

Brewster County tackles water projects and wildfire

BY KERRY LAIRD
Contributor

The Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regular meeting on October 8 at the Brewster County Courthouse, with all commissioners and County Judge Greg Henington in attendance.

The court addressed several critical issues, including funding for water projects in local colonias, pursuing proposals for wildfire defense measures, and record-breaking tourism revenue through the Hotel Occupancy Tax.

One of the lead agenda items of note was a proposed general services agreement with Biggerstaff, Heath, Delgado & Acosta LLP, a law firm specializing

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Alpine Blackshirts lead Fightin' Bucks to gritty win over Crane

BY KERRY LAIRD
Sports Editor

In a key district matchup, the Alpine Fightin' Bucks clinched a thrilling 19-16 victory over the Crane Golden Cranes on Friday, October 4, at El Ave Stadium in Crane.

Crane jumped out to an early lead with an interception that was returned for a touchdown, but the Bucks were unphased and went to work, showing why they are the team to beat in the district.

Alpine's defense, known as the Blackshirts, dominated the night, holding the Golden Cranes to just one touchdown and setting the tone for a hard-fought win.

Crane's offense struggled against the relentless defense, managing only four yards passing on two completions



from 10 attempts.

"The defense stepped up big time Friday," said Alpine Defensive Coordinator Jerry Dominguez. "For the game, we only gave up 140 total yards! I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of the boys. The boys locked in from snap number one until the final snap, which was a huge 4th-down stop to seal the victory."

As the Fightin' Bucks continue to build a reputation for their hard-hitting defense, much

of their success can be traced back to Dominguez's leadership and expertise.

Known for his strategic prowess and unwavering commitment to the team, Dominguez has earned the respect and admiration of both players and fellow coaches.

"I have been a part of a coaching staff for the past 20 years, and Jerry Dominguez is the best defensive coordinator I have ever worked with," said Varsity Head Coach and AISD Athletic Di-

rector Andy Smith. "His passion for athletics is second to none. But he is the best because he loves kids and will do anything for the student-athletes at Alpine ISD."

The Fightin' Bucks' Blackshirts forced four turnovers, including two critical interceptions by standout defensive back Dae Hardwick. Hardwick's stellar night was highlighted by a pick-6 early in the game, giving Alpine its first score.

The Blackshirts' defense also racked up five tackles for loss, limiting Crane's rushing attack to 144 yards on 29 carries. Their smothering performance was the key to the Bucks' success, ensuring that Crane couldn't find an offensive rhythm.

"The Monday after the Wink game, I talked to the kids about the process of winning and being able to continue pushing forward to ac-

complish their goal of a District Championship," said Dominguez. "They have responded in a big way with great practices, great effort, and great focus week to week."

"I am proud of what they have accomplished so far and look forward to continued improvement. Love these boys!"

On the offensive side, Alpine leaned on its rushing game, amassing 259 yards on the ground. Logan Smith led the charge with 23 carries for 154 yards and a touchdown, including a 54-yard breakaway run.

"Logan Smith showed why Dave Campbell's magazine voted him to be the Pre-Season Offensive MVP of the District," said Coach Smith. "He ran physical and tough between the tackles."

Quarterback Devon

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TransPecos Banks celebrates 100 years



Members of the TransPecos Banks staff were on hand last week to celebrate 100 years in banking. Pictured are Rashwan Pickens, B.J. Henning, George Mussleman, Cara Turn, Jessica Jimenez, Audrey Galindo, Angela Armendariz, Alesha Kinzie, Mike Kozub, Stacey Wood, Johanna Wells, and Hillary Shipp.

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City council hears public concerns on special use permit

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The City of Alpine held its regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers. All council members were in attendance.

The first item of business after the meeting was called to order, was to hear from members of the public concerning a special use permit for alcohol sales requested by Perla Baeza.

Patricia LaFarelle of Ward 4 was the first to speak about how, being a long-time resident of Murphy Street across from the old Farmer's Market property that Baeza owns, she was concerned with having loud music and drunken

behavior causing an issue. "We already have the music noise and traffic from the Ritchey, and I'm just concerned this will bring more issues to the neighborhood. I sincerely hope the council does not consider this proposal," LaFarelle stated.

Daniel Lester and Leonel Rodriguez, both from Ward 4, commented about the special use permit. Their concern was not just the noise and traffic but also the fact that if the owner were to add food, her permitting and buildings would be up to code. Rodriguez was also concerned with the water supply and bathroom facilities.

The next item of business was six public hearings, with only one of the hearings receiving public

comment.

Public Hearing D was to obtain citizen views and comments regarding Special Use Permit 2024-10-01, a special use permit authorizing applicant Perla Baeza to obtain a (malt beverage) Retail Dealer's On-Premise License (BE) from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to establish a beer garden at 107 E. Murphy Street, including malt beverage sales. Perla Baeza is the property owner of record.

Baeza addressed the council, saying, "I heard and understood everyone's concerns. I never intended this to be a bar. I envisioned a place where people could congregate, listen to music, have a few beers, and have a conversation without hav-



Members of the City of Alpine's gas department were on hand to receive the proclamation from Mayor Catherine Eaves, proclaiming the week of October 6-12 as National Public Natural Gas Appreciation Week.

Photo by J.T. Maroney

ing to scream at each other to be heard. I also would like this to be a place where, in the future, there might be Daddy-Daughter dances or movie screenings for kids while the adults visit. A drunken bar was never my intention."

The public hearings closed at 5:47 p.m. and

were followed by two proclamations presented by Alpine City Mayor Catherine Eaves. The first proclamation, given to the Gas Department, declaring the week of October 6-12 National Public Natural Gas Appreciation Week. The

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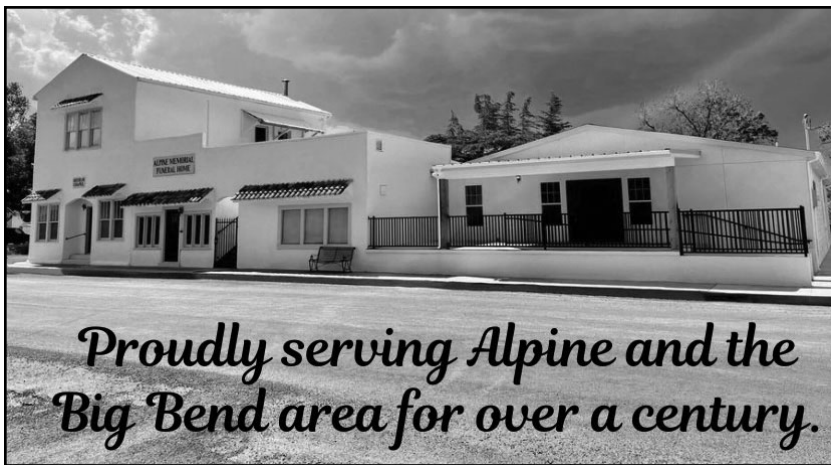
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Eloisa E. Celaya

It is with our deepest sorrow and heaviest of hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beautiful Eloisa E. Celaya, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend whose presence graced our lives in countless ways.

Eloisa leaves behind her loving husband, Gregorio Celaya, as well as her son, Camilo Celaya (Belinda), and their children Camilo



Jr., Marcus, and Jay-Lynn of Alpine; daughter Gracie Villanueva (Richard) and their children Richard Jr. of Balmorhea, Fernando of Alpine, and Aaron of Midland; daughter Selma Garcia (Rick)

and their children Christopher of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jenny and Selena of Andrews; daughter Pam Celaya and her daughter Denise of Alpine, as well as 18 great-grandchildren and her sister Angela Valenzuela of Andrews.

Eloisa was born in Alpine on October 13, 1938, to Francisco and Julia Espinosa. Her parents, along with her sisters Margarita Rodriguez, Juanita Cobos, and Julia Sims,

and brothers Francisco Espinosa and Apolnio "Hoppy" Espinosa, are among the pre-deceased members of her family.

