

Candidate filing period underway for municipal elections

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

For those seeking to make a difference in local government, the filing period for May 7 municipal election begins on Wednesday, Jan. 19, and will close Friday, Feb. 18, at close of business. Potential candidates can file only during that period.

For the City of Alpine, the mayor position and city council seats for Wards 2 and 4 are up this year. For the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees, Single Member Districts 5 and 7 will come up in May, and for the Big Bend Hospital District, Districts 4 and 2 will open up.

To file for the city positions, visit cityofalpine.com, and scroll down to Municipal Elections. Forms and complete information can be found there.

For school board positions, see Marsha Roach at the Alpine ISD administration building at the corner of Sul Ross Avenue and 11th Street; and for the hospital district, call J.D. Newsom at 432-837-7051.

No fees are required to file for any of these elections.

County discusses winter weather season, EMS, and AgriLife

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan 11 and winter weather issues along with road conditions and an AgriLife update drove the discussions. County Judge Eleazar Cano announced TxDOT Maintenance Supervisor David Luce requested that the county contact the corresponding state representatives, senators, and con-

gressperson to inform them of the county's concerns in preparation for the upcoming winter weather season. Said Cano, "David's main concern is Highway 67 from Presidio to Marfa, and then Highway 90 from there to here, and then from here to the interstate near Fort Stockton, and have at least one road



Stephanie Elmore

that folks can get in and out of in case something happens."

Emergency Management Coordinator Stephanie Elmore noted the road going towards Fort Stockton where there is a level two trauma center, and which would be impacted by winter weather.

Cano said Big Bend Regional Medical Center's staffing shortage relating to physicians and nurses was one of the main concerns.

He also indicated

emergency ambulance services would continue to be a topic of discussion as there had been an increase in tourism and population in the county, saying, "This issue is not going to go away. We see what is happening already, and sooner or later something is going to break. This is a new year and we need to keep those things on the radar. At the end of the day, it's going to cost money, and it's going to have to be dealt with."

He then provided an

update on EMS services, saying there would be a task force with Elmore, County Treasurer Julie Morton, and Greg Henington, along with the City of Alpine and Big Bend Regional Hospital District. There would have to be a plan in place by the end of March.

"The one Greg and I were talking about and that sounds the most logical and reasonable is for the hospital district to take the lead on this

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Lining up for the judge



Young handlers line up their goats to be judged at the 78th Annual Big Bend Livestock Association Show at the Alpine ISD ag barn on Jan. 7 as judge Evan Hoefelmeyer inspects their charges. FFA and 4-H members from Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio counties made the most of the opportunity to show off their animals and their skills.

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2022 livestock show and sale a success

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

This year's Big Bend Livestock Association Show and sale brought in \$365,000 for the young exhibitors, something a show official called "a really good year."

BBLAS Board President Becky McCutchen agreed, saying, "The sale and the support from the community at the sale was amazing. We weren't as high as some in the past, it wasn't the largest sale we've had, but that's when we had almost 90 exhibitors in the sale, and we only had 62 in the sale this year. But it was close to the largest take."

Those 62 exhibitors showed 96 goats, 41 swine, 29 lambs, and three cattle. There were

no poultry or rabbit entries this year.

McCutchen called the competition "really tough," saying the exhibitors did an amazing job of showing.

For her part, McCutchen was inducted into the BBLAS Hall of Honor, and she tearfully accepted praise and a plaque at the Saturday night sale. She has been involved with the stock show for 12 years on the board, and helping out in any way she could. But the departing Alpine ISD superintendent will soon be leaving town to assume the superintendent position in Levelland ISD.

McCutchen also offered thanks to Sul Ross State University for allowing the livestock sale to be held at the Gallego Center.



Steers line up in the ring awaiting examination by the judge at Friday's Big Bend Livestock Association Show in Alpine.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

"They have to work around their basketball schedule to get us into that venue, so to me that really is a big thing for this entire

area," said McCutchen. "It's our second year to be there, and we feel that it makes it a more professional type setting, and it's

so much nicer for the kids. It's bigger than the Civic Center where we had it for so many years, and that really helps."

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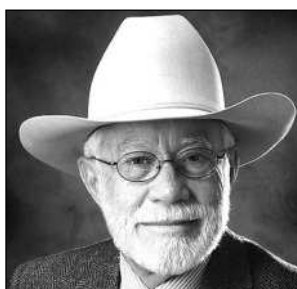
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George Emmitt Grubb, Jr.



The Honorable Judge George Emmitt Grubb, Jr., 79, left this earth on Jan. 4, 2022. He was born to Vivian Edna Bloys Grubb and George Emmitt Grubb, Sr. on July 7, 1942. He lived on various ranches until 1959. The family moved to Fort Davis, Texas, after drought shut down many ranches. He lived in Fort Davis until he graduated from high school in 1960.

He went to New Mexico State University in the fall of 1960 on a tennis scholarship. He came home after two semesters, and went to work at McDonald Observatory as a runner. He then enrolled in the Industrial Technology program at Sul Ross State University, and graduated with a major in Industrial Arts and a minor in Business Administration. He worked hard at both school and his job, and excelled in both.

Soon he was physical plant supervisor at McDonald Observatory, where he was employed for 35 years. He then became Jeff Davis County justice of the peace for four years. After his time as justice of the peace, he was elected county judge, and served that position for 14 years. Being county judge was his dream. He loved that job more than any other.

He married Linda Jean Roach in 1962. They were

blessed with two daughters, Tamara Lea and Lana Rene. He later married the love of his life, Patricia McChristian, on Aug. 24, 1990. He gained three bonus children, Dawna, Dana, and Clay. Pat and George were happily married for 31 years until his death.

George was athletic. He participated in all sports through junior high and high school, but he excelled in tennis. He even received a scholarship for tennis to New Mexico State. As an adult, he won many tournaments, his most noteworthy being the Police Olympics Champion in singles and doubles. When he couldn't participate in a sport, he was officiating it.

He loved guns. He repaired them, studied them, and built them. He hated kits. He would cut the stock and bore and blue the barrels. He liked the artistic side of engraving the stocks and locks. Each one had a name and a story. You could see the respect he had for them when he would shoot. He was always an advocate for gun safety and educa-

tion. He was a dead eye, so there was no sense in running. George was a founding member of the Davis Mountain Brigade Muzzleloading Club. He built flintlocks and percussions, all of them precise and bullseye ready.

His Industrial Technology degree allowed him to be good at many things. He liked working in the machine shop, fixing cars, building things, working with his hands, and problem solving. These talents made him the perfect fit for McDonald Observatory. He and his crew gave back to the community by building Bart Coan Field, fixing the score boards, fixing the town clock, and building fences at both schools.

One thing he loved as much as his God and family was Jeff Davis County. He never entertained leaving Fort Davis. He was committed to making a difference, whether it was as a volunteer, school related, police officer, first responder, political office, or just because he could.

George cared deeply about leaving a place better than he found it. His integrity and character was well known and respected throughout many areas of Texas. He was a man of few words unless he was spinning a tale, but you needed to listen if he spoke. He never made a decision concerning anything that he didn't weigh,

study, and pray about until he was ready to move forward.

He had many hours of training for all the positions he held. He had certificates in brush, residential, commercial, and automotive firefighting from Texas A&M, more than many fire chiefs in big cities. He started fire schools for volunteers both at McDonald Observatory and in Fort Davis. George also received a Peace Officers Masters Certificate in law enforcement, just another example of his dedication to his role.

He was dedicated to many associations and organizations. I am sure we have missed many but here is a list of those we know of.

Served as a deputy sheriff, 1974 to 2002.

Rio Grande Council of Governments president, 2010.

Big Bend Community Action Board of Directors president, 2009.

Member of the Fort Davis Volunteer Fire Department, 1997 to present.

Jeff Davis County fire marshal, 1976 to 1999.

McDonald Observatory fire chief, 1962 to 1997.

Emergency Services EMT

Fort Davis School Board, 1975 to 1992, president and vice president.

Volunteered at the Fort Davis National Historic Site.

Member of the Texas Army.

Jeff Davis Historical Commission, 2014 to present.

