



Early voting for May 24 runoff starts Monday

Candidates face off for judge spot

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

Early voting for the May 24 Republican and Democratic primary runoffs begins Monday and ends next Friday as the major parties whittle down their Brewster County judge candidates for the Nov. 8 general election.

Since Texas does not register voters along party lines, anyone can vote in either party primary. But voters who cast ballots on the Republican ticket in the March 1 primary can only vote in the

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County discusses undeveloped federal lands bill

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

Brewster County Commissioners Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10 and up for discussion as an information only item was a proposed designation to keep undeveloped lands at Big Bend National Park, about two-thirds of the park, as federal wilderness.

National Park Superintendent

Bob Krumenaker and retired National Parks Service employee Raymond Skiles addressed commissioners on the proposed wilderness, hoping to gain support from the county. Skiles and the Keep Big Bend Wild group seek congressional action to provide currently undeveloped areas of the park with the highest level of protection available to federal lands.

Krumenaker said 50,000-60,000 acres in the area would

qualify for wilderness. The National Parks Service has been managing the areas to protect them from additional development since an original proposal was made back in 1978 from the National Parks Service to Congress. It had been unresolved since then.

"The park is the economic engine of Brewster County and the Tri-County," said Krumenaker.

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Big Bend National Park Superintendent Bob Krumenaker and retired National Parks Service employee Raymond Skiles.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Bravo Cinco!



A classic Chevrolet pickup truck carries the flags at the 2022 Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 7 in Alpine. The parade was followed by a car show, vendors, food trucks, and other activities on Murphy Street.

Photo by Sharon McClanahan

Splash pad project in the works for Kokernot

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

There is nothing like fun in the sun at an exciting local splash pad, ensuring that kids of all ages can cool off in the West Texas summer heat. This is where Alpine-based non-profit Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids comes in, enabling everyone - from toddlers to adults - to cool off at Kokernot Park.

On May 1 a crowd of potential volunteers met at an annual community meeting and ice cream social at Juan Medina Park to discuss goals and plans for a proposed splash pad project, which would be in the vicinity of the Alpine municipal pool in Kokernot Park. Participants even voted on having an events committee which would allow volunteers to commit to helping throughout the



Marci Tuck and Letty Carrillo of BB-Parks at a community meeting in Juan Medina Park.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

year at a time that is more convenient for them.

"We are brainstorming now what types of events," said Big Bend Parks Treasurer Marci Tuck. "In the past we have had picnics in the park with a bounce house and face painting, food, etc. We discussed

trying to do the movie nights again, and Mom Prom was brought up as a potential. Other things are being considered and discussed, and all ideas are welcomed!"

According to Tuck, the proposed splash pad would have a water recirculating mechanism,

which would be as sustainable as possible to address water concerns. The splash pad would only be available for public use during certain days and hours and on a seasonal basis, such as during the warmest weather months.

"It would be free to

the public, and we hope that we could get some benches and maybe even some shade in the area where it was built," Tuck added.

She said the idea to bring forth a splash pad in the city came about in

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OBITUARIES

Odie Bud Finley

Odie Bud Finley passed away on Dec. 2, 2021, at his son's home in Lexington, Texas, with his family by his side. He was 91 years old.

Odie Bud was born in Pecos, Texas, on Aug. 8, 1930, the second of three children to Edwin and Lillian Finley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Edwin; his sister Marilea; and his wife of 68 years, Dorothy White Finley.

Odie Bud grew up in a ranching family, and loved to talk about life on the ranch. His father, Edwin, was killed in an accident on the family farm in 1939 when Odie Bud was very young. Odie Bud idolized his dad, and many of his stories were about his dad's masterful goat roping, road building using a Fresno pulled by a team of Missouri mules, and his ability to speak and write perfect Spanish.

After his father passed, Odie Bud spent his summers with his Uncle Earl and Aunt Nellie Mae McElroy, helping them on their ranch, the Green Valley in south Brewster County. Like his dad, Odie Bud loved and admired Uncle Earl, and would have done



anything for him. Under Earl's tutelage, Odie Bud became a pretty good cowboy and jockey.

From a young age, Odie Bud loved to ride bulls and to match race horses. Because of his ability to "ride anything with hair," his nickname was Horsefly. Hearing him reminisce about his dad and uncle made you appreciate just how important family was to Odie Bud.

After graduating from Pecos High School and a brief stint in college, Odie Bud joined the U.S. Navy, and served honorably during the Korean War. While in the Navy, Odie Bud met the love of his life, Dorothy "Dot" June White. They met on a blind date in Memphis, Tenn., and married six months later. They were married for 68 years, but Dot often jokingly said it would never have lasted if she had known how to drive when they first married.

They had three children, Sherrie Finley,

Susan Kay Ellis, and John Finley; four grandchildren, Charlie Finley, Nikki Finley, Garrett Ellis, and Brett Ellis; and two great grandchildren, Madelyn Finley and Beth Finley. Odie Bud had a special place in his heart for each of his kids and grandkids, and they all had a uniquely special connection with him.

Married, mature, and out of the Navy, the Finleys returned to West Texas so Odie Bud and Dot could finish college at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. Odie Bud graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Range Animal Husbandry and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. To say he was ambitious was an understatement. While at Sul Ross, Odie Bud went to school full time, raised a family, worked multiple jobs, and served as the president of his senior class.

Odie Bud was a natural leader, educator, and people person. He enjoyed interacting with folks, and loved coaching six-man football in Sierra Blanca. He said that was the most fun he had ever had. His passion for coaching carried over into the classroom where "Mr. Finley" was be-

loved by most of his students, and eventually led to a successful career in sales. He rose to national sales manager for several large textbook publishers, and at the peak of his career Odie Bud was elected to serve as president of the National Bookmans Association, a high honor for a ranch kid from Pecos.

Odie Bud loved the Lord, and his faith was grounded in a lifetime of attending Bloys Campmeeting in the Davis Mountains. As a fourth generation Finley at Bloys, Odie Bud took great pride in his family heritage in the association, and served faithfully as a trustee and director on the Executive Committee, and as a leader in the Jones Espy Finley camp for over 40 years. Campmeeting will not be the same without him.

Father, husband, brother, son, Odie Bud Finley was a wonderful example of how a person should live his life, loving people and loving the Lord. We mourn his passing and miss him terribly, but we rejoice in the knowledge that he is home, back with his wife, and in the presence of our heavenly Father.

A memorial service

will be held for Odie Bud and Dorothy Finley at Fort Davis First Presbyterian Church in Fort Davis, Texas, on Saturday, June 11, at 11 a.m.

Interment for Odie and Dorothy Finley will be held on Monday, June

13, at 9 a.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Pecos.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Jones Espy Finley Camp, or to the Bloys Campmeeting Association, in care of bloyscampmeeting.org.

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Bettye Lynn McGehee

Bettye Lynn McGehee, 71, gave her final solo performance on May 4, 2022, quietly in her home after a short illness. She joined Heaven's Orchestra after 66 years of performances that started with a gifted violin at five years of age. Her mother's gift, along with several decades of lessons, created a musical path for Bettye that included Houston's Junior Symphony (tours of Great Britain, Mexico, and Europe), All State Symphony, a bachelor's degree in Violin Performance from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, many years with the Houston Symphony and Houston Opera Company, and recording studio time with many artists including Andre' Previn and Shaft. Brava Bettye!

When the AIDS epidemic ravaged the Montrose area of Houston, Texas, Bettye raised tremendous funds for the care of AIDS patients along with her brother Thom, a choreographer, in remarkable duo performances in Houston. Bettye also felt drawn to serve by obtaining a degree in Mortuary Science



at the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Services.

During her tenure at Forestpark Lawndale Funeral Home and Cemetery, Bettye served several thousand families with kind and empathetic professionalism. Her standard response for those who questioned her leaving the symphony for the funeral career, Bettye would quip, "because I had the wardrobe."

It was at her position at the cemetery that she met her partner, Connie Cornett. Bettye joined Connie to move to Alpine, Texas, in 2001. Together they co-owned Sixth Street Bakery in Alpine. Hospitality and sales jobs were the focus of Bettye's employment for her remaining years in Alpine and Fort Davis, Texas.

Bettye enjoyed playing in the orchestra pit in the Sul Ross State University summer theatre program. She also played with

many local musicians at dances, weddings, funerals, and parties.

Bettye was fascinated by the rocks and the birds of the Big Bend, and spent much time researching.

Bettye was born in Memphis, Tenn., on Feb. 18, 1951. Bettye was preceded in death by her parents, Garvis Lynn McGehee and Bettye Lucille McGehee; and a brother, Thom McGehee.

She is survived by her partner of 21 years, Connie Cornett, of Fort Davis; her brother Grant McGehee of Bay St. Louis, Miss; stepson Chris Brinker; stepdaughter Amy Brinker; mother-in-law Janette Bowers; brothers in law Clay Cornett (Deb), Cole Cornett (Cathy), Casey Cornett (Susan), George Bowers (Donna), Shane Cornett (Suzanne); sisters-in law Kelly Stewart (Greg), and Fara Ashcraft (John); and loving cousins Susan Wong (Tom) and LeeAnn Thomas (Terry).

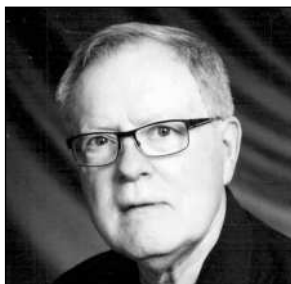
Alpine Memorial Funeral Home will oversee arrangements. A private memorial service will be held later.

Donations can be made to Grand Companions in Fort Davis.

Richard J. Hansen

Here is some additional information on Richard J. Hansen who passed away March 18, 2022. He had also worked for Powers Automotive in Alpine.

