# *Early* voting ends tomorrow

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Precinct 1 polling location has changed for general election

BY KARA GERBERT Managing Editor

Early voting for the Nov. 8 general election ends tomorrow, so there is still a small window of time for voters to get to the polls before election

By Wednesday morning, 1681 early voting ballots had been cast out of the 7,509 registered voters in Brewster County and 192 mail-in ballots had been received.

All registered voters in the county may cast their ballots early at the Val Clark Beard Complex, 203 North Seventh Street, in Alpine from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday. Early ballots may be cast in remote polling locations from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today, Nov. 3rd. Precinct 3 voters may cast early ballots at the Marathon Community Center, Second Avenue and Avenue E in

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Rainfall totals at Alpine-Casparis Airport

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# Competition for 'best bowl o'red' begins today

BY KARA GERBERT Managing Editor

The battle for the best chili officially began 55 years ago in 1967 between Frank X. Tolbert and H. Allen Smith. Organized by a Texas historian and chili aficionado Wick Fowler and Carroll Shelby of Mustang fame, they decided to settle the feud between the two journalists after months of back-andforth arguments on the merits of their ideas on good chili. Tolbert was a well-known writer for the Dallas Morning News and Smith, well, he was a New

Yorker.

This contest was set to be held in an unbiased location around Terlingua, at high noon on October 21, 1967. A few judges were gathered up, with one of them being the late Hallie Stillwell who settled in this region in 1910. Stillwell voted for Smith, David Witts declared his tastebuds were shot, and the final judge Floyd Schneider voted for Tolbert. Thus, the competition was declared a draw by Wick Fowler at the



Jon Gockel of Terlingua ponders chili flavors in a round of judging.

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# Lady Bucks take Bi-District



Alpine Lady Bucks clinch the Bi-District Championship Tuesday with the win over Brownfield.

Avalanche photo by J.T. Maroney

# Council amends ordinances for boards, commissions

BY KARA GERBERT

Managing Editor

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 1, with looming questions and concerns from constituents about the removal of the Alpine Airport Advisory Board, as well as Ordinance 2022-09-02, driving public comments and the public hearing. Council member, Ward 3, Sara Tandy was absent.

Public comments on the agenda item located under the public hearing section on Tuesday evening included questions and concerns from Alpine resident Genie Chopelas who expressed that when city officials were contacted and asked what were needed to be allowed on a committee or board, that she was unable to acquire a clear

City Manager Megan Antrim reported that the drafting of a noise ordinance was being conducted by Alpine Police Chief Darrell Losoya and City Tourism Director Chris Ruggia, taking into consideration that Alpine is a music friendly town.

In other report items, Antrim mentioned that the city had applied for a FEMA grant to purchase generators to use in the field at the city's wells in instances where power outages affected them. Antrim stated "We have passed the first step" after receiving an email on Oct. 26

requirements and qualifications letting her know that their documentation had been passed onto FEMA for review.

> As mentioned above, the Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-09-02 was of concern to citizens. The ordinance establishes Chapter 16 – Boards, commissions, and committees to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending processes, procedures, guidelines, and requirements for city boards, commissions, and committees. Former council member Rick Stephens voiced concerns and disappointment about the ramifications of this ordinance, especially where it concerned the Alpine Airport Advisory Board.

During action items, the council voted unanimously on all but one of the items up for approval. Action item one was the final reading of Ordinance 2022-10-03, in which it established Chapter 16 – boards. commissions, and committees to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending processes, procedures, guidelines, and requirements for city boards, commissions, and committees. Ward 2 council member Chris Rodriguez spoke openly about the Alpine Airport Advisory Board being dissolved, and that perhaps the former board members were not tasked by the council to give reports. Rodri-

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# BRI studies mammals in national park

On the northeastern range of the Chihuahuan Desert along the U.S.-Mexico border, the 800,000-acre Big Bend National Park boasts a diversity of ecosystems and hosts a variety of plant and animal species. The park was established in 1944 in part to preserve these species, and it is the largest protected area of the Chihuahuan Desert in the U.S.

Given the importance of the park for biodiversity and habitat protection in the Trans-Pecos, species distribution in the park has been well-studied. However, it is also important to monitor changes over time and to gauge what factors within the park may contribute to change, such as increased visitation use and climate change.

Borderlands Research Institute conducted a study of mammals in the park to understand their distribution, activity, habitat use, and co-occurrence patterns, specifically for carnivores and ungulates. Fifty-eight motion-triggered camera traps were placed within and surrounding the Chisos Basin from 2014-2019.

A variety of mammals were documented, including the two large carnivores of the park - mountain lions and black bears - as well as mesocarnivores such as bobcats, badgers, coyotes, kit foxes, gray



Javelina are commonly found in Big Bend.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

foxes, raccoons, ringtails, longtailed weasels, hooded skunks, and more. Ungulates in the park include the Carmen Mountains white-tailed deer, mule deer, and javelina, and the invasive feral hog and aoudad.

The study found white-tailed deer mostly occurring in higher elevations, and mule deer in lower elevations. There was evidence of bobcat and coyote coexistence.

Exotic species of aoudad were present, and identified as habitat generalists, raising the concern of potential competition with native desert bighorn sheep which

are repopulating the park. Mountain lions and black bears overlapped with all mammal species within the park, indicating large carnivores can influence species diversity and distribution. Black bears and mountain lions differed in their use of areas near human infrastructure, with black bears detected more often and closer to human use areas.

This study occurred over a fiveyear period and can help park biologists identify potential areas of species interactions and humanwildlife conflict to make habitat management decisions.



# Boquillas crossing posts new winter hours

The Boquillas Port of Carmen and Ocampo, Entry within Big Bend National Park, providing access to the town of Boquillas, Coahuila, Mexico, as well as the Mexican Protected Areas of Maderas del

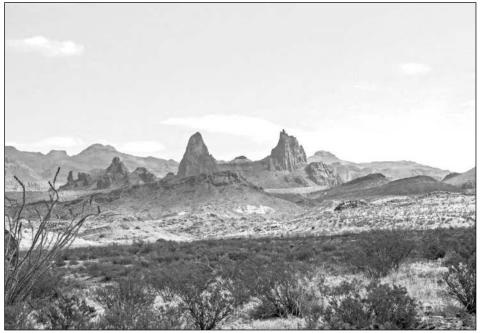
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# Big Bend National Park makes top list

As travel continues to make a comeback, National Geographic unveiled its annual list of the 25 inspiring destinations for the renewed travel prospects. This year's "Best of the World" feature is themed around travel destinations that leverage the benefits of tourism to strengthen their local communities and environments. Big Bend National Park was selected in the nature cat-

egory. The "Best of the World 2023" list was created, researched, reported and written in collaboration with National Geographic Traveler's international editorial teams. Nat Geo's "Best of the World" list for the year ahead celilluminate our beautiful world and the diversity of communities and people within it, grouped by category: Family, Adventure, Culture, Nature. This year's 2023 list honors Big Bend National Park as an escape to wild, beautiful places in the nature category.



