

Early voting starts on Monday

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Early voting for the November 7 constitutional amendment election will begin on Monday, October 23, and continue through Friday, November 3. Brewster County voters will have plenty of opportunity to cast their votes for the 14 constitutional amendments on the ballot and voters in Pct. 7 will have the opportunity to vote for the creation of the Lajitas Utility District No. 1.

All registered voters in Brewster County, regardless of precinct will cast their ballots early at the Val Clark Beard Complex, 203 North Seventh Street in Alpine. No other locations will be open for early voting.

From Monday, October 23 to Wednesday, November 1, voters may cast their ballots between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. each weekday. On

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City plans for next fiscal year with projects

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

The Alpine City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 17. Mayor Catherine Eaves shared during her mayor's report that she met with a group on Tuesday morning called Water in the Desert with the Rio Grande Joint Venture. This group has expressed some interest in assisting with Alpine's water systems and will be present at the workshop

that the city is hosting scheduled for December 5 a 4:30 p.m. before the regular council meeting.

City Manager Megan Antrim also shared that the Alpine wastewater treatment plant is finally fully staffed which is a relief for the department's constant list of maintenance needs. According to Antrim, all the department heads met to discuss the beginnings of the new fiscal year as well as the projects that



Catherine Eaves

they wish to tackle, some of which have already begun like the updating of computer systems in some offices while others will be dependent upon weather and staffing.

Eaves also shared that Sul Ross State University has hired a marketing firm to help with rebranding the school. Soon, the college will be distributing their usual flyers with the tagline "Far from Ordinary" The university of-

ferred to include the city in the promotion on this rebrand for a price of \$50,000, which would use HOT funds if the use applied. The council will consider this further after receiving more information on what the benefits could be and whether or not they want to pursue something independently.

On this subject, the council heard from Chris Ruggia, the director of tourism, who said

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Dancing the night away



Supporters of the Sunshine House's Wild West Night dance to the familiar songs played by Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

Fightin' Buck Band sweeps at UIL marching contest

BY KARA GERBERT
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The Alpine High School Fightin' Buck Band took to the field at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa this past Saturday to compete in the UIL marching contest. The night before, the band, decked out in full regalia performed their complete show for the Alpine community before heading to Odessa the following day.

The show entitled "Time After Time" featured songs focused on the concept of time. During the first movement, the band performed the song "Clocks" by Coldplay, followed immediately by the second movement and the song "Time After Time" by Cyndi Lauper. The third and final movement of their show featured the song "Chiming of the Hour" by Luke McMillian.

assistant drum major Zöe Arredondo on Friday night if she was nervous about the upcoming competition. Arredondo said, "Not at all. I'm excited and ready for tomorrow's competition." Band Director Ms. Anna Holmes also said, "We are ready. They have this program down and all their hard work and practice has paid off. We're looking for a Division One and scores of one across the board tomorrow afternoon from all the judges."

When the Fightin' Buck Band took the field at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, they put up an excellent performance. A performance that earned them not only a Division One but received a score of one from all three judges, for a rating sweep. Receiving all one's has not happened in the UIL marching contest for

The Avalanche asked

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Hatfield Cason, Megan Struthers, and Owen Thompson performed for the Alpine crowd last Friday night before departing for the UIL marching contest in Odessa the next day.

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OBITUARY

Doyle Pearce

Doyle Eugene Pearce, 61, of Alpine passed in peace at his home on September 26.

Doyle was born on October 31, 1961, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Inez Ruth Pearce and the late Paul Clayton Pearce, Sr. In 1985, he married his ex-wife Belinda Espinoza in Alpine, and together they welcomed three children Dolores Ruth Savery, Doyle Clayton Pearce, and



Charles Allen Pearce all of Alpine.

Doyle E. Pearce is preceded in death by his father Paul Clayton Pearce, Sr.

Doyle is survived by his

three children, daughter Dolores Ruth Savery her husband Richard Savery, son Doyle Clayton Pearce his wife Briana Vega, and son Charles Allen Pearce. His mother Inez Ruth Pearce, two brothers Paul Pearce Jr., and Jerry Pearce and three sisters Shirley Pearce, Teresa Krueger, and Melinda Ybarra. Nine grandchildren, Davien Jeremiah Pearce, Gabriella Renae Pearce, Robert Andrew Pearce, Richard Mason Savery, Leah Ma-

rie Pearce, Trevor Clayton Pearce, Kevin Joenel Savery, Allen Chase Savery, and Aubrey Isabelle Pearce.

A Memorial Service will be held at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home, Memorial Chapel, on October 28, at 11 a.m.

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

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home.

Livestock season is upon us



Livestock season is officially underway with exhibitors from Twin Peaks 4H and Alpine FFA attending both the State Fair of Texas and Heart of Texas sheep and goat shows. Exhibitors included Kylie Maroney, Rynn Matthews, and Wyatt Renfroe. Renfroe placed sixth in his class of Market Goats qualifying for the premium sale at the State Fair of Texas, as well as taking home first place in Junior Showmanship at the Heart of Texas in Waco.

Courtesy photo

Wild West Night



A large crowd was on hand to support the Sunshine House's annual Wild West Night Fundraiser. Community members were fed a BBQ chicken and sausage meal with sides and dessert and entertained with live music.


Photo by Kara Gerbert

Keeping perfect time

The Alpine Fightin' Buck Band performed their 2023 UIL marching performance "Time After Time" Friday night at Buck Stadium before they departed for Odessa on Saturday to perform at Ratliff Stadium. Pictured are Jaylynn Celaya on clarinet, Sierra Ruckman on toms, Walt Urbanczyk on toms, Megan Struthers on clarinet, Hatfield Cason on snare drum, and Owen Thompson on snare drum.



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TxDot's international bridge is now officially open

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

On Tuesday morning, community leaders, and local, state, federal, and international officials were on hand for the official ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new Presidio International Bridge that is owned and operated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The ceremony marked the official doubling of the capacity at the border crossing.

This project included not only work on the U.S. side of the border, but also in Mexico with the cooperation of the Secretariat of Infrastructure, Communications and Transportation (SICT), and Federal Toll Roads and Bridges and Related Services (CAPUFE).

"I'm happy to see the grand opening of the Presidio International Bridge in our community," said Texas State Senator César J. Blanco. "Nevertheless, this bridge represents more than just steel and concrete; it represents the connection of cultures,



Local, state, federal, and international officials were on hand for the official ribbon cutting at the Presidio International Bridge that opened on Tuesday. This is the only international crossing owned and operated by TxDot.

Courtesy photo

families, and communities, as well as serving as the gateway to usher in economic prosperity for our region and state."

Texas State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr. was also on hand for the official ceremony. "I'm a big champion of economic drivers and abilities here in the region," Morales said. "The future looks very bright for what we have in store for continued efforts. We are really looking forward to stakeholders continuing to support those endeavors

that make sure we bring those expansion efforts to fruition."

The bridge is a parallel, two-lane twin bridge structure for southbound traffic in Presidio. It is located adjacent to the existing bridge and matches the existing structure in both length and width. The bridge also has a 10-foot-wide pedestrian walkway along the outer side for pedestrian traffic headed to Mexico and has a concrete barrier to protect pedestrians from vehicle traffic.

Presidio County Judge Jose Portillo, Jr. said, "I know many citizens have been looking forward to this for years and years. This is a momentous step forward as we continue to be a positive part of the trade that is going on between the United States and Mexico."

When the completion of the highway (2003) between Chihuahua City and Ojinaga, Mexico was completed, commercial border crossing increased by more than 300% at the Presidio-Ojinaga Port of Entry. The construction of the new bridge is designed to improve the movement of both personal and commercial traffic, reduce current congestion as well as bridge wait times, and facilitate the free flow of commodities between the United States and Mexico. This also allows for the improvement of pedestrian safety.