Her legacy of love and laughter will continue to live on in the hearts of all who loved her. Though we mourn her loss deeply, we find solace in the beautiful memories she leaves behind. Eloisa's spirit will forever guide and protect us so that we can be impeccable, work hard, and em-

brace each day with grace and gratitude.

Pallbearers for services are to be Richie Villanueva, Fernando Villanueva, Camilo Celaya, Jr., Marcus Celaya, Aaron Villanueva and Kristopher Celaya. Honorary pallbearers are Richard Villanueva and Rick Garcia.

Services for Eloisa will take place at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church at 406 S. 6th Street in Alpine on Thursday, October

10. The recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m. The funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. also at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, and the interment will follow at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine.

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home, and gifts and condolences may be left at www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

Locals attend TransPecos Banks celebration



Judy Stokes, Sara Bow, and Linda Harris were on hand last week for TransPecos Banks' 100 years of banking celebration.

Photo by J.T. Maroney

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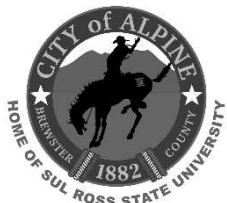


Kiwanis hold annual spaghetti supper

Matt Walter and Judy Stokes smile as they serve a delicious spaghetti meal last Thursday at the Alpine Elementary School cafeteria. Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Alpine serves this meal, with all proceeds going back into the community.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CAPTIONED ITEMS:

ORDINANCE 2024-10-01: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION, ABANDONMENT, AND SALE OF A 205 SQUARE FOOT-WIDE STRIP OUT OF W. BROWN AVE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ADJACENT AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTHWEST LINE OF LOT 8, BLOCK 8, HAMILTON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALPINE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEED WITHOUT WARRANTY TO THE APPLICANT LI FENG NI; DIRECTING THAT FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF THE CITY'S INTEREST BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FURTHER, AUTHORIZE THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO ISSUE A PERMANENT VARIANCE TO THE CITY SETBACK REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE PROPERTY LINE TO THE W BROWN AVE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SAN VICENTE ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating

San Vicente ISD will hold a public meeting at time 5:30 PM, Thursday, November 17th, 2024 in Meeting Room, San Vicente ISD, BBNP, Tx 79834

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss San Vicente ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

Texas A&M finds aoudad, desert big horn share respiratory pathogens

BY COURTNEY PRICE

Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

A team of researchers at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (VMBS) has discovered that aoudad—an animal in the sheep and goat family—can catch and spread many of the same respiratory pathogens that affect desert bighorn sheep, a native species that frequently shares its habitat with aoudad.

The new research, recently published in the journal PLOS ONE, will help wildlife conservationists better understand the complex relationship between these two species and promote the management of both species.

The project was made possible thanks to funding from the Wild Sheep Foundation and support from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Aoudad (pronounced “AH-dad”) originated in North Africa and was introduced to Texas for hunting opportunities in the late 1950s.

Some wildlife experts estimate that as many as 40,000 aoudads live in the state.

“There isn’t much research about disease transmission between

Texas aoudad and native species like bighorn sheep,” said Logan Thomas, PhD, an assistant professor at Kansas State University. “This makes it difficult for wildlife experts to monitor diseases and preserve animal populations.”

Dr. Thomas, a former postdoctoral researcher under Walter Cook, DVM, PhD, a VBMS clinical associate professor has been instrumental in studying the disease dynamics between aoudad and desert bighorn sheep. His research aims to understand how the two species interact in relation to shared pathogens.

“If we can measure the disease exposure in both species, we can start to understand how they might affect each other,” said Dr. Thomas. “By analyzing samples from both kinds of animals, we were ultimately able to determine that they too can carry and transmit the same respiratory illnesses.”

It Takes Two

Both aoudad and bighorn sheep are important animals for Texas wildlife conservation and the state’s economy. In West Texas, both animals are hunted as game, and some landowners make a significant portion of



Researchers at Texas A&M University’s College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences have learned that aoudad, a non-native species, can carry and spread respiratory pathogens that threaten native bighorn sheep populations, raising concerns for wildlife conservation and management.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

their income by charging hunters a fee to hunt on their land.

“Aoudad, in particular, are economically valuable for hunting opportunities,” said Dr. Thomas. “Since they’re a non-native species, there are no season or bag limits, which is very attractive to hunters.”

While bighorn sheep are also a favorite game animal among hunters, they require intensive management in Texas to keep population num-

bers sustainable.

Respiratory diseases, including pneumonia, have already devastated bighorn populations, and experts are now concerned about the potential impact on aoudad, as well as the possibility of worsening the situation for bighorns.

“When there are outbreaks of these diseases in bighorn sheep, we usually see two waves of population decline,” said Dr. Thomas. “There’s a decline in all age groups

when the outbreak first happens. Then there’s another wave after the lambs are born—many of them don’t survive because they haven’t been exposed to the disease and lack an immune response like the older bighorns.”

Complicating the problem is that some adult bighorns will carry the disease for several years after the initial outbreak, which means that the population may never have a chance to recover its numbers.

“We’ve known about this cycle in bighorn sheep for a while now, but no one had studied whether the same thing could happen in aoudad or if the two species could spread these pathogens back and forth,” he said. “We do not suspect that it will be a significant health problem for aoudad, but we aim to learn more as we continue our research.”

Keeping A Close Watch

Now that the researchers have confirmed that aoudad can carry the same respiratory pathogens as bighorn sheep, wildlife experts can start to monitor disease transmission within and between those populations. “Based on previous

reports about this family of diseases, it’s also possible that they could spread to mule deer, which would complicate things further,” said Dr. Thomas. “We’re very interested in studying that in the future as well as how these diseases affect aoudad populations since they haven’t received as much research attention on this as native species.

“Ultimately, we want all of these animal populations to thrive within a well-managed balance in Texas. Disease monitoring is one way we can take steps to make that happen.”

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Conant lecture features Jesse Kelsch, PhD

Suppose you have ever driven down the highway and wondered how the mountain off in the distance was formed, why it’s so rocky out here, or whether “your” mountain is volcanic. In that case, the Thursday, October 17, presentation by Jesse Kelsch is for you.

The Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (CDRI) proudly welcomes Jesse Kelsch, Assistant Professor at Sul Ross State University, to CDRI’s Roger Conant Distinguished Guest Lecturer program.

Kelsch’s primary field

of research and teaching is structural geology, or the deformation (stretching, breaking, and folding) recorded in the rocks of the earth’s outer later due to plate-tectonic stresses.

She received her PhD in 2023 from the University of Texas, El Paso, where she researched faults in the southern segment of the Rio-Grande Rift in the Trans-Pecos Region and northern Chihuahua.

Jesse will report on the geologic formations of the Trans-Pecos Region and how the various land masses formed.



Jesse Kelsch, PhD

Courtesy photo

So, if you’ve ever wondered how in the world that mountain got here, this program is for you.

The lecture will take

place Thursday, October 17, at the Crowley Theater in Marfa, starting at 7 p.m. Appetizers and light beverages will be served. Admission is free.

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Artwalk Alpine returns for 31st year with featured artist Michele Billings

The award-winning Artwalk Alpine, West Texas’ longest-running arts festival, is celebrating its 31 year and will take place on the main streets of Alpine, Friday and Saturday, November 22-23.

Artwalk Alpine announced that this year’s featured artist is Michele Billings. Originally from Maine, Michele is an outdoor enthusiast whose painting inspiration stems from her excursions in nature.

Her work showcases natural landscapes and animals, with a particular focus on ravens. A passionate artist since childhood, Billings combines lettering and bold graphics, which led to her successful career in painting signs and murals, producing a prolific body of fine art.

Artwalk Alpine said they chose Billings as the honored artist because her work brilliantly captures the beauty of the Big Bend, and they believe she will elevate Artwalk Alpine, shining a spotlight on the city.

