

## Twin Peaks 4-H to kick off inaugural year

BY ROXANNE HILL  
Staff Writer

Now that back to school is back in session for area kids, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in hands-on projects, all while learning valuable life skills and taking active leadership roles that will follow them throughout their lives. And it's all thanks to the Brewster County Twin Peaks 4-H Club.

Brewster County Twin Peaks 4-H is the place to be on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Brewster County Courthouse lawn as they get ready to launch the start of another successful year for youth in Alpine and Marathon. In 4-H programs, kids complete hands-on projects in



Kendra DuBois

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## Trappings of Texas next weekend

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH  
Managing Editor

Trappings of Texas is back after coronavirus concerns precluded the event in 2020.

The annual celebration of contemporary Western art and custom cowboy gear returns this year from Thursday, Sept. 16 through Saturday, Sept. 18.

Festivities begin Thursday from 5-8 p.m. with a party where visitors can preview the show and get a ballot book for pieces they might want to purchase. Registration and ticket purchase is required.

Old Gringo Coffee and Cocktails will cater the weekend's events, a cash bar will be available, and complimentary beer and wine will be offered courtesy of Robie Golden and

Sam Saenz. Bake Turner will provide live music.

On Friday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., 22 Trappings artists will demonstrate their skills on the front porch. Admission is waived for those who purchase tickets for either Thursday or Friday night.

Director Mary Bones urged visitors to attend the big opening reception at the Museum on Friday from 6-9 p.m. Refreshments will be offered. The Swifts will provide live entertainment. Visitors can register until 9 p.m.

On Saturday morning, visitors can enjoy a chuck wagon breakfast at Big Bend Saddlery courtesy of owner Gary Dunshee. Registration is required.

The Museum will open at 10 a.m. Saturday, and Museum officials will call the winners who sub-



Branding Scene at Cathedral Mountain by Julius Woeltz.

mitted ballots in the hope of being an owner of one of the Trappings of Texas works.

Then from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. visitors can see more

live demonstrations by Trappings artists and special guests.

"It's a welcome back, and we're going to have everything here at the

Museum," said Bones. "I think we have all been needing celebration and fellowship again."

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## Marching in support of the team



The Alpine High School Fightin' Buck Band marched in support of the team in its Sept. 3 football game against the Fort Stockton Panthers. The Bucks fought hard, but the Panthers came out on top.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

## Losoya named new police chief

BY ROXANNE HILL  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting of Alpine City Council on Aug. 31, Police Department Captain Darrell Losoya was named police chief, replacing former Chief Robert Martin who resigned.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 7, the council had a thorough discussion on the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget and tax rate.

Interim City Manager Megan Antrim, who is also the finance director, provided a financial report for the last month of the fiscal year, issuing budget figures and expenditures. The proposed budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,297, and the tax revenue



Darrell Losoya

from new property was \$11,712. The amounts were based on the city's proposed fiscal year 2022 property tax rate of 50.8345 cents per \$100 of valuation.

The council then approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 tax rate. A tax rate of \$0.508345 per \$100 valuation was recommended for fiscal year 2021-2022. Maintenance and operations were \$0.468819, and in-

terest and sinking were \$.039526 per \$100 valuation. There was no discussion, and all council members voted in favor.

For the budget, the council approved by a vote of 4-1 the first reading of an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the city for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, and ending Sept. 30, 2022, and adopting the city's annual budget for the fiscal year. Council, Ward 2, Chris Rodriguez

was the lone opponent.

The council also approved a recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee, awarding HOT grants to applicants for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Next up, Rodriguez and City Attorney Rod Ponton engaged in a heated debate as they disagreed on issues with the attorney's contract. Rodriguez said Ponton was "racking billable hours" to the city,

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## OBITUARIES

**Norma Mae King Burling**  
Norma Mae King Burling, born Dec. 12, 1928, in Handley, Texas, passed from this life on Aug. 14, 2021, at Golden Villa Nursing Home in Atlanta, Texas. She was 92 years old.



Burling and wife Brenda of Queen City, Texas, and Charles Thomas "Tom" Burling and wife Debi of Ramsey, Minn.; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband William "Bill" Leonard Burling, parents Norman Wade King and Una Mae Middlebrooks King; and sister Lula Marie King Bishop. She is survived by her sons William "Bill" Leonard Burling, Jr., and wife Linda of Waco, Texas, James "Jim" Steven

Burling was cremated under the direction of Queen City Funeral Home in Queen City.

## Jamming at the Visitor Center



It was a day of fun for the whole family as Big Bend favorite Doug Moreland sings live to an enthusiastic crowd at the Alpine Visitor Center on Aug. 26 for the Midweek Mercantile and Music event. The weekly event features arts and crafts along with food vendors, while the public enjoys live music on the Visitor Center lawn.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

## Lions show at Gallego Center



Dodson Guns owner Ronny Dodson shows his wares to a customer at the annual Lions Club gun and knife show at the Gallego Center in Alpine last weekend. A large crowd turned out for the event that benefits Lions Club charitable activities in the Big Bend.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

## Tri-County Voter Promoters active before National Voter Registration Day

The nonpartisan Tri-County Voter Promoters group is setting up registration tables in various locations in Jeff Davis, Brewster, and Presidio counties in advance of National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 28.

The Voter Promoters will be offering new voter registration and assistance with updating addresses of currently registered voters who may have moved.

This effort is made up of volunteers from Fort Davis, Marfa, and Alpine, and is entirely nonpartisan. Jeff Davis County has a high percentage of registered eligible voters, but the same cannot be said for Brewster and Presidio Counties. The volunteer deputy registrars will appear at various locations in Fort Davis, Valentine, Marfa, Presidio, and Alpine, including the Sul Ross State University campus, with information, forms, and assistance with the fast and simple registration process.

In the state of Texas, librarians are also volunteer deputy registrars, making it easy for anyone to register at their convenience in their local library. The registration deadline for the Nov. 2 election is Oct. 4.

Those who are unsure whether their registration is current can receive assistance from volunteer



The Tri-County Voter Promoters recently met at Cueva de Leon in Fort Davis in preparation for their September nonpartisan registration throughout local communities.

Photo by Clark Childers

registrars to find out and make any needed updates.

On Sept. 28, National Voter Registration Day, the Tri-County Voter Promoters will be partnering with Mobile Comunidad in Jeff Davis County. The Voter Promoters will be using their highly visible van to attract area residents to register to vote.

The group can be reached at tricountyvoterpromoters@gmail.com. Additional volunteers are needed in all three counties, and

training is available.

National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday. First observed in 2012, it has quickly gained momentum ever since. Nearly 4.5 million voters have registered to vote on the holiday to date.

According to 2020 U.S. Census data, as many as one in four eligible Americans are not registered to vote. National Voter Registration Day wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote.