"This project is incredibly important to Presidio. It is an important transportation network, especially with the rate of growth we are seeing in the Presidio-Ojinaga

area. This bridge allows for the increase in traffic to be facilitated along with promoting economic development," said TxDOT El Paso District Engineer Tomas Trevino. "This project provides a safe pedestrian facility for the residents of Presidio and Ojinaga and provides additional capacity for international traffic that will have an impact across the region and the

state." The new bridge is the only international crossing owned and operated by TxDOT and is also operated by the Government of Mexico. On the U.S. side, the bridge connects US Route 67 which leads to Marfa, and FM 170. On the Mexico side, in Ojinaga, Chihuahua it connects to MEX 16 and CHIH 18.

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Animal population still struggles with drought but benefits from spring rain

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

Despite the rain that Alpine enjoyed recently, the Big Bend area has persisted through the ongoing drought that is tough on its people, water table, and wildlife. Not long ago, Brewster County renewed its burn ban, even with precipitation expected in the near future.

One thing that consistently shows the evidence of rain and vegetation, or lack thereof, are the many species depending on it day to day for survival. This weekend marks the end of the hunting season for pronghorn and Shawn Gray, the mule deer and pronghorn program leader, and Austin Bohannon, a wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have both seen the changes in the animals, season to season and year to year.

According to Gray, "The drought continues to hurt mule deer and pronghorn, but in some areas, we received some spring moisture so that should help with mule deer antler development and fawn production." In Brewster County, the general hunting season for mule deer starts on November 24 and continues through December 10, according to the TPWD, and September 30 through November 3 for archery.

Both wildlife experts gave great credit to the moisture that the area benefited from in the spring. "It did help with pronghorn fawn production as well. I would think this year would be a little better than last, but below average," continued Gray. The harvest of pronghorn is by permit only and has a regular season spanning September 30 to October 15, ending late last week.

Bohannon echoed Gray's observations,

"It was a dry summer, but we had a good fawn crop across the board of species and there was enough vegetation on the ground to get us to the fall," said Bohannon. Working closely in his field and monitoring the shifts comes with the territory. "I'm getting in surveys now and it seems like we still have a good fawn population this fall," Bohannon said.

Bohannon mentioned

and its inhabitants to reach their full potential, does offer a stark contrast to what nature is capable of utilizing. With a little rain earlier in the year, it is incredible the difference that can be observed, both in the wildlife population numbers and health.

"Spring rain helped a lot with antler growth. I'm seeing lots of big mule deer and have heard of some massive elk al-

ends October 29 but picks back up again in December.

Anyone interested in more information about the area and its wildlife should visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website, which offers a wealth of data on animals, events, and opportunities.



Bull elk

that on some of his visits to their habitats, even the older animals had almost doubled in size from last year, just from the bolstered support the little rain provided. One population that rarely seems to be affected would be the Javelina, and Bohannon shared that there are always plenty of those around. "Starting with last year's good rainfall, the spring rain kickstarted us into a pretty good year wildlife-wise," said Bohannon.

The drought, while not allowing the landscape

ready killed," Bohannon said. Beyond the hoofed mammals, the bird populations are faring pretty well.

"Quail numbers are very high, and it looks like we are seeing 3-4 clutches of babies since the first of the year," said Bohannon. Quail season begins on October 28 and continues to February 25, 2024. According to the biologist, the dove numbers are decent with some spotty areas that have a lot of doves. We are currently in dove season, which

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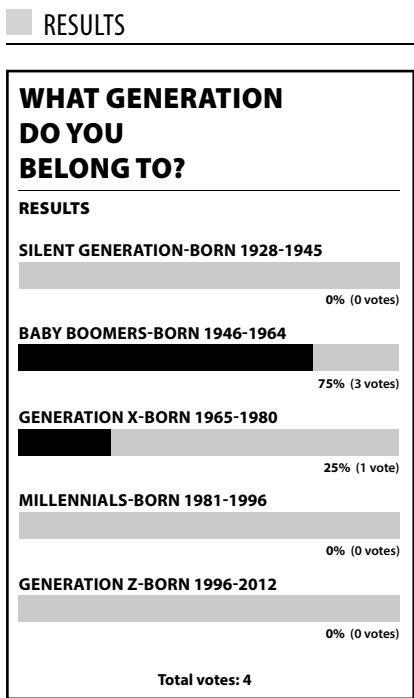
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- Baby Boomers-born 1946-1964
- Generation X-born 1965-1980
- Millennials-born 1981-1996
- Generation Z-born 1996-2012

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Rising tides

Every morning I drive over "Big Hill" south of town. I'm constantly amazed at the beauty of our county. Sure, places like Jackson, Wyoming, and Moab, Utah are beautiful. But I'll put our slice of God's country right up there with the best of them. And when you add in Big Bend National Park ... Economic development



GREG HENINGTON
Brewster County Judge

and prosperity have been on my mind these days. How do we lift the tide so that all boats can float higher? There are some really smart folks here in Brewster County who are doing the same sort of thinking. It starts with attitude and gratitude. Attitude says we're not perfect and if we wait until we are perfect, we'll never

get anything done. Gratitude says, wow, look what we have going for us - great schools including a university, a local hospital, a dedicated workforce, a solid business community, and best of all, a "can do" spirit that epitomizes our West Texas roots. For me, the solution is private capital taking risks. Folks like Joe Grajeda over at Joe Crow's Coffee who decided to take a risk and open a coffee shop. Or the

young lady I met at the bank the other day who is dreaming of one day opening her own clothing store here in Alpine. This is repeated over and over in this community, and we should encourage smart, sustainable, and appropriate risk-takers. Many of you have heard me repeat a quote attributable to Thomas Edison - "vision without execution is hallucination". Well said. Now let's get to work, Brewster County.

Life lessons through livestock

Youth Development programs have experienced a paradigm shift over the past several decades. Where many of these programs formally placed a large focus on the treatment and prevention of negative behaviors, now many youth development organizations place a greater emphasis on instilling life and leadership skills as a part of a more robust positive youth development approach. As the largest youth development organization in Texas, reaching over 500,000 youth annually, Texas 4H has also expanded its programming areas to provide opportunities for our growing youth population, however, the organization continues to rely on its foundational elements that lie within program areas such as



LUKE HENDRYX
AgriLife Extension Agent, Brewster & Jeff Davis Co.

livestock projects. When you mention 4H to someone unfamiliar with the organization, there is a strong possibility that youth livestock projects are one of the first things that will come to their mind. Why not Robotics, Public Speaking, Performing Arts, Photography, Consumer Education, or any of the other multitudes of project options? The reason for this is that the organization has relied on livestock projects as the backbone of the organization for decades. This is in large part due to the life skills development that can be attributed to participation in livestock exhibitions. Depending on the species, livestock exhibitors can dedicate up to 10 months to a single livestock project. Additionally, youth partici-

pants begin to understand the high level of responsibility and commitment that is required when an animal is in their care. Much like with other competitive events, practice makes perfect, and in the case of livestock projects, a lack of time and effort invested in the feeding, training, and grooming of the project animal directly correlates with the outcome on show day. While animals are judged based on a combination of conformation characteristics and body condition, exhibitors are also judged on their showmanship skills, which are honed during countless hours of preparation and practice. Showmanship, which depends largely on a cooperative animal, is pivotal, and as such it is one of the most important aspects of the livestock project. Like all good things, these skills take time and effort to develop.

Lastly, livestock projects help to bridge the ever-widening knowledge gap that today's youth have regarding food and fiber production. As our society continues to grow at historic rates, providing sustainable agricultural resources for food and clothing will become increasingly difficult for the next generation. By encouraging our young people to become involved in youth organizations that provide them with insight into this industry early on, we are helping to cultivate life skills that will translate into another generation of healthy, thriving Texans. For information regarding Texas 4H please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office for Brewster and Jeff Davis Counties at (432)-837-6207, or by email at luke.hendryx@ag.tamu.edu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to the regime
Prior to 2021 life was better due to less war, less poverty, and a strong border between the USA and Mexico. In 2021 a new regime took over America. Since then, the USA has become a laughingstock in places where it was once respected

and/or feared. This allowed for the Ukraine-Russia and Israeli-Hamas wars now going on. With Hamas being a terror organization funded by Iran why did this U.S. regime promise \$6 Billion to Iran? The Bible tells us when Israel is attacked from the north it's a sign of the end times, let's pray this wasn't

it. Since 2021 this U.S. regime opened U.S. borders to 7 million illegals and 1.5 million getaways. Many of these illegals are said to be terror threats much like Hamas. This U.S. regime also printed and distributed billions of dollars causing inflation making Americans poorer and America weaker.

