

## CDRI celebrates half a century

BY TRACI MARTIN  
Contributor

The Chihuahua Desert Research Institute better known as CDRI, celebrates 50 years in West Texas.

CDRI was founded in 1973 by two Science professors at Sul Ross State University, Dr. A. Michael Powell, and the late Dr. James Scud-day, with the mission to promote public awareness, appreciation, and concern for nature and the natural diversity of the Chihuahuan Desert region: specifically, through education, the visitor experience, and through support of research. Tucked away on 507 acres in the foothills of the Davis Mountains - this peaceful preserve proved to be a much-needed safe harbor during an unexpected time of crisis and uncertainty. In 2020 when Covid fears ravaged the United States, many companies, small businesses and

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## New position is similar but different

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

For newly elected County Judge Greg Henington, there are aspects of his new position that he finds familiar. There are also aspects that are as foreign as anything he's encountered in all his years as a Brewster County resident.

Judge Henington has been a successful business owner in Brewster County for 31 years. He and his wife Valynda ran Far Flung Outdoor Center, an outfitter business located in Study Butte. And while one might believe that sending people

on canoe or rafting trips down the Rio Grande, or Jeep tours or ATV tours across the desert have nothing in common with running a county, you might be surprised at how similar they are.

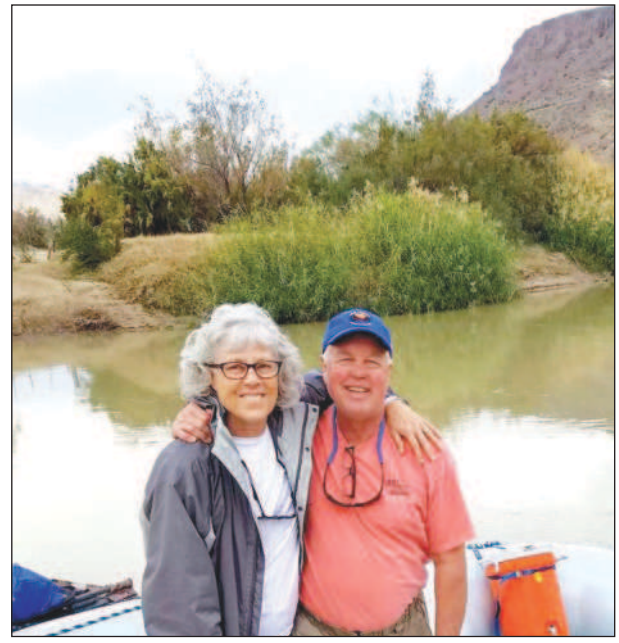
"The administrative part of the position did not surprise me, after running my own business. I found it very similar," remarked Henington. "The people of Brewster County elected me to run the business of the county, so this aspect, the administrative portion, is familiar."

Henington said as far as the judicial side of his new position is con-

cerned, he's not sure anyone could really prepare for that. "The judicial side has been a whole other ballgame. Even my lawyer friends who have become county judges seem perplexed. There are a lot of complexities when it comes to learning and overseeing fairness and justice in the court," said Henington.

This position, County Judge, held aspects that Henington believed would be a good fit for him, which helped motivate him to run for the office. "At the time, I

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Honorable Greg P. Henington, Brewster County Judge and his wife Valynda Henington.

Courtesy photo

## Tag, you're out!



Alpine's Enyssa Fierro tags a Pecos baserunner diving back to second base during Friday's scrimmage at Sul Ross State University.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

## Alpine Federal Court keeps busy

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The U.S. Attorney's Office released on Friday that a Presidio County woman has been indicted in federal court on charges of importing narcotics in the U.S.

Cherakee Lee Perez, 32, of Presidio County was indicted on charges related to possessing and importing methamphetamine and fentanyl with the intent to distribute, in Alpine last Thursday. According to court documents, it was alleged that Perez provided a negative declaration upon entry from Mexico to Customs and



U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Jaime Esparza.

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Border Patrol vehicle inspection at the Presidio Port of Entry. A canine agent discovered more than three dozen packages hidden within Perez's vehicle. Of the

packages seized, 29 of them contained approximately four and a half kilograms of methamphetamine and the remaining 13 contained seven kilograms of fentanyl.

