

## Council hears two applicants for council spot

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The Alpine City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 16.

This particular meeting wasn't ordinary due to the presence of two people declaring their intention and submitting their application for the Ward 1 city council position. Judy Stokes who is currently the Ward 1 representative announced that she would be stepping down as soon as her position can be filled.

Jennifer Peel and Reagan Stone addressed the council chambers, each sharing their appreciation for Alpine, their qualifications, and their intentions to serve the community.

Peel shared her intention and said that she wants to bring her experience to encourage growth for the city and to, "leave Alpine better than I found it."

Stone said, "I believe in the power of community, and I am dedicated

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# 80th annual livestock show in the books

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The 80th Annual Big Bend Livestock Association Show is a wrap, with over \$300,000 in sales of market animals.

The weekend started with the weigh-in on Thursday evening, and pit masters Calan Ahrens and Stephen Wood were hard at work on brisket, cabrito, and other mouth-watering food for the weekend concessions. Friday kicked off with the lamb

show, which had seven exhibitors. Grand Champion was awarded to Gracie Boultinghouse with the Fort Davis FFA, and Reserve Grand Champion went to Rynn Matthews from the Twin Peaks 4-H.

The goat show followed the lamb show and had 47 exhibitors. Grand Champion was awarded to Wyatt Renfroe of Twin Peaks 4-H, and Reserve Grand Champion to Rode Babb of Alpine FFA.

The steer show started after a

short break. Talynn Stieg of Alpine FFA was awarded Grand Champion, and Hunter Stieg of Alpine FFA received Reserve Grand Champion.

The 2024 horse show took place at the Sul Ross State University SALE arena Friday evening, with Dakota McCarthy winning Grand Champion mare, and Reserve Grand Champion mare going to Reese Coleman. Lauren Aragon won the Grand Champion gelding, and the Re-

serve Grand Champion gelding went to Reese Coleman. The Saturday morning swine show saw 18 exhibitors. The Grand Champion was awarded to Kevin Perez of the Fort Davis FFA. The Reserve Grand Champion was Skylar Hernandez from the Fort Davis FFA. After a brief break, the rabbit show started with five exhibitors. The Grand Champion was

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## Grand Champion steer



Talynn Stieg shows her Grand Champion steer to judge Audrey Meyers at this year's BBLSA stock show.

Photo by Joh Covington

## Front Street Books a staple of main street

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

Starting, owning, and maintaining a small business in Alpine, Texas is not for the faint of heart or the weak of will. Anne Callaway, the proud owner of Front Street Books, is neither of those things. And she tells it like it is, and sometimes "it" can be tough times.

"I am optimistic about Alpine, and I am optimistic about being in a small business," Callaway said.

According to Callaway, when looking at the calendar now, most will be thinking about events before COVID-19 and after COVID-19. And it's true, as it did indeed test the limits of people themselves as well as the

stability of a business.

"For those of us that survived and for some of our dear friend's small businesses that didn't make it, we all learned so much during that time," said Callaway.

For many years Front Street Books has been a staple of Alpine's main street, and it has seen many changes for its neighbors.

"I feel that Alpine is just on the cusp of breaking through and attracting more," said Callaway, hinting at growth for the community after those difficult times.

One thing that Callaway said that applies to so many different things, is that we can all see many of the areas where we can grow and improve, but it's a matter

of how to go about that improvement so that the benefits are sustainable and long term.

Recently, Callaway made a personal and business commitment to supply her employees with health and hospitalization insurance.

"That was a big deal for me, and I felt that in the long run, it would help with retention and hiring," said Callaway.

One thing that makes the bookstore stand out is its connection to the community and that anyone can go into the shop and look at the selections of the local book clubs. There are approximately nine book clubs in the area and their members like



Front Street Books owner, Anne Callaway.

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## OBITUARIES

### Jean Longman-Flint

Jean Longman-Flint, 92 years old, of Allen, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, December 17. She was residing at Victoria Gardens of Allen. Jean was born in Pecos on June 4, 1931, to Milford Sylvester Howard and Virginia Lea Howard. After graduating from high school, Jean attended Christian



College in Columbus, Missouri, and graduated from Texas Tech University. Jean became an accomplished artist, first

as a decoupage artist and teacher, and in the 1970s was well-known for her copper-enameled crosses treasured across Texas and the country. In 1978, Jean created the enamel inlay work for a seven-foot cross that hangs over the altar of the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Odessa. Jean loved tap dancing and performed in several musicals. She loved line dancing in her later years and at the

age of 90 participated in walker line dancing. One of Jean's biggest loves was attending Bloys Camp Meeting, a cowboy worship revival started in 1890, in West Texas, at the foothills of the Ft. Davis mountains. She loved spending quality time out in the open, eating the camp food, and exploring the outdoors and bat caves with her children and grandchildren.

Jean is survived by her husband Robert Flint, and three children, Theresa Roberts, husband Benjamin, Karen Wong, husband Wesley, and Laurie Longman. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Michael Wong, Chris Wong and wife Carly, Melissa Wong, Matthew Roberts and wife Miranda, Nicholas Roberts and wife Rachel, Alex Roberts and wife Elizabeth,

Emily Roberts and wife Philippa. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren: Ella Roberts, Daniel Roberts, Owen Roberts, and Holland Wong. She will be greatly missed but will always be in our hearts and memories.

In memory of Jean, please consider a donation to the Bloys Camp Meeting. Please visit [bloyscampmeeting.org](http://bloyscampmeeting.org) and choose Donate.

### Jose Willie Rodriguez

Jose Willie Rodriguez (80), of Alpine, passed away after a brief battle with cancer on Tuesday, December 26 with his family by his side.



people together and also to work with his family and teach his children a skill and a hard work ethic.

Jose, affectionately known by many as "Pancha," was born on February 10, 1943, in Alpine to Charles and Clara (Gallego) Rodriguez. A lifelong Alpine resident, he operated several successful businesses and was a talented chef. This combination of being self-employed and cooking for others gave him the opportunity to bring

Jose is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marlene, and his children Dina Jo Baeza and her husband Omar, Sarah Jo Baeza and her husband Julian, Willie Joe and his

wife Janie, Marco Joe and his wife Carmen, and Jacob Joe and his wife Amanda.

He enjoyed being Grandpa to Joseph Agustin Rodriguez, Kamille Lisette Baeza, Ellene Loralia Rodriguez, Shyla Giselle Hernandez, Allannah Cerise Galindo, Matias Omar Baeza, Josiah Atticus Rodriguez, Aiden Silas, and Lukas Elias Rodriguez. He recently had the joy of becoming a great-grandpa to Alessia Mae Hernandez. He is also survived by his brother Roberto and sisters Celia Ramon and Hortencia Rodriguez.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Clara, and siblings Celia (la Negra) Rodriguez, Charlie (Sonny), Jaime, Ofelia Ward, Manuel, Chano, Velia, and Ruben.

Jose had a passion for life. He enjoyed staying fit, especially through swimming. He liked to stay busy, working part-time right up until his illness. He loved to take in the nature around him, spontaneously taking his family mountain climbing or on a motorcycle ride. He loved to present beautifully prepared meals for clients, but es-

pecially for the people he loved. His real joy came from music, singing, dancing, and playing music. He was the life of the party. His family's fondest memories of him usually revolved around music. He would light up at the sight of seeing them all gathered together to sing and dance.

In the months before his death, Jose was learning about many Bible promises from his wife, children, and grandchild-

dren. This brought him great comfort and hope. He passed away in peace.

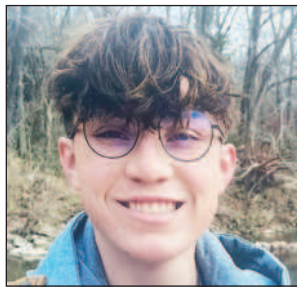
A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home Memorial Chapel at 209 W. Sul Ross Avenue.

Online condolences may be left at: [www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com)

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home.

