

AHS tennis courts revamped

BY KERRY LAIRD
Correspondent

Alpine High School's tennis courts are getting a much-needed facelift thanks to the support of Ward 5 City Councilor Rick Stephens, who provided the materials and labor for the project.

The courts, which had suffered decades of wear and tear, were in poor condition, with large cracks and gaping holes that rendered them unusable. The project began in 2023 and is now complete.

Tennis coach Lauren Martinez shared her hopes for the project, emphasizing the importance of a functional facility for students and the community.

"I am hoping that the completion of our courts will offer another beautiful facility for our community to use and bring excitement for and more engagement in the sport," she said.

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Livestock show raises over \$450,000

81st annual Big Bend Livestock Show concluded Saturday

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The 81st Annual Big Bend Livestock Show and Sale wrapped up this past Saturday night with more than \$350,000 in market animal sales.

The show began at 9 a.m. Friday morning with the lambs. Exhibitors from Twin Peaks 4-H, Fort Davis FFA,

Alpine FFA, and Marfa 4-H exhibited animals in seven classes and five categories, including Fine Wool, Southdown, Medium Wool, and Fine Wool Crosses.

Wyatt Renfroe's Grand Champion Fine Wool lamb was exhibited by Hallie Wood. Renfroe also took the Reserve Grand Champion with his Southdown lamb,

which he showed under Twin Peaks 4-H. Showmanship for the lambs went to Wyatt Renfroe for Junior Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship went to Gracie Boultinghouse.

The market goats followed the lamb show, which included 12 classes. More than 80 goats were exhibited inside the show ring by around 40

exhibitors. The Grand Champion Market Goat went to Rynn Matthews of Twin Peaks 4-H, and the Reserve Grand Champion went to Kylie Maroney of Alpine FFA. Showmanship for the goats went to Hallie Wood for Junior Showmanship and Gracie Boultinghouse for Senior Showmanship.

Following the mar-

ket goats was the rabbit show, which gained more exhibitors this year. The rabbits were divided into two classes: roasters and stewers. Eleven rabbits were exhibited in the roaster class, while eight were shown under the stewers. Cayden Madaleno of the Marathon

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The Swine's Have It



Evelyn Smith, Everett Keith, Colten Gray, Ty Ritchie, and Izabella Briones show their Duroc hogs on Saturday morning during the Big Bend Livestock Show. Swine is a big part of each year's show, with 12 classes exhibited this year.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Packed house and water woes for the new year

BY KERRY LAIRD
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The Alpine City Council met on Tuesday, January 7, for its first regular meeting of 2025. Topics on the agenda included rezoning properties for commercial businesses, selling the Colima Addition adjacent to N. 16th Street, and developing water conservation and drought contingency plans.

The most talked-about item on the agenda that evening drew a packed house of concerned citizens. Residents living adjacent to or near the Colima Addition, a five-acre property along N. 16th Street, took to the podium to voice their opposition and concerns about its proposed sale.

In a November meeting, the council first noted the proposed sale of the city-owned property to Michael and Lynn McCarson. The land is currently zoned as R2, which means each plot

can be developed to include up to a duplex property. The concern was that the existing land plat, which dates back to the 1970s, consists of 80 plots, which would result in an undue burden on neighborhood resources.

During the public comments section of the meeting, about a dozen people addressed the council with their concerns, mainly about traffic congestion, the environmental impact, the effect on water and sewage services, and the potential for increased crime rates.

Michael McCarson, the prospective buyer of the property, was also in attendance.

McCarson approached the podium and first turned to say, "Hello, neighbors," before addressing the council. He revealed a plan to present to the council to replat the property into



Megan Antrim-Alpine City Manager

large lots instead of 80, on one of which he would potentially build a house for himself. The existing undeveloped streets, except Olive Street, would be "absorbed" into the lots of the replat. McCarson said he intends to sell the lots to construct high-value homes, which would increase their property values since he would potentially own a home in that addition.

While McCarson said he does not intend to sell so that a buyer can use a plot (or plots) to build a duplex, the council reminded him that the property is zoned as R2, and whoever purchases the land can build a duplex. In effect, the property could potentially become home to 18 families—aside from the house proposed by McCarson—if a devel-

oper purchased the plots as an investment to develop nine duplex housing structures. Ward 3 Councilor Darren Nance noted that developing the property to add homes would generate additional tax revenue, which could be used to address issues in the surrounding neighborhood, such as deteriorating street conditions. The council unanimously approved the motion to authorize the vacation, abandonment, and sale of the unimproved portions of the property.

Also on the agenda as an action item was the first reading of an ordinance to update Alpine's water management regulations. The ordinance proposed repealing Article III – Water Conservation Plan and Article IV – Drought Contingency Plan of Chapter 66 – Natural Resources in the Alpine Code of Ordinances.

It establishes a comprehensive water conservation and drought

contingency plan in its place. The updated plan includes criteria for initiating and ending drought response stages, restrictions on specific water uses, and penalties of up to \$500 per occurrence for violations.

A draft of the proposed plan was introduced at the December 3, 2024, meeting. This plan would replace the current plan with a new version prepared by the Jacob and Martin engineering firm. The draft plan emphasizes long-term water conservation goals, aligning with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements. It also includes proactive strategies to reduce per capita water use and system losses over the next decade. It sets measurable targets, such as reducing water usage by 11.4% by 2034 and improving infrastruc-

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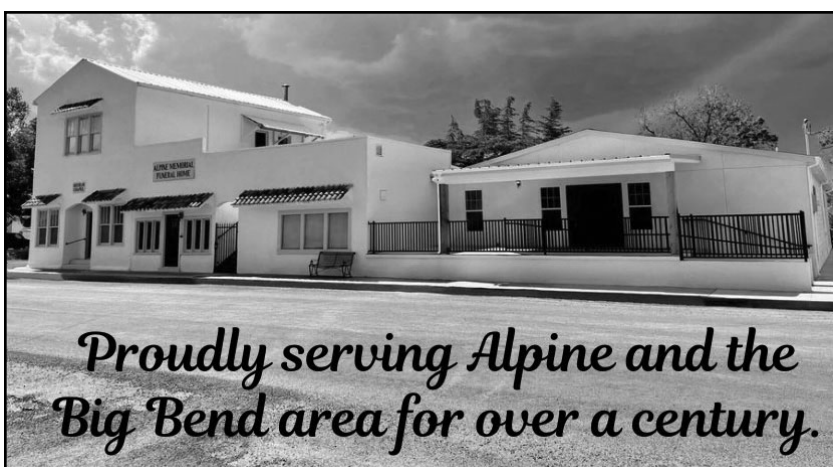
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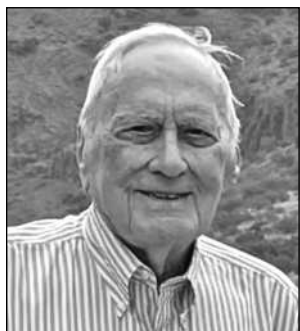
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OBITUARIES

Paul Roger Olsen

Paul Roger Olsen of Alpine died Wednesday, January 8, in Midland. He was born on January 28, 1933, in Audubon, Iowa, the son of Lois (Mead) and Peter Olsen. Paul grew up in small-town Iowa and, after graduating as a Political Science major from the University of Iowa, served in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Butzbach, Germany, where he and newlywed Nan (Bray) started a family. In 1959, Paul and Nan returned to her hometown of Austin and would later separate.



Paul traveled to Alpine, where he met, fell in love with, and married Kathleen Holland Stradley. They shared almost 40 remarkable years together and built a life filled with good friends and family. Together, they traveled across the country and around the world. An avid photographer, their travels and lives together are wonderfully captured in Paul's photos. One of his favorites stands next to his desk at the K-Gage ranch, a beautiful photograph of Kathleen in the markets of Barcelona.