When the USA becomes weaker so do its allies in the eyes of enemies like Iran. May God help to end these horrors, and may He also help to control the anger of Americans should these horrors prove to be the fault of this U.S. regime.
James R. Le Blanc
Fort Davis, Texas

Untruths harm financial solvency
It's time to put some rumors about Alpine Humane Society to rest by explaining how the organization's finances work. Alpine Humane Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Most of the incorrect gossip swirls around our \$1 million trust. Let's set the record straight. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Helen Cole of Sul Ross State University left, in her will, a \$1 million trust for the society. It is possible that Dr. Cole did not realize that the way that trust was

structured does not benefit the society in the way she might have intended. However, the trust is a legal structure and cannot be altered. The trust has always been managed by a trustee, and AHS can never receive anything more than up to 5% of the interest earned on the investment dividends. We have no way to manage or access the money ourselves. We only receive what the trust allows by law, as the trust is a perpetual legal structure. AHS employs a professional CPA firm to manage

and review its financials monthly. We are happy to have anyone who has questions about our financial management make an appointment to meet with us to discuss how we manage our funds. Rumors have hurt our opportunities to obtain more individual donations, as those cause potential donors to avoid supporting us based on false accusations. Our only goal is to improve the lives of cats and dogs in our community. We need caring people to donate to Alpine Humane Society and to trust in our

commitment to our fiduciary responsibility. We cannot understand why anyone would want to discourage donors, keeping us from doing the work we are passionate about - caring for the pets of our community. Without donations and other sources of revenue including grants, the reduced trust distributions and higher operating costs threaten our existence. The cats and dogs in our community deserve nothing less.
Sincerely,
Jeanine M. Bishop,
Executive Director
Alpine Humane Society

Heard on the STREET

Do you believe in ghosts?



Eva Calderon: I believe ghosts are real. I've had plenty of unexplainable things happen in my life to make me a believer. Especially when I worked at Holland Hotel. That place is haunted.



Justin Hinton: It's hard to believe in something you've never seen. But I will say that enough people throughout history, even to this day, have had plenty of bizarre, unexplainable experiences. So, I think to say definitively that something is or isn't there is foolish. I want there to be ghosts, ghosts are cool.



Jordan Hester: Only with insomnia lol.



Tim Margee: I definitely believe in ghosts. I have seen two myself and I know other people who have too. When I was a kid, I had an imaginary friend who I thought was very real. I am pretty convinced it was a nice ghost that chilled out in the house we were living in.



Brandon Apodaca: Yes, I do believe in ghosts. There was a time when I was working at Pizza Hut as a dishwasher, I would get tapped on the back of my shoulder and I was the only one in the back. I would also hear someone call my name from time to time.

Send your community events to kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Oct. 20 Davis Mountains Preserve, Open weekend, no reservations required. Open 8 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Oct. 21 Keep Fort Davis Beautiful, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oct. 27-29 AHS Reunion Classes 1953-1964, Contact Dorothy Roberts at spikeg2@gmail.com, Jack Burgess at jkbcorr@aol.com, or Janet Vest at janiths@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Oct. 27-28 Harvest Moon Festival, Fort Davis

Oct. 28 Fish Fry, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. American Legion Post 79. There will be an Alpine Cowboys Baseball silent auction and plates are \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

Nov. 4 Fall Festival, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the First

Baptist Church in Alpine. There will be free food, games, a petting zoo, sack races, face painting, and more.

ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.

American Legion Post 79 meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 4 p.m., third Monday

each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Big Bend 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, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbcchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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Family Reunion



The Burling family, long-time residents of Alpine recently held a family reunion at the American Legion Post 79 complete with cousins, married relations, and grandchildren.

Submitted photo

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Leo. "Let me tell you a bit about myself. I love to run and play with other dogs, and I will never turn down a good belly rub. Toys are fun, I like the ones that make a lot of noise. Don't forget treats if you come to visit me at the shelter. I can't wait to meet you," says Leo.

Leo is a bit under one year old and is a 50-pound hound mix. He's a handsome boy, just looking for some love.

Did you mark your calendar? 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 the Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city

shelter, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 N. 5th Street in Alpine, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Pet Pantry recently moved to 600 N. 5th Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit PetFinder.com or www.alpinehumane-society.org, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.



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COUNCIL • FROM 1

that the university is definitely a driver of hotel nights and thinks it would be beneficial for the boards or council to meet with the university and marketing firm to make sure that proper information was traded, and reasonable expectations could be shared.

The council heard from Jim Street of Ward 1, who was concerned about downtown parking availability and suggested that the city and TxDOT work together to draw lines for parallel parking along the main streets of Holland Avenue and Avenue E in order to maximize parking space. Street has observed that those who parallel park along these streets usually leave about half a car length in between vehicles, decreasing space for parking. He believes that lines would encourage people to park closer together. The council will consider the benefits and obstacles in future discussions.

In other news, Antrim

brought the city charter to the council's attention, which hasn't been modified since 2005. Council members can propose individual amendments to the charter. These changes would then be voted on by constituents. These amendments could include things from grammar corrections to city council term limits.

Along the same line, the council discussed the possible changes to the meeting decorum. They are going to consider preparing and releasing meeting agendas and packets for city meetings earlier, to make them available to the public, the city attorney and the council sooner and thus allow all groups to better prepare for each meeting session.

Two of the action items addressed tonight were the 5% cost of living increase for Calderon as city secretary and Megan Antrim as city manager. City Council member Darin Nance wanted to consider

the options of investing that 5% increase into methods that would benefit their individual offices and responsibilities and thus ease their overall workload and benefit the position in the long term. Calderon agreed that agenda software would be very beneficial because of the amount of work hours spent on meeting efforts every week. The action regarding Calderon's 5% was amended to apply to software, while the action item regarding Antrim's remained unchanged and both passed.

Another community member, Lauren Gold of Ward 3 spoke to the council about the potential changes to chapter 23, expressing support for redaction, clarity, and concern for the addition of prayer, opposing in favor of not alienating members of the community that are not aligned with a religion.

The council then approved the authorization of participation in the Texas Recycles Day grant, which would update and

maintain the city's current recycling containers. The council then approved the participation which would provide an engineer to help to manage an asset list as well as a checklist for projects.

During this meeting, the council also unanimously approved a \$5,000 funding request from the Children's Advocacy Center for the Big Bend to assist with services to the city. This was approved after the council heard from Shanna Spence Sullivan, principal officer of the center, as well as Alpine Police Chief Darrell Losoya who spoke on behalf of the center.

Lastly, the council approved waiving charges to Brewster County in the amount of \$12,989.58 which were invoices delivered after the city entered an interlocal agreement with the county.

The next regular city council meeting is scheduled to be held on November 7.

VOTING • FROM 1

November 2-3, ballots may be cast between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and applications for ballots by mail are due no later than the close of business on October 27 and may be mailed to Lora Nussbaum-Early Voting Clerk, 107 E Ave E #3, Alpine, 79830.

Election day polling locations for Alpine include Precinct 1: Assembly of God Fellowship Hall across from Alpine High School at 1802 N. Hwy 118, Precincts 2 and 8: Judge Val Clark beard Conference Room (Old Library) at 207 N. Seventh Street, Precinct 3: Marathon Community Center at 2nd and Ave E, Precinct 4: Alpine Civic Center at 801 W. Holland Ave, and Precincts 5, 6, and 7 at the "Red" Patillo Community Center 201 Rex Ivey Road in Terlingua.

Many of the proposed amendments will either create or alter funds to support higher education research (Prop. 5), water infrastructure (Prop. 6), gas-fueled power plants (Prop. 7), broadband infrastructure (Prop. 8), and the maintenance and creation of state parks (Prop. 14).