### Gavin Hearon

Gavin Hearon was born on September 24, 2004, and passed on January 6, 2024. Gavin came to us at the tender age of five. He was warmly welcomed by and enveloped in the loving arms of, his Granny and Peeps, many cousins, aunts and uncles, and the many friendships he developed wherever he



went. He was extremely proud of his Native American heritage and to be a member of the Choctaw Nation. One of

his favorite pastimes was sitting around the kitchen table discussing movies, music, the meaning of life, or just plain old gossip with Uncle and his cousins or really anyone who would listen. "Gav" was deeply loved by all of his family and friends. In his short time with us, he managed to leave us with a lifetime of love and many happy memories. Gavin is survived by

Edye (Granny) and Wes (Peeps) Hearon, April, and Ric Munoz with cousins Owen, Cole, and Seth, Richard Cavness (Uncle and Gavin's touchstone), Sam and Dara Cavness, Tomi McDaniel (Pooh), Dawn Cash with cousins Katherine and Allison, Lance and Fawn Tibbits with cousins Liam, Finley, and Cashel.

### Jose Martinez Reyes


Jose Martinez Reyes, Jr. 77 of Alpine passed away on August 21, 2023, in Fort Stockton. Jose was born on November 18, 1945, to Jose Martinez Sr. and Leonor G. Reyes in Marathon. He married Gloria Gonzalez from Denver, Colorado, and had two children: Christina R. Jennings and Felipe Reyes, both living in Colorado. He was grandfather to seven grandkids



and great-grandfather to three great-grandkids. He enjoyed cowboy movies, music, and get-togethers with family and friends. Most of all, he loved to dance. He will always be

missed by his family, relatives, and many friends. If you knew him, you know he had so many nicknames given to him by family and friends with whom he had shared special memories. Jose is preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Leonor Reyes, sisters Juanita Reyes, and Zoila Rivera, and brother Manuel Reyes. He is survived by brothers, Marin, Feliciano (Yolanda), Anselmo, and Adan (Karen) Reyes

and sister, Emma (Eduardo) Vega, and numerous nieces and nephews. Service will be held on January 20, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Alpine with a rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by mass at 10 a.m. and burial at Holy Angels Cemetery. Following, a lunch will be held at Our Lady of Peace parish hall. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.mmofortexas.com](http://www.mmofortexas.com).



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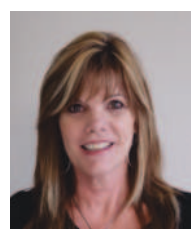
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# Alpine Emergency Services Board discusses optics and management

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Alpine Emergency Services Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the North Brewster County Emergency Response Center. Absent from the meeting was Treasurer Stacey Wood. Members of the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) attending the meeting included Chief Andrew Pierce, Assistant Chief Charles Worden, Captain Zack Davis, and Lieutenant James Etchison.

Director Paul Loeffler called the meeting to order at 5:30 and immediately followed it up with an invocation and pledge of allegiance. There were no public comments, and the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was accepted unanimously.

Loeffler asked for reports from board members, and the board heard from Secretary Rusty Moore and board members Aaron Rodriguez and Stephanie Elmore.

Moore informed the board that the tax-exempt status of the board had been approved and that the official letter from the state declaring tax exemption was sent to the board members.

Elmore did not have anything specific to report with the exception of a short discussion on the grant money received and what those funds were bid on to purchase. She verified with Chief Pierce that hoses, tack lines, and a hose washer were to be purchased with the grant funds. "Make sure before you order this equipment that you re-verify the bids originally submitted and then get these items ordered," Loeffler remarked.

Rodriguez told the board that the internet service at the Emergency Response Center had been established, and two computers with internet service were available in the meeting room for those volunteer firefighters needing to obtain their certifications or for re-certification.

Chief Pierce's report noted that a training calendar had been put into place and was being utilized, as this was something Loeffler mentioned about establishing. "Classes are pre-planned with hands-on and in-class aspects to drive home the points learned. All of the classes taught are prerequisites for Fire Fighter One (FF1)," said Chief Pierce.

Also in his report, the AVFD assisted Emergent EMS in moving a patient of larger size from a residence in Sunny Glen, as well as responding to a home with reports of smoke, that was found to originate from a heater and associated wiring. No injuries were reported

in that incident. AVFD also responded to a motor vehicle collision that required the use of the jaws of life to remove a single patient who was then transported to the hospital.

In conclusion, Chief Pierce mentioned that pages to AVFD firefighters from the Alpine Police Department were not being picked up and that although a fix was implemented, the encoder still seemed to be broken. Loeffler commented and said, "I'll speak with both Chief Losoya and Judge Henington and see what is going on."

Rusty Moore addressed the board, particularly the members of the AVFD present, and told them that he wanted the optics readily available so that there is no question about where and how the money is being spent by the AESB. "We (the board) are the financial gatekeepers for the AVFD, and we need reports in writing about what equipment you purchase, what repairs you do, and who all actually responds to calls and who all is on standby. If people are on standby for a call about a moving assist with Emergent EMS, I want to know the exact optics on the how long, why, etc. and it is very important that everyone is held accountable who may be receiving stipends because this is taxpayer money, and we are accountable to the

taxpayers," said Moore. "If there are extra people that go out on a call with any of the officers if they are in training, that needs to be made clear in a report so that everyone knows why there are that many people for a call that should not need that many. What the public sees is that there were nine firefighters going to a moving assist, and that makes them question why there are that many. It is all about optics and managing those optics by giving us concise reports so that if asked, we can address these types of questions from the public," Moore added.

In other news, the Texas Engineering Extension Service is holding a training at the end of February that those in attendance were interested in attending. Also on the agenda was a discussion and possible selection of a CPA to provide services to the AESB. This item was tabled until Wood was available since she is the treasurer.

Finally, the board recommended Stephanie Elmore and Albert Lujan be reappointed to three-year terms, as their one-year terms expired in December.

The next regular meeting of the AESB is set for February 22 at 5:30 p.m.

## Hampshires all around



Ryanna Pineda (foreground) exhibits her Hampshire hog as it gives the camera the "evil eye" during the BBLSA stock show on Saturday morning.

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## Alpine ISD employee honored



Marsha Roach, Alpine ISD's long-time administrative assistant was presented the Hall of Honor award at this year's BBLSA sale and social. Pictured with Roach are her two sons, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.

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## All in a row



Goat exhibitors fall in line to lead their projects out of the ring this past Friday.

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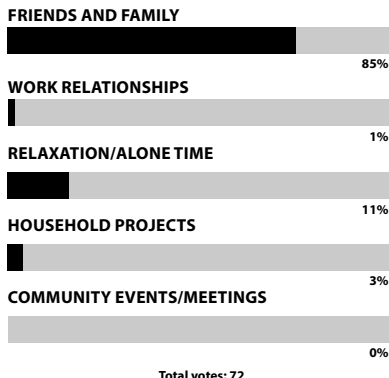
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### RESULTS

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#### RESULTS



### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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- Household Projects
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## Fresh beginnings blooming at Sul Ross

We have a lot to be excited about this spring at Sul Ross State University. It's a season of renewal, growth, and fresh beginnings.

At SRSU, we embrace these themes wholeheartedly as we prepare to welcome students back to campus for another enriching semester. Our commitment to providing a high-quality education remains unwavering, and we are dedicated to creating an environment that nurtures curiosity, success, and personal development.

As you've likely already heard, the university has made two large property purchases in downtown Alpine. First, we have closed on the property known as TransPecos Banks at the corner of 5th Street and Avenue



**DR. CARLOS HERNANDEZ**  
Sul Ross president

E. I'm told it was a dime store before being beautifully remodeled by the bank several years ago. Secondly, we plan to close on what is now known as the old Porter's Grocery building at the corner of 5th Street and Sul Ross Avenue before the end of January.

We don't have any announcements at this time about how either building will be utilized, but we'll share more as soon as it's appropriate. Several of our programs require additional space. However, we are enthusiastic about having a presence downtown. We hope to add to the hustle and bustle and to be good neighbors to our business district.

Sul Ross is proud to unveil new academic programs that reflect our commitment

to staying at the forefront of education. As the world evolves, so does the landscape of knowledge and skills required for success. We are introducing innovative programs that align with emerging trends and industry demands, providing our students with a competitive edge in their chosen fields.