Paul was an enthusiast of the way of life that generations of pioneers and ranchers built from San Antonio west to the high plateau country surrounded by the Chisos

His friends recognized Paul — or “Pablo” — as

a social animal. He really enjoyed meeting and talking to new and interesting people. He often regretted he was not a better listener, which opened the opportunity for him to say, “Do you have just another minute?” He would launch into a story about their extraordinary family, friends, or some intriguing person he and Kathleen had met. Paul would note that good stories could be and should be, improved upon. He relied on Kathleen to help get the facts right, and she often did so with wry humor and a wink.

Paul was an enthusiast of the way of life that generations of pioneers and ranchers built from San Antonio west to the high plateau country surrounded by the Chisos

and Davis Mountains. He was as proud of his Danish heritage, as well as the extended Olsen family who emigrated from Aero, Denmark. And Paul loved the friends he worked with at Sul Ross State University. He would note that the University's namesake, Lawrence Sullivan “Sul” Ross, was also Iowa-born.

Paul is survived by a loving family, including a brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, and the six men he considered sons and their spouses and children. He was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen, Nan Bray Olsen, daughter Nancy Olsen Gregory, infant son Mead, his brother Alan Olsen, and baby sister Carol Ann Jorgensen of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

A private burial will be

held for Paul for immediate family, to be followed by a memorial service to celebrate his life on a later date. Alpine Memorial Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Memorials in Paul's

memory may be directed to one of the several endowments established by Sul Ross State University or to the Midland Memorial Hospital, whose many doctors, nurses, and staff are truly remarkable.

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Ross David Burling

Ross David Burling, a lifelong citizen of Alpine, passed away peacefully in Boerne on January 8. Ross was born May 29, 1961, the youngest of six children born to J.B. and Peggy Burling. After graduating from high school, Ross attended Sul Ross State University. Ross enjoyed hunting, fishing, and target shooting with his three brothers, and was a good shot. He spent many happy times fishing with family at Lajitas. Ross worked during high school at The



Hut and Sonic, eventually becoming the manager of the Longhorn Steakhouse. Later, he was in charge of food service for Brewster County Jail. While there, he graduated from the Police Academy and became

a Deputy Sheriff, working as a detention officer and dispatcher. Ross was retired from the Brewster County Sheriff's Office.

Ross was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John (Bud) Burling. He is survived by his sister Connie Springfield (Jerry), brother Robert, brother Chuck Burling (Debbie), and sister Ginger Coen (Wade), as well as eight nieces and one nephew. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Naiah, who was the light of his life, as well as many dear

friends.

Ross never met a stranger and was known by his friends as a gentle, funny, kind, and loyal friend who really knew his way around the kitchen. He suffered many complications from diabetes in recent years. He has, at last, cast away his crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, and prosthetics and now hovers effortlessly over his beloved West Texas.

A memorial will be scheduled at a later time in Alpine to honor Ross's memory.

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New 394th Judicial District judge



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Courtesy photo



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS BREWSTER COUNTY

Brewster County plans to apply for the upcoming 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Fund from the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Accordingly, the County is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the County in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support eligible infrastructure improvements in the County.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the email address below:

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Texas Capital Highlights

Agencies, universities seek \$24.6 billion in new funding

The Texas Senate's chief budget writer said state agencies and higher education institutions have requested nearly \$25 billion in funding as the legislative session gets underway. State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, told The Dallas Morning News that the requests for new money reflect the growing functions and purposes of state agencies that serve the public.

"As the state continues to grow and inflation remains an issue, one can expect that agencies may request additional funding to maintain operations," Huffman said in an email. The requests are predominantly for pay raises and new hires as state agencies deal with high turnover and pay that is not competitive with the private sector.

"I'm not surprised, overall, to see agencies continue to ask for more money to provide pay raises to stay competitive," said Rahul Sreenivasan, director of government performance and fiscal policy at Texas 2036, an Austin think tank.

Some examples:

- The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking for an additional \$1.58 billion to create more than 2,000 new positions, mainly for driver's license offices.

- The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services wants to hire more than 600 new employees as it battles one of the highest turnover rates among state agencies.

- Texas Health and Human Services hopes to hire 1,772 new employees to check residents' eligibility for social services, such as food benefits.

The Legislature begins the session with more than \$20 billion in unspent tax money.

Inflation gap widens for per-student spending

Advocates for public schools are urging the state to significantly increase funding to public education this session, as inflation continues to whittle away at the per-student funding level last increased in 2019. The Austin American-Statesman reported that new inflation-adjusted figures indicate the base level per-student — now set at \$6,160 — should be increased by \$1,400.

Inflation has eaten into the buying power of schools, especially after public education funding was not increased during the 2023 session. Bob Popinski of Raise Your Hand Texas said the public-school shortfall annually is approaching \$10 billion.

Public education funding became collateral damage during the

last session because of the battle over school vouchers, which are once again under consideration. Gov. Greg Abbott has again indicated vouchers are a top priority during this session.

Water supply infrastructure also high on agenda

The Statesman reported that more than 8 million Texans live in areas affected by drought, and the infrastructure that supports the state's water supply is likely to see its funding shored up during this legislative session.

"We will leave this session with a significant sum to jumpstart water supply development and have a constitutional vote in November for perpetual funding going forward," said state Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock.

Perry said that Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and numerous legislators have committed to supporting a new funding plan for water supplies. Water shortages have affected citrus growers in the Rio Grande Valley, and several fast-growing cities, such as Dripping Springs, Conroe, and Magnolia, have had to put the brakes on further development.

The state is "about 25 years behind" on developing water supply, according to Perry.

Correction

Due to an editing error, the party breakdown cited in last week's item about the 2025 legislative session was incorrect. There will be 88 Republicans and 62 Democrats in the Texas House when it convenes next week, rather than 87-63 as we reported. We apologize for the error.

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ture, such as replacing meters. The proposed plan prioritizes long-term compliance with conservation practices, while the existing plan emphasizes immediate enforcement during crises.

According to the City of Alpine, these updates aim to ensure the city's resilience and sustainability in water management while supporting long-term water security for the community.

A discussion item of interest was addressing property owner concerns about zoning issues associated with the existing City of Alpine zoning map. Ward 5 Councilor Rick Stephens, who brought the item to the agenda, stated that some property owners have complained that their property has not been properly zoned

and would like their property returned to the original zoning designation or "grandfathered" to what the property owner believes to be the correct zoning. According to Stephens, the council approved the most recent official zoning map for the City of Alpine in 2013. The city had not approved a zoning map since 1967.

"There have been some interim ones that were never officially adopted, and people look at them," "It's true that the Brewster County Appraisal District sometimes applies property taxation codes...then shows up in the zoning by the City of Alpine. They are related but not related. It concerns how taxation occurs, not what the zoning relates to."

He added that there were other issues in which some individuals

did not follow the zoning requirements, and no consequences or actions were taken. "It happens across all of Alpine, and many people look and say, 'That's the way my property's always been.'"

Stephens presented two examples to understand better and attempt to resolve the issue. The first is the property that contains The Flamingo Bar and Aguilar's—businesses no longer operating—on properties zoned as R4 (mobile home zoning). The second and "more complex" case concerns a property on the eastern edge of Alpine that is zoned R4. The property is currently used for a home-based taxidermy business despite this designation. He said that while the property owner believes the property was purchased as a commercial

property, no evidence of that claim exists. For the first property, he suggested extending the commercial zoning from a neighboring area to rezone the property to C1 and presenting the recommendation at the next Planning and Zoning meeting. For the second property, Stephens recommended that the Alpine building official determine whether the business meets the taxidermy business qualifications and then recommend a conditional-use permit to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The council agreed that clarifying zoning requirements and working with property and business owners would be in everyone's best interest.