The defendant made her initial court appearance on Jan. 17 before U.S. Magistrate Judge David B. Fannin of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. Perez has been charged with one count of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and fentanyl and one count of importation of methamphetamine and fentanyl.

U. S. Attorney Jaime

Esparza of the Western District of Texas and Special Agent in Charge Francisco B. Burrola of the Homeland Security Investigations El Paso Division made the announcement about Perez. The case is still under investigation by HSI and the Assistant U. S. Attorney Scott Greenbaum is prosecuting the case.

In other border issues, the U. S. Attorney's Office also reported that on Dec. 30, 2021, a Seminole man piloting an aircraft carrying five, undocumented, non-citizens crashed shortly after take-off from the Presidio Airport.

Tobias Penner Peters,

46 of Seminole plead guilty in federal court last Thursday to transporting undocumented, non-citizens causing bodily injury. According to court documents, the plane piloted by Peters that crashed was responded to by U. S. Border Patrol agents, who found the five illegal individuals. Peters had already fled the crash site on his way to Mexico. Three months later, Peters turned himself in at the Presidio Port of Entry. One of the illegal individuals who was injured in the crash suffered a back injury and

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## OBITUARIES

### Arthur Price

Arthur Edmond Price passed away at the age of 36 on Dec. 15, 2022, in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Arthur was born in Louisville, Kentucky on May 3, 1986, to James A. Price and Karen Epperson-Price. He is preceded in his passing by his brother, Henry Sinclair Price, PO2 U.S. Navy, maternal grandparents, David H. Epperson, and Růžena "Rose" Jedličkova, and paternal grandfather, James E. Price.



He grew up in various places including Texas, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Maryland. An avid gamer and voracious reader from a young age, he was drawn to Russian literature in high school and even pondered joining the French Foreign

Legion. With a keen and wicked sense of humor, he was no stranger to shenanigans, but ever a champion of the downtrodden and a rescuer of stray animals.

In 2012 he attended the summer intensive Czech language course at Charles University in Prague, and afterwards enjoyed visiting with his cousins and exploring south Bohemia where his grandmother Růžena was born.

Arthur graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a

Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in chemistry. With research interests including nonhuman primates, African wild dogs, and psychiatry, he also worked at USM's Laboratory for Prosimian Studies.

After his father moved to Alpine, Texas, he loved visiting the dark skies of the Big Bend and was thrilled to see the Milky Way for the first time down by Hen Egg Mountain. Quite the gardener, he was a fan of all types of peppers of which he grew many of

at home, often creating his own unique blends of hot sauces. Moved by the awesome natural beauty and the vast and varied cacti of the Chihuahuan Desert, he had had plans to return with his nieces and nephew to share with them the place he had grown so fond of.

Arthur is survived by his mother, Karen Epperson-Price of Long Beach, MS; father, James A. Price of Alpine, TX; his beloved paternal grandmother, Ruth Hoagland Price of Louisville, KY; sister, Hannah Inaba, of

Hakusan, Japan and of her children, Claire, Eugene, and Emma whom he adored. He is also survived by aunts and uncles and cousins in Mississippi and Kentucky; cousins in the Czech Republic; his dogs, Daisy, and Jack; his cats, Willie, Teddy, Irving, and Violet; and the wealth of true friends and comrades who will dearly miss this bright and brilliant young man who had so much more life to live.

A private ceremony was held in Gulfport, Mississippi on Dec. 21,

### Elizabeth Clare Magers

Born Elizabeth Clare Magers on March 23, 1976 at Odessa Regional Medical Center to her parents Hugh Magers and Joan Magers. Called Clare from the beginning by her family, her older sister of 11 years, Laura, often called her Clare Bear or Baby Clare. She was the youngest of her five female cousins, older only than her one male cousin. Growing up, her family moved around a lot with her father's position in the church. Over her childhood, she lived in Odessa, Eagle Pass, San Antonio, Sulphur



Springs, and lastly Ponder, where she graduated from Ponder High School in 1994.

Clare met her future husband, Chris, while attending college at Texas A&M University. They married on Aug. 17, 1996. They had three years of married life in Alpine while attending Sul Ross State Univer-

sity before they had their first daughter, Catherine. Then they moved to Terre Haute Indiana for Chris to earn his PhD, where she made some wonderful friends while living in exile from Texas. They moved back to Alpine in 2004, and after another four years, she had her second daughter Teresa, making Clare the happy mother of two. She worked for Sul Ross for 10 years, shifting departments to help organize and build up different parts of the university. Clare also worked within the community, providing a familiar face

and warmth at the 588 COOP, Come-&-Take-It BBQ, Spicewood, and Gringo.