The expansion includes programs in the Case College of Literature, Arts and Social Sciences, the College of Agriculture, Life and Physical Sciences, and the College of Education and Professional Studies. From Anthropology to Industrial Technology to Criminal Justice, these new offerings make sense for Sul Ross and will ensure our graduates are well-prepared for the challenges of the future.

Lastly, we invite you to join us for the various cultural and sporting events that will unfold on our cam-

pus throughout the spring. Whether it's cheering on our Lobos basketball, baseball, softball, rodeo, and tennis teams, or attending performances by our talented students, or participating in community festivals, there will be ample opportunities for you to engage with the vibrant life at Sul Ross State University.

This semester at Sul Ross promises to be a time of growth, collaboration, and celebration. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to continuing our journey together with the Alpine community. Your support is invaluable to us, and we are committed to being an active and positive force within the town we are proud to call home.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a wonderful and successful spring in Alpine. Go, Lobos!

## I'll bet you a dollar

*"It's a small world. And the older I get, the smaller it gets."*

— *Attributed to my long-time friend and sage, Oscar Elliott. 1947 — 2016*

"Think we'll see someone we know," a traveling friend always asks when we venture out of town.

"Naw," I always say.

Bet you a dollar," my friend always challenges me.

My record is zero for however many dollars I've wagered. I always lose.

The odds of crossing paths with someone you know that small-world coincidence, came up at coffee last week. "That's uncanny," one of the coffee-drinking cohorts remarked. We had already worn out the big natural gas outage in Center the weekend before and moved on to other topics. Like how crossing paths with people, you used to know makes the world seem smaller.

"Like you," one of the caffeine addicts tossed in my direction, "You peg geographical references for most Texas towns by the name of the newspaper there. And names of people there you've worked with."

A group of us were playing that game one night at a Texas Press convention social gathering some years ago. As the exchange of stories among friends peaked, Suzanne Bardwell, late wife of Gladewater Mirror publisher

and friend, Jim Bardwell, declared: "I'm going to print bumper stickers that say, 'Honk if you know Leon Aldridge.'" We all laughed.

I still regard that as an honor coming from Suzanne. Her reach of friends and influence in press circles far exceeded mine.

That big natural gas outage in Center last week reminded me of another small-world scenario a few years back. When the newspaper group for which I worked at the time acquired the Tribune in my hometown of Mount Pleasant. Calls and visits from old hometown acquaintances were frequent that first week, but one call caught me off guard. A Center voice now living in Mount Pleasant.

"Marshall Waldrup," I said. "How are you and what are you doing in Mount Pleasant?" Marshall was the manager of the local Entex Gas office during my first stint in Center as publisher when the paper was still the "East Texas Light."

Back when utility companies had local offices. With real people, customers could talk to.

Marshall filled me in on retiring to Mount Pleasant. Then we laughed about the time in Center, around the mid-1980s, when I jumped into the deep end of home ownership and



**LEON ALDRIDGE**  
Guest Columnist

bought a swimming pool. When checking the boxes to commence pool construction, a heater to keep the chill off in early spring was "a must."

"It's going to take a couple of days to get the water up to a comfortable temperature," said the pool company crew upon completion.

"No problem," I thought. "We're going out of town for a long weekend. Should be just right when we get back." And just right it was. By Sunday afternoon, we were living the "American dream," enjoying a heated swimming pool in our backyard.

A few weeks later, I awoke from that dream when Marshall came into the newspaper office looking for me. "I wanted to come tell you this personally," he said quietly as we sat down.

He handed me my gas bill and said, "I didn't want to just mail it to you. I was afraid it might shock you." Sharing that he had sent gas company meter reader and technician Hugh Gambill over to double check my meter, he said, "Hugh didn't find any problems, so I was wondering if you have made any changes in your equipment or gas appliances. Something big? He noticed you've added a swimming pool. Is it by chance heated?"

"How bad is it," I asked

before looking. Marshall said nothing. I looked. "Seven hundred and fifty dollars," I gasped.

Thoughts of a second job or a second mortgage on the house raced through my mind. He must have seen the fear in my eyes. "We can extend that over two or three months," Marshall said. "You don't have to pay it all in one month. That's the other reason I came over here personally."

The heated pool was nice that spring. I remember because it was also the only time, we used it. It took time, but cold pool water in the spring wasn't that bad. And we were also never again shocked by a gas bill equaling what was at that time, probably a couple of house payments.

I thought about Marshall today. He would have been busy the last two weekends. First, to restore the city-wide natural gas outage in the Center. And again, this week, when Ol' Man Winter blew into town, grabbing East Texas in an icy grip.

I also thought about my swimming pool story. And that if I still had one, it would still be unheated.

And I thought of another of Oscar's old sayings that is still true. The one about "No matter where you go, there you are." To which I can add only that he would be right.

And that wherever you are, you are likely to see someone you know.

I'll bet you a dollar.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'd like to give a shoutout to Kara Gerbert for providing us with fabulous reci-

pes week after week. Her column is my favorite section of the newspaper! The

recipe for Million Dollar pound cake was the height of culinary delight. Keep

'em coming, Ms. Gerbert. Kathy Holmes Alpine







The 2024 Big Bend Livestock Association's Show and Sale was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the Big Bend business and ranching communities and the hard work of the many volunteers who give tirelessly to the 4H and FFA youth of Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. With dollars still coming in each day, the sale again is well over the \$330,000 mark!

A sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed and helped in any way to make the 2024 show and sale such a huge success.

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COUNCIL • FROM 1

to working to enhance the quality of life for each and every one of us.”

After the two potential candidates returned to their seats, Mayor Catherine Eaves used her time reserved for the mayoral report to express her gratitude for the sitting council.

The bulk of this particular meeting was utilized for discussion items. The council agreed that there is a need to draft a non-profit donation policy, that would require non-profits to meet certain criteria to qualify for city funds. The council also agreed that this discussion should be returned to while they consider the city budget, to see a

clear picture of what the city can and can't do fiscally.

Short-term rental ordinances and procedures were also a topic of discussion, and while the council is still considering the parking ordinances for STRs, the council overwhelmingly agreed that the grace period that has been extended to these rental properties will be coming to an end and that citations will begin to be issued to those not complying with the ordinances. These citations could come with a hefty price tag if the properties do not become compliant.

A coordinator for the Dark Skies initiative

from McDonald Observatory, Stephen Hummel, made a presentation to the city during this meeting. Hummel shared that the national average for the increase in light pollution was at a rate of being doubled every eight years. Due to the efforts of the initiative, in trading lights and offering guidance in light compliance, Alpine has not increased in light pollution anywhere near that rate.

In other news, the council approved three action items. The first was to accept the resignation of Judy Stokes while also appointing her to the Ward 1 position until her successor was confirmed.

The second item was to

approve an order of general election for May 4, 2024. This general election is to elect a Mayor for a two-year term, a Ward 2 council member, and a Ward 4 council member. The election's early voting will be from April 22 to April 30.

The third action item that was approved during this meeting was a twelve-month lease agreement with CAPPs, Van, and Truck rental for two vehicles. The vehicles will be used by city officers participating in the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Program.

The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6.

Livestock judge



Livestock judge Audrey Meyer comments on a class of animals during last weekend's BBLSA stock show.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Champion lamb exhibitors



Ryann Matthews and Gracie Boultinghouse took the top honors at this year's BBLSA lamb show.

Photo by Katy Allen-Matthews

LIVESTOCK • FROM 1

awarded to Mia Jimenez of the Twin Peaks 4-H and the Reserve Grand Champion rabbit went to James Roberts of the Marathon 4-h.

At the Alpine Civic Center on Saturday evening, sales totaled

roughly \$323,000 as of press time, including donations from many businesses and individuals.

The 81st annual Big Bend Livestock Association show is scheduled for January 9-11, 2025.

BOOKS • FROM 1

to come in and browse what the other clubs are reading. This and Callaway's interest in keeping a diverse selection available keeps the selection in rotation.

One thing that Front Street has to look forward to in this new year, is readings from authors and Alpine's Wildlife

Days in February. Front Street Books will host local artist, Chris Ruggia, for live drawings on February 3.

