

**STAAR results show improvement needed in certain areas**

BY KARA GERBERT  
 Managing Editor

The Alpine ISD Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. One of the main items on the agenda were the results of the STAAR testing, that was being held up by the state along with some credits to the district from the construction companies that built the new high school.

First on the agenda were construction credits for a cafeteria projector and screen installation that the board failed to approve the purchase of earlier this year. The cost of the projector and the screen would have been an additional district purchase of around \$30,000 with a \$3,000 installation cost. Since the project was not approved by the board, the district was credited with the \$3,000 installation cost. The district also received a \$500

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**Rainfall totals at Alpine-Casparis Airport**  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN, A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EVERY DAY.**



**County may invest in bomb dog**

BY JOH COVINGTON  
 Staff Writer

The Brewster County commissioner's court held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 22, at 9:30 a.m.

During this meeting, the court approved the county holiday calendar and commissioner Sara Colando, Pct. 2 shared that there was some promising progress being made for the Brewster County website.

County Judge, Greg Henington, gave his report and shared with the court that some of the staff have not completed their I.T. training which is a statute

requirement that those individuals need to fulfill. The court approved extending the terms for ESD members to the end of the year and also approved the declaration of salvage items from the Alpine Fire Department and from the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. The fire department's vehicles and items from the Justice's renovated office will be added to the Rene Bates auctioneers website. There are three trucks as well as a ladder truck that aren't usable for the county.

County Sheriff Ronny Dodson was present at this meeting



**Sheriff Ronny Dodson**

for the ongoing discussion of his office's need for new tasers. The court approved a contract, with a payment overtime style of agreement, with Axon, a distributor for the tasers but will wait for the results from the Lonestar grant for the decision on body camera equipment. Dodson also mentioned that they were considering looking into acquiring a bomb detection canine unit, in light of the recent threat that disrupted school recently. "We waited two and a half hours for a bomb dog, if we had one locally, we could be in and out and

school could resume, so I want to save enough money for that," said Dodson.

On a related subject, the court also approved the new Operation Lonestar grant resolution. The award amount is projected to be about \$762,335.16. This amount is to cover regular and overtime hours for deputies and various equipment, and well as fire department and EMS supplies.

Another item on the agenda was the matter of the Genesis eBonds licensing and service provider agreement. Dodson explained to the court that this

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**Alpine runner shines bright in Midland**



Colette Fowlkes ran amongst a group of 180 girls entered in the Division II race at this past Saturday's Tall City Invitational Cross-Country meet held at Midland's Hogan Park.

Photo courtesy of Coach Cory Cason

**Cowboy art, finery returns for Trappings**

BY KARA GERBERT  
 Managing Editor

Big Bend country has long been home to the cowboy. And along with that home, comes the gear, the poetry, and the artwork depicting that way of life.

Opening weekend for the 37th Annual Trappings of Texas exhibit at the Museum of the Big Bend begins the weekend of September 14-16. This annual cowboy gear and art exhibit came about 37 years ago, when local cowboy and poet Joel Nelson along with saddle maker Gary Dunshee, and now retired English professor and writer Barney Nelson embarked upon a trip to Elko, Nevada to attend the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

Part of this gathering included an exhibit of exceptional cowboy gear and art. Believing that Alpine could host a similar event here in the heart of cattle country, they created the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gather-



Trappings of Texas featured artist Alice Leese's "Outrunning the Storm", oil on panel, 12" x 24".

Photo courtesy of Museum of the Big Bend

ing, now the Lone Star Poetry Gathering, along with Trappings of Texas.

Trappings of Texas has its home at the Museum of the Big Bend. This exhibit of artisan cowboy gear and fine western

art showcases well-established artists alongside up and coming craftsmen looking to hone their craft and make a name for themselves as western artists.

This year, the show and sale will be held in the new

Emmett and Miriam McCoy building in the building's temporary exhibit space. In this expanded space, works will be highlighted in the Tom Lea

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# OBITUARY

Sammy Q. Morales

Sammy Q. Morales, 58, of Alpine, passed away on Tuesday, August 22, in Fort Stockton.

Sammy was born in Pecos to Elizar Rodriguez and Cresensania Morales on January 7, 1965. He graduated from Alpine High School. He was a kind man who focused on family and friends and was known for his great sense of humor and genuine smile. His hobbies were watching the Dallas Cowboys and practicing karate and watching Bruce Lee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elizar Rodriguez and Cresensania Morales, aunt (second mom) Francis Tovar, uncle Facundo Tovar, maternal grandmother Irene Q. Morales and paternal grandmother Eduvijes Rodriguez.

Sammy is survived by his siblings, Luis Espinoza, Terry E. Torres, Brenda Haynes, Leo Morales, Sally Morales, Jose Montez, Maria Socorro Morales and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers will be Leroy Fierro, Gilbert



(Gilly) Brijaba, David A. Morales, Michael A. Morales, Andrew J. Morales, and Facundo Tovar Jr.

Viewing will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 2, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine with Rosary recited at 11 a.m.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 2, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine with Father Hector Chicas officiating. Final disposition of cremated remains will take place at a future date. Arrangements are entrusted to Eternity Funeral Home of Fort Stockton.

The family of Sammy wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Focus Care of Fort Stockton Nursing Home, Del Sol Medical Center of El Paso, Father Hector Chicas and Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church for opening their doors.

## Alpine Lady Bucks meet Denver City Mustangs



Alpine Lady Buck Hannah Juett attempts to kill the ball in tournament play against the Denver City Mustangs this past weekend at the Fillie Festival tournament.

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	ADOPTED FY 2022-2023	PROPOSED FY 2023-2024	
<b>REVENUE</b>			
NON DEPARTMENTAL – GENERAL	\$ 44,500	\$91,500	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,033,122	\$1,157,693	
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 50,250	\$50,250	
POLICE	\$ 4,850	\$4,650	
AD VALOREM TAX	\$ 1,992,874	\$2,430,873	
BULINDING SERVICES	\$ 94,000	\$94,000	
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 47,450	\$47,450	
PARKS / COMMUNITY RECREATION	\$ 24,000	\$25,500	
STREETS	\$ 100,200	\$70,200	
TRANSFERS	\$ 282,000	\$0	
ALL TAXES	\$ 2,110,000	\$2,260,000	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 20,000	\$0	
<b>General Fund Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,803,246</b>	<b>\$6,232,116</b>	
<b>INTEREST &amp; SINKING</b>	<b>\$ 149,817</b>	<b>\$147,909</b>	
NON DEPARTMENTAL – ENTERPRISE	\$ 6,500	\$75,000	
WATER	\$ 1,961,000	\$1,961,000	
SEWER	\$ 750,000	\$750,000	
SANITATION / RECYCLING	\$ 2,278,650	\$2,440,350	
TRANSFERS	\$ 702,114	\$1,451,545	
AIRPORT	\$ 761,204	\$800,512	
GAS FUND	\$ 2,217,000	\$2,225,000	
<b>Enterprise Fund Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,676,468</b>	<b>\$9,703,407</b>	
<b>Tourism Fund - Hotel Occupancy Tax Sub-T</b>	<b>\$ 782,398</b>	<b>\$1,036,963</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 15,411,929</b>	<b>\$17,120,395</b>	<b>9.98%</b>

### CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS AMENDED COMBINED BUDGET SUMMARIES

	ADOPTED FY 2022-2023	PROPOSED FY 2023-2024	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
NON DEPARTMENTAL – GENERAL	\$ 553,161	\$656,800	
CITY GOVERNMENT	\$ 129,888	\$151,773	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 446,007	\$614,277	
HUMAN RESOURCE	\$ 66,093	\$59,021	
FINANCE	\$ 327,819	\$398,639	
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 97,096	\$107,590	
POLICE	\$ 1,397,900	\$1,425,199	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 77,250	\$0	
AD VALOREM TAX	\$ -	\$ -	
BUILDING SERVICES	\$ 219,094	\$261,026	
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 380,109	\$400,543	
PARKS / COMMUNITY RECREATION	\$ 527,977	\$541,341	
STREETS	\$ 1,467,802	\$1,543,353	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$ 113,050	\$72,554	
<b>General Fund Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,803,246</b>	<b>\$6,232,116</b>	
<b>INTEREST &amp; SINKING</b>	<b>\$ 149,817</b>	<b>\$147,909</b>	
NON DEPARTMENTAL – UTILITY BILLING	\$ 401,625	\$429,806	
WATER	\$ 2,178,006	\$2,016,539	
SEWER	\$ 949,161	\$1,944,686	
SANITATION / RECYCLING	\$ 2,169,471	\$2,286,864	
AIRPORT	\$ 761,204	\$800,512	
GAS FUND	\$ 2,217,000	\$2,225,000	
GAS FUND RESERVES	\$ -	\$0	
<b>Enterprise Fund Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,676,467</b>	<b>\$9,703,407</b>	
<b>Tourism Fund - HOT Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 782,398</b>	<b>\$1,036,963</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 15,411,928</b>	<b>\$17,120,395</b>	<b>9.98%</b>

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## Doing their homework

Mr. Vaughn Grisham's Practicum in Graphic Design and Practicum in Commercial Photography classes toured Kokernot Field to get a better understanding of the history of the ballpark. Thanks to the availability of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds, these Alpine High School students will be creating an online showcase of the past, present, and future of Kokernot Field.

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## American Legion Auxiliary gives to students



The American Legion Auxiliary assembled feminine hygiene bags for Alpine ISD students and presented them to district nurse Gayla Owen, RN. Pictured are Auxiliary president Sara Herman, Gayla Owen, and Judy Stokes.

Courtesy photo

## 'Keep Big Bend Wild' group wins national award

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

A grassroots group of citizens, who work under the moniker "Keep Big Bend Wild" became the recipient of the 2023 National Park Service (NPS) Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Award, in the category of external partner. This award recognizes wilderness stewardship by an individual, team, or non-governmental partner. The group was honored for their contributions to rejuvenate wilderness designation efforts at Big Bend National Park (BBNP).

Their efforts to formally designate wilderness areas by Congress within Big Bend National Park aids in reducing any uncertainty about the future of the park and the direction in which it is being taken as visitation increases year to year.

One of the ways BBNP is sustaining wilderness designation is by not implementing any additional or new developments in areas of the park that do not already contain infrastructure. Areas that already have infrastructure such as the public roads, the lodge, campgrounds, and certain areas along the Rio Grande would be maintained or improved and any future develop-

ment would occur in these areas only.

Forty years ago, over two-thirds of the park received a formal wilderness designation by Congress, and the NPS successfully protected these lands by policy from development. This designation could be vulnerable however, if changes occur to future policy.

The collaboration between "Keep Big Bend Wild" and the NPS was able to bring the wilderness issue back to the frontline in Texas. With partnerships between lo-

cal and regional governments, government officials, businesses, and even everyday Texans, the group and their efforts have gained national recognition for keeping wilderness recommendation alive.

The awards ceremony took place in Washington, D.C. on August 23, where recently retired BBNP Superintendent Bob Krumenaker, and the current acting Superintendent Kendell Thompson were on-hand to accept the award from NPS Director Charles Sams.

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**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT TO WATCH OR ATTEND IN PERSON?**

**RESULTS**

FOOTBALL	62% (32 vote)
VOLLEYBALL	2% (1 votes)
TRACK AND FIELD	8% (4 votes)
SOCCER	10% (5 vote)
BASEBALL	4% (2 votes)
RODEO	12% (6 votes)
BASKETBALL	4% (2 votes)

Total votes: 52

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Now the Avalanche asks:

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- Football
- Volleyball
- Track and Field
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Rodeo
- Basketball

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**RANDY GUZMAN**  
City of Alpine

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## Lessons learned while thinking I was teaching

*"You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance."*  
— Franklin P. Adams (1881 – 1960) *New York Times* columnist known for his wit and his newspaper column, "The Conning Tower."

My recent rummaging through a lifetime of photographs, negatives, and slides seeking some sort of organizational semblance for conversion to digital has been educational. First, it's taught me that making fun of my mother, who always wrote notes on the back of her photos, isn't nearly as funny now as it seemed back then. I wish I had been that funny with some of my photos. Trivial things, like names, dates, and places would be nice about now. Second, gazing at a gazillion images of my children's parties, vacations, school events, and more, has reminded me of how much I've learned. While thinking I was imparting wisdom to them. Like the time my son, Lee, wanted to go with me to the Museum of Automobiles' annual antique car show and swap meet on Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton, Arkansas. Sometime in the 1980s. There were no dates on the photos. And it wasn't funny. Lee must have been

about five or six. Nightfall came quickly for a day that had started many hours and miles earlier. My mission was to find as many things as I could on a wish list of old car parts needed to keep my steed of oldies but goodies roadworthy. Arriving around lunch, we walked the swap meet until dusk. Sifting through vent windows and valve covers, carburetors and chrome trim. All offered for sale by hundreds of vendors across acres of Arkansas mountain-side. My parents, who tagged along just for the trip, had called it a day earlier and retired to the room next to the one my son and I shared at the small motel near the mountain. Lee swam while I visited with friends from Shreveport, comparing notes on our most prized finds for the day. It wasn't long until Lee announced he was tired and ready for bed. "Two things," I told him. "One, Grandmother and Granddaddy are asleep in the room next door. Be quiet so that you don't wake them. The other is watch TV for a few minutes until I come up. Don't go to sleep and leave me locked out."