Several of the other amendments address taxes, such as Prop. 4, which raises the homestead exemption for homeowners from \$40,000 to \$100,000, and the creation of tax exemption for medical equipment and child-care facilities (Prop. 10 and Prop. 2) and banning lawmakers from imposing a wealth or net wealth tax on individuals or families, including the difference between assets and liabilities without voter approval (Prop. 3).

For more information on the November 7 election, instructions for voting by mail, and to view sample ballots, voters can visit brewster-countytx.com, or the elections office at 203 N. Seventh Street during regular business hours.

BAND • FROM 1

the Fightin' Buck Band since 2010.

"I am so incredibly proud of this group of kiddos. They have worked for this since July and performed their absolute best on Saturday," Holmes said. Holmes also stressed that the next two weeks are all about fine-tuning the show, both musically and fundamentally.

Earning a Division One rating at a UIL marching competition is not easy. Besides the competition from other schools in the district, the band must have exemplary lines in their marching choreography. The songs they play must be played to perfection with timing and tone, and the music and choreography must be kept in sync together so that transitions are smooth. All of this must be done on top of the band members exhibiting the proper marching and instrument carriage form and each

soloist must tackle nerves and execute every note as they are placed under the microscope at that point in the performance.

Hannah Vidal, lead trumpet and soloist said, "My favorite part of the competition was seeing how proud my trumpet section looked." The Fightin' Buck Band excelled at all aspects that go into a performance to receive their Division One rating. "It was exciting, and a bit relieving to hear that we advanced. To be honest, I don't know what drew me to the band, but I'm glad I'm here," said Jake Esparza, tenor sax soloist.

Alyssa Nanez, head drum major commented, "I had been nervous about our competition because it is my senior year and I wanted to contribute the best legacy possible for my graduating class to have. Our confidence shined through on Saturday, and our band's per-

formance was amazing."

No band is complete without a percussion section. These drummers set the tone and timing of the performance. Lead snare drummer Owen Thompson said, "I was relieved when I heard we received a one. I wasn't really nervous during the competition though because I knew how much we'd practiced. I'm excited to head to the next competition and hopefully, we'll make it even further."

Along with all of the instruments, the Fightin' Buck Band also employs a Colorguard section. This section is made up of members of the band who follow their own choreography that complements the marching and they utilize colorful flags and costumes to do it. Shalom Tamale is the Colorguard Captain and soloist for the Fightin' Buck Band, and like all members, she was

very excited and extremely proud of their performance. "Saturday was a dream. I am very proud of my teammates in Colorguard. We have come such a long way from when we first started, and I can't put into words how proud I am of them. Seven out of 10 of us had never picked up a flag before this season, and I think that goes to show how much hard work we have put into this," Tamale replied.

The Fightin' Buck Band will travel back to Odessa on October 28 for the Area A marching contest to be held again at Ratliff Stadium. Their first competition that day will be in the preliminaries, and they hope to move on to the finals. Should they advance to the finals, they must be in the top 3 bands to advance to the state marching contest which will be held in San Antonio November 6-8.

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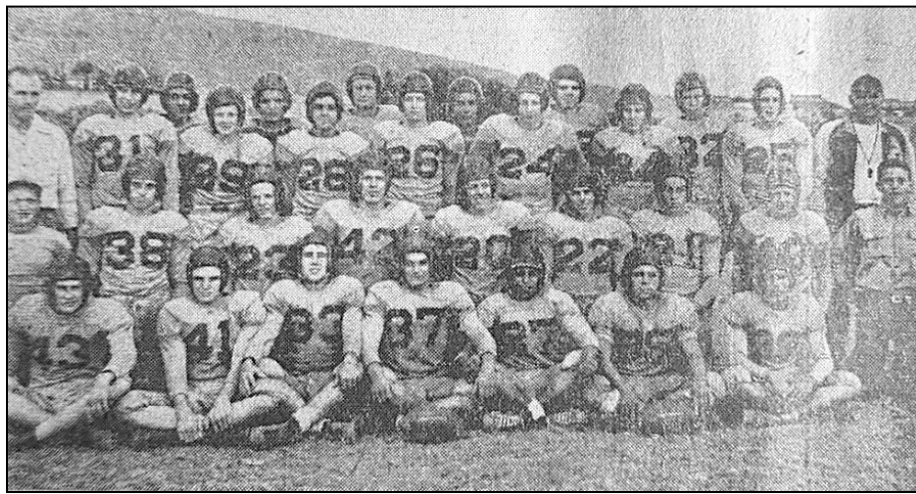
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October 23, 1953
President Eisenhower is pictured here with three U.S. Savings Bonds volunteers. At the White House, the president honored the volunteers with a distinguished service award certificate, which symbolizes the nation's gratitude to the volunteers.



October 15, 1948
Milton Gilmer, from Alpine, will be back to play against his old team this Saturday. Gilmer or "Sonny" attended Alpine High School and Sul Ross before going to Las Cruces and will be showing his kicking ability back on home turf.

October 27, 1950
Senator Dudley LeBlanc from Louisiana spoke at the Dallas Advertising League last week and offered \$10,000 to help boost advertising in the south. This offer was made to support the new ad campaign focused on the southern states.



October 15, 1948
Alpine Bucks have hit a winning streak this season and are in a tie in the conference race with Marfa High.

No product or process can sterilize cedar elms

Dear Neil: Is it possible to sterilize cedar elm trees so we won't have all the seedlings come spring? We have put down corn gluten meal in September to stop the germination, but millions have come up in the spring.

No process or product will do what you want. I have cedar elms on our property, too, and the way that I cope with the myriad seedlings is to apply an inch of compost or finely ground pine bark mulch across all my beds in the fall. If seedlings emerge in the spring, I use a well-sharpened garden hoe to scrape the mulch lightly. It's more just to turn it over, not actually to chop at it. I do so when the seedlings are less than one inch tall. It's a very easy process, and the seedlings are still rooted totally within the loose mulch. Their tiny roots can't withstand the shock of being disturbed. They dry out and die. Those that sprout up in my lawn are easily addressed with a broad-leaf weedkiller applied with a pump sprayer (not a hose-end sprayer that would apply far more of the active ingredient). Cedar elms are outstanding landscape trees. This is a small inconvenience in return for the benefits they bring to

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

our landscapes. Give it a try. I think you'll agree. By the way: I'm not a fan of corn gluten meal for pre-emergent control of any weed. It's supposed to help control grassy weeds like crabgrass, but its effective life is very short, and its efficacy is low. Other products are much better.

Dear Neil: When it gets hot our oakleaf hydrangea loses all its leaves and dies back to the ground. Then it regrows. It gets shade most of the day, but some hot afternoon sun. What can we do to help it?

Oakleaf hydrangeas need full shade and constant moisture, also highly organic planting soil. It sounds to me like the best thing you could do to help it would be to move it to a more suitable location.

Dear Neil: During the past two weeks our very mature live oak has been dropping leaves. The first time was during the first cold front, and then one other time since. Is this related to the stresses of the past two winters and summers, or is there something else we should be concerned about?

All our plants have been through 30 really rough months. You hit it right on the head in your reference to the past two extreme winters and the terrible summers and their associated droughts. Trees across Texas are currently facing leaf drop and even limb death (even loss of entire trees) like we haven't seen since 2011 and even farther back. I think your trouble is all about the extremely high temperatures, low humidities, and limited rainfall of the past several months. But live

oaks have been around for millennia, and my guess is that they're going to come through this just fine.

Dear Neil: Do you have any idea what might be going on with this tree (I believe a cedar elm)?

I assume you're talking about the darkened line in the bark? If I try very hard, I can convince myself that the line extends up and down in that same plane, and that would make me suspect some type of decay might be going on within the wood of the trunk. I can't tell enough from this distance and without looking at the other side of the trunk. I would suggest that you retain an ISA-certified arborist

to inspect the tree and advise you on what needs to be done to protect it (or to protect you and your property should it be in a weakened condition). The International Society of Arboriculture's website will help you locate a certified arborist near you.