"Best of the World' is Nat Geo's annual love letter to the most incredible places in the world, both near and far," said ebrates destinations and Nathan Lump, National travel experiences that Geographic's Editor-in-Chief. "We couldn't be prouder to shine a light on these 25 extraordinary places that most inspired us this year, and which we know will define travelers' itineraries for years to come. From craft breweries and Asia's top film festival in Busan, South Ko-

rea, to women-led Indigenous tourism in Alberta, Canada, and the densest leatherback turtle nesting ground in the world in Trinidad and Tobago, this year's list reminds us that there is still so much out there to explore and experience."

"Travelers to the Big Bend region of Texas are greeted with breathtaking scenery, abundant opportunities for exploration and warm western hospitality," said Robert Alvarez, executive director

of Visit Big Bend. "Our local communities of Marathon, Study Butte, Terlingua and Lajitas are honored by National Geographic's recognition of Big Bend National Park and look forward to welcoming old friends back to the area and new explorers for the first time."

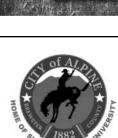
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Beginning in October, the City began hosting public meetings, one per Ward plus a Mayoral meeting, structured to hear and document public ideas and concerns. Specific TOPICS that we would love to hear the public's ideas on are: 1) Transparent Government, 2) Strong & Resilient Economy, 3) Safe & Flourishing Neighborhoods, 4) Sustainable Infrastructure, and 5) Effective & Efficient Services. We will also have an "Other" category for all other comments and ideas that do not fit into the five topics listed.

# City staff looks forward to seeing you at one of the remaining meetings:

- November 5, Saturday, Granada Event Space, 2:00pm (Mayor)
- November 17, Thursday, Visitor Center Pavilion, 5:30pm (Ward 5)
- December 1, Thursday, Alpine Public Library, 6:00pm (Ward 4)
- December 7, Wednesday, American Legion Hall, 12:00pm (Ward 3)

All citizens can attend any of the offered meetings; you are not limited to just the one assigned for the Ward you live in.



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What is your biggest concern with our

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- Inflation and the cost of living.
- Abortion rights.
- Ongoing election fraud.
- Gun violence in schools and public

places

Vote for this week's poll online at: www.AlpineAvalanche.com

# ETTERS

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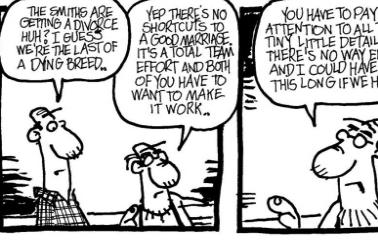
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# Creating shared benefits for our schools and community

We are better together.

At Alpine ISD, partnership is more than a buzzword. Rather, it's one of our district's driving goals. That goal is to enhance family, school, and community relationships, partnerships, and communication.

More specifically, we create and support partnerships with local governments, schools, community organizations, and individuals to promote collaborations geared towards shared benefits for Alpine ISD students and the community. These partnerships are not an "add-on;" they're a critical part of our district strategy for becoming one of the best school districts in Texas.

Through partnerships with

Sul Ross State University on GEAR-UP grants and a potential Principal Residency grant, we are preparing students for college success and creating opportunities for current Alpine ISD teachers to train to be instructionally-

focused school leaders. Through an emerging partnership with the University of Texas Permian Basin, we're creating a grant-funded Teacher Residency Program that funds the last two years of college for aspiring teachers while participants work as paid Teacher Residents in Alpine ISD schools.

Through a potential partnership with four surrounding school districts, Alpine ISD hopes to launch a grantfunded National Board Certification Cohort in the Big Bend that will help high-performing teachers earn their NBCT certification and a corresponding \$7,000 annual salary boost.

Through partnerships with Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Alpine Community Projects, and area businesses, Alpine ISD is working to launch a desperately needed childcare center to provide high-quality childcare to infants and toddlers across our community, a proven driver of economic growth.

Through partnerships with Brewster County Sheriff's Office, Alpine Police Department, and area law enforcement agencies, Alpine ISD continues to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

We partner with our stu-

dents' families to create strong, trusting relationships between home and school, where parents feel connected, teachers feel supported, and students receive what they need to develop to their full potential.

However, we don't engage in these partnerships just for the sake of partnership. Rather, we partner so that we can solve problems, create new opportunities, and construct shared benefits that none of us could achieve alone.

At Alpine ISD, our vision is to be the best people working together to be the premier school district in Texas and the educational choice in our community. When our schools prosper, our community prospers. Through partnerships, we're creating an even better Alpine ISD and an even better Alpine.

# Let's stop time change madness in Texas!

The dumbest collective human experience we exercise twice a year is switching our clocks forward one hour, then back one hour just four months later. We are the only species that compensates for the Representatives, Dist. 122 tilt of the axis of the earth, other than the folks in

Hawaii and Arizona. This strange ritual has become ingrained in our lives since 1918 started when the U.S. Congress decided to manipulate time by passing the Standard Time Act to save energy and create time zones. Back then, coal was our exclusive energy source, and ensuring that Americans had more daylight working hours made sense.

Today, there is no reason



LYLE LARSON Texas House of

practice. In fact, in 2008 the U.S. Department of Energy determined that sticking with one time year-round could actually save about 0.5% of electricity each day nationwide.

The practice of changing our clocks has other significant drawbacks. The risk of heart attack increases 10% in the days following springing forward, most likely caused by sleep deprivation and the interruption of biological rhythms. Studies also indicate that we're more likely to get sick, less productive and, frankly, just exhausted directly following the time change.

California and Florida have elected to observe day-

to continue this light saving time year-round. The nation is waiting for Texas to pick one - daylight saving time or standard time - and stick with it. If the voters elect standard time, the change will be automatic. If voters elect daylight saving time year-round, we will need Congress to amend federal law to allow states to remain on daylight saving time.

> During the 2019 legislative session, my office filed legislation seeking to end this practice. Joint resolution 117, if passed, would have allowed Texans the opportunity to vote whether to stay on standard time year-round or daylight saving time yearround. HJR 117 passed the House 133-9.

Two Republican senators and one Democrat asked to be the Senate sponsor of the

bill, but Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick decided to unilaterally kill the opportunity for Texans to lock the clock.

Had the bill passed in the Senate, it would have been the first time since daylight saving time was enacted over a century ago that voters in Texas would have had the opportunity to vote to end the biannual clockchanging process.

For the past century, Texas legislative efforts to do away with the biannual clock adjustment have been attempted many times. None of those efforts have come this close to passage.

We believe that our approach of allowing Texas voters to pick between keeping daylight saving time or standard time year-round provides the compromise needed to get this done.

# ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bon Voyage Karen

Our dear friend and neighbor Karen Williams is moving to Oregon. Karen has been a vital part of our community for 46 years. She began her journey in Alpine being involved and working throughout the community in numerous endeavors.

