

Commissioners court approves purchase for explosive detection canine

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

The Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 24. During the announcement portion of the meeting, Pct. 4 Commissioner and representative for the county appraisal district, Mo Morrow, shared that a new chief appraiser has been hired for the county. The appraiser, Raymond Herrera, now lives in Fort Davis and will be beginning his duties as soon as November 6.

Brewster County Judge Greg Henington gave his report, in which he updated the court on the status of Study Butte's water issues. After his report, Henington shared two new updates to the county's growing project list. The first item mentioned was the future digitizing of the county clerk's office records and the second was the re-

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Alpine ISD receives donations from local groups

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Alpine ISD Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at the Alpine ISD Administration Building. Trustee Haley Babb, Single Member District 5, and Trustee Joe Portillo, Single Member District 2 were absent.

Of particular interest in the meeting were donations from the Big Bend Regional Hospital District as well as the Big Bend

American Legion Post 79. Also of note, was a report presented by the district nurse Gayla Owen, about Drug Awareness Month, making note of HB3908 which focused on fentanyl awareness, and human sexuality curriculum at the junior high and high school levels.

After the meeting was called to order by President Eddie Natera and the meeting compliance was verified along with no



Rinehart-Dr. Michelle

public comment, Natera requested that item number 16 on the agenda be moved up on the agenda below item five so that Owen could present her information that required a vote by the board.

House Bill 3908 was recently passed and was focused on fentanyl awareness. Owen said, "This bill focuses on drug abuse, drug addiction, suicide prevention, and also how to access district as well as commu-

nity resources for drug addiction and prevention. Every campus now has access to Narcan and has someone on campus with the training to administer this in case of an overdose." Owen also requested from the board the use of the Alpine Police Department to educate students during Drug Awareness Month. This educational program is required for students in grades 6-12. Also, up for approval by the board was

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A little help from your kid



A Marathon to-Marathon runner crosses the finish line on Saturday morning with the support of his son who crosses alongside him for the last few feet.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

First-time players become surprise tournament champs

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

Ten sixth graders who had little to no experience in the game of volleyball came together this year and completely swept away expectations.

These local students from Alpine ISD lost the first game that they played at the beginning of the season, but according to the parent of one of the young players, Maribel Ramirez, "They lost that first game, and it was like they had a fire lit under them." They seemed to simply refuse to lose another game.

As the first-place Alpine Lady Bucks youth volleyball team, the Forever 14 Donovan Vaughn Memorial Tournament was their last competition after a five-week season, and these young beginning athletes brought home the gold.

The head coach who brought the team together, Roxanna Pitts, has known some of the



Pictured are the Alpine Lady Bucks youth volleyball team who won their first championship last week.

Courtesy photo

girls from her time coaching softball and knows how to inspire them to work together as a close-knit team.

Pitt's motivation for creating the team in the first place was because of her own daughter,

who wanted to play but wasn't able to before the creation of this team.

Pitts said, "First of all, thanks to those girls for allowing me to coach and to the parents for their time and my as-

sistant coaches Matt Pitts and Benie Ramirez."

According to Maribel Ramirez, the entire endeavor was a labor of love, dedication, and time. Every weekend for six weeks the families have been traveling to Fort Stockton to let the girls play and Pitts and some parents themselves pitched in and paid for the uniforms and socks for all the girls.

The competition that took place in Fort Stockton consisted of five local teams from Fort Stockton and five from out of town. The guest teams were from Imperial, McCamey, and Iraan who sent two teams. Alpine was the fifth attending team from out of town.

After their win the girls celebrated together by doing a cheer spelling out A-L-P-I-N-E, and it was clear that there were a few eyes that weren't

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OBITUARIES

Bobbie J. Tanksley

Bobbie J. Tanksley went to be with her Lord, on October 15, in Menard. She was born on July 15, 1945, to Bill and Marie Brickey in San Antonio. She was a longtime resident of Alpine, where she was a mem-



ber of Grace Christian

Fellowship Church. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio in 1964. She married Charles "Butch" Tanksley in 1966 and they had two daughters. She was a whiz with numbers and spent her years as an accountant, always sharing her

knowledge with anyone who needed help. She enjoyed traveling with her husband in their RV and was especially fond of the Big Bend area. She is preceded in death by her parents; W.C. Brickey and Marie Brickey, Sister, Carolyn Coonce.

Bobbie is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Butch Tanksley; children, Cathi Frieda of Harper, Kimberly (Lucas) Chapman of Sabinal; sister Faye (Bill) Humphries; brother Bill "Dub" (Martha) Brickey of Oppelo, AR, nine

grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date. Memorial contributions are to be made in lieu of flowers. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Wright's Funeral Parlor, Kerrville.

David H. Vandervoort

David "Dave" Vandervoort, 89, of Paradise Valley, AZ & Alpine went to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on October 9 at his residence. He was born in Texas to Henry Carl Vandervoort Senior and Velma Vandervoort. At 14, he learned to fly a tail dragger and was a distinguished varsity Panther golfer at Paschal High who caddied for Ben Hogan at Colonial Country Club. In 1947, Dave earned the Carnegie Medal for Heroism with Katie Beth Hunter for rescuing the two Ledbetter children from a capsized rowboat at a Fort Worth farm lake. Later Dave met his wife, Susie, while attending Texas A&M University at College Station.

They married in the late 50's and upon Dave's graduation from Texas A&M in the Corps, they moved with the United States Air Force.

Living for a couple of years with his wife Susie and sons at the Fort Worth ranch, Dave worked the advertising for Vandervoort's Dairy under his father HCV Senior until he died in 1960. The next year Dave built a dairy and bottling plant in Tempe, Arizona.

Dave joined Paradise Valley Country Club and won many tournaments and trophies there, leading to many business arrangements and friends that distributed the milk and ice cream products throughout Phoenix and other parts of the state on top of his ice cream store in Phoenix.

Dave later met Ruth French and they wed in 2014. She has been at his side during his last years from that time.

Dave was a longtime pilot, outdoorsman, and spontaneous personality with almost anything. A longtime member of a weekly bible study group, various churches, and even a leader of Master's Men in Scottsdale. He was a devout Christian man. He had numerous travels to mountainous places, beautiful ocean views, autumn leaf colors, and of course time in the air when he flew.

He was preceded in death by his father Henry Carl Vandervoort Senior, Velma Vandervoort, his brother Henry Carl Vandervoort Junior, Susie Vandervoort, and Mary Vandervoort.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, sons David(Susan), Gary(Rita), Glen, and Matthew(Vicky), granddaughters Kailey Vandervoort, and Stephanie (Nate) Heyenga, great granddaughter Lucy Heyenga, various cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Psalm 23 was requested by Dave to be read to him in his last days. In addition, a suggested verse of importance to him is Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well..."

A celebration of life will be held on December 1, 10 a.m. at First Christian Church of Phoenix 6750 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ.

Brad Rhea McGuire

Bradford Rhea McGuire, of Alpine, passed away October 9 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Brad is

survived by his wife, Karen McGuire. A celebration of life service will be held on November 11 at Hillside Baptist Church in Alpine at 1:30 p.m.

Correction

In the early voting article printed in the October 19 edition, the address for Pcts. 2 and 8 on election day is 203 N. Seventh Street, not 207 N. Seventh Street.

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The continuing saga of Lt. Powhatan Clarke

Upon his graduation from West Point, Second Lieutenant Powhatan Clarke's first assignment was Fort Davis with the Tenth Cavalry. There he met Forrestine Cooper, and a tale of unrequited love ensued. As a young second lieutenant fresh from West Point and assigned to Fort Davis, he lived upstairs in the same officer's quarters as did the Cooper's.

Forrestine, called Birdie, found Clarke to be "the best type of Southern gentleman," but not always serious about his duties and often in trouble with his superior officers. Clarke was born in Louisiana and finished last in his class at West Point, but he would prove himself in the field.

In April 1884, just before the Tenth was transferred to Arizona, Clarke and Birdie met at Limpia Creek near the fort and he carved their names on a tree surrounded by a heart, promising to return. But they did not meet again until Christmas Eve, 1889, and by then Birdie was married to Edward Hooker, an Arizona rancher.

But that was not the end of Powhatan Clarke's story. Anyone familiar with the art and writings of Fred-



FIDDLER'S GREEN
by Larry Francell

eric Remington has seen images of Powhatan Clarke. He was one of Remington's favorite subjects. Until Remington ventured to Arizona in 1886, he was unknown as either a writer or an artist. His adventures in Arizona made him one of the most-read adventure writers and soon the premier artist of the American West.

In the summer of 1886, Remington met Clarke at the Palace Hotel in Tucson. Remington described Clarke as "a young slim manly man," and from that point, the two became fast friends. Remington not only used Clarke as the epitome of a cavalrman in many illustrations but also considered Clarke a kindred spirit.

After leading a pursuit of over two hundred miles into Mexico, on May 3, 1886, Captain Thomas Lebo, com-

mander of K troop, engaged in a firefight where Corporal Edward Scott was wounded, and Corporal Joseph Follis was killed. While Scott lay wounded and exposed to enemy fire, Clarke, according to witnesses, ventured forth under fire and rescued Scott. As a result of this fight, Scott lost his right leg and Clarke won the Medal of Honor.