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# New firearms laws take effect this month

BY DON CADDEN  
Contributing Writer

The Texas Legislature passed several laws in the recently completed session regarding the carrying of firearms. They were signed into law by the governor, and took effect Sept. 1. The laws can be very confusing, and a person would be wise to study and fully understand them before carrying in public.

Here is quick overview of the new laws.

**Sanctuary State** - Texas is now officially a Second Amendment Sanctuary State. This law prohibits any Texas law enforcement personnel (municipal, county or state), from enforcing any new federal law that does not

exist in Texas law. The feds can pass onerous gun laws, and they can enforce them in Texas, but no Texas law officer can enforce or help the feds enforce them.

**Hotel Law** - Hotels in Texas are now required to allow citizens to carry concealed - or in a closed case - their gun and ammunition when going directly to their room or from their room to car. Guns and ammo may also be stored in the room.

**Business Discrimination Law** - This law forbids state agencies from doing business with companies who discriminate against those involved in the firearms industry. This was particularly aimed at banks who re-

fused to open accounts for firearms related businesses.

**Constitutional Carry** - This law received the most attention during the session. It is somewhat complex, and persons choosing to carry a handgun on their person without a License To Carry should carefully study the rules. A person must be able to legally purchase a handgun in order to carry one. Persons under 21 or with certain past law violations are prohibited. Simply stated, this law just makes it legal for law abiding citizens to carry a handgun on their person without a permit, but many restrictions still apply.

Texans have always had the lawful right to

carry a rifle or shotgun openly in public. But not until the handgun licensing act was passed in the early 1990s could a pistol be carried legally.

That law spelled out certain requirements including background checks, passing a training class, and fingerprinting. Having an LTC allowed a citizen to carry a concealed handgun on their person, or have it legally in their vehicle. It has always been legal to have one in the home. But the law also spelled out very specifically places that it was not legal to carry, even with a permit.

Subsequent laws allowed citizens to carry handguns in their vehicle, boat, or RV without having an LTC. And in

the previous session the law was changed to allow LTC holders to carry their handgun in plain sight in a holster in public.

Probably the most important thing to know for those not licensed who want to carry under the new law is when and where it is legal for anyone - licensed or not - to possess a firearm. Not being aware of this could lead to big legal problems. The list of prohibited places is too long to list here, but is included in the link mentioned below.

One of the questions often asked regarding the new law is why get a LTC now. If a person travels out of state, the LTC is recognized in

states having reciprocity with Texas. Additionally, with the LTC and its required background check and fingerprinting, one does not have to go through the federal check when purchasing any firearm.

This only touches on a few important aspects of the new law. Anyone deciding to carry a handgun without an LTC should research further. A free booklet is available through Texas Law Shield, [uslawshield.com](http://uslawshield.com).

All rights come with responsibilities. If a person decides to carry a handgun, it is certainly worth getting professional training at one of many good facilities. In a critical situation you will wish you had.

## Get your ovens ready!

BY SHAWNA GRAVES  
Contributing Writer

The third annual Jackass Flats Dutch Oven Cook-off and Potluck will take place Oct. 8-10 at the bustling hub that is home to the Little Burro Country Store, 55 miles south of Alpine on the east side of U.S. Highway 118. This year's cook-off brings together a host of artists and musicians, in addition to family friendly events.

All events will take place on or nearby the sprawling grounds of Jackass Flats Improvement Association, which include primitive campgrounds and RV hook-ups. Guests are encouraged to book their stay through AirBnB or at one of the many neighboring lodging options available.

Activities begin Friday at 5 p.m. with horseless goat roping, open to anyone, followed by live music by former Big Bend resident Sarah Burton and San Antonio-based musician Niko Laven.

Saturday morning starts with breakfast offerings at the American Legion, lo-

cated just across the highway. Four camps of musicians will be set up all day throughout the Flats premises, and an art show will feature over 20 regional artists at the Tin Barn and Forge Art Show. Notable artists include Tom Curry, Johnny Sufficool, Michele Billings, Michael Vires, and dozens more.

The Tin Barn is a restored historical building, according to Pam Gordon, event operations manager and one of three partners behind the Flats. The building was made using materials from the World War II era airplane hangars in Marfa, and housed early Terlingua Ranch residents in the 1970s.

The day culminates with Dutch oven judging and a potluck, and music by Scott Walker and the Edge of Texas Band. The big headliner for the evening is The Derailers, a classic Texas swing and dance band, taking the stage at the Flats pavilion from 8-9:30 p.m.

Gordon said the idea to host a Dutch oven cook-off was inspired by longtime Terlingua Ranch residents



The third annual Dutch oven cook-off will take place on the grounds of the Little Burro Store, 55 miles south of Alpine on the east side of U.S. Highway 118, the weekend of Oct. 8.

Photo by Shawna Graves

who thought it would be fun.

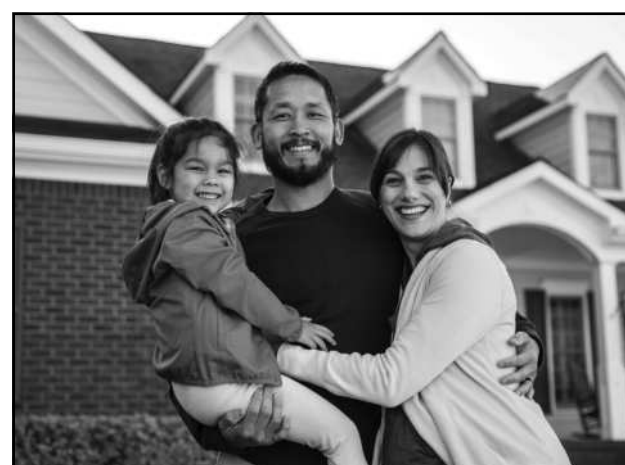
"Last year we had twelve entries. It would be nice to have double that this year," she said.

Cook-off contestants bring all their own materials, including charcoal briquettes, and either cook onsite or wherever they're lodging for the weekend. The four categories include meat, biscuit/bread, dessert, and potato/vegetable, and contestants can enter multiple categories. Cooking pits will be provided for those wishing to cook onsite.

Breakfast will be offered at the American Legion again on Sunday, with other events including Cowboy Church and gospel music, a skeet shoot, and burro races. The burro races promise to amuse and entertain. Contestants may either walk or run with their donkey or drive it. One contestant has already pledged to ride their donkey.

"We'll see how that goes," bemused Gordon. "It's a fun, laid back event."

For more information, check out the Jackass Flats Facebook page.



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## Miller announces global market assessments

Research offers detailed insight on U.S. export market activity for more than a dozen Texas agricultural commodities.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller recently announced the Texas Department of Agriculture has partnered with the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M AgriLife Research to provide global market assessments for more than a dozen Texas agricultural commodities. These assessments meet high-

priority national needs by offering detailed insight on U.S. export market activity, and allows Texas producers to have a competitive advantage on the trade front.

