

Annual Live Nativity Dec. 19-21

The Annual Live Nativity, sponsored by Michael's Mountain Ministry of Alpine, will be held December 19-21 at the stable area by Kokernot Lodge. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each evening, with coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies served to members of the audience and participants after each night's performance.

This year, the Live Nativity will have been a part of the Alpine Christmas tradition for approximately 33 years. The Live Nativity's present location began in 1991. In the late '80s, the Live Nativity was just a still scene in front of the First Presbyterian Church. With very few props, though the same manger was used, there were no animals; just Mary, Joseph, a shepherd or two, and an angel on a ladder behind a backdrop.

As the vision for the production grew, Michael's Mountain Ministry moved the program to the stable area between

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Rental vacation homes under pressure

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The City of Alpine held its regularly scheduled city council meeting Dec. 6, with a swift meeting that led into an executive session. Ward 1 Council member Judy Stokes and Ward 3 Council member Sara Tandy were both absent, but a quorum was present.

City Attorney Rod Ponton gave the council a year end review, focusing on the Texas Disposal Systems Contract negotiations for trash pick-up where the city will continue

under the current contract. Ponton also spoke on the contract for the City Manager and commented on the Emergency Management Services service change due to the untimely death of the previous director. Ponton stated, "I have not heard of any complaints about the current EMS services, so it seems everything is proceeding well."

City Manager, Megan Antrim focused on praising Texas Department of Transportation

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Members of the Alpine City Council Chris Rodriguez, Ward 2, Mayor Catherine Eaves, Martin Sandate, Ward 4, Jerry Johnson, Ward 5, City Secretary, Geo Calderon and City Manager, Megan Antrim prepare to begin last night's regularly scheduled meeting.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

Strolling to Christmas tunes



Alpine singer-songwriter Neil Trammell entertains families at this year's Christmas Stroll. Held on Sul Ross Avenue, at the former Sunshine House this past Saturday evening, this is the Second Annual Christmas Stroll that was created by Alpine Historical member Abbey Branch.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

Fishing is a way of life for Sul Ross Anglers

BY ROXANNE HILL
Contributor

Whether carried out recreationally or competitively, fishing is a sport that can last a lifetime. A pastime, that is attracting more popularity at Sul Ross State University with the Sul Ross Anglers Association, a fishing club initiated in 2021 that is supporting conservation efforts in conjunction with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Sul Ross undergraduate student Blake Greer is one of the founding members of the fishing club, which kicked off when a group of like-minded friends got together around the Rio Grande and at Balmorhea Lake while promoting a healthy and rewarding life-long hobby and sport. Greer, originally from East Texas

and the Nacogdoches area, was interested in promoting conservation along with habitat and fisheries, while competing in collegiate tournaments across Texas and Arkansas.

Sul Ross had never had a fishing club before, and now they will be fishing for more than just compliments, as the 15-member Sul Ross Anglers plan to partake in a tournament and go on exciting outings and field trips in 2023. Four of those members, including Greer, fish competitively at the collegiate level.

"We do some conservation work with Texas Parks and Wildlife, and we just want the skills and things that come with fishing available to everyone within Sul Ross, and kind of ex-



Sul Ross Anglers at a Balmorhea Lake habitat construction project.

Courtesy photo

pand our knowledge to them and teach them about conservation and the skills needed to fish," said Greer.

Students are composed of both undergraduate and graduate students,

and there has been an increase in the numbers of fishing enthusiasts who have joined, which Greer hopes will continue to surge in membership.

"It's all about having

fun while promoting conservation efforts and learning valuable lessons with the camaraderie that fishing provides," said Greer. "Building

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Leavitt



Dorothy Mai Leavitt, 92, of Pilot Point, Texas passed away Friday, Nov. 25. Dorothy was born Sept. 30, 1930 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. to Elmer P. and Mamie Adams Marlin.

She lived on a farm outside of Murfreesboro with her parents and six siblings. Dorothy graduated from Middle Tennessee State University where she met William "Bill" Carr Leavitt. They married on June 2, 1951, and in 1955 moved to Alpine. Dorothy was a public-school teacher

before starting with Sul Ross State University. She started as a business teacher, advanced to registrar and then Dean of Admissions. During her tenure at Sul Ross, she and Bill took in several college students, which are considered their 'adopted' daughters. Dorothy was involved in the Pilot

Club, Relay for Life, and Sunshine House.

Dorothy is survived by her three sons, George Leavitt of Montrose, Colo., Billy Leavitt and wife Debi of Pilot Point, and John Leavitt and wife Denise of Bergheim, Texas; ten grandchildren, Mason, Jordan, Taylor, Marlin, Austin, Teshana, Tyrel, Teal, Lulu and Alex; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia Puckett of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Ronda Bratton of Nashville, Tenn. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Betty Marlin and Joan Leavitt.

Dorothy was preceded

in death by her husband, Bill, parents, Elmer and Mamie, three brothers, Jr, Sam and Clyde Marlin, and sister Peggy Marlin.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00PM, Saturday, Dec. 10, at First Baptist Church, 203 N. 4th Street in Alpine.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to Alpine Humane Society by mail at P.O. Box 1464, Alpine, Texas 79831.

The Sunshine House, 402 E. Holland Avenue, Alpine, or West of the Pecos Republican Women, PO Box 714, Alpine, Texas 79831.

Rosa Waters Garcia

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Rosa Waters Garcia, who went to be with her Lord & Savior, Dec. 2.

Rosa was born July 16, 1953 in Alpine. She is survived by her husband Poncho Garcia, son Jason, daughter-in-law Isela, two grandchildren Issa and Vincent, one sister Sylvia Probasco, two brothers, Mack, and Jack Waters, two aunts Refugia Orte-

ga, Mary Ramirez, and seven nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her mother Jesusita Waters, father Mack O. Waters, Grandfather Francisco Ramirez, one aunt Eldora Billings and two uncles, Domingo and Cornelio Ramirez, and nephew Kenny Losoya. Rosa was the epitome of grace, pure kindness, and courage. She never lost faith; she fought the good fight until the angels called her home.

Angelita Torres



Angelita Torres, 86, of Alpine passed away on Nov. 30, in Alpine. Angelita was born on Aug. 2, 1936 to Leondez and Santiga Hernandez in Terlingua.

She was a housewife. Angelita was married to Vidal B Torres, Sr. and was the mother to Vidal Torres, Jr. (Lisa), Frankie, Angel, Sr. (Cecilia), Sylvia Contreras (Esequiel "Zeke" Sr.), and Joel.

She is the grandmother of Angel Torres, Jr. (Precilla), Esmeralda (BJ Epton), Julian (Yvonne), Lina Borrego (Eddie), Sonia Rodriguez (Ste-

fano), Vidal, III, Mireya, Esequiel "Zeke", Jr., Xzavier, and Isabella; great-grandmother to Madyson and Francisco Torres, Kiyona Graham, Jameer and Kingston Epton, Ariana, Anaya and Alessandra Torres along with six other beautiful great-grandchildren.

Angelita is also survived by three brothers,

Sammy, Guillermo, Domingo, and their spouses, as well as many nieces and nephews. Angelita was preceded in death by her loving husband Vidal B. Torres, Sr.