Frederic Remington heard the story, interviewed Scott and other participants, and created one of the iconic images of the Indian Wars. Titled "Soldiering in the Southwest - The Rescue of Corporal Scott," it made the cover of Harper's Weekly on August 21, 1886, and was one of the illustrations that launched Remington's career. In addition to Clarke, the illustration showed another trooper assisting in the rescue, not evidenced in the written reports, but added for dramatic effect by Remington.

While Clarke continued to be one of Remington's favorite subjects, whom he described as, "a fellow who appealed to my imagination - he was also a good friend to me and I grew very very fond of him." After Clarke died, Rem-

ington wrote that Clarke had, "entered into my life to that extent that I can hardly make it seem that I have got to get along without him."

While Remington went on to become one of the premier artists of the American West, Powhatan Clarke was not so lucky. He married in 1892 and was posted to Fort Custer, Montana. On July 21, now a First Lieutenant in the Tenth Cavalry, Clarke drowned in an accident. At the time he was training his men in the difficult maneuver of crossing a river. The Washington Post titled his obituary, "Modern Knight Errant, The Chivalrous and Daring Spirit of Lieut. Clarke."

The spirited young officer who began his career at Fort Davis and won the Medal of Honor in Arizona would die by accident in the Little Big Horn River in Montana.

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New conservation initiative to benefit West Texas landowners

Three nonprofit conservation-focused organizations located in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas are partnering on a watershed enhancement project with an emphasis on landowner participation. The Borderlands Research Institute, Rio Grande Joint Venture, and Dixon Water Foundation are teaming up to roll out the Alamito Creek Conservation Initiative.

This new initiative will provide the capacity to partner with landowners to implement restoration and enhancement projects within a portion of Alamito Creek in Presidio County, as well as associated tributaries and uplands. The project will utilize outreach and education efforts to broaden the impact throughout the Trans-Pecos region.

"The Alamito Creek Conservation Initiative is

an excellent example of how conservation partners can work together with local land stewards to further shared conservation goals, enhance rangeland sustainability, and create vital wildlife habitat," says Billy Tarrant, Associate Director of Stewardship Services at Borderlands Research Institute. "We're looking forward to working with landowners to enhance habitat in the critical Alamito Creek watershed."

Through funding provided by the Dixon Water Foundation and Horizon Foundation, the Alamito Creek Conservation Initiative will utilize existing cost-share programs to carry out voluntary incentive-based conservation projects. The goal is to implement enhancement techniques in a portion of the creek that still

has some functionality and then to expand to other tributaries and upland sites.

Historical accounts of watersheds across the arid Chihuahuan Desert landscape indicate many had more perennial streams and were lined with gallery forests of cottonwood and willow. Past land use activities led to deforestation along many Chihuahuan Desert streams. Once the riparian forests were gone, normal annual flood flows scoured young plants and prevented recolonization by trees. Today, summer thunderstorms and the resulting runoff are no longer absorbed by the riparian floodplains and adjacent uplands, resulting in less recharge to aquifers, greater erosion and downcutting of stream bottoms, and less desirable vegetation com-

munities. Well-developed and vegetated floodplains can absorb and store annual flood flows, resulting in wetter watersheds, and healthier riparian and wetland communities for wildlife and livestock.

Riparian enhancement efforts will utilize low-tech process-based restoration techniques. These practices use simple structural additions to mimic riparian functions and initiate specific processes. Management of invasive brush and placement of brush weir dams will slow floods and promote recovery. "We have been using these process-based techniques for riparian restoration for the past three years in West Texas," explains Jeff Bennett, the Rio Grande Joint Venture's Habitat Restoration Hydrologist. "Initial monitoring has shown the bed of one creek has

been built up by one foot in two years."

The Borderlands Research Institute will manage administration and coordination responsibilities and will develop a strategic restoration and monitoring program. The Rio Grande Joint Venture will focus on the implementation and monitoring of conservation projects.

The Alamito Creek Conservation Initiative

seeks to address problems associated with historical riparian forest loss by improving overall riparian health through its riparian and grassland enhancement projects.

For more information about this project contact Jeff Bennett at JBennett@abcbirds.org, Price Rumbelow at PRumbelow@abcbirds.org, or Billy Tarrant at Billy.Tarrant@sulross.edu.

Kiwanis serves up a piece of Italy

Dr. Jimmy Case, Kevin Geehan, Judy Stokes, John Smietana, and Ralph Gruebel man the service line at Alpine Elementary's cafeteria last Thursday evening for the annual Alpine Kiwanis Club's spaghetti supper.

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Boquillas crossing moves to winter schedule

BY KARA GERBERT
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The Boquillas Port of Entry, located in Big Bend National Park will begin their winter hours starting Thursday, November 2. The crossing will be open five days a week, beginning on Wednesdays and going through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the transition from their summer to the winter schedule, the port will be open from

October 27 through October 30 (Friday through Monday) and closed on Tuesday, October 31 and Wednesday, November 1.

Proper documentation is required to cross, and U.S. and Canadian citizens may cross with a valid passport. This is the only legal access to Mexico within Big Bend National Park, and this entry does not allow for vehicle crossings or commercial importation of products. Visitors

may cross into Mexico by foot during low water or by rowboat ferry for a fee during business hours only.

For more information about proper documentation contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Presidio at 432-229-3349. For more information about the Boquillas crossing or Big Bend National Park contact Tom VandenBerg at 432-477-1107 or visit the Big Bend National Park website.

Haunted house fundraiser to be held in Terlingua

Time to dust off and/or create your Halloween costume and get ready for the 2nd Annual Haunted House. This will be held in the Terlingua Ghost Town at the Crisis Center on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings on October 26, 27, and 28. Doors open at 7 p.m. The fee is \$10.00 per person, and you must sign a release form before entering. All money raised will be for a scholarship for TCSD and our Crisis Center. This year we will have a pumpkin carving contest, so grab a pumpkin and get those knives sharpened. Three categories will be judged:

scariest, most creative, and funniest. We will start taking pumpkins when the doors open on Thursday night and don't forget to put your name and contact info on the bottom, so when you win you will be notified. Judging will be on

Saturday evening and announced on Monday. We have three great prizes, so get your creative juices flowing. Last year we raised \$1,830. Our goal this year is \$2,000. Let's make this happen. So, please come out and enjoy some family fun.

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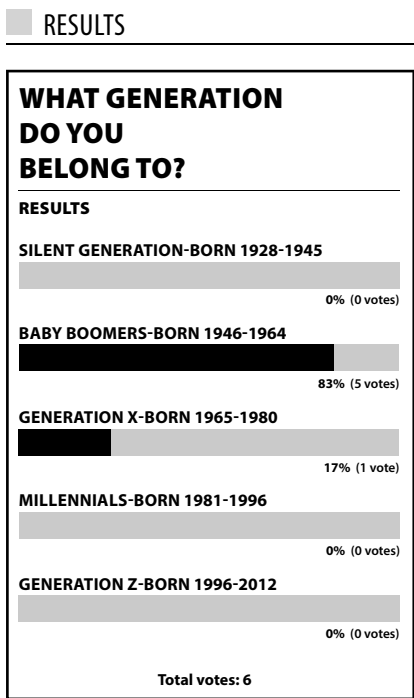
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Sul Ross marketing efforts pay off in higher enrollment

Sul Ross State University's campus here in Alpine is beginning to see the successful results of a year-long marketing campaign aimed at increasing enrollment.



DR. CARLOS HERNANDEZ
Sul Ross president

The majority of our increase this fall is in our graduate school, the target of the campaign – proof that our efforts are working.

Our headcount is up 102 students over last fall with a total of 1,476 in Fall 2023, up from 1374 in Fall 2022. We haven't reached pre-Covid levels just yet – but we have a strategy not only for getting there but for reaching well beyond those figures.

Graduate students from all over Texas and the country can obtain a master's degree from Sul Ross State online. In fact, 25 of our graduate programs are available through fully remote learn-

ing, though many of them still require hands-on learning, like those in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and most recently, Anthropology.

We are embracing distance learning options to be more marketable to a wider variety of students. We expect our census to grow by 350 part-time dual credit students this coming spring, and that figure will likely double by conservative estimates in Fall 2024.

While those students won't be Alpine consumers, they will contribute to tuition revenue and state formula funding in the same way a traditional student would, and that funding can be used to improve the student, staff, and faculty experience right here at home.

Many of those students will ultimately graduate from high school having

had an excellent experience at Sul Ross State University. It will be our goal to recruit them to one of our campuses as freshmen to come and live in our residence halls, which are currently filled for the first time in several years.

In addition to those efforts, we are working to double the number of rodeo team members from 50 to 100, and we'll begin offering the Presidential PLUS Scholarship in Fall 2024 – a full ride that includes tuition, housing, and meals – to top performing seniors from each of the 16 rural high schools in our local service area. This includes Alpine, Marfa, Fort Davis, Presidio, Marathon, Terlingua, San Vicente, Fort Stockton, Sanderson, Valentine, and more. We believe in West Texas, and we want West Texans at Sul Ross State. The students will be nominated by their school districts.

We aren't just crossing our

fingers. We are continuing to invest in the marketing for our graduate programs which has shown a significant return already, and began this month on a new, year-long contract to market to high school juniors and seniors and their families from Midland/Odessa to El Paso and everywhere in between.

