

## Deputy involved shooting on Terlingua Ranch

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Managing Editor

According to information from the Brewster County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), a Brewster County deputy was involved in a shooting incident last Friday at Terlingua Ranch, North of Study Butte in South Brewster County.



**Ronny Dodson**

The incident, which occurred Friday morning, was in response to a disturbance that was called in about the suspect in question. "We have had similar calls about this individual before, and he's always been cooperative in the past, but this time was a different story," said Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson.

BCSO reported that when the deputy arrived on the scene of the

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## Water emergency in Study Butte

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The county commissioners court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 10, with Brewster County Judge Greg Henington sharing information about a water issue that has affected the Study Butte Water Supply Corporation during the time of high tourism numbers this fall season.

"They are in a bit of a crisis

mode. About three weeks ago one of their two wells went down, and they have hired Skinner's to replace the pump, the motor, and all the piping but it's been delayed because they can't get the piping fast enough," said Henington in his report.

The area had been operating with one well and has been maintaining their storage capacity according to Henington, however,



**Greg Henington**

they have also been dealing with power outages so even the remaining well couldn't keep up with the levels or demand forcing a critical mode. The officials turned off the water on Monday evening to recharge the well's water level which helped, but it has remained a challenge with the extra demand due to full hotels.

In order to supplement the issue, the county has arranged

for the delivery of water to the area. "We have sent the Road and Bridge truck, one of the fire trucks, and the National Parks Service are all sending trucks to Study Butte this morning to fill up with water out of Lajitas and trucking it to the water plant to fill those tanks," Henington said.

The area is also under a boil water notice, so there have also

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## Octane Fest brings car enthusiasts



Driving in style, high-performance car owners brought their A-game to the fourth annual Big Bend Octane Fest hosted by the Stable in Alpine this past weekend. Rosa and Roberto Cavazos of Bulverde brought their 2018 Corvette to this year's event.

Photo by Joh Covington

## Blood Origins: creating an awareness How hunting impacts the economy of West Texas

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

Hunting is big business across the globe, and it is not uncommon to find those across the globe who believe it is bad business. This collective way of thinking is why Blood Origins was born.

As a non-profit, the message behind Blood Origins is to advocate for the benefits of hunting and how the act of hunting is a plus for conservation and of economic benefit for communities and it is geared towards those non-hunters who don't believe there is a benefit to it.

Robert "Robbie" Kroger created his global non-profit with the express idea of, "Conveying the truth about hunting and promoting conservation efforts by creating content and sharing stories that show the impact hunting has on people,

wildlife, and communities."

A native South African, Kroger now calls Tennessee home. His newest project, a documentary series entitled "Connecting the Dots" began in South Texas and will be premiering towards the end of November. This portion of the series focused on Nilgai, and what happens to the meat after it is donated.

The second "dot" in the series focuses on West Texas and the economic impact hunting makes on small communities. Recently, Kroger and his team of photographers and videographers descended on the area communities of Alpine, Marfa, Presidio, and Fort Davis to interview locals and engage in conversations about hunting in the area and what impacts it brings to these communities.

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A documentary based on the economic and biological impacts of hunting in West Texas will be filmed in and around the area, led by the non-profit group Blood Origins whose mission it is to educate people on the benefits of hunting and in turn conservation. Pictured with Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson is Robbie Kroger of Blood Origins, Matt Henry co-owner of SaltBox Creative out of Dallas, and Matt Land co-owner of Land Limited, Ltd. from North Carolina.

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# OBITUARIES

## Edward Lawrence Baker

Edward "Eddie" Lawrence Baker, 64, of Alpine, passed away October 1, in Odessa.

The family held a private service in his honor. Eddie was cremated by the Martinez Funeral Home and Crematory of Odessa.

Eddie was born in Van Horn to Catarino and Ida Chavez, nee Flores, March 8, 1959, and



adopted by Raymond and Margie Baker, nee Chavez, Eddie's sister, shortly after his birth and the death of Ida. He went to school in Alpine. While

in Alpine and in high school, Eddie excelled academically, receiving multiple awards in University Interscholastic League competitions, primarily for his oratory and typing skills. Also, while in high school, he worked as an on-air personality for the local radio station, KVLG, and as a play-by-play announcer for local high school and university baseball games. He married Janet Chick Nov.

26, 1988, in Odessa. He worked in various capacities on multiple oil and gas sites throughout the Permian Basin. Also, he worked in the energy production industry in the Permian Basin and in the Reno, Nevada area for years before he and Janet settled outside of Reno. They moved back to Odessa in 2022.

Eddie is preceded in death by his birth parents and his adoptive parents,

two of his birth sisters, Eloisa Fuentes, and Irma Cordova, and nephew, Christopher Morgan.

Eddie is survived by his wife Janet, his stepchildren: Randall Ham, Sarah Ham, and Nache Ham, sister, Teresa Chavez and her son Jeff and his wife Lorena, brothers: Joe Chavez and his wife Cora and their daughter Jessica Pickering, nee, Chavez, and her husband Matt and their sons Matthew and

Joe, Tommie Baker and his wife Donna and their son Raymond and grandson Jace, Billy Baker and his wife Pamela, Robert Thompson and his wife Pamela, and numerous cousins.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Odessa Arts, <https://odessaarts.org>. We, Eddie's family, extend our sincere thanks to all his friends and caregivers for their support.

## Jose Jonell Rodriguez

Jose Jonell Rodriguez, at the of age 71 passed away peacefully on Saturday September 30, at 12:35 a.m.

Jonell was born to Ismael & Feliciano Rodriguez on February 3, 1952, in Fort Davis. He was the youngest of seven children. He was an alumnus of Fort Davis High School & Sul Ross State University. He worked as a talented carpenter for over 40 years. Jonell, built homes from the



ground up, specializing in roofing and tile work. His skills and education took him to travel the country for various jobs, but eventually settled at home in Fort Davis to work all over the tri county area. He truly lived life to

the fullest through family and friend gatherings. He was a grill-master, musician, comedian, and storyteller. He enjoyed most cool Fort Davis evenings by sitting on the porch listening to music. Eventually he would end up inside playing his guitars to Santana, Chris Stapleton, Tejano music, and various other artists.

He is survived, by his sisters Ana Garcia Alvarez, Eva Gomez, and his brother Ismael Jr. Rodriguez. Followed by his daughters Michelle Agu-

irre, Christyna Rodriguez, & Catryna Rodriguez. His grandchildren Jaylen Jimenez, Neo Jimenez, Aurian Aranda; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, sister Enequina "Nina" Carrasco and brothers Jack Rodriguez and Ruben Rodriguez

Family and Friends are invited to his services on October 21 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Davis. Rosary at 10 a.m. with mass, and

burial to follow. A celebration of life reception will be held at the Saint Joseph's Parish Hall

proceeding the burial. Per his request "Don't be sad when I am gone. Celebrate the good times."