Grandma Angie, as everyone knew her, was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and was very faithful to the Catholic Church and was a member of the Guadalupanas. Our family will always remember Grandma Angie for her kind heart, her spirit, her special blessings, and most of all her cooking.

Rosary will be Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., at

Alpine Memorial Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Funeral mass will be held on Friday, Dec. 9, at 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church with burial to follow at Holy Angels Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Angel Torres, Jr., Vidal Torres, III, Esmeralda Torres, Julian Torres, Zeke Contreras, Jr., and Xzavier Contreras.

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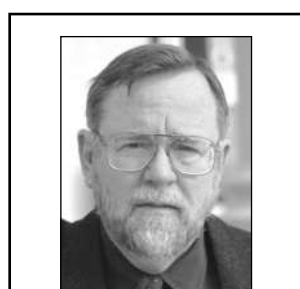
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In search of an image

The first of the Army Topographical Engineers surveying for a road through the Davis Mountains were Lts. William H.C. Whiting and William F. Smith, 1849, both serving under Col. Joseph E. Johnston, senior engineer in Texas. Whiting graduated first in the West Point Class of 1845, and Smith fourth.

Whiting resigned to serve in the Confederacy where his career was undistinguished. Smith would serve in the Union Army where, using his engineer skills, he created the famous 'cracker line,' relieving the siege of Federal forces at Chattanooga and leading to the victories at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.



FIDDLER'S GREEN

by Larry Francell

Regrettably, Whiting and Smith left no illustrations of their passage through the Davis Mountains in 1849, but Smith does provide a written description of Wild Rose Pass, this pass being the subject of what I think is the first published image of the Davis Mountains. Smith writes, "At the point where the road

strikes the Limpia, it is a small stream rising from its rocky bed. The hills were here, in August, clothed in verdure as green as if it were early spring. Leaving the valley, the road enters Wild Rose Pass. This canyon in some places is not more than two hundred yards in width. Columnar basaltic rocks, that rise one behind another to many feet in altitude, form its sides, and present a singular appearance." From Wild Rose pass the survey party moved up the Limpia to camp where Fort Davis would be constructed five years later.

It was not until 1857

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ALPINE ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Alpine ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 to discuss Alpine ISD's rating on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST Report), the State's Financial Accountability System.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Alpine ISD Administration Building located at 704 W. Sul Ross Avenue, Alpine, Texas.

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'Game Warden of the Year' awarded to local officer

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Bo Hancock is one of five game wardens assigned to this area, and he was recently honored as Game Warden of the Year. Hancock, an Air Force veteran, and dog handler was undecided at first on what direction he wanted his post-military career to take. "I was really interested in search and rescue, and more specifically with the use of a dog. There aren't very many paid options in that career path because most of them are volunteers. Lucky for me, the time frame in which I was separating from the military and looking for a new career, the Texas Game Wardens had just established a K-9 program, so that really drew me to the job," Hancock stated.

Of the eight regions designated in the state of Texas, Brewster and Presidio counties fall into Region I. This region covers 38,000 square miles and runs from El Paso to Pecos and as far south as Presidio and Big Bend National Park. Due to the vastness of the area and smaller populations, this region does not see much of the action other



Texas Game Warden William 'Bo' Hancock receives the Game Warden of the Year award from Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Arch "Beaver" Aplin, III and TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith.

Courtesy photo

more populated areas may see. Hancock remarked, "We don't get a lot of attention out here. It is a little slower and we won't get a lot of the front-page cases that other parts of the state will see, so sometimes what we do kind of goes unnoticed. This is fine though because it is not why we do the job."

As far as being selected for this award, Hancock said "It's a new

award, and there has only been one recipient prior to me. I was first honored by being notified I was to be the regional representative by my supervisor. I was flattered and excited to win for the region, much less Game Warden of the Year."

Supervisors for each region select one game warden to represent their region. From these nominees, the headquarters staff votes to award

the honor of Game Warden of the Year to one of the regional qualifiers to represent the state. As to how the regional representatives are chosen, there is a major and a lieutenant over the region. In Region I there are four districts, each led by a captain. These supervisory heads hold weekly staff meetings, and this is where the selection of a representative is made. "Nominees

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— Bo Hancock, Game Warden

are chosen on the criteria of what they contribute both to the region as well as their district. They are also considered for seeking out training and bringing that back as well as volunteering for different things and general job performance," remarked Hancock.

Considering the size of the two counties Hancock is assigned to, as well as the sometimes-challenging terrain, he may only see a few camps or a few people a day during a hunting season. "Being one of five Game Wardens in Brewster and Presidio counties, when you consider population numbers and numbers of hunters, five game wardens may seem like

overkill. Geographically speaking, as difficult as it is to get to campsites on certain ranches or locations in both counties, it may take me eight hours to get to and from the location I'm heading to. So, we are fortunate to have as many as we do," replied Hancock.

Hancock sees his job as rewarding on all fronts. Being in a slower paced area of the state, when time allows, he and his fellow game wardens can help in other areas of the state when needed. Game Wardens are state law enforcement officers, so those assigned to this area help other law enforcement agencies during times of need. But his job does not come without concern. Hancock feels the biggest obstacle facing wildlife is the lingering threat of the lack of hunters and fishermen across the state. Hancock added, "Over roughly a 30-year span, the numbers of hunters and fishermen purchasing licenses has not increased. It has only maintained at a steady level. Younger generations are just not getting out and taking advantage of the opportunities that are needed for conservation of these animals."

Strategic Planning Ward 4



Constituents from Ward 4 recently attended the latest strategic planning meeting held by the City of Alpine at the Alpine Public Library on Dec. 1.

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Children's Christmas Store

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the \$2 and under range. Donated, will be new and gently used gifting items for every member of the family. Each child is asked to bring a list with the names they are shopping for correctly spelled. They may purchase one item per person on their list. Parent's may stay and help their young children or leave for an hour or so

and go run errands. Adults will be on hand to assist the young shoppers make their selections, and our volunteers will box, wrap, or bag and tag the purchases while they wait. All proceeds will go to the Children's Advocacy of the Big Bend here in Alpine, Shana Sullivan, Director. For more information, please call Karen at 432-386-3071.

Parks and Wildlife announces trout stocking

To kick off the holiday season, Texas Parks and Wildlife began stocking waterbodies across the state with rainbow trout. This annual event began Nov. 23 and will continue through Mar. 3. Fort Pena Colorado, better known

as Post Park, will receive their first stocking of rainbow trout on Dec. 13. TPWD will stock again on Jan. 25, 2023. Overall, TPWD plans to stock 337, 469 rainbow trout in Texas this winter. Children under 17 can fish for

free in Texas, but adults must obtain a fishing license with a freshwater fishing endorsement. The bag limit for Post Park, and most of Texas, is five trout. For more information, you can access the TPWD website.

Reaching out to Santa

On Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m., in front of True Value, children have an opportunity to contact Santa via shortwave radio. "This, Santa Net, began 15 years ago, when the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club started it as a club initiative," said Rob Kinucan,

who is a member of the BBARC and a past officer. "This event introduces children to shortwave radio, and covers all four of the STEM academic disciplines," Kinucan added. Shortwave radio is similar to walkie talkies and allows you to can contact

people around the world. The BBARC van will be onsite and will be staffed with Santa's "elves" to help the kids contact the North Pole and talk to Santa. Parents are reminded to dress their kids warmly. For more information, contact Rob Kinucan at 432-837-2055.