Condolences may be sent to Jan Hansen, 715 North Hinman Avenue,



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Sunday, May 15
10:00am-1:00pm
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10:30am talk by Dr. Carlos "Lalo" Gonzalez (Nau Endowed Professor of Habitat Management and Research & Assistant Professor in Range Management at the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University) and Froylan Hernandez (Desert Bighorn Sheep Program Leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department).

11:00am-12:00pm free food from Convenience West (first come, first served).

Music by Primo y Beebe.

Directions to Casa Perez
Travel south on Pinto Canyon Road / Ranch Road 2810. Casa Perez is located 12 miles past the end of the paved road. High clearance vehicles required.

For more information, please contact:
marfa@juddfoundation.org

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City welcomes Eaves as new mayor

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

McCallister prevails, props pass

The results are in. The City of Alpine will soon say howdy to a new mayor, and Mary McAllister will retain her AISD Board of Trustees seat for Single Member Dist. 7.

In the May 7 elections, 738 voters cast ballots in the city face-off, and 163 in the AISD contest.

In the city matchup, school teacher Catherine Eaves and Alpine businessman Amit Rangra faced off in the mayoral race to take Andy Ramos'



Catherine Eaves seat which terms out this month. Eaves took 416 votes, or 56.4%, to 322 votes, or 43.6%, for Rangra.

For the city council positions, incumbents Chris Rodriguez in Ward 2 and Martin Sandate in Ward 4 were unopposed in their bids for reelection.

In the Alpine ISD Board of Trustees contests, in Single Member Dist. 5, incumbent Justin Cross withdrew from the race, leaving Haley Babb unopposed. In Single Member Dist. 7, Elpidia Lujan challenged incumbent Mary McCallister, but McCallister prevailed with 98 votes, or 74.8%, to 33 votes, or 25.2%, for Lujan.

For the Hospital District Board of Trustees, incumbents James "Cutato" White for Single Member Dist. 2 and Buddy Cavness for Single Member Dist. 4 were unopposed, and the dis-

trict canceled its election.

After the results were in, Eaves said, "I am honored that Alpine has granted me the opportunity to serve as mayor for the next two years. There are so many who have made this possible, and I thank you all for everything you've contributed. I humbly ask for your continued support as we move forward shaping the future of our city. I believe Alpine's future will be bright if we all continue to work together."

Of her repeat victory, McCallister said, "I'm very excited to continue

my service on the school board, and would like to thank everyone for the support. I'm ready to get to work, and focus on the future of Alpine ISD."

On the constitutional amendment ballot, Texas homeowners will get a modest break on their property tax bills after voters statewide and in Brewster County overwhelmingly passed a pair of propositions Saturday. Prop. 1 was aimed at older and disabled Texans, and Prop. 2 will provide slight relief for homeowners across the board. The amendments will take effect in January 2023.

In the county 740, or 82.4%, voted yes on Prop. 1; and 716, or 79.4%, voted yes on Prop. 2. Brewster County voter turnout was 12.3%.

The city will swear in its members at the canvass on Tuesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

The AISD canvass will take place on Monday, May 16, and swearing in will take place at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the AISD administration building.

Utilities director addresses jurisdiction concerns

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

The City of Alpine held a special meeting on May 10 and extra-territorial jurisdiction problems and building code issues were topics of concern addressed by Director of Public Utilities Keith Segar.

Segar told council members there was an ETJ buffer zone in the city that had allowed certain businesses and city residents to obtain city services such as water, but those places were not within the city limits, thus creating a problem for the city's utilities infrastructure.

Segar singled out the Hotel Parker at Quarter Circle 7 casitas on U.S. Highway 90, a potential 50,000 square foot site for an AEP service center behind the federal courthouse, and other potential business locations.

Segar suggested that

the city council and city Manager Megan Antrim partner with Brewster County to create an interlocal agreement stating that whoever resides in the extra-territorial jurisdiction who requests city services must abide by city ordinances.

"We want these businesses here, but going forward, this is what we need to do to protect ourselves, to protect our infrastructure, because we are going to annex it in the future," added Segar. "Alpine is growing, but we need to make sure these businesses and buildings are built according to code, our infrastructure is protected, people don't build into our mains."

Antrim said there were health and safety issues, with buildings having potentially faulty electrical wiring that could pose a safety hazard in the event

of a fire. Segar said he was limited with the infrastructure currently in place, and therefore residents and business owners would have to foot the bill for mains on certain roads, such as Mosley Loop which is located outside city limits.

In other business, Tourism Director Chris Ruggia announced there would be a workshop on the hotel occupancy tax on May 25, and he and lead counsel from lobbyist Texas Hotel Lodging Association would give a presentation on legal uses of the tax.

Shifting gears, Ruggia asked council members to consider allowing alcohol to be sold by vendors at city parks through a permit process, with Kokernot Park being foremost.

"What I would ask from a tourism perspective would be a process

whereby a tourism based or community event could request a permit to vend or distribute alcohol to adults for a specific event, specifically music events," said Ruggia. "It would make our city infrastructure more available to leverage for tourism."

Finally, Antrim recognized outgoing Mayor Andy Ramos for his six years of service.

She further announced that votes for city elected positions would be canvassed at the upcoming Tuesday, May 17, regularly scheduled council meeting. The meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m. at the city council chambers, and livestreamed via Zoom videoconferencing.



Alpine Mayor Andy Ramos presided at his last council meeting on May 10, and was presented with a cake as appreciation.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

Correction

In its April 28 story, "Ghost tour breathes life into downtown," the book "Tales of the Big Bend" should have been credited to Elton Miles, not Jim Cullen.

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Opinions

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RESULTS

Are you concerned with the dramatic increase in illegal immigration in the Big Bend since President Biden took office?

RESULTS

Yes, I'm concerned about the safety of all in our communities.

47% (57 votes)
No, it may be a problem, but it doesn't affect me directly

10% (12 votes)
No, I think the situation has been over dramatized.

43% (52 votes)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

How concerned are you about the current climate change rhetoric?
- I'm extremely concerned. The future of our planet and of mankind is at stake.
- I'm somewhat concerned, and think we should take some steps to mitigate climate change.
- I'm not concerned at all. This hand has been way overplayed.

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Not a goodbye



ANDY RAMOS
Mayor of Alpine

Our city voters have spoken in electing a new mayor. It was a tightly contested mayoral contest between Catherine Eaves and Amit Rangra, with Eaves the winner. An estimated 738 voters went to the polls.

In my six years in office, this is the largest number of voters in a city election with the exception of when the city election coincided with the national election. Congratula-

May 17 brings the end to my six years in office, and it was my honor to serve our city.

tions are in order for Eaves in being the winner, and you the voters for exercising your right to vote.

When I first ran, I heard folks say that's the way it is and that's the way it will be. This brought about voter apathy, but that is starting to change with our city council and city manager. Alpine is moving forward with the much needed changes.

One of the major needs is upgrading our wastewater treatment plant, and the never-ending road repaving. Monies have been allocated to pur-

chase generators for our city water wells so we don't have to rent them from another city as was done in the freeze of 2021. It would have been a total disaster to our city.

I will let our residents judge on what was accomplished during my three terms as mayor or with the help of the council. I will continue to be involved in our community, so it won't be a goodbye. Again, thank you for your support!

Learning to appreciate the regular flu

I recommend the seasonal flu, but please allow me to explain.

About a week ago, I felt suddenly rundown and weak. I just wanted to lie down.

I thought nothing of it at the time. My family is facing some difficulties at the moment, difficulties we all must face now and again, and all of us are getting beat down.

But it wasn't just fatigue.

Was it the big C, I wondered?

Nope.

I'd never tested positive for having COVID-19. Did that dreaded virus finally find a way to feast on my blessed good health?

Nope.

It turned out to be just a regular flu, but there was nothing regular about it.

A particularly nasty and highly contagious bug that's spreading rapidly, it turned out to be the worst case of flu I ever recall having in my life.

With the intense nation-



TOM PURCELL
Guest Columnist

how deadly the regular flu is.

According to the CDC, which has always had a hard time pinning down the exact numbers, the flu has been killing anywhere from 17,000 to 97,000 Americans every year since 2012.

Healthline says the flu has caused at least "3.5 million flu illnesses, 34,000 hospitalizations, and 2,000 deaths" in the U.S. this season.

And I was among its victims.

I went to the ER to make sure it was the bug causing my issues, and that my heart and fundamentals were sound, and I am very lucky

they were (and are).
Then I returned home and commenced immediately lying in the same spot without moving for the next four days.
My teeth itched. I felt like a piano was sitting on my chest. The nausea would not relent.

It's a challenge all too common in affluent America. You can easily lose sight of how good you have it until you are reminded how bad things can get.

I recall filling my truck up for \$40 a tank not long ago, and now it costs \$70 a tank.

All I can think of as I stand there pumping is how hard I worked the prior few years, and how I was able put a nice little buffer in my savings account to prepare for a rainy day.

Now I think of the 1% return my savings account is paying against the 8.4% inflation rate from last month — and the 9.6% rate it is go-

ing to be this month — and I realize how much I took for granted the low-low inflation rate we've been enjoying for several decades.

Having your good health taken from you suddenly — but temporarily in my case, thankfully — makes me want to focus my energy on important matters, not trivial ones.

From now on I do not want to waste one fraction of a single second discussing politics on social media, but I do want to spend as much time as possible with my mom and dad as long as we have them to enjoy.

Every time I see them now, and I wasn't able to do so at all the past week, I ask them a new question about their lives and other family members.

They are a fountain of wisdom, and I want to capture as much of their experience and knowledge as I can while they are still able to share it.