"OK," he assured me. I gave him the room key and watched him drip pool wa-



**LEON ALDRIDGE**  
Guest Columnist

ter all the way up to the room and close the door. All in sight of the pool. Arriving at the same door shortly after, I knocked lightly. No response. "Surely, he's not already asleep," I thought. I knocked on the door again and called out, "Open that door right now. I know you're in there." Motel guests moving in next door cast a glance my direction while maneuvering luggage. I smiled. "Trying to get my son's attention," I laughed. They smiled cordially and disappeared into their room. I had the feeling they were watching from behind closed curtains to see just what sort of nut they were staying next to. One more knock and one more request. A little louder. "Come on, open this door." It had been a day long on travel and walking. And I was growing short on patience. As I wondered why my son was not responding to my requests, I thought about our sharing the day together. He was patient while watching me dig through boxes of parts and pieces. Probably curious about someone's fascination with old rusty car junk. I tried to exercise patience on my part as we waited in

line every half hour at the rows of "Port-O-Johns." Trying to remember what it was like to have a first-grader's endurance. Still trying to exercise patience, I knocked on the door again. "Open this door ... right now." I understood that there were things he surely would rather be doing than following me around. I also noticed he was taking two steps just to keep up with my leisurely walking pace. One more time, I asked. Nicely. "Please open the door." Just as I was contemplating my next move, the door opened. "Mom," what are you ...?" My sleepy-eyed mother had come from the connecting room next door to let me in. "See," I scolded my son. "You woke up Grandmother and Granddaddy." "No," Lee corrected me. "You woke them up knocking on the door." "Why didn't you let me in," I asked? "Dad, you told me to never open the door unless you were sure it was you," he replied. "You never told me that was you wanting in." Patience. Understanding. Lessons learned. I smiled looking at the pictures last week. Hoping I had learned half as well as he did as the years passed. I also smiled knowing digital photos have dates.

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# Heard on the STREET

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?



**Marissa Anderson:** If I could have any superpower, I would probably choose teleportation! I'd love to be able to travel in an instant!



**Shatiel Brant:** If I could have any superpower, I'd say breathing underwater! That was harder than I thought. I don't feel like it's fair to only choose one though. Every superhero I can think of has more than one superpower.



**Halee Holland:** My superpower would allow me to pull anything I need out of any bag or pocket like Mary Poppins.



**Andrea Covington:** Shapeshifting! Need to fly? Turn into a bird. Need to hide? Turn into a rock.



**Reed Ferjo:** If it's invisibility, I don't want that. I want to be SEEN!

Send your community events to [kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com](mailto:kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 1 First Friday Song Swap,** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Far West Guitars 114 N. 6th Street.

**Sept 2-3 Big Bend Gun and Knife Show,** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sul Ross State University Pete P. Gallego Center.

**Sept 2 4-H Kickoff,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brewster County Courthouse lawn for fun, games, and refreshments.

**Sept 8 Hootenanny,** 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Visit Alpine Pavilion 106 N. 3rd Street featuring music by Davis Kowal and Friends, Carlos Maxwell, Neil Trammell, and Michael Turko Turcot.

**Sept 15-16 West Fest Cabrito Cookoff,** 6 p.m. registration for cooks at Post Park in Marathon, benefitting the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department.

**Sept 16 Coach Keith Memorial 5k/Our Lady of Peace Fall Festival,** 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., the race kicks off the church's annual Fall Festival. See the Visit Alpine website to register.

**Sept 21-23 78th Annual Sul Ross Rodeo,** 7 p.m. at the Sul Ross SALE Arena.

**Sept 22-24 CERT Basic Training,** at Barton Warnock Center. The public can register at [preparingtexas.org](http://preparingtexas.org) by entering G-317 and searching for the date for the class in Terlingua. Participants are required to obtain a FREE FEMA student ID number. For more information on CERT go to [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov) and for more information on this class contact Richard Hildreth at [richard.hildreth@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:richard.hildreth@tpwd.texas.gov).

**Sept 23 FREE ENTRY,** to Big Bend National Park

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Alcoholics Anonymous,** 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or [aa-intergroup.org](http://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 Amateur Radio Club meeting,** 7 p.m., second Tuesday each month, Frontier Masonic Lodge #766, 2300 Highway 118 North.

**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 [alegria@sulross.edu](mailto:alegria@sulross.edu), call 432-837-8216, or visit [bbcchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc](http://bbcchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc).

**Celebrate Recovery,** at Big Bend Cowboy Church on Monday evenings 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information contact CW at 432-386-3628 or Stacey at 432-386-2979.

**Citizenship Classes,** at Alpine Public Library by appointment only, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621

**ESL Tutoring,** at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

**GED tutoring,** at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

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

## PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Binx. Binx says, "I'm an elite predator. I know my way around hunting my toys, and my sneak attacks are flawless. I gladly will show my sister and brother my strength as I wrestle them."

"Don't get me wrong though - a cuddle with a small head rub is the purrfect way to wind down after a workout. If you are a hunter, too, maybe we can compare our skills. Please come by the Shelter to meet me today!"

Don't miss Alpine Humane Society's Burger Basket Fundraiser on September 15 at Skelton's Runway. Contributing sponsors include Far West Texas Cattle Company, Porter's, and Skelton's Runway. Get a burger, chips, and a beverage for \$12 and support AHS.

Proceeds from the event will support the services AHS provides to the pets and owners of our communities.

Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane So-



ciety. 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 [Pet-Finder.com](http://Pet-Finder.com) or [www.alpin-humane-society.org](http://www.alpin-humane-society.org), and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

## NOTICE OF ADDING ADDRESS OF OFFICES AND DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL MEETING PLACE OF LAJITAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
 COUNTY OF BREWSTER §

TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF LAJITAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUCH DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Lajitas Utility District No. 1 (the "District") has previously established offices and meeting places outside the boundaries of the District at various places and the Board wishes to add an additional District office outside the boundaries of the District at Terrill & Waldrop, LLC, 810 W. 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, which is hereby established as an additional meeting place for the District and for the purpose of filing and maintaining the District's records and is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public.

The addresses of all other offices and meeting places previously established by the Board of Directors of the District remain the same.

