

Candidate filing ends tomorrow

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Candidate filing for the May 3 general election ends tomorrow, February 14 at 5 p.m.

Interested parties who would like to run in the May election for positions on the Alpine City Council or the Alpine Independent School District Board of Trustees must complete their applications by 5 p.m. tomorrow and turn them into either the Alpine City Secretary or the AISD Superintendent Secretary.

For persons interested in filing for seats on the Alpine City Council, they may contact Geoffrey Calderon at 432-837-3301 or stop by 803 W. Holland Avenue to pick up the packet. Persons interested in filing for seats for the AISD Board of Trustees may stop by 704 W. Sul Ross Avenue or contact Marsha Roach at 432-837-

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Tourism success, water planning take center stage for city

BY KERRY LAIRD
Correspondent

The Alpine City Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 4, at Alpine City Hall in the council chambers. Ward 3 Councilor Darin Nance was absent. All other councilors attended, with Mayor Catherine Eaves presiding over the meeting.

"I wanted to let everyone know that our

city secretary has completed a marvelous thing," said Mayor Eaves.

She said she received correspondence from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, University of North Texas, stating that City Secretary Geo Calderon completed his required



Megan Antrim-Alpine City Manager

professional education for certification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk, enduring nearly 300 hours of study.

"As an officer of the city, achieving certification confirms Geo's professional and personal commitment to his city by staying up to date

on laws affecting municipalities in Texas," said Mayor Eaves, reading from a statement.

During her announcements, Alpine City Manager Megan Antrim stated that the Alpine Police Department will hold a blood drive February 24-25 at the Alpine Police Department.

Alpine Director of Tourism Chris Ruggia presented an update

on hotel occupancy tax collections for the fiscal year 2023-2024 (\$776,835.63), which showed a slight increase in year-over-year collections compared to FY2022-2023 (\$775,416.80).

"That is an increase," said Ruggia. "It seems like a very tiny one, but I consider this number to be a dramatic success because I've

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CX Debate sweeps at district



The AHS CX Debate teams of Hatfield Cason and Sye Behan, Zane Wash and Chris Craver, and Analia Adame and Ashlee Neal took the top three spots in the district CX Debate competition last Wednesday, placing first, second, and third respectively. Cason was also the recipient of the Golden Gavel for best speaker. From left are Hatfield Cason, Chris Craver, Sye Behan, Analia Adame, Ashlee Neal, and Zane Wash.

Courtesy photo

Seriously looking at plants

BY TY GOODWIN
Borderlands Research Institute

How will you get your food today? Most of the public's answer to this simple question is through trade. We trade our service or time for currency, which in turn can be traded for products such as food. It can be argued that one of the most important products we trade is food, and modern agriculture has enabled the success of large-scale communities. If each person or family had to farm their own plants or ranch their own livestock, they would not have time or resources to conduct other necessary services for themselves.

Thus, the practice of trading one's product for another necessary product became common in larger communities and is still part of the backbone of society today. However, before agriculture and trade, how were food sources collected and maintained for survival?

The modern world does not require us to have a direct connection with the natural world anymore. Our modern food crops exist thanks to historic peoples who domesticated specific natural plants that were recognized as good food sources. Knowledge of these plants was passed down

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The Sul Ross State University Plant ID Team was in Spokane, Washington, recently to participate in the National Society for Range Management plant ID competition. Pictured are Coach Ty Goodwin, Jack Bussey, Will Massa, Srader Cassata, and Emily Gibbs.

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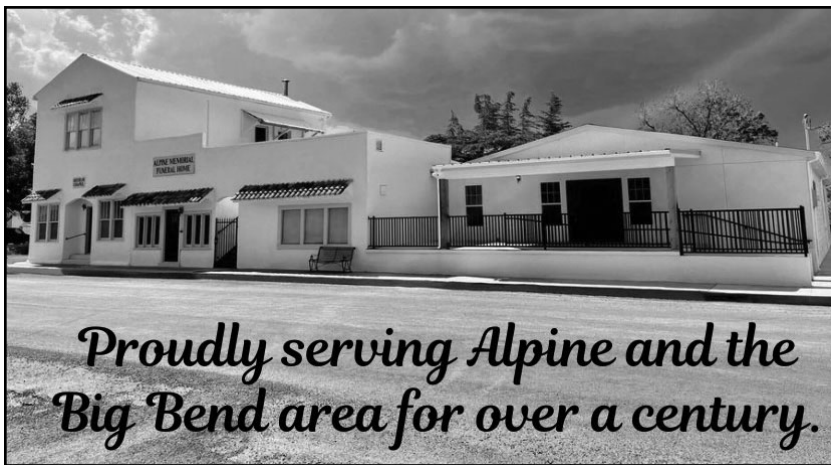
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OBITUARIES

Manuel Gallego Ybarra

Manuel Gallego Ybarra, affectionately known as “Manny,” “Mel,” or “Popo,” was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He passed away peacefully at home on February 8, surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 8, 1939, in Manuel Benavides, Chihuahua, Mexico, Manuel later made his home in Alpine.

Throughout his life, Manuel was dedicated to



hard work. He began his career with Coca-Cola in delivery and sales before transitioning into the chemical sales industry. His entrepreneurial spirit

led him to co-own and operate Alpine Pest Control, where he became well-known for his commitment to excellence.

One of Manuel’s most endearing qualities was his warm personality. He was generous, kind, and outgoing—able to converse easily with anyone and form deep connections with those around him. His friendly presence made him a familiar figure in Alpine, where he touched many lives.

Outside of work, Manu-

el had a passion for music and was proud to be a part of a mariachi group. He enjoyed singing and working outdoors in his yard. His love for games was evident in his enjoyment of poker, board games, and bowling. Additionally, he loved fishing and was a huge fan of the Miami Dolphins, often sharing his knowledge of the team’s statistics with friends and family.

Manuel is survived by his devoted wife, Maria Flora Ybarra; his sons, Miguel, Manuel Jr., and

Oscar Ybarra; his daughter, Alma Ybarra Campo; his grandchildren, Angela Ybarra, Rebecca Ybarra, Kaitlin Gonzales, and Maximillian Pagels Ybarra; and his great-grandchildren, Colston and Adalee Gonzales.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jorge and Luz Ybarra; his brothers, Jorge Jr., Flavio, Hector, and Baldo Ybarra; and his sisters, Elva Natera, Virtudes Valencia, Petra Guebara, and Licha Najera.

Friends and family were invited to pay their respects during visitation on February 12 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine from 9 to 9:30 a.m. A Rosary service followed at 9:30 a.m., and a Mass began at 10 a.m. Burial took place after the funeral Mass at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine.

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

Stacy Michelle Harrison

August 8, 1981 –

January 23, 2025

Alpine resident, Stacy Harrison, died January 23 at the age of 44. Stacy was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, granddaughter, cousin, and friend.

Born to Frances Fellows and Mike Harrison in Alpine, Stacy attended elementary school in Marfa before moving to Johnson City, where she graduated from Johnson City High School in 1999. After graduation, Stacy lived in other parts of Texas but always found her way back home to West Texas.

Throughout her life, Stacy worked with people. In Junction, she was an assistant office manager for the South Llano River State Park. Located on the southwestern edge of Texas Hill Country, this was one of her favorite jobs. She loved working outside, and her affection for plants became a mainstay in her homes. Stacy also worked for Nurses



Unlimited in private care, where her compassion touched the lives of many. In Alpine, she managed Deja Vu, the thrift store that supports the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend. She took great pride in this role, knowing her work made a meaningful difference in the community.

As a proud and passionate Dallas Cowboys fan, she never missed an opportunity to cheer on her team. She also had a deep love for local sports, always supporting the Lady Bucks, especially during Vega’s years on the volleyball team. Stacy’s passions extended to animals—taking in strays and helping those in need. Her dog, BeeBee, was like her second child,

and she made sure they were always together.

Stacy’s will and endurance were tested many times, yet she never gave up. Her bright smile, laughter, and determination are memories we treasure. May she rest in peace.

Stacy is survived by her daughter Vega, sister Kimberly Harrison (Jay Puga), mother Frances Fellows, grandmother Robbie Fellows, and countless family members who will forever cherish the memories they shared.

A Celebration of Life for Stacy will be held at Iglesia Cristiana Jesus es Ray (Jesus is King Christian Church), 700 West 1st Street, Marfa, Texas, on Saturday, February 15, at 11 a.m. To honor Stacy’s memory, please wear pink, a Dallas Cowboys shirt, or team colors. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a Benefit for Stacy Harrison Memorial Fund at WesTex Credit Union in Alpine.