While we continue to embrace the traditions of the Bar-SR-Bar, we want prospective students to know who and where we are and that we are "Far From Ordinary." We are small and rural and we offer a unique adventure in a spectacular setting of which we are extraordinarily proud. Let's tell the world about it. You'll see more from the campaign very soon.

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Brewster County Treasurer

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The framers gave the People final authority on questions of amending the constitution. Two-thirds of the legislature may put a proposed amendment on the ballot, but a majority of voters must approve it. That's why you are asked to vote on amendments that seemingly don't concern you. Beware: the amendment's stated purpose—drafted by legislators who put it on the ballot—

may be less benign than it sounds. Its implications may be far-reaching.

Proposition 12 on the November 7 ballot reads, "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of the county treasurer in Galveston County."

You may think what happens in Galveston County doesn't affect the rest of us. Why, then, does the Constitution require the whole state to vote on Prop 12? Abolishing the county treasurer's office would eliminate the separation of powers in Galveston County and concentrate power over county money solely in the commissioners' court. That's a dangerous precedent.

The treasurer is the chief custodian, administrator, and disbursing officer of county funds. State laws precisely govern their conduct of duties, and they post a personal bond to ensure they meet this bar. Because they are elected, county treasurers are independent—not beholden to any county official or employee. In fact, Texas law authorizes treasurers to

challenge the commissioners' court if they question the legality and propriety of a payment order.

The treasurer's independence sometimes irks commissioners, and therein lies the slippery slope: Abolishing the treasurer's office in Galveston County would likely lead commissioners in other counties to try to do the same. It has already happened in nine Texas counties.

Proponents of Prop 12 say the county treasurer's office is outdated. However, the treasurer's scope of duties and the need for accountability has only grown as technology has produced new, complex ways to pilfer taxpayer funds.

Supporters falsely claim abolishing the office will save money. But even if abolished, the county treasurer's legally mandated work still must be done—minus accountability to the People. In Galveston County, commissioners deleted two positions in the treasurer's office but added a new position in the budget office to perform the treasurer's work, for a \$58,000 net increase in the county budget. Incidentally, the commissioners' court can

fire budget office employees without cause if they question an expenditure.

The Galveston County Commissioners Court also moved the duty of investing public funds from the treasurer's office to the budget office. No legally required quarterly investment reports have been posted on the county's website since. Galveston County's financial transparency has already eroded, and that will continue without an elected treasurer directly accountable to the People.

Unfortunately, constitutional amendments usually pass, partly due to low voter turnout in off-year elections. Voters who think niche issues don't affect them stay home, giving those pushing the measures disproportionate sway.

Before deciding Prop 12, voters statewide should understand what a county treasurer does and the consequences of abolishing the office: You relinquish your right to choose who manages the county's money. You lose transparency, accountability, and separation of powers. You lose the People's Voice.

Preserve the Texas Constitution's intent. Vote NO on Proposition 12.

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

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Heard on the STREET

How are you having fun for Halloween?



Chrisanta DeLao: We are very boring. Our tradition is to just do the trick or treating and then we come home to watch the Muppets Halloween movie while the kids eat a bit of their candy and drink hot cocoa that I make.



Olivia Pertuso: Game night with friends probably or I'm going to go on the Alpine ghost tour.



Dawson Tello: The Fire Department is doing the Trunk or Treat. I'll be doing that with them.



Audrey Hinojos: My mom loves Halloween, so I usually help her take my niece and nephew trick or treating. I look forward to that time with them.



Jared Hanks: So, a friend of mine is planning this big costume party, and the theme is movie characters. I have no idea what I am going to be yet, but it shouldn't be too difficult to pull something together. I hope.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Oct. 28 Big Bend Law Enforcement Free Fall Fun,



1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alpine Visitor Center. Alpine Police Department and Porter's pumpkin giveaway, Border Patrol Trunk or Treat, pumpkin painting, bouncy house, snacks, and more.

Oct. 31 Sul Ross Residential Life's Trunk or Treat, Gallego

Center parking lot for games, treats, and music. For more information contact ulisses.gallegos@sulross.edu

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 Chorale rehearsals, on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbc-chorale.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.

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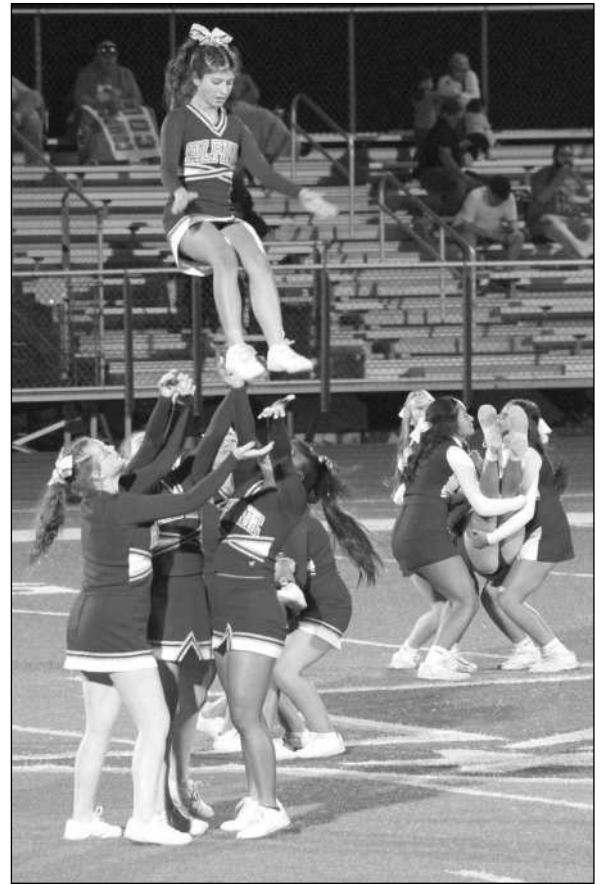
Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210

Picnic Basket holds grand opening



The Picnic Basket at 403 S. Walker held their grand opening and ribbon cutting this past Saturday. For the event, Rick Kelly, Martha Dyer, Abby Hursh, owner Betty Volz, Eva Olivas, Gerri Davis, Juanita Garcia, and Steve Dyer were on hand. Also, in the back are David Gutierrez, Andrea Johnson, Martha Garcia, and Jim Volz.

Up in the air



The Alpine Middle School cheerleaders performed routines during half-time at this past Friday's homecoming game pitting the Alpine Bucks against Compass Academy.

Photo by Joh Covington

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Meg. Meg is a Rottweiler mix, about one year old. She's a sweet, loving dog who likes playtime and ear scratches and won't pass up a neighborhood stroll.

With good mama dog instincts, she is protective of all. Meg can play with the younger dogs and does not mind the slow pace that comes with older dogs. This girl is medium-sized at just about 50 pounds. She just had a spay appointment and has all of her vaccines and her microchip, making her ready to join her new family.

Feel the need for a little Halloween potion? Join Alpine Humane Society at Alcove Social (formerly the Saddle Club) on the 31st for a very spooky Happy Meowr event. Show up in your costume and order the signature drink to support the cause.

And don't forget Saturday, October 28, is the Paws for a Cause 5k fun run and dog walk, followed on Sunday, the 29th, by Dia de los Quesos. Enter the queso contest, shop the silent auction, and groove to music from Rick Ruiz and Donnie Bason at The Granada Theatre. The event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. We are still collecting silent auction items and sponsorships from area businesses. Call 432-837-2532 for more information on our events.



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 is at 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.

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.

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REATA RESTAURANT

COCINERO: Beef • Chicken • Shrimp

STARTERS: Tortilla Soup Bowl • Jalapeno and Cilantro Soup • Bacon Wrapped Shrimp with Onion Jam and Pico de Gallo • Bacon Wrapped Asparagus • Tumbleweed Onion Rings with Spicy Serrano Ketchup • Alpine Black Bean & Chicken Nachos

CF Burger with Aged Cheddar Cheese on a Kaiser Roll • Fried Chile Relleno stuffed with Cream Cheese, Corn and Peppers • Carne Asada with Reata's Cheese Enchiladas • Chicken Caesar Wrap with Hand Cut Fries • Tenderloin Tacos with Sundried Tomato Cream Sauce • Grilled Chicken Breast topped with Mango Chutney

SADDLE PACK COMBINATION:
(Your choice of any two items)
Cup of Tortilla Soup • Cup of Jalapeno and Cilantro Soup
Cup of Daily Soup • 1/2 Reata Club or Steak Sandwich
1/2 BLT Sandwich with Peppered Bacon

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.

THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

REPLAT 2023-11-01: AREPLAT APPLICATION ALLOWING THE APPLICANT, JOSE COBOS, TO COMBINE LOTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE ABILITY TO USE A PRIMARY ADDRESS AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF BUILDING A PRIMARY STRUCTURE ON ONE LOT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT SOUTH 6TH STREET AND WEST AVENUE F AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 55, ORIGINAL TOWNSHIP OF ALPINE, TEXAS, AS SHOWN IN THE SUBDIVISION PLAT ON FILE IN VOLUME 2, PAGE 97, DEED RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS. THE RECORD PROPERTY OWNER IS JOSE COBOS. THE PROPERTY ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT. IF THE REPLAT IS APPROVED THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION WILL REMAIN R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT.