This year's first book reading was on Thursday, January 11 at 6 p.m., from new author Barnett (Barney) Cline, MD, MPH, PhD, professor emeritus of tropical medicine at Tulane University.

When asked how she finds the sor emeritus of tropical medicine at Tulane University.

Those who attend will hear about his travels and memoir called "The Wind Blew Me There" from when he joined the crew of the ship named Verona as the ship's surgeon.

"It's beautifully written," said Callaway.

In his book, Cline recalls performing emergency surgery while on the Galapagos Islands, dodging the arrows of hostile natives in the Bay of Bengal, experiencing a mutiny in the mid-Pacific, and acquiring a cave house overlooking the Aegean Sea in San-

torini. Readers can also learn about the medical moments that tested his education and gave him invaluable real-world experience in emergency and tropical medicine.

Along with anecdotes and recollections, Cline includes information from his original ship's log, a selection of pho-

graphs he took on the voyage, and excerpts from letters he wrote and received. His work contains a treasure trove of information about some of the most remote and beautiful places in the world.

When asked how she finds the

authors that she invites to do these popular readings, Callaway said that many of them are walkers. And while she always reserves the right to decline, she has found many jewels that way.

Occasionally, they foresee that some book readings and signings will be larger and do require more space than the small bookshop can accommodate. In those instances, the small Alpine community comes through for one another, and sometimes other businesses, like the Granada or the Ritchey, will allow Callaway to use their spaces for readings.

For the smaller readings, Callaway usually expects about 15 people, which her shop can hold. For one of her larger turnouts, there were approximately 75 to 100

people.

This, in Callaway's opinion, is also a part of the new leaf that Alpine is turning. The support that the small businesses are willing to give one

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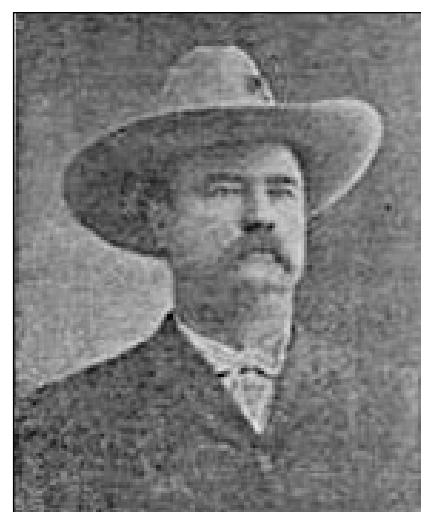
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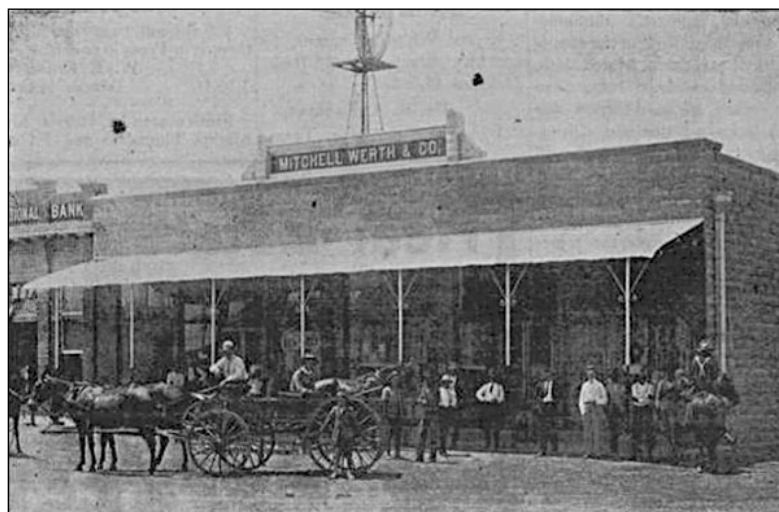
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**February 9, 1911**  
Shown here is Levingston Hall which adjoins the campus grounds in Alpine. Recently Alpine has grown exponentially, due in part to a temperate climate similar to the south of France. It is located on the main line of the Southern Pacific, and the local Normal school.



**February 16, 1911**  
John Young is one of Alpine's personal "boosters." His efforts along with others are particularly devoted to making Alpine a queen city in the Trans-Pecos Country. Young is the senior real estate member of the Young Land Company and a director for the Jordan Marble Quarry.

**March 2, 1911**  
One of the largest grocery firms in West Texas is the Alpine Mercantile Company. The company has been a liberal and progressive force for the community and offers Brewster County the largest dry goods selection in the area.



**March 23, 1911**  
Pictured here is the front view of the Mitchell-Gillett Company. Their mammoth business storerooms greet the crowd waiting outside with their horses and wagons.

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

# Removing male cedars won't stop cedar allergies

**Dear Neil: I really enjoy Neil Sperry's column. He addressed whether someone would want to cut down a redcedar tree because of allergies to the pollen. Remember that there are both male and female trees in the juniper genus. If the redcedar has pretty little blueberries, it's a female tree and will not produce pollen. It could be left without fear of creating allergies.**

I'm on your team. My contention has always been that there are so many hundreds of thousands of redcedars, Ashe junipers, and other related junipers that cutting one or a few won't make much difference in a person's allergies. It's better to have an allergist prescribe the appropriate medicine. Of course, some will argue that the little blue cones give rise to many more redcedars, and so the debate goes on. And on.

**Dear Neil: My photinias have been dark green and healthy looking, but in the past year they have started turning yellow, then dying out. I thought it was an iso-**

**GARDENER'S MAILBAG**  
by neil sperry

**lated issue, but now it seems to be spreading. What can I do to stop it?**

I've always made it my practice to give the most honest answer, whether the news is good or bad. In this case, it is not good. This is Entomsporium fungal leaf spot. It begins as harmless-looking maroon freckles, then the leaves turn light green, yellow, white, then brown and dead. There is no product that will prevent or cure it. It has rendered redtip photinias virtually useless as landscaping shrubs all across warmer parts

of America. It has even mutated now to attack Photinias' close relative, Indian hawthorns. In your case, I would switch over to Willowleaf hollies. They grow to about the height that you have here, and they are free of insect and disease problems.

**Dear Neil: I recently read that this is not a good time to fertilize my lawn. When can I use "weed-and-feed" products? Weeds are popping up all over the place.**

I am not an advocate of those combination products at any time. Timing is seldom the same, and there is too much chance of you doing damage to trees and shrubs. Pre-emergent weedkillers should be applied the first week of September for the weeds you can see now. For summer

weeds, apply pre-emergent two weeks before your area's average date of the last killing freeze in the spring and again 90 days later. Broadleafed weedkiller sprays can be applied during the winter when temperatures are above 60 to 65 degrees. Fertilize warm season grasses every two months from early April until early October.

**Dear Neil: Your recent comments about not topping crape myrtles seem incomplete. How does one go**

**about limiting their growth?**

With more than 125 varieties of crape myrtles on the market today, there are types of all sizes. Pruning does not change crape myrtles' genetics. "Cutting them back" is not a long-term remedy. Removing or replacing them will be a far better solution.

**Dear Neil: What is your opinion of empress trees? They are fast-growing, deciduous with huge, shading leaves in the summer.**

You asked for my opinion, which is that they are weak wooded (like most fast-growing trees), subject to several insect and disease issues, and messy (due to the large leaves). Most horticulturists do not recommend them, myself included.

*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.*



## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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**ACROSS**

1 hangs down

5 in Concho County on U.S. 83 & 87

6 TXism: "\_\_\_ lick" (none)

7 TXism: "tame as \_\_\_ dog"

8 TX Kenny Rogers sang "\_\_\_ I Can Make It on My Own"

9 J.R. was shot in the final \_\_\_ of "Dallas" season 3

16 "those" in Mexico

18 TXism: "still wet \_\_\_ ears" (inexperienced)

21 TX Nolan pitched seven \_\_\_-hitters

22 rattling sound heard by a stethoscope

23 Clyde High class 24 fill 'er up (2 wds)

30 Highlands Mansion in Marlin has a stained-\_\_\_ in the great hall

34 TX Tom Kite won \_\_\_ Open in 1992

35 this David was leader of Waco's Branch Davidians

36 Humble Oil once had Esso and this brand name

37 rep for TX Matthew McConaughey county west of Sabine (2 wds.)