Karen worked at the Sunshine House as director of

the meals program for several years. She opened Morning Star Stained Glass on historic Murphy Street in the early eighties, and in 1985, she began a seven-year stint in which she taught Art at Alpine Elementary School. Karen was a founding member and served on the steering committee of the Big Bend Food Co-op (a natural foods buying club) that was started in the mid 70's and operated for over 25 years. Historic Alpine, Inc. welcomed Karen to their board where she served as treasurer, assisted with the Wall of Pioneers project and Gallery Night. Quetzal Imports, which she owned and operated participated in the first Gallery Night and remained a popular location each year until the retail store

closed in 2011. Karen and her late husband Scott were also founding members of the Alpine Montessori School.

A come and go reception will be held at the Galleria Sibley on Nov. 11th from 4 to 6 p.m. to wish Karen well as she enters this new chapter in her life.

> Susan Bell Alpine

Please stop at stop signs!

I need to check with Alpine ISD to see if they give a course on driving in the City of Alpine. Everything I learned doesn't apply in Alpine - do not stop at stop signs, speed through school zones, and talk on your cell phones while in school zones.

I thought living at the corner of W. Del Rio and Middle School Road protected me from bad drivers because it is in a school zone. I was very

wrong. On Oct. 26 I had a sign stolen that says "Respect-Stop-Thank You." That makes seven signs stolen at this corner so far. I guess the great Alpine drivers can not stand to be reminded that there are stop signs at the corner of W. Del Rio and Middle School Road.

My wife and I do not like Alpine drivers trying to broadside us when we are trying to leave our house just because they can't stop at a red stop sign. On Oct. 21 at 8:15 a.m., a silver

Toyota Tacoma ran through the stop sign going at least 60 mph, then ran through the next stop sign at North 14th Street. As the fall semester continues toward its end, the driving has gotten a lot worse. I went to the police sta-

tion, and asked them if they can come by in the morning because the driving is getting really dangerous. I have sent letters to the Avalanche Editor every year about the large percentage of drivers showing

zero respect for other people who live in Alpine. I have asked for a rebuttal from Alpine drivers about why they should not stop at stop signs. They can always say they believe in driving anarchy, and too bad to other people who live in the Alpine community and obey stop signs. I just hope my wife and I

will never get hurt by these anarchy drivers.

Kurt Mannchen Alpine #ALPINE AVALANCHE Heard

on the STREET

Will you vote or have you voted early, or will you vote regularly during the general election?



Jaiden Portillo, Alpine: I already voted. I did early voting, and felt it was just better to get it over with because I do forget a lot of things.



George Barrow, Alpine: I early voted yesterday. It was very easy and real simple. The ballot was easy to understand. The voting process lasted about 10-15 minutes, and I was very pleased to get my civic duty done.



Woody Pinkerton, Alpine: No, I have not voted. The Lord will lead whoever we need in office.



Michelle Ferran, Alpine: I will definitely vote, but it just depends on my time. If I could get there, I would do it early.



Janet Anderson, Alpine: I already voted early on Tuesday. It's funny because it's just piled on you from the television all the long lines, and I'm thinking, don't these places have two weeks of early voting? I don't understand why people wait until the last day when they know it's going to be horrible, and they have two weeks to go over and vote. I always vote early.

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**NOV. 10** Alzheimer's Webinar, will be available in Alpine from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to help people with Alzheimer's, dementia, or memory impairment. There is no fee but donations will be ac-

cepted. For more information call

or text 432-386-2833. **NOV. 12** Horseshoe and Cribbage Tournaments, 9:30 a.m., Ken & Joe May Barnes Memorial Scholarship fundraiser at Terlingua Ghost Town horseshoe pits. Arrive by 9 a.m. to sign up. Barbecue plates served around noon followed by auction. All proceeds benefit Ter-

lingua school graduates. **David R. Delaney Memorial** 5k Run/Walk, 10 a.m. at Kokernot baseball field, Loop Rd. in Alpine. Presented by Alpine Morale Welfare and Recreation. Signup



fee \$30, shirt and meal included. Free Fall Festival, hosted by the First Baptist Church from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. located at 204 N. 4th St. There will be free games, a cake walk, hot dogs,

**NOV. 17 Brewster County Histori**cal Commission, will have their next meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Big Bend.

and more.

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 BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.

**American Legion Post 79** meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 4 p.m., third Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

**Big Bend Community Cho**rale 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 bbcchorale. wixsite.com/bbcc.

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# Halloween fun



Emory Yadon and Collin Sledge participate in the pumpkin patch bean bag toss as Anacelia Rivera looks on.

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# ET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Alonzo. Alonzo is a sensitive and intelligent dog. He was a bit shy on his first days in the Shelter but is coming out of his shell. So far, he has a couple of female companions with which he feels comfortable.

He is very aware of his surroundings and knows how to check the latches on the gates. He follows his handler loyally and may be a good candidate for off-leash training or ranch living. In short: intelligent, sensitive, and handsome. The perfect

partner for life. Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/ found pets, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 N. 5th Street in Alpine, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Pet Pantry recently moved to 600 N. 5th

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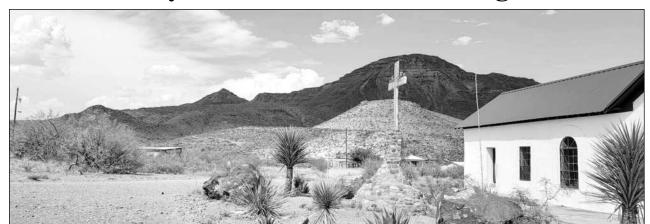
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# Former Hollywood actor recalls filming in Shafter



Shafter was the filming location for the 1971 movie, "The Andromeda Strain."

BY ROXANNE HILL

Staff Writer

The Big Bend's vast landscape has served as an inspirational backdrop for filmmakers and actors, including many who have honed their creativity in the high desert.

Classic Western films such as the iconic "Giant," was filmed in Marfa in the 1950s, and more recently,"No Country for Old Men" and "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada" were both filmed on location at Big Bend National Park and Lajitas.

Many may be surprised to learn that Shafter, a little-known ghost town located 18 miles north of Presidio on U.S. Highway 67, became an inspiration for the science fiction movie genre when "The Andromeda Strain" was filmed there in 1970.

Veteran Hollywood actor Mark Jenkins talked to the Avalanche about his experiences while filming "The Andromeda Strain," and working with well-known movie director Robert Wise. Wise won the Academy Award for Best Director and Best Picture for his musical films "West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music." Wise directed Jenkins briefly during the outdoor scenes on location in Shafter.

"The Andromeda Strain" is about a small New Mexico town where nearly all of its 48 residents perished after a military satellite returned from space.

"They hired a bunch of local people to play the townspeople," said Jenkins, whose film career launched in 1966, only a few years before the film was shot in Shafter.