And now you know why I recommend the seasonal flu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A look back

In the past few years, actions by U.S. officials wreaked havoc on American lives. After COVID hit they denounced therapeutics, supplements, and treatments that may have saved lives as they exploited novel vaccines that are now showing signs of negative effects to include death.

Honest doctors were threatened with loss of license for speaking out against it. Adults and children were forced to wear face masks that were

proven futile and harmful. Needless lockdowns were liable for the closing of small businesses and obscene profits made by corporations as the shutdowns caused deaths by suicide, alcohol abuse, and drug abuse.

With creation of fear being a motive, influenza may have been counted as COVID to increase the infection counts, and the death counts were increased by tallying deaths from other causes. All this was done even though it was thought that

99% of the infected would survive. Harms were done under pretense of protecting the U.S. populace as the less than 1% of Americans who were said to have died from COVID verified those actions to be excessive.

The lack of COVID concerns by U.S. officials became clear with the opening of the U.S./Mexico border to illegal migrants. That and vaccine mandates for Americans but not for illegal migrants proved the COVID crisis to be

a political circus, particularly when those same officials began flying unvaccinated illegal migrants to cities all over the U.S. to address their election agendas.

U.S. officials have shown their true colors during the COVID crisis. Americans need to show their true colors during the 2022 and 2024 elections by ending the harmful acts of these U.S. officials.

James R. Le Blanc
Fort Davis

The end of privacy rights?

The blatantly political opinion written by Justice Alito to justify striking down Roe v. Wade, was not just about abortion. Under Roe, a right to privacy (including making private choices) for individual persons was assumed to be intended by the Bill of Rights. The Ninth Amendment recognizes individual rights that were not explicitly stated in the U.S. Constitution.

Roe therefore provided to each woman, not the govern-

ment, the choice of whether to risk her health in carrying a pregnancy to term. In the final three months of pregnancy, or when a fetus is capable of living on its own separate from its mother (i.e., viability), the government has an interest in protecting that future person, and can restrict abortions to narrow purposes (however, not a total ban). In addition the same right to privacy requires the confidentiality of all medical records, including records of the abortion medical procedure.

Under Alito's edict, no

privacy right exists, and the government in the form of state legislatures can take the right of choice from all women. If the right to privacy can be denied to women, other rights we assume to be private matters can also be denied. Consider: Who you can marry? What your sexual preferences or determinations are? What medical treatments you can have? What medical treatments you have undergone?

Remember, if the government can dictate that a woman be forced to carry to

term a pregnancy against her wishes, they can, on another day with another government in charge, dictate that a woman undergo an abortion for a child she wants. Alito's opinion is about authoritarian (and evangelical religious) government rule over the individual privacy rights of women.

By logical extension, it attacks the rights of privacy and religious freedom enjoyed by all Americans.

Mary Bell Lockhart
Alpine



Heard on the STREET

What was your most memorable high school graduation moment?



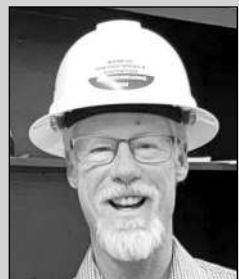
Dani Bell, Alpine: My most memorable moment was when the ceremony was over, and everyone threw their caps in the air. It was exhilarating knowing that there was such a great adventure ahead to be had!



Ivan Martinez, Alpine: Sports. I was a team player, and I would lead my team all the way to State in track.



Kristyl Albertson-Reyna, Alpine: I turned 18, graduated early, and got married all at the same time. I just moved here in January and I'm from the Lubbock area.



Verl O'Bryant, Alpine: My best friend was a valedictorian, and had to give a speech. He was so nervous about writing it, and so nervous about having to give the speech. You could see him shaking in his voice! That, and there were like 800 of us.



Jennifer Mustain, Alpine: My family coming to town and celebrating my graduation, and everybody being together.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 14
Cleanup Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alpine landfill, the old landfill site in Marathon, and the Road and Bridge yard in Terlingua. At each location, bring large rubbish and old tires. Furniture household items, mattresses, appliances, water heaters, carpet, yard waste, etc., are all acceptable. Car batteries, petroleum products, pesticides, asbestos, etc., will not be received.

ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.



Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, Room 210.

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

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 4 p.m., third Monday

each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Big Bend Community Chorale rehearsals, on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbc-chorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

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

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

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

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

Senior Coffee, 9:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621.

Italian deli opens in Alpine



West Texas Italian Delicacies held a grand opening and ribbon cutting with the Alpine Ambassadors on April 28 for its location on Holland Avenue. Celebrating the grand opening are operating owner and chef Sondra Ketchum-Failla, owner Anthony Failla, and owner Deborah Westwood Willbanks.

Photo by Elizabeth Ashley Wood

Regency Ball coming up Saturday

On Saturday, May 14, Ben and Carrie Karleen will host the second annual West Texas Regency Ball, an evening of English country dancing, live music, and dining. The event will take

place at the Kelly Pavilion in Fort Davis from 5-11 p.m.

Participants from the Big Bend will attend in formal period attire and perform the 12 dances they have learned over

the past few months.

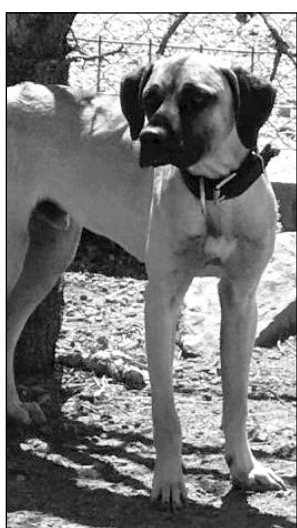
There will be fancy food, carriage rides, and other Regency activities. The ball is for ages 12 and over. Call 432-294-0667 for more information.

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Zora. Zora and her sister Jolie are the zoomiest pair of pups to hit the play yard. Zora is a Pit Bull Terrier mix about eight months old, and she loves to play. She's young, sweet, incredibly affectionate, and full of energy.

Zora is easy going, and makes friends with anyone willing to pet her. She wiggles as she runs around the yard, taking a break to make sure she still has your attention and get some petting in before sprinting away. That athleticism would make her the perfect running companion for an active family.

You can find adoptable cats at the Alpine Animal Shelter and the Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store Cattery. The Cattery is an excellent spot to take a little break, and sit and play with cats in a fun, friendly space. All cats are vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and microchipped. The adop-



tion fee is always just \$50. The Cattery is open Tuesday through Saturday during Thrift Store hours.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 North Fifth Street in Alpine, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpinehumanesociety.org.

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700# - 800# Heifers	134.00 to 140.00
Packer Cows	75.00 to 83.50
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Bred Cows - Top Half	Not tested



Brewster County Property Values

On May 10, 2022, Brewster County property owners will begin receiving their Notice of Appraised Property Value for 2022. The valuations are based on property value assessments completed by the team of six Brewster County Appraisal District property assessors. All are formally trained and have passed rigorous tests to ensure compliance to processes and procedures defined by the State of Texas. Oversight for the Brewster County Appraisal District employees is provided by the Brewster County Appraisal District Board with representatives from each of the seven taxing entities in Brewster County including Brewster County, the City of Alpine, the Big Bend Regional Hospital District, and the four school districts including Alpine, Marathon and San Vicente ISDs, and Terlingua CSD.

This past year there has been a significant number of property sales and purchases across all of Brewster County. Current market values are one of the major components used in completing property valuations. While the value of each specific property is assessed between every two and three years, property valuations are adjusted annually based on properties with similar characteristics in the same class and same area. Because the values of properties sold over the past year have increased at a higher than normal rate, those increases are reflected in the property values for 2022.

While appraised property value increases are rarely good news for property owners, the upside is that increased property values provide opportunities for property owners when it comes time to sell their property.

Should owners believe that their property has been inappropriately appraised, they can file a protest and appeal with the Appraisal Review Board, an independent group established for the purpose of providing an unbiased analysis and assessment of property values in Brewster County. You can find more information at the Brewster County Appraisal District website at www.brewstercotad.org or call 432-837-2558.

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SADDLE PACK COMBINATION:
 (Your choice of any two items)
 Cup of Tortilla Soup • Cup of Jalapeno and Cilantro Soup
 Cup of Daily Soup • 1/2 Reata Club or Steak Sandwich
 1/2 BLT Sandwich with Peppercorn Bacon

Celebrating moms in Alpine



The Our Lady of Guadalupe Organization of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine held a Mother's Day brunch at the church parish hall on May 8 as a way to honor moms. The festive event had plenty of treats and eats. Here Guadalupanas members Rory Contreras, President Berta Rios-Martinez, and Esther Cordova pause for a photo while serving plates to families and friends.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

COUNTY • FROM 1

"In 2019, park visitors and the Parks Service generated over \$45 million dollars in economic impact, and we recognize that the park and the county are in this together."

Krumenaker said if the proposed Wilderness Bill passed, it would have no impact on private land, and Congressman Tony Gonzales had been contacted about the proposed bill. County Judge Eleazar Cano voiced full support, alluding to the economic benefit the county receives from Big Bend National Park visitation.

Skiles pointed out that all the paved roads, including dirt roads open to the public, would remain, but no new ones would be built. None of the Chisos Basin development nor the Rio Grande would be included in the

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— National Park Superintendent Bob Krumenaker

wilderness or affected by the proposal, and all existing developments would be maintained.

However, if the federal law were to pass, there would not be any modern development. An exception would be Black Gap Road, which would be preserved. Krumenaker said the group was also attempting to reach out to adjoining landowners.

"We think that it's something they would appreciate as well because it would preserve the night sky, the open space, and the wildlife," Krumenaker pointed out.

He said talks with the U.S. Border Patrol were underway, and felt it would not impact Homeland Security nor the Rio Grande outfitters operating in the park.

In other news, commissioners approved a mutual aid agreement between the county, Marathon, and Big Bend National Park. The agreement would allow National Park emergency staff to assist the county with law enforcement, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and more, and the county would do the same.