Dear Neil: Due to a tree dying and the intense summer we've just encountered, the liriopie across the front of my house is brown with some green left in it. Should I trim it back?

Anything that is browned can be trimmed off, but I'd suggest not cutting back flush with the soil line. Leave an inch or two of the old leaf

stubble as protection for the new sprouts as they emerge this fall, early winter, and early next spring. I hope the roots weren't killed by the drought. If they were that would preclude their being able to send out new shoots. You could apply an all-nitrogen lawn fertilizer even this late to the bed followed by a thorough watering. That might speed the regrowth a bit. Make sure the fertilizer does not contain a weedkiller product.

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 Troy Aikman net.
- 5 TXism: "I double dog ____ ya"
- 6 small biting fly
- 7 sprint car org. at Abilene Speedway
- 8 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse ____"
- 9 TXism: "happy as a ____ in mud"
- 12 TXism: "sharp as ____"
- 17 Taylor County seat
- 19 TXism: "hair trigger ____" (quick to anger)
- 21 old road in Nacogdoches: "____ del Norte"
- 22 increase the size
- 23 TXism: "____ driller" (dentist)
- 28 TV award given to TX Carol Burnett
- 29 Dan Quinn to Mike McCarthy (abbr.)
- 30 Texas Tech grad Lakas was president of this Central American country
- 31 ____ of beef
- 35 unamed (2 wds.)
- 36 city dump: "____ eyes?"
- 42 song written in 1941: "____ heart of Texas"
- 44 on I-20, 23 miles west of 17-across
- 46 TXism: "a legend in his own mind"
- 48 1980 song "Raisin' ____ Texas"

- 49 American multinational conglomerate
- 50 sheriff's huntin' party
- 51 Texas "Chicks" 3rd album: "Shouldn't ____ You That"
- 52 TXism: "____ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 53 TXism: "a squeaky wheel ____ the grease"
- 54 TXism for "disrespectful"
- 56 George W. party (abbr.)

- ### DOWN
- 1 UT has the desk of this 3-name poet
 - 2 a Texas city, county, and river (2 wds.)
 - 3 Cowboy & Texan preparation
 - 4 shrimp catchers
 - 9 ship steering wheel
 - 10 TX Pride's "My Eyes Can ____ You"
 - 11 tell a horse to "giddy" up
 - 12 TXism: "table grazed"
 - 13 fall event in Dallas: "____ Fair"
 - 14 music boosters

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 15 TXism: "tax wranglers"
- 16 Jayton is seat of this county
- 18 "Gone to Texas" came to mean "on the ____"
- 20 car path (abbr.)
- 23 "The Pelvis" (init.)
- 24 noted female south Texas rancher: Mary ____ West
- 25 cattle auction indication (2 wds.)
- 26 PGA golfer Andrew who grew up in Dallas
- 27 shell of a flightless bird (2 wds.)

- 32 TX George Strait 1991 hit: "____ I Know Me"
- 33 TXism: "it'll ____ nicely"
- 34 TXism: "let ' ____ rip"
- 36 TXism: "____ beans" (in the pod)
- 37 TXism: "pay ____ never mind"
- 38 TX Tim Jo was in season 4 of "____ Us"
- 39 "Ripley's Believe It ____"
- 40 film spools
- 41 Oklahoma town
- 43 TX Ernest Tubbs' "____ Walking the Floor Over You"
- 45 TX Sam Rayburn's birth state (abbr.)
- 47 "you never ____ amaze me"
- 48 crafty
- 55 language south of the border (abbr.)

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 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. 21 Crane @Alpine *Varsity 12 p.m. JV 11 a.m. F 9 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. 23-24 Regional Championship @ Lubbock Mae Simmons Park
 Nov. 1-3 State Championship @ Round Rock Old Settlers Park
 *District 1-3A Game
 **Homecoming

Sul Ross Rodeo
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Runnin' Bucks compete in Odessa

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Alpine Runnin' Bucks competed in both the boys and girls cross country races in Odessa on October 5, with the varsity girls bringing home a second-place overall finish and the varsity boys bringing in a fifth-place overall finish. The girls' biggest hurdle in the district is Odessa Compass. Likewise, the boys' team faces that same hurdle but with the addition of Presidio and Crane.

The top girls' cross-country finishers were Mia Morris, who took home the number one spot at the Odessa Invitational followed by Emy Hernandez who placed seventh.

On the boys' team, Hatfield Cason, who competed in the 5-6A division brought back a fourth-place finish along with a personal best time of 15:51. Cason was only bested by runners from Lubbock Estacado, Presidio, and Permian High School.

This past Thursday the Runnin' Bucks varsity team hit the road to Presidio for the District championship. The Bucks faced this course earlier this season, and the Presidio team was the biggest challenge for the boys, as they mastered their home turf. The girls were challenged by Presidio, but Odessa still proved to be their biggest obstacle.

The varsity Lady Bucks brought home the District runner-up plaque, only two points behind first place Odessa Compass, and qualified for the Regional Championship to be held October 23-24 in Lubbock. Individually, Mia Morris was the District girls' champion, having only seen the Presidio course for the first time on race day and Emy Hernandez placed eighth followed by Hope Dominguez in ninth. Hatfield Cason was the lone boys' qualifier for the Regional meet for the third year in a row, placing fourth in



The varsity Alpine Runnin' Lady Bucks and Runnin' Buck Hatfield Cason qualified for the Regional cross-country meet to be held in Lubbock. From left, Emy Hernandez, Megan Struthers, Molly Garrett, Tannin Ritchie, Hope Dominguez, Collette Fowlkes, Mia Morris, and Hatfield Cason.

Courtesy photo

District at Presidio for the varsity boys' team. The boys' varsity team placed fourth overall and was not able to advance as a team to regionals. Besides Cason's fourth-place finish, Aaron Miller placed 12th followed by Everett Ed-

wards in 17th and John Mendoza in 19th. The JV teams did well in Presidio with the boys' team placing third overall. JP Prieto earned a sixth-place spot followed by Clegg Fowlkes earning a 13th place coming off of a

knee surgery. The JV girls had three runners in the top 10 including Elizabeth Marta who placed second, state relay sprinter Danica Mulholland came in fourth place, and Isla

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Fightin' Buck Devon Rojo catches the ball, backed by Logan Smith in the recent game against Crane, who the Bucks will face again November 3.

Bucks to meet Odessa Compass again for homecoming game

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

On October 20, the Alpine Fightin' Bucks will face the Compass Academy team from Odessa again for Alpine's Homecoming district game. The last time that Alpine played the Odessa team was for their first district game of the season on September 22.

The Bucks faced the Odessa team that Friday, winning 28-21. Played at the Ratliff stadium, this game showcased the potential for game turnover in each quarter. There were several points of turnover during that game, but Odessa was ahead in the first two quarters. However, Alpine pulled ahead with moves made in the third and fourth.

After that game, Head Coach and athletic director, Andy Smith said, "We had a lot of turnovers in the first half. We had another turnover in the third quarter. But what a testament to our kids, fighting through adversity. They didn't put their heads down and

quit. It was exciting to see them fight through that."

This game seemed to set the tone for the season, in that the Bucks would go on to push through each game until the very last minutes on the clock. After half-time, Alpine kicked off to Compass Academy. Sean Mendoza recovered a fumble by Compass Academy, giving Alpine the ball at their 15-yard line. With five minutes to go, Smith and Urbanczyk gained 7 more points with a 30-yard rushing touchdown and the following point. The third quarter ended with Compass Academy still ahead 14-21.

The heat turned up in the fourth quarter of that game, as Compass Academy made a big play with the ball on their 25-yard line and intercepted an Alpine pass. But soon after, they punted to Alpine, and Alpine would have the ball at Odessa's 45-yard line.

The Bucks made strides when Smith and Urbanczyk fought for a 23-yard touchdown and

extra point with seven minutes to go and again, with three minutes left, a 71-yard touchdown and extra point, pulling the Bucks ahead 28-21.