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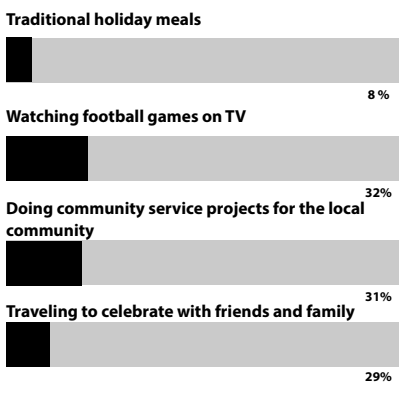
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RESULTS



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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Making a list and checking it twice

Santa isn't the only one making lists and checking them twice. Over the last seven months the City Council and City Administration have been busy making to-do lists based on the needs and desires of residents who have participated in Meet with the Mayor Sessions, City Council meetings, and who have reached out to us via phone, email, and social media. With the help of residents, a lot has been accomplished since May.



CATHERINE EAVES
Mayor, City of Alpine

Some of these accomplishments include a cleanup of old tires near a resident's home in conjunction with the county, and moving forward with demolishing condemned properties. Pool pass fees were reevaluated and changed to better fit different household situations. The city hired a Building Services Official who has spent time reevaluating permit fees that are charged for household repairs such as repairing or replacing yard fences. Alpine PD has stepped up patrols along the one way to discourage speeding.

On the city website we have a map showing which streets are currently under repair and which ones are next in line. We also fixed all of the emergency sirens in town so that every resident can hear them. And we have heard the many residents who asked that we create an updated noise ordinance to maintain a balance between being designated a Music Friendly City and maintaining a quiet atmosphere for residents to enjoy.

The city, in conjunction with Big Bend Action Committee, worked on a plan this summer that would enable residents, who are struggling to pay their water bills, to receive financial assistance just as has been done for gas bills. As the weather is getting colder, more people have reached out to us concerned about the homeless. Alpine PD regularly checks up on those within the city limits and offers them a place to warm up in the break room at the station.

To increase transparency beyond what is legally required

by the state, the city now has a radio show called "City Talk" that airs every other Thursday at 9:05 am. Each week a different city employee or employees are on the air explaining how their department and job works as well as answering questions from citizens who phone or text in. The city updated its website back in May to make it more user friendly. You can find just about anything you are looking for on it. Also, the city has more of a presence on Facebook than in the past. Alpine PD has a page and is considered the official site for city announcements. The Hal Flanders recycling center also maintains a Facebook Page, as well as the Mayor Facebook Page that I manage.

The City Council and the City Administration has been working hard to get more residents to become involved with the running and managing of our city. Democracy requires input from the constituents to function properly, otherwise we have nothing more than an oligarchy or aristocracy. Our Parks Board had a survey on the city website in which people could give their opinion in regards to al-

lowing alcohol in our city parks with restrictions. These surveys were also available at City Hall for those with limited computer access. We've recently held six Strategic Planning Town Hall meetings at various locations on different days and at different times so that we could get input from a wide variety of residents on where they would like to see our city in one, three, five, and 10 years down the line. The next step will be to prioritize the ideas that the residents came up with by way of Strategic Planning Prioritizing Workshops in January and February. Please make plans to attend these meetings.

Citizens are volunteering to help with different things around town such as getting the clocks to work, and community clean-ups as well as downtown tree trimming. The Lion's club plans to order benches to install around town. One of our residents has ordered a \$1000 worth of trees to replace those that have died in the downtown area. And other residents have obtained and donated a bullet proof canine vest for our new canine officer. Your city needs you; it takes a village to run a city.

Knowing the value of secondhand treasures

"Secondhand animals make first-class pets."
— Author unknown. I'm guessing a street-smart cat or a dog in the PR business.

I'm an "appreciator of secondhand treasures." Guilty. Old car. Old records. Nice sounding aged guitars.

And critters.
A house without a dog or a cat isn't complete, and a dog or cat without a home is sad. It's no doubt a quieter and a little more organized home, but to me, animals just pick up where the kids left off after growing up and moving out.

Mom had cats. Typically, walk-ons. That's probably why, as soon as I bought my first house up in Mount Pleasant 50 years ago, the first thing I did wasn't buy furniture. I adopted a cat.

Second kitty came Apr. 24, 1974, a date etched in my memory as the day of my first solo flight while under the tutelage of instructor Doyle Amerson at the old Mount Pleasant Municipal Airport. The take-offs and landings came out even, fortunately. With feet back on the ground and ensuing new pilot celebrations done, I followed up on a lead. Someone knew I was looking for a "gimme cat."

Two kittens were ready for adoption. I took both, certain mom would welcome one. They looked like a mixture of Siamese and traveling salesman.

I gave mine the catchy name of "Kitty," and she traveled with me to other destinations before we ended up in Center about five years later. During that time, she watched my family grow. And I never hesitated to warn them all, "Be careful,



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

Kitty's been in the family longer than any of you have."

That lasted until my son came along. Lee was, shall we say, a "high-energy" youngster. In some households, cats climb curtains and bounce off furniture. At our house, the cat

watched and learned from Lee.

When Kitty failed to show up for her last chow call, we were never sure if something had happened to her or if she ran out of nerve pills. Just packed her bags and hit the road.

She did attempt at least one escape. Next-door neighbors, Kenneth and Theron Sanders, were loading their travel trailer one morning with plans of a stay in Galveston. We wished them well, promising to keep an eye on things while they were away.

The following day, Kitty was nowhere to be seen. After a week went by, we were sure she was gone for good. A few days later, however, the Sanders returned home with a cat riding high in the front seat between them.

Seems that as our neighbors were packing their trailer with the door open, curiosity didn't kill the cat, thankfully, but it earned her a week at the beach. According to Theron, at their first fuel stop, the wide-eyed look of a cat peering through a trailer window was, shall we say, startling.

After discovering the stowaway, the Sanders made an extra stop for cat food and litter box and welcomed Kitty to the party.

Other pets came and went after that, and all of them re-runs. One, a terrier mix my daughter, Robin, adopted. Known as "Buggie," she was thrown away — literally. Someone put the puppy in a box and placed it with our curbside trash one morning. The dog would have perished with the garbage had the trash collectors not heard noises in the box. Instead, the dog was rescued and became Robin's best friend. The pair shared lots of love for many years.

A basset named "Max" made memories with my kids and I in the Hill Country. The dog was, again, an old gentleman needing a new home. Max was duly documented in many of columns over the years. He spent occasional Fridays at the newspaper office sleeping beside my desk, earning him the nickname "Office Max."

So, today my herd numbers ...? I'm really not sure. Let's see: Pretty Boy, Fuzzy, Marshmallow, Cat-Zilla, Little Tom, Last Walk-on, Pain-in-the-Rear, Willie Ray, and Toothpick.

They think I don't know it, but they send text messages all over the neighborhood about free meals down on the corner. Even a couple of raccoons have dropped in during feeding frenzy time.

"A house becomes a home when you add some four furry leggers and that indescribable measure of love that comes with them."

I don't know who said that either, but I'm convinced nothing defines a culture or person more than how they treat animals.