Body discovered in Alpine Creek

BY KARA GERBERT

Managing Editor

Last Sunday afternoon, the Avalanche received a notice from the Alpine Police Department (APD) that the body of an unidentified male was discovered in the 400 block of West Holland Avenue at the bridge over Alpine Creek.

At approximately 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, the Alpine Police Department received a report of a body in Alpine Creek just below the Holland Avenue bridge. Officers responded to find the body of a deceased male, and an investigation was initiated.

According to APD, no foul play was suspected,

and the body was sent off for autopsy. The Brewster County Sheriff’s Office and the Texas Rangers assisted on the case; further investigation was pending. On Monday, February 3, APD released the name of the deceased to be James R. Kim, aged 60, of Alpine. No further information was available.



Law enforcement officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Brewster County Sheriff’s Office, and Alpine Police Department block off the left-hand lane in the 400 block of West Holland Avenue on Sunday after the body of an unidentified male was discovered at the bridge over Alpine Creek.

Photo by Kara Gerbert



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Texas Capital Highlights

Voucher bill passes Senate, arrives in House

A bill to implement school vouchers in Texas sailed through the Senate largely on party lines last week and now awaits consideration in the House, the Austin American-Statesman reported. House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, said he believes there are enough votes in that chamber to pass the legislation, which was defeated a half-dozen times in 2023 by a coalition of Democratic and rural Republican members.

“As Speaker, I’m committed to ensuring the agenda of the Texas House remains truly member-driven this session,” Burrows said in a statement. “I support empowering parents to decide the best educational option for their children.”

The bill’s supporters, which include Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and other top elected officials, say it would give students access to more school choices. Opponents fear the \$1 billion program will siphon funding and students away from public schools already facing budget deficits.

The political director of the Texas Freedom Network said legislators should focus on funding public schools instead.

“Voucher schemes steal vital funds from kids in our neighborhood schools, all so megadonors and the politicians in their pockets can subsidize private and religious schools for the wealthy at our expense,” Rocio Fierro-Pérez said.

Abbott outlines his legislative priorities

Abbott outlined his legislative priorities in a speech last Sunday. Besides school vouchers, he wants state lawmakers to cut property taxes by \$10 billion, launch a massive water project to ensure adequate supplies, and restrict bail for a number of crimes, the Houston Chronicle reported. Other priorities include pay raises for teachers and investment in nuclear energy as a way

to “fortify” the state’s electric grid.

Abbott is backing a plan by state Sen. Charles Perry, R-Amarillo, which would invest in several large projects to increase the state’s water supply. Among the projects are desalination plants and a network of pipelines to distribute water.

“We will make the largest investment in water in the history of Texas,” Abbott said. “We will tap into new water supplies and repair pipes to save billions of gallons of water each year.”

The Democratic response to Abbott’s State of the State address blasted the governor for being too friendly with President Trump and billionaire Elon Musk, who is leading an effort to eliminate federal government waste and inefficiency.

“The fact is people are struggling after 30 years of Republican rule,” Gilberto Hinojosa, the former Democratic Party chair, said in the response.

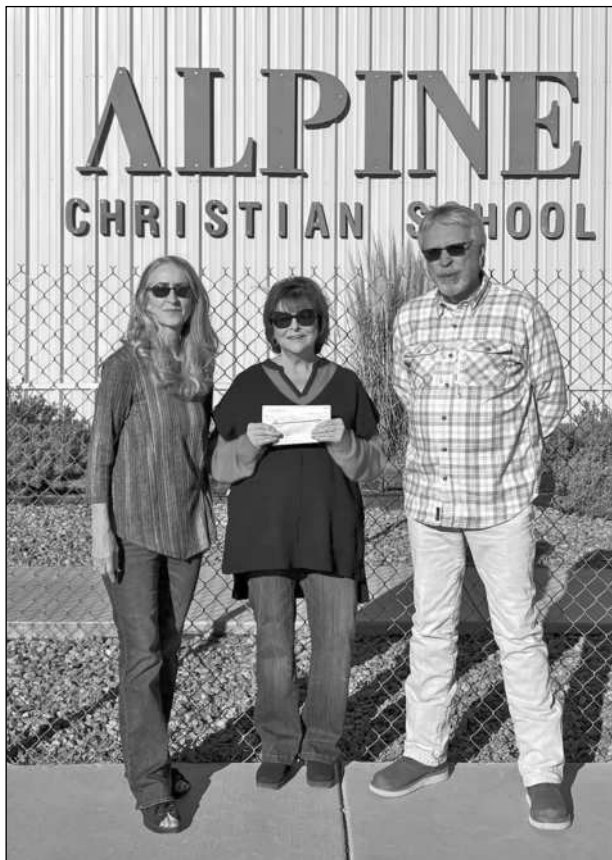
Abbott backs legalizing sports gambling in Texas

Abbott recently said on the Texas Take Podcast that he has no objection to Texas joining 39 other states that have legalized sports betting, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

“I don’t have a problem with online sports betting,” Abbott said in the interview. “The reality is that I’d be shocked if there were not some Texans that do it already.”

A coalition of major sports franchises including the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs and Houston Astros have teamed up with several sports gaming companies to push for legalized sports gambling. They have hired more than a dozen lobbyists and have tapped former Gov. Rick Perry and Houston Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta to help make their pitch to legislators to pass such a measure. The issue ultimately would require voters to approve a constitutional amendment.

ACS receives donations



The Alpine Christian School recently received donations from the Big Bend Shooting Foundation and the Big Bend Sportman’s Club. These funds will be used to purchase firearms for the school’s annual gun raffle fundraiser. Presenting the donations to ACS secretary Debbie Skelton were Rhonda Cole (left) and Jim Westermann (right).

Courtesy photo

Fiery mishaps, future plans highlight Emergency Services meeting

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Alpine Emergency Services Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 6. Albert Benitez was the only member not in attendance, and Albert Lujan joined via phone call.

After the call to order, the board voted to approve the January 21 meeting minutes, with a motion from Mark Rose and a second from Stacey Wood.

The board then heard from Wood in her financial report, in which she told the board that they still had a healthy bank balance even after purchasing some pricey equipment. Wood also reported that she has begun working with Carole Causey to generate the profit and loss reports requested by the board for each meeting and that Causey has been of great help already. “I will have a P and L report for the board by the next meeting,” Wood said. Wood also told the board that tax forms were finalized and ready for fire department members.

As there were no other reports from board mem-

bers, the board heard a report from Alpine Fire Chief James Etchison. Etchison told the board that AVFD had responded to 11 calls in January and one in February as of this meeting.

Etchison reported that the department responded to seven fires, with one a call-back due to smoldering. The call-back was for a structure fire caused by faulty wiring in a double roof. The department was also called to an unattended horse trailer fire, where three animals perished due to high winds blowing a heat lamp down onto wood shavings.

One of the fire calls was due to an individual who placed a pizza in their oven but set the stove to clean instead of baking, locking the oven down and causing a lot of smoke. The stove was unplugged and re-set, with no fire to extinguish and nothing but excessive smoke.

There were two brush fires: one along Highway 67 caused by an individual who did not realize the trailer they were pulling had lost two rear tires



Rusty Moore, AESB Chairman

and created sparks, and a transformer explosion in front of the airport also caused a small brush fire.

The department responded to a dumpster fire and assisted Marathon VFD with a train engine that had caught fire.

“The train engine worked on for a good while by Marathon, and they could not suppress the flames. They called us in for an assist, and we were able to extinguish the fire quickly using our F-5000 chemical extinguisher agent,” Etchison said.

In other news, Etchison reported that due to the numerous calls, the department had scaled back the extra training offered on Saturdays and was currently just training on Wednesdays during their regular meetings. He also noted that he had the department return to some essential training procedures to keep them fresh. These included standard vehicle familiarization, field service orientation and history, ladders, and fire streams.

Etchison reported that

over 200 fire alarms had been issued and installed in Alpine to date. He was awaiting another order and gave the board an update on vehicle repairs and services and upcoming training opportunities, including the Mile High Academy to be held in Fort Davis.

After Etchison’s report, Chairman Rusty Moore asked if the department had any requests or needs to be addressed.

Etchison stated that the department could use at least three new computers to help with administrative duties. The board then discussed different ways to streamline and digitize these duties and other procedures, to which Moore commented, “My company frequently surpluses computers and other types of communication equipment, and we do donate some of these things, so I will keep this in mind and take a look at how we can help out going forward.”