As part of TDA's continued commitment to Texas agriculture, Commissioner Miller called on the CNAS to develop global market assessments.

"As the market evolves, so do we," Miller said. "The demand for Texas agricultural products continues to grow, and it is

important to understand market conditions in a rapidly changing global marketplace."

A total of 15 reports will be completed by the CNAS team. Final versions will be distributed to commodity boards, state agriculture organizations, and related international trade professionals.

Fifteen commodities will be part of the assessment, including cabbage, catfish, forest products, grapefruit, and more.

"I want to make sure

that our Texas farmers and ranchers have the tools they need to successfully take their products worldwide," Miller stated. "We are the 4th largest agricultural exporter in the nation and have a unique opportunity to promote Texas products. We must continue to cultivate relationships abroad to help support our family farms and ranches right here in the Lone Star State."

The final reports can be found at the CNAS website



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# Opinions

## ONLINE POLL

### RESULTS

Previously, the Avalanche asked:

What do you think about a physical border wall being built in the Tri-County?



I think it's a great idea throughout the area, and should be started as soon as possible.	37.3%
It should be built anywhere it's geographically feasible and where it won't interfere with tourism.	6.4%
I favor a "virtual wall" that uses the latest technologies to guard and defend borders.	30.9%
A wall of any kind is merely a "feel good" fix, since those who want in will find a way to get in.	25.5%

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now, the Avalanche asks:

If you're traveling this fall, does COVID scare you?

- Oh yes, and I won't be traveling because of COVID.
- Yes, but I will take precautions to stay safe.
- I've had the vaccine, so I'm not worried.
- I'm not concerned at all. Life moves on.

Vote for this week's poll online at: [www.AlpineAvalanche.com](http://www.AlpineAvalanche.com)

## LETTERS

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## The city is running as a team!

It appears since the new city council and the new city manager were installed, there have been a handful of critics saying the new officials are failing in operating the city. There was a recall effort on myself and Councilman Martin Sandate that failed. To this date those who signed the recall petition have not once asked us for our side of what we're being accused of. There are two sides to every story.

I have been elected three terms, and Mr. Sandate was elected by the voters of his ward. Whenever leadership change takes place, there will always be changes not everyone agrees on. There are those who are regular critics, and to them I say run for office and be part of the solution.

The city is still up and running more as a team and with more enthusiasm. There are the same critics saying the city manager is lacking in her role



ANDY RAMOS  
Mayor of Alpine

been a balanced budget and now it's not.

We serve the City of Alpine because this is our community, too, and we have a love for this city. We are all local, and the majority have been born and raised here with strong ties to our community.

The COVID virus continues to rise across the country and in our community, and it's up to us to try to slow it down before we get to the point of another lockdown, something none of us

wants. I have had the two doses of the vaccine in addition to the booster, and I am still standing vertical with no side effects except for a little arm soreness.

In formalizing the budget. In fact the budget has yet to be finalized, and continues to be tweaked to arrive at a balanced budget without raising taxes. Funny how there has always been a balanced budget and now it's not.

To date from the start of the pandemic we have had 17 deaths in our community, and one as recently as a month ago. Yes, there were underling health issues in some, but the virus was the triggering factor. The vaccine will not stop the virus, but it will lessen the chances of one becoming seriously ill. Let's all do our part and follow good health practices.

School opened up last week, so be mindful of the posted speed limits around the schools, and watch out for our students.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Labor Day holiday, but there were still those that had to work to keep our country up and running. Thank you!

## 9/11: A 20-Year Remembrance

This week Texans, Americans, and all those who love freedom throughout the world will mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Already we are bombarded with remembrances, the replay of minute-by-minute telecasts from that day, and the more scientific analysis of what happened to explain the horrific destruction of the World Trade Center towers.

But for myself, my moments of contemplation and prayer on this sad and tragic anniversary will focus on those who gave their lives that day and the loved ones they left behind. This act of terrorism may have occurred in the world's busiest city, but Texans and rural communities throughout this nation suffered loss that day.

A Texan like Barbara Olson, raised in Houston and who rose to become a leading political commentator, was aboard Flight 77 as it was flown into the Pentagon. Daniel Martin Caballero, a Naval Electronics Technician Third Class, and Army Lt. Col. Karen Wagner were working in the Pentagon that morning. All three Texans perished that



SID MILLER  
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

day. sacrificed everything to overpower the plane's hijackers.

Texas has given many of its finest young women and men to defend our freedom. Many of them come from our small towns, from farms, and ranches.

In these 20 years since 9/11, over 600 Texans have given their lives in the fight against terrorism. The loss of these heroes is incalculable. It is especially important that we remember them on this day.

In a corner of northwest Harris County stands the Fallen Warriors Memorial. It is dedicated to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the global war

against terror. This quiet corner of dignity and peace is where Texans come to understand what we as a people have sacrificed to this cause. At this time of global turmoil, it is our duty as Americans and Texans to not forget why this memorial exists and how, if we are not careful, history can repeat itself.

Whether it be New York City, Pentagon City, Shanksville, Penn., or even northwest Harris County, these places are now hallowed ground, places of quiet contemplation to honor those who died that day and to those who continue to fight a ceaseless enemy opposed to our values and our way of life.

So as we think, as we pray, and as we reflect on these 20 years since 9/11, let's honor those who gave so much for our nation and the principles it was founded upon. Let their deaths not be in vain as we enter the next era where our American freedom is on the line.

God bless those who were lost, God bless their families, and God bless America - still the world's beacon of freedom, still that "Shining City on a Hill."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Medical fitness

Masking is for raccoons and bank robbers, not children. Let's talk fitness. COVID deaths, according to the CDC, are occurring disproportionately among obese or overweight segments of any population, everywhere. In plain English, if you are fat, you are placing yourself at risk.

In 2011 I hauled a busload of pre-K children to the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center. Not one was overweight. By kindergarten, children already showed signs of obesity.

Last week a grandmother

wrote the Avalanche asking the AISD school board to consider requiring masks for children. She said, "When it might help a child stay healthy, and then, by extension, his/her classmates, teachers, family or neighborhood..."

This grandfather asks the school board to not require masks for the same reason.

There is no pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa. The premise of a Nigerian study is that regular exposure to other infectious diseases subjects the immune system to constant boosting. So does exercise.

If grandparents or older

siblings walked younger kids or let them ride their bicycles to and from school, unmasked, in fresh air, we would have fewer fat kids and fewer health problems - not just COVID problems - among all ages and in all neighborhoods.

Should that happen, the Dark Skies Initiative runs counter to child safety and is in fact dangerous. The extra energy used to run street lights could be easily offset by not sitting in lines to drop kids from automobiles. The more adults turn keys, roll up windows, turn on the air conditioner or the heater, and force children to look

outdoors through glass, the less resilient children are going to be in life.