"In the beginning of the movie, it shows this military van with a radar or antenna on the top of it spinning around, and myself and another soldier are inside. I am on the microphone broadcasting back what I am seeing. We are seeing dead people everywhere, and before long, we join them."

Jenkins recalls meeting many of the locals who played parts in the film, and they all had lunch together. It was an enjoyable experience for a new Hollywood actor to be a part of a movie in such a desolate area of Far West Texas.

"It was in the middle of nowhere, very empty, and it was so not close to anything but the Mexican border," he recalled. "When we stopped shooting, we went across the border to party."

Thomas Michael Riley,

Matt Castillo, Kathryn

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Young, and local favor-

ites Los Pinche Gringos.

competition with music

that goes on where this

event is concerned. The

Tolbert Chili Cookoff

Group also contributes

proceeds of their sanc-

tioned events to local

charities such as Terlin-

gua schools, Terlingua

Fire, and EMS. In honor

of the co-founder of the

event Wick Fowler, their

primary beneficiary is

Fund Balance - Ending

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

This isn't just a chili

Jenkins left Hollywood

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

in the late 1970s when he moved to Seattle, and started a career in theatre. He also worked on the stage in Los Angeles, New York, and Seattle.

In 1986, Jenkins had another movie role in Texas where he was cast with Willie Nelson in "Red Headed Stranger," a Western filmed near

About Shafter, Jenkins added, "It was interesting being in that part of the country and being so far away from everything. It was kind of exciting."

Shafter was once a bustling silver mining town, but the population has dwindled to a few families in this tiny, unincorporated community in Presidio County. But for many locals and visitors, a cinematic piece of Hollywood remains.

# COUNCIL • FROM 1

guez stated that she understood the disappointment of the constituents and reminded the council that as council members they were tasked with serving those who elected them. She was the lone vote against this action item, with the other three council members who were in attendance in favor.

Three of the five action items on the agenda were all resolutions to approve directives for different boards and commissions for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The last action item on the agenda was the approval of a resolution adopting a new rental agreement and updated fee schedule for the Alpine Civic Center.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers and via Zoom video conference.



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## ROSWELL LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALES, INC. SALE DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022

1545 head of cattle sold on a higher market, with excellent buyer attendance. This is the top of the market and prices range down from this according to quality, quantity, condition, and fill.

# **COMPARED TO LAST WEEK:**

Stocker Calves: \$5.00 to \$12.00 higher Feeder Cattle: \$5.00 to \$10.00 higher Packer Cows and Bulls: Cows Steady

Bull \$7.00 higher

# CHILI • FROM 1

very first Terlingua Chili Cook-Off.

The term "bowl o' red" began in the 1880s in San Antonio, Texas, where a market was set up with stands in which chili- or "bowls o 'red" as they were called- were sold by women who were dubbed "chili queens." They began by feeding men in Military Plaza and have continued for two hundred years. Though recipes vary, meat and dried chiles (peppers) are the staple. There are certain ingredients, however, that nowhere in Texas chili history are allowed. In fact, the official rule books for the chili cookoffs prohibit beans and tomatoes from being included in the chili competition. This distinction is what set everything into motion.

Steeped in tradition, the Tolbert Chili Cookoff Group hosts the Frank X. Tolbert and Wick Fowler Original Terlingua Chili Cookoff. Located behind the old Terlingua store, this event occurs every year on the first weekend of November. While this contest is based on chili, the group have stepped up and added a few more challenges to their weekend line-up. There is a BBQ competition, a bean competition, a salsa competition, and even a margarita competition. It is undoubtedly a weekend full of all the food that makes Texas great. Competition and food are not all that this fun-filled weekend has to offer; in fact, the 'Behind the Store' cookoff has an all-star lineup of Texas musicians for everyone to enjoy.

The 2022 music entertainment for the 55th Annual Original Terlingua Chili Cookoff consists of none other than Ray Wylie Hubbard. The Oklahoma born singer/songwriter has been a Dallas native since 1954. He is known for catchy tunes such as "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mother", made famous by Jerry Jeff Walker, as well as "Choctaw Bingo" and "Snake Farm". He's had a lengthy career on the Texas music scene. Hubbard is not the only familiar talent gracing the stage at this venue. The man who is considered to be the father of the progressive country music

the ALS Association of scene in Texas, Gary P. Nunn, will also perform. Texas. The musical lineup also includes Mark David Manders, Nikki Lane,

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# ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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REVENUES										
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	6,940,286	\$	51,180	\$	2,081,079	\$	9,072,545	
5800	State Program Revenues	-	4,248,203	•	,	•	182,710	•	4,430,913	
5900	Federal Program Revenues		291,466		_		3,303,933		3,595,399	
5020	Total Revenues		11,479,955	_	51,180		5,567,722	_	17,098,857	
EXPENDITURES									<del></del> .	
0011	Instruction		4,955,228		_		2,160,055		7,115,283	
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0013	Curriculum & Instrl. Staff Dvlpmnt.		80,085		_		82,295		162,380	
0021	Instructional Leadership		57,994		_		247,094		305,088	
0023	School Leadership		755,966		_		98,620		854,586	
0031	Guid. Counseling & Evaluation Srves		248,239		_		699,657		947,896	
0033	Health Services		58,771		_		_		58,771	
0034	Student Transportation		1,016,039		_		_		1,016,039	
0035	Food Services		37,932		-		511,873		549,805	
0036	Extracurricular Activities		823,611		-		´-		823,611	
0041	General Administration		743,712		_		-		743,712	
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations		1,282,117		-		157,070		1,439,187	
0052	Security and Monitoring Services		135,324		-		61,785		197,109	
0053	Data Processing Services		289,359		_		-		289,359	
0061	Community Services		862		_		-		862	
0071	Debt Service - Principal		39,873		-		460,000		499,873	
0072	Debt Service - Interest		5,050		-		762,950		768,000	
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs		-		-		3,795		3,795	
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction		314,054		14,888,701		-		15,202,755	
0093	Payments to Member Districts of SSA		159,481		-		-		159,481	
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges		265,571		-		-		265,571	
6030	Total Expenditures		11,473,114		14,888,701		5,245,194		31,607,009	
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over									
	(Under) Expenditures		6,841		(14,837,521)		322,528		(14,508,152)	
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance		6,841		(14,837,521)		322,528		(14,508,152)	
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning		9,474,735		15,929,347		1,187,711		26,591,793	
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# ELECTION • FROM 1

Marathon. Voters in Pct. 5 can cast early ballots at the Panther Junction Visitor Center in Big Bend National Park, and Pcts. 6 and 7 may cast early ballots at the J.W. "Red" Patillo Community Center on Highway 118 in Study Butte.

On election day all registered voters must cast their ballots in the precinct in which they are registered.