## Mayor proclaims National Public Natural Gas Appreciation week

A proclamation was made by City of Alpine Mayor Catherine Eaves at the October 3 city council meeting, proclaiming that the week of October 1-7 be National Public Natural Gas Appreciation week in Alpine. On hand for the proclamation were employees of the Alpine gas department. From left are William Perez-Crespo, Andrew Chavez, Randy Guzman, Tony Ybarra, Lorina Ybarra, and mayor Catherine Eaves.



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# Fightin' Buck Band to present UIL show



When he's not kicking the football for an extra point, Walt Urbanczyk entertains football fans on the drums as a member of the Alpine Fightin' Buck Band. Pictured are Sierra Ruckman on toms, Urbanczyk on toms, and Hatfield Cason on snare drum.

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Alpine High School Fightin' Buck Band would like to extend an invitation to the Alpine community, family, friends, and students to join them at Buck Stadium on Friday, October 13 for their 2023 UIL performance. This year's show is entitled "Time After Time" and this will be the band's final performance of their show before heading to the UIL Region marching contest on Saturday in Odessa.

"The performance consists of three movements," said Buck band director Ms. Anna Holmes. The band will perform their first movement and will be playing the song "Clocks" by Coldplay. This will

segue into the second movement with the song "Time After Time" by Cyndi Lauper and will close with the third movement and the song "Chiming of the Hour" by Luke McMillan.

Holmes said, "The band is looking and sounding strong for Saturday. They will be

competing at 4:30 p.m. and the results will be announced at 5 p.m. Our goal of course is to receive a division one which would then launch us to the Area contest on October 28."

Holmes and the entire Fightin' Buck Band appreciate the support from Alpine community.

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# Alpine Police Department celebrates National Night Out

# Two solar eclipses for Texas



Members of the Alpine Police Department celebrated National Night Out last Tuesday, October 3 at Kokernot Park. The officers grilled up hot dogs with all the fixings and provided water, music, and a bouncy house for the kids and welcomed other local law enforcement members and entities to participate. Pictured are Lt. Kirk Caughman, Chief Darrell Losoya, Officer Karin Legarreta, Officer Anthony Vargas, Sgt. Wyatt Chopelas, Officer John R. Subia, Tele-communications Officer Zachary Juarez (seated), and Capt. Felipe Fierro.

There are two solar eclipses coming up over Texas skies in the next six months, the first in less than a week. The “ring of fire” solar eclipse arrives on October 14 when a halo of light will be visible around the moon but should be viewed through solar eclipse glasses.

Depending on cloud conditions, the annular — Latin for ring — eclipse will be visible in Texas about noon, primarily in the Hill Country and around San Antonio. The total eclipse will occur on April 8 of next year starting at 1:30 p.m., along a line in Texas from Del Rio to Texarkana.

# Family Crisis Center to receive grant

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend Inc., located in Alpine, is one of two shelters in Texas to receive a grant by the Mary Kay Ash Foundation. This grant, in the amount of \$20,000, will go towards helping the center fund facility upgrades, operating costs, legal aid, counseling, and other similar and relevant resources that help to ensure that women and children are supported as they journey towards a life free of abuse.

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation, established in 1996, has awarded over \$92 million to women’s shelters and domestic violence service providers, along with cancer research programs and

related causes throughout the United States for more than 20 years. This year’s domestic violence shelter grants, 60 in all across the country, are receiving this money to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of Mary Kay Inc.

Mary Kay Inc. is a privately owned, multi-level marketing company based out of Addison. The company was founded in 1963 by Mary Kay Ash. Known primarily for their women’s makeup line, the company as of 2022 had an estimated profit of around \$2.7 billion. Since the inception of the Mary Kay Ash Foundation, they have awarded 165 grants to 75 shelters across the state of Texas alone totaling \$3 million.

Michael Lunceford, President of the Mary Kay Ash Foundation Board of Directors said, “It is our responsibility to ensure researchers and domestic violence service providers have what they need to create a better world for women. A world where they are safe and healthy. These grants are just one of the ways we are continuing our mission to better the lives of women everywhere.”

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to enrich the lives of women everywhere by raising funds for cancer research for cancers affecting women and ending domestic violence against women.

# Pulitzer playwright David Mamet’s play to be presented at Sul Ross

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Sul Ross Theatre Program will present “Oleanna” in the Studio Theatre beginning Friday, October 13. This play by Pulitzer Prize winner David Mamet premiered on Broadway in 1992 and starred William H. Macy and Rebecca Pidgeon.

“Oleanna” is a play based on a female undergraduate student who meets with her male university professor to discuss her failing grade, and this brief encounter leads to accusations that threaten the professor’s career. This play is focused on examining the issues of sexual harassment, abuse of power, privilege, gender dynamics, and political correctness on a college campus.

The New York Times noted about this production, “A year later, a mere newspaper photograph of Anita F. Hill can revive those feelings of rage, confusion, shame, and revulsion that were the country’s daily diet during the Senate hearings of Clarence Thomas. Sexual harassment remains such a hot button topic. Enter Davis Mamet, who with impeccable timing has marched right into the crossfire. “Oleanna,” the playwright’s new drama is an impassioned re-

sponse to the Thomas hearings.”

Director and Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre Marjie Scott said, “This play feels very timely.” “The issues of power dynamics, sexual harassment, and censorship are still so relevant, especially on college campuses. What I love about this play is that both characters are culpable. Both student and professor each manipulate and abuse power. Even after working on this play for months, I find myself looking at both sides and feeling sympathy and outrage.”

“Oleanna” runs weekends October 13-29 in the Francois Fine Arts Building Studio Theatre with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. General admission is \$15 and \$10 for seniors aged 65 and older. Admission is free for all Sul Ross students, faculty, and staff with valid I.D. and for all U.S. veterans. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.bit.ly/sulross-theatre](http://www.bit.ly/sulross-theatre). They are also available by calling 432-837-8218. Reservations are recommended.

“Oleanna” contains violence, strong language, and mature themes that may not be suitable for children under 14. It is directed by Marjie Scott, with scenic and lighting design by Ross Fleming,

costume design by Carolyn Barrientes, and features Justin Hinton and Olivia Pertuso.