The mailing address of the District shall be c/o Terrill & Waldrop, LLC, 810 W. 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

All residents and taxpayers of Lajitas Utility District No. 1 and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.

/s/ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 LAJITAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

## Notice of Public Hearing on Brewster CAD Budget

The Brewster CAD will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 12th@ 2:00pm at Commissioners Court Room located at 201 W Ave E. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	<u>\$654,724</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	<u>\$6995</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>7</u>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>7</u>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 107 W Ave E.

The phone number of the Brewster CAD is 432-837-2558.

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TRAPPINGS • FROM 1

Gallery, featuring his paintings which tell the history of beef cattle in the Americas. In addition to Lea, Fred Darge's work capturing ranching in the southern section of Brewster County in what is now a part of Big Bend National Park will be adorning the hallways of the new building, melding the historic with the contemporary art and custom cowboy gear.

Each year, the Trappings exhibit showcases an artist. This year's premier artist is Alice Leese. Leese lives and works on a ranch in Winkler County and continues to

**"Friday and Saturday we will have artists set up on the Cultural Events patio to work on their projects, so visitors can see them at work and have the chance to listen to some of the best storytellers in the country."**

— Mary Bones, Museum of the Big Bend director

hone her craft of depicting western art and landscapes including many of Big Bend National Park.

Museum director Mary Bones told the Avalanche she looks forward to this unique event each year. "We are so excited to have on exhibit and on sale some of the best art and gear in the new Em-

mett and Miriam McCoy building. What makes Trappings such a unique event is that many of the artists are here for the entire weekend," said Bones. "This gives the buyers and folks who are interested in understanding how they create their work an opportunity to learn from some of the

best. Friday and Saturday we will have artists set up on the Cultural Events patio to work on their projects, so visitors can see them at work and have the chance to listen to some of the best storytellers in the country," Bones added.

The Trappings exhibit begins on Thursday evening, September 14 at 5 p.m. with a preview party at the museum and continues through the Saturday evening. For more information visit the museum website at [www.museumofthebigbend.com](http://www.museumofthebigbend.com) or call 432-837-8145.

COUNTY • FROM 1

is an online program that the clerk's, sheriffs, and bondsman offices can join that will update parties on the status of bonded individuals present without having to call the offices. This item was approved as it will not cost the county anything and will provide a streamlining service.

The court extended the Brewster County burn ban and approved the funding for EMT training for the County Emergency Management Coordinator after Stephanie Elmore, the coordinator, presented her general report. The court approved the line-

item transfer of \$2,000 from the water tanks fund for training.

The court also discussed the possibility of establishing a registration fee for short term rentals in Brewster County outside the city limits of Alpine. One idea that was proposed for this fee was that registration would be free for a period of time and then a fee would be enforced for those who did not cooperate in that timeframe.

The next Brewster County commissioners court meeting will be held on September 12 at 9:30 a.m.

AISD • FROM 1

credit for IFP outlets for the welding shop that Mr. Doug Fox and Mr. Adam Llanez said they did not need. These are panels placed in the walls that hold additional HDMI and network connections.

As far as STAAR testing is concerned, the district began tracking students' progress in each subject in September of 2022, with an update in December of 2022 on their progress, and again in March of 2023 before testing began in April and May. All students who met the approaches level were considered passing, while those who obtained the meets level of a tested subject met their grade level. Students who mastered a subject were considered to have tested above their grade level, and a 60% average was considered an 'A' by state standards.

In math approaches,

eighth grade and Algebra I met their end of year goals of 90%, and actually surpassed the 90 percentiles by 3%. Eighth graders began the year with 20% of the students meeting grade level and at the end of the year 93% of eighth graders had met their grade level in math. Likewise in Algebra I, only 1% of students were at grade level in September, but they also reached 93% at the end of the year. Fifth graders seemed to struggle the most in this category by having only 22% at grade level in September, increasing in March to 52%, but by actual test time had dropped at the end of the year to 48%. All fourth, sixth, and seventh graders ended the year over the 70% mark at meeting their grade level in math. Algebra I students were the only students to exceed their grade level from the beginning to

the end of the year in all math categories, including mastering their grade level with a combined total of all approaching, meeting, and mastering of 61%.

In the reading portion of the STAAR testing goals, all grades increased or surpassed their end of year goals with the exception of the master portion of the test subject, but all students passed by 60% in approaches. Dr. Michelle Rinehart, AISD superintendent, had this to say on the matter. "While this is purely conjecture on our part here at the administration, we believe the reason the master portion of the reading was different with little increase and the 30% end of year goal unmet was due to the STAAR test itself having a writing portion. Likewise, the practice testing in December also showed a drop in master per-

centages due to a writing portion as well." In the remaining two tested subjects, both science and social studies for fifth grade, eighth grade, and biology along with eighth grade and U.S. history for social studies increased from September to the end of year testing.

Other items on the agenda included discussion on tax rates, local CAD projections for both the current \$40,000 homestead exemption as well as the \$100,000 exemption up for a vote in November, consideration of AISD's legislative priorities for 2023-2024, and serious discussion about public and private school partnerships to help increase state funding before the board entered closed session. The next regular Alpine ISD meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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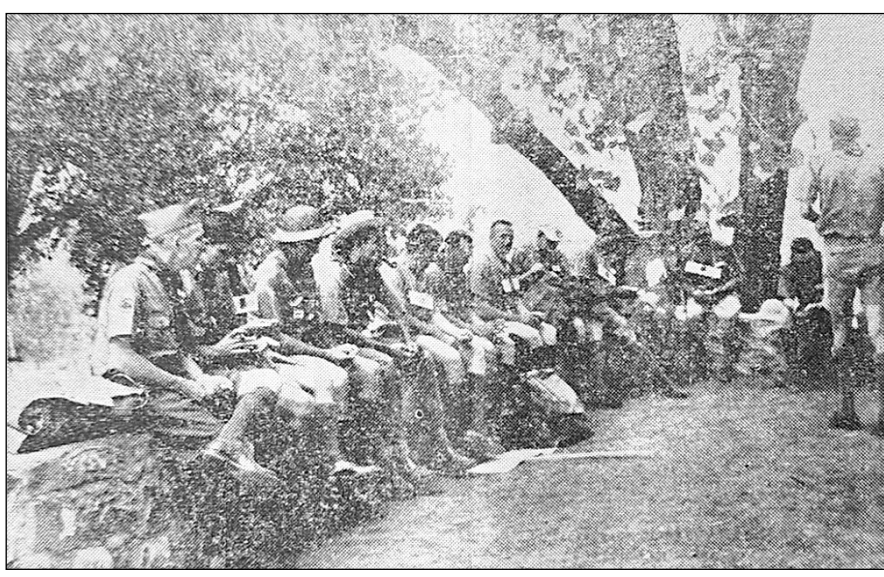
## LOOKING BACK

SERVING THE BIG BEND AND DAVIS MOUNTAINS COUNTRY

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September 11, 1953

The Lions Club will have a special guest at the next Tuesday meeting. Governor of district 2-T2, Lions International, R.A. Lipscomb will be meeting with the club at the Holland Hotel. Lipscomb resides in Wink and his district has 37 clubs' total. He will be advising the local club members about administration and humanitarian service.