Tuesday, November 8th is election day and the last opportunity for registered voters to cast their ballots for this midterm election. Voters in Pct. 1 may cast their ballots at the new location located at the Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, 1802 N. Hwy 118, across from Alpine High School. For those voters in Pct. 2, ballots may be cast at the Val Clark Beard Complex, 203 North Seventh Street in Alpine. Polling location for Pct. 3 will be the Marathon Community Center located at 2nd Avenue and Avenue E. Voters registered in Pct. 4 may cast their ballots at the Alpine Civic Center-Council Chambers at 803 W. Holland Ave. For Pct. 5, voters may cast their ballots at the Panther Junction Visitor Center in Big Bend National Park. Precincts 6 and 7 will cast their ballots at the J.W. "Red" Patillo Community Center in Study Butte just off Hwy 118. Precinct 8 voters may cast their final ballots at the Food Pantry of Alpine, 933 East Gallego Avenue in Alpine.

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# LOOKING BACK

Alpine Avalanche

SERVING THE BIG BEND AND DAVIS MOUNTAINS COUNTRY

**November 10, 1977** The Texas Omicron ETA Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Marfa has chosen Vonnelle Davis as 1978 Valentine Queen. Vonnelle has been active in Beta Sigma Phi for six years, and is now serving as president of her chapter. She

has lived in Marfa

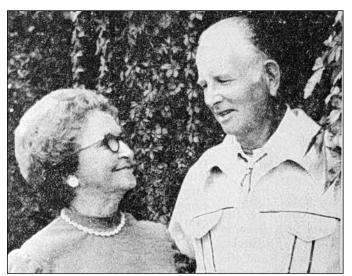
for 10 years, and

is employed with

Southwestern Bell in

the Alpine office.





November 10, 1977 Everyone is invited to share in the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mae and Tot Lawhon from 6-10 p.m., Nov. 12, at the Sunshine House. A dance and reception is being given by their daughter and son-in-law, Janette and Dick Bowers, and the grandchildren Connie, Fred, Clay, Cole, Casey, Kelly, George.

# November 17, 1977

Joel Nelson fires during the Sul Ross State Univer-Range sity and Wildlife Club's turkey shoot Sunday. Nelson competed with about 100 other participants for 25 tur-

keys.





### November 24, 1977

Moy Martinez offered baked goods to Lela Weatherby recently when the Fort Davis Boy Scouts had a bake sale and nobody came. So the Scouts went to the people. In the back of the truck are Lonnie Bloys, Tex Bloys, Regan Crowder, Ricky Crowder, and Graydon Hicks.

# Wisteria doesn't produce many flowers

Dear Neil: I have a full wisteria bush, but it has only had a few blooms these past few years. It has grown abundantly, but almost no flowers. Why might that be?

There are several possible reasons. First, if you are pruning it in the fall or winter, you're cutting off the flowering wood. Wisterias bloom on growth they made in the prior year, so hold off on pruning until after the blooming season. If it's in shade, that will seriously impact its blooming. If you're giving it a great deal of nitrogen in late summer and fall, that can come at the expense of production of flowers. Nitrogen promotes vegetative growth. It might be a little late to try this (usually better in early September), but root-pruning often helps. Use a sharpshooter spade to cut a slit 18-24 inches

**ACROSS** 

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small step for \_



**GARDENER'S MAILBAG** by neil sperry

out from the trunk all the

way around the plant. The shock of having roots cut often will trigger the plant to produce flower buds.

Dear Neil: Is there a life expectancy to a border of dwarf yaupon hollies? I have some that are about 30 years old, and they are looking very ragged. I'm trying to keep them at 24 inches in height, but some of them are leggy, and others are quite sparse.

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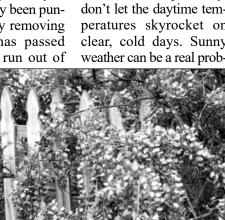
governor, David

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When we prune a shrub repeatedly at a height that is less than its normal mature height, it eventually wears out. Dwarf yaupon hollies if left unpruned would grow to be 36-42 inches tall. Each time your plants have tried to produce new growth, you have essentially been punishing them by removing it. As time has passed by they have run out of

steam. That u s u a l l y happens after 15 or 20 years, so you're getting extra time already. You'11 very pleased with the look of new plants in

scape.



your land- Wisteria the way it's supposed to

Dear Neil: I have a new greenhouse to feed my gardening habit. I have ferns, cacti and succulents, and some orchids. What would the best temperature be for the winter?

I would suggest 60F-64F. More importantly, don't let the daytime temperatures skyrocket on clear, cold days. Sunny can be a real problem if the greenhouse is not very large. The volume of air in smaller greenhouses is small, and temperatures rise in a hurry. Make sure you have made good provision for ventilation. Also, be sure you have a reliable backup heat source that does not require electricity should there be a power outage. Camp stoves that use kerosene as fuel are not good because they will produce smoke and fumes that will harm your plants and discolor the greenhouse surfaces. Serious enthusiasts will have a generator nearby.

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







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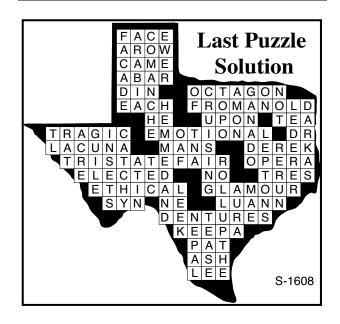
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# West Texas National Bank

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West Texas National Bank $^{\text{TM}}$  is pleased to announce that Phillip Carey has been promoted to Senior Vice President/Market President of their Alpine Branch. In this position, Phillip will oversee and develop WTNB's Retail, Commercial and Agricultural Lending relationships as well as deposit relationships in their Alpine and Terlingua Markets.

"We are very pleased to have found Phillip to join us in Alpine. His 14 years of banking experience, connections to the community, and, both his and his wife's enthusiastic desire to relocate back to Alpine and raise their family there, will certainly make this transition smooth and comfortable for all stakeholders," Brady Ross, SVP/West Texas Division manager.

The Alpine Branch thanks David Rogers for his almost 16 years of branch leadership and is delighted he will remain on staff as a Senior Vice President / Commercial Real Estate Lender.

Phillip started at WTNB in Alpine as a Personal Banker shortly after graduating from Sul Ross State University in 2008 and has since worked in the Midland, Monahans and Uvalde Markets before accepting his "dream job" back in Alpine. "Ever since beginning my career here in Alpine, it was always my desire to return to the bank that started my career," states Phillip. Over the past 14 years, Phillip has mainly focused on Agricultural, Commercial & Industrial Lending as well as Commercial Real Estate Lending and has enjoyed getting deeply involved in the communities he serves. Phillip is proud to have been nominated and is currently serving a 3 year term on the Texas Bankers Association Bank Leadership Council.

Phillip received a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science from SRSU and married into a family of Sul Ross graduates with his wife and father-in-law both having multiple degrees from SRSU. Phillip is happily married to his wife of 14 years, Jena, who is an Alpine High School graduate where she was a cheerleader and the mascot Belvie. They have three wonderful children, two of whom attend Alpine Elementary School. "It's great to be able to raise our children in Alpine – where schools are so strongly supported by the community," states Phillip.