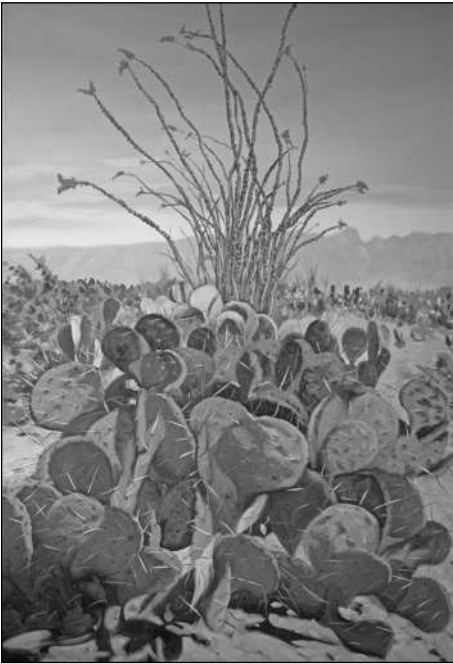
The two-day street festival, held annually on the weekend before Thanksgiving, features dozens of West Texas artists.

Artwalk Alpine highlights local businesses and showcases more than a dozen Texas bands, all free of charge. Many downtown businesses extend hours during the event.

Attendees, including both locals and visitors from around the world, can explore a diverse array of artworks, learn about local artists, visit businesses, and enjoy food and drinks while listening to great music—thanks to the support of local sponsors and the City of Alpine.

Artwalk has become a cherished family tradition for many. One attendee expressed that traveling from Austin to West Texas allows them to interact with genuine people, enjoy live music, and explore various art forms around Alpine.

They also emphasized the opportunity to



Michele Billings is this year’s featured artist for Artwalk. Her piece titled “Purple Cactus #2, Big Bend NP” is an oil on canvas, 2’x3’.

indulge in delicious food from local vendors, make new friends, and savor the crisp, cool air that West Texas has to offer.

Alpine’s Gallery Night, Inc., the organization behind Artwalk Alpine, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Alpine. It provides a platform for promoting the arts through educational, economic, and entertainment opportunities for children, students, patrons, artists, and tourists in Alpine and the Big Bend region.

For more information, visit artwalkalpine.com or contact Executive Director Lance Johnson at (832) 863-1881 or info@artwalkalpine.com.



The City of Alpine is proud to commend the Alpine Parks Department for their outstanding efforts in completing the construction of Pueblo Nuevo Park. This beautiful new space will serve as a vibrant community hub, offering residents and visitors a place to enjoy the outdoors, engage in recreational activities, and connect with nature. The dedication, hard work, and attention to detail displayed by our Parks Department have brought this project to life, creating a park that reflects the spirit and beauty of our city. Pueblo Nuevo Park features playground equipment, picnic areas, walking paths, and plenty of space for families to relax and play. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone involved in this project, from the City Council to the construction teams. Your commitment to enhancing Alpine’s quality of life has truly made a difference.

A Grand Opening celebration of Pueblo Nuevo Park will be scheduled upon completion of the park. Stay tuned for further details on this exciting event. Let us come together as a community and enjoy this wonderful addition to our city!

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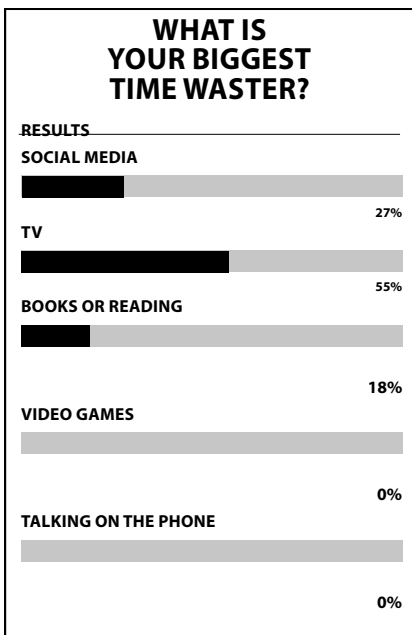
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Tightening my belt till it hurts

In the current economy, when a visit to the grocery store requires a long-term financing plan, it has become clear that our family must find ways to spend less. This is especially challenging for us considering that we have two daughters in college, one daughter in private school, and three pets, all of whom seem determined to ensure that we won't be able to purchase hamburger meat without selling our plasma.

Our first step toward financial freedom, or at least parole, involved canceling our lawn service. Tragic, I know! This meant I had to exhume my vintage Craftsman push lawnmower, which had been comfortably decomposing in our storage shed for the past three years or so.

After replacing a spark plug, adding some oil of unknown origin, and praying for the souls of Briggs and Stratton, I exhausted my vast knowledge of troubleshooting small combustion en-

gines. So, I resorted to seeking help and risking ridicule from my mechanically inclined cousin. Unfortunately for me, he soon had me back to inhaling hydrocarbons, sweating profusely, and wishing for the good old days when I could compliment my lawn guy and go back inside to take another hit of aerosol whipped cream.

I had also forgotten about the toll mowing takes on my post-middle-aged carcass. When I finished the yard for the first time in a while, I felt like I had participated in an aggressive one-on-one match against U.S. Woman's Rugby Olympian Iлона Maher . . . and lost . . . badly. The next day, I could barely move — except to go to church in hopes that the sermon would focus on those verses about someday getting a new, glorified body that doesn't require



JASE GRAVES
Guest Columnist

a steady regimen of Tylenol and lying prone on our bedroom floor, whining, instead of doing the lumbar stretches my doctor prescribed.

The cancellation of our weekly swimming pool service compounded my budgetary heartbreak. Gone were the Fridays when I could come home to crystal-clear pool water and a door hanger indicating that the pool had been brushed, vacuumed, and tested by technicians who could do it without complaining to their wives that no one ever swims in the pool anymore — except for the occasional bullfrog, possum, or hyperactive (and not terribly bright) pet doglet accidentally falling in while trying to chase our antique Polaris pool sweeper.

I do admit that, nowadays, I sometimes strip down to take a brief dip in the pool after mowing, and I may or

may not risk traumatizing the neighbors and being arrested by doing so in my underwear.

Our final act of supreme sacrifice was to cancel most of our TV and movie streaming services. This has probably been the easiest adjustment for me since I rarely had time to watch anything other than cable news networks, none of whom tell the whole story, so I had to watch them all to get my blood pressure elevated properly. I do miss the nerve-induced nausea I experienced watching my beloved Texas A&M Aggies play football on TV. Still, I can almost get the same sensation that I'm about to toss my tacos by listening to the games on the radio.

The government has been assuring us lately that the economy is improving and inflation is declining, so I guess there is reason for hope. I just wish someone would tell the hamburger meat.

Barkin' people; worse than barkin' dogs

"Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice."

— Steve Jobs (1955–2011) American businessman, inventor, and investor best known for co-founding Apple Inc

They were sitting on a park bench at Veteran's Plaza: the little guy and the old man.

I saw them when I paused there during an after-work stroll, taking in the beauty and cooler days of a Hill Country fall when I published the newspaper in Boerne thirty years ago.

They were not far away, close enough that I saw a young face staring at the fountain. Dejection written all over it.

"Like to watch water," the old timer quizzed him. Getting no response, the aged gentleman followed with, "Dogs been barkin' at you again?"

"I don't hear any dogs," the youngster said softly as they both looked straight ahead.

The old man chuckled. "I'm talkin' about them two-legged kind. People that give you a hard time try to tear you down. They're just like ol' barkin' dogs." Pausing momentarily, he continued, "I like to watch water when I've got something on my mind. Did you ever watch fish in a fish-

bowl? Now that's really relaxin' when somethin's eatin' at you."

"I had a fish one time," the boy spoke up. "It died."

"They'll do that," the old fellow said sympathetically.

"My friend made fun of me," the little guy suddenly said as if there were some connections between friends and fish.

"You know, that's something else I've never understood," the weathered old gent said. "Let's see if we can figure it out together."

The youngster related a story about an honor he'd earned. The teacher recognized his achievement and praised him before his classmates. "Most of my friends were happy for me, but my best friend made fun of me," the boy said. "Asked me if I thought I was smarter than him or something. Said the teacher was dumb for bragging on me."

The old man was silent a moment, then offered, "Those people are like barkin' dogs I was telling you about. Have they ever tried to figure out why they're makin' so much racket? Dogs bark at cars, other dogs, people, and bugs or sticks. It's just what dogs do. But you ever wonder what people are barkin' at



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

when they say hurtful things about good people?"