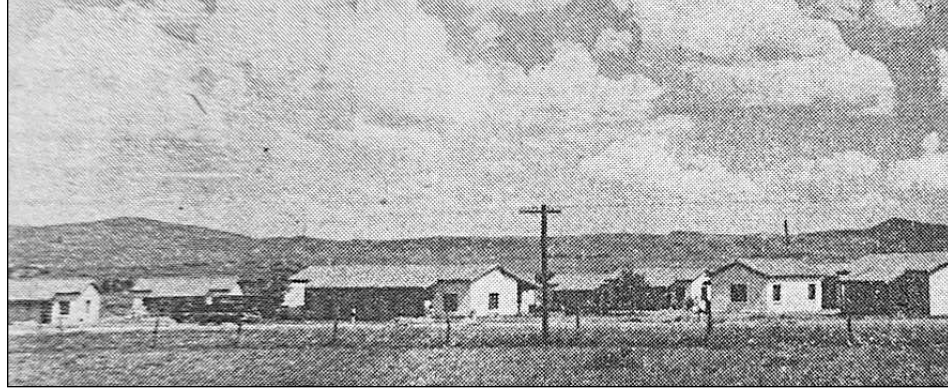
September 3, 1948

The Boy Scout executives from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma held a conference last week in Alpine at the Sul Ross college. An instructor from Dallas, Gus Genner, is shown here, lecturing on the use of the compass.



September 29, 1950

Doctors gathered at the Holland Hotel for the Big Bend Medical Association meeting two weeks ago and stayed to listen to researchers of cancer control. Drs. Pete Heslington, Lee Wilcox, and George Turner spoke to the doctors about their research and new methods.



September 3, 1948

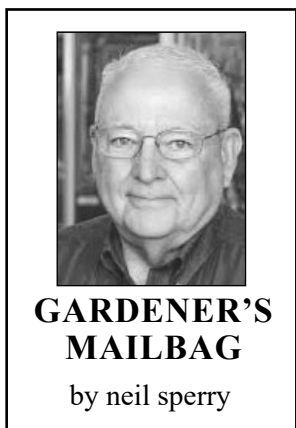
Antelope lodge is the newest tourist court in Alpine, and its construction is almost complete. With 30 rental units, the court's development is a response to the increase in tourism in the area. Fifty percent of the lodge is complete and open for business.

## Holly varieties are great at producing shade for landscapes

Dear Neil: I'm having one or two large limbs breaking out of my 100-year-old pecan trees every week. We've had no wind or storms. They just snap and fall. Is this being caused by the heat and drought?

I think that's entirely possible. Trees put on a good bit of new growth last spring when we did have a fair supply of rain. Pecan crops have even been moderately good this year, adding more weight to the branches. Pecan wood is notoriously brittle, so it's not unusual for their branches to break if they are weakened for any reason. I even lost a major branch from a very large Shumard red oak on our property one week ago. It crushed a large garden urn and broke branches from several adjacent trees. It all speaks to the need to have your trees checked regularly by a certified arborist.

Dear Neil: Our house faces west with no shade. I planted six boxwoods but lost them all to freeze or heat. I need a plant not



more than five feet tall. I do water, so drought tolerance is not critical. I do not want to have to cover them in winter. Any suggestions?

Yes. I'm a big fan of dwarf hollies and have always counted on them for that exact type of setting. In fact, I have dozens of them in our landscape, both in full sun and heavy shade. In that size range I've used dwarf yaupon holly (no spines on leaves) and Carissa hollies (single spine on leaves, plus the plants are not quite as well suited to west-

flected sun off walls). I use dwarf Chinese hollies a lot even though they're prickly. I have them along our front entry walk and no one has ever complained about being stuck by them in the 46 years that they've been there. And dwarf Burford holly is the tallest of my dwarf hollies. It can be kept at 40 to 48 inches with occasional pruning.

Actually, I have a good many wintergreen Japanese boxwoods in our front landscape. They complement our hollies. I've also used many compact nandinas, also Harbour Dwarf, Flirt, and other dwarf nandinas. All of those plants will fill your bill if you water them deeply and regularly during their first several years until they're established. Most losses happen in their first two or three years.

Dear Neil: This is one of seven Nellie R. Stevens hollies

I planted in October 2021 along with 15 Arizona cypresses. All have been doing well except for this one holly. I have drip lines surrounding the bases of each tree. I leave them running twice a week for 45 minutes each time. When I saw the top of this plant in distress two weeks ago, I gave it additional water daily, but it has continued to go downhill. Do you have any suggestions in case another tree starts to develop these

symptoms? The drip irrigation didn't get to this plant with enough water. Either it didn't reach the bottom of the soil ball and a significant portion of the root system was lost or it was plugged, and it didn't deliver enough water. Rodents may even have chewed into it. Unfortunately, with hollies, by the time you see symptoms of drought damage, it's usually too late to turn things around. It's lucky that so much of the

plant is still green and alive. Any of the browned growth can be cut out, then the plant can be reshaped and allowed to fill back in. In a few years, if you keep them all watered and fed properly, you probably won't be able to tell the difference.