Over the years, Phillip has been involved in the ANRS & Rodeo Exes, Uvalde Lions Club, Monahans Lions Club, Monahans Ambassadors, Ward County Crime Stoppers and the Sul Ross Alumni Association where both he and his wife are Lifetime Members. In 2020, Phillip was honored to be awarded the Monahans Ambassadors – Ambassador of the Year award. Upon being asked why Alpine, Phillip states, "it is important to be a part of community, not just to live in a town, but to actually be really involved. That is what I love about Alpine – you can be involved, you can make a difference, you can get to know members of the community on many levels. Alpine is definitely something special."

Phillip is looking forward to getting more involved in the Alpine community and bringing his experience and skills to his new role as the Alpine Market President of West Texas National Bank<sup>TM</sup>.

# Stop on by and welcome Phillip in his new role to our Alpine Branch

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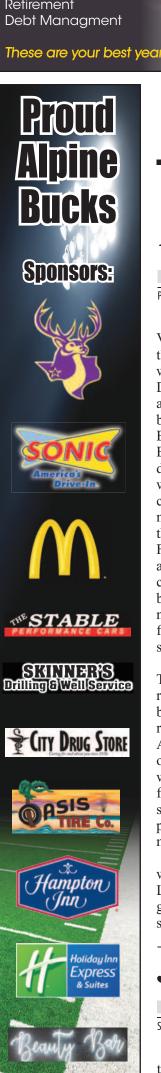


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Alpine Vet Clinic

# Sports

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# Alpine clinches coveted title

BY J.T. MARONEY

Publisher

If you are a Lady Buck Volleyball fan, then this is the week you have been waiting a long time for. District play ended with a 2-way tie for first place between the Alpine Lady Bucks and the Crane Lady Birds. Because of a new district rule, both teams were declared co-district champions. A tie-breaker match was set between these two teams in neutral Fort Stockton on Saturday afternoon. At stake was the coveted first seeding in the bi-district playoff game, not to mention an unofficial District Championship.

Alpine traveled well. The football teams and rowdy supporters from both towns made for a raucous and packed gym. Alpine would dominate set one against the Lady Birds with a score of 25-16. Effort during the rematch stood out as the team played clean and fast with minimal errors.

Sets two and three would go in favor of the Lady Birds by small margins, 25-20, and 25-23 respectively. With their backs



Alpine Lady Bucks square off against Crane for the District title.

Avalanche photo by JT Maroney

against the wall, Alpine willed out a victory in set four, 25-20, forcing a fifth set. With everything on the line, the Lady Bucks dug deep and completed the comeback, dominating the fifth and final set, 15-8. Juniors Adayna Garcia and Nova Carrasco led at the net in attempts and kills with few errors. Top servers were junior Ali Maroney and sophomore Jaycee Portillo. Sophomore Hope Dominguez also showed her skills on the court as an all-around player.

Tuesday night's matchup against Brownfield will ce-

ment the team's place in Alpine history books. The Lady Bucks won Bi-District, the first time in four years. Junior Mia Morris said about the game, "Most of our team has been playing together since third grade, we have endured and experienced a lot over the years. We've had undefeated seasons in middle school, we have won tournaments and we have also fallen short. We laughed and cried together and learned lessons. Winning District and Bi-District with this team has been the

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sweetest moment yet! It is something truly special."

Right out of the gate the Lady Bucks seemed lost and found themself quickly fighting from behind. A concentrated rally allowed the girls to erase a 6-point deficit and go on to win set one, 25-20. Front row hit-

ter Garcia and Maroney led the attempts during the set. The Lady Bucks also won set two, 25-23, but not without a fight from the Brownfield Cubs, who battled admirably the entire game. That was evident as the Bucks went on to drop set three 25-12. Not to be

# **Fightin' Buck Schedule**

FOOTBAL

Nov. 4: Alpine vs. Crane Varsity 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 5: Alpine vs. Friona- Area @ Andrews 1:30

**CROSS COUNTRY** 

Nov. 3: State Championship Meet @ Round Rock TBA

# JV Bucks battled Reagan County

BY MESINDA LLANEZ

Sports Correspondent

he JV. Bucks traveled to Reagan County last Thursday to play a 7-1 Reagan County team. The Bucks and Owls started things off quickly, as the Owls scored within minutes. Soon after, freshman Maverick Milligan was able to run in for a touchdown, however the extra two-point conversion was no good, leaving the Owls ahead 8-6. The Owls scored again against the Fightin' Bucks; the score was now 14-6. The Bucks battled as freshman, Dae Hardwick threw a beautiful pass to freshman Alec Ramos in the end zone, but the two-point conversion was no good, thus



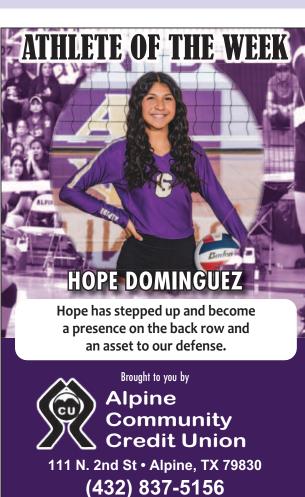
**Bucks JV Football faces off against the Regan** County Owls.

Photo by Mesinda Llanez

leaving the Bucks behind 14-12. The Owls were able to capitalize on a safety against the Bucks, making the score 16-12, and before the first quarter was over, they were able to score one more, leaving the Bucks trailing by a score of 24-12. Within the first few min-

utes of the second quarter, freshman A.J. Llanez scored for the Bucks, but the two-point conversion again was no good for the Bucks and the Owls were able to put one more on the board be-

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# Mark Chiles

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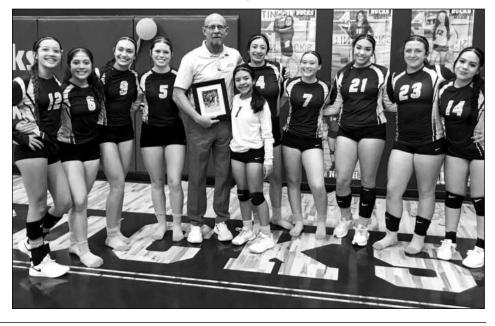


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# JV Gold finishes season undefeated in District

The JV Gold Lady **Bucks finished their** season Oct. 25 in Alpine against the Presidio Lady Devils with a final record of 20-9, finishing out an undefeated record in District play, 8-0. In the photo are Naida Morris, Vianney Santos, Nevaeh Carrasco, Amanda Ahrens, Coach Chris Virdell, Chiquita Ramos, Ayvah Arauza, Karo Castillo, Elena Valenzuela, Kody Hawkins, and Rikki Vega.