The Park would also donate a fire truck that

was no longer in use to the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department. Marathon Fire Chief Brad Wilson said the truck would enable the fire department to further assist south Brewster County with firefighting as needed.

The next regularly scheduled commissioner's court meeting is set for Tuesday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom and via Facebook Live.

VOTING • FROM 1

Republican runoff, and those who voted in the Democratic primary can only vote in the Democratic runoff. Those who didn't vote in the primary can vote in either party's runoff.

For the Republican Party, Terlingua businessman and EMS/VFD chief Greg Henington, and the county's Chief Deputy Ryan Skelton will face off for the county judge seat.

On the Democratic side, attorney Mimi Smith and Oscar Cobos will run for the top county position.

All registered voters in all Brewster County precincts may cast their ballots early at the Val Clark Beard Complex, 203 North Seventh Street

in Alpine from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 16-20.

Remote early voting will be available on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18-19, for those in Pct. 5, 6, and 7 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Red Pattillo Community Center, Highway 118 in Study Butte/Terlingua.

On election day, Tuesday, May 24, voters must vote in the precinct in which they are registered. Pct. 1 will vote at the Brewster County Sunny Glen Cooperative Building, 2209 West Highway 90 in Alpine. Pcts. 2 and 8 will cast ballots at the Val Clark Beard Complex, and Pct. 3 will vote at the Marathon Community Center, Second and Avenue E in Marathon.

Finally, Pct. 4 voters will cast ballots at Alpine Civic Center, 803 West Holland Avenue in Alpine, and Pcts. 5, 6, and 7 will vote at the Red Pattillo Community Center.

All locations will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Voters may view official sample ballots at the elections office in the Val Beard Office Complex, or online at brewster-countytx.com. Click on Elections Information, then on Official Sample Ballot for either Republican or Democratic.

At the polls, voters must show a valid photo ID. To see acceptable forms of voter ID, visit votetexas.gov and click on Identification Requirements for Voting.

SPLASH • FROM 1

August 2019, when the city council approved a Parks Master Plan. The proposed splash pad was one of many ideas offered in the plan for the use and benefit of the community, especially those youngsters who enjoy water recreational activities. The city has allocated \$50,000 for the project.

"We as a board have set local event fundraising at \$15,000 and that means we have to go after grants or funding from larger private foundations in the region, or private donors," said Tuck. Possible designs of the splash pad were shown during the Parks meeting on May 1. Besides providing a much-needed benefit to the community, the

family friendly splash pad would also be open to residents from Marathon, Fort Davis, and Marfa.

There will be a planning phase this summer, and further research including cost estimates will be underway.

"I think a splash pad can be a very good quality of life amenity for those with kids, or really anybody in West Texas where it's so hot and dry," said Tuck. "It just provides the water element that is much needed out here in a sustainably way as we can make it happen, for all ages and all abilities."

For more information or to join Big Bend Parks and Recreation for kids, email info@bbparks.org.

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Frontier CASA
Hurricane Relief
BBSA Girls Softball
Blue Santa
Christmas & 4th of July Parades
Free eye exams & glasses for adults & children who meet income criteria
High School Peace Poster Ad Essay Contest

The Alpine Lions would also like to thank Lions John Sutterfield, Mark Young, Mac & Adrianna Tucker, and all the other Lions without whose volunteerism this event would not be possible.

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May 4, 1978

Pull! Says Shawn Rogers during the Marathon trap shoot. Leslie McKinney of Marathon won the event.

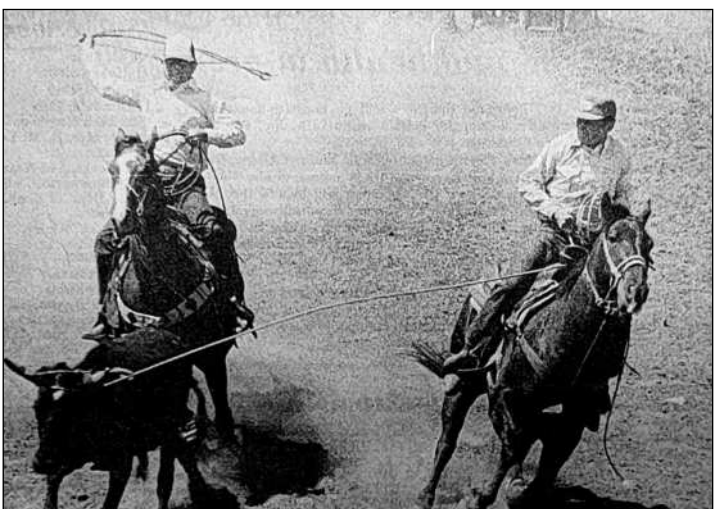


May 4, 1978

Mary Kay Kurie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kurie of Marathon, has been named the recipient of the Guy F. Stovall Memorial Scholarship. She was selected by the faculty of Marathon High School and approved by the Board of Trustees for this scholarship.

May 4, 1978

The old timers roping in Marfa last weekend drew contestants from all over the Southwest. Over 275 teams entered the event, while over 150 teams were entered in the roping. Tom Jones and Gerald Tully were the best of the old timers.



May 4, 1978

Pete Kennedy, president of Big Bend Ford in Alpine, is shown with Ford Motor Company's 100-millionth car produced in North America. The milestone vehicle is being displayed in cities throughout the U.S. as part of the company's 75th anniversary celebration.

Start elephant ears over with new tubers

Dear Neil: All of my elephant ears have died. When I scratch the surface, they look like mashed potatoes. They have been in the ground for about five years. Could it be that I have watered them too much?

I normally would have expected freeze damage if you had told me this one year ago. However, if they survived the winter 16 months ago, that would not be the case. Overwatering might be a possibility, although they are well adapted to very moist soil. I don't have any better idea for you however. I would suggest re-working the soil and starting with new tubers.

Dear Neil: I planted a Meyer lemon in a large pot. It bloomed, but all the little lemons are falling. Is there any way to help the tree keep the lemons developing?

They may be aborting because they were

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

not pollinated. Was there bee activity around them while the tree was blooming? The other possibility would be if the tree got too dry one or more times after the fruit set. Plants will drop their fruit in an effort to survive during dry periods.

Dear Neil: How do I deal with grass burrs?

You begin by keeping your lawn healthy and vigorous with regular feeding, mowing and watering. The only product that will help with them would be one

of the pre-emergent weed-killers. These are granules that you apply early in the spring and again in early summer. They prevent germination of grass burrs in the first place. Once the weeds have sprouted and are growing, there is nothing you can do about them the remainder of the growing season. I'm sorry for that bad news. I try my best to publicize application of

the pre-emergent herbicide at the appropriate time. That would be two weeks before the average date of the last killing freeze in your area, then again 90 days later. The products are Halts, Balan or Dimension.

Dear Neil: We had a 15-gallon yaupon holly planted last fall. I noticed

a couple of weeks ago that it has dead leaves more than halfway down from the top. The bottom leaves are still green. Do you have any idea what might have happened? Can it still be saved?

I have a perfect idea of what happened because I have lived the same bad dream. Your plant got too dry. Had you waited one more day to water it you

probably would have lost it entirely. If the top has not offered to put out new growth by now, trim it, re-shape it, and let it fill back in if it can. If that appears to be too big a challenge, you may decide simply to replace it. Hollies do not wilt so that we can easily see when they are getting dry. It's always better to water if we have any doubt. All new hollies should be

watered every two or three days from now through October. I use a water bubbler and I put 5 to 10 gallons of water on each plant each time.

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



The way elephant ears are supposed to look.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

1 Davis County spoken, not written

6 "___-___Million" Gates wagered he could sell barbed wire in Texas

7 TXism: "the tail wagging the dog"

8 TX Mary Kay ___ of cosmetics fame

9 FC Dallas players compared to the Astros, e.g. (2 wds.)

15 TX Audie Murphy's war (abbr.)

16 clean up used lumber? (2 wds.)

19 this George killed 23 and wounded 27 at Kileen Luby's in 1991

21 TX Banks, infielder who was "Mr. Cub"

22 "___ ___ idea" (should reconsider)

27 pecan is the Texas state ___

28 22-across could be "___ of time and money"

29 O. Henry: "Austin's ___ crown" (hill country)

30 TX-filmed 1986 "Adam: ___ Contaminations"

32 Rangers broadcaster, Eric (init.)

33 TXism: "___ ___-eyed cow"

36 forearm bone

37 Amarillo hosts "___ State Fair & Rodeo"

38 cattle assembly

10 "good ___ boy"

11 actress Cloris of TX-based "The Last Picture Show" (init.)

12 latest "thingamabob" (3 wds.)

13 firearms maker ___ USA is now a part of Remington

14 transgressions

15 TX Paula Prentiss 1965 film: "___ Pussycat?"

16 former nat'l job for Texans sr. & jr. Bush

17 unembellished

18 "I should have ___ coming"

20 West Texas climate

22 TX Willie's "Farm Aid ___" was in 1990

23 great San Antonio Spur, Duncan fly like an eagle

24 "Brave New World" writer, Huxley

26 good looking gals

28 TX "scream queen" actress, Gwynne

31 margarine

34 business info in the Clyde Journal

35 TXism: "___ rat" (child)

37 TXism: "run ___ by me one more time"

40 TXism: "worn ___ frazzle"

43 videoconferencing application

44 unpredictable

50 where the dead await judgment, according to some

51 TXism: "fits like ugly on ___ ape"

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Sports

Means brings championship to Trans-Pecos

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent



Evan Means rides the rodeo.

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Evan Means, a junior at Texas Tech, won the Non-Pro Division 1 National championship, and helped Texas Tech bring home the national championship for Division 1 in the collegiate ranch horse competition. Ranch horse competition is one of the fastest growing segments of the equine industry.

