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Bob Ward honored as Big Bend volunteer of year

BIG BEND - Bob Ward, owner of Morrison's True Value Hardware, was named the Janette Bowers Volunteer of the Year at the Volunteer Big Bend Luncheon May 11 at the Espino Conference Center on the Sul Ross State University campus.

Ward has a long history of volunteerism in the Big Bend community. As one of the founders of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club some 35 years ago, he has assisted in the Big Bend area as an emergency radio response team member during events such as the tornado in Saragosa, the Del Rio flood, and the corralling of the Republic of Texas group. He currently publishes the monthly newsletter for this radio club, *The Bark*.

He has been a longtime member and past president of the Kiwanis Club and is past president of the Alpine Band boosters. He has served on many boards, including that of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce and the

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. He was sponsor of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the First United Methodist Church for several years.

Currently, he is involved with the SRSU President's Support Group, Project Graduation, and coaching his daughter's softball team.

As a business owner, he is supportive of the community organizations that rely on the time and generosity of others.

Nearly every weekend the Big Bend Little League or the Alpine Humane Society, to name a few, set up shop in front of one of the busiest places in town--Morrison's True

Value. He has been generous in his sponsorship of large and small events in the area. Alpine and surrounding towns have benefited from his years of service and community spirit.

It may not be far from the truth to infer that he was taught from an early age to give. Two years ago, his mother received the Janette Bowers Award.

In 1992, the Pilot Club of Alpine established this award to honor Janette Bowers's outstanding commitment to volunteerism. Although Janette no longer lives in Alpine, her commitment to this community remains symbolic of the dedication and commitment of all volunteers

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