The boy took his eyes off the flowing water and looked at the man. "No. What are they barking at?"

"Let me tell you a story my father told me," the man said. "He loved the circus when he was your age. The circus traveled by wagons back then, and when they rolled into town, it was a parade. Everybody came to see the animals, the clowns, the brightly covered wagons."

"The dogs," said the old fellow. "They just barked at the wagon wheels, the horse's hooves, dust from the wagon wheels—causin' havoc, distractin' lookers from the joy of the parade. But when the parade rolled on, when it ended, everybody left. I forgot the dogs that just went and found a shady resting spot."

"Barkin' people? They're worse than barkin' dogs. Just selfish; afraid somebody's thinkin' you're smarter 'n they are. All they know to do is distract with a ruckus and tear somebody down to make them look better. Pure and simple," the old sage said, "They just like the sound of their own bark."

"But you know what," the

man asked.

"What," said the boy.

"When they're done making useless noise, life goes right on without 'em," and they're soon forgotten."

Still looking up at him, the youngster asked, "So, you're saying I should just ignore my friend?"

"Just like you ignore barkin' dogs," the old man responded. "Ignore people with nothin' better to do than criticize and complain. Don't let their useless noise steal your dreams or your joy."

"O.K.," the boy smiled. "Well, I've got to go home for supper now."

The youngster walked north toward town, and the old man ambled slowly across the street toward the Catholic Church.

The old man's parable means more every time it crosses my mind. Every time I hear a barking dog—two or four-legged. And every time I see talking heads on television, barking about how I'm supposed to think and live my life.

I hope that lesson stuck with the young man.

And I wish the old gentleman knew how many times I've shared his story.

—Contact Leon Aldridge at leonaldridge@gmail.com. Other Aldridge columns are archived at leonaldridge.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Discomfort

For many Americans, discomfort is a cold toilet seat in the morning or a day without a hot meal. A new day's here: Isaiah 34: 8-10

Steve Stainkamp
Alpine

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Heard on the STREET

If you could time travel, to which time period would you go and why?



Lea Catano: Probably to the 70s to watch Queen live in concert.



Butch: Probably the 40s, everything was so much simpler back then. The 40s and 50s music was really good.



Sara Vasquez: I would go back to the invention of the printing press. I would like to see that.



Celia Rodriguez: I would go to the 1950s when they had the poodle skirts, the black and white saddle shoes, and rock and roll music. I would totally go back to that era.



Bo Morris: I'd travel to the 1930s to experience the raw grit of the Great Depression. It was a time when survival meant scraping by on pennies, yet people still found strength in each other. I want to feel the hunger, and the determination, and witness how, in the face of overwhelming hardship, hope and humanity managed to shine through.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11-14 Big Bend Octane Fest, Noon to 9 p.m. at The Stable Performance Cars 511 W. Holland.

October 11 AHS Homecoming, 7 p.m. at Buck Stadium.

October 11-12 Alpine High Class of 1970s Reunion, Registration closes October 1, for information and registration see the Alpine High Facebook page.

October 12 Exploring the Life Cycle of Beef Cattle, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Museum of the Big Bend. RSVP is required to attend. Visit <https://eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-life-cycle-of-beef-cattle-tickets-989066884677?aff=oddtcreator>

October 12 Wild West Night, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sunshine House. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$5 for kids. Includes raffles, games, silent auction, chuckwagon dinner, and music from Hall's Last Call and Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band. Proceeds benefit the Sunshine House.

October 24-26 Circus-Themed Haunted House, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The Terlingua Ghost Town Crisis Center is holding its annual haunted house. It includes trick-or-treating and carnival games. Suggested donation is \$10.

October 26-27 Free Movie, 3 p.m. at Alpine First Assembly of God, they will be showing the third movie in "The Perfect Race" series. Everyone is invited to attend, and free popcorn and bottled water will be provided.



ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules are available on the 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.

Amigo Run Club at Alpine City Place, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 101 W. Ave E. Weekly running club to walk/run 1-3 miles. Meet at the Amigo garage and finish at Amigo. Call 432-837-4012 for more information.

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 Sul Ross Fine Arts Building, Room 200. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbcchorale.wikisite.com/bbcc.

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

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

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

Hike with Homeless Dogs, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Thursday at the Davis Mountains State Park Interpretive Center in collaboration with Grand Companions. For more information contact Charlie Ewing at 432-246-3337 x 301.

Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon to 1 p.m., first and third Wednesdays at the American Legion.

Late Night Game Night, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. every Thursday night at Amigo, 101 W. Ave E.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Onyx. Onyx came into the shelter as a stray in mid-July, along with her brothers, Beetle and Slate. She has been spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. She is great with other dogs and loves meeting new people. Onyx has been practicing walking on a leash, and she improves daily. Like most dogs, she does great with a routine and knows where to go when it's time to go outside, and she knows her spot inside when it's time to come in.

She is sweet and silly and so deserving of a forever home. Training and

a good routine will make this little girl your best companion. Meet Onyx at the Alpine Animal Services Shelter today, 2900 Old Marathon Hwy.

Alpine Animal Services is currently overloaded with dogs and cats. Your help is crucial. Please consider volunteering some time to walk dogs, play with puppies in the yard, or interact with the cats. Just thirty minutes of your day can make a significant difference to the shelter and the animals.

Call 432-837-2532 to donate, foster, or volunteer for the Alpine Humane

Society. Support the Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery with donated furnishings, décor, and household goods.

Alpine Humane Society is in need of quality items for our upcoming silent auction on Dia de los Quesos, which will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Granada Theatre. We invite you to participate by entering your salsa or queso in our contest. The event will also feature food by Cow Dog and several musical acts, including The Swifts.

Pet promotions are courtesy of the Alpine Humane



Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. For information about shelter pet adop-

tions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the shelter at 432-837-9030. If you find a stray or injured pet, contact the Alpine Police Department at 432-837-3486 to dispatch an Animal Control Officer.

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specializing in drafting local regulations.

The court reviewed the terms of the agreement, which allows Brewster County to receive discounted legal services from Biggerstaff.

The agreement itself, which is not a retainer, comes at no cost to the county.

“It simply says we’re going to do business with this firm,” said Brewster County Judge Greg Henington. “It doesn’t cost the county anything. It’s a win-win for both sides.”

Judge Henington emphasized that upcoming changes to water regulations could be significant. Water law is expected to be a major topic during the Texas state legislature’s session beginning in February 2025.

The law firm’s agreement covers legal guidance on regulatory matters for RV parks, mobile home parks, and campgrounds, preparing the county for possible future developments in water law.

The court also discussed the implementation of new county subdivision regulations, which are expected to be completed by late spring.

This will help modernize infrastructure and streamline development processes, especially for areas that face unique environmental and logistical challenges, like Brewster County’s sprawling, rural landscape. “We’re going to continue

to work on subdivision regulation updates,” said Judge Henington. “There’s nothing we need to do right now.”

The Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution.

Another major item on the agenda was the approval to issue requests for proposals (RFPs) and requests for qualifications related to the 2025 Colonia Fund Construction grant.

Jerry Carvajal, project manager at GrantWorks, Inc., explained the importance of proceeding with these requests to secure administrative and engineering services.

The Texas Department of Agriculture administers this grant program, which allocates \$1 million for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in colonias.

Colonias are low-income, often unincorporated border communities with substandard housing and inadequate infrastructure.

The Brewster County colonias of Marathon, Terlingua, and Study Butte are eligible for these funds, which will be used for improvements such as septic systems and additional water storage tanks.

The court unanimously approved the motion to proceed with the RFP process.

Brewster County’s vulnerability to wildfires was also a major point of discussion.

The court approved an RFP for Professional Ad-

ministrative Services to apply for a USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Plan grant.

The \$2 million grant would allow the county to purchase fire-fighting equipment and clear brush lines to reduce wildfire risk.