Unless maybe it's their appreciation for old cars, good songs, or mellow-sounding guitars.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighborhood life is at risk
Talk of the proposed Chisos Brewery is, "What will it do for the City of Alpine?" The economic growth to the town will bring in tourism, etc. This is not the talk in the neighborhood. The talk is how this will change our neighborhood.

The real question is, what will this brewery do to the families that live in the south side neighborhood? If the brewery is successful, it will bring traffic, more noise, more lights, smells, lower the water pressure, storage of wastewater and consumption of more water. If it is not successful it will

bring another empty metal building to Alpine. The eight-foot metal fence will not soften the sound but will vibrate the sound into our homes. The tower for tourists to view the stars will also give them the opportunity to view into our homes and yards. This brewery will change the dynamics

of this quiet neighborhood. I believe that the question that people need to ask is, "Do I want this in my neighborhood?" I bet all would agree that they would not want this brewery next door to their home and children.

Paula Wilson
Alpine



Heard on the STREET

What did you ask Santa for this Christmas?



Evelyn Smith, Alpine: "I asked Santa for a pig trainer so it would make my show life easier."



Ace Granado, Alpine: "I asked Santa for hunting and fishing gear and lots of clothes."



Clancey Newman, Alpine: "All I want for Christmas is a Red Rider BB gun!"



Jarred Roggow, Alpine: "I asked Santa for a MacBook Pro for college."

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 10 Community Day-CDRI, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., FREE admission to the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and Botanical Gardens for residents of the tri-county area.

Dec. 10 Hillside Baptist Church Children's Christmas Store, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Karen at 432-386-3071.

Dec. 14 Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, 5-7 p.m. in front of True Value, kids can talk to Santa at



the North Pole via shortwave radio.

Dec. 15 AHS Holiday Concert, 7 p.m. in the Alpine High School gym.

Dec. 16 Christmas Parade, 5 p.m. line up at Alpine Civic Center. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. and will end at the Alpine Visitor's Center on third street with a finale by the Alpine Community Band.

Dec. 19-21 Live Nativity at Kokernot Lodge, 7 p.m. sponsored and produced by Michael's Mountain Ministry.

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 Choral rehearsals, on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at

Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

Citizenship Classes, at Alpine Public Library by appointment only, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621

ESL Tutoring, at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

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Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210

Fort Davis Hometown Fair



Rosie Gutierrez of Rosie's Gifts hocks her wares at the Hometown Fair held in Fort Davis last Friday.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Cupid. Cupid is a sweet Poodle mix, about seven years old. This guy is the real deal: sweet, affectionate, playful, joyous.

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 Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit PetFinder.com or www.alpinehumane.org, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.



COUNTY OF BREWSTER "VISIT BIG BEND"

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ("STR") INVENTORY, REGISTRATION, COMPLIANCE AND ANALYTIC SERVICES

Proposal Title: Short-Term Rental ("STR") Inventory, Registration, Compliance and Analytic Services

Proposal Opening Date: November 28, 2022

Proposal Closing Date: December 13, 2022

Proposal Closing Time: 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Submission of Proposal: Julie K. Morton
Brewster County Treasurer
107 W Ave E # 4
Alpine, Texas, 79830

Note: Proposals will not be accepted via facsimile or email

Specific Questions: Julie K. Morton
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432.837.6200 x-13

Brewster County and the Brewster County Tourism Council (dba Visit Big Bend) are soliciting proposals from qualified companies and individuals to assist the County to accurately identify the number of short-term rentals operating in Brewster County (excluding the City of Alpine) and to provide professional support services relating to the administration, regulation and compliance of short-term rentals.

In recent years, many cities and counties have struggled with the explosive growth of short-term rentals ("STRs") facilitated by online rental platforms such as AirBNB, FlipKey, HomeAway and VRBO. Regulating STRs requires technology and human resources that are currently limited within the County. Additionally, the expanding technology-enabled STR market and the various platforms it uses requires continuous monitoring by a professional firm or individual to enable the County to accomplish its goals.

The County requires that any proposal for such professional services, shall include, at minimum, the scope of services provided in the full RFP which can be obtained by contacting Brewster County Treasurer Julie Morton.



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NATIVITY • FROM 1

Kokernot Lodge and the Outdoor theatre.

Still on a shoestring budget, old wood was borrowed each year to build the stable which then was dismantled. The lamb, John, became the Nativity flock and various goats came and went with Rachel and Paul Griebenow supplying the four-footed stars for the past several years. Donkeys playing the part of Mary's steed began with Snowball, and continued with Everett, Patty, Zeke, Mijo, Chewbacca, and currently, Pumpkin, owned by the Wasserman Wranch. Although the Texas Camel Corps will be unable to attend the Nativity this year, Wasserman's are planning to bring their camel, Carl, for his Nativity debut.

Herod has his own palace now, complete with scribes, wise men, the census reader, and a Roman soldier. Action begins at Herod's palace to the reverberating tones of a huge gong pro-



In years past, angels sing in celebration of the birth of Jesus during the Live Nativity. Held annually at Kokernot Lodge, this event is sponsored by Michaels's Mountain Ministry.

Photo by Marcy Stueve

vided and played by Burt Compton of Marfa.

Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, the innkeeper, angels and the shepherds complete the cast. Anyone of any age is welcome to come participate in the production – there are no lines to learn, and costumes are provided, including ostrich feathered wings for the angels. Cast members are reminded that the Nativity weather is usually cold to frigid; dressing in warm layers including hats and gloves will help

the actors to stay warm during the thirty-minute performances.

Because the Live Nativity has been fortunate in its long years of Christmas tradition, there are parents who were children in the play years ago who now bring their own children to take part in the production. Sometimes there are even grandparents with their grandchildren donning robes and taking their place on the humble stage. As director, Karen

McGuire replied, "It is a beautiful thing to see people of all ages, from all walks of life, come together in unity to reenact the story of the birth of Jesus. There is no way we could put on this production without all our wonderful volunteers who unload and load props and costumes, stuff hay in the stable, set up the sound system and lights, assist angels in putting on their wings, make cookies, serve the refreshments and being just great help."

McGuire went on to say, "Anyone interested in helping unload or setup for the Nativity may call Karen McGuire at 432-386-3071. For those wishing to participate in the Live Nativity, please be at Kokernot Lodge between 6 and 6:30 p.m. each night of the performances. Audience members are reminded to also dress warmly and bring lawn chairs or blankets to be more comfortable while viewing the performances."

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habitat structures at Balmorhea Lake with Texas Parks and Wildlife was probably one of the most memorable moments; it served our camping trips out to Black Gap where we had the chance to camp out, cook, and fish for a couple of days."

For the remainder of the semester, the anglers plan on heading to south county and do some fish-

ing at Black Gap Wildlife Management Area next to the Rio Grande, and next semester will check out Post Park in Marathon, Balmorhea, and then the exciting tournament that the Sul Ross Anglers will be hosting at Lake Ivie in San Angelo, on Earth Day, April 22.

"This is more open to the public and for anyone

to fish, and that includes schools," said Greer. "All this money is going into conservation, for the club, and hopefully push us over with some funding, where we can go and fish these tournaments."

Fishing is an enjoyable outlet to experience the great outdoors while spending quality time with friends and peers, and fishing is something

that Greer is passionate about, as he has fished his entire life. "It's a great way to teach others about conservation and the life skill of fishing," he added. "I am very proud that I can be a part of something that we are putting back into the community, and for others to pass on this lifestyle for generations to come."