43 Nacogdoches old road: "La Calle del \_\_\_"

44 boycott, e.g.

**DOWN**

1 where TX Ted Cruz serves

2 this Rangers' Garcia hit 5 home runs against Astros in 2023 ALCS

3 "Whoopie ti yi yo, \_\_\_ little dogies"

4 TXism: "\_\_\_ beans" (in a pod)

9 TX Banks who was "Mr. Cub" (init.)

10 TX A.C. Greene book: "A \_\_\_ Country"

11 TX Trini sang "If \_\_\_ a Hammer"

12 farm storage tower

13 "\_\_\_ band" (solo performance)

14 Duryea of 1954 "Ride Clear of Diablo" with TX Audie Murphy (init.)

15 Love Field arr. guess

17 TX wheeler-dealer: Billy \_\_\_

19 legend has it that Texas "Enchanted Rock" is this

20 this bunny gives gifts

24 Kennedy of film "Creepshow 2" with TX Lois Chiles

25 Greek goddess of the dawn

26 TXism: "mobile mouse \_\_\_" (cat)

27 film categories, e.g.

28 TXism: "busy \_\_\_ -armed paper hanger"

29 this Denny won 1930 "Texas Open"

31 Texas fire \_\_\_

32 \_\_\_-fi, like "Avatar"

33 braggart, like some Texans

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41 this info. agcy. was dissolved in 1999

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# Sports

## Alpine topples Kermit

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks took the win last week against the Kermit Yellow Jackets, defeating the opposing team 76-57.

"It is always exciting when playing district opponents, specifically teams like Kermit. The progression of the game was good. Kermit is much improved, and it was challenging for me to get a beat on how and where we could attack them offensively and defensively," said Aaron Hardwick, head basketball coach for the Bucks. Alpine took a two-point lead in the first quarter 15-13, and a 16-point lead before halftime.

"Credit to our team, they stepped up in a major way and regardless of what was called, they executed extremely well," said Hardwick.

In the second half, Kermit caught up a little bit by gaining 18 points in the third quarter, putting the Bucks in the lead by only 11 points. However, the Fightin' Bucks jumped far ahead of the curve with a resounding 23-15 points gained in the fourth.

"They seem to be hitting a stride, working together, offensively and defensively. Every day is an opportunity to grow and get better and once again, credit to our team. They are continuing to grow and get better with each practice and game played," Hardwick said.



Alec Ramos scans for an opening to pass the ball during the Bucks' game against the Kermit Yellow Jackets.

Jace Canaba, who was honored before the game for making a 1000-point record, was a scoring leader for this game as well. With a total of 32 points, Canaba had 11 field goals, four 3-point shots, and six free throws.

Daedrick Hardwick put 17 points on the board and Evren Martinez scored 13. Hardwick had seven field goals, a three-point shot, and two free throws while Martinez scored with five field goals and three three-point shots.

Alec Ramos, Ferris Daley, Zane Wash, Guillermo Busey, JJ Victorino, and Davian Fierro had an impressive collection of field goals, free throws, steals,

and rebounds. The team's totals resulted in a 70% free throw accuracy, 36 points in the paint, 17 offensive rebounds, 26 defensive rebounds, and 11 turnovers. Ramos led the team in offensive rebounds while Martinez led in assists, with four and five respectively. Canaba had the most steals of the game with five and had the most defensive rebounds.

The Bucks played the Presidio Blue Devils next, in another home district game on Tuesday. By a very narrow margin, the Bucks were able to eek out a win over the Blue Devils 51-50. Alpine had been up against the team earlier this season during the Fort Stockton

Tournament in December and fell short with a score of 32-67.

Before this game, Hardwick said, "We did lose early in the season to Presidio at the Ft. Stockton tournament. Credit them, they had a great game plan and they executed it well. Since then, we have gone 8-1 and have really started to figure a lot of things out on both ends of the court. The team is chomping at the bit to face off against the Blue Devils on Tuesday. It will be a very exciting game."

Next, the Bucks are set to travel to Odessa for a district-away game against Compass Academy on Friday, January 19.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

## Jump shot



Guillermo Busey makes a shot for the basket during the Bucks' recent game against the Kermit Yellow Jackets.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

### Fightin' Buck Schedule

#### Buck Basketball

Jan. 19 Alpine vs Compass\* JV 5 p.m. Varsity 8 p.m.  
Jan. 23 Crane vs Alpine\* JV 5 p.m. 9th Grade Gold 6:30 p.m. Varsity 8 p.m.

#### LadyBuckBasketball

Jan. 19 Alpine vs Compass\* JV 5 p.m. Varsity 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 23 Crane vs Alpine\* JV 5 p.m. Varsity 6:30 p.m.

\*Denotes District Game

## Lady Bucks sting the Yellow Jackets

BY JOH COVINGTON  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday of last week, the Lady Bucks defended their home turf against the visiting Kermit Yellow Jackets and brushed past the team 52-44. "It was a tough-fought game, but our girls were relentless and focused," said Christopher Virdell, head basketball coach for the Lady Bucks.

Alpine took the lead early in the game, scoring 16-10 in the first quarter, but Kermit rebounded before the end of the second. The first half ended with a narrow 25-23 lead on the scoreboard for the Lady Bucks.

"We jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and Kermit clawed back into the game by halftime making it a 2-point game," Virdell said.

During this game, the Lady Bucks had 13 offensive rebounds and more than double the defensive rebounds at 28. And with 12 steals and six blocks, the team really demonstrated their defense skills.

"I was overly excited about the girls' defense, we have been talking and focusing on taking pride in our defense," said Virdell. According to the coach, the girls did not let up in this game and we were able to recover from early mistakes to make a push in the second half to win the game.

"The difference in the game was defense no doubt, but we were really good in transition and from the free throw line. Those three things will get

you wins and are the main focuses in our game schemes," said Virdell.

The Lady Bucks have steadily strengthened their record this season, winning all but one game in district play so far. "The girls have grown tremendously throughout the season and team chemistry is a key factor in our success of late. These girls play together very well, they depend on each other and trust each other on the floor. It helps to have great senior leadership and our two seniors, Novah Carrasco and Ali Maroney, have done an excellent job in leading the team this year," said Virdell.

Carrasco was a stat leader that week, with 19 of her points added to the mix. Carrasco had four field goals, 11 free throws, nine rebounds, and five assists. Maroney led the team in steals and had a rebound, an assist, and five turnovers throughout the game.

"We rely on everyone as a whole; everyone has a role, and everyone does their job. As a coach it is something you strive for in every team you coach, this team has exceeded that, and it shows in every game they play," Virdell said.

Sophomore Karolina Castillo fought for 16 points with five three-point shots, seven field goals, and a defensive rebound. Junior Hope Dominguez made two field goals, one three-point shot, and three free throws, and had 12 rebounds. Sophomore Nadia



Novah Carrasco moves in for another score during last week's home game against Kermit.

Courtesy photo

Morris made two field goals, two free throws, and four rebounds with an assist and a steal. Junior Masiela Miranda had a successful field goal and two rebounds resulting in two extra points for her team. Meanwhile, fellow players Evelyn Smith, Colette Fowlkes, and Neveah Carrasco pushed the Lady Buck's score over the edge with a combination of rebounds, assists, and steals.

The Kermit game was another big win for the Lady Bucks and winning games at home are a must in this district. That win pushed them to 5-1 in district play to finish off the first half of the district schedule.

The Lady Buck's next game was against the Presidio Blue Devils, whom the Bucks last played in December. "We were able to handle them in Presidio, but we will go into this game like we do all games, we expect a hard-

played game and will focus on doing the small things to give us an opportunity to win," said Virdell before the home game on Tuesday, January 16. The game resulted in Alpine once again being able to edge out the Blue Devils of Presidio, winning the game 40-38.

On Friday, January 19, the Lady Bucks are scheduled to face Compass Academy in a district away game in Odessa.