The competition was held in Amarillo on April 19-20. Means is a 2019 Valentine High School graduate majoring in marketing at Texas Tech.

Said Means, "Bringing a national championship back to Texas Tech means that I had the chance to keep our

Means said she was proud to have been raised in Valentine which has the smallest public high school in Texas.

"Although the town is small, I have felt so much support while pursuing my goals with the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team," said Means. "Being able to represent my university and the place I hold dear to my heart at this level has truly been an honor. I hope I have brought the recognition and pride to Valentine that it deserves."

The competition in Amarillo had 115 riders from seven states with 14 teams, and riders hailing from Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Arkansas State, Tarleton State, North

Central Texas College, and West Texas A&M.

"The show consisted of four events - reining, cow horse, ranch riding, and trail. We performed all four events two days in a row, and the person with the highest composite score wins," Means explained.

Means' father Bodie Means, a Far West Texas cowboy, has been in numerous magazines and books portraying the romantic ideals of a foregone Texas world.

About what her father taught her about riding and horsemanship, Means said, "As far as my dad is concerned, he has forgotten more about horses than most people will ever know. He has an eye for good

horse flesh, and is always appreciative when one handles well. Without the parents I have, I wouldn't be able to get down the road at all."

Means' mother Shelly Means is a realtor in Alpine. She is running the Carpenter-Legacy brokerage these days, and comes from Central Texas.

"From a very young age, my mom has promoted and nurtured my love for horses. She got me my first horse and showed me the ropes," said Means. "Since then, the love and dedication that I've had to equine sports has grown. My mom grew up with horses and has always made sure that I had every opportunity to be set up for success."

Rodeo team finishes with a season for the books

High expectations and high stakes in West Texas were laid out for the Sul Ross Rodeo State University team this season. Now that the dust has settled after the last regular season event in Stephenville, Coach CJ Aragon and his team are resting up knowing that they hit some remarkable milestones.

Aragon commented at the end of his season recap, "Too many individual championships to list." That sounds about right for the coach who breathed life back into one of the most storied programs in the country. That's how he wants

to finish. That's how his team finished.

The season came to a close at the Tarleton State event.

With 565.0 total points, the men's team edged Clarendon College by 30 to take first place. The women's team came in strong as well, finishing eighth.

Brandon Lansford kicked off the leaderboard for Sul Ross tying for first in saddle bronc with 157.0 points. Tristen Hutchings capped off his stunning season by dominating bull riding with a 165.0 score. Kade Smith and Lane Cooper went first and second in team



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roping header with 12.2 and 17.3, respectively.

In steer wrestling Cooper Hurt's 12.9 was good enough to finish sixth. Blake Bentley's work in team roping heeler saw him tie for second place

with a 17.3. Hadley Kibbe posted a 5.0 in break-away roping to head back to Alpine with a fourth place finish.

It's a strong finish for an already impressive season as the Lobos look to what comes next.

University President Pete Gallego said, "This season has been remarkable to watch. From the amazing job that Coach CJ Aragon has done, the rodeo we held here in Alpine last year, to all the success this team has had. We know how important this program is out here, and it's great to see it competing at a high level again."

Cano takes GNAC championship

Alpine High School graduate Elena Cano of the University of Alaska Anchorage recently ran a personal-best in the 800 meter to win the heptathlon at the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championships on May 2 in Bellingham, Wash.



Elena Cano

Cano started the two-day competition with a second-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles in 14.82. She moved into the lead after the second event, the high jump, with a leap of 5-4.25. After a mark of 28-8.25 in the shot put, she closed day one with a personal-best of 25.93 in the 200 meter.

Janelle Hurley of Western Oregon took the lead after the long jump after Cano jumped 17-6.5. Cano threw a personal-best of 111-8 in the javelin to keep the gap close to Hurley heading into the 800.

Cano ran a personal-best of 2:18.91 in the 800-meter to win the two-day event with a score of 4,936 points. Her personal-best score of 4,996 which she set earlier this season currently ranks seventh in Division II. "I was mentally struggling going into the last event because I didn't have much momentum with

my confidence, and I knew that I needed to run well if I wanted to have a chance at bringing myself back up to the lead," said Cano. "Stepping on the line it's like a flash of realization came over

me that this was going to be my last GNAC multi I'll ever be competing in. Coach Ryan was my rock these past two days, and I wouldn't have been able

to bring myself into that mental state without his encouragement and sense of belief he had in me."

The heptathlon conference title is the second career title for Cano, who won the pentathlon in 2020.

Only three schools, Alaska Anchorage, Seattle Pacific and Western Oregon, have ever won the heptathlon in the 21-year history of the GNAC Championships. Cano

joins Caroline Anders, who won the event three times, as Seawolves who have won the event.

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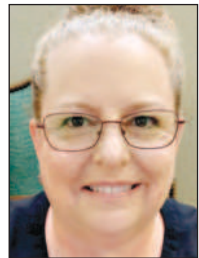
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Pork carnitas

Mealtimes in the borderlands are commonly made up of Mexican food. Many times this may mean that one's main eating "utensil" consists of a tortilla. Depending upon the dish, this may be corn or flour. When we speak of tacos, it is usually corn tortillas that get the job done, and there is nothing better with which to eat carnitas.

Carnitas is a Spanish word for little meats. They are made using a pork butt or shoulder slow simmered until tender, then baked until they are crispy on the outside yet still tender



HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

on the inside. They can be used as filling for burritos and enchiladas, but are more commonly made as tacos.

Carnitas are a

terrific way to feed a group of people on a budget. Because this dish uses a less expensive cut of meat, as well as a large cut of meat, that allows for the carnitas to stretch farther. This recipe will yield 12 servings. Beyond spices, there is extraordinarily little else that makes up this dish. Onions, lime juice, and chicken broth are the other ingredients that bring this dish together.

In some instances one

may feel that carnitas lack flavor, but adding lime juice to the meat gives it that tangy boost it needs when accompanied by the other spices. When paired with warm corn tortillas, some chopped onions, fresh avocado, cilantro, a squeeze of fresh lime, and even some queso fresco or cotija cheese and salsa, you have a meal worth salivating over. If your family prefers flour tortillas, you can just as easily make burritos

using the same ingredients, even adding in fresh lettuce or cabbage and tomatoes.

You prefer to use your carnitas to make enchiladas. While not something we regard in the last frontier as traditional, they would make for a tasty take on an old favorite. There

truly is no rule that says you must eat pork carnitas one way or another, so use your imagination and produce your own twist to a common dish.

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

Pork carnitas

Ingredients:
 ¼ cup vegetable oil
 4 pounds pork shoulder, cut into several large pieces
 3 tablespoons kosher salt
 1 onion, chopped
 1 garlic clove, crushed
 3 tablespoons lime juice
 1 tablespoon chili powder
 ½ teaspoon oregano
 ½ teaspoon ground cumin
 4 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
 1 to 2 fresh cut limes
 Fresh avocado, cilantro, or onions to top and garnish and/or queso fresco or cotija cheese or salsa.

Directions:

Fresh avocado, cilantro, or onions to top and garnish and/or queso fresco or cotija cheese or salsa.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large Dutch oven over high heat. Season the pork shoulder with salt, then arrange the pork in the Dutch oven. Cook until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes.

Add the onion, garlic, lime juice, chili powder, oregano, and cumin. Pour in the chicken broth, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and continue to simmer until pork is very tender, about

2-½ hours.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Transfer the pork shoulder to a large baking sheet, reserving the cooking liquid. Drizzle with a small amount of the reserved cooking liquid, and lightly season with salt.

Bake the pork in the preheated oven until browned, about 30 minutes. Drizzle more of the cooking liquid on the meat every 10 minutes, and use two forks to shred the meat as it browns.

Remove from oven and serve as desired



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Hernandez named interim Sul Ross president

Texas State University System Chancellor Brian McCall has appointed Carlos Hernandez, EdD, interim president of Sul Ross State University. Hernandez, who has served since 2014 as chief financial officer and senior vice president for operations at Sam Houston State University, will assume office on June 4.

“Dr. Hernandez brings more than 30 years of higher education experience and expertise to his new role at Sul Ross,” said McCall. “As chief operating officer at Sam Houston State, Carlos has played a

central role in the university’s growth and success over the past eight years, and I am confident that he will make a similar impact at Sul Ross.”

In his current role, Hernandez oversees the university’s budget, financial reporting, human resources, facilities, risk management, compliance, and campus security and police programs. He has more than 34 years of public higher educa-



Hernandez

tion experience, including leadership positions at the University of Texas at El Paso, the University of North Texas System, and Sam Houston State.

A West Texas native, Hernandez attended the University of Texas at El Paso from 1984-2009, earning a BBA in Accounting, a Master of Education, and a Doctorate of Education.

“I am thrilled and humbled by the opportunity to join Sul Ross State University, to serve our students in Alpine, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde, and to be a part

of their Sul Ross experience,” said Hernandez.

He will work to further strengthen Sul Ross academic programs, enhance the university’s student recruitment and student success efforts across all campuses, and continue to fine-tune institutional operations. He will also work with TSUS administration on legislative and budgetary priorities in advance of the 2023 legislative session.

Hernandez will succeed Sul Ross president and alumnus Pete Gallego, who is leaving the university next month.

Friends of Library awards two scholarships

Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library recently selected two graduating seniors for its annual Nancy Robinson and Bryan Woolley Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The judges deliberated a long time, choosing from among the many applications sent by very deserving students.

This year 19 will graduate Fort Davis

High School, while Valentine ISD will have two graduating seniors. The Friends awarded one scholarship from each district, and Anita Bailon and Mekyla Siddiq are this year’s recipients. Both wrote strong essays about their goals in life, their inspiring role models, and how meaningful the scholarship will be to them.