The next regular City Council meeting will occur on Tuesday, January 21, at 5:30 p.m.

MoBB nominated for second year in a row

The Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross State University has been nominated for the second straight year in USA Today's 2025 10Best Readers' Choice travel awards. The museum won the award in 2024. An expert panel selected the Museum of the Big Bend as a con-

tender for Best Small-town Museum, a new category, according to a press release from USA Today. The contest allows four weeks to vote for the museum of your choice at [https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-museum2025/museum-of-the-big-bend-alpine-](https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-museum2025/museum-of-the-big-bend-alpine-texas/)

[texas/](https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-museum2025/museum-of-the-big-bend-alpine-texas/). You can vote once a day for the run of the contest by visiting the SRSU and Museum of the Big Bend Facebook and Instagram pages, or by going directly to the link above. Voting ends Monday, February 10, and the winner will be announced on 10Best

on Wednesday, February 19. The museum has previously received a "Top Western Museum" award from True West magazine. For more information, email Director John Klingemann at john.klingemann@sulross.edu.

Native Plant Society to discuss seed project

The Big Bend Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold this month's program on Saturday, January 18, at 1 p.m. in the Alpine Public Library's AEP room.

Colin Shackelford from Texas Native Seeds will discuss the West Texas Native Seed Project. The project aims to address the need for regionally adapted native seed

sources developed specifically for grassland habitat restoration and reclamation in West Texas. Come out and support this local organization. Come learn with the Native Plant Society.

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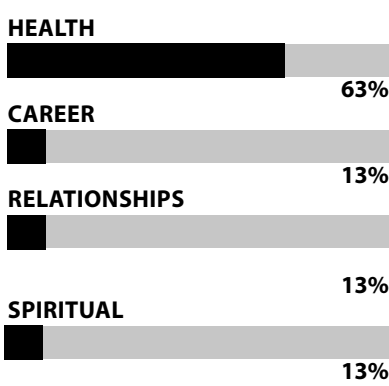
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\$7.5 million grant is transformative for Sul Ross State

Last fall, Sul Ross State University received an impressive \$7.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, a significant win for higher education and regional development.

This funding, allocated under the Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) program, underscores the critical role of targeted federal investments in expanding access to advanced education.

Over the next five years, the grant will channel approximately \$1.5 million annually into developing transformative academic initiatives at SRSU. Among the most ambitious projects is establishing a Ph.D. program in Natural Sciences—a milestone for the university and a testament to its commitment to meeting the evolving needs of students and the region. In addition, the grant will enable the creation of a Master of Science in Water Science, graduate

certificates in Dual Credit Teaching and Professional Spanish, and support for other growing programs, including the new Master of Arts in Anthropology.

The overarching theme of this initiative — “Water in the Desert: Cooperation and Purpose-built Programs in Far West Texas”—is emblematic of the university’s strategic vision. By partnering with institutions like Texas Tech University and Texas A&M-Kingsville, SRSU is demonstrating how collaborative efforts can catalyze innovation, address pressing regional challenges, and create pathways for students to thrive in competitive, market-driven fields.

Another noteworthy element of this funding is the addition of 11 new faculty positions. These roles will bring diverse



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SRSU President

expertise to SRSU, enriching the academic landscape and strengthening the university’s ability to deliver robust, interdisciplinary programs. Investing in top-tier faculty is an investment in the future of our students.

The grant’s implications extend far beyond the confines of the campus. By addressing issues such as water science—a critical concern in arid regions like West Texas—SRSU is aligning its academic offerings with the needs of local communities and industries. This forward-thinking approach prepares students for meaningful careers and positions the university as a key player in solving regional and global challenges.

The support of elected officials like Senator John Cornyn, who played a pivotal

role in securing this funding, highlights the importance of public-private collaboration in advancing education.

In an era where education is the cornerstone of opportunity and progress, SRSU’s grant represents a bold step forward. It reminds us of the power of strategic investments to reshape institutions, uplift communities, and unlock the potential of future generations. As these new programs take root and flourish, they will not only enhance the lives of SRSU students but also contribute to the vitality and resilience of the region.

Sul Ross State University has long been a vital part of Far West Texas, but with this new infusion of resources and vision, its influence is set to grow exponentially. The journey ahead is promising, and the future of education in Alpine has never looked brighter.

You haven’t seen my math grades

“The true purpose of the arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artists. It’s to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.”

— **Kelly Pollock**,
Executive Director Center of Creative Arts

“Why is algebra required in school? Nobody uses it in everyday life.”

That wasn’t the first time I’d heard that question. But hearing it again a few days ago, I jokingly quipped, “You haven’t seen my math grades, or you wouldn’t be asking me.”

Truthfully, educating the mind to become a well-rounded or “complete human being” requires more than “book learning,” as my grandfather called it. His testimony can be entered into the record with credibility. He went to work at the age of 13 to help support his family and enjoyed a rewarding career.

Achieving a productive life requires curiosity about life beyond one’s chosen field.

For example, consider the story of a good friend and former colleague. He was an outstanding high school athlete

and honor roll student when one of his classroom teachers confronted him.

“Why are you wasting your time on football instead of concentrating on something that will help you in the real world?”

If he shared his response that day, I’ve since forgotten it. But I will not soon forget his statement to that teacher a few years later, after graduating from a major university on a full-ride football scholarship. He was also an honor student and an outstanding player who helped the team reach a post-season bowl game.

After college, he visited his hometown high school and found the teacher who had downplayed his participation in sports by insinuating that athletics had no value in the “real world.”

He shared with that teacher one of the more valuable lessons he had learned at the university: “The value in sports is not a question of its direct application to ‘real life’ knowledge, but in what it adds to becoming a productive member of society. Sports teaches goals, objectives,



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

teamwork, strategy, planning, and success—skills needed to effectively use an education in the real world.”

Then he added, “Oh, and it paid for my education.”

He is today the CEO of an international corporation and a staunch supporter of athletics in public schools.

My educational highway was a little bumpier stretch of road than his. I graduated not cum laude, but more like, “Lawdy, how come.” And my titles have more closely resembled something scripted on an executive coffee cup. “I’m in charge. My specialty is creating problems you didn’t know you had.”

Where my friend was a football player, I was a band nerd. I didn’t wear a number, and you wouldn’t find my name in the program. But I made appearances at two Cotton Bowl games, plus a couple of Dallas Cowboy and Houston Oiler exhibition games. Performing with the band at halftime.

Did any of that add to my career opportunities as much as the academic qualifications on my transcript did?

Probably not. But like all forms of the arts and extracurricular activities, it helped even me become a somewhat more complete human. One capable of thinking and communicating to lead a productive life while using my “book learning.”

Band gave me an appreciation for music beyond the rock and roll I listened to on the radio back then. It left me with a lifelong desire to learn more about music and the arts, inspiring me to learn how to play other musical instruments. It afforded me a broader appreciation of all kinds of music, not the least of which has been leading congregational singing at church—something I’ve done all my adult life.

Best of all, the band gave me memories. Hands down, the fondest memories of my school years.

As for algebra? While I admit we use it every day in ways we don’t even realize, I must confess. I could easily forget about math classes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You

The BBLSA Horseshow Committee would like to thank all involved in this year’s horse show. This community never ceases to amaze us in its support for our youth! Without this support, this would not have been possible.

We greatly appreciate the support of our buckle sponsors: Fowlkes Cattle Compa-

ny, Oates Ranch, Stieg Remodel Services, Coleman Well Service, Ellyson Abstract, and o6 Ranch.

We would also like to thank Sul Ross State University, Dr. Bonnie Warnock, C.J. Aragon, and Timmi Hutchings for the use of the S.A.L.E. Arena.