Fort Davis Lions Club/member Lions International - president, Board of Directors, secretary and District 3T vice president.

Big Bend Area Law Enforcement Officers Association - president, vice-president, secretary, and Board of Directors.

He was not one to boast or thump religion. He was a man who believed God was everywhere. He did serve the church his great grandfather built as a church elder and trustee for Fort Davis Presbyterian Church, but communed with God in nature and on his own terms. He instilled the importance of faith by his actions and leadership, both in his family and in his community.

George was preceded in death by his parents George and Vivian Grubb, and brother Otis LeRoy.

George is survived by his wife, Patricia Grubb; daughters Dr. Tamara L. Grubb and her husband Dr. Bill Meyers of Uniontown, Wash., Lana R. Hickok and her husband Ray of Crawford, Texas, Dawna M. Fretwell and her husband Charles of Maysville, Okla., and Dana D Ohlsen and her husband Jeremy of Fort Davis; and son Clay McChristian and his wife Christy of Graham, Tex-

as. He was blessed with grandchildren, Kelsey Hickok, Evan Hickok, Trevor Hickok, Brendan Hickok, Jacob Headrick, Hayden Headrick, Regan Headrick, Adam Fretwell, Bryan Fretwell, Allyn Sanchez, Alyssa Sanchez Stewart, and Rylee McChristian. He loved his six great grandchildren, Jaxyn, Analie, Cambree, Garrett, Sadie and Peyton.

George was honored at a celebration of life services at the Fort Davis High School auditorium on Jan. 12, 2022. Burial took place immediately after the service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Fort Davis. The family received family and friends at Nana's house for a reception of coffee/tea and cookies in honor of George's love of his afternoon coffee but more importantly the stories shared among friends.

Alpine Memorial Funeral home was entrusted with his services. Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com. The family asks for memorials to be sent to the Fort Davis Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 811, Fort Davis, TX 79734, or Bloys Campmeeting, P.O. Box 34, Valentine, TX 79854.

To send flowers to the family in memory of George E Grubb please visit doubleflowersandgifts.net.

Patricia "Pat" Maureen Cunningham Grubb



Patricia "Pat" Maureen Cunningham Grubb left this earth on Jan. 9, 2022. She was born to William H. and Rose M. Thisen Cunningham on Dec. 25, 1946, in Nashville, Kan. She was raised in Zenda, Kan., and attended grade school through high school and graduated in 1964.

In her early years, she and her siblings helped her parents on their small family farm where she learned hard work and determination. The Cunninghams were known for their athleticism with basketball and Pat was no exception. After high school she moved to Larned, Kan., where she worked at several establishments.

She married Dennis Dee McCammond on Dec. 2, 1967, and they were blessed with two daughters, Dawna Maureen and Dana Dee. Dennis died on Dec. 31, 1969. Patricia had to go right to work as a dental assistant to support her two little girls. Patricia later married Douglas Clark McChristian, and they were blessed with a boy, David Clay McChristian.

Patricia lived in Fort Davis, Texas, Torrington, Wyo., Santa Fe, N.M., and back to Fort Davis. During this time Patricia was an amazing stay at home Mom who volunteered with the school, was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a Brownie troop leader, played on numerous softball teams as the catcher, a member of the PTA, Friends of the Library, and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Davis. She was quiet in her faith and always prayed for

those that needed it.

She was the sweetest, most loving person who would do anything for you. She kept busy with making sure she attended all her kids' sporting events, and her hobby of sewing clothes for her family or making beautiful Victorian style dresses. When Patricia moved back to Fort Davis, she worked part-time for Robert "Mac" Sproul's accounting.

Doug and Patricia later divorced, and she worked for the Sheriff's Department and later went to work for Harvard University Radio Astronomy Station at Sproul Ranch. She worked for Harvard for several years, and was even given a Harvard Chair (which is only given to those who retire) before Harvard moved the station to New Mexico.

She married the love of her life George Emmitt Grubb on Aug. 24, 1990, and became a bonus mom to Tammy and Lana Grubb. She went to work for Fort Davis Junior and Senior high schools as the school secretary, a job she loved. She became a "mom" to several of her kids. She loved making a difference in their lives, and always loving them where they were.

When George became ill and needed a kidney, Patricia retired from the school and spent the remaining years devoted to taking care of her husband. She was there for him till the

very end. They were inseparable during this time, and she always made sure she was his number one supporter when he ran for justice of the peace and county judge. She was the absolute best wife and faithful to always making sure he had his coffee each morning and whatever else he needed. Without her joy she was lost, and her heart longed to be with him. She died of a broken heart that is now full of all the love they shared. Patricia and George were happily married for 31 years until his death.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Wilma and Rose Cunningham; her sisters Dorothy, Joan, Eileen, and Mary; and her husband Dennis Dee McCammond; and her beloved husband George Grubb, Jr.

She is survived by her children Tammy Grubb (Bill), Lana Hickok (Ray), Dawna Fretwell (Charles), Dana Ohlsen (Jeremy), and Clay McChristian (Christy); her grandchildren Kelsey Hickok, Evan Hickok, Trevor Hickok, Brendan Hickok, Jacob Headrick, Hayden Headrick, Regan Headrick, Rylee McChristian, Allyn Sanchez, Alyssa Sanchez Stewart (Zach), Adam Fretwell (Stephanie), and Bryan Fretwell; six great-grandchildren, Jaxyn Sanchez, Analie Sanchez, Cambree Sanchez, Garrett Fretwell, Sadie Fretwell, and Peyton Fretwell; siblings Kathleen Ziegler (Lester), Jean Cunningham, Judith Cunningham, Jimmy Cunningham (Gladys), and Alicia Bixby; and numerous nieces and nephews.


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Making connections in Alpine

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Making connections with other professionals is an important component of growing in a career in any field. Knowing people through business mixers and networking events are excellent ways to meet like-minded people and develop contacts, all while socializing and building relationships.

To help facilitate that, Alpine Ambassadors Club will host a professional/social mixer on Thursday, Jan. 20, at BBT headquarters in Alpine. Ambassadors President Lauren Sanders said this was an idea brainstormed at one of their December meetings.

"We were trying to look at things that might benefit the business community, and we thought maybe this Networking After Work might be a good event to give local business owners a platform to come present, showcase, and discuss ideas and topics, surrounded by a little bit of food and drink," said Sanders.

A local guest speaker will address an array of topics affecting Alpine businesses. Ambassador Club member Dona Ward Blevins said the Alpine Ambassadors Club was established as an adjunct to the Chamber of Commerce to help support and welcome new businesses. However, with no Chamber now, the Ambassadors want to fill the void by providing networking opportunities for all of Alpine's busi-

ness professionals.

"Some speakers will address staff shortages, while others will give tips on various types of business insurance," said Blevins. "Our goal is to give a platform to local business professionals, and allow them an opportunity to network and share support."

Sanders said depending upon the success of the event, future mixers might have roundtable discussions where businesses can discuss what works and doesn't work for them.

"If there is a specific topic within the business community that people would like to discuss, then we would be open to that," said Sanders. "We are hoping that through this outreach, people will provide us with some feedback, ideas, and topics."

Though the primary focus will be on Alpine businesses, participation is not limited to them, and any businesses in the Tri-County are welcomed to join. At the end of the day, it may be business as usual, but for the Alpine Ambassadors, an opportunity to impact the community's business needs and goals all under one roof is a win-win situation.

"It's very laid back. This is our first event, so we're not real sure how it's going to go or how many people to expect, but we are definitely hoping that it's successful," said Sanders.



Lauren Sanders

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Restoring historic buildings connects people to the past, and reminds them of past events.

The Texas Historical Commission is focused on enabling communities around the state to achieve this. Marathon's Ritchey Building was a stop along the way, part of eight in-person workshops to discuss ongoing preservation efforts, and celebrate local preservation success stories.

Marathon's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan Workshop discussed the 2022-2032 Texas Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. The workshop, sponsored by THC, was held Jan. 11, and organizations that helped bring it to Marathon were the Brewster County Historical Commission, the Gage Hotel, the Holland Hotel, Museum of the Big Bend, Texas Mountain Trail Region, Jeff Davis County Historical Commission, and the Center for Big Bend Studies.