Clare always wanted to be a mother and she spread her love to a generation of Sul Ross students as well as many of her daughters' friends. Her kindness and people-wrangling skills helped her become a force of nature for every project she worked on. A lover of animals, rocks, big machines and people, Clare thrived in her community and loved helping others be the best they could be. There was never a person she wouldn't help or

task she wouldn't take on, filled with determination and compassion. This was seen in both her work ethic and volunteer service.

There will be a Celebration of Love on Feb. 18 in Alpine at Old Gringo at 4 p.m. and a graveside service later in March at Dobbs Valley Cemetery, south of Mineral Wells. Clare lives on in her husband Christopher Michael Ritzi, her daughters Catherine Marie and Teresa Loren, her mother Joan Magers, her sister and brother-in-law Laura and Raymond Miller, her nieces Sarah Miller and Megan

Miller Tabb, her son-in-law Max Lannom, and a pantheon of friends and extended family through all the stories and love she left behind to all of her "adoptive children" and friends.

Instead of flowers, the family asks if you could donate to Angel Care Hospice in Midland or www.HospitalityApartments.org in Houston in memory of Clare Ritzi.

Online condolences may be left at: www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home.

### Frances Hargus Springfield

Frances Hargus Springfield 104, of Sweetwater, TX, formerly of Marathon passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Hoyt Place in Sweetwater. A graveside service will be held 2 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Marathon Cemetery in Marathon. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home. She was born November 12, 1918 in Alpine to the late George Washington and Ida Yancy Wilson Hargus. Frances took some pretty hard knocks in her young life. A World War that took



her husband away from her during those precious years when their love was new and exciting. Then, only a few years later, death robbed her once again of her partner and father of her two young boys. Many people would have become bitter, angry, depressed, and spent their lives struggling with

'why me?'. Frances had a soft place to land with her parents and her small town. She had her boys, her education, and her books. I always imagined she lived much of her life in her head from then on. The real world was a painful and scary place. I still remember how her eyes would light up when she talked about the books she was reading or shared stories of her family history and the way things were when she was little, during the carefree days of childhood. She always appeared to me very stoic and no longer vulnerable

to the capriciousness of this life. I suspect that most of who Frances Springfield was, was hidden from the world. I know that her only real joy was found in her two boys. She lived through them and, in the end, found it very hard to leave them behind. They were her tether to this life. It pleases me to think that she is experiencing true transcendent happiness right now for the first time. She lived the life she needed to on this earth to get through it. "Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while

we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord—for we walk by faith not by sight—we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord." —2 Corinthians 5:6-8. Well done, Frances. Frances is survived by her sons Dan Springfield and wife Debra of Blackwell, Jerry Lee Springfield and wife Connie of Del Rio; grandchildren Eugene Springfield and wife Kelly of Marathon, Melissa Schuenemann and husband Craig of Evergreen, CO., Sarah Green

of Gainesville, Kendra Blakeley and husband John of San Antonio, Sharie Moore and husband Philip of Canyon Lake, Joseph Danner and wife Lisa of Cameron, NC., D.J. Marthini and wife Maria of Phoenix, AZ., Abby Moss and husband Eric of Los Alamos, NM.; eighteen great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren and sister Betty Emler of San Diego, CA. She is preceded in death by her husband Henry Allen Springfield, parents and a brother. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mccoymfh.com.

## Alpine Elementary Pre-K4 classes visit ranch



Students and teachers from Alpine Elementary's Pre-K4 classes took a trip last Friday to visit the Wasserman Wranch, located in Sunny Glen. Students had the opportunity to visit with donkeys, alpacas, miniature horses, kangaroos, and even a camel.

Courtesy photo

# New hires at BRI bolster capacity for research efforts in West Texas

The Borderlands Research Institute, BRI, at Sul Ross State University is expanding its team with the addition of two new hires this January.

Bill Adams has come aboard as Associate Director of Operations, a new role designed to provide support to the growing organization. Dr. Maureen G. Frank also joined the team in Jan. as the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation Endowed Professor and Associate Professor of Conservation Biology.