Wanting government protection from the cradle to the grave - the direction we are headed - will eliminate the family unit. I would like to see parents break with cultural norms, park their cars, walk to accomplish short errands, and lead their children to a healthy lifestyle by example. It's the school's job to teach, not govern.

Not vaccinated, not masked, not asked.

Rex Redden  
South Brewster County



# Remembering 9/11



A section of the fallen World Trade Towers stands as a memorial at the Border Patrol station in Alpine.

Courtesy photo

The Big Bend Sector will host its annual 9/11 event at the Alpine Border Patrol Station to remember the lives that were lost and the heroic acts that were taken on the fateful day of Sept. 11, 2001. This symbolic date was the same date of a ground breaking ceremony for the current Alpine Border Patrol Station.

In 2010, the agents of the Alpine Station retrieved a piece of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers, commemorated as a national artifact, and displayed it for public view.

The 9/11 Memorial ceremony will include the Border Patrol's Honor Guard and the playing of taps and bag pipes.

## ALPINE AVALANCHE

### Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "Do you attend high school sports?"



**Ray Bustamante, Alpine:** Yes, the football games. I'm from the big city, and it's a lot different in a big city compared to a smaller town. I think there is a lot more pride in a smaller town, and it's really nice.



**Epi Catano, Marfa:** Yes, I attend football games in Marfa.



**Betty Charlton, Alpine:** I do not, only because I don't know anybody who plays high school sports.



**Eloise Haynes, Alpine:** I did, and I will. I'm actually planning on going to my first football game this weekend!



**Kaitlyn Sherwood, Alpine:** Yes, but not around here. My cousins play in Imperial, and I sometimes participate in school functions.

## ROCKSLIDES



Send your rockslides to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 18 Family Crisis Center Annual Dance Fundraiser,** 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. at Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. Music by Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band. All proceeds benefit the Crisis Center. Admission \$10 at the door. BYOB.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Alcoholics Anonymous,** 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.

**Alpine Lions Club meeting,** noon Tuesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, Room 210.

**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,** 6:30 p.m., third Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

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

**Kiwanis Club of Alpine,** noon, Wednesdays at Spicewood restaurant, 2612 W. Hwy. 90, Alpine.

805 W. Ave E. After school club for grades one to three.

**Senior Coffee,** 9:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E. 432-837-2621.

**Sons of the Legion,** 6:30 p.m., fourth Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

**Veterans Services Office of Brewster County,** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on third Thursdays at the Family Crisis Center next to the store in Terlingua Ghost Town, then at Terlingua American Legion from 4-5 p.m. on the same day.

**Voter registration assistance,** Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E. 432-837-2621.

**Walk for Life,** 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays beginning March 30. Locations will vary, so call or email to register at Cathy@cathywright.com or 832-314-8103. A movement intelligence program by Cathy Wright, Learning for Life LLC.

**Zumba,** 6-7 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E., with instructor Eva Lambert.

## PET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Moose, a big name for such a little guy. Moose is a six-week-old gray fuzzi-ball. He would much rather be

in a loving home getting some warm snuggles than in the shelter. Visit Moose to see if he's the perfect fit for your family!

Alpine Humane Society and Alpine Animal Shelter are participating in the national Clear the Shelters event. Adopt any pet for just half price, \$50, in our effort to find every pet a loving home. There are currently 28 cats and kittens and 31 dogs available in all sizes, colors, and personalities. All pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped.

Adoptions are handled by Alpine Animal Services at the city shelter, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 East Old Marathon Highway.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 North Fifth Street in Alpine. For information about adoptions or other services, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpin-humane-society.org.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Lilianna Terrazas

**What are you especially looking forward to in your senior year?**

I am honestly looking forward to graduating and going on to see more of the world.

**What activities are you involved in during your senior year?**

I am a drum major in the band, I am the vice president of National Honor Society, and I am an active member of the student council.

**Who has been your most influential teacher**



Lilianna Terrazas

**or coach through high school?**

Coach Valenzuela, because he has taught me how to be a good leader, a good person in general,

and how to be more optimistic.

**What was your favorite moment the last four years?**

There is not one particular moment that stands out over the last four years. Truly it is a culmination of all the small moments with friends and achievements that will stay with me as I move on.

**What are your plans after high school?**

After high school, I plan on going to college to study psychology.

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700# - 800# Heifers.....	Not well tested
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# Ag commissioner visits Alpine



On Aug. 30, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller spoke to an enthusiastic group at the West of the Pecos Republican Women's meeting at Spicewood in Alpine.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

## 4-H • FROM 1

areas like health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult volunteers and county extension agents.

Alpine resident Kendra DuBois is the Twin Peaks 4-H club manager, and she works in conjunction with Brewster and Jeff Davis county Extension Agent Luke Hendryx. Adult volunteers called project managers oversee the specific projects. DuBois, as a general point of contact, helps keeps things in order, organizes the monthly meetings, and handles registration.

Children as young as eight years old, or in third grade, can join, up to age 18 or when they reach their senior year of high school.

DuBois has two children, son Graham, 11, and daughter Edie Claire, 9, who are both junior 4-H members. A member of 4-H growing up in Fort Davis,

DuBois pointed out that any school age child is welcomed, as participation is not limited to just public-school students, unlike traditional FFA programs.

"For pretty much any interest, there is a project that 4-H can facilitate, so it's a really fun way to have kids interact with each other in whatever their interest is," DuBois pointed out.

For children younger than eight, there is an auxiliary 4-H program called Clover Buds, but they would not qualify to show an animal in the livestock show until they reach third grade.

Hendryx, an advisor to Twin Peaks 4-H, will also team up with Alpine High School ag teacher Doug Fox to bring both the FFA and 4-H students to work on livestock related projects.

Some other project areas youth can actively engage in are family and community health, natural resources, and lead-

ership and citizenship, along with subjects such as science, technology, engineering, and math.

Turning ideas into action, 4-H youth become everyday heroes who persevere through challenges to leave lasting, positive impacts on their communities.

"There are competitions and projects, everything from food to nutrition, to wildlife speaking, leadership, robotics, photography, just about anything you could think of, they have an opportunity to get into one of those projects," said Hendryx. "Even if they are not interested in the agricultural side of it, there are plenty of other stuff that they can get involved with. Sometimes there are limited opportunities for youth out here, and that's one thing that 4H can kind of fill the void."

For more information or to sign up, call 432-837-6207.

## TRAPPINGS • FROM 1

Bones said instead of a featured artists this year, they selected a mural painting by Julius Woeltz. "We chose that because when the Museum opened in 1937, that painting was here in the Museum," she said. "Part of the reason there's even a museum is the West Texas Historical and Scientific Society."