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



**ACROSS**  
1 TX JoBeth Williams 1980 comedy "\_\_\_ Crazy"  
5 poetic sea eagle  
6 simplified "night"  
7 TXism: "\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)  
8 \_\_\_ of war  
9 TXism: "fits like ugly on an \_\_\_"  
12 apron, e.g.  
17 spice up  
19 TXism: "\_\_\_ hat and no cattle" (pretentious)  
21 Fort Worth money plant uses magnetic 3-down inks to foil counter  
22 the Alsatian \_\_\_ group founded Castroville, Texas  
23 1924 slogan: "Me for \_\_\_ Ain't Got a Durned Thing Against Pa"  
28 TXism: "he ain't got both \_\_\_ in the water" (slow witted)  
29 cowboy headgears  
30 it was once Formosa  
31 TXism: "\_\_\_ pope Catholic?" (yes)  
35 this Porter was in "True Blood" with TX Jim Parrack  
36 1976 film starring TX Kristofferson and Streisand (4 wds.)  
42 TXism: "\_\_\_ the wall and see if it sticks" (try it out)

44 "got \_\_\_ in the door"  
46 Diego \_\_\_ is often credited with leading an early Spanish expedition  
48 TXism: "in \_\_\_ age" (long time)  
49 "don't have a \_\_\_ to stand on" (can't prove it)  
50 "t" letters in 38-down  
51 TX Martha Hyer film: "The \_\_\_ of Katie Elder"  
52 pianist, TX Cliburn (init.)  
53 Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)  
54 a fight between Texas clans  
56 was victorious  
57 he took title from TX Foreman in 1974  
58 TXism: "rug \_\_\_" (child)  
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1 TX John Cornyn is on the \_\_\_  
2 "Jackson County Herald-\_\_\_" (newspaper)  
3 see 21-across  
4 Texas film critic, Rex  
9 to state or assert  
10 TX George H.W.'s "Operations Desert Storm" (3 wds.)  
11 TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)  
12 TXism: "\_\_\_ could talk the legs off an iron stove"  
13 TXism: "give \_\_\_ the sizzle" (be brief)  
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15 TX Chiles "I Believe That You've Stopped Loving Me"  
16 Frankston's KOYE, at its beginning  
18 "give \_\_\_ rest"  
20 TX Chiles (init.)  
23 \_\_\_ Pleasant (abbr.)  
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25 HIV disease  
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# Sports

## Alpine Bucks narrowly tipped by Mountain View

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The Alpine Bucks football team was tipped 41-36 in Friday's non-district challenge by the visiting Mountain View Lobos from El Paso.

At the Friday night game, the stands were full of supportive spectators and the Alpine Fightin' Buck Band.

New head coach and athletic director, Andy Smith agreed, "The atmosphere at the game was absolutely amaz-

ing, our kids fed off the crowd's energy throughout the game and it helped us mount a comeback. The result was not what we wanted but I am proud of our kids' effort, attitude, and toughness. We showed a lot of grit, and we were able to overcome adversity throughout the game."

This game against Mountain View was a great measure of how far the Bucks have come. Last year they played the Lobos and lost 40-13. However, in this game

they were meeting them many times play for play.

"We started out slow in the first half but began to pick up steam late in the second quarter. We went into half time and our coaches did a great job of staying calm, making the proper halftime adjustments, and we executed well in the second half," said Smith.

Smith and his team have been putting in a lot of effort in the



Alpine running back Logan Smith carries the ball towards the Bucks' goal line during last Friday's match-up against Mountain View.

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**FIGHTIN' BUCKS FOOTBALL**  
Sept. 1 Fort Stockton @ Alpine JV 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 1 Alpine vs Fort Stockton Varsity 7 p.m.  
Sept. 8 Alpine vs Wink JV 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 8 Wink @ Alpine Varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 15 Sonora @ Alpine JV 6 p.m.  
Sept. 15 Alpine vs Sonora Varsity 7:30 p.m.

**LADY BUCKS VOLLEYBALL**  
Sept. 1 Alpine vs Odessa High Varsity 5 p.m.  
F/JV 6 p.m.  
Sept. 5 Odessa Permian @ Alpine Varsity 6 p.m.  
F/JV 5 p.m.  
Sept. 8-9 Greenwood Midland Tournament F/JV TBA  
Sept. 9 Fort Davis @ Alpine Varsity 10 a.m.  
Sept. 12 Alpine vs Imperial Varsity 6 p.m.  
JV 5 p.m.

**ALPINE CROSS COUNTRY**  
Aug. 31 Red Rock Run @ Van Horn TBD  
Sept. 2 Crane Invitational-HS/MS @ Crane Golf Course  
Sept. 8-10 Port Aransas-Varsity @ Port Aransas Beach

### Runnin' Bucks show perseverance

The Alpine Runnin' Bucks set off amongst over 700 runners this past weekend at the Sibley Nature Center in Midland during the Tall City Invitational this past Saturday. The high school girls faced 180 Division II runners, while the boys faced 220. Alpine Middle School was also a part of the action on Saturday.

See RUNNERS • 9



Andynne Ramirez is all smiles as she completed her cross-country race in the middle school division at Midland's Hogan Park this past Saturday, where she placed ninth out of over 200 runners.

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Form 50-876

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice **does not** apply to a taxing unit that has a de minimis rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.466326	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.366647	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.505648	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF ALPINE from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF ALPINE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF ALPINE is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 & SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM AT THE CITY OF ALPINE - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 803 W HOLLAND, ALPINE, TEXAS 79830.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF ALPINE is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the CITY OF ALPINE of CITY OF ALPINE at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:  
Property tax amount = ( tax rate ) x ( taxable value of your property ) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGAINST the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT and not voting: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF ALPINE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF ALPINE this year.

	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	2022 adopted tax rate \$0.466326	2023 proposed tax rate \$0.466326	No Change between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year per \$100
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	2022 average taxable value of residence homestead \$144,780	2023 average taxable value of residence homestead \$159,946	Increase of 10 %
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	2022 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$675.14	2023 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$745.86	Increase of \$70.72 between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year (2022) and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year (2023), or ten percent difference between taxes imposed for preceding year (2022) and taxes proposed for current year (2023)
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	2022 levy \$2,038,393	(2023 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$2,584,941	Increase of \$546,548 between preceding year levy (2022) and proposed levy for current year (2023), or 26.8 percentage difference between preceding year levy (2022) and proposed levy for current year (2023)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact Tax Collector, Sylvia Vega, Brewster County Tax Assessor/Collector at 432-837-2214 or taxassessorcollector@brewstercotad.org, or visit



# Meet the Bucks!

Right: A large group of friends and family came out last Wednesday night for Alpine ISD's Meet the Bucks event. Pictured are the districts athletes, cheerleaders, and band. Far right: The Alpine Bucks cheerleaders performed to fire up the crowd at the Meet the Bucks event held last Wednesday evening at Buck Stadium.

Photos by Joh Covington



## RUNNERS • FROM 8

"The weather was hot, and there was very little breeze to be had on Saturday," remarked Coach Cory Cason. "Despite the weather, we had some good showings."

Terrain for the meet included a combination of grass, dirt, pavement, and sand trail.

In the varsity girls' race, the top Lady Buck finishers included Colette Fowlkes who came in 28th out of the 180 runners. Emy Hernandez, who is new to cross-country this year placed 34th, and Molly Garrett placed 35th. Out of 21 teams, the

varsity girls placed ninth, even with two of the varsity girls not running.