## Making the shot

Lady Buck Hope Dominguez straightens up for a free throw during last week's game.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**NOVAH CARRASCO**

Novah Carrasco, Senior point guard. Novah had 42 points, 20 rebounds, 9 assists, 8 steals, and 2 blocks in the last two games. Novah is a team captain and sets the tone on both sides of the floor. She is pivotal in running the offense and guides the defense. Her leadership and play has been key to the program's success.

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# BBLSA Pulled Pork

Recipe courtesy of Stephen Wood and BBLSA



## HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

Each year at the Big Bend Livestock Show Association (BBLSA) stock show, the concession stand puts out what many locals consider gourmet burritos. Once the domain of Paul Loeffler and Bob Dillard, the cooking duties have been taken over by local small business owner and former Alpine FFA member Stephen Wood and small business owner and former Alpine FFA member Calan Ahrens.

This past weekend, Alpine hosted the BBLSA livestock show, and both Wood and Ahrens were hard at work Thursday morning preparing for a weekend of feeding the masses. With the full support of Alpine FFA advisor Doug Fox, Wood shared with the Avalanche



Pit Style Pulled Pork

his locally famous BBLSA pulled pork recipe. Along with his pulled pork burritos, Wood also smokes brisket and cabrito for the annual event and always whips up a spicy batch of salsa to go along with it. While Ahrens fills

the role of sous chef for Wood, Wood does a lot of the culinary “heavy lifting.”

Wood grew up cooking, graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, and puts his expertise to work each year for the kids and

families who work hard to put on the annual livestock show.

For Wood, feeding the folks involved with the BBLSA is immensely satisfying. “All good things happen in the kitchen, and good food makes people smile,” Wood says.

“The best part of every BBLSA weekend is seeing the kids smile, catching up with friends we haven’t seen in a while, and knowing I can make them happy with my food. This all goes to a great cause also. What I cook and get sold at the concession stand goes to pay all the fees for selling the animals, so the kids get to keep 100% of what they sell their animals for. That is even more satisfying to me than just making everyone good food,” Wood added.

Wood says he plans to continue smoking brisket, and cabrito and whipping up his BBLSA pulled pork until the day

Fox retires. At that point, he says he will turn it all over to Ahrens, who has the recipes, and he will go on to other ventures.

For those of you who have never had the opportunity to try BBLSA pulled pork, you are missing out. Wood cooks from the heart, and he measures his ingredients that way as well. And while it is too late to grab one of those delicious burritos while helping out our local and area kids this year, Wood will hit the pit next January to bring his delicious food to the BBLSA family and the Tri-County area.

## BBLSA Pulled Pork

Courtesy of Stephen Wood

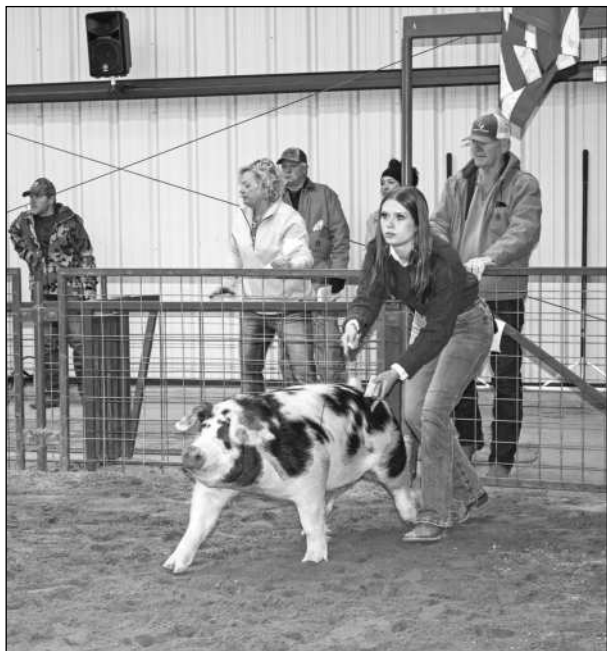
Ingredients:

- 1 pork butt
- Rub: measurements are not exact, Wood measures by the heart**
- 1/4 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons black pepper
- 1/4 cup garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup smoked paprika
- 2 tablespoons ground oregano
- Spray**
- 1 cup Dr. Pepper
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons garlic juice

Directions:

- Rub the pork butt with the dry rub
- Place in the refrigerator, uncovered, overnight
- Bring the smoker to 225 degrees, and smoke for six hours
- Spray pork butt every hour with the spray
- mixture
- After six hours, remove from the smoker
- Wrap pork tightly in foil
- Smoke for two more hours
- Rest the pork for one hour and then shred and serve

## Laser focused



Amanda Ahrens is intently focused on the judge as she enters the show ring Saturday morning during the crossbreed swine show.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

## 2024 BUCKLE AWARDS

- GRAND CHAMPION CATTLE** ..... Talynn Stieg
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION CATTLE** ..... Hunter Stieg
- SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR CATTLE** ..... Talynn Stieg
- SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR STEER** ..... Izabella Briones
- GRAND CHAMPION LAMB** ..... Gracie Boultinghouse
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB** ..... Rynn Matthews
- SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR LAMB** ..... Wyatt Renfro
- SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR LAMB** ..... Matheo Karleen
- GRAND CHAMPION SWINE** ..... Kevin Perez
- RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE** ..... Skylar Hernandez
- SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR SWINE** ..... Addisyn Green
- SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR SWINE** ..... Chelsea Hernandez
- GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT** ..... Wyatt Renfro
- RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET GOAT** ..... Rode Babb
- SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR GOAT** ..... Hallie Wood
- SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR GOAT** ..... Kylie Maroney
- GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT** ..... Mia Jimenez
- RESERVE CHAMPION RABBIT** ..... James Roberts
- SHOWMANSHIP RABBIT JUNIOR** ..... Rhyder Vasquez
- SHOWMANSHIP RABBIT SENIOR** ..... Adrian Hernandez
- GRAND MARE** ..... Dakota Grace McCarthy
- RESERVE MARE** ..... Reese Coleman
- GRAND GELDING** ..... Lauren Aragon
- RESERVE GELDING** ..... Reese Coleman
- GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** Amberly Tarrant
- GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP** ..... Megan Luna

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## Heard on the STREET

What is your favorite winter beverage?



**Damian Wilson:** I like to make a hot chocolate drink that's half hot chocolate and half coffee. I also add cinnamon sometimes. My sister likes it with peppermint and it's pretty good that way too.



**Sarah Collier:** Nothing beats a Hot Toddy when it's cold. I like to make mine with the usual whiskey, honey, and lemon, but I prefer using Earl Grey tea for it.



**Isabella Morales:** Whenever the pumpkin spice latte is available, I want it all the time. I like it iced though, even when it's super cold outside.



**Darren King:** I drink chai all the time with oat milk because I am lactose intolerant, but it is so good, the spicier the chai the better.



**Frank Salazar:** Hot black coffee. Winter, summer, spring, and fall.

## Grand Champion Gelding



Lauren Aragon exhibited the Grand Champion Gelding.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

## Checkin' em' out



Rabbit judge Stephanie Hughes checks out a pen of California breed rabbits at this year's BBLSA rabbit show.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

## PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Rodan. "I'm a Mighty Fire Demon ... I'm just kidding." Hi. My name is Rodan, and I'm a fireball of a kitty. My personality is as bright as the sun, and I'm as active as a bird on a windy day. I do enjoy a lot of activity and I think sunbathing is an amazing pastime. If you enjoy the same things as me, please come and see me at the shelter.

In cold weather, ensure your outdoor pets have adequate shelter out of the wind. Using straw (not hay) or wood shavings in outdoor housing is ideal. Overstuff the shelter with this bedding so your pet can burrow into it. Never use blankets as they become wet and will freeze, putting your pet in danger of frostbite or worse. Wood shavings are very affordable at local farm retailers. Alpine Humane Society has a limited number of bales of shavings at our Pet

Pantry for those who are unable to purchase them. Don't forget to make sure your pet has fresh water numerous times per day.