Bailon is a first genera-

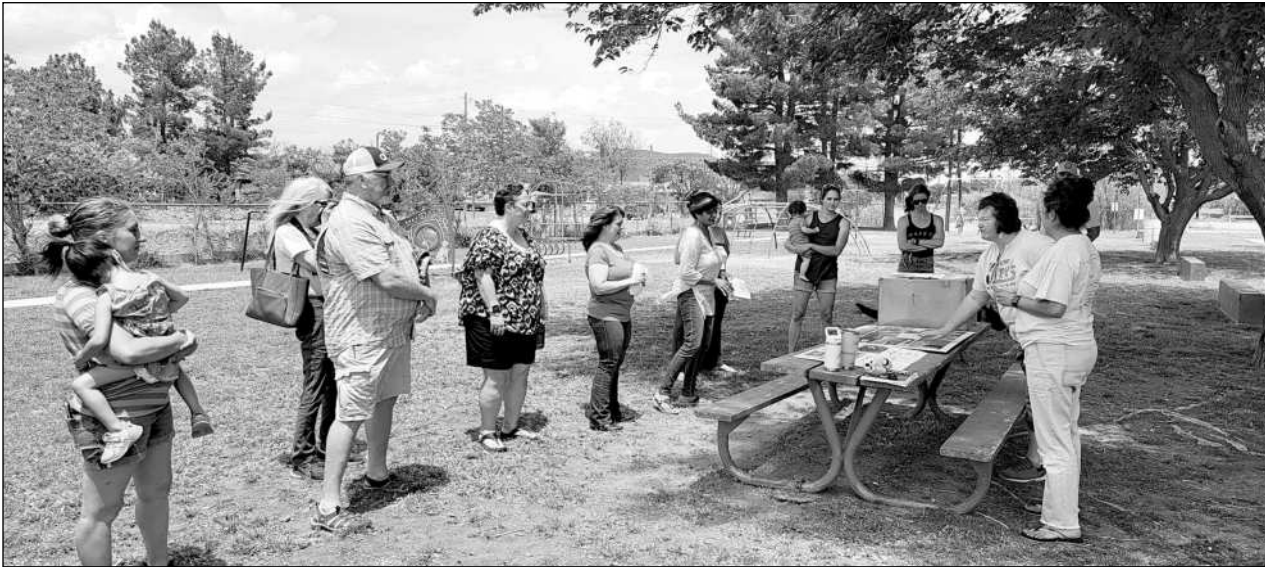
tion college-bound student accepted at the University of Texas at El Paso. She plans to explore many fields before she embarks on a definite major. Siddiq is similarly a first generation student pursuing the field of veterinary technician at Pima Medical Institute in El Paso.

The Friends scholarships will be presented at graduation ceremonies in Fort Davis on May 20, and

in Valentine on May 27.

The Nancy Robinson Memorial Fund was begun in 2006 to commemorate the work of a past president of the Friends organization. It was expanded in 2016 to memorialize local author Bryan Woolley who grew up in Fort Davis. In its 17th year, the fund has benefitted 40 students with a total of \$41,250 awarded.

Splash pad in the works



The Alpine non-profit Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids held a community meeting and ice cream social at Juan Medina Park on May 1 as Board Interim President Letty Carrillo and Treasurer Marci Tuck discussed proposed plans for a new splash pad for youngsters adjacent to Kokernot Park. Carrillo and Tuck also recruited new board members and discussed event planning and activities to benefit Alpine children.

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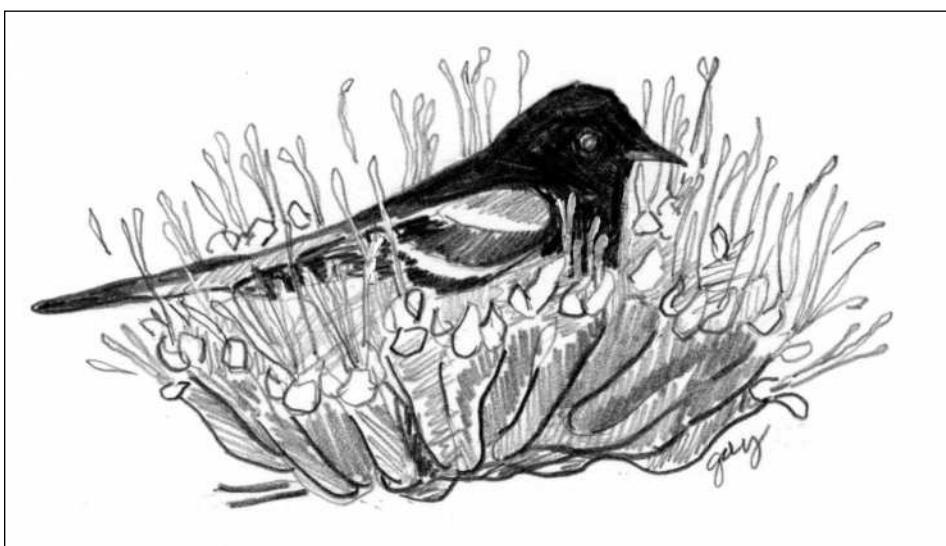
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Scott's Oriole.

Illustration by Gail Diane Yovanovich

Scott's Oriole lights up the desert

In the past we've examined those tiny nectar eaters, the hummingbirds. But now with century plants in full bloom, let's take a closer look at another Big Bend bird that feeds heavily on nectar – the striking Scott's Oriole.

Dressed in yellow and black, this locally common summer resident of open, dry hillsides, desert scrub and pinyon-juniper favors areas with abundant yuccas, its preferred nesting site.

Widespread throughout the desert Southwest, the range of this robin-sized bird extends east to the southwestern Edwards Plateau in Texas, west to south central California, north from central Nevada to extreme western Colorado, and south into Mexico. Scott's Orioles winter almost exclusively in central and southern Mexico.

Scott's Orioles arrive in the Big Bend from late March to early April, and generally depart by mid-September, although the species has been recorded sporadically in Big Bend National Park during the winter months.

Taxonomically, North America's nine regularly occurring oriole species fall in the Icteridae family, a diverse group that also includes meadowlarks, cowbirds, blackbirds and grackles. Of the nine oriole species, only Hooded, Orchard, Bullcock's, and Scott's occur regularly in our area.

Scott's Orioles are sexually dimorphic, meaning males are more brightly colored than females. The male sports a black head and breast, with black extending about half way down the bird's back. The remainder of its upper and under parts is bright lemon yellow. Tail and wings are black, set off by white wing bars and a yellow and white shoulder patch.

Stunning and conspicuous both at rest and in flight, the male Scott's Oriole is, at least to me, is the most beautiful bird in the desert.

The considerably subdued female wears a drab, greenish-yellow overall, streaked on the crown and back, with brightest yellow concentrated on the belly. She may have variable amounts of black on the face, throat and breast, with blackish wings and white wing bars.

Characteristic of all orioles, the female Scott's constructs a bag-like, hanging nest woven of fine grasses and plant fibers attached to overhanging branches or, as is typical in our area, the leaves of yucca plants.

The female lays two to four smooth, pale blue eggs, streaked and spotted with black, brown,



BIRDS-EYE VIEW

by gail d. yovanovich

gray, or purple. She incubates the eggs alone, and both male and female tend the hatchlings. The pair raises two broods each summer.

Scott's Orioles feed on insects, nectar, fruit, and berries. From my observations, the birds favor nectar from yuccas, including the century plant, along with the large, wine-colored fruits of prickly pear cactus.

With its slender, pointed bill, these birds will sip happily from the small ports on your hummingbird feeders. Among the North American oriole species, Scott's visits backyard nectar feeders most boldly, and sometimes competes with hummers for feeding rights.

You can also use a specially designed oriole feeder. Its feeding holes are a bit larger in diameter than the hummer feeders, and its overall design is sturdier, allowing the orioles to drink more easily and perch more comfortably.

As I write this, I sit at a small table in the backyard, my laptop positioned so that when I look up, I see the oriole feeder. What better place to write about birds than among them?

A family of Scott's Orioles lurks among the leaves of a Spanish dagger some 15 feet to my right – a male, female, and two young birds out of the nest but still dependent upon their parents to locate food.

After a burst of song delivered in low, whistled phrases, the male flies directly to the special feeder, drinks long, and flies to a yucca a short distance away.

The female is next. She drinks, then follows the male to the yucca.

One young oriole flies to the hooked pole from which the feeder hangs, and looks down at the bright orange lid, hops to a perch on the feeder's edge, and just sits for a second. It peers at the lid, can't figure it out, and so follows its parents to the yucca, still hungry.

The second young oriole does the same – flies to the pole, looks at the lid, hops to a perch. But this one finds the nectar and drinks long before joining the family in the yucca. Fun!

Questions or comments? Email me at editor@alpineavalanche.com.

ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SURPLUS SALE - REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Alpine Independent School District will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following items. Minimum bids have been set for each vehicle.

	Minimum Bid
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Seller reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. All sales are final, with the seller accepting no liability for the condition of the items purchased. Payments must be in the form of cash, money order, or cashier's check. Once notification is made of an accepted bid, payment must be made and item picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022. Note: State law requires purchasers of vehicles to obtain a new title within 30 calendar days of purchase, or face financial penalties. Vehicles may be viewed at the Alpine ISD Transportation Dept. at 1401 W. Del Rio. For more information, contact Chayo Gonzales at 432-386-5545.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT (NORI)

AND

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

NEW

PERMIT NO. WQ0012865005

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. U.S. Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new permit, Proposed TCEQ Permit No. WQ0012865005 to authorize the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 42,000 gallons per day via evaporation/percolation. The facility was previously permitted under Permit No. WQ0012865004 which expired on September 1, 2020. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on August 16, 2021.