In closing, the board set the dates for the next several meetings through May. The next meeting of the Alpine Emergency Services Board is set for March 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Middle School Indians take district



The Fort Davis Indians middle school basketball teams, both boys and girls, won the district championship last week.

Courtesy photo

Native Plant Society to meet

The Big Bend Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold this month’s program

on Saturday February 22 at 1 p.m. in the AEP room of the Alpine Public Library.

Ramon Gonzalez, a local climate activist from Presidio, will be discussing Everything is Connected in Presidio. This transformative project is focused on two strategies—climate resilience and pollution reduction—and seeks to use green infrastructure, nature-based solutions,

and technology to make a greener and more resilient Presidio. The project will mitigate extreme heat and flooding; reduce pollution; and create a cooling center as a place of refuge during heat emergencies. Come out and support this local organization. Come learn with the Native Plant Society.

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Upcoming events
February at Davis Mountains State Park

Mondays – Space is the Place, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. (2/10) and 8-9 p.m. (2/17, 2/24) at the Interpretive Center overflow parking lot. Bring your binoculars and a chair.

Wednesday, February 19, Master Naturalist Hike, 10-11:30 a.m. at the CCC Rock Lookout. Bring good hiking shoes, water, and a hat.

Fridays, February 14 and 28, The Bewildering Barbary Sheep, 2-3 p.m. at the Amphitheater. Learn about this African exotic and the consequences of its rise to prominence in West Texas.

Saturdays, Art in the Park, 2 – 3 p.m. at the Interpretive Center.

Saturday, February 15 and 22, Miles and Miles of Stars, 8-9 p.m. at the CCC Rock Lookout (far end of Skyline Drive). Join DMSP for a night of constellation viewing, storytelling, and dark sky appreciation. Bring a chair and a red lamp flashlight.

February 13-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 15 Sweetheart Gala Benefit, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Alpine Civic Center. Semi-formal event with live music and will include cocktails, dinner, and a silent auction. Tickets are



\$75, and persons interested in group rates or to RSVP may call 432-294-0886. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church for building repairs. All other questions may be directed to Gloria Gordon at the Church office 432-837-3304 or 432-386-6996.

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 Choral 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 bbcchorage.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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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, 10 a.m., first Saturday of each month at 605 E. Ave F. All members are welcome.

ALPINE AVALANCHE

Heard on the STREET

How do you view the current state of public-school funding, and do you believe it matters for those without kids?



Ryan Weyl: It affects industry throughout the whole community. Kids' futures are the future of our community.



Lucy Robinson: Well, it's not good. Some of that money they're sending to the border should go to the schools. Education is important whether or not you have kids.



Pete Rimoldi: It matters because if you have good funding, then it builds a good community. It attracts the kind of people you want, the kind of people who want their kids to go to a good school.



Cathy Lammons: My kids are grown, but I have grandkids who benefit from adequate school funding. School funding in the State of Texas is ridiculous. They need to pay our teachers.



David Benowitz: School funding matters for everyone. Today's students are tomorrow's workers and leaders. Strong schools boost property values, attract jobs, and build safer neighborhoods. Ignore them, and the whole community suffers.

Big Bend Fire Academy begins round two



The Big Bend Fire Academy class 1-2025 recently learned the finer points of conventional forcible entry. These cadets used a variety of tools during these exercises, including halligans and axes. They gained an appreciation for the different tools of the trade, and should the need to gain access be required, local residents should feel confident in their firefighter's abilities to do so promptly and proficiently. Like previous classes, the academy consists of firefighters from around the Big Bend region, including the National Park, and as far as Fort Davis.

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Cup of Jalapeno and Cilantro Soup
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Students, faculty, and staff from the Borderlands Research Institute recently attended the West Texas Hunting Extravaganza put on by the West Texas Chapter of the Safari Club International. The West Texas chapter partners with BRI by funding wildlife research projects, their West Texas Chapter Safari Club International Endowed Scholarship, research-related field equipment, and this 2024 Chevy 2500 truck.

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TOURISM • FROM 1

been hearing all year about how collections are down...statewide.” According to the data presented, visitors from San Angelo spent the most on average at \$348 per cardholder. On the agenda, the city council reviewed and discussed the 2024 Alpine Police Department’s Annual Racial Profiling Report, a document designed to ensure transparency and accountability in local law enforcement, according to information presented by the city. The report offered an in-depth analysis of more than 1,500 traffic stops and other police encounters, examining data on the race and ethnicity of those involved. According to the Alpine Police De-

partment, this review helps the department identify any potential biases or disparities in its practices, supporting efforts to promote fairness and equity in its operations. The report is prepared in compliance with guidelines from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), which requires all law enforcement agencies across the state to submit an annual racial profiling report. This ensures adherence to state regulations while fostering community trust through open and honest reporting. Alpine Police Chief Darrell Losoya was on hand to answer questions from the city council. Ward 1 Councilor Reagan Stone asked for clarification on the process for fil-

ing complaints, of which the report lists no complaints. Police Chief Losoya explained that while the dispatch team currently handles complaints, he is exploring a more streamlined system. The proposed system would involve QR codes printed on business cards handed out during traffic stops. Citizens could scan the QR code to file complaints privately, eliminating the need to contact the police department directly. The city council completed a significant action item by approving the second and final reading of a measure to repeal key articles of the existing water conservation and drought contingency plans and replace them with updated versions.

According to city documents, the city has reviewed two distinct water management plans: the Emergency Water Demand Management Plan and the Draft Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan for 2024-2025. These plans address sustainable water use and strategies for handling shortages. The emergency plan focuses on immediate actions during crises, such as equipment failures, natural disasters, or extreme drought. It uses tiered triggers and enforcement mechanisms to respond to varying levels of water demand. It emphasizes public notifications tailored to the severity of the crisis, including media alerts and public service announcements,

as well as fines and restrictions during critical shortages. In contrast, the 2024-2025 Draft Plan outlines long-term conservation goals aligned with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements. It sets measurable targets, including an 11.4% reduction in per capita water use by 2034 and infrastructure upgrades to reduce system losses. The plan also includes provisions for ongoing public education, distribution of conservation materials, and periodic updates, focusing on compliance with conservation practices over time. Together, these plans aim to balance immediate needs with sustainable water management for the future,

said Antrim. The city council approved a resolution for Alpine’s Environmental Services Department to participate in the Governor’s Community Achievement Award (GCAA) program, which recognizes leadership in environmental education, beautification, and litter prevention. In 2024, Alpine earned 1st place and a \$130,000 award for beautification projects. While the city is ineligible to win in 2025, applying for the Award of Excellence offers a chance to earn Sustained Excellence recognition after three consecutive years. The Alpine City Council’s next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

PLANTS • FROM 1

generationally and integrated into cultivation practices. Historically, this knowledge about plants was probably widespread through a community: nearly everyone knew about the cultivated species and about all the other medicinal, toxic, or forageable species within their local ecosystem. The common person today, when asked what plants are beneficial, might consider things like corn, wheat, potatoes, elderberries, and oranges. Our modern “foraging”—walking down the produce aisle—has narrowed our vision to these species and plants that are recommended to us by producers. But what about all the

other green out there? While modern humans living in a developed society can survive without ever answering this question, that shouldn’t mean that the general public never learns their plants! One of the goals of the Sul Ross State University Plant ID Team is to teach identification of ecologically important plant species to the next generation. Across the ecoregions of Texas, we want to open people’s eyes to see the individual plants, which is a key skill for understanding present ecological systems as well as past and future management. Many team members will go on to careers advising ranchers, farmers, and other landowners about landscape-changing

decisions. Without first knowing what plants are on the landscape, giving that advice would be like trying to fix a broken vehicle without knowing your tools. Students on the Plant ID team take the extra time to solidify their botany skills to become better future natural resource managers and/or knowledgeable Texas community members. The SRSU Plant ID Team meets once a week to test their abilities and learn new species. Then, these skills are tested at two state competitions and one national competition. The team first competed on October 16 at the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management conference in Victoria. For this event,

the team studied plants that are important for livestock, wildlife, and rangeland restoration, memorizing 75 species’ scientific names, origin, and defining characteristics. Last week, the team competed at the National Society for Range Management contest in Spokane, Washington. They learned another 125 species in preparation for this challenge. This week, the team competed in another state contest at the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society annual conference in Denton. For that competition, the Plant ID Team will learn 120 species that are central to the conservation of wildlife species in Texas. Since the Plant ID Team re-formed in

2022 (after disbandment caused by COVID-19 shutdowns), the students have consistently competed in these state and national contests. They have placed as a team and some members have placed individually. Receiving recognition at these conferences can aid these students’ future careers. Professionals have offered internship opportunities, job positions, and even scholarship opportunities to team members. Being part of the Plant ID Team allows students to receive this professional recognition and build the foundational skills for effective habitat management. They also stand out to professors on the SRSU campus. Students who are part

of the Plant ID Team take plants seriously. Understanding that “all that green outside” is hundreds of different species—and knowing which can be toxic or highly nutritious for livestock and wildlife, which are valuable to pollinators, and which are useful to people—is a solid foundation for natural resource scientists and managers. For natural resource management students, the SRSU Plant ID Team is a long-term investment in developing important career skills. But whether the team members major in the natural sciences or not, participation in this group is sure to open their eyes to the green of the world.