REPLAT 2023-11-02: A REPLAT APPLICATION ALLOWING THE APPLICANT, RUBEN MONTILVA, TO COMBINE LOTS TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO INSTALL A STRUCTURE OVER CURRENTLY EXISTING COMMON LOT LINES. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT SOUTH 14TH STREET AND WEST MURPHY STREET AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 9, THOMAS-TURNEY-HIGGINS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALPINE AS SHOWN IN THE SUBDIVISION PLAT ON FILE IN ENVELOPE 108, PLAT RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS. THE RECORD PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RUBEN MONTILVA AND NIEVES PAREDES. THE PROPERTY ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 12885. THE CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IS R-4 MOBILE HOME DISTRICT. IF THE REPLAT IS APPROVED THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION WILL REMAIN R-4 MOBILE HOME DISTRICT.

ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED APPLICATIONS. COPIES OF THE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL, 100 N 13TH STREET, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. AND 5:00 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY AT CITY_SECRETARY@CITYOFALPINE.COM OR AT (432) 837-3301, OPTION 1.



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the topic of human sexuality being taught in the classroom. “Some aspects are already being taught in health class, but the actual sexual education portion would be taught by two local doctors, one for the girls and one for the boys,” Owen said. The sexual education portion can be opted out of with parents’ written permission. Owen also told the board that Virginia San-

doval of the Big Bend Family Crisis Center was going to speak to students in these classes about the prevention of sexual abuse, family violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking. The board approved the recommendations by Owen unanimously.

Next on the agenda for approval was a donation by the Big Bend Regional Hospital District (BBRHD) and the American Legion Post 79. BBRHD donated two

medical tables for the athletic training facility that are fully functional, with the ability to lower and raise portions of the body when needed for injuries. They also donated \$11,000 for the purchase of equipment plus a TENS machine for the athletes requiring muscle stimulation. The American Legion also donated \$1,000 to the Alpine High School Band to be used as needed.

Other items of note were a collaboration

between the Big Bend Conservation Alliance (BBCA) and Alpine Elementary School’s fourth-grade science classes. BBCA donated a full hydroponic growing system for the students, and currently, they have planted and are growing lettuce and other produce. Another donation to AES was from Porter’s who gave solar eclipse sunglasses to all the students.

Alpine Middle School principal Judith Pardo-Alferez bragged about

her middle school band students who have been playing at recent football games. “They sound really good and are doing such a good job. I’m so very proud of their accomplishments and how serious they are taking their playing,” Pardo-Alferez said. She also told the board that this first six weeks of school was the highest passing six weeks period in a long time and said that the tutorials that these students were participating in were a major

factor in their success. Finally, Alpine High School principal Jarrett Vickers announced to the board that they had their first pizza party for those with perfect attendance and that although he allowed them to have the option of gift cards or other rewards for any of the following six weeks of perfect attendance, the kids all opted for pizza.

The next regular meeting of the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees is set for November 15 at 5:30

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servicing of funds in order to upgrade the county office’s cyber security systems. The court approved these additions to the list. The court also approved the opening of a satellite office in South Brewster County for the tax assessor and the county clerk.

During this meeting, the court was able to get a first look at the county website mock-up. Pct. 2 Commissioner, Sara Colando, shared that this was a proposal that the commissioners can propose edits for.

Brewster County Sheriff, Ronny Dodson, was present for the items on the agenda regarding his office. The court ap-

proved the sale of Brewster County vehicles. Dodson shared that the proceeds of the sale of these vehicles go toward the purchase of cars for the county. For some of the vehicles, Dodson said, “If you’re a good mechanic these are great cars to have.” For the next item, Dodson reminded the court of the periodic bomb threats that the area receives. During the last threat that was received, his office had to wait three and a half hours for an explosive detection canine unit to arrive from Ector County and when they arrived here Ector County received a threat. The situation made it clear that a canine resource was a necessary invest-

ment for the county.

The court then discussed and approved the professional services agreement between the county and iDocket.com, which allows members of the community to access dockets with the county clerk online.

On matters regarding bills paid by the county, Henington suggested that bills below \$10,000 be paid on the auditor and treasurer’s already existing schedule, without the delay of the commissioner’s court meeting, to be ratified at the meeting on the usual schedule. Henington also asked that the court consider granting the county judge the ability to sign contracts once they are approved by the court, which the commis-

sioners approved during this meeting.

The court also approved ratifying the resolution allowing the Sunshine House to apply for state funding using the funds that the county previously granted to the institution. This approval will allow the Sunshine House to apply for a match of funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home delivered meal grant program.

Finally, the request for approval was brought forward for the Mesquite Tranquility Subdivision which was also approved by the court.

The next regular commissioner’s court meeting is scheduled to be held on November 14.

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dry after their hard-earned victory.

“My favorite thing about this experience was seeing the whole team grow and for the individuals to learn to put the team before themselves,” said Pitts.

According to Pitts, the girls built something amongst themselves, they made the team what it was by making new friends while playing a sport with which they were pretty unfamiliar. These teammates who are just starting out

have already gained a lifetime of experience in learning how to effectively work together and support each other, both with their independent skills and attitudes.

The ten players and possible future Lady Bucks were Eivary Mercado, Stella Kinkade, Paola Gonzales, Talia Ramirez, Olivia Warren, Imani Squalls, Gabby Pearce, Edie Dubois, Maxine Pitts, and Aubrie Tamale, each brought something essential to the team and the competition according to Pitts.

Film screening to benefit MOBB education fund

“Ten in Texas,” an ode to the grit of West Texas women, will screen at the Granada Theatre on Sunday, November 5. Sales of the tickets benefit the Museum of the Big Bend Education Fund. Director Twila LaBar tells the story of what happens when a deadly virus spreads throughout Boquillas, Mexico, and 10 West Texas women ranchers’

mastermind a plan to help their neighbors in need.

Tenacious Joan, played by local attorney Liz Rogers of Alpine, and reluctant newcomer Caroline, played by Abigail Pfister Rue, take off on a wild adventure traveling across harsh desert terrain in a dilapidated hunting vehicle to smuggle life-saving vaccines

across the border. The local sheriff, Joan’s old flame, fears they are in grave danger and will not make it to the Rio Grande. “Ten in Texas” is an inspiring tale of determination and friendship.

Doors open at 3 p.m. and the show begins at 3:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/tenintexas>.

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The film is produced by Sam Pfister, Rebecca Pfister, Modesta Williams, Anne Calaway, Kay Andrews, Chuck Nowland, Todd Wade, and Denise Wade. The original screenplay and story is by Sam Pfister, Susan Combs, Kat Sparks, Britt West, Judson Kauffma, and Abigail Pfister Rue.



Sul Ross accepting 2024 law enforcement academy applicants

The H. Joaquin Jackson Law Enforcement Academy at Sul Ross State University is accepting applicants to the Class of 2024, which starts January 8. The academy, housed in the College of Education and Professional Studies, provides two types of training programs. A basic police academy is conducted annually and exceeds the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) 736-hour Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC).

Cadets who successfully complete the basic police academy are

eligible to sit for the TCOLE Basic Peace Officer examination. Those who pass this exam with a score of 70 % or higher are then certified by TCOLE and are eligible for hire by Texas law enforcement agencies. Secondly, the academy provides continuing education and in-service training for law enforcement and corrections personnel in the Sul Ross State University service area. A variety of courses ranging from four hours to 40 hours in length are offered each semester. These courses are designed to fulfill

TCOLE-mandated training requirements and to meet the unique training needs of area agencies.

More than 600 cadets have graduated from the Sul Ross academy since its inception in 1982 with a 100 percent rate of hire, mostly by West Texas law enforcement agencies, for those who pass the TCOLE BPOC. Current students can be certified as part of their undergraduate degree, including 15 credit hours, for \$3,640. For non-Sul Ross State students, the tuition is \$4,990 for the semester.

SRSU students who need credit hours to

complete a bachelor’s degree in either criminal justice or homeland security can get up to 15 hours at the academy and receive both their degree and peace officer license. Graduate students can get up to six credit hours for the same two degrees. They can also take advantage of discounted tuition.

To complete the pre-screening application, visit <https://www.sulross.edu/law-enforcement-academy/>. For more information, call 432-837-8166 or email lea@sulross.edu.

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Twins for a day



As part of Red Ribbon Week, teachers, students, and administrators across Alpine ISD dressed up as twins. Alpine ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rinehart and Carolee Fox, Director of Curriculum and Special Programs nailed it.

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October 13, 1950

Ten members of the Modern Garden Club of Odessa, visiting the "Dalia Trails" of Alpine, Marfa, and Fort Davis last weekend are shown here in the beautiful garden at the home of W. M. Meador, Alpine's veteran photographer.



October 21, 1938

Leading British writer on communism, John Strachey, was notified that his visa was canceled. He was to lecture in this country on socialism and communism. He was not allowed to leave the ship in New York.



October 10, 1947

A picturesque Mitre peak, in the Davis mountains. It is a beautiful spot seen from the Girl Scout campsite.



October 29, 1948

Last night her Royal Majesty Jimmie Gale of the House of Borrow and Empress of the Court of Jewels was crowned in a ceremony of splendor, pomp, and magnificence as queen of the Halloween carnival, pictured here with her consort Prince Royal Marshall Clay of the House of Cade.