Judge Henington underscored that Brewster County is “at the top of the list for a wildfire event,” given the area’s dry, arid conditions and vast stretches of uninhabited land, which makes managing wildfire risk a top priority.

“We didn’t know about the grant,” said Judge Henington. “We got called out of the blue, and they said, ‘Hey, y’all have a good chance of getting this.’”

The Commissioners unanimously approved pursuing the grant.

In economic news, County Treasurer Julie Morton announced a milestone achievement. For the first time, the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) surpassed \$2 million in collections for the fiscal year 2024.

This tax is crucial to Brewster County’s economy, as it is collected from visitors staying at hotels, motels, and short-term rental properties.

Judge Henington pointed out that the revenue is especially timely because of the impending closure of the Chisos Basin in Big Bend National Park.

The Chisos Basin, one of the park’s most visited areas, will close for renova-

tions starting in May 2025 and remain closed for approximately two years.

“There is a concern that people will think if the Chisos is closed, the entire park must be closed,” said Henington, stressing the importance of getting the message out that the rest of Big Bend National Park and surrounding attractions remain open for business.

According to the National Park Service, Big Bend National Park, which draws over half a million visitors each year, is a major economic driver for the region, contributing more than \$55 million annually to the local economy.

The county plans to launch a marketing campaign to ensure potential visitors understand that the Park and the Big Bend region will remain open for business despite the Chisos Basin closure.

The court also approved several service contracts for local nonprofit organizations, which play a vital role in community life.

Contracts were renewed with the Alpine and Marathon Public Libraries, Big Bend Citizens Alliance (Big Bend Public Library), The Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Frontier CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and a number of youth sports leagues, cemeteries, and child welfare organizations.

These contracts ensure ongoing county support for vital services ranging from public safety to education

and recreation.

In an update from Emergency Management Coordinator James Etchison, The court learned that the current burn ban will remain in place until December 1.

While recent hurricanes offered hope for increased moisture in the region, Etchison said the risk of wildfires remains high.

The burn ban restricts outdoor burning, a precaution the county takes to

prevent uncontrolled fires that could spread rapidly in dry conditions.

The next meeting of the Brewster County Commissioners Court is scheduled for October 29.

The court will take a short hiatus to accommodate the 102nd Annual County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas Conference, which takes place October 21-24 in San Marcos.

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Rojo contributed 88 rushing yards and 77 passing yards, keeping the offense balanced and productive throughout the night.

“Devon controlled the huddle and tempo of the offense,” said Coach Smith. “He commanded and led the team when it counted the most. He was accurate when we threw the football. On designed QB zone reads, he was quick and decisive in the run game.”

Iden Lujan, “Man of Steel”, added versatility with a rushing touchdown and several key receptions, including a crucial fourth-quarter catch to sustain a late drive, helping Alpine secure the win.

One highlight of the night showed Lujan in Superman mode as he flew over a Golden Crane defender and leaped into the endzone to score the

“The defense stepped up big time Friday,”
— Alpine Defensive Coordinator Jerry Dominguez.

rushing touchdown.

The offensive line, featuring David Baca, Auden Ramirez, Arik Llenez, Davian Fierro, and Seth Dutchover, played their best game of the season. They dominated the line of scrimmage and delivered punishing blows late in the fourth quarter to secure

the win.

“I am extremely proud of our student-athletes on the victory versus Crane,” said Coach Smith. “It’s the first time Alpine has defeated Crane in five years. Now, it’s time to go back to work and prepare for an extremely talented Odessa Compass foot-

ball team.”
The Fightin’ Bucks, now 2-0 in district play, will host fellow undefeated Odessa Compass, also 2-0, this Friday, October 11, at Buck Stadium for Homecoming. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

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Find voting locations at www.brewstercounty.gov/page/elections-information
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Deadline to request a ballot by mail is October 25. To be counted, mail ballots must be returned to the County Election Office by 4 pm on November 5.

No phones at the polls, but you can clip below and bring it with you when you vote!

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Homecoming week brings out the fun



On Monday of this week, teachers at Alpine High School and across the district dressed up as their favorite holiday. Assistant Principal Mrs. Lowe, District Nurse Gayla Owen, Coach Christopher Virdell, and Librarian Jennifer Mustain exhibited Halloween, Christmas, and Thanksgiving as part of the fun.

Courtesy photo

Fightin' Buck and Lady Buck Sports Schedule

Lady Buck Volleyball

Oct. 13 Monahans vs Alpine V @ 5 p.m.
Oct. 13-14 Midland Greenwood Tourney @Midland. F/JVTBA

Fightin' Buck Football

Oct. 10 Alpine vs Compass* JV @ 6 p.m.
Oct. 11 Compass vs Alpine* (Homecoming) V @ 7 p.m.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



LOGAN SMITH #11

Logan Smith finished the night with 23 carries on the ground for 154 yards rushing and one touchdown. His longest run of the evening was for 54 yards.

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Golden Cranes JV powers over Bucks

BY KERRY LAIRD
Sports Editor

Alpine's JV football team hosted the Crane Golden Cranes on Thursday, October 3, in what proved to be a challenging contest for the Fightin' Bucks. Despite a strong effort in the second half, the Bucks could not overcome Crane's early lead, ultimately falling 34-8. Though the game ended in a loss, Alpine showed grit and determination, giving

their fans plenty to be proud of as they refused to back down, particularly in the latter stages.

Crane came out strong, putting points on the board early and building a sizable lead before halftime. Alpine, however, didn't let the score deter them. In the second half, the Bucks settled into their game plan and started to make adjustments on both sides of the ball. Defensively, the Bucks stepped up, making several key stops that

shifted the momentum and slowed Crane's offense.

One of the highlights of Alpine's defensive effort came from Joe Tucker and Adriel Valenzuela, who delivered several big tackles at crucial moments. Their hard-hitting play helped keep Crane from extending their lead further in the second half. Coach Tyler Rodriguez emphasized the importance of their defensive plays, noting that the pair showed great effort and leadership

in rallying the defense to hold off Crane's offense.

On the offensive side, quarterback Ezra Lujan showed poise under pressure, connecting with wide receiver Dominic Rodriguez for a series of well-timed passes that helped move the chains and generate some offensive momentum. Lujan's ability to read the defense and find Rodriguez downfield was a bright spot for Alpine as

See CRANES • 10



Homecoming Court Q&A

Editors Note: The Avalanche did not receive questions and answers from the King's Court.

Queens Court

Ella Miranda

What's the one thing you can't live without?

Spending time with my friends.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

Be positive and never say you can't do something.

What is the one thing society most needs?

To encourage each other and be kind.

Who is the person that most inspires you?

My niece, Maylee. She inspires me to be a better person.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself as a great teacher and coach who will hopefully make a difference in the lives of my student-athletes.

What will you miss most about Alpine High School when you graduate?

I enjoy being part of a team and being close to my teammates. All of my teammates have really become family, and I am going to miss them the most.

Sarah Natera

What's the one thing you can't live without?

My supportive parents.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

My mother gave me the best advice I've ever received. She always told me to put my faith in God first, always be positive, and never give up on my dreams.

What is the one thing society most needs?

Kinder people.

Who is the person that most inspires you?

My mom inspires me the most because she works hard for her family and supports me in everything I do.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself pursuing a successful career.

What will you miss most about Alpine High School when you graduate?

I will miss all the bonds I've created on the cheer team.

Hope Dominguez

What's the one thing you can't live without?

My family.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

The best advice I've ever received was from my dad. He told me never to say, "I can't," because then you are setting yourself up for failure.

What is the one thing society most needs?

Society needs more empathy because it allows us to understand and share feelings with others, which can lead to more compassionate and cooperative communities.

Who is the person that most inspires you?

My mom inspires me the most because she is always dependable and there for my three siblings and me when we need her most.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself graduating from college and nursing school and working my dream job in San Antonio.

What will you miss most about Alpine High School when you graduate?

I will miss the people with whom I have made many great memories these past four years.

Brittany Maltos

What's the one thing you can't live without?

I can't live without friends and family.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

To always be the bigger person.

What is the one thing society most needs?

To be themselves and find what makes them happy. Society needs peace and love.