CANDIDATE • FROM 1

7700. Two seats on both the Alpine City Council and the AISD Board of Trustees are up for election. For Alpine City Council, seats for Ward 1 and Ward 3 are up for election and are currently held by Reagan Stone (Ward 1) and Darin Nance (Ward 3). For the AISD Board of Trustees, seats for

Single Member District 5, and Single Member District 7 are up for election. These are currently held by Haley Babb (District 5) and Mary McCallister (District 7). Early voting for the May 3 general election will be held at the Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Avenue, on weekdays from April 22 through April 30 between 8 a.m. and 5

p.m. On election day, May 3, voters can elect candidates for the two seats on the Alpine City Council and the AISD Board of Trustees in the City of Alpine Council Chambers between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more election information, contact the Brewster County Elections Administrator at 432-837-6230 or visit 203 N. 7th Street.

TFEMS receives donation from CASI



The Terlingua Fire and EMS recently received a donation of \$5,000 from the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI). These funds will go towards the purchase of equipment that directly impacts South Brewster County.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposal

Brewster County is seeking proposals for the purchase of a customized Portable Building for the purpose of operating a rural Health Clinic in Study Butte, Texas.

Specifications of the proposal may be found at: <https://www.brewstercounty.gov/page/public.notices>

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Proposals should may be delivered by mail, electronically or hand delivered

By Mail:

Brewster County
PO Box 1630
Alpine, Texas 79831

Electronically:

county.judge@co.brewster.tx.us

Hand Delivery:

Brewster County Courthouse
201 W. Avenue E
Alpine, Texas 79830
Attn: County Judge’s Office

Proposals will be opened and reviewed on or before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at the Brewster County Courthouse.

All proposals are subject to final approval by the Brewster County Commissioners Court.

This is a lump sum proposal request. Payment to be made by check upon delivery. This proposal does not require a bond.

Questions may be directed to:

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February 5, 1925

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Reception at Masonic Hall This Evening

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Worthy Grand Matron

work in San Antonio, is past, Worthy Matron of San Antonio Chapter, O. E. S. The Grand officers and visiting delegates, numbering about sixty-five, will have lunch at the Holland Friday. The following is the program:

February 6th, 9:30 a. m.

Opening of School..... By Chapter Presentation of Grand Matron and other Grand Officers—Mrs. Mora Cochran, Assistant Deputy. Invocation..... Rev. C. Bowles Welcome Address—Mrs. Blanche Jensen. Response to Address of Welcome—Mrs. Beula Rawlings. Violin Solo—Mrs. Winnie Mae Kennedy. Opening of School—Mrs. Belle O'Meara, District Deputy Grand Matron Study of Ritual and Secret Work—Mrs. Mora Cochran, Assistant Deputy Grand Matron. Question Box.

12:00 O'clock
Luncheon—Alpine Chapter, Hostess Afternoon, 2:30 p. m.

Flag Ceremony..... Alpine Chapter Study of Constitution and Parliamentary Drill Conducted by Mrs. Belle O'Meara. Question Box.

8:00 p. m.

Exemplification of Degrees—Alpine Chapter.

Reports of Committees. A. A. Newell. Address by Worthy Grand Matron "The Golden Key"..... Selected Closing..... Alpine Chapter No. 132

Reception
8 p. m., Masonic Hall, Thursday, February 5, 1925.
Music: Mary F. Livingston, piano; Agnes Newell, Banjo; Lee Patton, Saxophone.

Vocal..... Herbert Heat
Violin Solo..... Mrs. J. P. Kennedy
Impersonation..... Miss Eva Sweet
Piano Solo..... Miss Esther Hedden
Vocal Solo, Miss Margaret Guehrer
Classic Dance..... Miss Gene Walters
Violin Duet—Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Hedden.
Refreshments

February 25, 1915

SOUTHERN HISTORY FACTS TO BE KEPT

George W. Littlefield, Terry Ranger, Presents History Fund to University of Texas.

"Writing History the 'Wrong Way' is a charge that frequently has been made by the South, reconstructed and otherwise, against the bulk of American history authors since the Civil war.

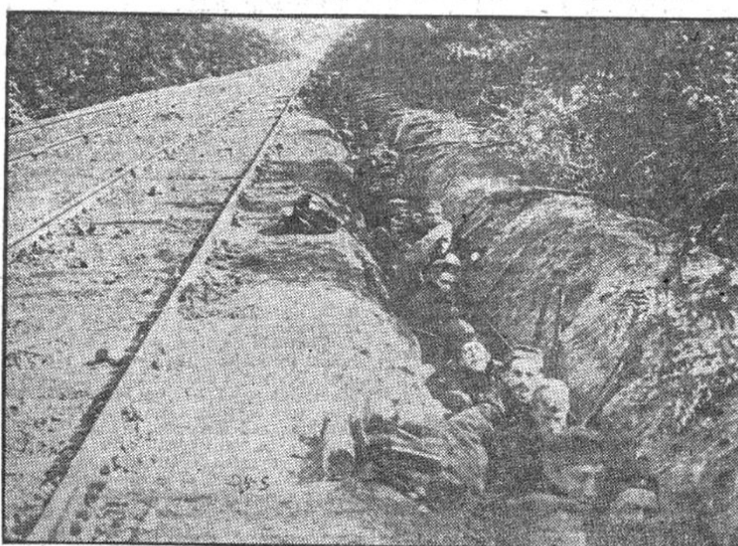
Geo. W. Littlefield, who served as one of Terry's Rangers during the war, and now President of the American National Bank at Austin, Texas, is one of those

Gen. W. Littlefield, Southerner who believes that the South's side of the late misadventure has never been fairly presented, and he is backing his judgment to the extent of \$25,000, having recently given this amount of money for the purpose of securing maps, newspaper files, private manuscripts, letters, books, and other original sources bearing upon the part played by the South in the war between the States. This fund is invested as an endowment of \$1,500 per year, and the interest is to be expended annually by a committee composed of the State Librarian, the Librarian of the University of Texas, and Eugene C. Barber, professor of history at the University of Texas. The life of the fund is fifty years, and at the end of that term the committee feels confident that the State of Texas will have deposited in its University library such a collection of historical data as can be matched by any library in the country. The endowment is named as "The Littlefield Fund."

It is the hope of the donor that with this mass of original historical data available, a great stimulus will be given to the study of the history of our country during the period, and that a thoroughly impartial history, by competent historians, will result.

February 11, 1915

"Anything But Glory," Says Harvard Graduate



Belgian Soldiers in the Deep Trenches Along the Railway Which They Guarded Against the Germans at the Battle of Hofstade.

February 21, 1924

HON. WALTER SPLAWN

(Note: Numerous shippers and others who have the public interest at heart have asked Railroad Commissioner Walter Splawn to write a series of brief articles on the Railroads of Texas and their regulation by the Railroad Commission. In complying with that request, Commissioner Splawn has prepared the articles dealing: first, with the history of railroad development in Texas; second, with the origin of discontent on the part of public with the way the railways were being operated; third, the conditions that lead to establishing the Railroad Commission; fifth, some of the results of railway regulation by the State of Texas; sixth, the relations of federal control to state control of railroads. These articles will appear week by week and will develop each of the above topics. It is thought that such articles will be timely in view of the widespread interest in railroad problems at this time.)

Photos from the Alpine Avalanche Archives at Archives of the Big Bend, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library and Portal of Texas.

Erosion seldom a factor in tree roots found above ground

Dear Neil, several areas of my lawn are on rather steep slopes. Over the past few years, the roots of several trees have appeared on the surface. I now have to mow around them. I don't know if it's from erosion. What should I do?