Freeze and fungus contribute to tree bark loss

Dear Neil: This oak tree is located on our church property. Is the old bark falling off due to its age, or is there a disease?

Good question. It looks a bit like the radial shake we saw so frequently after the extreme cold of February 2021. Live oaks' trunks suffered vertical splits in their bark. Many of them then started shedding that bark within weeks of the freeze. In less severe cases new bark formed beneath the wounds, and that's what appears to be happening here. In more serious cases all the bark sloughed off entire sides of the trees and major parts of the tree (or all the tree) were lost.

And then there is Hypoxylon canker. It's a weak fungal organism that moves into trees weakened by environmental stresses such as extreme drought. We saw a lot of it after the drought of 2011. In the ensuing 2-3 years, chunks of bark were lost, and entire trees died in many cases. Hypoxylon canker, however, seemed to attack post-oaks the worst.

This would be the time to have a certified arborist who is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture look at your



GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

tree in person, and also to have the tissues cultured by the Texas A&M Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at College Station. They would be able to confirm the presence of a fungus if indeed one was involved.

About the only thing I can tell you with certainty is that this is not just normal bark loss due to the sloughing of old bark. That's especially obvious in the one photo showing a major part of the trunk where so much damage and decay is evident.

Dear Neil: Why are so many cedar trees (junipers) dying this year?

I don't recall seeing a year as bad as this year. I guess 2011 might have been since it was another biblical



drought, but this one will stick in my memory. To my eye, it's been a combination of extreme drought and bagworms. Look at a few of the dead trees closely. If you see the bagworm bags hanging on tightly, they're the culprits. If not, it was the drought. That's been the cause in almost all the trees that I've observed. They need to be cut and removed. They're fire hazards.

Dear Neil: What would be a good replacement for a euonymus that has succumbed to a combination of excessive shade and scale insects? It's also had a mix of powdery mildew thrown in as well. I need something that will grow

to about 42 inches tall.

Dwarf Burford Holly, hands down. Its mature height is 48 to 54 inches. That's after six to 12 years, but only if it's kept properly watered and fertilized. It's tolerant of a wide variety of soils and climates, and it's equally well suited to sun or shade. The only precaution is that you must water it by hand to get it established. Drip irrigation and sprinklers won't be enough, no matter what an irrigation contractor will tell you. No other shrub would even come close to matching your requirements.

Dear Neil: I question your response to the person with an issue with his St. Augustine lawn. I live in a neighborhood with 433 homes. I walk the neighborhood every day, and I would say that the great majority of the lawns are St. Augustine. With scores of days of 100-degree weather this summer, it was difficult for St. Augustine to survive in the full sun. Where trees cast shade, the grass survived. The cause, I believe, is the heat and not disease.

I answered so many variations of the St. Augustine question that I'm not going

to go back and try to find the specific one to which you might be referring. However, given the facts as you presented them, I almost assuredly would have laid the blame on the tiny mouthparts of chinch-bugs and not the gray leaf spot (the summer disease). Chinch bugs were terrible again this summer. They are hot-weather insects and only in the sunniest, hottest parts of our yards. They cause the grass to die out, often in very large patches, as if it weren't getting enough irrigation. Gray leaf spot fungus attacks in both sun and shade and it

doesn't cause the grass to die out completely as you describe. I've seen entire neighborhoods where folks lost big parts of their yards without ever realizing it simply because they didn't get down on all fours and look at the soil/runners to examine for the pest. I answered dozens of questions exactly that way, both here and elsewhere, also on the radio over this past summer. Chinch bugs were terrible.

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

ACROSS

- 1 TX Janis died of a heroin over _____
- 5 Quannah's code is 254
- 6 it can be removed with brush or roller
- 7 gazillions
- 8 this MacGraw starred with TX Kris Kristofferson in 1978 film "Convoy"
- 9 TXism: "you're dancing _____ field" (in danger)
- 16 _____ an email
- 18 TXism: "_____ couldn't stir 'em with a stick"
- 21 hosp. trauma area
- 22 "_____ of" (kinda)
- 23 first commissioned rank of TX Chester W. Nimitz (abbr.)
- 24 to be sure
- 30 in Hardin County on U.S. 69, 96 & 287
- 34 TXism: "old _____ dirt"
- 35 TXism: "he's a man _____ the river with" (reliable)
- 36 Texas "horny _____"
- 37 red, swollen caused by fights
- 39 TXism: "you got the tail _____" (backwards)
- 43 this gymnast Comaneci now lives in Oklahoma
- 44 "it's _____-fire way to do it"
- 45 TX Clint Black's "_____ Tell Ourselves"

DOWN

- 46 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)
- 47 teeter-_____ (seasaws)
- 49 lunatic (2 wds.)
- 52 Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas" (init.)
- 53 making the superlative of an adjective
- 54 "it was the _____ I could do"
- 55 pungent cleaning fluid
- 13 TX Henley co-wrote "New Kid _____"
- 14 Yankees city (abbr.)
- 15 TXism: "red _____" (liquor)
- 17 TXism: "if I had my _____" (choice)
- 19 TXism: "dancing like a bobber _____"
- 20 WWII aircraft carrier: "_____ Jacinto"
- 24 TX George Strait hit: "I've Come to Expect _____ from You"
- 25 TX Vikki Carr album: "Cosas del _____"
- 26 in McLennan County on highway 164

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LADY BUCKS VOLLEYBALL
 Oct. 27 Alpine vs Fort Stockton
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LADY BUCKS BASKETBALL
 Nov. 7 Pecos @ Alpine JV 4:30
 p.m. Varsity 6 p.m.
 Nov. 9 and 11 Fort Stockton JV
 Tourney TBA
 Nov. 11 Monahans @ Alpine JV
 11 a.m. Varsity 12:30 p.m.

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BY JOH COVINGTON
 Staff Writer

On Friday, Buck Stadium was the background to the Alpine homecoming ceremonies and game played against Odessa Compass Academy. The Fightin' Bucks brought home the win with a final score of 33-18. Alpine is now second in the district. Odessa Compass is currently third in the district and won their last game against Tornillo and will go on to face Crane next, who are sitting first in district play.

After Friday's game, head coach and athletic director Andy Smith said, "Defensively, we played extremely well. We forced five turnovers and recovered two onside kicks. We ran to the ball well and tackled well. We still need to improve our play on third down and long."

The Alpine team started the game strong, kicking off to Compass, and scoring first in



Fightin' Buck Robert Vasquez celebrates the homecoming win after the game against Compass Academy last Friday.

Photo by Noe Lujan.

the first quarter with a three-yard touchdown from Logan Smith with 11 minutes to go.

Each team made multiple plays during this quarter, but neither could break through the other's

defense. The quarter ended with Alpine leading 6-0.

In the second quarter, the Bucks made a big play and had the ball on their own 46-yard line and recovered a fumble by Compass Academy. Odessa met Alpine's six points with a 68-yard rushing touchdown by Christian Davalos with five minutes to go and then doubled their score with under a minute to go with a 60-yard pass for a touchdown from Diego Franco.

The first half ended with Compass Academy leading Alpine 6-12. "I felt we left points on the board in the first half, and we needed to get back to play disciplined football," Smith said.

During halftime, the Fightin' Buck Band performed their UIL show called "Time After Time," which they will be taking to the UIL Area Marching contest this Saturday.

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The Lady Bucks volleyball team are all grins after becoming district 1-3A champions.

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Lady Bucks District Champs

BY JOH COVINGTON
 Staff Writer

The Lady Bucks volleyball team played two district games last week, an away game against Kermit on Tuesday and a home game against Crane on Saturday. Then

they faced Presidio in the away game that decided their fate as district champions.

The Alpine volleyball team led all three sets in the game against Kermit, 25-13 in set one, 25-13 in set two, and 25-8 in the final third set, winning

the game 3-0.

The Kermit team had a tough time defending against the Lady Buck offense. During this game, the Lady Bucks had 39 kills, with Novah

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Runnin' Bucks headed to state

BY CORY CASON
 Contributor

The Alpine Runnin' Bucks are headed to state. The girls' varsity team consisting of seniors Mia Morris and Tannin Ritchie, junior Hope Dominguez, sophomores Emy Hernandez and Megan Struthers, and freshmen Colette Fowlkes and Molly Garrett competed in the Region 1-3A cross country championship on Monday in Lubbock. Four teams of 24 advance to the state competition from region one. The girls were ranked in the top six teams in the region but were not considered one of the favorites to advance. But the girls led by Mia Morris and Emy Hernandez grabbed the third-place team spot, much to the surprise of some, advancing to the



The Alpine Runnin' Bucks cross-country runners are headed to state after qualifying at this past Saturday's Regional meet in Lubbock. Pictured are Assistant Coach George Hazlehurst, Tannin Ritchie, Hope Dominguez, Megan Strothers, Emy Hernandez, Hatfield Cason, Molly Garrett, Mia Morris, Colette Fowlkes, and Head Coach Cory Cason.

state cross country championship. Alpine has had some great runners and teams in the past with several individuals advancing to the state meet under both Coach Keith and Coach Cason but the Runnin' Bucks have not ad-

vanced as a team in recent memory. Mia Morris ran a 12:31 on a difficult hilly Lubbock course placing fourth amongst 2023 state track caliber distance runners. Emy Hernandez ran

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Regional meet results



Hatfield Cason, the lone boys' cross-country qualifier poses with his mom and head cross-country coach Cory Cason after his eighth-place overall finish at the Regional meet in Lubbock this past Saturday.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**DANICA MULHOLLAND
JUNIOR**

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Lady Lobos prevail after series of losses

BY KARA GERBERT
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The Lady Lobos have gone back and forth in the win column the past few weeks. After their win against Concordia, they dropped their next game on the road to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, losing all three sets.