"Our preparation for the past two weeks has been internal. We have been focusing on self-discipline and improving the basic fundamentals that make great teams successful. This includes ball security on offense and tackling well on defense," Smith said.

In the remainder of that game, Alpine held on to their lead, winning their first district game of the season. This next game will be played on the Buck's home turf, and they have gained some experience since then.

"Odessa Compass will be motivated to play us in the second installment of this series, and we must be ready to match their intensity. Odessa Compass is talented on defense and special teams. This is where the game will be won for either team. We must take care of the football and eliminate our mistakes," said Smith.

Smith shines on the gridiron

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Although only a junior, the Alpine Fightin' Buck's wide receiver Logan Smith has shined on the field this season. The Avalanche caught up with Smith to get an idea of how he prepares and what it takes to have an outstanding football season.

In the first district game of the season against Odessa Compass, Smith racked up four touchdowns as the Bucks came back from a deficit score to overtake the Cougars 28-21. How does a comeback

such as this happen? Smith says, "A lot of teamwork."




Logan Smith

"Your offensive line has to take care of the blocking and make a hole so that you can get through the other team's defense. A good attitude and everyone on the team understanding their place and what their job is to lead the way to touchdowns."

Last year Smith was

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20 years of M2M: a Boston Marathon qualifying race

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Marathon to Marathon (M2M) celebrates its 20th race this Saturday. This annual event began in 2003 and has been going strong ever since. Attracting locals and visitors alike, this Boston Marathon qualifying race is one of the largest events Marathon hosts, and upwards of over 500 racers descend upon the small community in West Texas, doubling its size with runners and volunteers.

The race is a fundraiser for the community with all proceeds benefitting the town of Marathon. Over the years M2M has contributed to local organizations such as the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department, the Marathon ISD, the Marathon Public Library, and

the Marathon Parent Teacher Organization. All proceeds now go to the Marathon Health Clinic.

For helping with M2M, grants are awarded to Marathon ISD and the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department by The Marathon Foundation, a group of area ranchers that started a non-profit to benefit the Marathon community. M2M involves a good portion of the community as volunteers, and as such the race has been a financial staple for the community. Over 100 volunteers are required for the race to be successful.

Marci Roberts took over the M2M in 2011 from Marathon local Marsha Roberts, who is no relation. "When I took over the race in 2011 there were less than 100 racers. Last year we had over 500 with 17 states

represented besides Texas as well as Brazil, Qatar, and the United Kingdom. This year so far, we have 13 states, plus the countries of Austria and Poland," Roberts said.

Roberts' main motivation she says has been her senior group of three Marathon matriarchs: Pat Martin, Lavern Avery, and Julia Pinedo. "We've lost Pat and Lavern in the past years, and Julia doesn't get around very well these days, but one of her joys is to participate and she will be joined by a big family for the last block of the race to cross the finish line this year," Roberts remarked.

The original course of the race was down Highway 90 between Marathon and Alpine, but due to heavy traffic, the course was moved to Highway 385. The race consists of a full marathon, a half marathon, a

10K, and a 5K and there are water stations and port-a-potties all along the course. "The last nine water stations are manned by Marathon residents. They really put on a show for the racers. One of the local volunteers is Ted Thayer, and he may be there playing his saxophone along with a visitor playing bagpipes. They have a good time with their shenanigans, and provide relief and support for our runners," Roberts added.

Roberts said that this year the race owes a big thank you to the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Stockton Visitors Bureau, and Fort Stockton ISD. "They are a huge help for our race and many racers stay there since it is only 26 miles from the starting line. We couldn't do this without their support," Roberts said.

Since this is the 20th year of M2M, there will be a champagne toast at the awards ceremony and post-race lunch beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Marathon Community Center. The French Co. Grocer will be supplying beer as well as a display of all the past M2M shirts. The post-race party begins at 8 p.m. at the Marathon Motel, but food trucks will be on hand at 6 p.m. for those wishing to eat dinner on-site. There will be dancing under the stars in the courtyard to the music of Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band and they will pull out the big telescopes for a Marathon Star Party at dark.

Online registration closed yesterday but late registration is available on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Marathon Community Center.

Lady Bucks face Tornillo and Wink, remain first in district

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

The Alpine Lady Bucks, now with a seven-win streak and remaining first in the district, faced the Tornillo Coyotes last Tuesday and the Wink Wildcats on Saturday. In the first set of the district home game against Tornillo the Lady Bucks won 25-12, 25-11 in the second set, and 25-5 in the third. This resulted in an Alpine win of 3-0, on their home court.

During this game on October 10, the team's offense was on point with a total of 40 kills and 14 serving aces from the Alpine side. Senior Novah Carrasco had 10 kills alone, supported by the kill numbers of Hannah Juett, Mia Morris, Peyton Kincade, Adayna Garcia, Hope Dominguez, and Ali Maroney.

Paula Vargas led the team in serving aces with six that she completed in the three sets she played. Garcia, Carrasco, Portillo, and Morris accomplished the remainder for the game.

On defense, the team had 61 total digs for this game and 26 receptions.



Lady Buck Novah Carrasco serves the ball in a recent home game against Presidio.

It seemed like the Lady Bucks didn't let much past them, as Portillo and Carrasco both had dig numbers in the teens followed by the additions by the rest of the team.

Next, the Lady Bucks traveled to Wink for an October 14 game. In this game against the Wildcats, the Alpine team won 3-0. In the first set of this district away game the Lady Bucks won 25-21, 26-24 in set two, and 25-12 in set three.

The game was competitive, especially in the first two sets. The Alpine team had a total of 42 Kills while Wink had 25. Each team had a leader

in kills, both with 13. For Alpine that leader was Carrasco. However, the Wildcats didn't have the benefit of a counterpart to Lady Buck player Garcia who followed with 12 total, pushing Alpine far ahead.

The Wink team did outplay Alpine with five serving aces to Alpine's three, but the Lady Bucks responded with five successful solo blocks and four assisted blocks from team members Garcia, Kincade, and Juett, while Wink wasn't able to block their moves. Combined, players Dominguez, Portillo, Morris, and Carrasco had

55 receptions to meet the other team's 69.

As always, the Lady Bucks hit hard on the digs. Portillo had 23 and Carrasco had 12, in addition to digs from Garcia, Dominguez, Kincade, Vargas, Morris, and Juette, the Alpine team had a total of 54, overcoming Wink's 38.

The Lady Buck's next game was against Kermit in an away district game and their upcoming game is scheduled for October 21 at home against Crane who is currently third in the district. Alpine won their last game against Crane at the end of September 3-0.

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Velasco placed eighth.

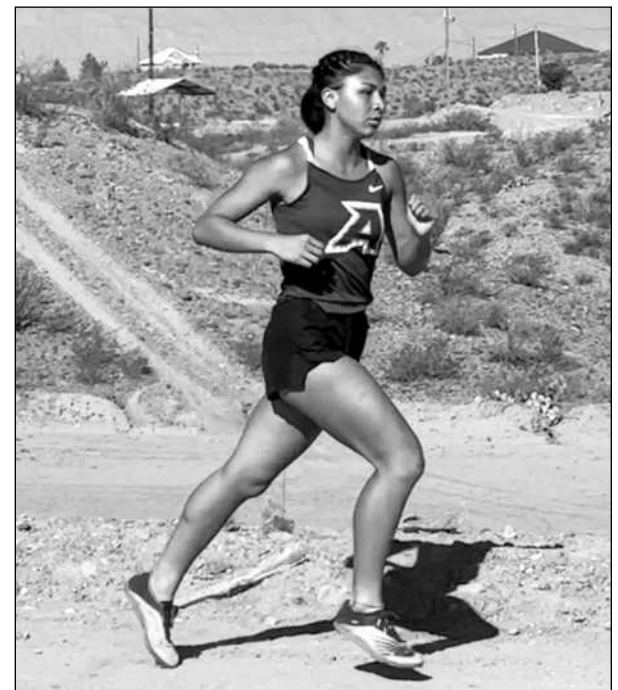
On October 11, Presidio also hosted the middle school district championship. Zane Perkins earned fifth place followed by Davian Pearce in 15th. For the girls' team, Andyanne Ramirez led the Lady Bucks with a ninth-place finish after being out for five weeks with an injury.