"They are trying to get people from the area to talk about the most important things in preservation to them, and what locals want to see pre-

served in the area," said Michelle West of the Gage Hotel.

Attendees discussed their ongoing preservation efforts, and provided comments for the plan. Amy Hammons is the county Historical Commission outreach coordinator for THC based in Austin. She said the commission has a responsibility to lead a statewide historic preservation plan every 10 years, where public input is collected.

Said Hammons, "We talk to different people about their preservation concerns, where they see it going in the future, what has and has not worked for them. It's like any other plan - you collect public input, you see what the common goals are, and you put a plan together."

The statewide meetings began in October 2021,



Workshop participants met at the Ritchey Building in Marathon on Jan. 11.

Courtesy photo

and from the information gathering process, the THC's Planning Facilitation Team will put together a plan that will be analyzed this spring.

"In June and July we will have virtual meetings for the public to comment on that plan," said Hammons.

The on-site workshop

in Marathon is sure to pave the way to a brighter future as far as historical preservation goes for the generations to come.

"We will know very soon about how all that information will come together, and what the priorities are for Texans in terms of preservation goals," said Hammons.

Human smuggler arrested

On Dec. 6 a Brewster County deputy conducted a traffic stop in Marathon that resulted in the apprehension of five illegal aliens from Mexico, and one U.S. citizen.

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Omar Gabriel Luna was transported to the Brewster



Omar Gabriel Luna

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City council vindicated

I wish everyone a Happy New year, and may we get control of COVID-19 and the wide spread Omicron. This virus has killed well over 800,000 folks in the U.S. alone. With the quick spread of Omicron, I will start wearing my mask despite the fact that I have received all three vaccines. I ask that you practice good health habits and stay safe.



ANDY RAMOS
 Mayor of Alpine

In last week's headlines, City Attorney Rod Ponton reported about a ruling dated Nov. 18, 2021, from Jason Anderson of the Criminal Investigations Division at the Texas Attorney General's Office. After reviewing the allegations brought by former Police Chief Robert Martin, they found no criminal offenses committed by the city council, and no further action would be taken.

There was a recall petition that former Ward 5 council member Rick Stephens had initiated against me and council member Martin Sandate, and it was found to have no merit. Our names were vilified and disparaged. Again no one distributing the petition bothered to ask either myself or Sandate if these allegations were true, or to hear our side. The only ones that talked to us were our supporters. I and the councilman were not afraid of these allegations because they were simply not true. A special thanks to our friends and supporters.

The proponent of the the petition missed the deadline to formally file, and also never turned the signatures to the city secretary. Case closed. The state has vindicated the council, and the council continues to work for the citizens of Alpine, not for certain individuals. One reason folks do not seek to run for office is because of the mud slinging and criticism.

We have three positions open and they are for mayor, Ward 2, and Ward 4. Filing starts Jan. 19 and runs through Feb. 18 at 5 p.m.

The city continues to run smoothly and in a very positive way for the citizens of Alpine thanks to the interim city manager and the city secretary who have burned the midnight oil well beyond normal working hours.

Make 2022 count

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to consider what will be important in the year ahead.

As an officer of Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, that means thinking about the long-term success of the cattle industry. Now more than ever that future is intertwined with policy and politics. Local, state, national, and even international policy directly affects our decisions on the ranch.

An ordinance enacted by your county commissioners or city council may change what you can build on your land. A statute passed by the state legislature may impact the language required in a lease or easement. A new federal tax law might change how much you owe in taxes. Even international policy, such as trade negotiations, may change global beef demand, and impact your marketing decisions for the year ahead.

Even though many of these policy decisions seem out of our control, they're not.

This year provides us with the opportunity to elect individuals who share our principles, and are willing to fight for our ability to own land and raise cattle. Who we elect this year will play a significant



ARTHUR G. UHL III
 First Vice President,
 Texas & Southwestern
 Cattle Raisers Association

role in shaping policy for years to come. This election cycle is particularly important because of the recent redistricting process, which caused congressional and state legislative districts to be redrawn. The changes prompted numerous legislators to retire or seek another office. In Texas alone, some 35 state and federal elected officials have announced such plans.

With so many changes and new names on the ballot, there has never been a more important time to be engaged. Visit the candidates' websites and learn about their values and background. Read articles about them and how they differ from their opponents. Attend events where they're speaking to hear about their stances and shake their hands. You can even ask to meet one-on-one to discuss issues important to you and your fellow cattle producers.

Once you identify candidates who align

with your goals and values, consider supporting their bid for elected office. Most importantly, cast your ballot for them. You can also put a campaign sign on your fence, or donate time or money to help with the campaign.

For many races, organizations like the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Political Action Committee will provide voting recommendations and offer more ways to get involved.

Unfortunately, running a successful campaign requires a lot of money. PACs like ours allow like-minded individuals to pool their resources, and direct assistance where it's needed most. Sometimes, cattle producers' biggest legislative advocate on a particular issue may be a lawmaker from the other end of the state or country. Donating to a PAC provides an opportunity to support their candidacy and your values even if you cannot vote for them directly.

However you choose to do so, I hope you will join us in supporting the candidates who support cattle producers. You can be certain the policymakers elected this year will have a tremendous impact on your future, so don't miss an opportunity to shape that future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yes to voter ID

"Sixteen years ago in 2005 the Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform issued a report that proposed a uniform system of requiring a photo ID to vote in the U.S. elections. The report also pointed out that widespread absence voting makes vote fraud more likely. Voter files contain ineligible, duplicate, fictional, and deceased voters, a fact easily exploited using absentee ballots to commit fraud. Citizens who vote absentee are more susceptible to pressure and intimidation.

And vote-buying schemes are far easier when citizens vote by mail." - John R. Lott, Jr.

Lott received his BA, MA, and PhD from UCLA, and has held research or teaching positions at the University of Chicago, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, Yale University, and Rice University. He has written for numerous publications, including The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Times. He is the author of 10 books.

Sixteen years ago - that's a long time. Now when Democrats object to voter ID, they

must have forgotten their own party set up the commission asking for it 16 years ago!

When Democrats object to voter ID, they offer no proof from anyone, much less anyone of the calibre of Lott, that their objections amount to anything more than opinion. Their objections are based solely on emotional trigger words and political opposition.

What about our neighbors in Canada and Mexico? Canada requires a photo ID to vote. Even in Mexico voters must present a biometric ID - that is, not only a photo but also a thumb print. Voters

then have indelible ink applied to their thumbs preventing them from voting twice.

The fact is, the U.S. stands almost alone among the world's democracies by not requiring voter ID. Of the 47 countries in Europe today, 46 of them require government issued IDs to vote.

I pray for the day when the U.S. will join the rest of civil society, and demand government issued voter IDs to insure free and fair elections.

Jan Woodward
 Alpine

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The 2022 Big Bend Livestock Association's Show and Sale were, again, superb thanks to the generosity of the Big Bend business and ranching communities and the hard work of the many volunteers who give tirelessly to the 4H and FFA youth of Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. With dollars still coming in each day, the sale again is well over the 360,000 mark!

A sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed and helped in any way to make the 2022 show and sale such a huge success.

BUYERS LIST

These businesses and individuals purchased animals at the Big Bend Livestock Association auction at the Sul Ross University.

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| • Livingston Ranch Supply | • Tanksley Ranch | • Ocotillo Arena | |

Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What is your favorite way to spend a cold winter day?"



Linda Stewart, Alpine: Curled up on my couch with my puppies and a blanket, and having a bowl of hot soup.



Luis Gomez, Alpine: Reading a book next to the heater.



Reshawn Pickens, Alpine: Sleeping and watching movies.



Jessica Jimenez, Alpine: On the couch wrapped in a blanket with the fireplace on.



Miranda Jenai, Fort Davis: My ideal way to spend a cold winter day would be just to stay in bed, watch movies, and drink hot chocolate.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

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 bbc-chorale.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 the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.

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.

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. See more at alpineavalanche.com.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Catrina, a long-haired female born Sept. 8, 2021. We think we see a hint of Persian in her face. She is small in stature and, although somewhat shy, warms up quickly.