Photo by Cynthia Payne



# FOOTBALL • FROM 9

fore the halftime, leaving the Bucks behind by two touchdowns. As the second half began, the Bucks were faced with some injured players on the sideline and a deficit score of 30 -18 in favor of the Owls. The Bucks continued to battle, as Llanez scored for the Bucks bringing the score to within a touchdown of a tie game. The Owls were able to score again however, bringing the score to 36-24. The Fightin' Bucks kept marching down the field as Llanez scored with another touchdown for the Bucks and Milli-

gan with the extra two points, narrowing the points on the board to a score of 36-32. Both teams battled back and forth, however the Owls were able to put one more on the board with a final score of 42-32. Defensively, the Bucks were led by Junior, Sean Mendoza, Milligan, and Llanez. The J.V. Bucks will travel to Crane this Thursday for their final game at 6:00 p.m. The J.V. Bucks are now 5-3-1. Varsity will face Crane this Friday at Bucks stadium for senior night at Buck Stadium.

# Area teams take volleyball titles

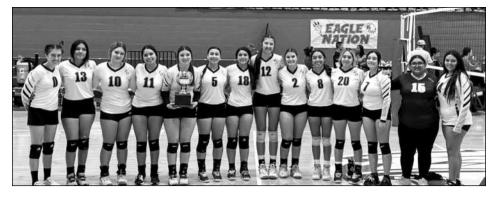


Bi-District wins sweep the Big Bend- Mountain region. The Lady Indians from Fort Davis, Lady Shorthorns from Marfa and the Lady Mustangs from Marathon all competed and won Bi-District volleyball championships recently and move on to Area competition.



**OLE CRYSTAL BAR** 

Courtesy photos





# VOLLEYBALL • FROM 9

ousted, Alpine turned up the heat on set four and sent the Cubs back north for good. With accurate play from the front row and polished passes from the back row, the Lady Bucks closed set four 25-12 and claimed the golden trophy.

After the game, the Avalanche spoke to Head Coach Autumn Kilpatrick about what this win means to her program and her first year as a coach. "This has been an exciting year for the girls and for me as a new coach. They have earned the gold ball by putting in the work from day one. I get to watch these girls play their hearts out and leave with a championship for the second time this year. This proves how hard they have been working. I couldn't ask for a better team for my first year."

Alpine will battle to stay alive in the Area round of playoffs, facing Friona in Andrews this Saturday at 1:30.



The Alpine Lady Bucks faced off over the weekend on the final meeting with Crane. Both teams were tied with one loss in District and this meeting would determine the seeding for Tuesday's playoff game. The Lady Bucks won the game, becoming **District Champions.** 

Avalanche photo by JT Maroney



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# **O**BITUARIES

## E. Pitt Smith

E. Pitt Smith died Oct. 20, 2022, at his home. He was 92.

Mr. Smith was a native of Texas. He graduated from R. L. Paschal High in Fort Worth, Texas, and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He received his under graduate degree in business administration, education, and range animal husbandry from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. He was part of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association throughout his college days.

In 1952 Mr. Smith married Hazel Mather of Marathon, Texas. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean war, he returned to Sul Ross, and received a Masters Degree in Education. In 1956 he joined the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He served as field



investigator in the New Orleans, La., and Houston, Texas, districts, and as field supervisor in San Francisco, Calif., and Kansas City, Mo., districts. He served as district director in the Denver, Colo., District for 10 years, and district director in the Buffalo, N.Y., District for 20 years.

During his career with the FDA, Mr. Smith was instrumental in developing and managing a variety of precedent criminal and civil federal court cases involving fraud, and adulteration in the food, pharmaceutical, and medical device industries, along with the illegal dis-

tribution of drugs. He was responsible for establishing the first formal training in Food and Drug law for field personnel, and designed and implemented the initial courses for field supervisors. After over 40 years of service to the citizens of the U.S. and the U.S. government, he retired in 1996 to his home in Buffalo. His wife Hazel preceded him in death in 2017. They were married over 65 years.

Survivors include sister-in-law Sue Smith of Fort Worth, and numerous nieces and nephews of the Mather and Smith families.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 3312 Dryden Road, Fort Worth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Disabled American Veterans or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Jean Espy Everett

Jean Espy Everett (Nene) wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, a friend, and mentor to many, passed away peacefully on October 28th, 2022, surrounded by her family. Jean was born on March 9th, 1939, in Fort Davis, Texas to Pansy and (Big) Jim Espy. She is survived by her husband Tommy Everett of Fort Davis, TX, sister Pat Smith of Hobbs, New Mexico, sister Ann and Jim Duncan of Lake Whitney, TX, and Brother Jim and Sally Espy of Fort Davis, TX. Jean is survived by her three children Debby McIvor of Fort Davis, TX, Rick McIvor of Fort Davis, TX, and Scott McIvor and wife Julie of Fort Davis, TX and many nieces, nephews and great nieces

and nephews. Jean was always busy with her children and all their activities as they were growing up, whether it be working on family ranches, football, basketball, Stock Shows, and any other activity they participated in. In the late 1980s, during the Big Bend Livestock Show, she ran into her old friend Tommy Everett and their 30 plus year friendship and love story began. After they married in August 1989, they began their life together. They blended two families with Jean's three children and Tommy's children Cody Bob Everett and wife Shana of Tarzan, TX and Connie Voss and her husband Skipper of Waco, TX. In the mid 1990s the first grandchild arrived, Locke Ann McIvor of Fort Davis, TX, and then came Hadley McIvor of Dallas, TX, Mae McIvor of Portland, Oregon, Maverick McIvor of Abilene, TX, Casey Voss of Waco, TX, Jessi of Tarzan, TX and just recently the first great grandchild Rhodes Reed of Dallas, TX. Jean and Tommy loved all their grandchildren and tried to attend every activity they

Jean lived a full life, she touched and blessed many with her teaching, coach-

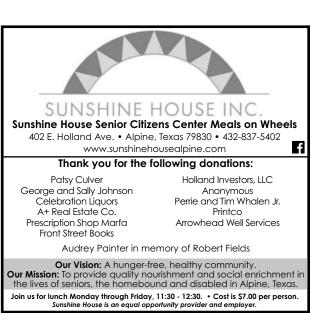
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ing, and jewelry fairs. She began her coaching career in Fort Stockton, then on to Marble Falls, Llano, Northern California, Presidio, Del Rio, and then "retired" in Fort Stockton in 2001 and was also inducted into the Tennis

Coach Hall of Fame in New Braunfels, Texas. She then began her jewelry business and traveling to arts and craft shows across the Southwest. Her love of tennis and coaching called her back and she began coaching tennis at the Fort Davis Independent School District and was actively coaching at 83 years old, while still running her jewelry booth. Jean was always dedicated to living

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life to its fullest, she loved making jewelry, cooking, canning rodeos, stock shows, coaching, tennis, fishing, and playing the slot machines. She was well known to have 3 slot machines going at once and when fishing, 3 poles going at once. In youth, she loved rodeos, sports, and showing the Espy's Rambouillet sheep. She later enjoyed showing sheep and steers with her kids and grandkids and placed at many of the major shows. She loved to cook especially when she was cooking for others, birthdays were very spe-

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cial, and she loved making people their favorite desserts. There was always homemade fudge, divinity, and caramel at every Christmas and Bloys camp meeting. Spring and summer were spent canning and preserving everything she could find from every fruit tree in the area. You may have found her in your backyard picking fruit, in the middle of a local ranch harvesting apples off a tree or plucking a few of the Davis Mountain wild cherries off of the side of the road. She passed on her love and her skills of all these

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things to her kids, grandchildren as well as many others. Anyone who met her never forgot her. We, her family, can't say how many times we have randomly met someone that she has touched. In everything she did she loved her family, her friends, her community, and she had a tremendous Faith in God. She put her heart and soul into everything she did, 120%, she will be missed by many.