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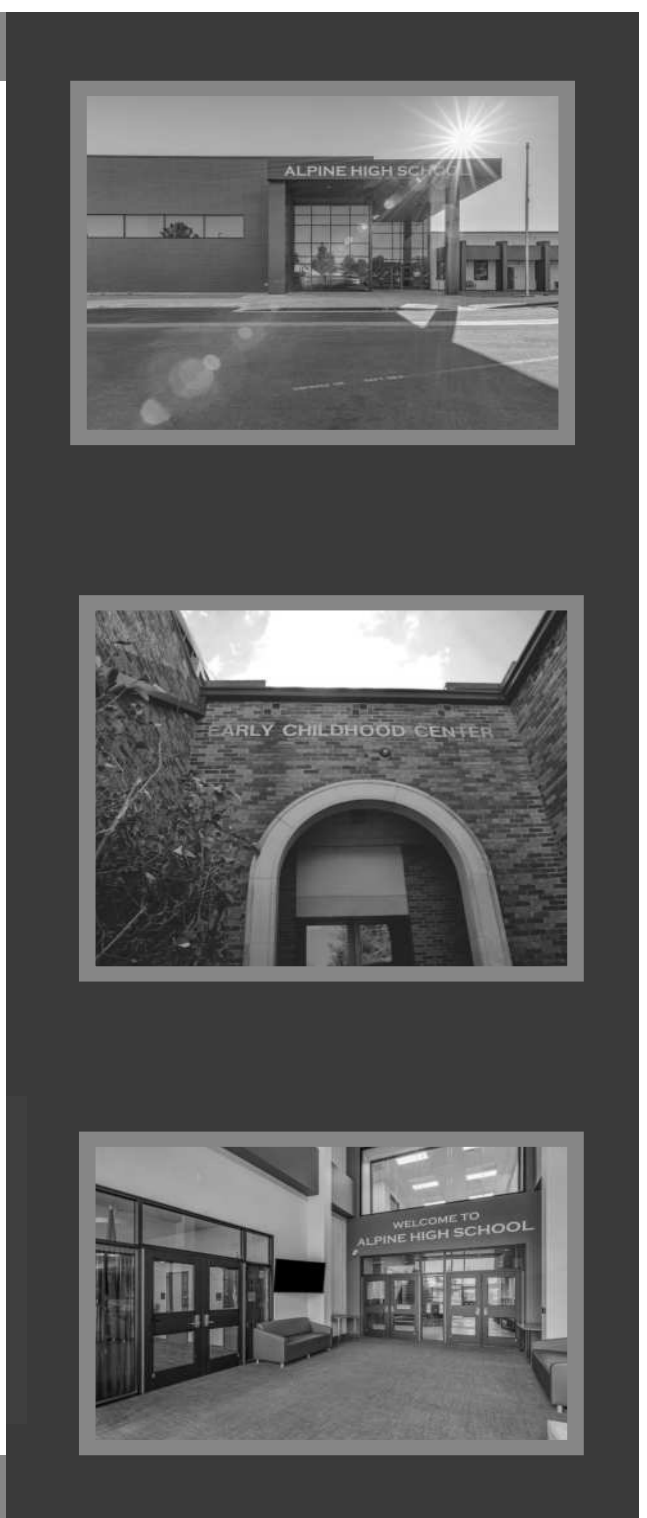
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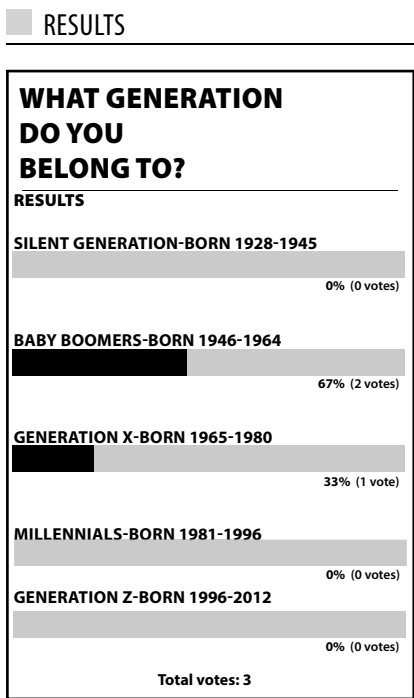
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## Accountability system needs another refresh

Almost 100 Texas schools have filed a lawsuit against Education Commissioner Mike Morath and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) over changes to the state's accountability system. Why? Because they contend, TEA is intentionally lowering A-F performance ratings for school districts using unlawful, retroactive tactics.



**DR. MICHELLE RINEHART**  
 Superintendent, Alpine ISD

While Alpine ISD is not part of this lawsuit, this issue directly affects every district in the state of Texas.

The Texas accountability system uses complex formulas to assign each Texas public school a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F based on student performance, which is disproportionately based on standardized test scores.

This year, TEA implemented three big changes to the state accountability system simultaneously: they moved all state standardized tests online (even for 8-year-old students); they redesigned the test to include more rigorous question types; and they increased the scores districts must earn on these measures in order to earn a score of A, B, C, etc.

The Kingsville ISD et al. vs. Morath lawsuit contends that these changes were made after

the fact in ways that are not aligned with current law. Some go even further, decrying this accountability "refresh" as a veiled, political push to make it look like many Texas public schools are failing. Recent data from the TEA lends some credence to this claim.

The 2023 school accountability ratings were set to be released last week. However, in a surprise announcement that occurred while more and more Texas school districts were joining the Kingsville ISD lawsuit, the TEA announced that they are delaying the release of A-F scores for a month while they change the 2023 rules and school scores yet again. Why?

Because, lo and behold, in the new scoring system for 2023, a disproportionate number of schools dropped letter grades, even if their students' performance on state tests actually improved.

This resulted in significant decreases in the number of campuses deemed high performing. For example, in 2022, 41% of Texas elementary schools received an A rating in student growth. Under the new system, this value would plummet to 2%, despite the

fact that many of these schools had higher performance than the year before.

Similarly, the "refreshed" accountability system resulted in a shockingly disproportionate increase in the number of campuses labeled failing. In 2022, only 9% of Texas elementary schools earned a D or F rating in student growth; under the new system, this number would balloon to 59%.

This preliminary data, which led TEA back to the drawing board of last-minute "standard setting" so that results would not be dramatically lower than last year's, lends credence to the belief that the accountability refresh process might have been politically motivated. If not that, it is, at the very least, an inaccurate year-over-year reflection of campus performance.

It's impossible to consider these data without naming the surrounding political context: the deliberate, public undermining of our public education system by state-level leaders.

Could it be a coincidence that this "refresh" is happening during a legislative year when the Governor and state-level leaders are demanding a full voucher program to divert public funds to pay for private schooling without oversight, transparency, or accountability? How might a skewed ac-

countability system that arbitrarily labels more and more public schools as "failing" help further that political demand?

Here in Alpine, we are not against accountability. In fact, accountability is one of our six core values in Alpine ISD. We believe in being accountable for actualizing the high expectations our community has for our students and our schools.

To us, accountability means a willingness to accept responsibility for our actions and outcomes. But it also means clearly setting and communicating those expectations, then providing high levels of support to help everyone meet those standards.

We welcome both of these from TEA: high expectations combined with high levels of support to help all Texas students, and public schools, be successful.