"All of our middle school runners will be a great addition to our high school teams next year," said Coach Cory Cason.

Coach Cason feels that for her varsity runners,

their state cross-country ambitions are still in play. "Our Runnin' Bucks have had a successful season. I've seen growth in the high school numbers as well as individual runner improvement and commitment. These advancements by our runners were the highlights of our season," Coach Cason added.

The Runnin' Lady Bucks team along with Hatfield will travel to Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park for the Regional Championship on October 23-24.



Hope Dominguez tackled the desert scrub terrain of the cross-country course in Presidio last week during the Runnin' Bucks District Championship meet.

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a star on the basketball court as well as on the track, but he said he is focusing on football and track only for the next two years. "I really want to focus on my football the most, and I'll stick with running track because it allows me to increase my speed as well as agility that will only help me on the football field," Smith commented.

Smith says he gets his athletic inspiration from his friends but also his coaches. Many times, when he's hanging out with his friends, he's practicing his football skills. "When I'm not at practice or a game, I will spend time with our quarterback Devon Rojo up at Jackson Field. He works on his passing game, and I work on my footwork. If I'm not doing that I'm working out, trying to get stronger," Smith replied.

Smith is looking at this year and his senior year as building years. He would like to go on to the next level and play college ball, preferably in Texas, but is not opposed to going out of state. His goal is to just get faster, be stronger, and focus on his footwork and how he

can improve his playing.

The Bucks have had several coaching and structure changes over the past few years. Smith said these new environments don't really affect him or the team that much. "Our coaches have been good at understanding that we're facing changes and they're bringing in new ways of coaching and a new environment and they make sure that we aren't overwhelmed."

If Smith wasn't working out or playing sports, he would be working more on academics. His goals besides having a strong academic background are paying close attention to his coaches. Smith says he looks up to them and listens to what they have to say about the experiences they have had. He uses this information as fuel. "I use what my coaches tell me about their experiences to work on my progress. What they may have done or not done I need to pay attention to so that I can work on being faster, and stronger, and read the field and my opponents better."

"We watch a lot of

film, and when we aren't on the field practicing or lifting weights, we try and watch as much film as possible. Whether it is the last game we played or the one before that, it doesn't matter so long as we focus on how to improve. I know that watching what I've done in a previous game can show me how I can improve in the next one," Smith said.

With one more season after this one at the high school level, Smith is sure to make a splash as a senior as well. If fortunes shine on this young athlete, he may make a name for himself in college football in the years to come and Alpine can say they knew him when.

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This Application is to be acted on by the Court, at the call of the docket, on the first Monday after the expiration of ten days from the publication date of this citation. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest of answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Brewster County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiffs at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days, after the date of service of this citation stated this 29th day of September, 2023, before the Honorable Roy B. Ferguson, 394th Judicial District Court of Brewster County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Alpine, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 2nd day of March, 2022, in cause number CVB21633 on the docket of said court and styled:

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The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed."

Matthew 8:16-17 says "When the even came, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare out sickness."

Again, in Matthew 15:30-31 the Bible says, "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch

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that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel."

Mark 9:23 states, "Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Likewise in Mark 16:17-18 the Bible says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

In Luke 9:2 the Bible says, "And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."

Acts 5:16 states, "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

In the book of James 5:14-15 the Bible says, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

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In what activities did you participate in high school?
I have participated in photography, yearbook, and student council throughout all four years in high school.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?
I'd definitely say Coach Hardwick because he's always uplifting and positive. He's always there if you need help.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?
My favorite moments have been when I'm taking pictures for Mr. Grisham's photography class.

What are your plans after high school?
After high school I plan to attend Angelo State University to study social work and become a CPS worker.

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King Candidates


Javier Prieto

What is best on pizza?
Pepperoni is the best on pizza.

What is your favorite concession stand food?
My favorite concession stand food is Frito pie.

What style of shoes are your favorite to wear?
My favorite shoes are either Jordans or Dunks.

What is your favorite part about homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming is the dance.




Mateo Solis

What is best on pizza?
The best pizza has anything but pineapple on it.

What is your favorite concession stand food?
My favorite concession stand food has always been Hot Cheetos with cheese on them.

What style of shoes are your favorite to wear?
My favorite style of shoes to wear is Jordans. I have seven pairs and I don't plan to stop buying more.

What is your favorite part about homecoming?
My favorite part about homecoming has to be the bonfire. It's fun seeing everyone have a good time and making some memories.




Jobre Evans

What is best on pizza?
Pepperoni is the only answer.

What is your favorite concession stand food?
Concession stand pickles are the best thing ever.

What style of shoes are your favorite to wear?
My favorite shoes are Converse. They have been my favorite since elementary school.

What is your favorite part about homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming was campaigning for King. I loved preparing and giving out all sorts of items to the student body.




Jace Canaba

What is best on pizza?
The best toppings on pizza are cheese and pepperoni.

What is your favorite concession stand food?
My favorite concession stand food is popcorn, water, and a Snickers.

What style of shoes are your favorite to wear?
The kind of shoes I like to wear the most are Nike Killshot 2's or Birkenstocks.

What is your favorite part about homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming is the school pride.



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Queen Candidates


Paula Vargas

What are your plans for the future?
In the future, I plan to play collegiate volleyball and study criminology.

What are some of your favorite moments from high school?
Some of my favorite moments in high school were playing volleyball and softball with my teammates, the student section at football games, and being MC for Friday pep rallies.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming is being a part of the parade and getting ready for Friday night lights!

How do you feel about this being your last homecoming in high school?
It is a bittersweet feeling knowing this is my last homecoming in high school, but it makes me enjoy every moment with my peers a lot more.




Jaelyn Monclova

What are your plans for the future?
I plan to graduate first and move to San Angelo where I will be attending cosmetology school.

What are some of your favorite moments from high school?
My favorite high school moment has to be cheering for the Friday night football games.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming is seeing everyone come together and fill the school with Buck pride.

How do you feel about this being your last homecoming in high school?
I feel blessed to have made it this far as well as having the opportunity to be on the homecoming court. I'm super excited to continue a new chapter after high school.




Valeria Crespo Polidura

What are your plans for the future?
My plans for the future are to attend college and become a physical therapist.

What are some of your favorite moments from high school?
My favorite moment from high school was qualifying for the state track meet in Austin.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming is spending time with friends and family at the bonfire.

How do you feel about this being your last homecoming in high school?
I feel sad that this is my last homecoming but I'm ready to start the next chapter in life.



Enyssa Fierro

What are your plans for the future?
I don't really have a certain plan for my future, but I know I will do great things for not only myself but for others.

What are some of your favorite moments from high school?
One of my favorite moments from high school would be winning at a regional powerlifting meet and being able to go to State. It really meant a lot to my family and me and also made us closer than ever.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming would be the bonfire. Not because I'm with my friends, but because it is something my family and I can enjoy together.

How do you feel about this being your last homecoming in high school?
This being my last year for homecoming in high school really opened my eyes and made me realize how much I have grown and how much the community has grown as well.




Elyse "Chiquita" Ramos

What are your plans for the future?
My plans for the future are to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio, in hopes of becoming a pharmacist.

What are some of your favorite moments from high school?
Some of my favorite moments from high school would be when the boys' and girls' basketball teams both won the district title and when the JV volleyball team went undefeated and beat Crane.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?
My favorite part of homecoming would be the campaigning, and the weekly dress-up themes approaching the homecoming football game.

How do you feel about this being your last homecoming in high school?
With this being my last homecoming in high school it is bittersweet since I get to spend my last homecoming being a part of the court.