Catrina has been around other animals, including dogs. She does love to play and likes to snuggle. Still a

youngster, she would do well in a home where she is free to burn off some of that kitten energy. A home with a respectful child is not out of the question for Catrina. She likes her toys, and is not anxious or vocal when left alone. Her best features are her face and fur and that sweet, heart-shaped nose spot!

Alpine Humane Society will be installing new board members and electing officers in January. There are several open board seats. Being a board member is just one way to help AHS help area pets. Find out more

by calling 432-249-1024.

Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions 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, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpinehumane.society.org.

Food Pantry January distribution

The Food Pantry of Alpine began distributing food to northern Brewster County residents on Jan. 8 at its new location at 933 East Gallego Avenue in Alpine.

To protect our volunteers and limit their contact, we have shortened our hours of distribution.

Other dates are Thursday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m.-noon; and Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Eligible residents may receive food once a month from the Food Pantry of Alpine, and can select a day and time that best suits their schedule.

We are now returning to our grocery shopping model where the clients can select their food from our shelves. To help in the future, email the volunteer coordinator at alpinefoodpan-

tryvolunteer@gmail.com to be put on the list for future volunteer opportunities and for announcements. For more information, call 432-294-5053.

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PIG SKIN PICKS

THIS WEEK'S PICKS

- NFL: 1. Raiders vs. Bengals • 2. Pats vs. Bills • 3. Eagles vs. Bucc's
4. 49ers vs. Cowboys • 5. Steelers vs. Chiefs • 6. Cardinals vs. Rams

CRISTAL BAR

1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Bucc's
4. 49ers
5. Steelers
6. Rams

RECORD 188-129

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1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Bucc's
4. Cowboys
5. Chiefs
6. Cardinals

RECORD 212-105

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1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Buccaneers
4. Cowboys
5. Chiefs
6. Rams

RECORD 201-116

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1. Bengals
2. Bill's
3. Buccs
4. Cowboys
5. Chiefs
6. Rams

RECORD 206-111

BIG BEND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Bucc's
4. 49ers
5. Chiefs
6. Cardinals

RECORD 199-118

BBT

1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Buccaneers
4. Cowboys
5. Chiefs
6. Rams

RECORD 207-110

ASIS TIRE CO.

1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Buccs
4. Cowboys
5. Chiefs
6. Rams

RECORD 191-126

PORTER'S SINCE 1945

1. Bengals
2. Bills
3. Buccaneers
4. Cowboys
5. Chiefs
6. Rams

RECORD 198-119



REWARD

STOLEN

1980 Caterpillar Motorgrader

Stolen July/ August 2021
Location: 1203 Avenue H,
near Cemetery Road

REWARD

Please call
432-272-1864 • 432-661-0883

Law Enforcement Day for the Mustangs



Marathon ISD recently celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and recognized Brewster County Sheriff's Deputy Joey Prieto for supporting the Marathon school district.

Courtesy photo

Agents conduct cold weather rescue

Big Bend Border Patrol Sector agents rescued 25 undocumented migrants from a failed smuggling event on Jan. 5.

On the morning of Jan. 5, Border Patrol agents assigned to Sierra Blanca Station rescued the migrants from a failed smuggling event when they were found abandoned in a locked trailer with no means to escape and no heat.

Agents noticed that some undocumented migrants were crying and distraught upon entering the vehicle, with some shivering from the cold temperature outside.

"There have been significant rescues as of

late by our agents where individuals were left in hazardous conditions and required immediate medical attention," said Sector Chief Patrol Agent Sean L. McGoffin. "Transnational criminal organizations have no concern for humanity, they continually place lives in danger."

78th Big Bend Livestock Association Show



Lambs and handlers await their turn in the ring on Jan. 7 at the ag center show ring.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich



Judge Evan Hoefelmeyer examines lambs on Jan. 7 at the Big Bend Livestock Association Show.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

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because they are a taxing entity," said Cano. "I think they also have some ways of redirecting some of that funding to help us out with this piece of it, and that is going to be a collaboration between us and Presidio County because the hospital district accounts for both counties."

In other business, County Extension Agent Luke Hendryx provided a quar-

terly report, starting with an update on the recent Big Bend Livestock Show which generated significant sales for exhibitors from the Tri-County.

Finally, Commissioner, Pct. 2, Sara Allen Colando announced Terlingua CSD broke ground on a new multipurpose building that would be used as an indoor gymnasium for volleyball and basketball events, school dances,

and graduation ceremonies.

The next scheduled special commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Marathon Community Center.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the county commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0012865005

APPLICATION U.S. Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0012865005 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 42,000 gallons per day via evaporation/percolation. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located approximately 20.1 mile east of the intersection of State Highway 118 and U.S. Highway 385, in Brewster County, Texas 79834. TCEQ received this application on August 16, 2021. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Panther Junction Visitor Center, 310 Alsate Drive, Big Bend National Park, Texas. 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://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-103.201111%2C29.327222&level=12>

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from U.S. Department of the Interior at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Bob Krumenaker at 432-477-1101.

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Sports

Canaba's 3-point party sinks Fort Stockton

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

Senior Jayden Canaba says he has been working on his 3-point shot to compliment his defensive prowess on the hardwood. He put it on display Jan. 7 against the Fort Stockton Panthers. The Bucks cruised, pushing their record to 11-5 while the Panthers fell to 5-15. The final score was 62-44 Alpine.

Said Jayden Canaba of his hot hand, "I've been working hard on that part of the game since I've always been more of a defensive player. I was blessed my teammates were able to give me open looks."

On a night when Aiden Morrissey was honored as a 1,000-point scorer, the three-point shooting of the team reigned supreme. Moments before the game, Morrissey was honored in front of the home crowd for his outstanding accomplishment.

Canaba had four three-pointers, leading all scorers with 16 points, but more im-

portantly all his teammates joined in from behind the line. His brother sophomore Jace Canaba knocked down two three-pointers along with Tray Ervin, and Jake Crump canned one in the fourth quarter. Ervin was the second leading scorer with 15 points.

The first half was played more like football than basketball as the Panthers crushed every Alpine layup attempt with three players fouling the shooter. Julian Leyva, Cruz Rojas, and standout quarterback Dom Aguilar turned the first half of the game into a mash up derby. At 5-2 Fort Stockton, the point guard stole an errant Panther pass, and was rudely met by the big boys in blue, Leyva and Rojas. Jace Canaba was then creamed stealing the ball, and had a beautiful pass back to his brother Jayden who wisely gave it back up to Jace as he was pummeled with his layup. The Panthers came to pound.

Coach Morrissey called a time out at 10-3 Panthers

to regroup his team. Nothing was falling early, and the pace was frenetic with lots of steals and lots of fouls ruled in the first half.

Jace Canaba had a crafty layup to make the game 10-8, then had a heads up play on the other end with a tie-ball on the defensive side. Efrén Martínez canned a three-pointer and a steal but could not convert as the first quarter ended, 12-11 Panthers.

The Bucks then showed Coach Morrissey's philosophy of always making the extra pass as Aiden passed to Crump and distributed to Jayden. Jayden nailed another one, gaining the first Alpine lead of the game, 15-14, a lead they did not relinquish. Panther Devon Rodriguez then picked up a flagrant foul, and the Bucks had two shots and the ball back.

Jace Canaba was not to be outdone by his brother, and knocked down a three to stretch the lead to 10 at 26-16. Then the three-point party really began when Ervin was left wide open, and hit one

of his own. Then Jayden crushed a three as the seconds ran off the clock in the first half, 34-23 Bucks.

As the second half began, Crump hit a floater from 10 feet, pushing the lead to 41-25. Crump nailed a three late in the fourth quarter to join his teammates. Coach Morrissey emptied his bench as his starters were allowed to celebrate a win against a team up one A in classification.

"Any time you play Stockton, you know it's going to be a battle," said Coach Morrissey. "They're a well-coached team, great kids, a rivalry, they are big and athletic. Our kids played really well."

He added on Jayden's three-point aggression, "He played awesome. Not only was he hitting three's, but he's the anchor of our defense. Jayden brought the scoring today which we definitely needed."