She noted many members who created that society were ranching families, and the Museum wanted to recognize and honor those families.

"I appreciate and am so grateful for the folks who support Museum of the Big Bend and who have helped us continue to tell the story of this wonderful country, both folks from our community and visitors alike," said Bones.

To register for the various events, visit [museumofthebigbend.com/trappings-of-texas](http://museumofthebigbend.com/trappings-of-texas), and click on the appropriate links.

Museum of the Big Bend is located at entrance 4 on the campus of Sul Ross State University, a member of the Texas State University System.

## CITY • FROM 1

cited lack of accountability, and stated that Ponton worked under the direction of the city council, the city manager, and the city secretary, not city staff.

Ponton countered that Rodriguez had personal issues with him.

During executive session, council approved an amendment for Interim City Manager Megan Antrim's contract. City Secretary Geoffrey Calderon later told the Avalanche that the council voted for some changes to Antrim's contract for interim city manager services, and the contract is valid from October 2021 to October 2022.

"Closer to the year, they will take a closer look at the situation and see what everybody wants to do," said Calderon. "Right now, it's just a one-year contract to

provide continuity and get the city through the next year. There are a lot of different projects we are currently working on, and the budget is another reason why we have not tried searching for a city manager yet."

Finally, Antrim provided an update on the ongoing renovation of the old school house, formerly the Sunshine House, a historic building that will house the city's finance and utilities departments upon completion. Antrim said the building is 90% completed, but there were building code, electrical, and plumbing issues that need to be worked on.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in city council chambers and via Zoom videoconference.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

#### Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."

#### Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."

#### Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of

a sincerely held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."

#### Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."

#### Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."

#### Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment es-

ablishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."

#### Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."

#### Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

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# The hero of Salerno

After the capture of Sicily, the Allies invaded mainland Italy on Sept. 3, 1943. The first landings were made by the British, with an additional landing by the American Fifth Army at Salerno on Sept. 9.

From there the Allies slogged their way up the spine of Italy fighting an offensive war in a county where the terrain was perfect for defense. The prize was the capture of Rome and expelling the Germans from Italy. Italy surrendered to the Allies on the day of the British landings, and at that point Hitler intervened. The Allies found themselves facing the German, not Italian, army.

The American Army chose Salerno because of its proximity to Naples and the large port there, the primary target of the landings. The landing beaches were also close to bases in Sicily that could supply air support, and the harbor allowed transport ships to anchor close to the beaches for easier off-loading. This entire enterprise was known as Operation Avalanche.

The landing took place along a broad 35 mile front with three assault divisions



**FIDDLER'S GREEN**  
by Larry Francell

- the British 46th and 56th, and the American 36th Division. The 36th Division was known as the Texas Division, and had a long history and association with our state. Currently commanded by Major General Fred Walker, it was organized at Camp Bowie in Fort Worth in July 1917 in the mobilization for World War I. The division saw action in France and remained in Europe for occupation duty. Initially constituted of both Texans and Oklahomans, after the war the 36th was reorganized as the all Texas division, adopting an arrowhead with a "T" superimposed as their identification patch. After transport to North Africa for advanced training, the 36th Division was the first American combat unit to land in Eu-

rope in the effort to defeat the Germans.

So, to the point of the story. Often seeking the big picture we miss the important stories that strike close to home. One of the men who landed at Salerno with the 36th Division was Sgt. Manuel S. Gonzalez from Fort Davis, one of the most decorated Hispanic soldiers from Texas in World War II.

Upon landing at Salerno, Gonzales alone took out four machine guns nests, a mortar squad, and a German 88, probably the most feared and effective artillery piece in the German arsenal. In the process he was wounded, but kept going.

Wounded by shell fragments in the chest and arm, Gonzales later reported, "I was so wrapped up in what I was doing that the machine gun bullets didn't mean anything more than flies buzzing around me, and the shell bursts were like thunderclaps. There didn't seem to be anything personal about them."

Although wounded, he stayed with his unit, and at Monte Casino, when his company commander was wounded, he took

charge of his platoon and knocked out a German tank with a bazooka before being wounded again. For all his heroic endeavors he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, and Purple Heart, plus numerous theater and victory medals. He was recommended for the Medal of Honor, but the award was never made.

After the war, Gonzales returned to Fort Davis where he worked as a stone mason. Never receiving the recognition that was his due, he died Nov. 9, 1947. The Fort Davis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post was named for Gonzales, and after most of the members passed on, the building was donated to Jeff Davis County by the state VFW organization. Renovated, it is now the County and District Clerks Office, but retains the Gonzales name.

A statue of Gonzales in full battle dress, created by the artist Bill Leftwich, himself a tank commander in World War II, stands on the northeast corner of the Jeff Davis County Courthouse, a permanent reminder of the heroism of Sgt. Manuel Gonzales. You are invited to stop by.

## Our Lady of Peace welcomes new faces



Rev. Victorino Loresca and Deacon Alfonso Coronado pause for a photo at a meet and greet and welcome dinner held in their honor on Aug. 28 at the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Parish Hall in Alpine. The new priest and deacon join Pastor Fr. Pablo Matta at the church.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

## Kiwanis welcomes new officers



The Kiwanis Club of Alpine held a meeting at Sul Ross State University's University Center where they welcomed four new officers. In the photo, Treasurer Rhonda Cole, President John Smietana, Vice President Kevin Geehan, and Secretary Noreen Geehan. Kiwanis Club members enjoyed a delicious lunch with all the fixings to celebrate the start of a new service season. Kiwanis is an organization that serves the community with fundraising activities throughout the year.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

## Marching to Blue Devil Pride



The Presidio High School marching band plays enthusiastically as they parade through downtown Marfa at the Marfa Lights Parade held on Sept. 4. The longest running family friendly festival in Marfa brought in a large crowd, and featured live music, vendors, the parade, and more.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

# 35th Annual TRAPPINGS OF TEXAS



Cowboy Conspiracy, Acrylic, framed size 24" x 38", June Dudley; Wild Rag Slide, Copper, Sterling Silver rode edge, hand-engraved, Michael Pardue



## Opening Weekend: September 16-18 at the Museum of the Big Bend

### Thursday, September 16

**PREVIEW PARTY, 5:00-8:00 PM, Museum**

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### Friday, September 17

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# Sports

## Panthers win in trenches

BY GLENN MCCARTHY  
Sports Correspondent

The Fighting Alpine Buck faithful turned out in Fort Stockton in carloads last Friday night at a windy Panther Stadium. Too bad for the Buck fans that Alpine had no answer for a strong Fort Stockton run game, and quarterback Dom Aguilar's five-touchdown night, falling 46-10. Once again Alpine was playing up a classification in rival Fort Stockton, hailing from 2-4A Division DI.