COUNCIL • FROM 1

for their cooperation with the city of Alpine, especially in times of severe weather. Antrim explained the tier system utilized by TXDOT, and said "While we are at tier four, this does not mean that we are left out. Tier one is always going to be the priority, that being Interstate 10, however our local TXDOT employees plan the best they can ahead of any severe weather such as ice and snow and try to pre-treat the roads before they are called to help out elsewhere."

The public hearing portion of the agenda saw the most feedback from constituents, specifically the agenda item asking for citizen's views and comments regarding short term rental special use permit applications. Bri Adams stated, "I feel as if there is an overabundance of short-term rentals in Alpine. These rentals take up valuable property that could be used as long-term rentals to locals and or purchased as family homes." Adams added, "I feel that many of these locally owned short-term rentals, while bringing in an income via tourists, the money is fleeting and doesn't really stay in town and help Alpine."

Action items of interest on the agenda included approving the first reading of Ordinance amendments to Building and Building Regulations to the Alpine Code of Ordinances and amending the Code of Ordinances involving noise.

Amendments to the building codes included fee changes to flat fees instead of fees per square foot of property, grammatical errors, and other areas of clarification, such as where mention of a city engineer would ac-

tually be the City of Alpine's building official.

The noise ordinance was looked at closely by Alpine Police Chief Darrell Losoya and Tourism Director Chris Ruggia, specifically since Alpine is a music friendly city. Alpine Police Department is capable of measuring decibels, and the city can test the amendments to this ordinance, if approved, at certain venues.

Other action items included an amendment to Chapter Two, Administration, Article VI-Records Management; Providing for a reasonable limit on the amount of time to be spent without charge for vexatious public information requests and requiring payment for the time and expenditures incurred beyond this limit. Council member Chris Rodriguez asked for clarification of this amendment. City Secretary Geo Calderon stated, "This is a proactive amendment. There are laws providing limits to the number of hours single individuals may continually request pub-

lic information that interrupts the flow of normal business." City Attorney Ponton added, "This is a safety precaution for the City of Alpine, so that there are limits to unnecessary and numerous requests from the same entities without the reimbursement of funds to the city when standard business is interrupted with excessive requests."

Approval of resolutions appointing City Council members to ex-officio positions on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees and establishing policy for naming municipal property and streets were also addressed, along with the approval of a special use permit application to allow alcohol to be sold at the Antelope Lodge to their hotel guests, and the approval to award the request for proposal to West Texas National Bank for bank depository, security clearance, and safekeeping services.

All action items, but one was approved unanimously. The only action item on the agenda not approved, was a letter of

support to TransPermian H2 Hub LLC in support of the establishment of a hydrogen hub in the Permian Basin area of Texas. The motion died due to lack of a second. At this time, the city council sent well wishes and happy holidays to everyone present and thanked those on the City of Alpine team for all their hard work before adjourning into executive session.

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Mites, might be a problem for Mexican petunias

Dear Neil: What can be used to kill these insects, and what are they?

I've looked closely at your photo, and best I can tell, it matches up with this information from Florida about a microscopic mite *Acalitus ruelliae*, and a growth problem called an erineum. Frankly, I wasn't familiar with it until I did research for you. I thought that virtually nothing would slow Mexican petunias' growth. It doesn't sound like it's going to be a big problem in the long run. Here is the Florida report. <https://tinyurl.com/55dsjeap>

Dear Neil: I have trouble getting my morning glories to bloom, and when they do, I don't always get the colors I expect from the seed packets. Can colors be impacted by temperatures?

Many types of morning glories are extremely photoperiodic, meaning that they will remain vegetative, leaves only, while days are long in the late spring, summer, and early fall. As nights grow longer, the flowering hormones are triggered, and the plants will suddenly start setting buds. Other species and varieties of morning glories, by comparison, will not be nearly

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as sensitive. You'll find ample documentation from research reports online. Take a look – they're fascinating. As for the colors and intensities, they will vary with the seasons. Shades of colors will definitely deepen in cooler weather. Do some careful studies where you mark



each seedling with a stake and follow it through its entire bloom cycle. Compare your findings with what you find online. They're an interesting group of plants.

Dear Neil: I have many large live oaks on property I have along the Texas Gulf Coast. Sprouts keep coming up and they prevent St. Augustine from growing. Is there an herbicide I can use to eliminate them?

I want you to test something. Dig 8 or 10 of the sprouts up carefully. Trace the main root of each down into the soil to see if it has originated from an acorn or if it T-s into a large root from the mother tree. My guess is that these

sprouts will all prove to be root sprouts, and that will mean that they are a part of the mother tree. Anything you apply to them will be carried back through their tissues and quickly up to the tops of the mama trees. Therefore, herbicides are going to be pretty much out of the question for fear of doing harm to the mature trees. This is a fairly common problem with about 15% of our live oak population according to my estimate, and about all we can do is to remove them physically. Cut them out with a sharpshooter spade angled in at 30 degrees when the soil is moist. Cut the roots several inches beneath the soil line. Hopefully you'll

be able to get ahead of the issue. However, it's also possible that shade cast by the tree won't allow enough sun for St. Augustine to establish and thrive. It needs 6 hours of direct sunlight daily. Be prepared to plant a groundcover that's tolerant of heavy shade instead. My preference when root sprouts are an issue is regular mondo-grass. It doesn't have runners that might be cut with the sharpshooter so that means sprout removal will be easier.

Dear Neil: This is going to be the year that I get rid of scale insects on my hollies. What is my best course of action? When do I treat?

Use a horticultural dormant oil spray during the winter. Read and follow label directions pertaining

to temperatures, rainfall/irrigation, and stages of growth. Only one treatment per winter is recommended. You can also apply the same material at a more diluted solution with more water and less oil during the summer. Again, those directions will be on the label, but one major warning will be not to spray while the sun is shining on the plants during the growing season. Finally, you can also get good relief by using a systemic insecticide such as Imidacloprid every month or two during the growing season.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider?

E-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

ACROSS

- 1 Astros, Cowboys, or Spurs
- 5 TX B.J. Thomas sang "____ Lone-some I Could Cry"
- 6 TXism: "____ mama" (waitress)
- 7 TXism: "costs ____ arm and a leg"
- 8 horse mouthpiece
- 9 TXism: "it ____ big loop to rope him" (obese)
- 15 TX Oveta ____ Hobby was 1st U.S. secretary of HEW
- 16 item to fasten a horse to a plow, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 18 subjugate
- 20 backs of necks
- 22 defensive wall
- 27 a few female sheep
- 28 Jacqueline of film "The Deep" with UT grad Wallach
- 29 actress Trevor of 1941 film "Texas"
- 30 flight photos
- 32 "Alamo City" abbr.
- 33 with "Mae," "Cow-Cow Boogie" singer from Texas (2 wds.)
- 36 TX Freddy Fender's "Before the Next Tear ____ Falls"
- 37 once, International Telephone & Telegraph: "____, Inc."
- 38 in Fannin County, on highway 34
- 39 "____ run" (fast food)