Hats off as well to Brewster and Jeff Davis County Extension Agent Luke Hendryx

and our ring help Rod DeVoll, Jordan Miller, Alice Saunders, and Ryder Coleman.

Lastly, thank you to the parents. Without your help and guidance, none of this would have been possible. Sorry if I missed anyone; your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

BBLSA Horse Show Committee

Holy Angels Cemetery Association Thanks you!

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We are extremely grateful for your generous sponsorship of our recent New Year’s Eve fundraiser event. Your support played a significant role in the success of the event. Your contributions will help us continue to reach some of our goals for Holy Angels Cemetery.

Gratefully,
Holy Angels Cemetery Association

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

Upcoming events
January at Davis Mountains State Park
Mondays 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Space is the Place meet in the parking lot across from the interpretive center with your chair and binoculars to learn about our dark skies.

1/29 Master Naturalist Hike 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet at CCC Rock Lookout. Bring good, sturdy shoes, water, a hat and sunscreen.

Fridays 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Birding for Beginners at the interpretive center.

Saturdays 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Art in the Park at the interpretive center and **7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Miles and Miles of Stars** at the CCC Rock Lookout. Bring a chair and flashlight (red light preferred).

January 18 Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup, 10 a.m. at the front office of the Davis Mountains State Park.

January 18 Friends Group Orientation, noon at the interpretive center at Davis Mountains State Park. DMSP wants to form a friends group and encourages everyone to come out and see what is required and how they can help.

January 16-February 25 Big Bend Amateur Softball Registration is now open for the 2025 season. The season opens April 1 and runs to the end of May, with practices beginning in March. Interested parties may register online at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/51346468729481> or contact Vice President Letty Carrillo at 432-244-9678.

February 5 Telescope Training: McDonald's Observatory is offering Telescope



101 workshops, which will include a mix of classroom and hands-on instruction. Workshops are free for residents of Jeff Davis, Brewster, and Presidio counties. Interested parties may reserve a spot by visiting mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors/programs/telescopes-101.

February 22 Sul Ross Scholarship Rodeo, 2 p.m. at the S.A.L.E Arena. The Sul Ross Rodeo Team invites high school seniors and junior college transfers to compete in their third-annual scholarship rodeo. The rodeo will consist of all 10 NIRA events, and the top two places in each event will receive scholarships to Sul Ross State University. For more information, contact Rodeo Coach C.J. Aragon at clint.aragon@sulross.edu

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 bbccorale.wixsite.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.

VFW Post 7207, 7 p.m., first Wednesday of each month at 605 E. Ave F. All members are welcome.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Property owners may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2024, the appraisal district has requested an updated application, or the owner has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. A copy of a current driver's license must accompany the application. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE-EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRAL

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they became 65 during 2024 or will be 65 during 2025. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral plus interest, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS-SURVIVING SPOUSES

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled and unemployable, their homestead can be completely exempt. Surviving spouses of military and first responders killed in the line of duty may also qualify for this exemption. An annual reapplication for the 100% exemption may be required by the Chief Appraiser.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS-WILDLIFE OPERATORS

Farmers and ranchers and other property owners may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the typical income for properties in the county. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121 or from their website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html>

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now **requires** the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. Deadline-April 15. A 30-day filing extension is available by written request.

AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Taxpayers may receive certain notices required by law from the local appraisal district in electronic format. Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district to receive a form requesting electronic communications and how that communication should be transmitted.

PROTESTING PROPERTY VALUE

Taxpayers whose property value increases by at least \$1000 will be mailed a reappraisal notice stating the proposed value. The taxpayer may file a protest of the value change by completing the protest form that will be included in the notice. An informal hearing will be available to taxpayers, and if not satisfied, the taxpayer may have a formal hearing before the Brewster County Appraisal Review Board.

If you have questions about any of these topics, please contact the Brewster County Appraisal District at 432-837-2558 or come by our office at 1604 W Hwy 90, Alpine, Texas. Other information may also be available on the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/

Former Alpine Buck receives THSCA honor

BY KARA GERBERT
 Managing Editor

Former Alpine High School and Fightin' Buck Tony Pallanez received the Raising Canes Texas High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Week for Defensive Coordinator at Saginaw High School at the end of November.

Stephen Peters nominated Pallanez and said, "Tony is an outstanding coach and an even better man. He instills discipline, respect, and commitment

in his players, all while providing opportunities for success on the field and in life." Pallanez is noted for building the football program through community involvement and relations, and he encourages the student-athletes to take pride in what they do, who they are, and where they come from.

"Coach Pallanez encourages and motivates players to be the best versions of themselves. He instills passion and confidence in all. He is always available,



Defensive Coordinator Tony Pallanez

knowledgeable, and approachable and is a large part of our success on campus," added Peters.

the ALPINE AVALANCHE

Heard on the STREET

Which movie are you looking forward to seeing with the Academy Awards coming up?



Geoffrey Slahetka: Will & Harper, the one by Will Ferrell



Beverly Cooper: Mufasa: The Lion King. A lot of people think it's for kids, but it's supposed to be good.



Alejandro Garcia: Den of Thieves 2: Pantera.



James Rios: Gladiator 2. Supposed to be better than the first one.



Maria Ramos: I haven't seen Wicked yet.



2025 LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTS

CATTLE

GRAND CHAMPION CATTLE
Chelsea Hernandez
RESERVE CHAMPION CATTLE
Izabella Briones

Exhibitor / Association / Place
LIGHT WEIGHT DIVISION

Izabella Briones / Marathon 4H / 1
Gracie Dabbs / Marathon 4H / 2

Gracie Dabbs / Marathon 4H / 3
Georgia Muratori / Alpine FFA / 4
Georgia Muratori / Alpine FFA / 5

HEAVY WEIGHT DIVISION

Chelsea Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / 1
Ryanna Pineda / Alpine FFA / 2
Hunter Stieg / Alpine FFA / 3

HORSES

GRAND CHAMPION GELDING

Aaron Renfro presents a buckle to Lauren Aragon for her Grand Champion Gelding at this year's BBSA Horse Show.

Courtesy photo

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
Reese Coleman
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
Lauren Aragon

Class / Place
YOUNG MARE
Carolyn Newman / 1
Reese Coleman / 2

AGED MARE
Alexandra Williams / 1
Grace McCarthy / 2
Grace McCarthy / 3
Reese Coleman / 4
Ella Boyd / 5
Cheyenne McEntire / 6
Montana McCarthy / 7
GRAND CHAMPION MARE: Alexandra Williams
RESERVE CHAMPION

MARE: Grace McCarthy
YOUNG GELDING
Kyle McCarthy / 1
Maggie May Egg / 2

AGED GELDING
Lauren Aragon / 1
Carolyn Newman / 2
Evan Wells / 3
Maggie May Egg / 4
Harper Holland / 5
Maggie May Egg / 6
Reese Coleman / 7
Cheyenne McEntire / 8
GRAND CHAMPION GELDING: Lauren Aragon
RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING: Carolyn Newman



RABBITS

GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT

Cayden Madaleno of the Marathon 4-H exhibited the Grand Champion Rabbit at this year's Big Bend Livestock Show.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Exhibitor / Association / Place
ROASTERS

Ryli Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 1
Carlee Madaleno / Marathon 4H / 2
Collin Sledge / Alpine FFA / 3
Cayden Madaleno / Marathon 4H / 4
Carlee Madaleno / Marathon 4H / 5
Mia Jimenez / Alpine FFA / 6
Hezekai Maxim / Fort Davis 4H / 7
Jacob Valenzuela / Marathon 4H / 8
Rhyder Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 9
Jacob Valenzuela / Marathon 4H / 10