When TEA is ready to "refresh" the accountability system to its rightful focus on responsibility, transparency, and investment, they'll find us already doing just that here in Alpine: combining high expectations and high support to help our students, staff, and community reach higher heights.

## Just when you think you've seen it all

*"If you think you've seen it all, Stick around."*  
 — Song lyrics by Jason Mraz, American singer-songwriter, and guitarist.

This is not a sports column. I'm just an old newspaper editor who walks the equivalent of a half mile or more of sidelines on fall Friday nights. Hoping to catch one more eye-popping shot of a high school athlete's performance to publish for loyal readers and parents.

Been doing it off and on for 50 years, come next year. Since my days as a rookie reporter at The Naples Monitor. Covering the Paul Pewitt Brahmas. Which sometimes fools me think I've seen it all and heard it all.

Friday nights hold a personal attraction for me for reasons other than football. Athletic prowess was never my game. Scholastic gridiron time for me meant halftime with the band. The Mount Pleasant High School Tiger band and the Kilgore College Ranger band.

I played a bass horn. The most prominent horn in the band. On the back row with the big round bell extending above the rest of the band. And it was bass horns last Friday night that reminded me again, if you think you've seen it all, stick around and watch this.

For the record, bass horn is the name by which the big instruments were known when I played them. A dozen presidents ago. These days howev-

er, I notice they are commonly called a tuba.

Research reveals instrument maker J. W. Pepper reinvented the concert tuba in the late 1800s creating an instrument easier to carry with the bell projecting the music forward instead of up like a traditional tuba. He named it the Sousaphone honoring John Phillip Sousa, American composer and conductor known primarily for American military marches.

Most often played in marching bands, the Sousaphone (bass horn) wraps around the body, typically played standing. The true tuba is commonly heard in orchestras, brass ensembles, and concert bands.

All semantics, I'm thinking. Depending on how one learned to play a tuba ... ah, bass horn. For me, that was from band directors who politely corrected students calling a bass horn a tuba.

Whatever you call it, last Friday's game was a high school football game like any other. For me, however, tubas ... ah, bass horns, stole the show where the Center Roughriders delivered a 76-48 defeat to the visiting Rusk Eagles. The Roughrider homecoming crowd was delighted.

Midway of the event, while enjoying halftime shows, I witnessed the bell fall off a tuba ... ah, bass horn. Yes, the big brass oval piece that's a target for pea shooters at



**LEON ALDRIDGE**  
 Guest Columnist

Christmas parades. It parted company with the rest of the instrument and landed about mid-field. And the band marched on.

Rusk concluded its performance by coming my direction to the sideline. As the band director walked past, we made eye contact. I smiled, gave a thumbs up, and said, "Good looking band. Great performance."

He paused to say, "thank you" and laughed. "Did you see the tuba lose its bell." I grimaced. Then said, "Yes sir," I played a tuba ... ah, bass horn in high school and college, and that was a first for me to witness." "We sent it back," he added. "Thought it was fixed. Guess not."

I've seen marching band students lose lots of things on the field in front of God and everybody. Music, mouthpieces, shoes, hats, their place in the routine. But never half of the largest instrument in the band.

The Center Roughrider band followed, displaying their precision military marching routine for the upcoming UIL contest. I couldn't help but notice a young lady in a band uniform standing alone near me on the sideline. Holding a tuba ... ah, bass horn. I wondered why she was not marching.

My question was answered when the drum major stopped at the sideline. The young

lady with the tuba ... ah, bass horn met him. She took his baton, and he took the horn. What followed was nothing short of amazing.

I had never witnessed a tuba ... ah, bass horn player perform a stand-alone solo at a football game. Or anywhere else. In fact, I had never heard anyone extort a solo tune from one of the big instruments like he did. Trumpets, woodwinds, drum solos ... many times. But a lead part solo for a tuba ... ah, bass horn. Nope. Never. Richard Alexander performed the closest facsimile I can recall. His impromptu bluesy chromatic scale "riff" one spring afternoon during band practice at Mount Pleasant High School was cool. But it wasn't in the music.

Those four counts were supposed to be silent going into the trio, just like we had rehearsed it many times. But Richard surprised everyone. Most of all, band director Blanton McDonald. Several, especially the bass section, silently applauded. Even the usually very serious Mr. McDonald smiled and shook his head. And the band played on.

I still say football sidelines are one of my favorite parts of doing time at the hometown weekly. Where on any given night, the game is always the story. But where you just might also see or hear something. Just when you think you've seen it all.

And where you might be reminded that a bass horn by any other name might be called ... a tuba.

# Heard on the STREET

What is the best Halloween candy?



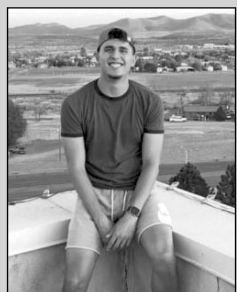
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The little packages of the Sour Punch Straws.



**Cierra Noel:**  
My favorite Halloween candy has to be candied apples. I don't know if that counts but that's mine.



**Paloma Mancha:** I like Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.



**Mitchell Martinez:** A Halloween candy? Snickers.



**Carin Crain:** The Milky Way.



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct. 14 Eclipse Viewing,** McDonald Observatory visitor center opens at 10 a.m. with the eclipse beginning at 10:18 a.m. There will be telescopes set up for solar viewing, educational activities and demonstrations, and a livestream of the eclipse from Blakemore Planetarium in Midland.

**Oct. 14 Wild West Night,** 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Sunshine House, complete with a chuck-wagon dinner and live music by The Last Call and Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment band. Visit [www.sunshinehousealpine.com](http://www.sunshinehousealpine.com) for more information.



**Oct. 14 Monster Mash,** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Alpine Public Library for ages 4-12 for monster mask making, monster stories, and monster macarena.

**Oct. 19 Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper,** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Alpine Elementary School cafeteria, \$10 per plate.

**Oct. 27-29 AHS Reunion Classes 1953-1964,** Contact Dorothy Roberts at [spikeg@gmail.com](mailto:spikeg@gmail.com), Jack Burgess at [jkbcorr@aol.com](mailto:jkbcorr@aol.com), or Janet Vest at [janiths@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:janiths@sbcbglobal.net) for more information.

**Nov. 2 Mule Deer Foundation Gun Raffle and Fall Event,** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Spicewood Restaurant. No admission fee, raffle tickets are \$20 each. For information contact Shawn Gray at 432-296-3724 or Mark Garrett 432-386-5096.

## 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 Choral 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](mailto:Andrew.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

# Bluegrass makes an appearance in Alpine



For the second year in a row, the Big Bend Blue Grass Festival was held at the Alpine Civic Center, boasting crowds of over 200 for this young event. Pictured is this year's show headliner The Kody Morris Show from Mountain City, Tennessee.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

# Meeting of the minds



Alpine Police Chief Darrell Losoya talks shop with Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson as APD Capt. Felipe Fierro and Dodson's grandson look on during Alpine's National Night Out.