DOWN

- 1 TX Brown who won Heisman at Notre Dame in 1987
- 2 "La ____" (Mexican prison mafia)
- 3 TXism: "hard ____" (tough)
- 4 seat of Titus County (2 wds.)
- 8 gentle tap a pitch by an Astro batter
- 9 TXism: "couldn't hit ____" (bad shot)
- 41 fish appendage
- 42 TXism: panting like a lizard ____ rock"
- 45 TX Freddy Fender sang "You'll ____ a Good Thing" (1975)
- 46 Chinese sauce
- 47 thankfully, it's almost the weekend (abbr.)
- 48 Kampground found in Texas
- 49 resident of "Gem State"
- 10 Coleman h.s. class
- 11 TX Rote, star RB at SMU, 1947-50 (init.)
- 12 on Memorial Day weekend: "____ Festival"
- 13 oceans
- 14 Egyptian vipers
- 15 most Texas colleges have a graduation ____ in May
- 16 assert something
- 17 "he ____"
- 18 writing on the wall"
- 19 young Scot: "just ____ lad"
- 21 "Lone Star ____"
- 22 ____ Cola

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- 34 TX Buddy Holly 1958 hit: "Rave ____"
- 35 border river: "____ Grande"
- 37 "____ girl!"
- 40 classic 1952 western: "High ____"
- 43 TXism for "against"
- 44 Edinburg is the seat of this county
- 50 this TX Taylor was a UH All-American defensive end
- 51 25th governor of Texas, Colquitt (first two initials)

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Dec. 12: Alpine @ Odessa

Bucks beat Eagles, look to regroup after Andrews loss

BY SHAWN YORKS
 Contributor

The Bucks turned a 5-point halftime deficit into 62-54 win on Nov. 28 in Van Horn to improve their record to 2-0 heading into the Andrews game.

Alpine got off to a fast start, leading 17-12 after the first period, but the Eagles who were 0-3, went on a 20-10 run in the second to lead 32-27 at the half. The Bucks opened the second half with a 17-5 run to regain the lead and played evenly in the fourth to hold the Eagles off.

“The game really showed me exactly what kind of team we are and will be this season,” Hardwick said. “And that is a tough-minded, together group that loves playing with and for one another.”

Heading into Friday’s home-opener against Class 4A Andrews, Alpine boys’ basketball head coach Aaron Hardwick knew the visiting Mustangs – who made a 360-mile round trip to play the Bucks – would be a big test to see what his team would need to do to eventually win a district championship. Andrews was fast with good shooters – similar to the Bucks – but were too much for Alpine at the end in a 73-37 win.

Now, Hardwick knows what needs to be done to reach his team’s goal. “We were back at it Monday morning at practice,



Alpine’s Jace Canaba dives for a loose ball during Friday’s home-opener.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

looked at film over the weekend and we’re looking forward to this week,” Hardwick said. “The guys definitely understood the mistakes that we’ve made, and

to be honest with you, it starts with me as the leader. There’s a lot of things I should have and could have done differently but there’s nothing you can do now,

though. You’ve got to put that in the past, learn from it and move forward.”

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Sul Ross Rodeo represented at 2022 NFR

BY KARA GERBERT
 Managing Editor

The 2022 National Finals Rodeo is currently being held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Last night saw contestants reach the mid-way point in the 10-day rodeo, with the completion of round five.

For those unfamiliar with this yearly event, qualifiers for the NFR are the best of the best at what they do in their respective events, and the livestock are no different. This year, Sul Ross’ Rodeo Team has some contestants looking to become number one.

Cole Franks, a senior at Sul Ross is currently sitting at No. 9 in the world in the bareback category. Franks hails from Clarendon, and this year he’s won the Snake River Stampede held in Nampa, Idaho, and the Cowboy Capital of the World PRCA Rodeo held in Stephenville. Franks is also the 2021 reigning all-around bareback riding champion at the College National Finals. This is Franks’ second time to qualify for the NFR and he placed second in round four at this year’s NFR aboard the bronc Free Shipping.

Sul Ross has two bull riders representing them at the NFR. And although one of them is a former student, he is no less our own.

Ky Hamilton hails from Mackay, Queensland Australia, is a former Sul Ross student, and comes from a family of rodeo riders. Hamilton began riding steers at age 12 and hit the rodeo circuit in America for the first time at the Junior High School Finals



Cole Franks



Ky Hamilton



Tristen Hutchings

at 15. This year he won the San Angelo Extreme Bulls competition and the Snake River Stampede in Nampa, Idaho. Hamilton is currently ranked No. 5 in the world standings; this is his third NFR qualification and he placed second in round two at this year’s NFR aboard the bull Super Tramp and has been on the score board through round four.

Tristen Hutchings is a senior at Sul Ross from Montevideo, Idaho. Hutchings is a newcomer to the NFR, but not to rodeo. He began pursuing rodeo at age four when he started riding sheep. Hutchings quickly transitioned to steers and then bulls and hasn’t looked back since. He was the 2021 college national champion bull rider and this year he was the reserve national champion. Hutchings holds the arena record at the College National Finals Rodeo with a 90-point ride in 2021. He repeated this, and then some, in Las Vegas this past week, where he won in round one, round five and round six with 90.5 scores aboard the bulls Party Animal and County Jail, and 88 on the bull Caddyshack.

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Sul Ross Lady Lobos prevail over UT Dallas

In the last 11 years, the Sul Ross women's basketball team had never beaten the University of Texas at Dallas.

On Saturday afternoon that all changed.

Behind a double-double performance from Marley Rokas, the Lobos extended their winning streak to five games with a 59-52 victory over the Comets at the UTD Activity Center. The five-game streak matches their season-high of five from last season.

"They play with a lot of heart. They care for each other," said Sul Ross head coach E.J. Lee Smith. "I just love to coach a team like that. I told them in the locker room, 'They're tough, but we're tougher.'"

There were three different lead changes in the first quarter before Brianna Martin hit a three-pointer with 1:09 on the clock to put the Lobos behind, 12-11. Rokas gave Sul Ross the lead with a layup that was sparked by a steal from Melody Martinez on the fast break. The game was then tied three more times before Sul Ross went off on a 10-0 run to take a 30-20 lead. Kaley Diaz scored four points during the offensive surge. Sul Ross ended up holding a five-point lead at halftime.

The Lobos increased their

lead to eight when Martinez hit a clutch three with 7:46 in the third quarter. The Comets answered back with a three of their own to trail by five once again. Lauren Lusk made a layup off an assist by Rokas with 6:29 to go. The deficit was chiseled down to three with 4:28 remaining. After a three-pointer by Emily Bunger and another layup by Lusk, Sul Ross went out ahead by nine.

Sul Ross held a 12-point lead with 2:45 in the fourth quarter after Vania Hampton got four points off a pair of layups. The Comets got to within three, but the Lobos prevailed as they landed some key free throws down the stretch to win by seven.

Rokas tallied 13 points and 11 rebounds while Martinez also had 13 points along with two steals and six boards. Martin added with 10 points while Diaz scored eight points and five steals. Defense once again proved to be a key difference maker as the Lobos grabbed 22 steals to create 23 points off turnovers. Sul Ross also won the rebounding battle, 49-46, against a tall and physical Comets squad. The Lobos shot 10 of 17 from the free throw line.

"I told them it was going to be a close game. I knew it was going to be a really tough, physical game," added Smith.



Lady Lobo Marley Rokas looks for an open teammate during Conference play this past Saturday against UT Dallas in Richardson.