Keagan Sledge / Alpine FFA / 11

STEWERS

Cayden Madaleno / Marathon 4H / 1
Rhyder Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 2
Jacob Valenzuela / Marathon 4H / 3
Keagan Sledge / Alpine FFA / 4
Ryli Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 5
Mia Jimenez / Alpine FFA / 6
Emillia Maxim / Fort Davis 4H / 7
Alma Ruth Moreland / Fort Davis 4H / 8

BUCKLE AWARD WINNERS

GRAND CHAMPION STEER: Chelsea Hernandez
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER: Izabella Briones

SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR CATTLE: Gracie Dabbs
SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR STEER: Chelsea Hernandez

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB: Wyatt Renfro
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB: Wyatt Renfro

SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR LAMB: Wyatt Renfro
SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR LAMB: Gracie Boultinghouse

GRAND CHAMPION SWINE: Alexi Hernandez
RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE: Evelyn Smith

SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR SWINE: Landyn Temple
SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR SWINE: Evelyn Smith

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT: Ruby Matthews
RESERVE CHAMPION

MARKET GOAT: Kylie Maroney

SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR GOAT: Hallie Wood
SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR GOAT: Gracie Boultinghouse

GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT: Cayden Madaleno
RESERVE CHAMPION RABBIT: Rylie Vasquez

SHOWMANSHIP RABBIT JUNIOR: Collin Sledge
SHOWMANSHIP RABBIT SENIOR: Ryli Vasquez

GRAND MARE: Alexandra Williams
RESERVE MARE: Grace McCarthy

GRAND GELDING: Lauren Aragon
RESERVE GELDING: Carolyn Newman

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Lauren Aragon
GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Reese Coleman

SWINE

GRAND CHAMPION SWINE

Alexi Hernandez from Fort Davis exhibited this year's Grand Champion Market Swine on Saturday during the Big Bend Livestock Show.

Photo by Felipe Fierro



Duroc / 1
Colton Partin / Twin Peaks 4H / Duroc / 2
Alexi Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 3
Ysla Salcido / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 4
Sarah Muniz / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 5
Jonathan Salcido / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 6
Kenneth Duarte / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 7

CLASS 5
Izabella Briones / Marathon 4H / Duroc / 1
Evelyn Smith / Alpine FFA / Duroc / 2
Ty Ritchie / Alpine FFA / Duroc / 3
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 4
Allie Vick / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 5
Everett Keith / Fort Davis FFA / Duroc / 6

CHAMPION DUROC: Izabella Briones, Marathon 4H
RESERVE CHAMPION DUROC: Evelyn Smith, Alpine FFA

HAMPSHIRE

CLASS 6
Kacy Hawkins / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 1
Alexi Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 2
Chelsea Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 3
Trevor Hawkins / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 4
Trevor Hawkins / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 5

CLASS 7

Evelyn Smith / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 1
Chelsea Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 2
Izabella Briones / Marathon 4H / Hamp / 3
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 4
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 5
Ty Ritchie / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 6
Hunter Stieg / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 7

CLASS 8

Alexi Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 1
Evelyn Smith / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 2
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 3
John Ritchie / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 4
Tripp Warren / Twin Peaks 4H / Hamp / 5
Addisyn Green / Alpine FFA / Hamp / 6
Skylar Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Hamp / 7
CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE: Alexi Hernandez, Fort Davis FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE: Evelyn Smith, Alpine FFA

CROSS

CLASS 9
Chelsea Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 1
Skylar Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 2
Skylar Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 3
Sarah Muniz / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 4
Chelsea Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 5

CLASS 10
Kenneth Duarte / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 1
Alexi Hernandez / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 2
Ryanna Pineda / Alpine FFA / Cross / 3
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 4
Austin Welch / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 5
Everett Keith / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 6

CLASS 11
Evelyn Smith / Alpine FFA / Cross / 1
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 2
Hunter Stieg / Alpine FFA / Cross / 3
Landyn Temple / Alpine FFA / Cross / 4
Kacy Hawkins / Alpine FFA / Cross / 5

CLASS 12
Colten Gray / Fort Davis FFA / Cross / 1
Ryanna Pineda / Alpine FFA / Cross / 2
Addisyn Green / Alpine FFA / Cross / 3
Landyn Temple / Alpine FFA / Cross / 4
CHAMPION CROSS: Evelyn Smith, Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS: Chelsea Hernandez, Fort Davis FFA

LAMBS

RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB

Wyatt Renfro from Twin Peaks 4-H exhibited this year's Reserve Grand Champion market lamb.

Photo by Felipe Fierro



CHAMPION FINEWOOL: Wyatt Renfro
RESERVE CHAMPION FINEWOOL: Gracie Boultinghouse

FINEWOOL CROSS

CLASS 3
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 2
Matheo Karleen / Twin Peaks 4H / 3

SOUTH DOWN

CLASS 4
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks 4H / 2

Collette Sharron / Alpine FFA / 3

CLASS 5
Wyatt Renfro / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Collette Sharron / Alpine FFA / 2
Collette Sharron / Alpine FFA / 3

CHAMPION SOUTH DOWN: Wyatt Renfro
RESERVE CHAMPION SOUTH DOWN: Ruby Matthews

MEDIUM WOOL

CLASS 6
Wyatt Renfro / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Canon Ryan / Twin Peaks 4H / 2
Landin Salcido / Marfa 4H / 3

CLASS 7
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Jett Ryan / Twin Peaks 4H / 2
Annika Salcido / Marfa 4H / 3

CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL: Ruby Matthews
RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL: Wyatt Renfro

GOATS

CHAMPION GOATS

Kylie Maroney and Rynn Matthews pose for a photo with the banners they won for this year's Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market goats.

Photo by Felipe Fierro



DIVISION II CLASS 4
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 2
Georgia Muratori / Alpine FFA / 3
Georgia Muratori / Alpine FFA / 4
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 5
Adalee Schniers / Twin Peaks 4H / 6
Jaden Miller / Twin Peaks 4H / 7
John Zuberbueler / Alpine FFA / 8

CLASS 2
Wyatt Renfro / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Kenneth Duarte / Fort Davis FFA / 2
Misela Gonzalez / Alpine FFA / 3
Mason Dove / Alpine FFA / 4
Marilyn Herrera / Fort Davis FFA / 5
Allison Sanchez / Alpine FFA / 6
Carter Martin / Fort Davis FFA / 7

CLASS 3
Kylie Maroney / Alpine FFA / 1
Sophie Janis / Alpine FFA / 2
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 3
Allie Vick / Fort Davis FFA / 4
Trey Vick / Fort Davis FFA / 5
Andy Herrera / Fort Davis FFA / 6
Kaysen Hardaway / Alpine FFA / 7
Collette Sharron / Alpine FFA / 8

CLASS 5
Greyson Schniers / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Mason Losoya / Alpine FFA / 2
Mason Losoya / Alpine FFA / 3
Mason Dove / Alpine FFA / 4
Annaliese West / Marathon 4H / 5
Olivia Warren / Twin Peaks 4H / 6
Kaysen Hardaway / Alpine FFA / 7
Jaden Miller / Twin Peaks 4H / 8

CLASS 6
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 1
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks

4H / 2
Hallie Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 3
Kelton Tarrant / Alpine FFA / 4
Rhyder Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 5
Anson Tarrant / Alpine FFA / 6
Jaden Miller / Twin Peaks 4H / 7
Olivia Warren / Twin Peaks 4H / 8

DIVISION II CHAMPION: Ruby Matthews
DIVISION II RESERVE CHAMPION: Gracie Boultinghouse

DIVISION III CLASS 7
Sadie Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Ledly Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 2
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 3
Rhyder Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 4
Cheyenne McEntire / Twin Peaks 4H / 5
Allison Sanchez / Alpine FFA / 6