This combined notice is being issued to correct the facility location description stated in the NORI. The correct location is 1500 feet east of the intersection of State Highway 118/Maverick Drive and U.S. Highway 385, in Brewster County, Texas 79834.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 1500 feet east of the intersection of State Highway 118/Maverick Drive and U.S. Highway 385, in Brewster County, Texas 79834. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Rio Grande Above Amistad Reservoir in Segment No. 2306 of the Rio Grande Basin. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

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The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Panther Junction Visitor Center, 310 Alsate Drive, Big Bend National Park, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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

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

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

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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Alpine student inducted into honor society at Angelo State

Angelo State University's chapter of the Order of the Sword and Shield national honor society recently inducted 28 new students for the 2021-2022 academic year, including Kassandra Acosta of Alpine.

The Order of the Sword and Shield is the only academic and professional honor society dedicated exclusively to cybersecurity, homeland security, intelligence, emergency management, and all protective security disciplines. The ASU chapter was chartered in 2015, and is one of only 92 Official Academic Chapters in the U.S., including just five chapters

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Acosta is majoring in criminal justice/psychology at Angelo State.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Lanyana Hernandez

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



What I'm especially looking forward to is to graduate, and see what all my classmates decide to do with their lives.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

The activities I was involved my senior year were one act play, and track and field.

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

I have more than one teacher/coach who has influenced me during my high school years. The first one being Coach Cason she taught me that no matter what you are doing, make sure to do your best in everything you do. My second one would be Mrs. Parson. She taught me that how to think positive when you're in a negative situ-

Lanyana Hernandez
My last teacher who has been an influence is Coach Miranda. He would make my horrible days into one of the best ones, and would always put a smile on my face when I needed it the most.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moment of my last four years was making it to Regionals for my 4x4 relay team.

What are your plans after high school?

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Devotional Page End from the Beginning

BY SCOTT HUCKABY
Big Bend Bible Fellowship

A lot is happening in the world today that is bewildering to anyone who tries to make sense of it. The Bible brings clarity to the crazy developments of our day.

There was a time I was perplexed by the Cold War, ending when the Berlin Wall was torn down in 1989. As someone who had grown up in the shadow of an SAC base, and spent nine years training to fight the Soviets, it made no sense that the super-power stand-off could end so suddenly.

But I had read a commentary on the book of Daniel that said there would be a global government prior to the Messiah's return. You can't have a super-power stand-off if there will be a global government. Indeed, there can't even be any super-powers.

Daniel chapter 2 describes all the world powers that would rule over Jerusalem until the Messiah returns, and this has been fulfilled in history. Only God can declare the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). The prophecies in Scripture convinced me the Bible was the Word of God, and thus I needed Christ in my life.

Since God used Bible prophecy to bring me to Him, it grieves me that more people don't study it, especially among the churches when about a third of Scripture is prophetic. But I realize that too fulfills prophecy (2 Peter 3:3). We live at the end of the Church Age charac-

terized by a falling away of the faith (1 Timothy 4:1, Revelation 3:14-22).

Ignoring Bible prophecy is merely a symptom of that apostasy.

The most pervasive excuse for why people avoid Bible prophecy is that it is controversial. But the diverse interpretations of Bible prophecy evaporate when a proper historical, grammatical hermeneutic is used. Too many Bible interpreters think they need to allegorize prophecy, conjuring up some spiritualized meaning rather than taking a literal understanding of what it says. Jesus literally fulfilled all the prophecies of the Messiah's first advent, so we should expect the prophecies of His return to be literally fulfilled as well.

Some say Bible prophecy is too hard to understand. Well, it certainly is if you think it has to be taken figuratively. God never intended His Word to require some scholarly intermediary to explain what He means by what He says. The book of Revelation is not hard to understand, it is hard to believe.

Others avoid Bible prophecy because it is too scary. You betcha it's scary, but it is reality, and only scary to those without Christ in their lives. Christians have nothing to fear about the future. "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess 5:9).

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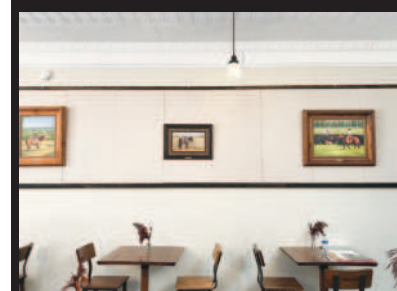
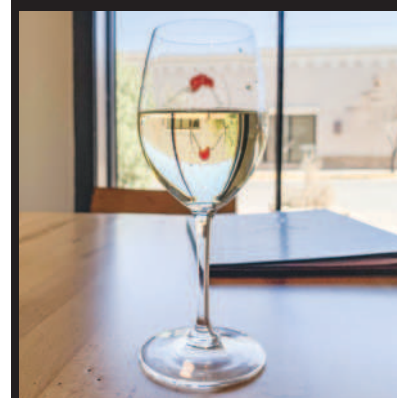
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2022 Women in Business – Sharon Kelner, Owner of Alpine Bed and Breakfast and Alpine Wine



I was born at Edwards Air Force Base in California, what seems like eons and a million moves ago. Soon after, we moved back to New York, where my mother was from, and then Miami FL, where I spent most of my childhood.

College brought me to Texas the first time to study Accounting at Texas Lutheran University, and this background in accounting and general business set up a foundation for what was to come.

I moved back to Miami after college and eventually joined Texaco in their Latin America/Caribbean/West Africa office. Three years later I was part of their expatriate team, living and working in El Salvador, Honduras, and then the Dominican Republic, and traveling throughout Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. My roles shifted from straight accounting to operations, overseeing our retail facilities that consisted of gas stations, convenience stores, franchises, and co-branding opportunities with Wendy's McDonalds, Burger King, dry cleaners, movie rentals, and more. Much of what my teams and I dealt with related to customer experience and customer satisfaction as we worked to create world-class facilities and retail outlets that Texaco was then able to utilize as standards and models for expansion and training throughout the division.

By the time I was ready to return to the US, my sister had established herself as a successful vet in Tomball TX and my mother had retired there, so it was a natural decision for me to land in Houston. During the next 13 years, I traveled and lived throughout central and south Texas, mostly working and/or leading teams in Big Box, outside sales, and marketing and merchandising. I was still centered in customer-facing operations and customer experience, whether the "customer" was the final consumer or business partners for which I oversaw their 3rd-party operations.

In 2013 I was transferred to San Antonio, and then in 2014 I transitioned again, this time into high-tech recruiting. I was still customer-facing and customer-experience focused, but my role became very personalized to the individuals I worked with, both hiring managers looking for the right employee, and potential employees looking for the right company.

I met Tom in 2015 and we married 11 months later, in April 2016. And this is where our Alpine and Big Bend adventure began. We spent our honeymoon and second anniversary in Alpine and Big Bend, and Tom never stopped thinking of ways that could enable us to move to and work in the area. In August of 2019, Tom suggested starting a traditional, full-service B&B. My experience traveling (and clear thoughts on what makes a successful, comfortable hotel), my love of cooking, and both of our experience in customer-facing roles and client satisfaction made this the ideal solution. After some research it became apparent that Alpine would be the perfect place.

We purchased the Kincaid-Wade house, an 1887 original home in the historic section of Alpine, in October 2019 and began renovations, and we opened Alpine Bed and Breakfast in May 2020. Two years later, our attention to detail and dedication to customer experience has garnered over 200 5-star reviews across Google, Facebook, Expedia, and all other platforms, making ours the highest-rated (and only 5-star-rated) full-service hotel in the Big Bend tri-county area.

We began a new adventure in late 2021 when the plans started for Alpine Wine. Seeing a need for a casual yet elevated indoor wine bistro in the tri-county area, we designed a location where people could go to experience wines from around the world, interesting food, and great music. Alpine Wine officially opened its doors in March 2022.

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Shelly Means is the personification of a true Texan, "Dyed in the Wool". Her roots and heritage go back as far as 1821 to Austin's colony, making her family a part of the "Old Three Hundred". Her grandfather arrived in far West Texas in the 1930's to ranch and have cattle hauling and feed business to help the rancher. Shelly married into a ranching family that has been in Jeff David County since 1884. She and her husband, Bodie Means, and their daughter, Evan, are thankful and blessed to live in the original ranch headquarters and ranch on the Y6 Ranch that was homesteaded by Bodie's grandfather John Zak Means.

Shelly has spent most of her career in all facets of the oil and gas industry. She has negotiated oil & gas leases, bought Right of Ways, and spent long days in courthouses all over Texas and parts of the United States dealing with attorneys, landowners, and landmen. A most important part of her career is the fact that she was able to meet, work with and form lifelong relationships with people that she loves from all walks of life.

Her Texas roots, the skills she honed over 25 years in oil and gas, her ranch and land expertise, and a determined attitude serves her well for real estate. She builds land legacies for her clients as she and her family have done and continue to do to this day.