Since its inception 15 years ago, BRI has expanded its research and outreach capacities and added new programs such as the Center for



**Dr. Maureen Frank**

Land Stewardship and Stakeholder Engagement. "There's so much to

do. It really speaks to the conservation need of the region and we're

fortunate to be able to pull together such quality people with the help of

our endowments and donors," noted Dr. Louis A. Harveson, who is the Dan Allen Hughes, Jr., Endowed Director of BRI.

Frank brings new breadth to BRI's bird conservation program. She first came to Texas for her undergraduate degree and graduated with a B.S. in Wildlife Ecology from Texas A&M University in 2012. She moved to Logan, Utah, for graduate school. Her dissertation focused on the ecology of three migratory waterbirds—eared grebes, Wilson's phalaropes, and red-necked phalaropes—that rely on Great Salt Lake as a staging area before flying south for the winter. She graduated from

Utah State University with her Ph.D. in 2016 and returned to Texas to work for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service as a Wildlife Extension Specialist. Her extension work focused mainly on non-game species and helping small-acreage landowners understand wildlife management options. She was also involved in efforts to connect landowners with ecotourism opportunities such as birding.

Frank looks forward to focusing on conservation issues facing the Trans-Pecos region. "I'm intrigued by how much remains unknown out here.

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*Courtesy photo*

## Pink Ladies Raffle



The Big Bend Regional Medical Center Pink Ladies held a raffle for a hand-made cross made by Wanda Ramirez to raise money for a new wheelchair for the hospital. In total, they raised around \$800, which is about half of what a new chair would cost. J.D. Newsom, executive director of the Big Bend Regional Hospital District had the BBRHD match the funds to purchase the new wheelchair. The winner of the raffle was Lee King, owner/operator of Emergent Air, the local 911 services provider. Pictured here are Vicki Coker, Rick Flores- CEO of BBRMC, Josie Losoya, and Gina Mata. Pink Ladies not pictured are Chesley Breaud, Jane Sager, and Hilda Valles.

*Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert*

## Terlingua cemetery research featured at Jeff Davis County Library

After a career spanning 31 years with the National Park Service at Big Bend National Park, archeologist Tom Alex has taken his encyclopedia knowledge of the region to compile important research of the cemetery and ancestors of Terlingua. A free program offered at the Jeff Davis County Library in Fort Davis will highlight his work on Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. Tom has recorded

2887 archeological and historic sites, plus has documented 57 sites containing rock art. He will soon conclude a ten-year sampling survey of cultural sites coordinated with Sul Ross State University. His work in Terlingua examines little known history. Tom Alex's newest book, *The Dead Still Speak: Terlingua Cemetery Inventory, 2022* is a compilation of his archeological surveys,

photographs, and inventories of this unique cemetery. The author will also have available for purchase and signing his two previous books, the noteworthy Big Bend National Park and Vicinity and Around Terlingua published by Arcadia's Images of America.

This program is the second in the library's "Step Back in Time" series. For details, phone (432) 426 3802.

## Alpine issues notice of sewage discharge

The City of Alpine advises the public that an unauthorized discharge or spill has occurred at the City of Alpine Wastewater Treatment Plant. Details of the spill may be found below:

**Facility Name:** City of Alpine Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Person to contact for further information:** Questions may be directed to Andrew Devaney, Interim Director of Utilities, at 432-837-3281, option 6, or by email to [utilities.director@cityofalpine.com](mailto:utilities.director@cityofalpine.com).

**Location of the spill:** The Wastewater Treatment Plant is located 2 miles East of 2400 - 2450 N. Highway 118.

**Estimated Date and Time of the Spill:** The spill is suspected to have begun on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 12.

**Discovery time of the spill:** The spill was discovered on Monday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m.

**Estimated volume of the spill - number of gallons:** The volume of the spill is estimated to be 179,071 gallons.

**Type of spill:** Domestic sewage.

**Description of the area:** The spill was contained within the confines of the treatment plant and spill mitigation began as soon as it was discovered. The area has been disinfected and solids are being picked up and disposed of.

**The suspected cause of the spill:** Power outage

### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS:

Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within 1/2-mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing

distillation or boiling.

Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.

The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.

