

LOCALLY OWNED AND HANDCRAFTED! THE BEST MONTHLY IN THE REGION!

THE BIG BEND GAZETTE

NOVEMBER 2012 Vol. 12, No. 11

\$1.00



Penelope Miller of Austin, Jenny Lloyd (#121, Austin), Amanda Chisholm (#99, Alpine), Kristine Patterson-Woosley (Alpine), Julie Balovich (#91, Alpine), Estefana Galindo (on ground), Liberty Miller (in chair) gathered after the runners participated in the 9th Annual M2M. (John Waters, photo) For more, see page 9.

- Rumors of Sul Ross' imminent closing or moving to Texas Tech system quashed by university president by John Waters, p. 2
- Might the Boquillas crossing actually open this month?! p. 4
- Presidio hosts its first BorderZone UFO Festival, to mixed reviews, by John MacCormack, p. 8

AND MUCH MORE!

9th Annual M2M draws record number of runners



Lia Waelbrock of Alpine crossed the finish line after completing the half-marathon. Waelbrock was one of forty local runners (in the 112-runner field of the half-marathon) from Marathon, Alpine, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Marfa, Terlingua, Big Bend National Park, Lajitas and Sanderson. (John Waters, photo)

The 9th annual M2M marathon, half-marathon, and 5K run had a record 349 participants this year. According to race director Marci Roberts, last year's event drew 289 runners, and was excited to see the jump, which she attributed to aggressive marketing.

Roberts, who has already begun working on next year's event, said all accommodations in Marathon were fully booked and that community spirit was evident.

BELOW: Runners from Big Bend National Park included employees of the National Park Service, Customs and Border Protection, and their friends and family. From L to R: Ellen Grim, Schertz, TX, #208; Natalie Craig, BBNP #173; Mark Williams, BBNP, #149; Brian Sikes, BBNP; Heather Hall, BBNP; Sara Hall, BBNP, #117; and Maria Lavender, BBNP. Mark Williams finished 8th in the 112-runner field with a time of 2:45:33.16. Williams had the best time of forty regional runners from throughout the Big Bend. (JW, photo)



CENTURY

BAR & GRILL

CALL US FOR
DISTINCTIVE DINING
RESERVATIONS

(432) 837-1922



LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC HOLLAND HOTEL

CENTURY

BAR & GRILL

207 W. HOLLAND AVENUE, ALPINE, TEXAS 79830
432-837-1922, THECENTURYBARANDGRILL.COM

Licensed Massage Therapist

Sandy Flippen

Therapeutic Massage & Spa Services

432 249 0708 sandyflippen@yahoo.com
www.studio501.com

Discount Rates Without Discount Service.

It's no accident more people trust State Farm to insure their cars. Call today.




Monica R Woodall CLU, Agent
906 E Holland Avenue
Alpine, TX 79830-5024
Bus: 432-837-5331
monica.woodall.nyve@statefarm.com



PHOTO: 12/08 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (Not in N.H., Connecticut, E.)

FRONT STREET BOOKS



A
Hometown
Bookstore
~ for the ~
Big Bend

Alpine & Marathon - www.fsbooks.com - (432) 837-3360