Trees have 90% of their roots in the top foot of soil. You'll see that the next time you see some poor tree that a bulldozer has pushed over. As the tree grows larger, so do its limbs, and so do the roots. Initially, they may have been only three or four inches below the surface, but they gradually grow up and out of the soil. Erosion is very seldom a factor. My suggestion is always that we learn to live with them. Odds are that excessive shade will eventually cause the grass to thin out anyway. That's when a shade-tolerant ground cover can conceal the roots and make mowing unnecessary.

Dear Neil, have you

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

ever used pecan hulls as a mulch? I have access to some and wondered if they would be good in my flower and vegetable garden.

Pecan hulls make a lovely mulch in a perennial garden or shrub bed. They lay flat, and, at least in my experience, they lasted a couple of years. I enjoyed watching the birds peck away at the remains of the pecans that came with them. I will say that some of them got rototilled into my garden soil in a couple of areas, and they tied up nitrogen pretty badly as they broke down. That's to be expected with fresh organic matter. From that

standpoint, I'd use them only on top of the soil, not incorporated into it. If I intended to blend them into the soil, I think I'd probably run them through my compost pile for a year first.

Dear Neil, Is there an effective treatment for the crape myrtle bark scale? It's not as bad as it was a few years ago, but I'd like to eliminate it.

As insects in Texas go, this is a comparative newcomer, first appearing in 2004. Entomologists across the South have been conducting research on it for the past several years. It still appears that the systemic insecticide Imidacloprid, applied as a soil drench specifically around the affected plants just once, about the middle of May, is your best means of lessening the population. In 20 years of watching this pest, I've decided it's not especially harmful. It just creates a mess on the leaves and stems in years when it's bad. I've watched the twice-stabbed



ladybug populations rise in years when there are large populations of the scales. (There have only been a couple of those bad years.) They usually bring the scales under control within just a few weeks. Note: the immature form of the ladybugs ("nymphs") are odd-looking insects that don't resemble the adults at all. Do not apply any insecticides if you see them.

Dear Neil, do you recommend lawn aeration? I've had trouble finding someone who would do it for a residence.

I recommend aerification for three specific and rather uncommon situations. If you have had an unusually heavy amount of traffic across an area (people walking at an event or

children playing ball), if a vehicle has been parked repeatedly on the grass, such as alongside a driveway, or if a layer of thatch has accumulated over the years. Note that thatch is undecomposed organic matter that forms beneath the grass runners and on top of the soil. It is not to be confused with browned stubble left over from winter's freezing weather. All you have to do to eliminate the stubble is scalp

the lawn. I have personally never felt the need to aerify my own lawn, and I seldom recommend it to others unless they have one of those three situations. Rental companies often rent the equipment you would need to do your lawn if you so choose.

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

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by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- TXism: "mobile mouse" (cat)
- TX George Strait's "Ace in the ___"
- TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas" (var.)
- TX Don Henley co-wrote "Take ___ the Limit" (1975)
- TXism: "___ gut" (liquor)
- TX Bill Paxton was in this epic film about a 1912 disaster
- close-fitting jeans
- TX Cindy wrote this empty pages book: "Everything Men ___ Women"
- Lynda Bird Johnson wed this Robb (init.)
- a cable car
- state org. for nurses
- beauty treatment
- TXism for "observant" (hyph.)
- birth state of TX Goodnight (abbr.)
- TXism: "he's got more on his plate ___ can say grace over"
- Texas-based "1 Imports Online"
- give a speech
- TXism: "busy ___ on ___ pay day"
- Texas pitcher, Ryan
- TX Martha Hyer 1965 film: "___ of Katie Elder"
- TXism: "want it ___ bad I could spit"
- benign skin growth
- Texan who can vote
- dictatorship
- to fall asleep after a chicken fried steak meal, e.g.: ___ off
- Santa ___, Texas what TX A.J. Foyt did
- Tex Ritter: "America's Most ___ Cowboy"
- TX Willie 1986 film: "___ coach"
- a color
- make a mistake
- corporate area in Irving: ___ Colinas
- TXism: "salt some ___" (save)
- TX Audie Murphy 1959 film: "No ___ the Bullet"
- he wrote the songs in TX Ginger Rogers 1935 "Top Hat" (init.)
- Alamo bed for Col. Jim Bowie
- the Joads traveled through Texas in "The ___ Wrath"
- single, uniform
- natural skill
- ___ Worth (abbr.)
- TX Dale Evans wrote "___, San Antonio"
- toss a fishin' line
- TXism: "wet as a ___ rat"
- ___ trust conserves Texas acres
- giant mythical bird
- an explosive
- husband of Texas-born Dale Evans (2 wds.)
- Texans in the Civil War
- TX Buddy Holly's "___ On"
- "___ in the hole"
- singer with a powerful voice, Merman
- George W.'s wife

DOWN

- TX Willie album: "___ Tapes"
- in Lamar County on FM 137 & 38
- TXism: "so green he could hide in ___ patch" (rookie)
- 100 centavos in Mexico
- TX Tom who won 1992 U.S. Open in golf (init.)
- extra money paid for a loan
- ripped up
- TXism: "active as a fox ___ house"
- founder of Dallas Morning News (init. + last name)
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- Eli Whitney invention: cotton ___
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Sports

Alpine tennis serves up strong start against tough competition

BY KERRY LAIRD
Sports Editor

The Alpine High School tennis teams have officially served up their 2025 season with a whirlwind of matches, hitting the courts in Fabens and Monahans to sharpen their game against tough District 4A competition.

On Tuesday, February 4, the Bucks took to the baseline for their season opener, a Tri-Meet in Fabens against teams from Fabens High School and El Dorado High School.

A Tri-Meet, where three teams volley for victories in a round-robin format, gave the Bucks a chance to swing into action.

Facing larger district opponents, the event tested the team's mettle and provided invaluable live-action practice, especially for newcomers eager to rally into the sport.

Head Coach Lauren Martinez was pleased with the team's early

performances, noting the benefits of facing higher-level competition. The matchups provided a solid foundation for the season, allowing players to test their abilities and refine their techniques.

"This was a great opportunity for our athletes to get on the courts and match up with some challenging 4A high school players," said Coach Martinez. "It was a positive practice round that allowed each player to work on game strategies and develop their skills to prepare for the season."

"Each player represented Alpine High School with pride." The varsity team then traveled to Monahans for the Sandhills Tournament on Friday, February 7. Although the Bucks didn't win any hardware, they showed grit on the courts.

Highlights included the dynamic duo of Mariana Palazuelos and Roxell Adams, who netted a sec-

ond-round finish in the Championship bracket of girls' doubles.

Meanwhile, Alpine's number-one boys singles player, Arturo Santos, battled his way to the third round of the Consolation bracket.

Building on the momentum of their early matches, the Bucks tennis team approached each game with clear objectives, aiming to elevate their performance with every swing.

The team used the recent tournament in Monahans to assess its strengths and pinpoint areas for improvement, staying focused on its growth throughout the season.

Reflecting on the tournament, Coach Martinez highlighted the team's dedication to sharpening their skills and staying committed to their goal.

"Our goals for this tournament were to make fewer errors on the court and to focus on



AHS Tennis Team.

Courtesy photo

proper swing technique and making good contact with the ball," she said. "We are eager to get back to practice Monday so we can work on improving our weaknesses and prepare for our next varsity tournament on February 21."

This focus on continuous improvement ensures the Bucks are ready to step up their game as the season progresses.

This past Tuesday, February 11, the Bucks were back in Monahans

for another Tri-Meet, this time squaring off against Lamesa and Monahans high schools. The players continued to refine their strokes and strategy in preparation for the season ahead.

With a promising start and plenty of matches left in the season, the Bucks are aiming to ace every opportunity on the courts.

The Bucks varsity tennis team will be on the road February 21-22, battling it out against

Clint High School, San Elizario High School, and Fabens High School in the Lower Valley Tournament.

Your first chance to catch a match closer to home takes place on February 27 at the Comanche Classic in Fort Stockton. Play begins at 8 a.m.

Play in Alpine for both JV and varsity runs March 28-29 in the Fort Davis International on the courts at Sul Ross State University.

Alpine boys basketball fights to the finish in final district showdown, preps for playoffs

BY KERRY LAIRD
Sports Editor

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks traveled to Kermit on Friday, February 7, for their final district matchup before heading into the UIL playoffs.

Facing a tough Yellowjackets team on the road, the Bucks showcased their competitive spirit in a tightly contested game that came down to the final seconds, proving their resilience and ability to battle against tough opponents in high-pressure situations.

The Bucks came out firing, starting the game with a 9-2 run fueled by a Ferris Daley (senior) three-pointer and a pair of transition layups from junior Dae Hardwick. Alpine held a 14-7 advantage at the end of the first period.