Alpine Middle School's Andynne Ramirez had a great race in her division, coming in ninth out of 210 girls, and other top middle school runners for the meet included Imani Miller in the girl's division and Zane Perkins and Jace Armendarez in the boy's division.

The top contenders for the Bucks out of the 220 runners included John Mendoza who placed 43rd, Tony Harris 45th, and Aaron Miller came in 50th. The varsity boys

placed 11th out of 25 teams.

Hatfield Cason did not run in the Division II races, but instead ran in Division I against larger 4A to 6A schools. Cason continues to excel in cross-country events, including a personal best time in this meet with 16:39, while also coming away with a second-place finish in the Division I race.

Next up for the Runnin' Bucks is the Crane Invitational on Saturday, September 2, followed by a varsity only event held in Port Aransas on September 8-10.

## FOOTBALL • FROM 8

defense and offensive lines, "I was very pleased with the play of our offensive line. We dominated the front seven of Mountain Views' defense throughout the game and our offense gave us an opportunity to mount a comeback."

The game showcased the abilities of the individual players and the team's dynamic. All five offensive linemen; Auden Ramirez, Davian Fierro, AJ Llanez, JR Cunningham, and Robert Vasquez played very well. "This group is the strength of our team," said Smith.

Running backs Logan Smith and Eddie Morrison offered a 1-2 punch in the running game and ran tough between the tackles throughout the game. Devon Rojo did exactly what was needed from the quarterback position and managed the game well from the position. He distributed the ball to the receivers and made plays with his arm and feet when he needed to.

According to Smith, defensively, once the Bucks found their groove and settled in, they played tough and physical football. "Clint Mountain View is a talented team, and the Alpine defense gave them the chance to win by forcing turnovers throughout the game. Iden Lujan and Dae Hardwick both played phenomenal throughout the game in the secondary. We ran to the football and tackled well," said Smith.

During the fourth quarter of the game, and while Alpine was a few points over, the football field was plunged into darkness when the field lights went out. The crowd pulled out their cellphones and the bands continued to play and kept the crowd and teams energized. The blackout lasted for about 15 minutes and was reportedly due to a timer issue.

When asked if this hiccup may have affected the score, Smith said, "I don't feel that it impacted the outcome of the game. We had the same amount of time to rest, plan, and prepare as the other team did. Sometimes the ball does not bounce your way. We needed to make a play or two at the end of the game and we did

not make it. I felt our kids were locked in and played extremely hard till the end."

The Bucks now sport a 0-1 record. They take the field this Friday night when they travel to Fort Stockton for a non-district game. Alpine will meet a Panthers team

coming off a 21-17 non-district win over Austin. The Panthers record now stands at 1-0.

"We will continue to get better on defense, and I feel that our defense will be one of the best units in Region 1 by the end of the season," said Smith.

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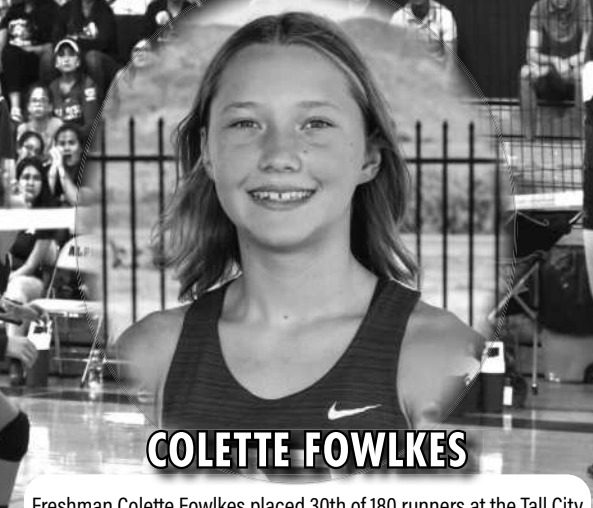
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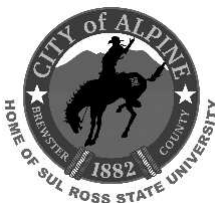
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**ORDINANCE 2023-08-01:** THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

**ORDINANCE 2023-09-01:** THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONING OF EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.** IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 N. 13TH STREET BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE BY EMAIL REQUEST TO [CITY.SECRETARY@CITYOFALPINE.COM](mailto:CITY.SECRETARY@CITYOFALPINE.COM). QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY AT (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.

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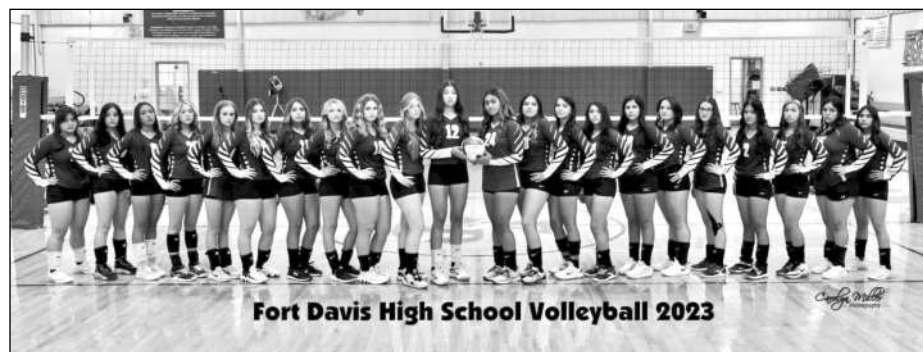
## Imparting education via books



A university student from Poland has embarked on a summer exchange program selling educational books and apps for families of young toddlers all the way up to college prep. Karolina Jeszke is going door to door in Alpine selling these books, after obtaining her City of Alpine permit.

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## Go Indians!



2023 Fort Davis Volleyball Team



### In what activities did you participate in high school?

This year I am and will be involved in band, powerlifting, debate, track, UIL, NHS, and one act.

### Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

Without a doubt the most influential teacher I've had was Chris Valenzuela. He has seen me at my best and worst. And even then, pushed me to be better. He would say "there's always room for improvement" and drink your water! I can't remember a time where he didn't have a response, solution, or even an option to an issue, situation, or a thought I had. I know I'm not the only person whose life he has changed

and for that I thank him.

### What was your favorite moment the last four years?

To be honest I don't think I can pick a favorite moment, but the best moments were definitely the ones my class and I did together. From winning the spirit stick at pep rallies, being in the student section, to even just our class meetings. I can't wait for all things we get to do this year.