From the first drive of the game, the Panthers established control on the ground and ran all night, amassing 387 total rushing yards. In comparison Alpine did not have a positive yard until their third drive of the night. Buck Quarterback Jayden Canaba was pressured all night, and was stunned during the second quarter when a Panther defender caught him mid-throw. Canaba had two interceptions and no touchdown passes, with Panthers pursuing him out of the pocket throughout the game. Dom Aguilar started



Fightin' Buck Oscar Velasquez runs with the ball during Alpine's Sept. 3 game in Fort Stockton.

Photos by Felipe Fierro

his touchdown running clinic on the second drive of the game for the Panthers when he exhibited both speed and power. Speed, outrunning the Buck's down their own sideline, then power, barreling over three defenders into the end zone, 7-0.

The Bucks had nothing but negative yards on their first two drives. Plagued by bad snaps all game and starting their first drive at the 15, a

loose snap back to Canaba forced the Bucks to punt from their own one-yard line. A beautiful 60-yard Canaba rugby style punt pushed the Panthers back to their 39 yard line. That is when Aguilar started running, and he could not be stopped all night long.

Aguilar's partner in crime was his stocky sophomore tailback

See PANTHERS • 12



Alpine's Tray Ervin makes a dash against the Panthers in Fort Stockton last Friday.

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## Lady Bucks pull one out against Klondike

BY J.T. MARONEY  
Publisher



Chloe Cordova serves for the Lady Bucks against the Wink Wildcats on Aug. 31.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

What started out as a train wreck in Wink last week ended on a high note.

The Alpine Lady Buck varsity volleyball team traveled last Tuesday to face in a non-district dual against the Wink Wildcats and the Klondike Cougars.

In the first game, Alpine was set to take on the Wildcats, who are coming off a 40-5 record with five returning seniors. In set one of the three set play, the Lady Bucks lost 25-12. The Wildcats made short work of Alpine, winning the next two sets to setup the bracket play with Klondike.

Immediately following the blowout from Wink, Alpine took to the court and seemed to still be off in their game. The Cougars put up a hard fight in set one, and led the Lady Bucks 26-24. Set two ended worse than set one, with the Lady Bucks getting beat 25-19.

After a few player changes by head coach Rick Garcia, the game started to turn around in set three. The Lady

Bucks came back with victory on their minds, and won set three 25-18, set four 25-14, and closed out the game with a victory in set five.

Alicia Quiroz went seven for eight in serving, and six digs. Novah Carrasco went eight for 12 in hitting.

After the game the Avalanche spoke to lead hitter Novah Carrasco on her thoughts about the issues on the court.

She said, "We were not communicating as a team, and that's what led to the loss against Wink. Versus Klondike we had our passes up, and were eager to make kills. We fought hard to the end. I loved the way we played those last three sets. Now we continue to prepare for district."

Coach Rick Garcia said, "It was a great example of what I have been telling the girls. When your number is called, be ready to perform. Alicia and Kylie did just that. Their numbers were called, and they responded. Great win for the team. The loss gave us a look at what we need to work on as individuals and as a team."

### Fightin' Buck Schedule

**Football**  
Sept. 9 @ Wink JV 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 3 Wink @ Alpine Varsity 7:30 p.m.

**Volleyball**  
Sept. 11 Van Horn @ Alpine JV 11 a.m./Varsity noon  
Sept. 14 @ Crane - Big Spring Dual JV/Varsity 4 p.m.

**Cross Country**  
Sept. 11 Monahans Invitational - Monahans Golf Course

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# Lady Bucks fall to Compass



The Lady Bucks battle Compass Academy on Sept. 7 in Alpine.

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BY J.T. MARONEY  
Publisher

The Alpine Lady Bucks took to the court on Sept. 7 to face off against Compass Academy from Odessa here in Alpine. The packed house made for a stifling hot gym that did either team any favors.

The Lady Bucks came out aggressive in the first set. They led by as many as five points, but the kills from Carleigh Jones, a junior at Compass, plagued the team the rest of the set. Jones had 15 kills, one block and three aces that Alpine was not able to break. Alpine would go on to lose set one 18-25.

Critical errors and

breaking serves continued to be a challenge for the Lady Bucks during set two as Compass continued to chisel away at the score board. After a couple of time outs and a rotation change to regather the girls in hopes of turning the score around, Alpine was too far behind to catch the Cougars.

With the start of set three and acute awareness, 3-5 best of play, the girls from Alpine ran hard on the court.

Coach Rick Garcia said, "I am pleased with the team's growth heading towards our first district match. We still need to make minor adjustments. The biggest challenge is playing together

for a whole match."

Ali Maroney went 6/10 hitting/7/8 serving, Adayna Garcia was 4/9 hitting/one block/one ace. The football boys had shown up after practice to show support and cheer on the home team as Alpine and Compass Academy fought neck and neck, ties at 18-18, 22-22, 24-24. But in the end Compass took the lead away from girls, and hit the bus back to Odessa with a victory in their hands.

Alpine will travel to Crane on Tuesday, Sept. 14, to face off against Crane and Big Spring, followed by Fort Stockton on Sept. 18 away. District play starts Sept. 21 against Presidio.



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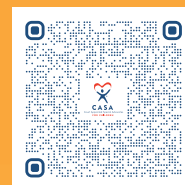
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Being a food show junkie, I watch a lot of cooking shows and have seen numerous takes on shrimp and grits. While I have not replicated any of these recipes, I have indulged in this decadent



Shrimp and grits.



**HEAD OVER MEALS**

by kara gerbert

delight. Let's face it, I love rich and self-indulgent food.

During a trip to a travel conference back in early 2020, I had the opportunity to visit Boerne's own Peggy's on the Green res-

taurant located in the historic Kendall Hotel. Let me tell you, that is a treat. I have eaten out at many restaurants over the years, but this was quite frankly one of the best experiences I have ever had.

The owner of Peggy's is Mark Bohanan of Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood located in San Antonio. A native Texan, he took his inspiration of Southern cuisine north to Boerne, and opened Peggy's on the Green, named after his late mother. His shrimp and grits are a recipe I would love to be able to re-create, but without classical training would probably take many false starts.

Served in a large

bowl with six succulent shrimp, andouille sausage, and a cast-iron corn relish on top of the creamiest grits I have ever eaten, it is heaven in your mouth. You mouth is immersed in the butter and heavy cream in every bite of these luscious grits. The spicy smokiness of the andouille sausage gives it a big kick of flavor, and the tender sweetness of the perfectly cooked shrimp almost melts in your mouth. The cast-iron corn relish gives the dish a delightful and unexpected crunch. I am telling you this is OMGoodness!

The richness and elegant presentation of this dish would easily rival

top restaurants in Las Vegas or any other major city. It is just beauty in a bowl. One day in the future, perhaps when I have the craving for shrimp and grits and I just can't make the drive to Peggy's

for dinner, I will head to my kitchen and begin the arduous task of perfecting this Southern staple.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at [foodie9372@gmail.com](mailto:foodie9372@gmail.com).