Who is the person that most inspires you?

My uncle Erik inspires me the most.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself as a trainer for the LA Rams.

What will you miss most about Alpine High School when you graduate?

I will miss the friends I have made and the lessons I was taught. They are right when they say it goes by fast. Thank you to my teachers for putting up with me and my friends for sticking with me. Thank you, Alpine High School.

Piper Wash

What's the one thing you can't live without?

Jesus Christ

What is the best advice you've ever received?

If you let other's opinions determine your life, it isn't yours.

What is the one thing society most needs?

Jesus Christ

Who is the person that most inspires you?

My brother, Zach, inspires me

the most.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I will be working as a NICU nurse.

What will you miss most about Alpine High School when you graduate?

All of my friends I have known since middle school, and most of the teachers.

Jaycee Portillo

What's the one thing you can't live without?

I can't live without my family and my best friend Alexis.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

To stay humble.

What is the one thing society most needs?

Less social media.

Who is the person that most inspires you?

I have two, my dad and Coach Smith.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I am flourishing in my career path.

What will you miss most about Alpine High School when you graduate?

The friendships I have made these past three years and the lessons I have learned.

King's Court

JP Valenzuela
Iden Lujan
Solanus Prieto
Ferris Daley
Devon Rojo

Freshman Duke and Dutchess

Ezra Lujan
Kacy Hawkins

Sophomore Duke and Dutchess

Gus Thompson
Molly Garrett

Junior Duke and Dutchess

AJ Llanez
Trinity Vega

Senior Duke and Dutchess

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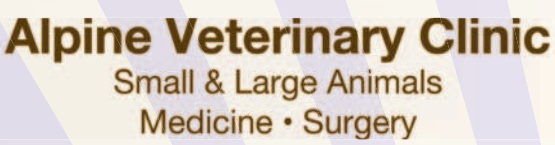
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Back row left to right-Hope Dominguez Queens Court, Sarah Natera Queens Court, Masiela "Ella" Miranda Queens Court, Trinity Vega Junior Duchess, Jaycee Portillo Queens Court, Jaylynn Celaya Senior Duchess, Brittany Maltos Queens Court, Molly Garrett Sophomore Duchess, Kacy Hawkins Freshman Duchess, and Piper Wash Queens Court. Bottom row left to right-Gus Thompson Sophomore Duke, Devon Rojo Kings Court, A.J. Llanez Junior Duke, Iden Lujan Kings Court, Ferris Daley Kings Court, J.P. Valenzuela Kings Court, Ezra Lujan Freshman Duke, and Miguel Milan Senior Duke

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AHS Senior runners celebrated



Senior cross-country members were celebrated Monday night at Buck Stadium, with each student-athlete speaking to the crowd. Pictured are Solanus Prieto, Hope Dominguez, Jaylynn Celaya, Danica Mulholland, Hatfield Cason, Landon Velasco, and Alan Valenzuela-Navarrete.

Courtesy photo

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the passing game started to open up opportunities for the Bucks.

Running back Emerson Walker also played a key role in Alpine's resurgence, finding space in the defense and grinding out tough yardage on the ground. Walker's runs kept the clock moving and gave the Bucks some much-needed stability on offense. His ability to power through tackles and keep the offense on the field al-

lowed Alpine to maintain possession and control the pace of the game during stretches in the second half.

Though the Bucks' only touchdown came in the second half, their hard-fought drive demonstrated their resilience and refusal to give up. The touchdown, paired with a successful two-point conversion, gave Alpine a spark as they continued to fight back.

Looking ahead, the Fightin' Bucks JV squad is focused on building off the

positives from their performance against Crane. With district play on the horizon, the team is committed to refining their game and tightening up areas that need improvement.

Alpine will have an opportunity to bounce back when they hit the road to take on Odessa Compass on Thursday, October 10. The game is scheduled for a 5 p.m. kickoff, and the Bucks are eager to get back on the field and showcase their progress as they continue to develop throughout the season.

Lady Bucks dominate district volleyball matches

BY TRISTIAN BARRAGAN
Contributor

The Alpine Lady Bucks volleyball team continues their impressive district campaign, securing back-to-back victories against Tornillo and Presidio in recent matches. With these wins, the Lady Bucks have established a 3-0 record in district play, positioning themselves firmly at the top.

Alpine vs. Tornillo

On October 1, the Lady Bucks traveled to Tornillo and claimed a decisive 3-0 victory against the Tornillo Coyotes. The match continued Alpine's dominance, as they also defeated Tornillo in their last encounter. This time, the Lady Bucks won each set convincingly, with final scores of 25-10, 25-13, and 25-8.

Alpine's hitting efficiency was fully displayed, as the team capitalized on 40% of their attack attempts. The Lady Bucks' improvement in hitting percentage has been a trend over the past four games, showcasing their growing offensive prowess. Nadia Morris led the charge with six digs and four aces

while continuing her streak of 13 or more assists in the last seven matches.

Reflecting on the game, Head Coach Adrian Smith praised the team's performance, saying, "The Lady Bucks continue to compete at a high level, earning a 2-0 district record for the entire volleyball program." This victory bumped the varsity team's overall record to 14-18, giving Tornillo their fifth loss in six matches.

The freshman and JV teams also delivered strong performances. The freshman team secured a 25-15, 25-22 victory, while the JV team won 25-18, 25-9, contributing to a sweep across all levels.

Alpine vs. Presidio

On October 5, the Lady Bucks returned home to face off against the Presidio Blue Devils, securing another dominant 3-0 win with set scores of 25-10, 25-6, and 25-20. Alpine's serving was particularly lethal, as they recorded 16 aces in the match. Nadia Morris once again played a key role, adding three digs and three aces while continuing her impressive assist

streak.

Alpine's victory ended a four-game home drought, bringing their overall record to 15-18. Meanwhile, Presidio's struggles continued, dropping to 9-10 after losing three of their last four contests.

Coach Smith was impressed with the team's efforts, noting, "The Lady Bucks continue their pursuit, competing with intensity at a high-caliber level to earn a 3-0 district record for the entire volleyball program." Alpine's JV team also took home a 2-1 victory, while the freshman team won in two close sets, 25-17 and 27-25.

The Lady Bucks will face Anthony on October 8 at home in what promises to be an exciting matchup on Officials Appreciation Night. As the team continues to build momentum, it will look to extend its district record and keep its sights set on a playoff run.

With their recent successes, the Lady Bucks have proven they are a force to be reckoned with in district play. Coach Smith's squad is determined to continue competing at the highest level.

Election 2024

City of Alpine Urges Residents to Vote on Charter Amendments November 5th

The City of Alpine is encouraging all residents to make their voices heard in the upcoming vote on Tuesday, November 5th, regarding important amendments to the city's charter. These proposed changes, aimed at modernizing and improving city governance, reflect feedback from community members and extensive work by city officials to align Alpine's policies with current needs.

Voting on these charter amendments is a critical opportunity for residents to help shape the future of Alpine. The amendments include adjustments to city procedures, updates to administrative processes, and improvements that will strengthen the city's ability to serve its citizens efficiently.

A detailed listing of each amendment can be found on the city website at www.cityofalpine.com/charter.

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
on November 5, 2024 at designated voting locations.
Early voting will also be available starting October 21st.**

City leaders are reminding all eligible voters that their participation is essential in ensuring a strong future for Alpine.

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second proclamation, also presented by Mayor Eaves, declared Saturday, October 5, Texas Teacher's Day.

Out of nine action items on the agenda, only one was unapproved by the council.

Action item A was approved unanimously with a motion from Stephens and followed by a second from Ward 2 City Councilor Eva Martinez.

Action item B was approved unanimously with a motion from Stephens followed by a second from Ward 4 City Councilor Lucy Escovedo.

Action item C was to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-10-01, which authorizes the vacation, abandonment, and sale of a 205-square-foot-wide strip out of West Brown Ave's right-of-way. After some discussion and questions for the City Attorney, Alessandra Gad, the item was unanimously approved with a motion by Stephens, followed by a second from

Escovedo.

