas

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