Pet promotions are courtesy of the 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 is at 600 N. 5th Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit PetFinder.com or [www.alpinehumane-society.org](http://www.alpinehumane-society.org), and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 3 SRSU Guided and Informative Hike, 9 a.m.** A guided hike open to the public up Hancock Hill themed "Big Game" will be led by Justin French, Big Game Specialist for the Borderlands Research Institute.

**Feb. 10 Valentine's Day PJ Story Time, 6 p.m.** for ages 4-12 at the Alpine Public Library.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave.** Schedules are available on the front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or [aa-intergroup.org](http://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.



**Amigo Run Club at Alpine City Place, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at 101 W. Ave E. Weekly running club to walk/run 1-3 miles. Meet at the Amigo garage and finish at Amigo. Call 432-837-4012 for more information.

**Big Bend Amateur Radio Club meeting, 7 p.m.,** second Tuesday each month, Frontier Masonic Lodge #766, 2300 Highway 118 North.

**Big Bend Community Chorus rehearsals, on Monday evenings** at 6 p.m. in the Sul Ross Fine Arts Building, Room 200. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at [Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu](mailto:Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu), call 432-837-8216, or visit [bbcchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc](http://bbcchorale.wixsite.com/bbcc).

**Celebrate Recovery, at Big Bend Cowboy Church** on Monday evenings 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For

more information contact CW at 432-386-3628 or Stacey at 432-386-2979.

**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.

**Exercise Classes, at Sunshine House, 402 E. Holland Ave.** Tuesdays-yoga and balance, Thursdays-strength and conditioning. 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Free to all. Contact Cindy at 512-432-2409 for more details.

**GED tutoring, at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E.** Call 432-837-2621 to make an appointment.

**Hike with Homeless Dogs, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** every Thursday at Davis Mountains State Park in collaboration with Grand Companions. For more information contact Charlie Ewing at 432-246-3337 x301.

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

**Late Night Game Night, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.** every Thursday night at Amigo, 101 W. Ave E.

## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

### HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads, the appraisal district has requested an updated application, or the owner has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. A copy of a current driver's license must accompany the application. Persons who purchase their home during 2024 and the home purchased does not have an existing homestead exemption from the prior owner, the new owner may receive a prorated homestead. The proration is from the date the homeowner qualifies. Details may be obtained from your local appraisal district. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

### DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below).

### PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE- EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRAL

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they became 65 during 2023 or will be 65 during 2024. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral plus interest, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

### DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled, unemployable and receiving 100% disability compensation, their homestead may be completely exempt. An annual reapplication for the 100% exemption may be required by the Chief Appraiser.

### FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser

### EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121 or from their website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html>

### BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. Deadline-April 15. A 30-day filing extension is available by written request.

### PROTESTING PROPERTY VALUE

Taxpayers whose property value increases by at least \$1000 will be mailed a reappraisal notice stating the proposed value. The taxpayer may file a protest of the value change by completing the protest form that will be included in the notice. An informal hearing will be available to taxpayers, and if not satisfied, the taxpayer may have a formal hearing before the Bee County Appraisal Review Board.

If you have questions about any of these topics, please contact the Brewster County Appraisal District at (432) 837-2332 or come by our office at 107 W Ave E. Alpine, Texas. Other information may also be available on the Comptroller's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/)



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TXB21258, Account No(s). 108000110005020200(26406), BREWSTER COUNTY, ET AL VS. LOUISE BRUEGGMANN, 20.00 acres, more or less, being the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the West 1/2 of Survey 5, Abstract 651, Certificate 678, Block G-11, Brewster County, Texas, as described in deed dated July 17, 1937, from Texas Big Bend Land Co. to Louise Brueggmann, in Volume 87, Page 295, Deed Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$14,000.00

TXB21262, Account No(s). 109000120013024830(26646), BREWSTER COUNTY, ET AL VS. EMETERIO M DAGDAGAN, 40.00 acres, more or less, being the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Block G-12, GC & SF RR Original Grantee, Brewster County, Texas, as described in deed dated November 24, 1975, from Terramar Corporation to Emeterio M. Dagagan etal, in Volume 211, Page 328, Deed Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$24,000.00

TXB21263, Account No(s). 103000040209275000(25448), BREWSTER COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAN-KEVIN VESEY, 40.00 acres, more or less, being the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 209, Block G-4, as described in deed dated November 23, 2011, from Robert L. Smith II Estate, Zana L. Smith, Administrator to Jan-Kevin Veseey, in Volume 275, Page 760, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$13,200.00

TXB21271, Account No(s). 018000150021200010(24563), BREWSTER COUNTY, ET AL VS. W H DAVIS, The Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 out of Survey 21, Block 15, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Cop. Land, Brewster County, Texas, as described in deed dated January 2, 1915, from F. C. Bennett to W. H. Davis, in Volume 33, Page 310, Deed Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$12,000.00

TXB21273, Account No(s). 973500030008000000(11730), BREWSTER COUNTY VS. TERENCE CHAMBERLIN, Lot 8, Block 3, North Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Envelope 63, Plat Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$77,261.00

TXB22301, Account No(s). 032002150010794000(14122), BREWSTER COUNTY VS. CLYDE E. THROWER, AKA CLYDE EDWARD THROWER, ET AL, 5.00 acres, more or less, being Tract F-794, Section 10, Block 215, T & ST L RR Co. Original Grantee, Brewster County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 13, Map Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$2,500.00

TXB22301, Account No(s). 103000040232290000(25771), BREWSTER COUNTY VS. CLYDE E. THROWER, AKA CLYDE EDWARD THROWER, ET AL, 40.00 acres, more or less, being Tract 290 in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 232, Block G-4, H.E. & W.T RR. Co. Original Grantee, Brewster County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 210, Page 424, Deed Records of Brewster County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$13,200.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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## SENIOR Spotlight SIERRA RUCKMAN



#### In what activities did you participate in high school?

The activities I participated in included volleyball, band, powerlifting, track, softball, Academic UIL, student council, athletic leadership council, student advisory committee, and National Honor Society.

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

My favorite moment of the last four years was when we were on a powerlifting trip and Sarah suggested we play "Tony Llanez."

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

My favorite (former coach) was Mr. Vickers. He was always doing whatever he could to make sure we succeeded and could always make us laugh no matter the situation.

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

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## Devotional Page

### God's prosperity for His believers

BY PASTOR MARK WILLIAMS

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I have compiled a sprinkling of scriptures for those wondering if God blesses His children with financial prosperity.

3 John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospereth.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Matthew 6:33 Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.

Genesis 13:2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

Genesis 13:15 for all the land which thou (Abraham) seest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed forever.

Genesis 17:2 I will establish my covenant between Me and you (Abraham), and I will multiply you exceedingly.

Galatians 3:14 ...that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles.

Genesis 39:23 ...the Lord was with him (Joseph), and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

Deuteronomy 7:13 He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and fruit of your land, your corn and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He swore unto your fathers to give you. Deuteronomy 28:1-13 Please read in your Bible. Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart

from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and you will have good success.

2 Chronicles 20:20 ...Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established. Believe His prophets, so shall you prosper.

2 Chronicles 26:5 ...and as long as He (Uzziah) sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

Psalms 1:2-3 But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the river of water that bringeth good fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 37:9 ...but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:11 But the humble will inherit the land and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Psalms 115:14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing, But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

Romans 8:32 He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although He was rich, He became poor for your sakes so that you by His poverty could become rich.