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# PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Dolly. Dolly is an eight-week-old long-haired brown Tabby. She has big eyes, an adorable face, and a characteristic "M" marking in the stripes on her forehead. She dreams of her own home and would love to be adopted with one of her kitten friends. Dolly is available at the Shelter, along with several other kittens of the same age.

Alpine Humane Society will be wrapping up October in a big way with two fundraising events. On Saturday, October 28, is the Paws for a Cause 5k fun run and dog walk. Entry fees are \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids. Pets are welcome. Skelton's Runway, 300 S. Cockrell Street is the run headquarters and finish line.

The following day, Sunday, October 29, Dia de los Quesos returns with the queso contest, silent auction, and music from Rick Ruiz and Donnie Bason at The Granada Theatre. The event

runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Area businesses can donate auction items and are welcome as sponsors. Call 432-837-2532 for more information on both events.

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](http://PetFinder.com) or [www.alpinehumane.org](http://www.alpinehumane.org), and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Brewster, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Brewster, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on November 7, 2023, in Brewster County, Texas for the purpose of voting in a Special Election to "adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session and a Second Special Session, of the State of Texas."

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electoras/es citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el 7 de noviembre de 2023, en el Condado de Brewster, Texas con el propósito de votar en una Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas constitucionales propuestas presentadas por la Legislatura 88th sesión Ordinaria y Segunda Sesión Especial del Estado de Texas.)

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Alpine Civic Center 801 W Holland Ave Alpine, Texas 79830	Precinct 4
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(Para la votación anticipada, una votante puede votar en el lugar que se indica a continuación)

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November 2nd & 3rd, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
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County Website: [www.brewstercountytx.com](http://www.brewstercountytx.com)

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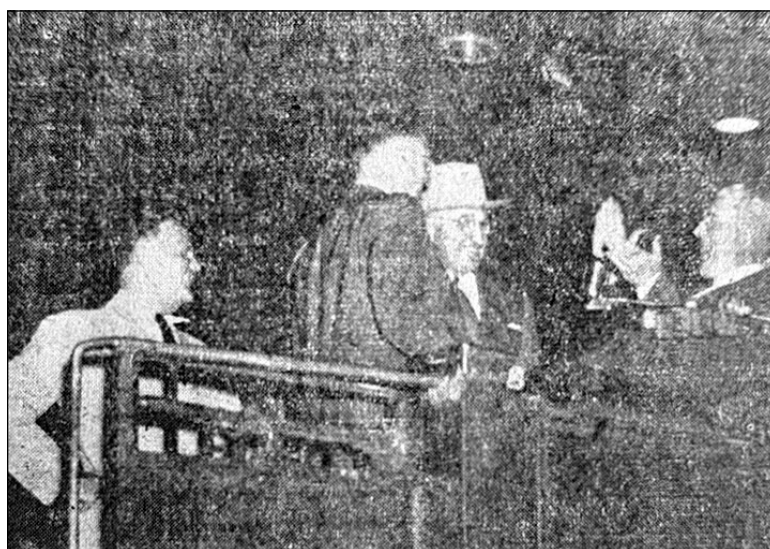
October 15, 1948

Joyce Johnson, daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson of Alpine has been voted as the Alpine FFA Sweetheart this year. Last year she was elected as the junior favorite and was selected as one of the four cheerleaders for this school year.



October 27, 1950

Julian Hendrin has joined the Sul Ross music department as a voice teacher and associate professor of music. During WWII, Hendrin fought and spent 36 months overseas. He has been used to the hustle of larger cities, so small Alpine is quite the adjustment.



October 1, 1948

On Saturday night the Alpine Chamber of Commerce presented President Truman with a locally made hat, during the president's short stop in Alpine during his trip through the state by train.



October 27, 1950

The annual Dahlia show that was held two weeks ago is sponsored by the Garden Club. Here, Mrs. W. M. Meador looks over the enormous arrangements. This photo showcases the size of the dahlias grown in this area.

# Willowleaf holly grows well in Blackland soil

Dear Neil: What would be a good privacy shrub that would grow to eight or 10 feet without a lot of management issues? It's in Blackland soil where we have now moved. Would cherry laurel work? Or some variety of it?

Without question I would use Willowleaf holly. It's the perfect height. I note that the planting site is downhill slightly from your patio, so you need the extra height. Otherwise, I would have suggested dwarf Burford holly. It's adapted to sun and shade. Does well in any soil as long as it has water. No pest problems. Birds love it. Cherry laurel won't handle the alkaline soil. It will start turning yellow from iron deficiency within just a few years.

Dear Neil: The St. Augustine in an area of my lawn has been steadily dying this summer. A large pecan that shaded this area died two years ago, so now the

**GARDENER'S MAILBAG**  
by neil sperry

area receives full sun most of the day. I water heavily on my watering day and hand water as needed on other days. Is the problem excessive sun and heat, or could there be a fungus at work? Other areas of the yard that get more shade seem to be doing fine.

Sun and Texas heat will not kill St. Augustine. One only needs to think about the fact that all commercial sod farms are in total sun. St. Augustine just happens to tolerate shade better

than most grasses. It does not need shade. But, as to what might have caused this die-out, that's a little more difficult. I honestly thought it looked a little like the 60-year-old nemesis St. Augustine decline (SAD). That virus came in through the Rio Grande Valley and moved through South Texas, San Antonio, Austin and on to Dallas/Fort Worth like a plague of locusts over the course of several summers. It attacked what was called "Common" St. Augustine (essentially the only variety most Texans were growing



at that time). It caused yellow mottling in the blades, and within a year or two, death of 95% of the infected lawn. Surviving pieces of grass might (or might not) re-cover the bare spaces.

Look closely at your grass to see if you observe the mottling. That would only be the case if you have Common St. Augustine, which would almost require that this be an older lawn dating back to the early 1960s or earlier.

If that's not the case, this could be old damage from take all root rot from spring or gray leaf spot from sum-

mer, although it doesn't look right for either. Nor does it look like chinch bug damage, and it certainly isn't a match for brown patch (now sometimes called "large patch").

All of which is to say that it's hard to be certain from your photos, even as good as they are. It would be helpful to have the Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab at Texas A&M culture the af-

ected grass to see what they might find. They would want photos like you sent me and samples of sick runners and blades. They will not need to see dead grass other than in the photos.