Alpine played Pecos at home this past Tuesday, and will travel to Tornillo for a 7:30 district game on Friday, Jan. 14.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Dominique Morales

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

For senior year I'm most excited to actually walk the stage during graduation instead of watching everyone do it.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

During my senior year I've been a part of the band, National Honor Society, athletic training, and debate.

Who has been your most influential teacher or coach through high school?

Even though I only knew her for a short time, Mrs. Greene has influenced me the most. She pushed me to become the best version of myself, and I'm extremely grateful for her.

What was your favor-



Dominique Morales
ite moment the last four years?

My favorite moment the last four years is definitely qualifying for the state debate tournament my sophomore year.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school I plan to attend college at Metropolitan State University in Denver, and eventually attain my PhD in psychology.

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Lady Bucks crush Lady Cats 73-6 on the hardwood

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

Assistant Coach Monica Salmon filled in admirably for Head Coach Rick Garcia as the Lady Bucks collected their first district win, 73-6. Shooting guard Novah Carrasco had a career-high 29 points, and Salmon's zone pressure befuddled the Lady Cats from the opening tip-off. The Lady Cats struggled to even get the basketball across mid-court on a night when nothing was going for them.

On the win, Salmon said, "It was a good win. We played together as a team. It took every single one of us to get the job done. We overcame some obstacles all week with players getting sick to get the first district win."

"Novah did awesome. She's a threat on defense and offense. She just steps up and plays really well," said Salmon about Novah's stellar 29-point night.

Chloe Cordova and Amory Aranda had 11 and nine points, respectively. Good passing and good defense lead to easy layups for Cordova and Jenica Portillo throughout

the game.

The win came at a perfect time after a disappointing showing at the Lubbock Caprock tournament where the girls won only one game and lost three. Alpine's only win came against the Wildorado Mustangs, 53-31. Alpine lost to the Veribest Falcons 73-46, the Ropes Eagles 79-40 and the Stanton Buffaloes 57-38.

Star Chloe Cordova said about the four games at the tournament played right before the New Year, "Caprock was a good way for us to gain more experience with teams we don't see every day. We learned a lot."

"It was a great experience," said Garcia. "We have grown as a team tremendously since we started practice in November."

Garcia singled out Ali Maroney's play coming off the bench.

Alpine squeaked out another non-district win over the Fort Davis Indians, 55-56, on Jan. 4. They are now 8-9 on the season with a big showdown with the Presidio Blue Devils looming on Jan. 11. The Lady Bucks travel to Tornillo Jan. 14 for another district match-up.

Winning in Presidio



The Alpine Lady Bucks on Jan. 11 bested the Presidio Blue Devils in Presidio, 40-27.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

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Grand Champion Swine



Hawkins Construction buyer Tommy Hawkins and wife Tammy stand with Grand Champion Swine winner Kacy Hawkins and Double K Flowers and Gifts buyers Debbie Pruitt and James Poe at the awards ceremony Saturday night.

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Reserve Grand Champion Swine



Amanda Ahrens stands with association President Becky McCutchen after her Reserve Grand Champion market swine sold Saturday night.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

New Hall of Honor member



Outgoing Livestock Show President Becky McCutchen shows off the plaque presented to her by the Association for her many years of service to the organization, as her son Garrett, sale MC Calan Ahrens, and her daughter April look on. The Hall recognizes those who have contributed significant time and energy to the show and sale over the years.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

Grand Champion Lamb



Faith and Gracie Boultinghouse stand proudly after Faith's Grand Champion lamb sold at Saturday night's auction.

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Reserve Grand Champion Lamb



Sesar Baeza, Brissa Baeza, and Zach Dean flank Grand Champion Lamb winner Alexa Baeza.

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Grand Champion Cattle



Shaun Foster won the Grand Champion Cattle title at Friday's livestock show, and Out West Feed and Supply and Porter's Thriftway purchased the animal. He stands surrounded by Craig Foster, Porter's General Manager Trae Dutchover, and Out West Feed owners Kim and Justin Claiborne. Foster also took the Grand Champion Goat prize.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Reserve Grand Champion Goat



Exhibitor Kylie Maroney (center) poses with buyers Justin and Kim Claiborne, Betty Tanksley, Kersten Keeton, Mary Criddle, Amy and Levi Hardy, and Roger Criddle. Maroney's goat won Reserve Grand Champion at the livestock show on Friday.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ESTABAN MACIAZ

Career high 21 Points and 11 rebounds against McMullen in Lubbock and 6 points and 9 rebounds vs. Fort Stockton with 2 steals

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GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT
 Shaun Foster Alpine FFA

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 Kylie Maroney Alpine FFA

Gloria Skinner	Alpine FFA	5
Hallie Wood	Twin Peaks 4-H	6
Ryli Vasquez	Alpine FFA	7
Mia Morris	Alpine FFA	8
Allison Sanchez	Alpine FFA	9

Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	2
Raelynn Macias	Alpine FFA	3
Amberly Tarrant	Alpine FFA	4
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	5
Carolyn Newman	Alpine FFA	6
Raylee Belcher	Alpine FFA	7
Edie DuBois	Twin Peaks 4-H	8
Naida Morris	Alpine FFA	9

Robert Vasquez	Alpine FFA	5
Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	6
Ian Schwierjohn	Alpine FFA	7
Amberly Tarrant	Alpine FFA	8
Lauren Rogers	Alpine FFA	9

EXHIBITOR AFFILIATION PLACE
CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT
 Kylie Maroney Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT
 Kylie Maroney Alpine FFA

CHAMPION LIGHT MEDIUM WEIGHT
 Shaun Foster Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION LIGHT MEDIUM WEIGHT
 Faith Boultinghouse Fort Davis FFA

CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT
 Shaun Foster Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT
 Faith Boultinghouse Fort Davis FFA

CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT
 Kylie Maroney Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT
 Faith Boultinghouse Fort Davis FFA

LIGHT WEIGHT DIVISION CLASS 1

Amory Aranda	Alpine FFA	1
Gloria Skinner	Alpine FFA	2
Kathryn Jahn	Alpine FFA	3
Allison Sanchez	Alpine FFA	4
Carolyn Newman	Alpine FFA	5
Eddie Flores	Rio Grande 4-H	6
Eddie Flores	Rio Grande 4-H	7

LIGHT MEDIUM WEIGHT DIVISION CLASS 4

Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	1
Collette Sharron	Alpine FFA	2
Rynn Matthews	Alpine FFA	3
Jake Crump	Alpine FFA	4
Amory Aranda	Alpine FFA	5
Madeline West	Twin Peaks 4-H	6
Jaden Miller	Twin Peaks 4-H	7
Annaka Salcido	Marfa 4-H	8
Landin Salcido	Marfa 4-H	9

MEDIUM WEIGHT DIVISION CLASS 7

Martin Sablatura	Alpine FFA	1
Hallie Wood	Twin Peaks 4-H	2
Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	3
Rynn Matthews	Alpine FFA	4
Campbell West	Twin Peaks 4-H	5
Graham DuBois	Twin Peaks 4-H	6
Clancey Newman	Alpine FFA	7

HEAVY WEIGHT DIVISION CLASS 10

Kylie Maroney	Alpine FFA	1
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	2
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	3
Rode Babb	Alpine FFA	4
Beau Holley	Fort Davis FFA	5
Lauren Rogers	Alpine FFA	6
Kendyl Hardaway	Alpine FFA	7
Martin Sablatura	Alpine FFA	8

CLASS 2

Kylie Maroney	Alpine FFA	1
Britton Belcher	Alpine FFA	2
Collette Sharron	Alpine FFA	3
Olin Welch	Fort Davis FFA	4
Sophie Janis	Alpine FFA	5
Lauren Rogers	Alpine FFA	6
Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	7
Kathryn Jahn	Alpine FFA	8
Clancey Newman	Alpine FFA	9

CLASS 5

Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1
Kelton Tarrant	Alpine FFA	2
Kayden Gray	Fort Davis FFA	3
Raelynn Macias	Alpine FFA	4
Kaysen Hardaway	Alpine FFA	5
Ian Schwierjohn	Alpine FFA	6
Edie DuBois	Twin Peaks 4-H	7
Ryli Vasquez	Alpine FFA	8
Jackson Holley	Fort Davis FFA	9
Annaliese West	Twin Peaks 4-H	10