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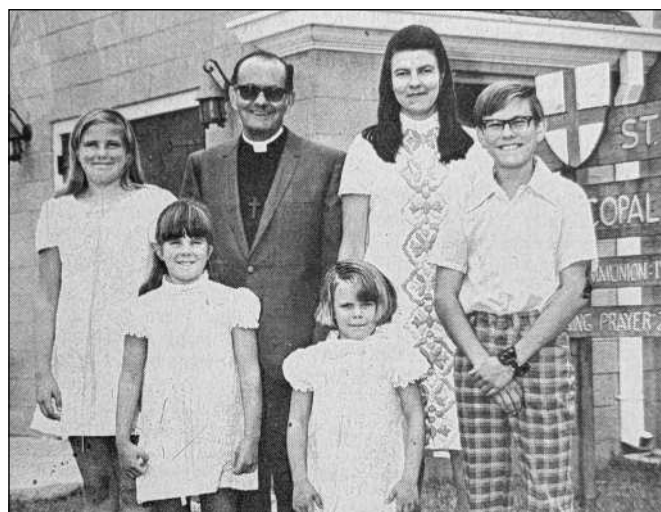
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**September 30, 1971**  
Among those enjoying the barbecue hosted by Global Land Corp. at Davis Mountains Resort last Saturday afternoon were Mrs. Warren Friend, at right, and Jean Glasscock of the Avalanche. The resort land was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Friend, who continue to ranch in the Davis Mountains.



**September 30, 1971**  
New officers of the Alpine Kiwanis Club were installed at a dinner meeting on Sept. 23. From left are Larry Bryant, secretary-treasurer; Bob Ward, second vice president; Ricky Sohl, president; and Roger Lyles, first vice president.

**September 30, 1971**  
Five generations are represented by these five women. Holding infant Christina Rojo is her mother, Mrs. Dora V. Rojo; the grandmother, Mrs. Teresa F. Vega is at right; the great grandmother, Mrs. Paula S. Fierro, is at top left; and the great great grandmother, Mrs. Teresa F. Sanchez, is shown at bottom left. A. Duncan photo



**September 9, 1971**  
The new vicar of St. James Episcopal Church in Alpine and St. Paul's in Marfa, Rev. James F. Eubanks and his wife Greta are pictured with their children. Front row, Dauphne, Myrtis, and Patricia; back row, Mr. Eubanks, his wife and their son Eddie.

Photos from Alpine Avalanche archives at Archives of the Big Bend, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, Sul Ross State University.

# Strange bugs on tomatoes

**Dear Neil: These insects have appeared on our green tomatoes. We've never seen them before. What should we do?**

These are immature leaf-footed bugs (Leptoglossus phyllopus), close relatives to stinkbugs. They have similar piercing mouthparts. They will suck the fluids out of your ripening tomatoes, and cause yellow spots in the fruit in the process. They are also vectors for tomato diseases. Spinosad offers reasonably effective organic control, or some people actually vacuum them off the leaf surfaces with a shop vac. Sevin (carbaryl) gives good control as well.

**Dear Neil: We have a lovely oak that we may have planted too close to the house, 12 feet from**

**GARDENER'S MAILBAG**  
by neil sperry

**the nearest corner. Its roots are growing on, or very near, the soil surface and they seem to be growing toward the house. We love the tree, and we really don't want to have to take it out. Is there any solution?**

Yes. Work with a certified arborist this fall once the hottest weather has passed. Have a barrier installed to prevent the roots

from growing any closer than four or five feet from the foundation. Cut a narrow trench 15 or 16 inches into the soil, taking great care to avoid utility lines in the process. The arborist will have a suggestion, but I use vinyl pond liner or corrugated fiberglass laid on edge as my barrier.

**Dear Neil: How can we address poison ivy that has invaded mulched beds around our oak trees?**

Assuming there are no other plants than the poison ivy and trees in those beds, you could apply the broadleafed weedkiller 2,4-D by itself (as opposed to mixes containing two other active ingredients). The additional herbicides are active in the soil and through tree roots, while 2,4-D is not. As long as you apply 2,4-D under low

pressure and in still wind conditions, you won't harm the trees. It is very effective at eliminating poison ivy.

**Dear Neil: Why are my pecans falling now? They're also turning black and watery a day or two later.**

That's due to pecan scab, a fungus that attacks the pecans clear back in early summer. There is nothing you can do about it now. If you're spraying for pecan casebearers, hickory shuckworms, and pecan weevils during late spring and summer, include a fungicide for pecan scab with each application.

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



Leaf-footed nymph bugs.

- ACROSS**
- 1 TV remote button that turns off sound
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  - 6 "Assault" was only TX-bred \_\_\_ horse to win Triple Crown
  - 7 former call letters for KDLK-FM in Del Rio
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  - 21 TXism: "close but \_\_\_ cigar"
  - 22 depart from the Port of Galveston
  - 23 lemon or lime suffix
  - 24 TX Larry Gatlin's "\_\_\_ Gold in California" (1979)
  - 30 TXism: "bat \_\_\_" (blink)
  - 34 it would take 251 of this state to be as big as Texas (abbr.)
  - 35 city in Illinois or Arizona
  - 36 TXism: "a whole \_\_\_" (a lot of)
  - 37 this TX Latham co-wrote "Urban Cowboy" screenplay
  - 39 Amarillo hosts "\_\_\_ & Rodeo"
  - 43 nearsighted person
  - 44 Greek letter "E"
  - 45 TXism: "put \_\_\_ bed with a shovel" (bury)