In the second period, Kermit found their rhythm, slowing the pace and connecting on two three-pointers, which helped them take a narrow 21-20 lead into halftime.

The third period was a hard-fought grudge match, with both teams exchanging blows in a blazing display of back-and-forth baskets.

By the time the period ended, the scoreboard reflected the intensity of the battle, with the game tied at 36 apiece heading into the final period.

Clutch plays from both sides were evident in the fourth period. Each team made big three-pointers early in the period, while the Bucks held their ground, antlers down, and ready to charge.

At the 2:08 mark, Hardwick gave the Bucks a 50-49 lead with a tough shot in traffic, but Kermit responded, tying the game at 50 after drawing a foul.

In the final minute of play, a critical possession allowed the Yellowjackets to edge ahead 52-50. Despite the pressure, Alpine managed to create two quality opportunities in the closing seconds, including a near-buzzer-beater three-point attempt from Hardwick that rattled off the rim.

The Bucks' valiant effort came up just short in a nail-biting finish, showing the never-say-die, fear-the-deer mentality that has carried them through the season.

Hardwick led Alpine with a standout performance, recording 17 points, 15 rebounds, and



Freshman Tae Hardwick prepares to add points to the board for Alpine at the free-throw line

Photo courtesy of Felipe Fierro

six steals. Daley chipped in 12 points, while freshman Tae Hardwick contributed 10 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists.

"We take nothing away from Kermit," said Head Coach Aaron Hardwick. "They were the better team on Friday night. In many games this year, we have struggled to score the basketball, specifically in the second quarter, contributing to our team's lack of momentum."

"We have to remedy this, and with this week to prepare, I believe we will do just that."

Despite the narrow loss, the Bucks capped off a successful regular season, finishing second

in the district behind an undefeated Presidio.

The team is focused on addressing these issues and building momentum for a deep playoff run, set to begin February 17. They await their first-round opponent, which will be decided after Lamesa and Coahoma face off on February 11.

Depending on the outcome, Alpine will prepare for either Lamesa or Coahoma in the Bi-District round. Details on the playoff matchup, including the time and location, are still to be determined, but fans can expect the Bucks to bring their A-game to the postseason.

Lady Bucks Softball Schedule

	Location	Varsity	JV
Feb 13-15 NFCA Tournament	College Station	TBA-varsity only	
Feb. 18 Andrews	Andrews	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 20-22 Monahans JV Tournament	Monahans		TBA
Feb. 25 Fort Stockton	Fort Stockton	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 27-Mar. 1 Fox Tournament	El Paso	TBA-varsity only	

Fightin' Buck Baseball Schedule

	JV	V
Feb. 14 Monahans Scrimmage	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 17 Pecos Away	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Feb. 20-21 Comanche Tournament		
Fort Stockton		TBA
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 Seminole Tournament		TBA
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 Wink Away	5 p.m.	

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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AHS golf begins season in Monahans, continues in Pecos

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Alpine High School boys' and girls' golf teams began their spring season with a tournament in Monahans.

While the boys' JV team played on January 30, the varsity team played on February 1, with the girls' team also playing on January 30. According to Coach Marco Gomez, both teams played well with Monahans being their first tournament of the year.

"The JV boys, Camilo Celaya and Levi Garcia played consistently as they did last year at this tournament. Iden Lujan had a good game, placing fourth. For the girls, Alice Saunders was the standout and had a good day on the course, placing in the top 10," said Gomez.

On February 1, the



The AHS girls' golf team are Ashlee Neal, Alice Saunders, Analia Adame, Jenna Vega, and Laci Tarango.

Courtesy photo

varsity boys hit the course with David Baca placing seventh shooting 159. Ace Granando placed 21st out of 40, shooting 147 for a combined two days.

This last weekend, the teams traveled to Pecos for a two-day tournament.

Although the boys did not place as a team, Davis Baca earned an individual first-place

finish. The girls team placed third, coming in behind Fort Stockton and Pecos.

The teams will be heading to Fort Stockton tomorrow for a two-day tournament, followed by the girls' team traveling to McCamey on February 17, and the boys varsity will play in McCamey on the 19. The boys JV team will travel to Wink on the 19th.

Alpine Lady Bucks leave it all on the court in Bi-District thriller

BY KERRY LAIRD
Sports Editor

The Alpine High School Lady Bucks varsity basketball team traveled to Monahans Monday night for round one of the Bi-District Championship against the Stanton High School Lady Buffaloes.

The Lady Bucks split their games against Stanton last season when they were in the same district, with Alpine and Stanton both winning at home.

Both Alpine and Stanton closed out district play with just two losses each, showcasing their strength throughout the season. Both teams managed to defeat the Kermit Lady Yellowjackets on their home courts, though Stanton claimed victory with a more commanding margin, underscoring their dominance in that matchup.

This season, the Lady Buffaloes showed marked improvement by all standards—dropping 100 points in their first game of the season (against a subpar team)—but it was clear from the beginning of Monday night's game that the Lady Bucks went to Monahans to ball.

The Lady Bucks jumped out to an early 6-2 lead with a play that included a great steal and shooting by freshman Gyllian Morrissey, as well as a bucket by senior Hope Dominguez. Stanton answered with a bucket of their own, and then Morrissey showed poise from beyond the arc for a three to make it 9-4.

With Monahans as a neutral location for the game, there was no home-court advantage, but you wouldn't have known it

from the way the Lady Bucks played in the first half.

Some early fouls, along with some lucky finger rolls, brought Stanton within one point of Alpine, but Alpine's defense and fast breaks kept the girls from the Twin Peaks in the lead, ahead 14-10 at the end of the first period.

Freshman phenom Morrissey scored 9 points in the first period. Sophomore Colette Fowlkes brought down five boards, helping defensively.

The Lady Buffaloes shot competitively in the second period, keeping the game close, but the Lady Bucks kept the pressure on in a physical game.

Alpine Head Coach Taryn Johnson kept fresh legs on the court, a tactic that's kept the Lady Bucks hot all season long. It also spreads the love, giving each of the players an opportunity to contribute.

At the end of the first half, the Lady Bucks led Stanton 26-20, with sophomore Ailea Fierro, freshman Andynne Ramirez, and junior Makenzee De Leon each making their mark to gain the hard-fought lead at the halfway mark.

Stanton came out in the second half and must have eaten their Wheaties in the locker room because they went on a 13-0 run to take the lead in the opening minutes of the third period.

Fowlkes was the first Alpine player to score a basket in the second half. Morrissey gets fouled twice and makes three of the four free throws and then a clutch shot under the basket at the end of the third period to bring Alpine within three

points, 36-33.

Stanton scored a basket to open the fourth period, and then Morrissey shot her third three-pointer and then drew a foul, making both free throws to tie the game. Stanton answered with a three-pointer of their own, along with a free throw to regain the lead.

Dominguez and Morrissey both shot three-pointers of their own to give the Lady Bucks the lead for the first time in the second half, 43-42. It's games like this that give you heart palpitations.

Stanton made a few critical baskets, forcing Alpine to foul, and jumped to a seven-point lead with under two minutes left in the game.

With just 30 seconds remaining, the Lady Bucks trimmed the deficit to five points, igniting hope for a late-game comeback. However, Stanton held their ground and refused to relinquish their lead, ultimately securing a 49-55 victory.

The loss marked the end of Alpine's season, concluding with a commendable 17-9 record under Coach Johnson in her debut season at the helm.

Despite the tough loss, the future looks bright for the Lady Bucks as fans look forward to the 2025-2026 season. With key players like Fowlkes, Morrissey, Fierro, and Ramirez returning, the team brings back valuable playoff experience and a strong foundation built on their impressive performances this year. Fans can expect an even more determined squad ready to build on the momentum of a fantastic season.

Baca takes first in Pecos



AHS varsity golfer David Baca took first-place this past weekend at the Pecos tournament

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AHS Golf Schedule

Boys Golf

- Feb. 14-15** Fort Stockton Tournament
- Feb. 19** McCamey (Varsity) Tournament
- Feb. 19** Wink (JV) Tournament
- Feb. 24** Iraan Tournament
- Feb. 26** Pecos (JV) Tournament
- Feb. 28-Mar. 1** Andrews Tournament

Girls Golf

- Feb. 14-15** Fort Stockton Tournament
- Feb. 17** McCamey
- Feb. 25** Iraan

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER
§ OF SALE
§
COUNTY OF BREWSTER § DATED: January 31, 2025

and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 394th Judicial District, of Brewster County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 3rd day of February, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2025, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of said County in the City of Alpine, beginning at 2:00 o'clock p.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Brewster and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. 2015-01-B10173-A-TAX, A/K/A CVB10173A; BREWSTER COUNTY, ET AL V. LOW, LEON R.