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## SWINE

**GRAND CHAMPION SWINE**  
Kevin Perez  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE**  
Skylar Hernandez

**CHAMPION WHITE OPB**  
Skylar Hernandez  
**RESERVE CHAMPION WHITE OPB**  
Tannin Ritchie

EXHIBITOR	ASSOCIATION	PLACE
<b>WHITE OPB CLASS 1</b>		
Skylar Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	1
Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	2
Ryanna Pineda	Alpine FFA	3
Reese Coleman	Alpine FFA	4

**CHAMPION BLACK OPB**  
Chelsea Hernandez  
**RESERVE CHAMPION BLACK OPB**  
John Ritchie

**BLACK OPB CLASS 2**

Ysla Salcido	Fort Davis FFA	1
Jonathan Salcido	Fort Davis FFA	2
Evelyn Smith	Alpine FFA	3
Kenneth Duarte	Fort Davis FFA	4

**CLASS 3**

Chelsea Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	1
Adriel Duarte	Fort Davis FFA	2
Reese Coleman	Alpine FFA	3

**CLASS 4**

John Ritchie	Alpine FFA	1
Addisyn Green	Alpine FFA	2
Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	3
Alijah Brito	Fort Davis FFA	4
Everett Keith	Fort Davis FFA	5

**CHAMPION DUROC**  
Alexi Hernandez



Alpine senior Tannin Ritchie showed her heart out in her last year to enter the BBLSA stock show arena. Ritchie is set to graduate in May.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

**RESERVE CHAMPION DUROC**  
Evelyn Smith

**DUROC CLASS 5**

Alexi Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	1
Alijah Brito	Fort Davis FFA	2
Chelsea Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	3
Gracie Dabbs	Marathon 4H	4

**CLASS 6**

Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	1
Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	2
Ty Ritchie	Alpine FFA	3

**CLASS 7**

Evelyn Smith	Alpine FFA	1
Alijah Brito	Fort Davis FFA	2
Brody Warren	Alpine FFA	3
Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	4
Addisyn Green	Alpine FFA	5

**CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE**  
Evelyn Smith  
**RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE**  
John Ritchie

**HAMPSHIRE CLASS 8**

Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	1
Kevin Perez	Fort Davis FFA	2
Izabella Briones	Marathon 4H	3
Ryanna Pineda	Alpine FFA	4
Kody Hawkins	Alpine FFA	5

**CLASS 9**

Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	1
Chelsea Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	2
Talynn Stieg	Alpine FFA	3
Kacy Hawkins	Alpine FFA	4
Addisyn Green	Alpine FFA	5

**CLASS 10**

Evelyn Smith	Alpine FFA	1
John Ritchie	Alpine FFA	2
Tripp Warren	Alpine FFA	3
Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	4
Addisyn Green	Alpine FFA	5

**CHAMPION CROSS**  
Kevin Perez  
**RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS**  
Evelyn Smith

**CROSS CLASS 11**

John Ritchie	Alpine FFA	1
Hunter Stieg	Alpine FFA	2
Alijah Brito	Fort Davis FFA	3
Skylar Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	4
Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	5

**CLASS 12**

Tannin Ritchie	Alpine FFA	1
Hunter Stieg	Alpine FFA	2
Kody Hawkins	Alpine FFA	3
Alexi Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	4
Izabella Briones	Marathon 4H	5

**CLASS 13**

Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	1
Reese Ahrens	Alpine FFA	2
Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	3
Addisyn Green	Alpine FFA	4

**CLASS 14**

Kevin Perez	Fort Davis FFA	1
Ty Ritchie	Alpine FFA	2
Amanda Ahrens	Alpine FFA	3
Talynn Stieg	Alpine FFA	4

**CLASS 15**

Evelyn Smith	Alpine FFA	1
Colten Gray	Fort Davis FFA	2
Chelsea Hernandez	Fort Davis FFA	3
Everett Keith	Fort Davis FFA	4

## HORSES

**GRAND CHAMPION MARE**  
Dakota McCarthy  
**RESERVE CHAMPION MARE**  
Reese Coleman

**GRAND CHAMPION GELDING**  
Lauren Aragon  
**RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING**  
Reese Coleman

**Reserve Grand Champion gelding**  
Reese Coleman exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion gelding at this year's BBLSA horse show. She also took home the banner for the Reserve Grand Champion mare.

Photo by Felipe Fierro



## CATTLE



Four exhibitors brought their cattle projects to the show ring late Friday afternoon in hopes of taking home Grand Champion honors.

Photo by Joh Covington

**GRAND CHAMPION CATTLE**  
Talynn Stieg  
**RESERVE CHAMPION CATTLE**  
Hunter Stieg

EXHIBITOR	ASSOCIATION	PLACE
Talynn Stieg	Alpine FFA	1
Hunter Steig	Alpine FFA	2
Adrian Chavez	Fort Davis FFA	3
Izabella Briones	Marathon 4H	4

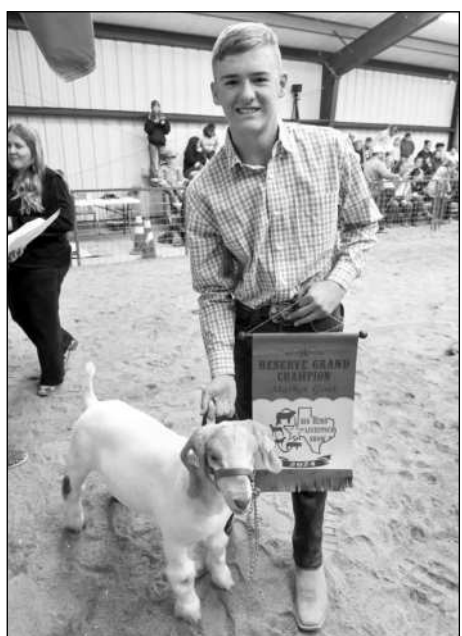
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## Winning grin



Rode Babb is all smiles after he was presented the banner for Reserve Grand Champion market goat on Friday afternoon at the BBLSA stock show.

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## Reserve Grand Champion



Skylar Hernandez is presented the banner for Reserve Grand Champion market swine by stock show judge Audrey Meyer.

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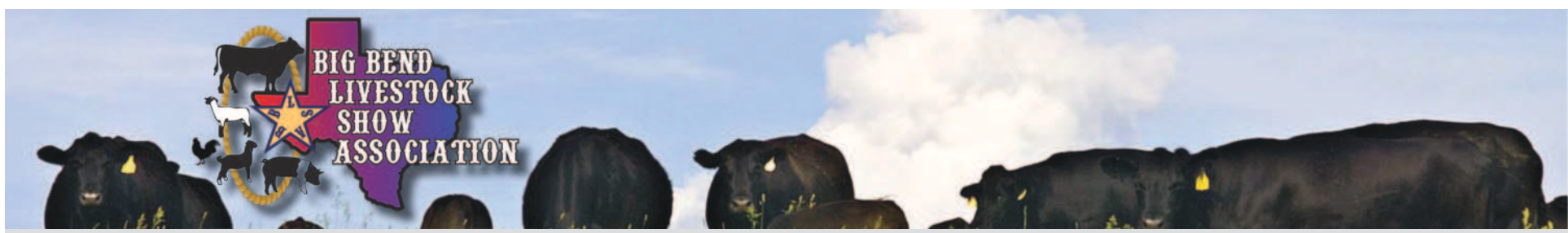


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## Grand Champion Steer



The Grand Champion Steer was exhibited by Taylynn Stieg and purchased by Sharon Oates of Oates Ranches.

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## Grand Champion Market Lamb



The Grand Champion Market Lamb was exhibited by Gracie Boultinghouse and purchased by Capital Farm Credit and Trans Pecos Banks. Pictured are Erin McComb, Ashley Wood, Boultinghouse, Stacey Wood, and Johanna Wells.

Photo by Scott Gartman

## Grand Champion Market Swine



The Grand Champion Market Swine was exhibited by Kevin Perez and purchased by Ahrens Ranch and Wildlife represented by Calan Ahrens.

Photo by Scott Gartman

## Grand Champion Market Goat



Grand Champion market goat was exhibited by Wyatt Renfroe and purchased Robert Murphy from McCoy's Building Supply, Trae Ductchover from Lowe's, Mary Criddle from BMK Show Goats, and Kim and Justin Claiborne from Out West Feed and Supply.

Courtesy photo

## Champion Rabbits



Mia Jimenez and James Roberts exhibited the grand champion and reserve grand champion pens of rabbits this past Saturday at the BBLSA stock show. Pictured with the champions is renowned breeder and rabbit judge Stephanie Hughes.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

## Red pigs in the ring



Brody Warren and Evelyn Smith exhibited their Duroc pigs this past weekend at the BBLSA stock show.

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## Grand Champion



The Grand Champion mare was exhibited at Friday afternoon's horse show by Dakota McCarthy.

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