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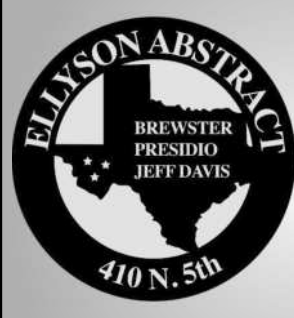
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Presidio locals honored by TxDOT in College Station

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Two members of the Presidio community and employees of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) were recently awarded the Extra Mile Award in College Station. Presidio's Assistant Maintenance Supervisor Jesus Hernandez and Crew Chief Jose Ruben Hernandez were given this award in recognition of saving someone's life, as the pair rescued a stranded motorist in a low water crossing.

The Extra Mile Award is given to employees of TxDOT who act heroically to help a fellow Texan in need, in that

they have saved someone's life, attempted to save another life while on the job or on the employee's own time, or acted heroically to prevent injury to another person or to diminish a life-threatening situation.

On May 27, the crew received a call from the Presidio County Sheriff's Office about a stranded motorist. Both gentlemen had been working low water crossings already and were expecting the Terneros Creek on FM 170 to run again in the middle of the night. They planned to get the maintainer, drive into the crossing, load the stranded motorist, and drive back out, remaining safe

the entire time. As they began driving into the creek, they realized the water was running rapidly and at least three feet deep and rising quickly. The stranded motorist they realized was a U.S. Border Patrol Agent. Jose drove the maintainer beside the agent's truck as close as he could without a collision while Jesus climbed out into the front section of the maintainer and stood on the moldboard. Jose rotated the moldboard toward the truck as Jesus reached out for the female agent. Jesus was able to help the agent onto the maintainer and secure her. Without the aid of this TxDOT team, the agent would

have remained in danger with the potential of being swept downstream.

"These employees embody the selfless, caring, and responsive demeanor we strive to achieve each and every day in our roles to serve others," TxDOT El Paso District Engineer Tomas Treviño said. "They did not think twice about stopping to render aid and this was especially important in such a remote area of our district."

Jesus has been an employee of TxDOT in Presidio for seven years, while Jose has worked for the department for 20 years. This is the third Extra Mile Award for Jose Ruben Hernandez.



Jesus Hernandez and Jose Ruben Hernandez

Quilts and more at Wild West Night



Above: Supporters of the Sunshine House peruse quilts and other raffle items on hand during Wild West Night on Saturday. Right: Andy Ramos and Ward 4 Councilman Martin Sandate visit with friends during the Sunshine House's Wild West Night on Saturday.

Photos by Kara Gerbert



Dedicated fundraisers: Humane Society

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Alpine Humane Society (AHS) has been a community staple since 1982. Working hard to help pets in our neighborhoods via the pet food pantry, affordable spay and neuter clinics, emergency veterinary care, and transportation, these services require not only dedicated individuals but extensive funding.

According to Mary Ann Vega, Director of Outreach for AHS, funding this year is down considerably, and operational expenses are up. "This year we have had a 46% drop in donations and a 30% increase in costs. This has affected our ability to provide our usual services and maintain our basic monthly operations and staff salaries, even after significant cost-cutting measures," Vega said.

Recently, AHS held a burger fundraiser at Skelton's Runway, where \$12 bought you a fully dressed burger for dinner. In addition to this fundraiser, they are adding even more fun-

draising opportunities to their calendar this year.

On October 28, the first annual Paws for a Cause 5K run and dog walk will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. Walkers will start at 7:50 a.m. and runners at 8 a.m. This fundraising 5K will begin and end at Skelton's Runway, and costumes are encouraged. Entry fees are \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids.

Once again, AHS will also be hosting the Dia De Los Quesos fundraiser to be held at the Granada Theatre on October 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Queso contestants must drop off their entry between 3:30 and 4 p.m. for judging and the silent auction will be held from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be food and beverages available as well as music by Rick Ruiz and Donnie Bason.

The funds from all their fundraising efforts go towards the betterment of pets in the Alpine community. Past projects that fundraising monies have benefited are the City of Alpine. The money donated to the

city was used to construct and operate a pet crematorium, the Alpine Animal Shelter, and the Kokernot dog park.

"Everyone can help the pets of our community in their own way. They may donate items for the silent auction, sponsor T-shirts for the 5K, provide funds, or volunteer at our events and thrift store. Every little bit helps, and spreading the word about our fundraisers and needs is most appreciated," Vega added.

AHS is seeking donated items from local individuals and businesses for the silent auction. Items in past auctions have included artwork, jewelry, tools, gift certificates, household, and decorative items, as well as financial sponsorships. All donors will be recognized at the event and on social media and donation receipts will be provided for this 501(c)3 nonprofit.

For more information contact Mary Ann Vega at maryann@alpinehumane-society.org or call 504-278-0262 or 432-837-2532.

Local band supports the Sunshine House



Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band performed for the Sunshine House's Wild West Night on Saturday.

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Feasting on fall favorites

It's finally beginning to feel like fall. Those high 90s and triple-digit temperatures of the summer are hopefully behind us. With these cooler temperatures comes a change in many of our cooking and eating habits. We tend to gravitate towards those filling casseroles and velvety soups.

One such comforting soup anyone can get behind is acorn squash and sausage soup. For some, this may seem like a strange combination, but it is an easy, nutrient-rich soup that is perfect for these fall days.

Most recipes call for the use of sweet Italian sausage to accompany the squash. Still, personally, my tastes run towards the spicy variety or your regular hot sausage such as Owens that you get at the local grocery store.

So, what do we know about the main ingredient in this soup? Well, acorn squash is indigenous to North and Central America and was introduced to European settlers by Native Americans. Archeological records suggest that domestication of the squash occurred around 8,000 to 10,000 years ago in Mexico, and Native Americans have been using it for at least 5,000 years as a staple



food. It was introduced to Europe in the 16th century and is now grown all over the world but remains popular in North America and Europe.

This squash even has its own National Day of Celebration. National Acorn Squash Day is celebrated every year on September 7. It has been called the "table queen" to be served alongside the "table king," which is turkey.

The dark green acorn-shaped squash belongs to the gourd family and falls within the same categories as other winter squashes such as pumpkins and spaghetti squash. Although it is harvested in the fall or early winter, it is typically available year-round at your local grocery. Due to their tough, outer skins, acorn squash as with other winter squashes have a longer shelf life, which makes



Acorn Squash and Sausage soup

Photo by Kara Gerbert
a side dish, added to soups or stews, and can even be added to muffins, cakes, and pies. Acorn squash can also be stuffed or added to casseroles.

Regardless of how you choose to prepare this vegetable, whether sweet or savory, main dish, or side, it will make a satisfying addition to your dining table. The acorn squash's yellowish-orange flesh and typically dark green skin fit perfectly into your fall meal planning and color scheme, making it a show-stopper if stuffed, diced, or even pureed as a delicious, soothing soup.

When this squash is cooked it tastes sweet and nutty but with a mild buttery flavor. It can be used in both sweet and savory dishes, and the seeds can be roasted for a crunchy snack. It can be prepared in several ways including baking, roasting, steaming, boiling, microwaving, and sautéing. It can be used as

Acorn Squash and Sausage Soup

- Ingredients:**
- 2 acorn squash, halved.
 - 1 ½ pounds pork sausage
 - 1 diced yellow onion
 - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
 - ½ cup canned coconut milk
 - ½ cup vegetable broth
 - 1 tablespoon smoked paprika.
 - ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 tablespoons of olive oil or butter
 - Pepitas to garnish if desired.

Directions:
Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
Cut acorn squashes in half and place on a baking sheet, open side down.
Bake for 20-25 minutes until soft to the touch.
When the squash has around 10 minutes left to cook, in a large skillet add your olive oil or butter, the minced garlic, and diced onion.
Once onions are translucent, add in the sausage, breaking it up while cooking, and cook completely through.
Once the squash is roasted and soft, scoop it out with a spoon and place it in a food processor.
Add in your coconut milk and broth and then puree until smooth.
Add your paprika, cayenne, salt, and pepper, and puree until smooth.
Place the soup into a bowl, top with the sausage, and sprinkle with the pepitas.
The soup should be served warm, so transfer to a saucepan onto the top of the stove if needed.

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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1400 E. O'Reilly St., Presidio, TX 79845

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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402 E. Holland Ave, Alpine, TX 79830

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2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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