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

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- "box" south of the border
  - computer operator
  - TXism: "\_\_\_ your tongue" (shut up)
  - "Father of Texas" (init.)
  - old XIT Ranch was in parts of \_\_\_ Panhandle counties
  - TX poet Naomi Nye
  - TXism: "\_\_\_ by" (saves money)
  - Russian counterpart to TX Alan Bean or Neil Armstrong
  - William Faulkner manuscript kept at UT
  - basketballer Radisav Curcic's Italian home before Dallas
  - words ending in "ly"
  - TXism: "sticks out like a \_\_\_ thumb"
  - TXism: "tame \_\_\_ dog"
  - Iceland "diner" (pl.)
  - eastern Texas region: "Post \_\_\_"
  - most Texans who fought in WW \_\_\_ are deceased
  - victorious a second time (2 wds.)
  - this Preminger directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"
  - hallucinogenic drug

- shadow clock
  - actor Jerry of 1996 film "Jerry Maguire" with TX Renee Zellweger
  - former maker of the Metro, Prizm or Storm
  - TXism: "\_\_\_ of Sundays" (long time)
  - Texas country singer, Blaze
  - init. of 6th governor, Runnels (1857-59)
  - TXism: "expensive \_\_\_ created by a dead man"
  - LBJ daughter \_\_\_ Baines Johnson
  - TXism: "\_\_\_ pilot" (preacher)
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**Sports Schedule**

**FIGHTIN' BUCKS FOOTBALL**  
Oct. 12 Wink @ Alpine\* JV 6 p.m.  
Oct. 13 OPEN  
Oct. 19 Odessa Compass @Alpine JV 6 p.m.  
Oct. 20 Odessa Compass @ Alpine\*\*Varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 26 Tornillo @ Alpine\* Varsity 7:30 p.m. JV OPEN

**LADY BUCKS VOLLEYBALL**  
Oct. 14 @ Wink JV 1 p.m. Varsity 2 p.m.  
Oct. 17 Alpine vs Kermit\* Varsity 6 p.m. JV/F 5 p.m.  
Oct. 21 Crane @ Alpine\* Varsity 12:30 p.m. JV/F 11:00 a.m.  
Oct. 24 Alpine vs Presidio\* Varsity 6:30 p.m. JV 5:30 p.m. F 4:30 p.m.

**ALPINE CROSS COUNTRY**  
Oct. 12 HS District Championship @ Presidio Lucy Rede Franco MS  
Oct. 23-24 Regional Championship @ Lubbock Mae Simmons Park  
Nov. 1-3 State Championship @ Round Rock Old Settlers Park  
\*District 1-3A Game  
\*\*Homecoming

## Alpine Bucks fall to Crane 39-7

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

Coming off a two-win streak after last week's victory against Tornillo, Alpine entered the arena with Crane for the first time this season on Friday for their latest district home game. Despite an equal footing standoff in the first and second quarters, in the end, the Fightin' Bucks lost to the opposing team 7-39.

The Alpine game was played on the Bucks' home field, and last week was a special event for those who wanted to show support for members of the Fightin' Buck family struggling with cancer, in the annual "pink out" game.

Head coach and athletic director Andy Smith said, "I was proud of our Alpine community supporting our booster club's fundraising efforts through Pink Out sales in order to support families in our community that are suffering from cancer."

"This effort shows the wonderful community that we live in and that we are all willing to help people who are in need. Our booster club was able to give a total of \$2,000 to community members currently suffering from ailments of cancer and this would not have been possible without the support of the Alpine community. I am proud to be a member of the Alpine community," Smith said.

The Cranes are currently first in district with 4-3 record and a three-win streak.

At the top of the first quarter Alpine kicked off to Crane and Crane had the ball on their own six-yard line but no scores were made for either team ending the quarter 0-0.

During the first quarter Devon Rojo made an amazing pass to Daedrick Hardwick, however



Logan Smith carries the ball, rushing around a Crane player during last week's game.

Photo by Noe Lujan

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## Lady Bucks defeat Presidio 3-0, little Bucks learn the ropes

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The Lady Bucks played in a sea of pink last Tuesday, as the crowd was encouraged to show their support for breast cancer awareness month in a "dig pink" game. The overwhelming support was the background for the Alpine team's home game win against Presidio 3-0, continuing their district battle, currently with a five-win streak.

The Presidio Blue Devils are currently fourth in the district and will play Alpine again on October 24 after their next game against Kermit.

Head volleyball coach,



Hannah Juett goes for a kill in the Lady Bucks home game against Presidio last Tuesday.

Adrian Smith said, "Presidio was a great defensive match. Their defense is fast and solid, and it gave us an opportunity to really focus on utilizing our offensive system in a more strategic way

to produce points."

During the game on October 3, The Lady Bucks won each set coming out on top with 25-21 in set one, 25-15 in

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## Lobo football only win of the week for SRSU athletics

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

With Lobo losses or ties on the soccer field and volleyball courts, the gridiron was the lone exception. The Lobos would topple Austin College in Sherman last weekend, beating the Kangaroos in conference play 49-7.

The Lobos took the field at Jerry E. Apple Stadium on Saturday, October 7 and would extend their win streak to three games.

In the first quarter, Vicente Luevano would put the Lobos on the score board first, with a 74-yard punt return touchdown followed up with the extra point by Carlos Arreola. While the first quarter was slow, the second quarter would see the Lobos pick up the pace.

Safety Quincy Blair would intercept the ball

from the Kangaroos on third-and-eight and make a 33-yard return, putting the Lobos on the Austin College seventh-yard line. This turnover allowed Lobo quarterback Andrew Martinez to run in an eight-yard touchdown with 14:53 left in the second quarter.

The Lobos would extend their lead 21-0 with another touchdown run by Rodd Hudson III before the half. The Kangaroos would eliminate the possibility of a shut-out when their offense would put up a four-play drive followed by a 27-yard touchdown pass. Sul Ross would soon retaliate using an eight-play drive that would see Martinez with another eight-yard touchdown, bringing the score to 28-7 at halftime.

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## AHS celebrates cross-country seniors



Last Wednesday night, the Alpine High School Cross-Country team celebrated their seniors at Buck Stadium.

Courtesy photo

## Runnin' Lady Bucks finish strong



The Alpine Runnin' Lady Bucks took second place overall at the Odessa Invitational cross-country meet last Thursday. The AHS cross-country team competes today for the District Championship in Presidio.

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the play was flagged for holding and cost the Bucks a 10-yard penalty.

"We played extremely well in the first half, and we felt that we could have scored a few more points in the first half of the contest. When you are in big games, you have to protect the football and we had three costly turnovers that changed the course of the game. We must continue to protect the football," said Smith.

The Cranes made the first seven-point score with a five-yard run kick

by the Crane player Tyson Brents followed by an extra point from Kevin Iniguez. Alpine soon followed up with a four-yard rushing touchdown by Logan Smith and an extra point after the touchdown made by Walt Urbanczyk.

During the second quarter, Ethan Flores recovered a fumble by Crane and Alpine had a big play with under six minutes to go and had the ball on Crane's 40-yard line. However, the score remained 7-7 at halftime.