Photo by Peter Dindinger

"Let me tell you. They listened, they executed, and we finished strong. I'm so proud of all of them. We have leadership. They know what they're supposed to do."

Sul Ross basketball players named player of the week

Both the Sul Ross men's and women's basketball teams had players named as players of the week in the American Southwest Conference during the week of Nov. 21- Nov. 27.

On the men's team, Sul Ross graduate student Julian Paredes, who plays forward for the Lobos was named co-player of the week. Paredes dropped 31 points on the board when the Lobos upset No. 18 Trinity, 93-88 in recent play. Paredes would go on to land 11 of the 20 shots he took along with six assists and four steals. This is his third all-time conference player of the week award, each in consecutive seasons. The next home game will be Jan. 5, at the Gallego Center where the Lobos will face LeTourneau Yellowjackets. Tip-off is set to start at 7:30 p.m.

In Lady Lobo basketball, Sul Ross freshman guard Melody Martinez took the player of the week honors in the ASC. Martinez would score 26 points in Sul Ross' defeat of St. Thomas. Martinez also



Melody Martinez



Julian Paredes

tallied a team-high five steals against the Celts and seized six rebounds. She would also score 18 points against Schreiner, with eight rebounds to help earn the win over the Mountaineers with a final score of 99-86. The Lady Lobos next home game will also be against the LeTourneau Yellowjackets on Jan. 5, with tip off set to start at 5:30 p.m. at the Gallego Center.

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Andrews quickly jumped to a 5-0 lead before Alpine got on the board less than two minutes into the contest off a basket by Evren Martinez. The Mustangs led 13-5 after the first period and 26-14 at halftime, leading 18-7 at one point before Devon Rojo, Miguel Busey and Daedrick Hardwick brought the Bucks to within seven late in the second.

Jace Canaba and Hardwick brought the Bucks to within five points in the third period, forcing Andrews to call a timeout with 3:47 to play in the quarter.

From that point, Andrews outscored the Bucks, 43-12.

"We're still a young

team and we're still trying to figure it out," Hardwick said. "There's a lot there that kind of happened toward the end - our big post player Miguel Busey was having a really good game up to that point - and ended up turning his ankle around that same time. It kind of took the wind out of our sails a little bit and there's some substitution patterns that I made that I shouldn't have made. It's

just a culmination of different things, you can't point to just one thing, but you do definitely have to give Andrews credit because they definitely did what they were supposed to do."

Heading into Tuesday's game against Fort Hancock, Hardwick said that the Mustangs were similar in size and playing style to Van Horn. "Should be a fun matchup

for us. This will probably be our first time seeing a zone all year long which will be very welcomed for shooters like my son, Dae Hardwick, and Jace Canaba and Evren Martinez since they've been seeing a lot of man-to-man. So, I think they're going to welcome that a little bit." The Bucks travel to San Elizario on Friday and Midland Greenwood on Dec. 13.

RODEO • FROM 8

Hutchings is currently ranked No. 4 in the world, and this is his first year to qualify for the NFR.

The Avalanche caught up with Sul Ross Rodeo Coach CJ Aragon, and he had this to say about his students and their impact on the town of Alpine and the university. "We are really fortunate to have current talented students like Tristen and Cole," remarked Aragon. "They are great ambassadors and representatives of our rodeo program."



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Christmas Stroll Granado



Manny and Lydia Granado along with their son Daniel build Christmas ornaments at this year's Christmas Stroll held Saturday evening on Sul Ross Avenue.

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Second Hand ribbon cutting



The Second Hand Train Wreck held their ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday morning at 508 E. Ave. E. Pictured are owner Lisa Lanier, her mother Maurine Pendleton, Nick Miller, and Alpine Ambassadors Sheila Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Sara Bow, Rhonda Cole, Judy Stokes, Eva Olives, and Debbie Jordan.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

FIDDLERS • FROM 2

with the publication of Maj. William Emory's Boundary Survey Report that an image of the Davis Mountains would appear, an illustration of Wild Rose Pass. After the war with Mexico a boundary commission was established to determine the border between Mexico and the lands annexed by the United States. A dual commission was created to run the line; a Mexican Boundary Commission and a U.S. Commission. It was several years of confusion and political machinations before the task on the American side was given to Emory, the perfect man for the job.

Emory, working closely with his Mexican counterparts, saw the job through. His final Report was three volumes. Part One includes the narrative, the description of the country surveyed, and the monuments that defined the boundary. Part Two was in two volumes, the first the botany and the second the zoology of the boundary. All were profusely illustrated. Volume One contains general illustrations, including the one of Wild Rose Pass that represents the first image of the Davis Mountains. The many illustrations of the landscape, plants, and animals of the boundary region throughout the Report are scientifically rendered and beautifully drawn.

Following page 84 of Part One is a steel plate engraving titled

"Limpia - Wild Rose Pass." The artist is unidentified, but the image shows the surveyors camped in the pass along Limpia Creek. There are at least a dozen wagons and as many tents scattered along the creek, as well as numerous figures and animals. I think this is the first published image of the Davis Mountains.

While the plates are full page engravings or lithographs, the text includes numerous small wood cut illustrations. On page 87 of Part One, the narrative report, there is a small woodcut of Mitre Peak, mis-

labeled "Gomez Peak." This is probably the first published image of that local landmark.

Because 20,000 copies of Emory's boundary report were printed, the Wild Rose Pass image often appears in print shops and catalogues. While prices vary, I have often seen these images offered for sale in color. While these might make a more decorative piece, the aftermarket coloring destroys the value of the original work. I suppose it depends upon what one wants; a decorative work or a historic document.

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Sul Ross Christmas Tree



The Christmas tree, located in front of Lawrence Hall on the Sul Ross campus shines brightly into the encroaching darkness.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Dulce Munoz

In what activities did you participate in high school?

In high school I participated in FTC, FRC, NHS, Marching Band, Concert Band, Academic UIL, Student Council and History Fair.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

My favorite teacher was Coach Miranda and Mrs. Parson because they treated me like I was more than just a student and never failed to make me laugh even on the hardest days.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?



Dulce Munoz

My favorite moment in the last 4 years is advancing to State History Fair with my bestie Ella.

What are your plans after high school?

I plan on attending New Mexico State University and majoring in Liberal Arts.

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Devotional Page Tugging At The Father's Coattail

BY CONNOR TRAVIS

Area Director, Big Bend Young Life

Could it get any crazier? The frenzy that is Christmas is upon us. Relatives are in. The shoppers are out. Lights are up, and bank accounts are down. Children tug at fathers' coattails and point to store shelves petitioning, "please can I have..." We wonder how a child has managed to cram such a long Christmas list onto a little piece of stationary. Then, of course, there is our own list, right? It is not as long as a child's list, but we feel that it is a lot to ask for: one non-stressful holiday moment, a husband that listens, or a tomorrow without cancer. As adults, our real list of wants tends not to be composed of toys or objects. Rather, it tends to be the desires of our hearts. We want peace instead of trouble, don't we? Trading in confusion for clarity sounds nice, doesn't it? Don't we want healing? How about a mended relationship? Or maybe what you want for Christmas is a new you: an authentic change. Or perhaps this Christmas you have entirely given up on wishing and laid aside your list-making pen long ago. After all, in the middle of the Christmas chaos, if you yelled out what you really want, would anyone listen? Does the list in your heart even matter? More often than not, we tell ourselves no; that our true desires do not matter, that our prayers are not heard, and that nothing will change. We leave miracles in the manger scene and joyful endings to the Christmas movies. And so, year after year, we battle with the busiest, most overwhelming season of all. We drop our prayers to the floor and surrender to the crowded Christmas chaos. We opt to buy our comforts, and bury our desires.