The Lobos would rally back in the next conquest against the University of the Southwest in Hobbs. Sul Ross would beat the Mustangs in four sets, with a 3-1 win. Their next match-up would be Hardin-Simmons back on their home court on October 13, where they just weren't able to quite get it done.

This was the Lobos' second chance to take down the Cowgirls, but despite three close sets, they would fall 25-21 in the first set, 25-20 in the second, and 32-30 in the third, giving the Cowgirls a sweep.

The Cowgirls put up a 4-0 run in the first set, with their lead growing to nine points before Sul Ross would answer back with a 3-0 run to cut the point deficit by three. The Lobos were able to accomplish this due to a kill by Daniella Garcia and a service ace by Tatyana Colon, but the Cowgirls were still able to take the set.

Two lead changes early in the second set would see another kill from Daniella Garcia and the Lobos would lead 2-0 at the start, but Hardin-Simmons would come back to tie things up. With two kills by Loren Garcia and Daniella Garcia, the Lobos led 4-2. Cassandra Espinoza would help keep the Lobos up by two with another kill.

Despite these great plays by the Lobos, Hardin-Simmons would rally back with a 7-0 run to take a 12-7 lead. With additional kills from Edie Coleman and Jayci Richters, the Lobos tried to hang on, but the Cowgirls would have another 7-0 run to take the lead and eventually win the set.

The third set was a battle from start to finish, with 15 different lead changes throughout, and five lead changes at the beginning of the set until Hardin-Simmons went on a 5-0 run to take the lead 11-7.

The Lobos answered back with a 7-0 run of their own, to flip the score 18-14. The Lobos would hold a 22-19 lead until the Cowgirls used a 3-0 run to tie the game. Hardin-Simmons would end up one point away from ending the set when the Lobos battled back to take the lead 26-25. Hardin-Simmons would answer

back with a 2-0 run, followed by the same by Sul Ross, bringing the score to 28-27. The Cowgirls would have another 2-0 run before Coleman tallied a kill to tie the game. The game would then go to 30-all with a kill by Loren Garcia, but the Cowgirls would hammer in two kills to end the match.

The Lady Lobos would next face McMurry, with Daniella Garcia a powerhouse on the court for Sul Ross. She would tally 15 kills on the day with the 3-0 sweep of War Hawks.

The first set would see a 5-0 run by the Lobos followed later by a 6-0 run with three kills in the first set by Daniella, one by Loren Garcia, two by Cassandra Espinoza, and one by Sarah Chavez. The first set also benefited with a service ace by Eliana Mata and Brylee Sweeten. The Lobos would take the first set 25-12 over the War Hawks.

The start of the second set would see McMurray pull away with a 14-9 lead, but the Lobos would follow up with a 4-0 run to trail by one, followed by a kill and block by Jayci Richters to tie the set 15-all. Another 4-0 run for Sul Ross would give them the lead 19-16, with Edie Coleman and Chavez both contributing a kill each. The Lobos would have

another run, 5-0, with a kill shot by Daniella Garcia to put the Lobos up 2-0 in the match. The third set would see three early lead changes, but the Lobos held on with a 3-0 run, followed by a 4-0 run, and finally another 3-0 run with a final kill from Chavez, clinching the match for the Lobos.

The Lobos faced LeTourneau at home earlier in the season and beat the Yellow Jackets in a four-set match 3-1. They faced them again on their own court on October 20 but were not successful in taking the win. The Yellow Jackets would sweep the Lobos 0-3, with three fairly close sets of 21-25, 20-25, and 12-25. The Lobos losing streak would continue on the road when they met up in Richardson with UT Dallas, falling to the Comets in a four-set match 1-3. Sul Ross would drop the first two sets 22-25 and 18-25 before rallying back and taking the third set 25-20. This forced the fourth and final set, where the Comets would hold on and beat the Lobos 20-25.

Sul Ross faced Howard Payne in Brownwood on Tuesday and will continue on the road to face East Texas Baptist University on Saturday. The Lobos lost to both teams earlier in the season here at home.

AHS king and queen



Alpine High School crowned their king and queen during homecoming ceremonies last Friday night. Homecoming king Jobre Evans was chosen at Wednesday night's homecoming pep rally and bonfire and Elyse "Chiquita" Ramos was chosen when she was crowned on Friday night.

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In the third quarter, Compass kicked off to Alpine. The Bucks met the Odessa teams 12 points after Iden Lujan scored with a seven-yard rushing touchdown and an extra point after the touchdown from Walt Urbanczyk.

Quarterback Lujan, said, "I feel that we all came together as a team during the second half, and we did our jobs well. Our coaches gave us great halftime adjustments and we executed in the second half. We never quit and we knew if we could execute that we would win the game."

After Odessa's Christian Davalos intercepted an Alpine pass and had the ball at their own 38-yard line with under a minute left, the third quarter ended with Alpine leading 13-12. Buck player, Jr Cunningham said, "Our O-line dominated the game and allowed us to win in the second half. We focused on our assignments and adjustments from our coaches at half-time. We just cut it loose and played hard the rest of the way."

There was a lot of activity in the final fourth quarter. Odessa scored first with a seven-yard

pass from Franco to Tanner Gahr for a touchdown, giving Compass a temporary lead of 13-18.

With six minutes to go, the Bucks scored with a 10-yard rushing touchdown from Smith, driving Alpine ahead to 19 points on the board. Daedrick Hardwick intercepted a Compass pass and had the ball at the 36-yard line. With four minutes to go, Smith gained a 14-yard touchdown followed by an extra point from Urbanczyk. Buck player Robert Vasquez followed up and intercepted a Compass pass giving Alpine the ball on their 17-yard line.

The game ended with Alpine winning 33-18 after Smith executed a 17-yard rushing touchdown followed by another extra point from Urbanczyk with a minute to go.

"Iden Lujan, Devon Rojo, and Logan Smith excelled for us on offense. I'm proud of these young men. Our offensive line dominated Odessa Compass for 300 yards rushing," said Smith. The Alpine team now has a one-win steak and will face Tornillo next in a district home game on Thursday, October 26 at Buck Stadium.

All ages support Buck Nation



Parents and kids were on hand to enjoy the bonfire at Wednesday night's homecoming pep rally held in front of the Ag Barn.

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Setting the tempo



The Alpine Fightin' Buck Band is always a big part of any parade but was especially so in last Wednesday's homecoming parade.

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RUNNING • FROM 8

a personal best of 13:28 in 19th place.

Junior, Hatfield Cason, placed eighth out of 174 runners securing his place at the state cross country championship in the boys' division for the second year in a row. It is no small feat to repeatedly qualify for state. It is a year-round endeavor,

and one race decides it all. Cason was up for the challenge again this year showing that his work ethic and experience make him formidable.

All cross-country teams put in an incredible amount of work by most peoples' standards, but there is only one race to decide whether you advance to the next level or not. All of our region-

al athletes "showed up" on Monday. You may see cross-country shirts around the school and community that say "no-body cares" on the front and RUN on the back. Our motto developed throughout the season... no excuses...no complaining...nobody cares.... RUN. The cross-country team has great comradery and always supports

one another, but when it's time to take care of business...they do.

The cross-country state championship is in Round Rock at Old Settlers Park and 3A competes on Friday, November 3.

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Carrasco and Adayna Garcia leading with 11 and 10 kills respectively. The team also had nine serving aces, provided by Paula Vargas, Hope Dominguez, Nadia Morris, and Garcia's serves.

For the Alpine defense, Hannah Juett and Garcia had five blocks. And out of the team's 67 digs total, Jaycee Portillo had a whopping 25, followed by Mia Morris and at least one from every other member of the team who was on high alert.

Vargas had 32 assists during this game and with aid from Nadia Morris and Portillo, they had a total of 37 assists.

The Lady Buck's next game was against Crane. Alpine took the lead in all three sets, 25-15 in the first, 25-20 in the second, and 25-21 in the third.

After this game, head volleyball coach Adrian Smith said, "Crane was such a great match for us. There were many situational scenarios throughout the entire match that we hadn't had much ex-

perience in and we were able to utilize those situations to learn from which is exciting because we will be able to implement those experiences in post-season play."

During this game, the Alpine team tallied up 38 kills and six assists. They did struggle a bit with blocking, with one successful solo block from Hannah Juett and five total block errors from the whole team. However, they more than made up for this with their digs. Portillo alone had 37 digs and with 14 from Carrasco, 10 from Vargas, and more from Garcia, Dominguez, and Mia Morris, the team covered 81 total digs.