At the start of the third

quarter, Crane kicked off to Alpine. The next score was made by the Crane team with 11 minutes to go, when Crane's Trey Larson gained six points with a 40-yard return but missed the extra point.

With nine minutes left in the third quarter Alpine punted to Crane, leaving the opposing team with the ball at their own 13-yard line.

The Golden Cranes team jumped to 19 points with an 88-yard touchdown by Larson and recovered a fumble by Alpine. Alpine then had the

ball on their 43-yard line with seven minutes left.

Brents made a 27-yard pass to Larson for a touchdown for Crane with two minutes remaining and again with a 11-yard pass to Kevin Iniguez for a touchdown. Iniguez also added the extra point for the Golden Cranes.

"Our football team fought to the very end," said Smith. Alpine attempted a pass with under a minute remaining in the third quarter, but Larson intercepted the pass and had the ball on their own

30-yard line at the end of the quarter. The third quarter ended with Alpine behind 7-32.

The final touchdown of the game was made by Crane with a 43-yard run, ending the game with the Golden Cranes winning 39-7.

"All of our goals are still in front of us for this season. We still have a lot of football left to play, and how we respond moving forward will tell a lot about the character of

our program," Smith said.

The Bucks will face Crane again in November. The next game for the Fightin' Bucks is scheduled for October 20, against the Odessa Compass Academy in Alpine's district homecoming game. The Odessa team won their last game against Tornillo and are currently sitting third in the district. The Bucks won the last game played against Compass Academy on the road 28-21.

### VOLLEYBALL • FROM 8

set two, and 25-17 in set three. There were several times during this game that the teams were tied, but Alpine came out hitting hard after each challenging point.

Senior player Adayna Garcia's offense with 14 total kills for the game was supported by fellow seniors Novah Carrasco and Hannah Juett. Along with junior Hope Dominguez and sophomore Payton Kinkade, the team brought the number of kills for the team up to 42.

Seniors Paula Vargas and Mia Morris each had a serving ace and Garcia, Juett, and Carrasco each had their own successful solo blocks.

On defense, junior Jaycee Portillo led in numbers for digs, with a total of 18. Carrasco followed with 16 digs, Vargas had 14, and Morris followed with 11. Collectively the team blocked the Presidio team from scoring 78 times with digs alone.

Paula Vargas once again showed those record making skills, with

40 of the 40 total assists for the Lady Bucks team, while Dominguez, Portillo, Carrasco, and Morris completed the game with 40 receptions under their belt. Dominguez alone had 14 receptions, Portillo with 13.

"Our athletes have worked very hard all season on improving and reaching their goals and while they are currently halfway there, we are focusing on maintaining our first-place placement as a program in district and continuing to raise our level of expectations within the classroom and on the court," Smith said.

The Lady Bucks now have a 24-9 record and are first in the district. On Tuesday October 10, Alpine will put the record on the line when they host Tornillo for a 3A, region I, District four game.

Regarding the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams, Smith said,

"All three teams are currently undefeated in district play and in first place in District which is so exciting for our athletes and our program."

Later that same week, on October 5, the Lady Bucks volleyball program and Coach Smith also invited the little Bucks to their court for the first Alpine Lady Bucks volleyball clinic. "The Lil' Bucks clinic was an absolute joy and exceeded all expectations with participation," Smith said.

According to the school over 90 young students attended and joined the Alpine Junior Buck League to get expert volleyball training from the Lady Bucks team. This was the first clinic hosted by the Lady Bucks and was considered to be a great success by the parents.

"We were all so excited and honored for the opportunity to be able to share the love of the

sport of volleyball and the pride of being a Lady Buck with our Lil' Bucks. Our Lil' Bucks were absolutely wonderful," said Smith.

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After the break, the Lobos' Martinez threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Ahmon-te Kendrick during their first offensive series in the third, extending their lead over the Kangaroos 35-7 with nine minutes left in the quarter.

Sul Ross would score two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The first would be a five-yard touchdown run by freshman quarterback Cyrin Myles and followed up by an eight-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Christopher Gisewhite in the last 18 seconds of the game.

The Lobos now hold a 3-2 record on the season and will face the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on Saturday in Belton at 1 p.m.

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Photo by Joh Covington



## Lobos compete at Old Glory Gallop

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Sul Ross State University cross country team competed last Saturday in Grand Prairie at Dallas Baptist University's Old Glory Gallop held at Lynn Creek Park. The Lady Lobos competed against 33 teams, while the Lobos competed against 28.

The Lady Lobos would finish 31st out of the 33 teams, with the fastest time and top finisher going to Reagan Ramsey from Temple. Ramsey finished 216th overall with a time of 22:05.7. Lesly Torres and Toni Mishnick came in 264th and 265th place on the women's team followed by Kylie Garcia and Ve-

ronica Castenada. The lead runner on the men's team was Denton Taylor of Hallettsville with a time of 33:53.6 and he placed 280th overall. Taylor was followed by Ian Wubena who placed 287th, followed by Antonio Henderson Jr. in 291st, Joseph Rangel and Cameron Ball who placed

294th and 295th respectively. The Lobo team finished 28th overall. Both the men's and women's cross country teams competed yesterday at Angelo State's Blue and Gold Classic and will head to the American Southwest Conference championships in Grand Prairie on Saturday, October 28.

## Mayor proclaims Teacher Day



City of Alpine Mayor Catherine Eaves proclaimed October 5 as 'Teacher Day' for Alpine. On hand for the official proclamation at last Tuesday's city council meeting were from left, Alpine Elementary School teacher Gisselle Luevano, Alpine Middle School teacher Tracy Perdue, Alpine ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart, Alpine High School teacher Cynthia Cox, and Mayor Catherine Eaves.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

• FROM 4

**Who's worse**  
Who was the most recent worst president, Jimmy Carter or Joe Biden? The Carter administration had U.S. citizens held hostage by Iran. In turn, the U.S. economy was in the toilet, and they called it "Stagflation." Interest rates shot up to 18%, and fixed investments became less valued. We all thought the Dow Jones average would never

break over 1,000. Carter also sent a military mission which failed miserably to rescue the hostages held by Iran, and then the U.S. sent millions in aid and called it ransom for the release of the hostages. This partially worked. Oliver North was sent to exchange military hardware to have the hostages released, but North was the fall guy Carter used to gain the hostages back, and now North was "disgraced." He was

only used by the Carter administration. Fast forward 40 years to Biden and he has failed in Afghanistan. His weakness allowed for Russia to invade Ukraine, he's released billions of dollars recently for the release of hostages in Iran, and Biden has no immigration policy so the U.S. is invaded by millions of people that come and seek U.S. sanctuary that are taking resources that Americans can use.