CLASS 8

Shaun Foster	Alpine FFA	1
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	2
Kelton Tarrant	Alpine FFA	3
Martin Sablatura	Alpine FFA	4
Kendyl Hardaway	Alpine FFA	5
Olin Welch	Fort Davis FFA	6
Owen Cavness	Twin Peaks 4-H	7

CLASS 11

Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	1
Kylie Maroney	Alpine FFA	2
Sophie Janis	Alpine FFA	3
Rode Babb	Alpine FFA	4
Robert Vasquez	Alpine FFA	5
Rynn Matthews	Alpine FFA	6

CLASS 3

Kylie Maroney	Alpine FFA	1
Rode Babb	Alpine FFA	2
Rode Babb	Alpine FFA	3
Rhyder Vasquez	Alpine FFA	4

CLASS 6

Shaun Foster	Alpine FFA	1
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CLASS 9

Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	2
Robert Vasquez	Alpine FFA	3
Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	4

CLASS 12

Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1
Shaun Foster	Alpine FFA	2
Collette Sharron	Alpine FFA	3
Owen Cavness	Brewster 4-H	4
Rhyder Vasquez	Alpine FFA	5
Jaden Miller	Twin Peaks 4-H	6
Jake Crump	Alpine FFA	7

Saying goodbye



Senior FFA and 4-H students were recognized at the 2022 Big Bend Live-stock Show and sale on Jan. 8 at the Gallego Center in Alpine. In the photo, Gloria Skinner, Garrett Bentley, Amory Aranda, Shaun Foster, Raelynn Macias, Alexa Baeza, Jake Crump, Keilea Cheatham, Campbell West, Faith Boultinghouse, Esteban Macias, and Kathryn Jahn.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich



Exhibitors direct their hogs into the ring on Jan. 8 to put them through their paces for judging.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

SWINE

CHAMPION BLACK OPB
 Tannin Ritchie Alpine FFA

RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE
 Kacy Hawkins Alpine FFA

RESERVE CHAMPION BLACK OPB
 Amanda Ahrens Alpine FFA

GRAND CHAMPION SWINE
 Kacy Hawkins Alpine FFA

BLACK OPB CLASS 1 - LIGHT WEIGHT

John Ritchie	Alpine FFA	1
Annamarie Beal	Fort Davis 4-H	2
Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	3

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE
 Amanda Ahrens Alpine FFA

CLASS 2 - HEAVY WEIGHT

Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	1
Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	2
Esteban Maciaz	Alpine FFA	3

HAMPSHIRE CLASS 6 - LIGHT WEIGHT

Hunter Stieg	Alpine FFA	1
Annamarie Beal	Fort Davis 4-H	2
Ty Ritchie	Alpine FFA	3

CHAMPION WHITE OPB
 Talynn Stieg Alpine FFA

CLASS 7 - HEAVY WEIGHT

Reese Ahrens	Alpine FFA	1
Kacy Hawkins	Alpine FFA	2
Esteban Maciaz	Alpine FFA	3

RESERVE CHAMPION WHITE OPB
 Isaiah Briones Twin Peaks 4-H

CHAMPION CROSS
 Kacy Hawkins Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS
 Amanda Ahrens Alpine FFA

WHITE OPB CLASS 3

Talynn Stieg	Alpine FFA	1
Isaiah Briones	Twin Peaks 4-H	2
Garrett Bentley	Alpine FFA	3
Reese Coleman	Alpine FFA	4
Annamarie Beal	Fort Davis 4-H	5

CROSSES CLASS 8 - LIGHT WEIGHT

Garrett Bentley	Alpine FFA	1
Tripp Warren	Alpine FFA	2
Brody Warren	Alpine FFA	3
Esteban Maciaz	Alpine FFA	4

CHAMPION DUROC
 Colten Gray Fort Davis FFA

CLASS 9 - LIGHT MEDIUM WEIGHT

Kacy Hawkins	Alpine FFA	1
Adrian Chavez	Fort Davis FFA	2
Isaiah Briones	Twin Peaks 4-H	3
John Ritchie	Alpine FFA	4

RESERVE CHAMPION DUROC
 Amanda Ahrens Alpine FFA

DUROC CLASS 4 - LIGHT WEIGHT

Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	1
Annamarie Beal	Fort Davis 4-H	2
Talynn Stieg	Alpine FFA	3
Hunter Stieg	Alpine FFA	4

CLASS 10 - MEDIUM WEIGHT

Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	1
Isaiah Briones	Twin Peaks 4-H	2
Izabella Briones	Twin Peaks 4-H	3
Izabella Briones	Twin Peaks 4-H	4

CLASS 5 - HEAVY WEIGHT

Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	1
Esteban Maciaz	Alpine FFA	2
Kayden Gray	Fort Davis FFA	3
Ryanna Pineda	Alpine FFA	4

CLASS 11 - HEAVY WEIGHT

Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	1
Kayden Gray	Fort Davis FFA	2
Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	3
Ryanna Pineda	Alpine FFA	4

CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE
 Reese Ahrens Alpine FFA

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GRAND CHAMPION MARE	Mayson McBride	2
Talynn Stieg	Reese Coleman	3
	Jordan Miller	4
RESERVE CHAMPION MARE	YOUNG GELDINGS 5 AND UNDER	
Mayson McBride	Mayson McBride	1
	Jordan Miller	2
	Reese Coleman	3
GRAND CHAMPION GELDING	AGED GELDINGS 5 AND OVER	
Ryder Coleman	Ryder Coleman	1
	Mayson McBride	2
RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING	Graham DuBois	3
Mayson McBride	Eddie Dubois	4
	Teddy Traynham	5
	Megan Luna	6
	Reese Coleman	7
	Andrew Luna	8
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP	JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP 9-13	
Graham Dubois	Mayson McBride	1
	Graham Dubois	2
	Megan Luna	3
GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP	Talynn Stieg	4
Jordan Miller	Teddy Traynham	5
	Ryder Coleman	6
RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP	Andrew Luna	7
Reese Coleman	Eddie Dubois	8
	SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP 14-18	
YOUNG MARES	Jordan Miller	1
AGED MARES 5 AND OVER	1 Reese Coleman	2
Talynn Stieg		



Goats took over the show ring on Saturday morning at the Alpine ISD ag barn as exhibitors vied for the win.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

LAMBS

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB	Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	4
			Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	5
			Brissa Baeza	Rio Grande 4-H	6
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB	Alexa Baeza	Rio Grande 4-H	CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL		
			Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	
CHAMPION FINEWOOL	Faith Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL		
			Alexa Baeza	Rio Grande 4-H	
RESERVE CHAMPION FINEWOOL	Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	MEDIUM WOOL CLASS 4		
EXHIBITOR	AFFILIATION	PLACE	Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1
	FINEWOOL CLASS 1		Keilea Cheatham	Twin Peaks 4-H	2
Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1	Keilea Cheatham	Twin Peaks 4-H	3
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	2	Annaka Salcido	Marfa 4-H	4
Gracie Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	3	Annaka Salcido	Marfa 4-H	5
	CLASS 2		Landin Salcido	Marfa 4-H	6
Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1	CLASS 5		
Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	2	Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1
Rynn Matthews	Alpine FFA	3	Alexa Baeza	Rio Grande 4-H	2
	CHAMPION CROSS		Brissa Baeza	Rio Grande 4-H	3
Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA		Kayla Cheatham	Twin Peaks 4-H	4
RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS	Alpine FFA		Landin Salcido	Marfa 4-H	5
Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA		CLASS 6		
CROSSES			Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1
Class 3			Alexa Baeza	Rio Grande 4-H	2
Faith Ann Boultinghouse	Fort Davis FFA	1	Keilea Cheatham	Twin Peaks 4-H	3
Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	2	Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	4
Rynn Matthews	Alpine FFA	3	Kayla Cheatham	Twin Peaks 4-H	5
			Kaitlyn Wiggins	Alpine FFA	6

CATTLE

GRAND CHAMPION CATTLE	Shaun Foster	Alpine FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION CATTLE	Shaun Foster	Alpine FFA
CATTLE	Hunter Stieg	Alpine FFA 3



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Alpine Avalanche

January 11, 1962
Alpine High School girls basketball team has a 9-1 record so far this season. Front row are Elisa Espinosa, Mary Ann Sanchez, captain, Bonnie Uranga, Margie de la Rosa, Merced Uranga, Rosie Adamson, Aida Hernandez; back row, Alice Lopez, manager, Hortensia Llanez, Linda Valego, Faye Reid, coach, Judy Thee, captain, Barbara Davis, Suzanne Ritter manager. Photo by Hunter



January 25, 1962
Larry Mills of Alpine, right, exhibited the champion crossbred lamb at the Big Bend Livestock Show here last Saturday. The lamb was bred by Joe Morrow of Valentine. Reserve champion crossbred lamb was fed by Janet Lee of Marathon, third from right, and bred by F.N. Newsom, Alpine. The trophy was donated by J.W. Shepperd of Shepperd Jewelers, second from right. Men at left are Woodrow Mills and Jim Espy, show directors.