CLASS 8
Ledly Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Hallie Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 2
Ryli Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 3
Gage Partin / Twin Peaks 4H / 4
Ryli Vasquez / Alpine FFA / 5
Austin Welch / Fort Davis FFA / 6

CLASS 9
Kylie Maroney / Alpine FFA / 1
Gracie Boultinghouse / Fort Davis FFA / 2
Wyatt Renfro / Twin Peaks 4H / 3
Sophie Janis / Alpine FFA / 4
Cheyenne McEntire / Twin Peaks 4H / 5
Collette Sharron / Alpine FFA / 6

DIVISION III CHAMPION: Kylie Maroney
DIVISION III RESERVE CHAMPION: Gracie Boultinghouse

DIVISION IV CLASS 10
Ruby Matthews / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Trey Vick / Fort Davis FFA / 2
Collette Sharron / Alpine FFA / 3
Liliana Flores / Alpine FFA / 4
John Zuberbueler / Alpine FFA / 5

CLASS 11
Hallie Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Hattie Roane / Fort Davis FFA / 2
Carolyn Newman / Alpine FFA / 3
Carolyn Newman / Alpine FFA / 4
Amberly Tarrant / Twin Peaks 4H / 5

CLASS 12
Sadie Wood / Twin Peaks 4H / 1
Allison Sanchez / Alpine FFA / 2
Naida Morris / Alpine FFA / 3
Naida Morris / Alpine FFA / 4
Austin Welch / Fort Davis FFA / 5
Hattie Roane / Fort Davis FFA / 6
Adalee Schniers / Twin Peaks 4H / 7
Kelton Tarrant / Alpine FFA / 8

DIVISION IV CHAMPION: Ruby Matthews
DIVISION IV RESERVE CHAMPION: Hallie Wood



2025 LIVESTOCK SHOW

FIRST-PLACE GOAT



Greyson Schniers from the Twin Peaks 4-H exhibited the first-place goat in the Division II Class V market goat show this past weekend.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

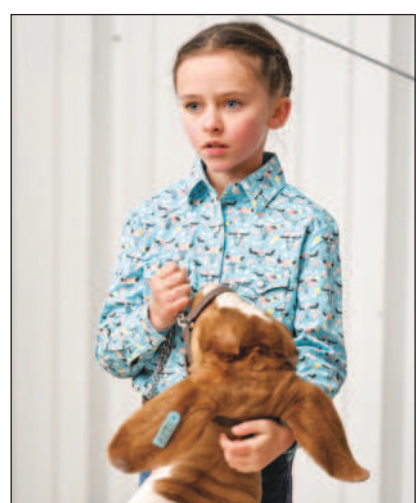
LAMB EXHIBITORS



Collette Sharron, Canon Ryan, and Wyatt Renfro exhibit their Southdown lambs at this past weekend's Big Bend Livestock Show.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

SMALL BUT MIGHTY



Hattie Roane, who exhibited goats for the Fort Davis FFA, was one of the smallest exhibitors in the ring this past weekend, but she didn't let size stop her.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

DOWN ON THEIR LEVEL



Swine judge Rode Merryman squats down at "pig level" during this past weekend's Big Bend Livestock Show. Merryman did this multiple times throughout the show, watching how these swine traveled and getting a different view of their overall composition.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT



Kylie Maroney from Alpine FFA exhibited this year's Reserve Grand Champion market goat at the 2025 Big Bend Livestock Show.

Photo courtesy of Felipe Fierro

RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE



Evelyn Smith exhibited this year's Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine at the Big Bend Livestock Show.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Restaurant Guide

\$6 a week gets you a spot in our restaurant guide
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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

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS ATTEND SHOW



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LIVESTOCK SHOW ALUM



Dr. Ray Allen and Richard Powell, the former Ag teacher at Alpine High School, are always in attendance at the Big Bend Livestock Show, supporting the area youth.

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Swine judge Rode Merryman took a moment for a selfie with some of this year's exhibitors at the 2025 Big Bend Livestock Show.

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CHAMPION OPB



John Ritchie accepts the Champion White OPB (Other Pure Breed) ribbon from his sister Tannin Ritchie after winning Class I with his Yorkshire hog.

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RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING



Carolyn Newman received a belt buckle Saturday night at the BBLSA sale for her Reserve Grand Champion Gelding at the horse show. Aaron Renfroe presented the buckle.

Courtesy photo

ROUNDING OUT HIS LAST YEAR



Senior Mason Dove watches the judge as he exhibits his goats for the last time at the Big Bend Livestock Show.

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YOUNG EXHIBITOR



Austin Welch exhibits her market goat during this year's Big Bend Stock Show. Welch, the daughter of Fort Davis Elementary principal Shera Welch, exhibited for the Fort Davis FFA.

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FINEWOL CROSS



Matheo Karleen guides his finewool cross lamb into position on Friday morning during the Big Bend Livestock Show.

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INTENSE CONCENTRATION



Goat exhibitor Hallie Wood looks intently at the judge during this past weekend's Big Bend Stock Show.

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HAWKINS' HAMPSHIRE



Kacy Hawkins exhibited her Hampshire hog on Saturday during the Big Bend Livestock Show. Swine Judge Rode Merryman watches the hog's gait as it travels down the show ring.

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FOCUSED



Leddy Wood focuses on the judge as she leads her market goat through the show ring at this past weekend's Big Bend Livestock Show.

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LIVESTOCK SHOW RELIES ON VOLUNTEERS



The Big Bend Livestock Show would not be possible without the multitude of volunteers. BBLSA and Alpine ISD school board member Nikki Ahrens and AISD nurse Gayla Owen are always on hand to keep up with the exhibitors and the places they earn during the show.

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TALLER THAN THE REST



Kelton Tarrant stood out in the show ring at this past weekend's Big Bend Livestock Show, towering over the other exhibitors with his height, which is not as noticeable on the basketball court.

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perintendent Michelle Rinehart echoed Coach Martinez's sentiment, stating that the remodeled courts offer student-athletes convenience and enhanced opportunities for competition.

"This was a much-needed improvement that will significantly benefit our students," said Rinehart. Before

this project, only one of the three courts was safe to use due to the deterioration of the surface and underlying slab. While the courts were geographically convenient to our high school, they were almost entirely unusable.

During the 2023-2024 season, the teams were unable to use their home courts. They had to rely on Sul Ross State University's facilities. While Sul Ross graciously accommodated the middle and high school teams, hosting home matches and arranging practices was challenging. Martinez is optimistic about the future impact of the new courts. "We are thankful for the project's supporters and can't wait to get back on our courts," she said. Rinehart said Stephens was "instrumental" in remodeling the tennis courts, which benefit the school and the community. She said it was also his idea to add the pickleball lines to make the most of the courts, giving enthusiasts of the fast-growing sport a place to play. Funding for extracurricular activities and facilities can be hard to come by, and Stephens provided a volley of support to not only get the project off the ground but also make it a winning effort. "Stephens saw a need in our community, determined a potential solution to address it, and then made it happen. We were honored to partner with Mr. Stephens on this project, which serves as a great example of how Alpine community members work with our schools to increase opportunities for our students and community alike," Rinehart said. "Alpine ISD is proud to provide community access to district facilities. We hope this project provides additional facilities for more people to engage in physical fitness activities like tennis and pickleball here in Alpine."

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4-H exhibited the Grand Champion Rabbit, while Ryli Vasquez of the Alpine FFA exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit. Junior Showmanship in the Rabbits went to Colin Sledge, while Senior Showmanship went to Ryli Vasquez.

Next was the cattle show, which was divided into lightweight and heavyweight divisions. Only six exhibitors

showed cattle this year, three in the lightweight and three in the heavyweight divisions. However, two of the exhibitors in the lightweight category, Gracie Dabbs from the Marathon 4-H and Georgia Muratori from the Alpine FFA showed two animals a piece. Izabella Briones accompanied them from the Marathon 4-H.