If this sounds a little bit like your Christmas season, you're not alone. If you have your stockings on the

mantle and your prayers in the sock drawer, you're not alone. In Mark 5:25-34 we are introduced to a woman who had never had a wish come true. For twelve years she suffered a relentless hemorrhage in her body: "she endured much at the hands of various physicians, had spent all that she had, and was not helped at all — but had rather grown worse. Mark 5:26." For her, disappointment was set on repeat. Hope had been slowly draining - that is until she sees Jesus: "Having heard about Jesus, she slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can just put a finger on his robe, I can get well." The moment she did, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with, Mark 5:27-29." Here, just when it seems like nothing can change this woman's stars, Jesus comes walking down her street. He must have been just barely visible through the crowd following Him like the paparazzi. What a sliver of hope on a chaotic Galilean street corner. She knew nothing about Jesus except that He was worth putting hope in. She pushed all her chips the few that she had left, in on Jesus. And despite the hustling, bustling, shoulder-to-shoulder crowd between her and Jesus that day, she reached out to Him. And guess what? He noticed. He felt her reaching arm and extended heart. What's more is that He paused to engage her face to face right in the midst of the crowd: "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction, Mark 5:34." Though it may feel like you are just one of the crowd this Christmas, take the chance on reaching out to Jesus with your heart's hopes and desires. He has a listening ear, and the power to respond. Maybe we adults, much like children and this faithful Galilean woman, should once again return to tugging at the coattails of our Father this Christmas season.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiffs at or before 10 o'clock a.m. the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days, after the date of service of this citation stated this 5th day of December, 2022, before the Honorable Roy B. Ferguson, 394th Judicial District Court of Brewster County, Texas at the courthouse in the city of Alpine, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 10th day of January 2022, in cause number CVB22005 on the docket of said court and styled:

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The nature of this cause is to wit: **CLAIMS FOR ADVERSE POSSESSION AND QUITE TITLE OF THE REAL PROPERTY MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING: Twenty-nine (29) tracts comprised of approximately 569.57 acres, located in the E/2 and W/2 of Survey 5, Block G-11, JH Miller Survey and thirteen (13) tracts comprised of approximately 475.70 acres, located in Survey 9, Block 247, T St&L Survey, AND FOR A DECLARATION OF A FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN PLAINTIFFS AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN BY PLAINTIFFS' PETITION ON FILE IN THIS SUIT.**

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Alpine, Brewster County, Texas this the 5TH day of DECEMBER, 2022

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Visit Big Bend is currently accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant. This position will require 40 hours per week in the BCTC office located in Alpine, TX and may include occasional weekend and holiday work and travel in the Brewster County area.

Visit Big Bend is funded by the Brewster County Hotel/Motel Occupancy tax and operates under the administrative direction of the Brewster County Judge and Brewster County Commissioner's Court. This Administrative Assistant position would be an employee of Brewster County and would need to understand and abide by the Brewster County Employee Handbook.

Visit Big Bend is seeking a qualified Administrative Assistant to perform duties under the direction of the Executive Director of the Brewster County Tourism Council. These duties include but are not limited to: answering phones, filing (both digital and paper), maintaining email distribution lists, general AP/AR, invoicing and other duties as assigned. Skills required include: familiarity with QuickBooks, good computer skills, ability to type 45 WPM minimum, good people skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office 365 software, good phone skills, office organization, familiarity with Zoom/Teams as well as various social media channels and be a flexible team player. A Tourism/DMO industry background is preferred and a good knowledge of the various areas and attractions in Brewster County is required. This position will begin in January 2023 with a salary range between \$30,000-\$36,000 depending on experience as well as a full Brewster County insurance and benefit package.

Send a resume with 3 references to: Robert Alvarez, Executive Director BCTC, PO Box 479, Alpine, TX 79831. Resumes can also be emailed to: Robert@visitbigbend.com. For a full job description call 432-837-3915 between 8a-5p M-F. Resumes will be accepted through December 31, 2022.

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For more information we invite you to visit <https://www.bigbend.com/about-us/employment/>

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The retreat of tradition

Why the loss of food gifting during the holidays should be revisited

If I were to guess, I would imagine many of my readers, at some point in their lives, received a food gift during the holidays. At what point did this lose its appeal. Have we become so indolent that we just can't be bothered. Is the greater drive of reliance on technology to blame. These are questions to ponder as we head towards Christmas.

I always remember giving and receiving food gifts during the holidays. Whether it be that insufferable fruit cake, usually sent by an older family member, or



HEAD OVER MEALS
by kara gerbert

almond bark, fudge, or cookies, it was something to look forward to. It is something that should come full circle. Unlike fashion fads that come and go, gifting goodies for the holidays

should never be out of fashion and definitely not a fad. It should be a practice that continues every year.

One may think, that writing a food column is the reasoning behind believing this tradition should be brought back. In fact, that is the very last reason I feel the gifting of food should happen. Gifts of food are highly personal. They are an act that comes from the heart. They say to the person or persons receiving it that the time was taken to make something personable, and that they were top-

most on your mind. They are also a great way of being introduced to new treats and eats as well as sharing recipes for those items you enjoy the most. And it can also be an economical way to spread holiday love through food.

When I was younger, I always looked forward to receiving cookies from one of my close friends and her mom. They made the best almond cookies and oatmeal chocolate chip cookies ever. We also received other food gifts from family friends such as fudge and snack mixtures lovingly called 'trash.' At times friends would bring over cakes and breads as well. Our home always responded in kind, usually in the form of cookies. Sometimes however we would bake mini pound cakes or pumpkin bread. It wasn't what was made, but that it was made to begin with. It was made with love, and it was made with intention. It seems that so much of this has been lost to the ideology of today's society.

With all this in mind, and with the rapid approach of Christmas on the horizon, I urge you to think about gifting food for the holidays. Food prepared by your hands, in your kitchen, or even one you borrowed. Not something shopped for, or pre-prepared in a fac-

tory setting, but homemade from the heart. If you are not a baker or a cook, then seek one out, and have them prepare the culinary delight you seek to give. After all, it is the thought that counts and not the dollar amount assigned.




Courtesy Photo

Neiman Marcus Cookies



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| Ingredients: | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup of butter | 12 oz. bag of milk chocolate chips |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1 4 oz. Hershey's bar, grated |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 2 eggs |
| 1 cup of sugar | 1 teaspoon baking powder |
| 5 cups regular oatmeal | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 cup packed brown sugar | 3 cups of pecans or walnuts, chopped |

- Directions:
1. Cream the butter and sugars together.
 2. Add the eggs and vanilla
 3. Blend the oatmeal in a blender until it is a fine powder and then mix with the flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda.
 4. Blend the dry ingredients into the butter and sugar mixture.
 5. Stir in the chocolate and nuts.
 6. Roll into small balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet.
 7. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Do not overcook.
- Makes 60 cookies



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