Action item D was to approve Resolution 2024-10-01, a resolution designating the Alpine Avalanche as the official newspaper for the City of Alpine for fiscal year 2024-2025. This item was approved unanimously after some discussion with Alpine Avalanche publisher J.T. Maroney, with a motion from Stephens, followed by a second from Escovedo.

Action item E was unanimously approved with a motion from Stephens and a second from Martinez.

Action item G was the approval of the Special Use Permit 2024-10-01, a special use permit authorizing the applicant, Perla Baeza, to obtain a Retail Dealer's On-Premise License from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Once again, there was a lengthy discussion about noise and traffic. Alpine City Manager Megan Antrim reminded the council that the item for approval was just about the special use permit, not anything else. After a mo-

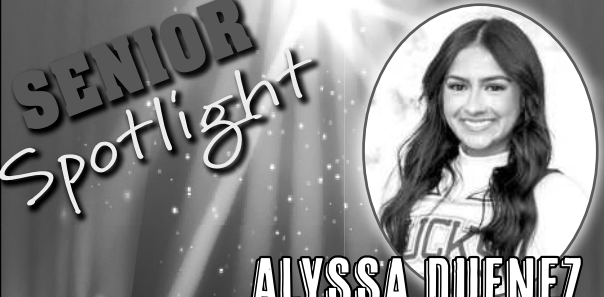
tion to approve by Stone and a second from Martinez, the council voted not to approve the permit, with nays from Stone, Escovedo, and Stephens, while Ward 3 City Councilor Darin Nance and Ward 2 Councilor Martinez voted in favor of the action item. The item failed.

Action item H was the approval of speed humps on Avenue B to reduce the speed limit. Stop signs are already in place, and 20 mph speed limit signs are ineffective. Discussion ensued in which Ward 3 Councilor Nance broached the subject of adding a bicycle lane as part of a test of the TxDOT study, adding flexible, reflective posts that would narrow the street owned by the city from the stop sign at the end of Sul Ross' property. He made a motion to approve with the addition of the bicycle lane but it received no second and failed. Stephens made the original motion with a second from Escovedo. After more discussion, a

motion was made by Stone amending the motion to place a single speed hump on the street as well as the bicycle plan, with a second from Escovedo. Stephens said he would foot the cost of the speed hump, just as he did the stop sign. The motion was unanimously approved with the amendments.

Finally, action item I was the approval of a 12-month lease with CAPPS, Van, and Truck Rental, for two vehicles utilized by officers participating in the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Program for the fiscal year 2024-2025. This item was unanimously approved with a motion from Stephens and a second from Escovedo.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:14 p.m., with a motion from Stephens followed by a second from Martinez. The next regular meeting of the Alpine City Council will be held on Tuesday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m.



SENIOR Spotlight

ALYSSA DUENEZ

In what activities did you participate in high school?
In high school, I participated in cheerleading for all four years and cross country during my sophomore year.


Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?
My favorite coach is Coach Morris because she inspires me with how hard she works every day. She coaches multiple sports and continues to have a positive mindset. Coach Morris never gives up on

her athletes and continues to improve us mentally and physically through sports.

What was your favorite moment in the last four years?
My favorite moment in high school was trying out for All-American and making the team.

What are your plans after high school?
After high school, I plan to either continue to study nursing or attend cosmetology school.

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BY ANDREW POSADAS
Fuente de Vida (Spanish Assembly of God)

It does not take long to realize data is the lifeblood of many businesses and professional fields. Metrics are what finalize those million-dollar decisions in the Fortune 500 board meetings. Quantitative data is king, not just in those conference rooms but also in our daily lives. We focus on what we can see, touch, and ultimately measure in a genuine physical way. I would not condemn thinking this way when the situation calls for a straightforward "only data" approach.

Still, I would acknowledge most of our decisions and assessments should not be based on data alone. We are all moral, emotional, and spiritual beings. I believe this is part of our design, not by mistake or a hindrance to us. If, in our nature, we are created with the ability to feel, empathize, believe, and love, it can be assumed these are factors we must consider in our decisions. It means we must rethink the metric.

Israel needed a new king, and Samuel, as the one chosen by God to anoint the new king, naturally leaned towards all the physical characteristics of a warrior king who could fight on the frontlines and communicate strength with his mere appearance.

He heard from God that it was one of the sons of the man Jesse, and when he visits Jesse, his attention goes immediately to Eliab, a son I am sure he thought met his personal

criteria. He is immediately corrected.

1 Samuel 16:7 says:

"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Samuel goes through all of Jesse's sons to no avail and finally must ask him if any more sons are hiding anywhere.

Sure enough, David was tending the sheep, and as soon as he was called down, it was confirmed he was the one God had chosen—the one son who, by all physical metrics, was overlooked.

What makes you a good person? What makes a good decision a "good" decision?

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There is no tally list of our mistakes and successes. There is no assessment where we are worth less than another because we are shy, overlooked, different, or unassuming.

As we make decisions, we must be people with hearts. We must rethink the metric.

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HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

role.

Although this side dish could be made with frozen or canned green beans, fresh are always better.

In addition to the mushrooms, crispy shallots and tangy parmesan cheese elevate this dish, giving green beans the extra flavor boost that

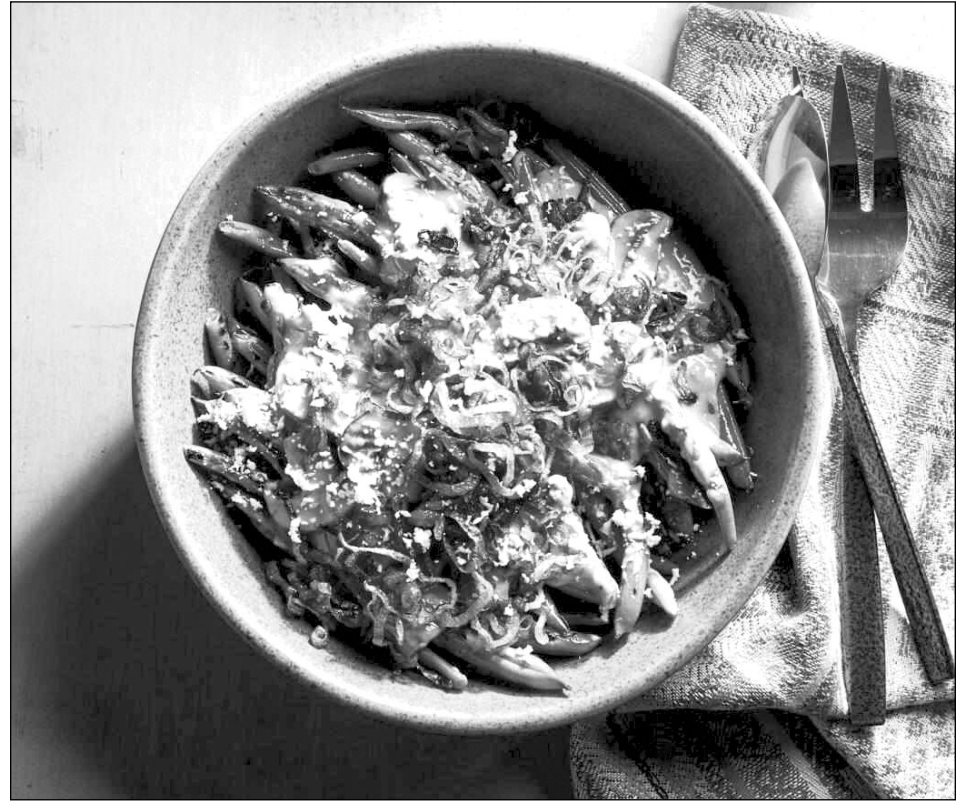
takes them from simple to standout.

By themselves, green beans just aren't that exciting. They require salt or other condiments or spices to make them more flavorful. Otherwise, all you'll taste is an earthy grass flavor.

Adding this mushroom sauce takes them to the next level.

Creamy, crisp, and crunchy—thanks to the crispy shallots—this dish pairs beautifully with any protein and adds an eye-catching element to your holiday table.