In the heavyweight cattle division, Alpine FFA exhibitors Ryanna Pineda and Hunter Stieg showed

their cattle. Chelsea Hernandez from the Fort Davis FFA exhibited her heavyweight division animal. The Grand Champion Market Steer title went to Chelsea Hernandez from the Fort Davis FFA, while the Reserve Grand Champion went to Izabella Briones from the Marathon 4-H. Junior Showmanship cattle went to Gracie Dabbs, and Senior Showmanship went to Chelsea Hernandez. Friday evening, the

show ended with the horse show at the Sul Ross State University S.A.L.E. Arena at the Turner Range Animal Science Center. The Grand Champion Gelding went to Lauren Aragon, and the Reserve Champion went to Carolyn Newman. Grand Champion Mare went to Alexandra Williams and the Reserve Champion went to Grace McCarthy. Aragon also won the Junior Showmanship, while Reese Coleman won Senior Showmanship.

The swine show kicked off at 9 a.m. on Saturday with the Grand Champion Market Swine going to Alexi Hernandez with her Hampshire from the Fort Davis FFA and the Reserve Grand Champion going to Evelyn Smith of Alpine FFA with her Cross.

Junior Showmanship in the swine went to Landyn Temple, and Senior Showmanship went to Evelyn Smith. The show and sale

wrapped up Saturday night at the Alpine Civic Center with the annual sale of the market animals. This year, exhibitors brought a grand total of \$362,500 from the sale with \$96,000 in add-ons.

This annual county livestock show would not have been possible without the countless hours of volunteer work from parents and community members and the help of the Big Bend Livestock Show Association.



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verse 17, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, said God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;"
verse 21, "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"

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Devotional Page

Peace be with you

BY STEPHEN WHITE

First United Methodist Church

I remember that Tuesday in April 1999. Two students had gone into the Columbine High School and opened fire on their fellow students. In the end, twelve children and one teacher were murdered, and there was evidence that they had hoped to kill hundreds. It was shocking. It was unprecedented. The country hunted everywhere for someone or something to blame. How could this have happened? I had a conversation with a 12-year-old boy who was horrified but not sure why the adults were going crazy. "When I was in school, shooting people was not on the list." "What list?" "The list of things you might do to someone who made you mad. There was plenty of violence on the list, but no killing. You could insult someone all the way to beating them up. Beating them up might even mean gang beatings with weapons, resulting in broken bones and hospitalization. But we never would have thought of guns and ammunition and explosives. What have we come to?" Today, I ask this question again: "What have we come to?" In 1999, there were two school shootings. Last year, there were 39. And on January 1 alone, there were four mass shootings, including the one in New Orleans with a man driving into a crowd before opening fire. And there are many more.

In January of 2025, we have normalized violence. It is not seen as extreme anymore. It has gone from "What happened?" to "Oh, it happened again." We are still hurt and angry. We have sympathy and rejection. But it doesn't surprise us anymore. I don't have a legislative solution. I don't even have a suggestion I think would cover it all. I know we can't just make our violent natures go away. But we can try to go back to being shocked. That's hard, I know. When we constantly live in a state of crisis fatigue. Where will the energy to be shocked come from?

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On the night he was arrested, Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane with his closest friends.

With [Judas] was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. . . Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus, and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." . . . In that hour, Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day, I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56 But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then, all the disciples deserted him and fled. —Matthew 26:47-56

They had worked themselves into a frenzy, an armed mob going to arrest Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke they are guards, but the idea is the same, that violence was the answer. And the disciples ran away. And in 2025, we join them.

Three days later, after his resurrection, he came to those same disciples, where they hid in an upper room. His first words to them were, "Peace be with you! I echo his call. May we inhabit Peace. May we tell our children and friends and family that shootings are not normal. They are not our way. We follow a Prince of Peace who calls us to a different path. I can't just fix violence. I can try to live in Peace, though, and tell those around me of the joys of that Peace, and that it is the right way to live, and cry out when violence is perpetrated. Because it is Truth and Light, and it spreads to those close to us and then to those close to them, and on and on until someone who would shoot doesn't. And one day, all who would shoot don't, and our swords can be beaten into plowshares. Amen.

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Sports

Fightin' Bucks win over Buena Vista, start district play with win

BY KERRY LAIRD
Sports Editor

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks basketball team closed out non-district play this season with a hard-fought second half on the road over the Buena Vista Longhorns, setting the stage for a thrilling start to their district campaign against the Tornillo Coyotes and a hard-fought game against a formidable Presidio team.

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks basketball team entered the district season with a surge of confidence after

a convincing 72-63 victory over the Buena Vista Longhorns.

The Bucks leaned on their fast-paced and aggressive style of play to quickly establish control against Buena Vista. They capitalized on early turnovers, driving to the basket and finding open shooters on the perimeter while shooting 3-3 from the charity stripe.

At halftime, your Fightin' Bucks led the Longhorns 40-28. However, the third period began with an unbalanced number of fouls as the hardwood zebras ex-

ercised their whistles with impunity against the boys in purple.

The refs called nine personal fouls on Alpine, with the Longhorns only receiving three.

Alpine Coach Aaron Hardwick said, "They really came out of halftime with an emphasis on attacking downhill on drives, which put pressure on the officials to make calls at the basket."

Buena Vista cut Alpine's lead to nine points at the end of the third period, with the score 56-47, and then came within three points with five-and-a-half minutes left in the game.

Junior Dae Hardwick, now on his way to 2,000 points, made a free throw and a layup, and with a drive and kick pass from Isaiah Jimenez to Ferris Daley for a three-pointer, Alpine was shakin' and bakin' again for a substantial lead that carried them to the end of the game.

Daley led the offensive charge, showcasing his scoring prowess with 23 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals.

Hardwick provided a consistent presence with 18 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals.

Dom Rodriguez and Jimenez also contributed significantly to the bal-



Alec Ramos warms up prior to a home game at the Buck Dome.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

anced offensive attack with 8 points each. Rodriguez also had 4 rebounds and 1 steal, while Jimenez added 4 assists and 3 rebounds.

"We were very happy with the pace of play, shot-making, and offensive production throughout the ball game," said Coach Hardwick. "We are continuing to get better each time out, which is what you hope for heading into district play."

The Bucks' dominant performance set the stage for an exciting start to their district campaign in a nail-biting victory over Tornillo, which showcased their resilience and tenacity to secure a 67-46 win.

The game opened with

a fast-paced tempo, as Tornillo quickly connected on a three-pointer. Alpine responded immediately, with Jimenez draining a long-range shot of his own, assisted by Daley.

The intensity remained high, and Hardwick's spectacular steal and slam dunk gave Alpine a slim 5-3 lead early on.

The first period saw a back-and-forth battle, with Alpine edging ahead 17-13. The second period mirrored the first, with both teams trading baskets. At halftime, the Bucks held a narrow 33-29 advantage.

The third period proved to be more challenging for the Fightin' Bucks. Tornillo

aggressively attacked the basket, drawing seven fouls from Alpine.

Coupled with eight turnovers, these miscues allowed the Coyotes to chip away at the Bucks' lead. Heading into the final frame, Alpine clung to a precarious 44-38 advantage.

"Credit to Coach Luis Vega of Tornillo for having a solid game plan that kept his guys in it," said Coach Hardwick. "Although our kids were disappointed with their play for the first three quarters, I knew we had a run in us. We just had to take care of the basketball and defend

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Jan. 21 Kermit, HOME
9th **6:30 JV **5:00 V 8:00

Jan. 24 OPEN

Jan. 28 Tornillo, HOME
9th **6:30 JV **5:00 V 8:00

Jan. 31 Presidio, AWAY
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Feb. 4 Anthony, HOME
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Lady Bucks earn consecutive victories, continue district push

The Alpine Lady Bucks varsity basketball team showcased its resilience and determination this week. It bounced back from a challenging loss to Kermit with two crucial victories that have them firmly in contention in 3A Region I, District 4 play.