- 46 TX JoBeth Williams film "\_\_\_ Crazy" (1980)
  - 47 TXism: "as \_\_\_ man with two wives"
  - 49 TXism: "gentle as a \_\_\_ a merry-go-round"
  - 52 this TX Gay was a world champ bull rider (init.)
  - 53 "Hook '\_\_\_ Horns!"
  - 54 Fredericksburg Oktoberfest food: \_\_\_ kraut
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  - 2 where Dale Evans was born
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  - 4 Gen. Robert \_\_\_
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  - 10 TXism: "so dark you couldn't find your \_\_\_ both hands"
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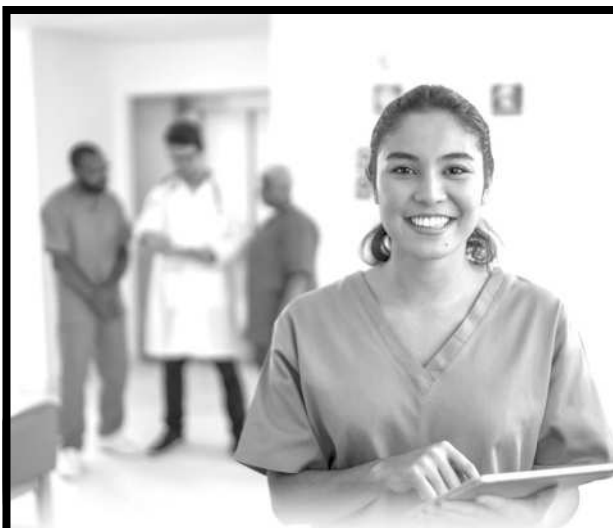
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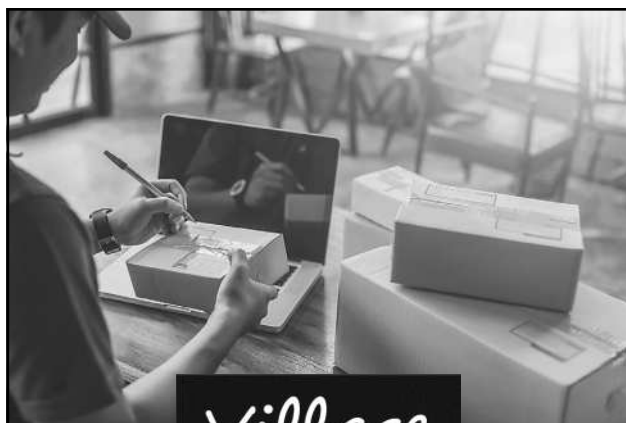
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8. _____	16. _____	24. _____

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## NEXT WEEK'S PICKS

- High School:** 1. Alpine vs. Sonora • 2. Wall vs. Mason • 3. Sterling City vs. Borden co.  
**College:** 4. Alabama vs. Florida • 5. Cincinnati vs. Indiana  
**NFL:** 6. Texans vs. Browns • 7. Patriot vs. Jets • 8. 49ers vs. Eagles • 9. Raiders vs. Steelers  
10. Saints vs. Panthers • 11. Cowboys vs. Chargers • 12. Cheifs vs. Ravens

**WTG Fuels, Inc.**

1. Wink	10. Buffalo
2. Irion Co.	11. Green bay
3. Rankin	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St.	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas	
9. TB	

**RECORD 0-0**

**BBT**

1. Wink	10. Buffalo
2. Fort Davis	11. Green Bay
3. Rankin	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St.	13. Kansas City
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas	
9. Tampa Bay	

**RECORD 0-0**

**CRYSTAL BAR**

1. Wink	10. Pitt
2. Fort Davis	11. GB
3. Rankin	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St.	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas	
9. TB	

**RECORD 0-0**

**PORTER'S**

1. Wink	10. Buffalo
2. Fort Davis,	11. GB
3. Rankin,	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St	13. KC
5. Tcu	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas	
9. Dallas	

**RECORD 0-0**

**BIG BEND CONCRETE CO.**

1. Alpine	10. Pitt
2. Fort Davis	11. GB
3. Borden Co.	12. Houston
4. Oregon	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa St.	
8. Arkansas	
9. Tampa Bay	

**RECORD 0-0**

**BIG BEND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

1. Alpine	10. Pitt
2. Fort Davis	11. GB
3. Borden Co	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St	13. KC
5. Cal	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas	
9. Tampa Bay	

**RECORD 0-0**

**OASIS TIRE Co.**

1. Wink	10. Buffalo
2. Irion Co.	11. Green bay
3. Rankin	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St.	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas	
9. TB	

**RECORD 0-0**

**Alpine Auto Rental and Uhaul**

1. Wink	10. Buffalo,
2. Iron co	11. Green bay,
3. Rankin	12. Jacksonville,
4. Ohio state	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa	
8. Texas,	
9. Tampa bay,	

**RECORD 0-0**

**SMASH MOUTH FOOTBALL**

1. Wink	10. Buffalo
2. Fort Davis	11. Green Bay
3. Rankin	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio State	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. Texas A & M	
7. Iowa State	
8. Texas	
9. Tampa Bay	

**RECORD 0-0**

**American Legion Post 79**

1. Alpine	10. Pitt
2. Fort Davis	11. New Orleans
3. Borden Co.	12. Jacksonville
4. Ohio St.	13. KC
5. TCU	
6. A&M	
7. Iowa St.	
8. Arkansas	
9. TB	

**RECORD 0-0**

## THIS WEEK'S PICKS

- High School:** 1. Alpine vs. Wink • 2. Fort Davis vs. Irion Co. • 3. Rankin vs. Borden Co.  
**College:** 4. Oregon vs. Ohio St. • 5. Cal vs. TCU • 6. ATM vs. Col • 7. Iowa vs. Iowa St.  
8. Texas vs. Arkansas  
**NFL:** 9. Dallas vs. Tampa Bay • 10. Pitt. vs. Buffalo • 11. GB vs. Nola  
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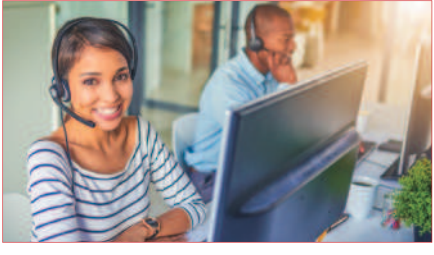
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## AVAILABLE POSITIONS

### Quality Assurance Coordinator

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### Customer Operations Rep

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### Sales Lead

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### Commercial Sales Associate

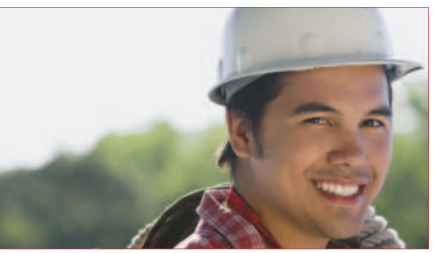
If you are looking to start a new and exciting career, have strong communication skills and enjoy the challenge of meeting and exceeding your income goals, Big Bend Telephone is the perfect place to start. The ideal candidate will generate business with customers/prospects and propose exceptional technology solutions to enhance business operations and solve issues. Training, using leading edge sales tools and tactics to promote and sell BBT products and services, will be provided. Responsibilities and qualifications are as follows but not limited to:

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- Stay informed of market changes with technology by attending educational workshops and reviewing professional publications.
- Accept ownership for maintaining and expanding sales and accomplishing assigned individual and team tasks and goals.
- Ability to understand ROI and Business Plans.

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### Construction Technician

Great opportunity for one candidate who enjoy working outdoors. Previous telecom work experience would also be a plus. Individual should expect physically demanding assignments as well as an 80 lb. lifting requirement. Candidate will need to possess basic computer skills. Also, candidate may be required to work overtime and/or weekends and holidays as needed. Individual must have CDL license, or be able to obtain one within 90 days of employment. There is a \$1,000 signing bonus for new hires (terms and conditions apply).



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