On Tuesday, the Alpine team played the Blue Devils of Presidio. And before that away district game, Smith said, "The Presidio match will be another great match for us. We are really focusing on incorporating multiple game strategies at a specific level of consistency in order to work towards a successful postseason run." Presidio was fourth

in the district and played Kermit last. With their win over Presidio, Alpine became the undefeated district champions.

The Lady Bucks next game is scheduled for Friday, October 27 in Fort Stockton in an away non-district game.

"Fort Stockton gives us another opportunity to prepare and build our confidence and skill levels going into post season play," said Smith.

Soon the Alpine team will be headed into their postseason run, with a possible warm up match to be announced, as well as bi-district at the end of the month.

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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 27th 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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BY NANCY ANTRIM
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Christianity is not a religion but a relationship. Christianity is a relationship because at the heart of our faith is our belief that the one who created us, and all that is, wants to have a real, life-giving, loving relationship with us. The heart of our faith is not a set of teachings and beliefs about God. It is not a set of rules to follow to please God. It is a relationship with God. A relationship that is made possible by the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ; and a relationship that is made alive in our lives through our faith. Our relationship with God is the most important relationship we will ever have. But a close second is our relationship with each other.

Think of what Jesus said about the greatest commandment: It is to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Or think of the Ten Commandments. The first tablet is all about our relationship with God. The second tablet is all about our relationship with each other. Our first and foremost relationship is with God. But no less important is our relationship with each other.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." When we gather for purposes of worship, God's Spirit is with us. I don't just mean Sunday morning for church service. I mean anything that we do together in his name is an act of worship. This could be coming to a semi-boring committee meeting at church.

Worship could also be gathering together to meet people's needs in the community: any kind of mission, education, and evangelism. Anything that we do where we gather in Christ's name is worship. Even just meeting for fellowship including coffee hour. In fact, worship probably can cover just about everything we do together. So, when we gather in Jesus' name, God is there with us. God's relationships with us and our relationships with others are interconnected.

So, when someone becomes separated from us, it is our responsibility to bring them back into relationship with us. We are not to reject them because of something they did or said. Remember Jesus specifically spends time with sinners, gentiles, and tax collectors. Jesus didn't shun people who were out of a right relationship with the community. Instead, Jesus purposely reached out to them to restore them to that communal relationship.

Relationships matter to God. Our relationship with God will last forever. That makes relationships one of the most important things we have in our lives. God is all about relationships. We should be all about relationships as well – both our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. God promised the children of Israel in Jeremiah 24:7 "I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart." And God promises us that same relationship through Jesus today.

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Marfa resident has new book

“Chasing the Panther: Adventures and Misadventures of a Cinematic Life” by Carolyn Pfeiffer and Gregory Collins is a memoir that takes readers on a captivating journey through the world of European cinema, filled with glamour, grit, and unscripted adventures. The title came from Pfeiffer’s time in Europe when a then fiancé said to Carolyn: “Art is like a panther ... sometimes if you get too close... it puts its claws in you and it doesn’t let go.”

The narrative is both candid and engrossing, offering an intimate glimpse into the life of a young woman who ventured into the male-dominated realm of film production and distribution during a time of exponential change in the landscape and cinema of 1960s Europe. Her storytelling is vivid and immersive, transporting readers from cheap hotels to film sets to glamorous locations.

Pfeiffer is honest about the less glamorous side of the industry as she shares her encounters with fun and travel alongside controversy and moments of personal and professional turbulence. Her resilience and determination shine through as she navigates the complexities of life behind the scenes of cinema, making it relatable for both film enthusiasts and those who like to experience history through a different window.

“Chasing the Panther” concludes at the end of her time in Europe, with later life events reduced to a prologue but Pfeiffer’s wit, wisdom, and unwavering spirit make this book not just an engaging read but also an inspirational tale, an ode to the power of curiosity and indomitable spirit that propels one



toward their passions.

Carolyn Pfeiffer, now a Marfa resident, has woven a narrative that transcends generations and genders. What began as a hope to inspire young girls has evolved into a compelling story for men and women, older and younger alike. Pfeiffer’s message is clear: when life presents challenges, persevere, for something beautiful often awaits just around the corner.

Having worked with notable figures in the entertainment industry, Pfeiffer’s experience is not a tell-all but rather a story told from her specific lens of perspective. “You feel protective when you work with them (famous people), especially if they’re nice because you want to protect their privacy,” she said. Pfeiffer candidly addresses the hardships and unpleasant experiences that (mostly) women face in her memoir, not to accuse or point fingers, but as facts that have shaped her as a person. She didn’t initially intend to make her story

so personal, she said. Still, with the encouragement of Gregory, her co-author and fellow visionary whom she met in Austin through the Austin Film Society when she was searching for an assistant, and her literary agent Jeff Silverman, it ended up having some very personal moments. “They egged me on”, she said. And “Gregory turned it into prose.”

The compelling, page-turning aspect of this book may lie in the countless drafts that traveled back and forth between herself and Gregory for many years. The sense of place draws the reader in making it not just a personal account but also a historical snapshot of a specific era and place. Through the eyes of a young woman breaking the norms of her time to chase her dreams, Pfeiffer’s narrative shows how she helped open doors for generations of young women to step out into the world, paving their unique paths.

Carolyn, now in her eighties, continues to craft inspiring narratives. She has two film projects in the works as well as a 4-part mini-series, each in different stages of development, including one she calls “The Libby Project” based on her late husband, Jon Bradshaw’s novel, “Dreams That Money Can Buy: The Tragic Life of Libby Holman.” She has a film coming out on October 20, on Apple TV+ and Amazon, that she was executive producer on – “Robert Irwin: A Desert of Pure Feeling” – based on the Robert Irwin installation at the Chinati Foundation. Her dedication to storytelling keeps her going, she says. “It keeps me from being frozen.”

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Lady Bucks cross country takes third



The Alpine Lady Bucks cross-country team poses with their state qualifying signs after their third-place team win in Lubbock this past Saturday.

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In what activities did you participate in high school?

In high school, I participated in one act, art, band, academic UIL, student council, and National Honor Society.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

My favorite teacher was Mrs. Golden. She uplifted me on my bad days, provided a safe space to be myself, and made my good days even better than they already were.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moment in the last four years was when we created our band Tiger’s Eyes my sophomore year and performed for the Reproductive Coalition in Marfa that summer.

What are your plans after high school?

My plans after high school are to pursue a career in psychology. My tentative college choice is Texas State where I can adventure into the surrounding cities in Central Texas.

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Older women make beautiful runners



Nicole Lindsey of San Angelo took first place in her age category at Saturday’s Marathon. Lindsey won in the women’s aged 40-49 category of the half marathon.

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Homecoming Queen



Elyse “Chiquita” Ramos rides on the hood of a truck during the homecoming parade last Wednesday. She was one of five candidates vying for the title of homecoming queen, which she achieved at Friday’s homecoming game.

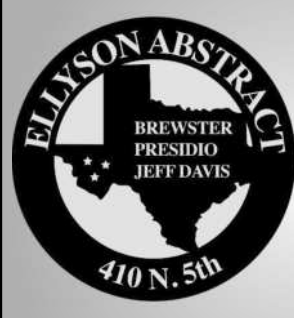
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What does that mean when you say that?

“Say•ing” noun — a short pithy expression that generally contains advice, insight, or wisdom. Often provoking questions from young minds.

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“What does that mean, what you said about the sun, the moon, and the stars lining up,” daughter, Robin, asked? One time back when she and I were both much younger.

“It’s just an old saying,” I explained. “Sage old sayings spice up conversations a little and can be a memorable method of illustrating a point.”

“But how can the sun and the moon line up,” was her next question. “The sun is only here in the day and the moon only at night.” My daughter’s questions kept me on my toes. Day and night.

“Well ...,” I began. Which was the way I usually started when I didn’t

have a ready answer. “I took this astronomy class in college,” I said. “I was looking for an easy elective ...”

“You don’t know, do you,” she interrupted. “Sort of; it’s

a really rare occurrence when things happen like they are supposed to,” I said in a humorous tone. “Like when you clean your room, make your bed, and complete all of your homework in one day.”

“So, you mean stuff that never happens,” she laughed. “Then why did you tell someone on the phone that the sun, the moon, and the stars aligned for your trip last week?”

The adventure behind that statement started with a business trip to Fort Payne, Alabama with a return flight on Thursday. The same day



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

as the Noon Lions Club meeting. I’ve been a member of Lions Clubs in several cities over the years. Perfect attendance was never my strong suit, but it was one I

set as a goal for that year when I served as the Center Civic Club’s president. Many suns and moons ago.

“It was just the luck of the draw that my meeting was set for a Wednesday,” I told Robin.

“What’s luck of the draw,” she asked? “Good luck or bad luck?”

“It could go either way,” I said. “In this case, I hated to miss a Lions Club meeting. I had a flight planned that would be close. So, I told the club vice president I should be back, but don’t bet the farm on it.”

“Dad, we don’t have a farm,” Robin laughed.

“Yeah,” I admitted, “Well ... the business meeting ended late Wednesday with dinner, and my dash back to Shelby County began early the following day. Although I was not optimistic about getting back in time for the meeting, I had a plan. A long shot that started with a 7 a.m. flight from Chattanooga, Tennessee. The best route and the first flight out.

“Up at 4 a.m. in Alabama on the road in 30 minutes got me to Chattanooga by 5:30. Where I discovered that the check-in desk for the airline I booked did not open until 6:30.