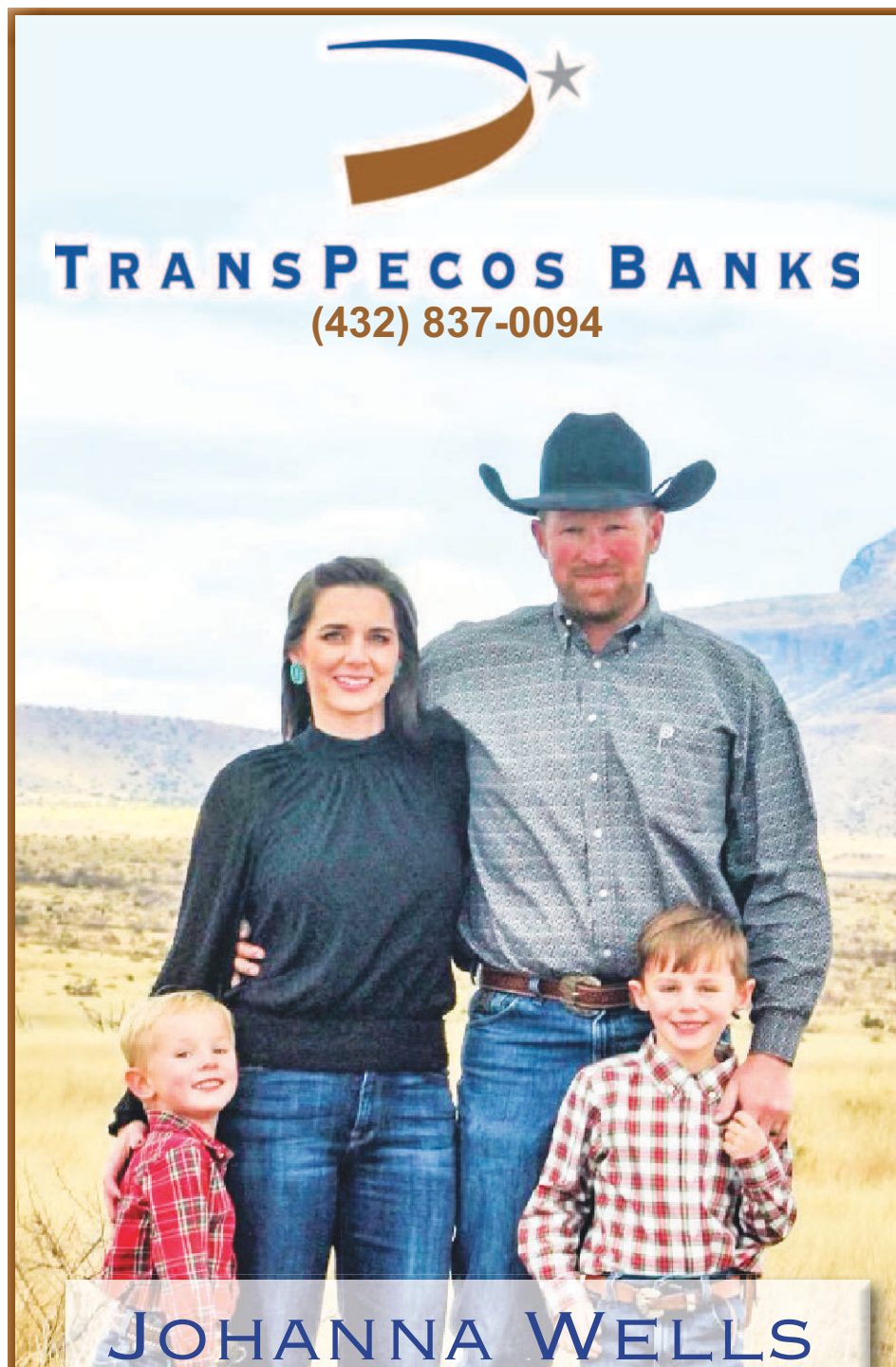
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DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE WITHIN THIS BUSINESS: As West Texas Business Development Officer, my role within TransPecos Banks is to connect our business customers with products and services that support their banking needs and to grow relationships in the Big Bend and the West Texas region. I really enjoy providing a personalized experience and finding creative solutions for our businesses. Ultimately, my goal is to be a resource for our customers and ensure that they have the banking tools they need to conduct their business as successfully as possible.

DID YOU PLAN TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THIS BUSINESS? Not even a little bit! Most of my career goals revolved around education and sustainable agriculture.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION: I attended Texas A&M in College Station from 2003-2007. My first major was Education- I had always planned to be a teacher. Along the way I discovered other interests and finally landed on a degree in International Studies, with an emphasis in Environmental Studies and French. I also have minor in Agricultural Economics. Collectively it might seem a little random, but I think it represents exactly who I am. I have always had a heart for education, sustainable agriculture, and the global community. I had an incredible advisor who allowed me to explore a variety of courses for credit in what was otherwise a more traditional course load. I took classes in Small Engines, Floral Design, Ag Policy, and Environmental Sociology, to name a few. I loved every minute of my college experience and wouldn't change a thing.

WHAT OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE? I had some interesting jobs in high school and college including waitressing in the Big Thicket, technology coordination for the College of Education at Texas A&M, circulation and digitizing microfilm at the Evans Library at Texas A&M, an internship on a farm and ranch in the Loire Valley, and a few summers at a USDA-ARS Rice Research facility outside of Beaumont. After graduating from Texas A&M in 2007, I decided to pursue teaching after all and came back to West Texas for Post-Baccalaureate teaching certification at Sul Ross. My first teaching job was in Marfa- teaching 7th and 8th grade History and coaching Volleyball, Basketball, and Track. I was recruited to Alpine ISD later that year. For 10 years, I taught, coached, volunteered, drove busses, sponsored, sat on committees, and worked with some amazing teachers and students.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THIS BUSINESS? After our youngest son was born, I decided to take a step back from teaching. Although education will always have my heart, I needed to pursue something that would allow for a healthier work- life balance and an opportunity to serve our community in a different way. Banking is not a career I ever imagined for myself, but I am so thankful to have found it. TransPecos Banks is a strongly family-oriented organization. I was drawn to the people and the values of this company first, then fell in love with the opportunities to serve our local businesses and communities through banking.

HOW DID YOUR EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCES PREPARE YOU FOR THIS CAREER?

While I don't have a traditional banking background in finance or accounting, my mishmash of education and experiences empowered me to develop a strong sense of community, a genuine understanding of people from various backgrounds, and a talent for collaborating with others to find creative solutions. Although my business is banking, I consider my career to be serving the people of West Texas.

WHERE DO YOU CALL HOME? We moved quite a bit when I was young and I've lived in several places, but I have always considered Alpine my home. I've lived in Alpine four separate times throughout my life and I'm so thankful for each of the opportunities that brought me back. I now live on the 101 Ranch, west of Alpine, with my husband and our family.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: My husband Cree was born in Alpine and grew up on ranches around Alpine and Marfa. He attended the TCU Ranch Management program and now works for the 101 Ranch. We reconnected after graduating from college and moving back to the area. We've been married for 8 years and have two sweet boys that keep us on our toes; Evan is 7 and Chase is 4. We are so thankful to be able to raise our family in West Texas, as a part of this community.

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WHERE DID YOU ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE?

I attended high school in Juarez. I attended UTEP and Lubbock Christian University for college.

HOW DID YOUR EDUCATION PREPARE YOU FOR THIS CAREER?

I majored in business administration but also McDonald's provided the training I needed to become successful.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO START YOUR BUSINESS IN THE BIG BEND?

I had the opportunity to buy this McDonald's from Jerry Johnson. Moreover, I've always liked this area since my first visit in 1997.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

My family immigrated to the U.S in 1989. My mom, Irma, lives in El Paso. My dad, Armando, passed in the year 2012. I have a younger brother, Armando, who is a priest in Juarez. I also have a younger sister, Virginia, who works with me, along with her husband, Enrique. My husband of 20 years, George Campbell, who has been retired from the border patrol for 15 years, has been very supportive on my business career. I have two beautiful nieces, Lourdes and Virginia, and two handsome nephews, Enrique and Marco, who mean the world to me. I own 4 dogs, all different shapes and sizes. I love spending time with my family, they are all full of adventures. It never gets boring.



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Sarah Sibley Klein is a partner at Sibley Anderson Lewis and an Alpine native. Having grown-up in this far West Texas region, she wanted to experience life outside of a small town and so she attended and graduated from Loomis Chaffee, a boarding school in Connecticut. After four years of being on the East Coast, however, Sarah could not wait to get back to her Texas roots. She earned a Bachelors of Business Administration from University of Texas at Austin in 2011 and then a law degree from Texas Tech School of Law in 2015.

Before forming Sibley Anderson Lewis, Sarah gained experience as a litigation attorney doing insurance defense and oil and gas litigation in Midland, Texas. She also worked as in-house counsel for Customs and Borders Protection in Marfa, Texas. However, Sarah's professional passion is helping clients to solve real property and title issues in the Big Bend Region and to build and to preserve local businesses through entity formation. In 2019, Sarah and Steve Anderson formed Sibley Anderson, in part, because this region lacked lawyers with a practice dedicated to real estate and transactional matters. She also assists clients with estate planning and probate matters. Sarah is glad to be practicing law and raising her family in the same community that formed her. Sarah is married to Jasper Klein, and they have a three-year old daughter, Joslyn.



Sarah



Elizabeth

Elizabeth is a native of Marathon, Texas. She attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas and majored in Agricultural Leadership. After graduation from Texas A&M, she attended St. Mary's University, School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. Upon receiving her juris doctorate, Elizabeth moved to Midland, Texas, where she began her legal career conducting oil and gas title examinations. She then practiced as a Municipal Court Prosecutor for the City of Midland, which allowed her to develop case management skills and gain courtroom experience. In 2016, Elizabeth joined the Midland County District Attorney's Office, where she worked as a misdemeanor and felony prosecutor until 2018.

In 2018, Elizabeth moved back home to Brewster County with her husband and son, fulfilling one of their ultimate goals. She was employed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas - Criminal Division when she realized that her passions lie in assisting clients on a more one-on-one basis. Elizabeth opened her own practice in the fall of 2019 where she began work in estate planning, probate and real estate cases. Elizabeth joined Sarah Sibley and Steve Anderson to form Sibley Anderson Lewis in August 2021.

When she's not practicing law, Elizabeth is involved with the Marathon PTO and Brewster County Historical Commission, though her favorite and most important role is chasing around her three-year-old.