The Lady Bucks traveled to Buena Vista on Tuesday, January 7, where they delivered a strong performance to secure a much-needed win.

Freshman Andynne Ramirez stood out with a near double-double, recording 12 points, 9 rebounds,

and 3 assists in a display of skill beyond her years.

Senior Hope Dominguez provided veteran leadership, contributing 5 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Sophomore Evelyn Smith added firepower with 10 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals, while Colette Fowlkes commanded the paint with 9 points, 10 rebounds, and an impressive 6 blocks.

Freshman Gyllian Morrissey also made her presence felt, scoring 10 points and adding two steals and a block.

Following this victory, the Lady Bucks turned their

focus to district play, taking on Tornillo on the road.

The team delivered one of their most dominant performances of the season, defeating Tornillo 57-16. Their defensive intensity overwhelmed the Tornillo offense, as Alpine racked up an incredible 30 steals and controlled the boards with 33 rebounds.

The Lady Bucks also demonstrated precision at the free-throw line, shooting an efficient 69%, a factor that will prove crucial in tight contests later in the season.

Tuesday night brought

another district matchup, this time against Presidio at home. The Lady Bucks were determined to improve on last season's nail-biter, where they edged Presidio 40-38 in their last matchup, a game that came down to the wire.

Alpine left no doubt this time, delivering a convincing 47-32 victory. The win propelled the Lady Bucks to a 2-1 district record and an impressive 12-7 overall.

The Lady Bucks now look ahead to a Friday evening road game against the Anthony Wildcats. While Anthony has struggled this season with a 1-19 overall



Gyllian Morrissey prepares to shoot beyond the paint in a recent home game.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

record and 0-3 in the District, Coach Johnson emphasized the importance of staying focused.

As the Lady Bucks progress through district play, their combination of emerging talent and seasoned leadership positions them as a formidable contender.

With contributions coming from every class, from freshmen stepping up in key moments to seniors leading by example, the team is developing a dynamic chemistry that bodes well for the

remainder of the season.

Their continued success will hinge on maintaining the defensive intensity and balanced scoring that has defined their recent victories. Fans are encouraged to come out and support the Lady Bucks as they pursue their playoff ambitions.

With their sights set on a strong finish in district play, the Lady Bucks are proving that they have what it takes to compete with the best in the region.

Lady Bucks Softball Schedule

Date	Location	Varsity	JV
Jan. 25	El Paso	TBA	TBA
Feb. 1	Midland Christian	TBA	TBA
Feb. 8	Fort Stockton	10 a.m.	12 p.m.
Feb. 11	Monahans	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 13-15	College Station	TBA-varsity only	
Feb. 18	Andrews	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 20-22	Monahans		TBA
Feb. 25	Fort Stockton	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 27-Mar. 1	El Paso	TBA-varsity only	
Mar. 4	Pecos	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 7	Big Spring	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
Mar. 8	Odessa High	12 p.m.	2 p.m.
Mar. 11	Midland Legacy	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
Mar. 14	Anthony	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 15	Midland Christian	12 p.m.	2 p.m.
Mar. 18	Presidio*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 21	Colorado City	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 25	Tornillo*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 28	Kermit*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 31	Anthony*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
April 4	Presidio*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
April 8	BYE		
April 11	Tornillo*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
April 17	Kermit*	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
April 24-26	Bi-District	TBA-varsity only	
May 1-3	Area	TBA-varsity only	
May 8-10	Regional Semi-Final	TBA-varsity only	
May 15-17	Regional Final	TBA-varsity only	
May 22-24	State Semi-Final	TBA-varsity only	
May 29-31	State Tournament	TBA-varsity only	

*District Play

Lady Buck Basketball Schedule 2024-2025

Jan. 17: Anthony, AWAY	
JV 5:00	V 6:30
Jan. 21: Kermit, HOME	
JV 5:00	V 6:30
Jan. 24: Balmorhea, AWAY	
JV 5:00	V 6:30
Jan. 28: Tornillo, HOME	
JV 5:00	V 6:30
Jan. 31: Presidio, AWAY	
JV 5:00	V 6:30
Feb. 4: Anthony, HOME	
JV 5:00	V 6:30
Feb. 8: District Certification	
Feb. 10-11: Bi-District	
Feb. 13-15: Area	
Feb. 17-18: Regional Semifinals	
Feb. 20-22: Regional Finals/Optional Regional	
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Feb. 24-25: State Semifinals	
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Rodeo meets Hockey



Miss Rodeo Sandhills, Miranda Reed and Alpine's Kendall McComb, Miss Rodeo Teen took some time to pose with a couple of the Odessa Jackalopes hockey players at last week's Sandhills Stockshow and Rodeo held at the Ector County Coliseum.

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without fouling."

The Bucks showed Fear-the-Deer resilience in the face of adversity in the fourth period with a crucial defensive stop that ignited a decisive 18-5 run.

Kelton Tarrant, a key contributor to this surge, re-energized the team with a thunderous dunk that decisively shifted the momentum in favor of the Bucks.

"That Fightin' Bucks bas-

ketball team that showed up in the fourth quarter tonight is who we are!" said Coach Hardwick. "Great to get our first district win, but we know we still have work to do."

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks hosted their District 4-3A home opener against the Presidio Blue Devils on Tuesday night, playing to a packed house with fans filling both sides of the court.

The game started as a tight contest, with both

teams tied 16-16 at the end of the first period. However, the Bucks encountered a scoring drought in the second period, compounded by lopsided foul calls that favored Presidio. With just over four minutes left in the first half, Presidio had pulled ahead 27-16, prompting Coach Hardwick to call a timeout to rally his team.

Despite their efforts, the Bucks struggled to overcome Presidio's size and sharp shooting, trailing 38-21 in halftime. The second half brought more challenges for Alpine as the momentum continued to favor the visiting Blue Devils.

By the end of the third period, Presidio had extended their lead to 54-35 and ultimately secured a 68-50 victory.

The Fightin' Bucks will look to regroup as they prepare for their next district matchup when they travel to Anthony tomorrow night to take on the Wildcats at 8 p.m.

SENIOR Spotlight

MARCO SALCIDO

In what activities did you participate in high school?
 I played golf my sophomore year, and in my junior year I tried to do XC but didn't succeed in competing in it, but there is still a positive to it because I ran a lot in the summer on my own and it helped me lose more weight.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?
 It would have to be either Mrs. Parson or Coach Hardwick. Mrs. Parson is by far one of the most interesting and intellectual teachers I've had and has a lot of stories. The way she teaches is so amazing. I felt that everything she showed and taught us was definitely sticking with me. Coach Hardwick, I would say, made my foundation into what it is today, physically and mentally. The reason is that in my sophomore year, I joined athletics, and in the first semester, in the offseason, we would be in the gym doing 17s, which is where one sprints from baseline to baseline 17 times and doing that and bodyweight exercises. I saw the discipline, respect,

and determination starting to come out of me because of his coaching style and the motivational speeches he would have with us at the end of the period. He will be a coach that I won't forget, and I'll forever thank him for molding my mentality into what it is now.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?
 My favorite moments in the last four years would be going to my friend's graduation. Zion was a senior when I was a freshman, and he took me under his wing. Through him, I met Zach and Shaughn, who were juniors at the time. There are way too many memories with them, but getting to see them graduate one by one is a bittersweet moment because they were going off to the military.

What are your plans after high school?
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