TRACT 1: R11994

The West 30.56 Feet (W/30.56') of Lot Three (3), Lot Four (4), Lot Five (5), The East 70 Feet (E/70') of Lot Six (6), Lot Seven (7) and Lot Eight (8), all in Block Thirty-Five (35), Original Town Addition of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds referred to in the Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 282, Page 3 of the Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas; such description being incorporated herein by reference.

CAUSE NO. TXB22308; ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. REBECCA L. LOVE

TRACT 1: R19245

Tract "N", 5.25 acres, more or less, according to the West Double Diamond Subdivision Plat, Brewster County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a General Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 348, Page 816 of the Deed Records in Brewster County, Texas.

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I have appointed the following as agent to conduct the sale, to-wit:

Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P.
Attorneys at Law
2500 N. Big Spring St., Ste. D
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(432) 522-2427

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At the time the sale begins, all bidders at the sale must be registered with the above named agent conducting the sale and be eligible to bid according to the Property Tax Code.

Dated at Alpine, Brewster County, Texas, this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

/s/ Ronny Dodson
RONNY DODSON
SHERIFF, BREWSTER COUNTY

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Applicants must have been a resident of Brewster County for at least two years. Applications are available at the district office at 1604 W. HWY 90, Alpine or an application is available on the district website.

<https://brewstercotad.org/>

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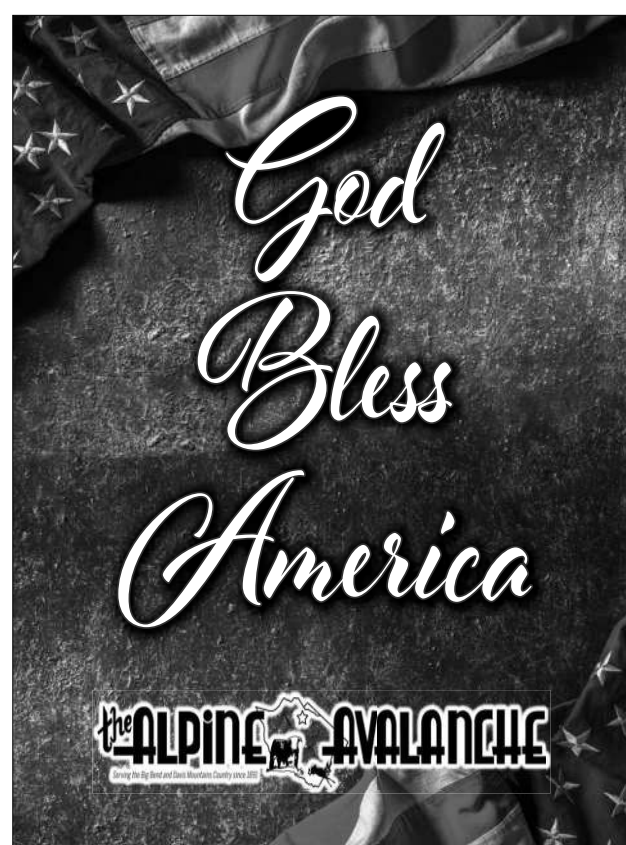
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New playground at AES



Construction crews are hard at work this week installing the new playground equipment at Alpine Elementary School. The equipment was purchased with money donated to Alpine ISD from the Brown Foundation, Permian Basin Area Foundation, and the King Family Foundation.

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Notice of Filing
Preliminary Plat Application

A preliminary plat was filed on 1/27/2025 in the office
of the Brewster County Clerk. (Filing date)

I. The proposed subdivision is generally located: (cite nearest public roads, adjoining subdivisions and other landmarks which will be helpful to the public in locating the subdivision)

Entrance to subdivision is at coordinates N 29.3137085 & W -103.6644782.
The property is 3 miles east of Lonestar Road on Farm to Market Road 170.
Subdivision fronts Farm to Market Road 170. The entrance is across FM 170 from the CASI site.

2. A legal description of the area included in the proposed plat
See Attached 2 pages below.

3. The number of lots for the proposed subdivision is 69
The smallest lot in the proposed subdivision is 5.04 acres. The largest lot in the proposed subdivision is 37.11 acres.

Item #2-Legal Descriptio

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BREWSTER §

BEING A 738.877 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY BLOCK 341, SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, AND BLOCK 341, SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, BREWSTER

COUNTY, TEXAS, SAME BEING ALL OF A CALLED 93.92 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED AS TRACT 51, ALL OF A 640 ACRE

TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED AS TRACT 20 TO LAJITAS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, RECORDED IN VOLUME 224, PAGE 458, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BREWSTER

COUNTY, TEXAS, ALL OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING THE REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, LOCALLY KNOWN AS NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, DESCRIBED IN DEED TO LAJITAS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 81101, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS AND MADE HEREOF AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP IN THE SOUTHEAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF F.M. HIGHWAY 170 (VARYING WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY), FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE G.C. & S.F. RR. CO.

SURVEY, BLOCK G12, SECTION 60, ABSTRACT 10215, BREWSTEAR COUNTY, TEXAS, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY, BLOCK 341, SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10216, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 93.92 ACRE TRACT, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A CALLED 12.65 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO BERT HOLBERT AND WIFE, SHERRIE HOLBERT, RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 110955, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT, SAID POINT HAVING TEXAS STATE PLANE COORDINATES OF N: 13,690,816.34, E: 481,617.10; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHEAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED F.M. HIGHWAY 170, A NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, A SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10216, AND A NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 93.92 ACRE TRACT, N64°14'29"E A DISTANCE OF 869.89 FEET (RECORD - N64°13'04"E A DISTANCE OF 869.0 FEET) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 93.92 ACRE TRACT, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, AND AN ANGLE POINT OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHEAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED F.M. HIGHWAY 170, A SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10216, A NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, AND A NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, N64°03'57"E A DISTANCE OF 99.54 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "CDS/MUERY S.A. TX." FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A 369.21 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN DEED TO MIKE SWETNAM & ESMERALDA SWETNAM, RECORDED IN VOLUME 74, PAGE 227, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT OF LAND; THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTHEAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED F.M. HIGHWAY 170, THE SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10216, AND THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, AND A WEST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 369.21 ACRE TRACT, THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) COURSES: S11°38'09"E A DISTANCE OF 451.22 FEET (RECORD - S11°38'26"E A DISTANCE OF 451.11' PER VOLUME 74, PAGE 227) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP;

S36°44'02"E A DISTANCE OF 353.14 FEET (RECORD - S36°44'19"E A DISTANCE OF 353.03' PER VOLUME 74, PAGE 227) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP; S08°07'08"E A DISTANCE OF 691.34 FEET (RECORD - S08°07'25"E A DISTANCE OF 691.23' PER VOLUME 74, PAGE 227) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP; S14°33'27"E A DISTANCE OF 434.75 FEET (RECORD - S14°33'44"E A DISTANCE OF 434.75' PER VOLUME 74, PAGE 227) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP; S37°44'53"E A DISTANCE OF 1,052.19 FEET (RECORD - S37°45'10"E A DISTANCE OF 1,051.94' PER VOLUME 74, PAGE 227) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP; S33°32'29"E A DISTANCE OF 530.38 FEET (RECORD - S33°32'06"E A DISTANCE OF 530.37' PER VOLUME 74, PAGE 227) TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND WITH PLASTIC CAP, IN THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, A SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 369.21 ACRE TRACT, AND AN ANGLE CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT; THENCE LEAVING AN EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NEEDLE PEAK ROAD, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 640 ACRE TRACT, THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, A SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, AND THE SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 369.21 ACRE TRACT, S88°45'28"E A DISTANCE OF 2,902.33 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 640 ACRE TRACT, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO.