“So, they can open at 6:30 a.m. and get me on a 7 a.m. flight,” I chatted with a security guard.”

“Most of the time,” he drawled. “Them leaving by 7:00? Now that’s a horse of a different color.”

“Dad,” Robin interjected, “What’s a horse of a ...?”

“We got off the ground not too long after 7. Head-

ed for Memphis. Where we landed. Not too far off schedule. I found the gate to board the connecting flight to Shreveport and learned that the last leg of the flight was delayed.”

“Weather problems,” the nice lady at the terminal gate reported. “The flight is coming from St. Louis and was delayed leaving. The good news is that it has departed and your delay into Shreveport should not be more than an hour.”

“I tried to display an appreciative smile with my ‘thank you.’”

“The flight from St. Louis to Shreveport, with a stop in Memphis, arrived. Late. After unloading and reloading, we were in the air. A short time later, I looked down to see Cross Lake and Interstate 20 pass below. Landing at Shreveport.

“In my car at precisely 11:00 a.m., I decided to go with an old pig trail cutting through the countryside

from the airport to Bethany, where Louisiana transforms back into Texas.”

“A pig trail,” Robin quizzed me?

“Just another old saying,” I said. “At just the time the meeting was supposed to start, I walked in, gave the vice president a thumbs up, picked up the gavel, and began the meeting.

“Guys,” I announced, “You’ll never believe how far I’ve traveled to be here today.”

Concluding the story, I told Robin, “So, you see how everything happening in just the right order and right time is a reference to the sun and moon and the stars aligning and how it happened just in the nick of time to keep my perfect attendance record going?”

“OK, but what does in the nick of time mean,” my daughter asked?

“Well, I think that one means ... Robin, have you cleaned your room?”

Alpine FFA feeds the homecoming crowd



The Alpine FFA held a concession stand to feed everyone after last Wednesday’s homecoming parade. The meal consisted of smoked sausage wraps cooked by the Alpine FFA Boosters, a cookie, a bottle of water, and a bag of chips. Helping out were Bryan Ritchie, Trever Warren, Brody Warren, Ty Ritchie, Micaela Ritchie, T.C. Hawkins, and Mr. Doug Fox.

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Morris places in top five



Mia Morris, who earned a fourth-place overall win at this past Saturday’s Regional competition in Lubbock rounds the curve just behind a fellow competitor.

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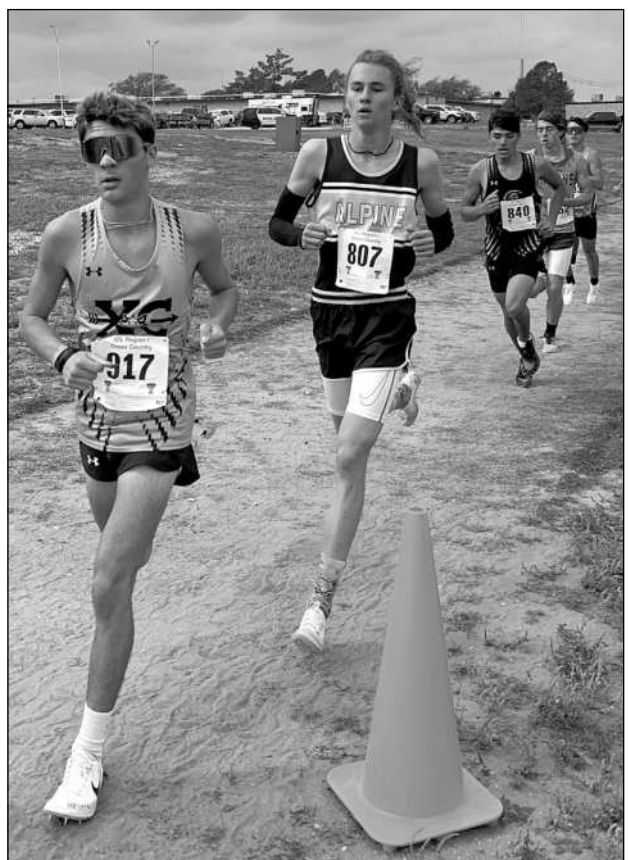
Hernandez in top 20 at regionals



Emy Hernandez rounds a curve on the cross-country course at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock during this past Saturday’s Regional competition.

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State-bound again



Hatfield Cason, who placed eighth overall in this past Saturday’s cross-country race in Lubbock, keeps the pace among the other competitors. Cason finished the race with a time of 17:03.

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No need to ever leave hungry

Most of us here in the last frontier have needed a trip to travel up the road a piece into panther country. By that I mean Fort Stockton, for those of you who may be unaware of their school mascot.

Like any West Texas town worth its dust, there is no shortage of Mexican food restaurants. And while most people don't or won't travel the 67.5 miles to Fort Stockton from Alpine just to eat, that is not always the case. I've been known to travel to Acuña, Mexico on a whim for dinner at Ma Crosby's once upon a time, which is 210 miles away, and this was back when speed limits were still 55 mph.

Most people who head to Fort Stockton go there to shop at our closest Walmart or for other options that are not available in the tri-county area, but one should never leave without ven-



HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert

turing at some point to Tacos OJ.

For those of you who are frighteningly unaware, Tacos OJ (the OJ stands for Ojinaga, Mexico, not orange juice) this little joint located at 1305 N. Main Street serves up some of the best food you'll find in the area. It's so good, that not only do the locals love it, but word spread pretty quickly in the area that it was the place to go for dynamite Mexican food.

Now I'll admit, I tend to be a creature of habit when it comes to Mexi-



Combo plate-Tacos OJ

can food. I will find something I like and eat that almost exclusively every time I visit the same place. When grabbing lunch at Tacos OJ I have always had their signature dish, which the restaurant is named for. The Tacos OJ is a plate of carne asada tacos with sides of rice and refried beans along with a roasted jalapeño that is always hot. It is delicious, and if you're a first-time flier, this is what I recommend.

Recently I was called to Fort Stockton on business, and of course,

there was no way I could pass up stopping in one of my favorite restaurants. But unlike previous visits, I decided to try something new. The lunch special that day was the combo plate. This plate allows you to get a taste of many of the options they have to offer. It comes with rice and refried beans, two cheese-stuffed chile relenos covered in what I would call a spicy green chile ranchero sauce, one spicy red enchilada smothered in their red chile enchilada sauce,

Photo by Kara Gerbert

and a beef taco. It was, in a word, delicious. Along with this plate of course came a complimentary first basket of fresh chips and salsa.

Their sauces are not something to mess around with if you are sensitive to spicy hot foods. Their salsa is probably their least threatening item spice-wise. Everything else that involves chiles of any kind has what I like to call "a kick." Meaning, if you don't like spicy foods, this is not the place to try enchila-

das or their chile relenos. And gracious, do not even conceive of eating one of the roasted jalapeños they serve with their taco plates. Those always tend to be scary hot. But if you enjoy spicy foods, fantastic tacos, and authentic border area Mexican flavors, Tacos OJ is the place to go.

The good news is that for those of you who are unable to tolerate those capsaicin-laden delights or don't cotton to Mexican food, they have some good ol' West Texas America standards on their menu as well. Along with their kid's menu that offers chicken strips, they also serve chicken fried steak, an adult portion of chicken strips, a hamburger steak smothered in onions and brown gravy (you'll have to tell them to hold the jalapeños), and a selection of hamburgers and cheeseburgers. And if you're looking for something a bit lighter on the palate, they offer salads with options of beef, chicken, fajitas, or shrimp. They also serve quesadillas with several options and the border favorite tortas.

Regardless of your tastes, Tacos OJ has a delicious option to satisfy everyone.



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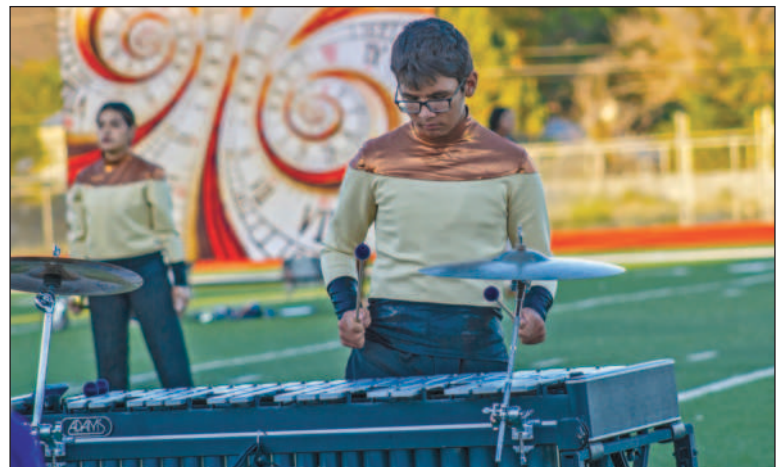
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For whom the bells toll



Ivan Dominguez played the vibraphone for the Alpine Fightin' Buck Band's performance of their "Time After Time" show.

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A clanging cymbal, a beating drum



Zaelynn Ruiz, Jonathan LeBlanc, and Matthew Pitts, part of the percussion section for the Fightin' Buck Band played their part in their final performance before their UIL marching contest in Odessa.

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