So, next time you're looking for a side dish, look no further than these creamy mushroom-sauced green beans, which are sure to please.



Savory green beans in creamy mushroom sauce

Courtesy photo

GREEN BEANS WITH CREAMY MUSHROOM SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

- Three tablespoons of olive oil
- One cup of thinly sliced shallots
- One pound of fresh green beans, trimmed
- Two tablespoons of water
- Half a teaspoon kosher salt
- One-quarter teaspoon black pepper
- Two cups of sliced fresh cremini mushrooms
- One tablespoon of fresh thyme leaves
- Two to three minced cloves of garlic
- One tablespoon of all-purpose flour
- One cup of low-fat milk
- Half a cup of grated parmesan

DIRECTIONS

- Heat two tablespoons of oil in a large, nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.
- Add shallots and cook, stirring occasionally, until reaching a deep, golden brown.
- Drain and stir occasionally, for four to five minutes.

Drain shallots on paper towels and reserve drippings.

Add beans, water, 1/4 teaspoon of salt, and an eighth teaspoon of black pepper.

Cook covered over medium-high heat for about two minutes.

Remove cover and cook beans until they begin to blister, about six minutes more. Transfer to a serving bowl and keep warm.

Add remaining tablespoon of oil to the skillet for the mushroom sauce. Add mushrooms and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, for one minute.

Add thyme, garlic, remaining quarter teaspoon of salt, and eighth teaspoon of pepper. Cook until mushrooms are golden, stirring frequently, for about two minutes.

Stir in flour. Gradually stir in milk. Cook, stirring frequently, until thick and bubbly. Cook and stir for two minutes more. Pour sauce over green beans and top with shallots and parmesan cheese. Serve warm.



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Range Cow and Beef Calf, oil on canvas covered masonite, Tom Lea, 1945-1946. Dallas Museum of Art, gift of LIFE Magazine, 1950.36



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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 ON OCTOBER 28, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.

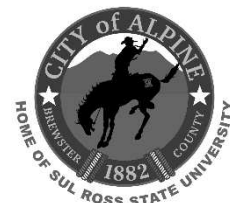
THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

REPLAT 2024-11-01: AN APPLICATION FOR REPLAT WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE APPLICANT, FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF THE BIG BEND, TO REFLECT THE UPDATED OWNERSHIP OF A RECENTLY PURCHASED UNIMPROVED ALLEYWAY ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 402 E. GALLEGU AVENUE AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 AND THE ALLEY, BLOCK 71 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF ALPINE. THE PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD IS FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF THE BIG BEND, INC. THE PROPERTY ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 12236. THE CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IS R-2 TWO FAMILY DISTRICT. IF THE REPLAT IS APPROVED THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE R-2 TWO FAMILY DISTRICT.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT 2024-11-01: AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT, BENJAMIN GARCIA AS A TENANT THROUGH AN EXISTING LICENSE OR PERMIT (BREWS & HUES - (BG) WINE AND MALT BEVERAGE RETAILER'S PERMIT), TO PROVIDE BEER AND WINE SALES AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FOR A NEWLY ESTABLISHED BUSINESS, VIVA COW DOG & CAFE. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 215 E. HOLLAND AVENUE. THE PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD IS JASON SULLIVAN. THE PARCEL ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 11798.

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NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING CAPTIONED ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2024-09-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 - ANIMALS TO THE ALPINE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SEC. 10-8 CITY-SPONSORED CLINICS AUTHORIZED TO UPDATE WHO CAN AUTHORIZE A CITY SPONSORED RABIES VACCINATION-REGISTRATION CLINIC; AMENDING SEC. 10-10 WILDLIFE FEEDING TO AMEND THE DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVE OF WILDLIFE FEEDING; AMENDING SEC. 10-11 - HUNTING PROVIDING CLARIFYING LANGUAGE THAT HUNTING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ALPINE, EXCEPT FOR THE CAPTURE AND CONTROL OF NUISANCE ANIMALS BY AN AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL; AMENDING SEC. 10-42 - PUBLIC NUISANCES DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CONSTITUTE AN ANIMAL NUISANCE, AND MAKING SECTION REFERENCES TO OTHER RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE CHAPTER; REMOVING SEC. 10-45 - STANDING BULLS, STALLIONS OR JACKS AT STUD AND RELOCATING THE SECTION TO A MORE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE CODE, AND ESTABLISHING SEC. 10-95 - STANDING BULLS, STALLIONS OR JACKS AT STUD UNDER DIVISION II - PERMITS; AMENDING SEC. 10-9 - GUIDE DOGS BY UPDATING THE TITLE TO MORE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, 10-9 SERVICE ANIMALS, TO BETTER ALIGN WITH FEDERAL AND STATE VERBIAGE AND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UP TO A \$500 PENALTY PER OCCURRENCE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT, ENACTMENT, REPEALER, PENALTY, SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING, AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES.

ORDINANCE 2024-09-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82 - SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR UPDATED DEFINITIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER; PROVIDING CLARIFICATION THAT DISPOSING OF ASH OR OTHER BYPRODUCT OF BURNING IS CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING; PROVIDING CLARIFICATION THAT BULKY ITEMS PLACED NEXT TO COLLECTION CONTAINERS IS CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SANITATION ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING CLARIFICATION THAT RATES AND FEES ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE APPROVED CONTRACT WITH THE WASTE HAULER CONTRACTOR; PROVIDING FOR UPDATED REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING DISPOSAL OF DEAD ANIMALS, DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES, AND BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL; PROVIDING CLARIFICATION REGARDING OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CHAPTER; ESTABLISHING DIVISION 3- SCRAP TIRES THAT PROVIDES CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL AND STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, COLLECTION, AND PROCESSING OF TIRES; PROVIDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UP TO A \$4,000 PENALTY PER OCCURRENCE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT, ENACTMENT, REPEALER, PENALTY, SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING, AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSE.

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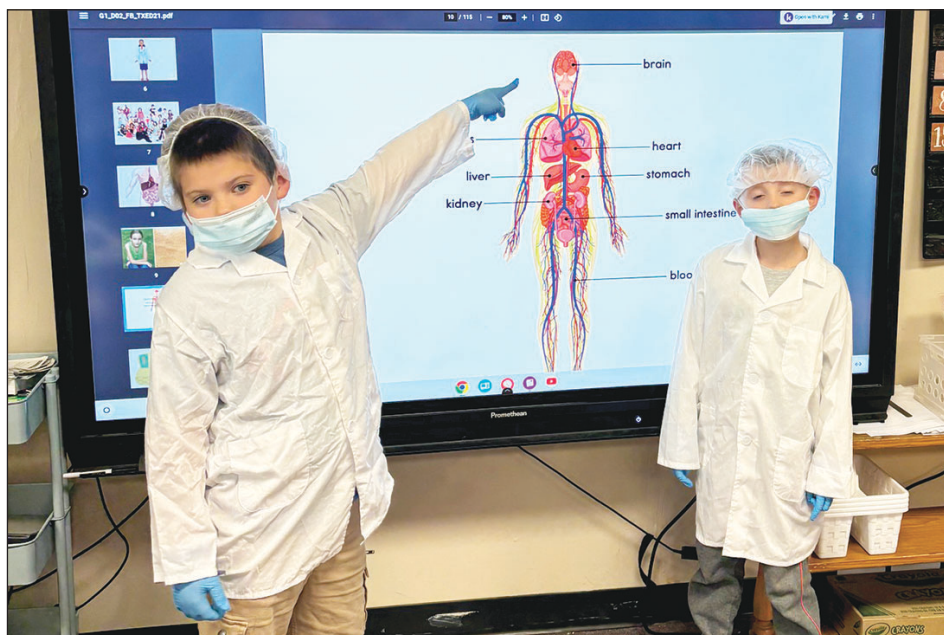
Homecoming week features pajama day

Bryce Renfroe and Emy Yadon pose for a photo during pajama day as part of this week's homecoming celebration.

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The doctors are in



First graders at Alpine Elementary learned all about the human body this week and dressed up in lab coats, donned face masks, and even head coverings as part of their instruction.

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