SURVEY, BLOCK 341, SECTION 69, ABSTRACT 1571, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY BLOCK 341, SECTION 68, ABSTRACT 10330, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 369.21 ACRE TRACT, AND THE MOST EASTERLY NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 640 ACRE TRACT, THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, AND THE WEST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 68, ABSTRACT 10330, S01°15'45"W A DISTANCE OF 5,282.93 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 640 ACRE TRACT, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 68, ABSTRACT 10330, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY BLOCK 341, SECTION 64, ABSTRACT 10328, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY BLOCK 341, SECTION 65, ABSTRACT 1569, AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 640 ACRE TRACT, THE SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, AND THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 65, ABSTRACT 1569, N88°44'15"W A DISTANCE OF 5,276.91 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 640 ACRE ATRACT, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 65, ABSTRACT 1569, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY BLOCK 341, SECTION 64, ABSTRACT 10328, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE T.C. RR. CO. SURVEY BLOCK 341, SECTION 72, ABSTRACT 10332, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 640 ACRE TRACT, THE WEST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, AND THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 72, ABSTRACT 10332, N01°15'45"E A DISTANCE OF 5,281.08 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 640 ACRE TRACT, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 71, ABSTRACT 1572, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 72, ABSTRACT 10332, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 60, ABSTRACT 10215, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 93.92 ACRE TRACT, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A CALLED 26.92 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO STEPHON BERT HOLBERT AND SHERRIE HOLBERT, RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 117451, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, AND AN ANGLE POINT OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 738.877 ACRE TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 93.92 ACRE TRACT, THE WEST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 70, ABSTRACT 10331, AND THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 26.92 ACRE TRACT, SAME BEING THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 60, ABSTRACT 10215, N01°11'29"E A DISTANCE OF 2,631.71 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 738.877 ACRES OF LAND.

Kiwanis donates to Food Pantry



The Kiwanis Club of Alpine recently donated their annual contribution to the Alpine Food Pantry. Jan Moeller of the Alpine Food Pantry presented the club with an overview of the organization's activities in the community. Judy Stokes, Letty Carrillo, Matt Walter, Jan Moeller, Nelson Sager, Ralph Gruebel, Rhonda Cole, Marilyn Gruebel, and Jim Case are Pictured.

Courtesy photo

Furry friends find new homes



Alpine Animal Services recently met up with Dog Is My CoPilot, Inc., who transported a total of 28 dogs from the Alpine, Marfa, McCamey, Pecos, and Van Horn shelters to new homes, relieving these overrun shelters of homeless pets.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0016688001

APPLICATION. Lajitas Municipal Services Company LLC, 14241 Dallas Parkway, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75254, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016688001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0147222) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 90,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility will be located approximately 700 feet north of Farm-to-Market Road 170 and 0.5 miles northeast of the intersection of the Maverick Ranch RV Park Entrance and Farm-to-Market Road 170, near Lajitas, in Brewster County, Texas 79852. The discharge route will be from the plant site to an unnamed tributary, thence to Rio Grande Above Amistad Reservoir. TCEQ received this application on December 20, 2024. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Barton Warnock Visitors Center at Big Bend Ranch State Park, 21800 Farm-to-Market Road 170, Terlingua, in Brewster County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-103.768,29.266666&level=18>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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Further information may also be obtained from Lajitas Municipal Services Company LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Scott Vetter, Lajitas Golf Resort, at 210-648-7861.

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AUDREY DOMINGUEZ

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Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?
My favorite teacher is Mrs. Golden because she never fails to check up on her students and she always tries her best to help out no matter what. She goes out of her way to make sure everyone understands, and I appreciate everything she

has done for me to help me as a student.

What was your favorite moment in the last four years?
My favorite moments in the last four years were meeting really cool people, and good friends, and mostly getting to make my dad proud up in heaven.

What are your plans after high school?
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Devotional Page

We need a story in search of a better future

BY VICAR MICHAEL WALLENS

Big Bend Episcopal Churches.

This is what God says ... Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. (The Message)

In her book "The Faithful Gardener," Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes talks about her childhood family ritual. She writes, "In my family, the old ones practiced a tradition called 'Make-Story'; this being a time — often over a meal rich in aromas of fresh onions, warm bread, and spicy rice sausage — when the elders encourage the young to weave tales, poems, and other pieces. The old ones laughed with one another as they ate. To us, they said, 'We are going to test you to see if you were gaining any knowledge worth having. Come, come now, give us a story from scratch. Let us see you flex your story muscles.'"

What a wonderful and generous invitation to give to children. In essence, they were asking them to partner with them in imagining a new, shared world. I have been talking with people about my sense that we need a New Story, a new shared narrative of the kind of world we want to create together. The Old Story that we've told for so many years — the story of endless consumerism, oppressive power, class systems, and white supremacy — has run its course and should no longer be told. It's a story that now hurts us

more than helps us, tears us apart more than brings us together and threatens our planet in apocalyptic ways.

We need a New Story. We need a new future. When God says, "I make all things new," what will that look like?

Some among us are beginning to talk about different ways of being and different futures possible for us all. They're talking about interdependence and eco-civilizations. They are speaking to dynamics of "power-with" instead of "power-over." They dream of a life that is defined by balance, collaboration, and work that aligns with our passions.

In his book "Theory U," Professor Otto Scharmer says, "The real battle in the world today is not among civilizations or cultures but among the different evolutionary futures that are possible for us and our species right now. What is at stake is nothing less than the choice of who we are, who we want to be, and where we want to take the world, we live in. The real question, then, is 'What are we here for?'"

My challenge to you and to myself is: What is the story within us that God wants to be told? What story is the Holy Spirit speaking to you, obvious to you but perhaps not to others, that could offer a new vision for a new and better world?

We need a New Story. We need a new future. What is the story God has planted in your heart?

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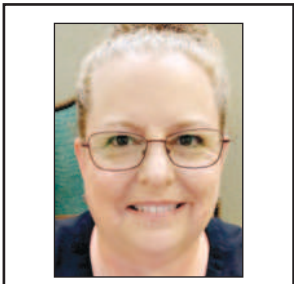
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When it comes to Mexican food, spice is nice. Although the peppers used in this savory side that doubles as a main, tend to be on the milder side, only coming in at 1,000-2,000 Scoville units.

We're talking about those deep green, smoky flavored poblanos.

Originating in the Puebla region of Mexico (thus the name), these peppers have been a staple in Mexican cuisine for centuries. Although they grew wild in the mountains near Puebla, the peppers are thought to have been cultivated by the Mexican peoples for almost as long.

These tasty peppers were a staple ingredient in the diets of the Aztecs and are used in dishes ranging from chile rel-



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lenos to soups and sauces and can be eaten either raw or cooked.

Cooking poblanos enhances their flavor. These dark green, slightly wrinkled, heart-shaped peppers grow around 4-5 inches long and 2-3 inches wide and become ancho chiles when dried. The ancho is the base for many sauces, including the ever-popular mole.

These peppers are high

in vitamin B6, which supports your brain health as well as your immune and nervous system, and one single pepper contains 95% of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C.

These days, the majority of the poblanos we use in our cooking come from California's Central Valley but are cultivated in most regions in California as long as there is full sun, and the soil temperature is at least 65 degrees. By these standards, they would be easy to raise here in the Last Frontier.

Whether one chooses to cultivate poblanos in the home garden or via the local produce section, these flavorful peppers will brighten and bring to life any dish they're created from.



Rajas Poblanas
Courtesy photo

RAJAS POBLANAS

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup Mexican crema
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon granules
- 5 poblano peppers
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 onion, thickly sliced
- 1 cup drained, canned corn kernels

DIRECTIONS

- Blend the crema, cream cheese, and chicken bouillon in a blender until smooth; set aside.
- Place the peppers on a large griddle over medium-high heat. Roast until skin blisters and turns black. They can also be placed on a sheet pan in the oven for the same result.
- Remove from griddle or oven and place in a plastic bag, allowing them to sweat for five minutes.

Transfer to a plate to cool. Peel and discard the outer skin of the peppers; halve lengthwise and remove the seeds and veins.

Slice into thick strips and set aside. In a large saucepan, heat the oil over medium-high heat.

Cook the onion until tender, about five minutes. Stir the corn into the onions, reduce heat to medium, and cook another five minutes.

Add the poblano strips to the saucepan. Pour the cream mixture over the vegetables and bring to a simmer.

Cook at a simmer until hot, about five more minutes.

If the cream mixture is too thick, thin by adding a little bit of milk. Serve and enjoy.

District champs



The Marfa Shorthorns boys basketball team were once again the undefeated 1A Region II District 9 champions for 2024-2025. This championship makes back-to-back wins for the Shorthorns.

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Terlingua students get hydroponic



Terlingua High School students in Mr. Flori's Biology class got a shot at using the Flex Farm for the first time. They planted lettuce seeds and learned how to balance the pH of the water and mix nutrients. This is Terlingua CSD's second year growing hydroponic lettuce. Previously, the lettuce was being grown by their elementary students. The Flex Farm is being shared by teachers who've shown an interest in the hydroponic program.

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