January 25, 1962
Judy Owens, right, of Marathon exhibited the champion fine wool lamb at the 18th Annual Big Bend Livestock Show in Alpine last Saturday. Reserve champion was fed by Jimmy Espy of Fort Davis, left, and bred by Jim Espy. The trophy was donated by Stacy Watson, center of Watson Watch Shop.



January 18, 1962
Marathon boys basketball team coached by Clay Cade has one victory and no defeats in district competition. The season record is 4 victories and 1 loss. From left, front row, are Jose Reyes, manager, Jimmie Pinedo, G.E. Martin, Sammy Cavness, Donancio Fuentes, Pete Fierro, Manuel Garcia Feliciano Reyes; back row, Vance Jones, Charles Halliburton, Carl Potter, Ricky Thompson, Eugene Aguilar, Pablo Salas, and Gregorio Aguilar.

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

Keep tomato fruit dry to avoid fungus

Dear Neil: How can I avoid this on my tomatoes this year?

It looks like anthracnose, a common disease of tomato fruit. Google "Aggie Horticulture tomato anthracnose photo" and you'll see a photograph that is almost a match for yours. TAMU suggests that you keep the foliage and fruit dry when you're watering them and that you use a labeled fungicide as needed.

Dear Neil: I'm planting Nellie R. Stevens hollies along our six-foot privacy fence, and will top it at eight feet. How far apart should I space them, and how far should they be away from the fence?

Plant them two-thirds as far apart as you will be maintaining them. If

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

at eight feet, that would be five-six feet. Honestly, Needlepoint (also known as Willowleaf) hollies would be better choices at that height and spacing. They're slightly shorter at maturity. Any eight-foot plants should be four feet or farther out from the fence. You don't want the plants smashed up against the fence, es-

pecially if they're on the north side of the fence where they'd be in a lot of shade. They would start to get lanky almost immediately. Moving them out gets them better light. Remember to water these new plants by hand every two or three days from mid-spring through mid-fall. Sprinkler irrigation won't be enough,

and you won't be able to tell when they're dry. Hollies don't wilt conspicuously.

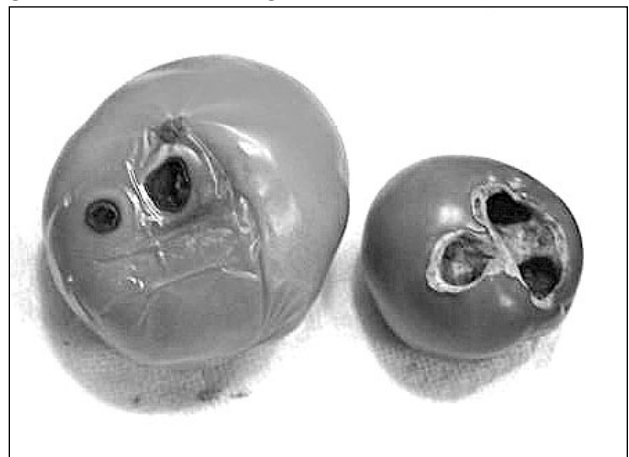
Dear Neil: Have you ever seen okra grow to more than 14 feet tall?

Personally I have not, but I've certainly seen rogue plants that attained significant heights of eight or 10 feet. Seed breeders, of

course, would not use those in their production programs because no one wants to have to haul a ladder out to the garden to harvest any vegetable, plus they wouldn't want the excessive shade such a tall crop would cast. But

it makes for a fun novelty crop to have in your own backyard.

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



Anthracnose on tomato fruit.

ACROSS

- 1 subdivision map
- 5 TX Don Henley sang the lead on "Life in the Fast ____"
- 6 Ted Cruz assistant
- 7 TXism: "____ dance to that tune" (agree)
- 8 Mexican "siesta"
- 9 TXism: "want ____ I could spit"
- 16 TXism: "a whole ____" (lot of)
- 18 in Texas, drawings and scratch-offs
- 21 TX Linda Ellerbee's "And ____ It Goes"
- 22 welcome rugs
- 23 enjoy barbecue, e.g.
- 24 cut ____ (divide in equal parts)
- 30 "____ is fair play"
- 34 ____ Fehrenbach book: "Lone Star: A History of Texas and Texans" (1968)
- 35 a false god, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 36 "____ and mean"
- 37 "____ the roof"
- 39 TXism: "trust ____ always cut the cards"
- 43 he starred in "King Creole" with TX-born Carolyn Jones
- 44 receiving for work
- 45 he married TX-born Dale Evans (init.)
- 46 TXism: "____ of breathing room" (spacious)

DOWN

- 1 Cross ____ TX
- 2 nonclerical
- 3 "he is a nuisance ____"
- 4 early TX Roy Orbison band: "____ Kings"
- 9 birth state of Austin resident and actor Chris Klein (abbr.)
- 10 TXism: "sticks like stink ____"
- 11 TXism: "take a ____ at it" (try)
- 12 director Preminger
- 13 Davy Crockett: "____ you're right, then go ahead"
- 14 TX "Cowpokes" artist, Ace (init.)
- 15 TX Tanya Tucker's "Texas When I ____"
- 17 TXism: "____ a maggot" (bad taste)
- 19 black widow spider ____ mate
- 20 anxiety and worry state where TX Holly died (abbr.)
- 24 dir. from Crockett to Mount Pleasant
- 25 bees' casa
- 26 one can improve ____ hand in poker
- 27 ____ hand in poker
- 28 country singer, Morgan
- 29 star of 1945 film "San Antonio," Errol
- 31 lake "La Sal del ____"
- 32 apprehend
- 33 book: "Sam Houston: The ____ Texan"
- 38 TX blues pianist ____ Joe Hunter
- 40 TXism: "too ____ for his britches" (aloof)
- 41 TXism: "mosey ____ to the trough" (join in)
- 42 sends out
- 48 British boys
- 50 small European deer (plural)
- 51 "____ wit" (foolish person)
- 56 TX-born Evelyn Keyes was Suellen ____ in "Gone With the Wind" in Crosby County on U.S. 82 and 62

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47 many in South Texas are bi ____

49 those who accomplish 44-across

52 pos. of Dallas Cowboy Dalton Schultz

53 assn. for Texas pro golfer Ben Crenshaw

54 clamorous meaning of 37-across

55 former Cowboy star RB, Tony (1977-87)

58 charlatans

59 TX Foreman lost the title to this Muhammad in 1974

60 this Thornton was a 4-term mayor of Dallas (init.)

61 donkey

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Enliven your taco Tuesdays with taco soup

Taco Tuesdays have become mainstream, and the ingredients and accoutrements found in a corn tortilla these days are diverse. Most people would be hard pressed to say that they would or could ever be bored with tacos with such variety, but just maybe something a little different on these chillier evenings is what you're looking for.

One might think that making soup after a long day at work and running around picking up kids and paying bills is just too much of a hassle, but



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

taco soup is anything but. With just seven simple main ingredients, this soup is quick, hearty, and flavorful, and will fill you up. The secret to this

simplistic culinary concoction is Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing mix. I know what you are thinking, ranch dressing in soup? Is nothing sacred? Well, I promise it is just to add to the flavor.