Recession is looming around the corner due to Bidenomics, and now Gaza with backing of Iran attacks Israel. Now let's not forget China and North Korea. They are just waiting for their chess move, all under the watch of sleepy Joe Biden. Well, at least Carter has lived long enough to know he was not the worst president the U.S. has ever had.

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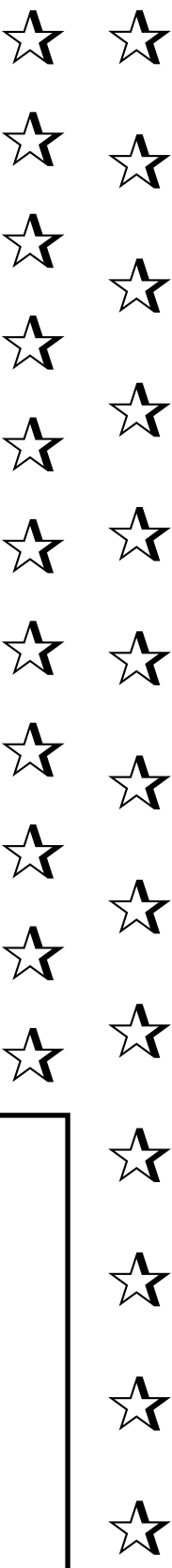
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# Fall into potato-free “mashed potatoes”

What does it mean when someone says potato-free mashed potatoes? It simply means you create a dish that resembles mashed potatoes but that is made with other vegetables. In this particular instance I am talking about parsnips. They have a nutty, complex flavor which can be enhanced with the addition of roasted garlic. I have also used turnips in the same manner, and they too make an excellent substitute for potatoes.

You may be wondering why anyone would want to substitute potatoes. Well, other than just serving up something a bit different, especially during the holidays, perhaps they want to add a greater variety of vegetables to their diet.

Parsnips have a good amount of carbohydrates, although they're still slightly lower than potatoes and are fairly high in fat for a root vegetable. In other words, they would not be a good addition to a keto or low carb diet but if it happens to be a cheat day, they are a good alternative to regular potatoes.

So, what are the differences between parsnips and potatoes? If we're speaking in terms of macronutrients, potatoes weigh in with 2.5 grams



**HEAD OVER MEALS**

by kara gerbert

of protein, while parsnips come in with 1.2 grams. Parsnips have .3 grams of fat, whereas potatoes have .13, and parsnips, while still significant have 17.99 grams of carbs versus the potato at 21.15 grams.

Parsnips also rule in the fiber department, coming in with 4.9 grams per 100 grams where the potato only has 2.2 grams of fiber. They contain both soluble and insoluble fiber, but they also have four times the sugar, thus they have a sweet taste.



**Parsnip Puree**

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Which means, in addition to their carbohydrates, they have a higher glycemic index, 97 versus 86 for potatoes, so diabetics should use caution just as they would with potatoes. Parsnips are also good for your heart and cardiovascular system and have been shown to be helpful with inflammation and may play a neutralizing role over cancer cells.

## Parsnip Puree

**Ingredients:**  
 5 medium parsnips, chopped into 1-inch pieces  
 1 medium cauliflower broken into pieces, including core  
 5 cloves of roasted garlic  
 2 tablespoons of olive oil  
 ½ tablespoon fresh lemon juice

½ to 1 teaspoon sea salt  
 1 heaping teaspoon fresh rosemary  
 Freshly ground black pepper to taste  
 \*Add more olive oil for roasting vegetables if you choose

### Directions:

Roast garlic and vegetables (if you choose) at 425 degrees for about 40 minutes or until fork tender. Garlic may require more time and is ready when it easily squeezes out of the skin into a paste-like texture.

If you don't roast vegetables, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and boil parsnips and cauliflower for 10-12 minutes until fork tender. Drain well and place

in a blender.

Add the roasted garlic and remaining ingredients to the blender and use the blender baton to push down the contents, and blend into a smooth consistency.

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## SENIOR Spotlight TANNIN RITCHE



**In what activities did you participate in high school?**  
In high school I participated in track, cross country, FFA, athletic leadership council, and student council.

**Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?**  
I don't think I can pick one favorite teacher or coach. Mr. Fox and Coach Cason have been such a big influence on my life and are truly the reason I am the person I am today.

**What was your favorite moment the last four years?**  
My favorite moment in the last four years has been spending time with my team. Whether it's FFA, track, or cross country I enjoy every moment I have been able to connect and grow friendships with all my teammates.

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# Devotional Page Digesting the Word

BY REV. STEPHEN WHITE  
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I eat pretty much the same thing for breakfast every day—A sausage patty or fried egg on toast with a slice of cheese. I don't have to give it much thought. I put the pan on the stove and turn it on. While I'm waiting for it to be hot enough, I get the ingredients out and maybe pour my coffee. Then the meat goes in the pan, letting it sizzle for a couple of minutes, and then the toast goes in so it will still be warm when everything is assembled, and the coffee gets poured if I haven't done that yet. The last step is to stack everything up and eat it. I could have the same from McDonald's if I wanted to spend the money.

But imagine if I never digested any of that breakfast. All that ritual would be pointless. No matter if I had nutritious food every day, no matter if it tasted good, it would do me no good. Even if I stayed focused on the meal while I ate, it would do me little good if my body didn't process it. My health would suffer.

Daily scripture devotionals can be like that as well. We can read every morning. We pick up the same Bible, pour some coffee, sit down at the table, and open the Bible up to a passage. We can have it down to a ritual that doesn't take much thought. Habit is good if

we remember to read every day, and bad if we don't pay any attention. By the way, the McDonald's in this scenario is one of many daily resources we can go to. Not really bad, but we don't have to prepare as much.

So, we have our devotional Bible, or study book, or smartphone, and we sit down on schedule and read. It takes us about the same time to read the snippet, we say a prayer and get on with our day. We treat it as the start of our day, or least an important part of our day. We may even make it a sacred time. But if we don't digest what we read, it does us little good.

Just like eating breakfast, this should just happen. If you have the scripture, come to mind throughout the day, that is a good sign you are digesting. If it only comes into your brain when you first read it, even if it sizzles, you may not be digesting.

Try these suggestions: Breakfast digests better if we chew it carefully. Chew over what you read. And we eat better and healthier if we eat with others, so make your devotional a team event. Improve your devotional digestion.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. --2 Timothy 3:16-17

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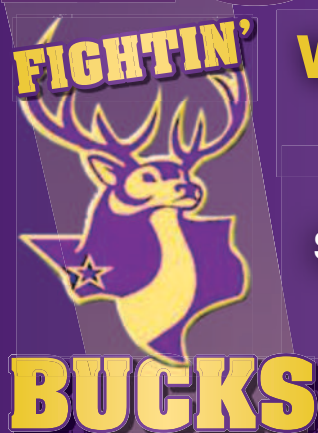
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