In celebration of Jean Espy Everett's (Nene) life a memorial service was held at the Fort Davis High School Tennis Courts at 10am on Tuesday November 1st. Graveside followed at Hillcrest Cemetery. Lunch was served at Fort Davis Baptist Church for those who wanted to visit with the family. While flowers are appreciated, memorials can be made in her honor to the Fort Davis FFA, Jeff Davis County 4-H Club or the FDISD Tennis program.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: Mobile Mortician of Texas web page at www. mmoftexas.com or our facebook page.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT **Azra Gunes**

In what activities did you participate in high school?

During high school I participated in Marching and Concert Band, Academic UIL, FTC and FRC robotics competitions, and National Honor Society.

### Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

All my teachers had a profound impact on me, but I am especially thankful to Mr. Saunders, Mr. Crenshaw, and Coach Valenzuela for challenging me with something new every day and preparing me for my life after high school.

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

My favorite moment of high school was the Regional Academic UIL Competition in Abilene last year. It allowed me to spend



**Azra Gunes** 

time doing what I love, and I am grateful to be a part of such a group of like-minded people.

### What are your plans after high school?

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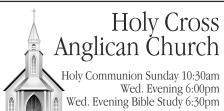


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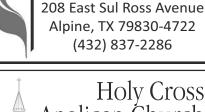
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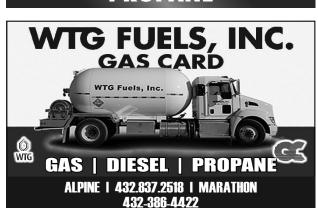
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Interested candidates can call (432)729-3071 Ext. 607 for more information. Resumes should be emailed to ebaeza@villagefarms. com or faxed to (432)375-6241, applications are also available at Village Farms Security Stations 3 Miles N. Hwy 17 Marfa, TX or 3 Miles S. Hwy 17 FT. Davis, TX.



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# **The Brewster County Central Appraisal District**

is accepting applications for the entry level position of

# **Property Tax Appraiser.**

Responsibilities include office and fieldwork associated with the appraisal of residential, commercial, rural, and personal property, analysis of market sales, and application of mass appraisal techniques. A valid Texas driver's license and excellent driving record are required. This position will require registration with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and schooling (5-years) to obtain the required RPA designation. Applicants must have excellent organizational skills, computer skills, mathematical skills, and effective communication and people skills. A pleasant, positive personality and good work ethic are necessary. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and knowledge of the Texas property tax system is a plus.

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Interested applicants may apply at 107 West Avenue E between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No phone calls please. All applications must be received by Friday, October 28, 2022 to be considered.

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Locals sample queso entries at the Dia de los Queso held at the Hotel Ritchey this weekend.

Avalanche photo by JT Maroney



Keller, Layne, and Lindley Lutz dressed up for the border patrol's trunk or treat. Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert



Norah Shoot models her face art at the pumpkin patch.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert



Visitors take a look at information on the Alpine Humane Society at the Dia de los Quests event this weekend. Avalanche photo by JT Maroney



Springfield's is the spookiest place in Marathon.

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Mackenzie Lewis and Georgia Muratori garnered first prize in the Annual Harvest Festival parade held in Alpine.



Local border patrol families enjoy their own 'trunk or treat' at Kokernot Park.

# VOTE Republican

# The Brewster County Republican Party

Early voting for the 2022 General Election is underway with National Election Day being Tuesday November 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting in Brewster County is held at the Val Clark Beard Building across the street from the County Clerk's office on 7th Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday November 3rd and 4th. Remote Early voting will be available on November 3 for precincts 3, 5, 6 and 7.

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thing I do regularly, and while I enjoy something sweet and satisfying just like the next person, I rarely break out the flour and measuring cups to create sweet treats to grace my table. Although I enjoy a decadent dessert, my tastes run quite simple. A simple chocolate cake, a light and spongy angel food cake, or a dense and buttery pound cake are simply my favorites. And then comes this recipe to turn everything upside down, and make anyone's taste-



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

won the flavor lottery.

When you are searching for a way to make your friends and family feel like a million bucks, look no further than this Million Dollar Pound



Courtesy Photo

Cake recipe. This elevated take on an old favorite will leave your friends and loved ones with a million-dollar smile for the remainder of the day.

Traditional pound cakes are buttery and dense, and overall quite simple but refreshingly delicious. This pound cake recipe however is true to its name

This recipe adds in crunchy toffee bits and velvety pecans as well as a drizzle of creamy caramel sauce to send your taste buds into heaven. For simplistic decadence,

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# Million Dollar Pound Cake

Ingredients:

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1-1/2 cups unsalted butter, softened

2 cups light brown sugar, packed

1 cup granulated sugar 5 large eggs, at room temperature

3 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup whole milk, at room temperature

1 (8-ounce) bag toffee bits 1 cup pecans, chopped 2-1/2 cups caramel sauce Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Generously spray all surfaces of a nonstick, 12-cup bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray, and flour or grease and flour the inside. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the butter until creamy. Add the brown sugar and the granulated sugar to the butter, beating until fluffy, no less than three minutes.

Add the eggs, one at a time, to the sugar mixture, beating until just the yellow disappears after each egg.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, the baking powder, and the salt. Gradually add the flour mixture to the butter mixture in thirds, alternating

with the milk in between each third. Beat the batter until just combined.

Stir the toffee bits and the pecans into the batter.

Spoon the batter into the prepared pan. Bake until a fork inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean, about 75–90 minutes. You may need to cover the top of the cake with foil near the end of cooking time to prevent excess browning.

Let the cake cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Transfer the cake from the pan and let cool completely on a wire rack. Spoon the caramel sauce over cake. Serve.

# Easy Caramel Sauce

Ingredients

1 cup packed brown sugar

½ cup half and half 4 tablespoons of butter

Pinch of salt
1 tablespoon va-

Directions

Mix the brown sugar, half-and-half, butter, and salt in a saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook while whisking gently for five to seven minutes until it gets thicker. Add the vanilla, and cook another minute to thicken further. Turn off the heat, cool slightly, and pour the sauce into a jar. Refrigerate until cold.





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