This soup calls for the following ingredients: Ground beef, chicken broth, Rotel tomatoes, corn, black beans, olive oil, and of course the ranch salad dressing mix.

It just does not get any easier than this soup, unless you make a sandwich or go out to eat. Granted you will have to

wash a few dishes when it is all said and done, but everyone at the table will be full, warm and happy. And what makes Taco Tuesday any better than everyone being satisfied with great food.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at foodie9372@gmail.com.



Hidden Valley Ranch Taco Soup

Ingredients:
2 tablespoons olive oil
¾ lb. ground beef
1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 can Rotel diced tomatoes (Mexican style)

for that authentic flavor)
1 cup canned or frozen corn
1 tablespoon Hidden Valley Ranch dry dressing mix
2 cups chicken broth

Directions:
Begin by heating the olive oil in a pan, and browning the ground meat. Once the meat is thoroughly cooked, add in the corn, black beans, Rotel tomatoes, and the dry dressing mix.

Mix all these ingredients well, and add the chicken broth.

Cook for another 10-15 minutes, top with your favorite topping, and dinner is served.

Standard taco toppings such as sour cream, shredded cheese, avocado, chopped onions, and tortilla chips can be added according to taste.



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Devotional Page

Rest assured, God knows

BY SUSAN CELAYA

In an intriguing novel I read, the women of every generation in a family receive a supernatural talent on their 13th birthday. One woman could find anything that was lost. Another was able to discern every dishonesty, no matter how slight. The main character of the story was given the powerful and sometimes frightening gift of foretelling the future of people she met.

Of course, a novel is only fiction, but most of us do wonder about the future. Have you ever thought it would be good to know what is coming next in your life? If you knew you had limited time, would you make haste to make amends with others, or strive to accomplish goals more quickly? If you were aware of something good about to happen, would you live with a more joyful, expectant attitude? Would you worry less, or more, if you knew what was to come?

Human life is truly filled with uncertainty. What will I be when I grow up? Will my children be healthy and happy? What will the year 2022 bring? We might like to know, but we must accept that we don't.

God, however, does know. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and

not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Even though we don't know what will happen to us next year, next month, tomorrow, or even in an hour, God does know, and ultimately it will be good.

It is not wrong to look ahead and strive to make the most of our talents and abilities. It is human nature to make plans and set goals. But, in the long run, God's plans may be different than ours. "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established." (Proverbs 19:21).

It's not that our plans are necessarily bad, it's that God's are better.

God knows, and God is in control. And what is most reassuring is that God is with us whatever happens. As believers we are promised God's presence every step of the way, whether our lives pan out as we expect or not.

"I am with you always," Jesus says when he sends his disciples into the world to spread his message.

We may stumble around, not quite sure what to do next, but God is with us, giving us peace and strength.

God sees the big picture, and knows how it will all turn out. It is comforting and freeing to have confidence that God has it all under control. As we begin this new year, rest assured that God indeed holds the future.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Rubio

Robert Rubio, 78, passed away Jan. 5, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loved ones in Fort Davis, Texas. He was born on June 7, 1943, to Crispin and Librada Rubio in Falfurrias, Texas. He loved to watch his grandchildren play football. He crafted knives, and was a great artist. The Dallas Cowboys was his team. He enjoyed nature and fishing. His favorite place to be was Stone Village Market, and he love cruising around town. He loved his grandchildren with all his heart and life. He was a member of



the Gate Way Wisdom Church in Fort Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Lupe Rubio; children Stephanie Rubio, Jeremiah and wife Ginger Rubio, Melanie Rubio, and Michael Rubio; grandchildren Allison Rubio and Ryan Jurado, Blake Rubio, Levi Rubio, Mikiah Rubio, Olivia Ru-

bio, Breanna Rubio, Aaron Rubio; and siblings Josie Rubio and Freddie Rubio.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; son Robert J. Rubio; and sisters Sara Reyna and Janie Garcia.

Visitation was on Jan. 7, 2022, at Davis Mountain Funeral Hall. His service was held Jan. 8, 2022, at Davis Mountain Funeral Hall in Fort Davis, with burial at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Fort Davis.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at mmostexas.com.

Patricia Garcia Llanez
Patricia Garcia Llanez of Alpine, Texas, passed away on Nov. 12, 2021, in Odessa, Texas.

A Memorial Vigil will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Memorial Chapel at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home with Father Victorino Loresca serving as celebrant. Interment will be held at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine.

Patricia Garcia Llanez was born on Aug. 25, 1942, in Marathon, Texas, to Antonio and Elfidia Garcia. In May 1958, she married Refugio H. Llanez in Alpine. Patricia and Refugio went onto have six children, Alicia Muniz, Rogelio Llanez, Diania G. Llanez, Oscar G. Llanez, Carmel B. Duarte, and Jeannie A. Llanez.

Patricia Garcia Llanez was preceded in death by

daughter Diania G. Llanez; and parents Antonio and Elfidia Garcia.

Patricia Garcia Llanez is survived by her husband Refugio H. Llanez, five children, 19 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be left at alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home in Alpine.

Cocaine and fentanyl seizure in Sierra Blanca

Big Bend Sector Border Patrol agents arrested three U.S. citizens at the Sierra Blanca Border Patrol checkpoint last week for narcotics smuggling.

On Dec. 21, agents encountered a vehicle at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint located on I-10. During the inspection, a Border Patrol service canine alerted to the presence of concealed humans and or the odors of illegal controlled substances. Agents searched the vehicle and discovered a clear plastic bag containing marijuana.

A further search of the vehicle revealed tetrahy-

drocannabinol oil-laced edibles, and a vacuum sealed white powdery brick that tested positive for cocaine and fentanyl. The powdery brick was wrapped in gift-wrapping paper. The cocaine laced with fentanyl was valued at over \$80,000. The

marijuana was valued at over \$2,000, and the edibles were valued at over \$450.

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DISABLED PERSONS

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If you have questions about any of these topics, please contact the Brewster County Appraisal District at 432-837-2558 or come by our office at 107 W Ave E Alpine, Texas. Other information may also be available on the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/

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Library receives books from Kids Need to Read



Gary Mlodzik pulls books for Alpine Public Library.

Kids Need to Read will be arriving at the Essex Public Library in Mesa, Ariz., with Grow Your Library, an inspiring library donation program led by Board Members Gary and Tina Mlodzik. Inspired by the Mlodzik's shared love of reading, family, and public libraries, this program delivers free books and story time to local libraries and children during the couple's travels.

Mary Beth Garrett, children's librarian at Alpine Public Library, noted the main sources of books for the local

library was donated money and grants.

Kids Need to Read has supplied 554 new books to the library, with a cover value of \$7,060. Garrett was especially excited about receiving a full set of the ever-popular "I Survived" series of books by Lauren Tarshis.

As a retired elementary school Librarian, Tina Mlodzik stressed the importance of supporting public libraries, especially in communities where children may not own their own books.

Grow Your Library

will hold a special story time event at the Alpine Public Library from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Each child in attendance at story time will receive a free book and a Highlights magazine. After the event, each child will have the opportunity to donate a book in their name on behalf of Kids Need to Read. This no-cost opportunity teaches the children to use their own love of reading to help the library earn even more free books in the future.

Courtesy photo

New Year's Day in Terlingua



The 31st Annual Black-Eyed Pea Off was held on Jan. 1 at Terlingua Ghost Town where there was plenty of fun and music for everyone as contestants turned in their best peas to be judged. Proceeds for the fundraiser went to benefit a continuing education scholarship for Terlingua CSD seniors.

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Celebrating Three Kings Day



The Fort Davis ISD Spanish classes learned about the Latin American tradition of Rosca de Reyes, or King's Cake, during Three Kings Day on Jan. 6. Fort Davis eighth grade students show off the colorful King's Cake. According to tradition, Three Kings visit homes, and leave gifts for children, just as they did when they visited Jesus in Bethlehem.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Big Bend Regional Health Clinic ~ Flu/Covid Vaccines provided by Highland Drug ~ Expired Prescription Drop-Off with Brewster County Sheriff's Office

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11:30AM-"Let's Get Cooking" with Sun City Dietitians

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