### What are your plans after high school?

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## Devotional Page Gratitude

BY REV. KATIE HUDAK  
St. James Episcopal Church Alpine, TX

As the summer winds down, we often find ourselves in a flurry of activity. This Labor Day weekend is the official end of summer, although those of us who live in West Texas know that the heat can last a lot longer! Still, we find ourselves running around getting the kids settled into school, or sending our children off to college, or a new job for the first time. We may have put off that big summer project we meant to do, and now that the summer days are numbered, we turn to completing that project. Our thoughts may turn to the fall and the busy upcoming holiday season that will be upon us before we know it. This time of year, it seems that we gear up for our schedules to be filled to the brim.

I have always thought of this time of year as a new beginning, contrary to the hoopla that revolves around January 1. It probably has something to do with having been a teacher for a number of years I suppose and the start of a new school year. New beginnings are a gift, and they are a gift that begins with an attitude of gratitude. As a follower of Jesus, my gratitude turns towards thanking God for every good thing received. This season of beginning anew is a perfect time to stop a moment and express our gratitude to God, despite the chaos we may see all around us in the world.

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I believe that gratitude also allows us to open our hearts to God and to see God working in our lives and the lives of others. Gratitude helps to improve our lives and the lives of those around us. It can drag us out of a bad day, a bad situation, or a bad pity party for ourselves. When we are in a better frame of mind, a calmer state of mind, which gratitude leads us to, we can make better decisions about the difficulties in our lives. A wise friend of mine used to always say, "don't make a major decision when you are in an agitated state of mind, you'll regret it later." So, let's take a few moments at this busy time of new beginnings to express our gratitude to God for the all that we have received. We will be better for it. Thank God!

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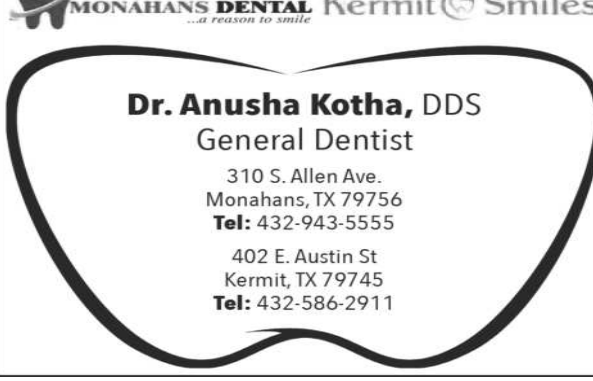
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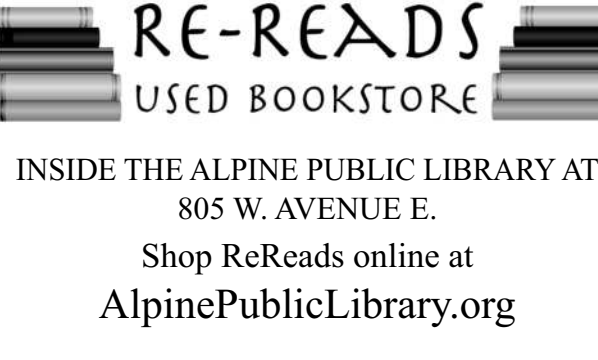
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# Savory, satisfying, and spicy pasta

Pasta. Just hearing or reading the word makes me happy. Although it doesn't always do much for my waistline, sometimes you just have to indulge yourself.

The great thing about pasta is that it is inexpensive, has a long shelf life, and comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. It is also what I call a "blank slate", in that much like white rice or potatoes, by itself there isn't much flavor. But pair it with sauces, or vegetables, or meats, and you have yourself a satisfying meal.

One of the more over-



**HEAD OVER MEALS**

by kara gerbert



**Orecchiette with sausage and broccoli**

*Courtesy photo*  
name comes from. 'Orecchia' translates to ear. The good thing about this little

looked pastas for many people is orecchiette. Orecchiette is an Italian pasta that is shaped much like little ears, as that's where its

ear-shaped pasta is that it holds sauces well.

And while holding sauces is all well and good, this recipe does not have what one might refer to as a true sauce. That of course does not mean that it isn't delicious. In fact, this pasta dish is savory and satisfying, without a load of ingredients or time spent making it. It's really very simple, and very quick, and who doesn't love that in a meal?

This dish has three main ingredients, along with a few others to enhance it. Obviously, the pasta is the main ingredient, followed

by broccoli crowns and Italian sausage. All this goodness is amplified with a little salt and pepper, garlic, red pepper flakes, parmesan cheese, olive oil, and a little pasta water to help bind the ingredients to the pasta itself. You can also substitute butter for the olive oil if you like. Pretty simple, right? It is, but what it isn't is simple on taste.

One of the things I like best about this dish is the broccoli.

version. I always like a little kick to my food, so spicy sausage and red chili flakes find their way into my dishes, but this is your dinner, so make it how you like it. And really, who's to say you have to use broccoli either? You can use squash, or brussels sprouts, or mushrooms, or bell peppers. You can even add all of the above to the broccoli if you want. There are no hard and fast rules here, except, that however you choose to make your pasta dish, make it with love and the best ingredients you can find.

## Orecchiette with sausage and broccoli

**Ingredients:**  
1 lb. of broccoli crowns  
12 ounces orecchiette pasta  
4 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil or butter  
1 ½ tablespoons minced garlic (4 cloves)  
1 lb. Italian sausage (mild or hot)  
2/3 cup finely shredded Parmesan, plus more for serving.  
1 ½ cups reserved pasta water, divided.  
Red pepper flakes, for serving.  
Salt and pepper

**Directions:**  
Add 4 cups of water to a large pot, bring to a boil then season with salt, about 2 tablespoons.  
Add broccoli to boiling water and cook until tender, about 4-5 minutes. Remove broccoli and transfer to a colander, while leaving water in the pot.  
Run broccoli under cold water to stop cooking. Drain well. Chop into smaller pieces.  
Add pasta to water in pot and boil about 1 minute shy of al dente,

according to time listed on package. Reserve 1 ½ cups of the pasta water.  
While pasta is boiling, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil into a skillet and add sausage, crumbling into small chunks to cook. Continue breaking up sausage as it cooks, tossing occasionally, until cooked through, about 7 minutes. In the last 2 minutes, add garlic.  
Pour one cup of the pasta water into the sausage and let simmer for about a minute and

reduce slightly. Add al dente pasta and cook while tossing, until tender, about 2 minutes.  
Drizzle remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil, season with red pepper flakes.  
Sprinkle in parmesan and toss to melt.  
Toss in broccoli and season with salt and pepper as needed to taste. Loosen with more pasta water if needed, and drizzle servings with more olive oil if desired, serve and garnish with more parmesan.



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