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Newspapers	0% (0 votes)
Online platforms	0% (1 votes)
None of the above	67% (1 vote)
	0% (0 votes)

TOTAL votes: 3

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

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- Newspapers
- Online platforms
- None of the above

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## Forty-five days at the speed of lightning

Forty-five days. The good folks at the Avalanche have asked me to write about the goings on in the county after forty-five days. Does it count that I had to re-learn how to assemble a necktie after 30 years of living in Terlingua? No? Ok. Here are my observations to date.



GREG HENINGTON  
 Brewster County Judge

My first observation is that I'm surrounded by some great folks here at the county. Hard-working, dedicated and committed to serving the public. Ever wonder how this courthouse stays clean and fresh? Thanks Lupe! How about the county grounds? Were those Christmas lights

not the best ever this season? Thanks Johnny, Merced, and Mario. Oh, and how about our roads and bridges? They don't repair themselves. Thanks Frenchie, Chris, Danny, Jozy and Carlos. No, you can't have them.

Secondly, the County Judge position is a strange one. Allow me to elaborate. Counties were established in the late 1800s in Texas, and as you can imagine, there were not a lot of folks out this way — still not many, which is why we live here. The County Judge is one of the few government positions in the country that has

legislative, executive, and judicial responsibilities all wrapped into one job. Running meetings and handling tasks is what you guys elected me to do — no problem. But the black robe? Wow! A different kettle of fish, but one I'm enjoying learning.

Last, but not least, here is the part you've been wondering about. What types of things are we working on? Now, this list can change faster than a West Texas windstorm, but here is where we are 45 days in.

First in line is clean-up. Ever have one of those closets that you pile junk into until one day you can't put anything else in? We've got 10 of them here at the county. Time to clean.

Financially, we are working hard to get caught up from the pandemic in our audits and financial record-keeping. I'm liking our progress, albeit a tough slog.

Tourism is an area where we are working on a solution to better track the explosion of short-term rentals in Brewster County.

And finally, repairs and maintenance, we have some deferred maintenance that is no longer deferred but being addressed.

This list is just a sampling, so if you want to jawbone about a particular issue, give me a call at 432-244-6663 or drop me a note at [greg.henington@co.brewster.tx.us](mailto:greg.henington@co.brewster.tx.us). I don't have all of the solutions, so I'm hoping you can help!

## The Ramblers may have exceeded mom's limits

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' It is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to do it anyway."

— Erma Bombeck

Exploring the old East Texas Light offices down on Austin Street when I returned to The Light and Champion two years ago, I found 40-plus-year-old copies of a couple of newspapers.

Yellowed issues of the defunct Sabine News in Many, La., and the still going strong Monitor from Naples up in northeast Texas were lying with a framed certificate in the bottom of a long-ignored built-in storage cabinet. Everything in the cabinet was covered in dust so thick, the pages were barely recognizable.

I wrote a column about the unusual find. If you missed it then, or like me, just forgot about it, I also offered my thoughts on how the combination of newspapers bearing those dates, along with the other framed find, could have been placed there by just one person — me.

That 2021 discovery was in a room that has housed printing press air compressors for at least 30 years. However, the room was once the publisher's office at The East Texas Light and the office I occupied in 1980 when I filled that position.

I started my newspaper career at The Monitor. I left there to become editor of The Sabine News before joining The East Texas Light, which later became The Light and Champion. And that other document?

That other dusty document keeping the newspapers company came to mind last week while perusing a collection of old columns I wrote about the same time those papers were stashed away. It was a Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association Club charter for the East Texas Ramblers dated 1982.

I was a charter member of the Ramblers.

It all came together reading one of my old columns elaborating about the club. In a piece I penned in 1981 when I occupied the office described above, I opined that "my mother was adamantly opposed to me riding a motorcycle, something I spent many enjoyable years of my life doing."

I also added that perhaps the Ramblers local activities might help boost my mother's visions of motorcycle riders as more than black jackets and dangerous noisy machines.

Knowing she was a faithful follower of my column back then, I wrote, "For anyone with reservations



LEON ALDRIDGE  
 Guest Columnist

like my mother, let me clarify. Motorcycle enthusiasts can be any person of any age, sex, creed, or national origin who enjoys riding lawfully registered two- or three-wheel motor powered vehicles for fun or transportation, or anyone wanting to associate with persons of similar persuasion."

I followed with, "A club is a lawful and legal gathering for the natural and normal pursuit of motorcycle enjoyment in a family-oriented fashion. See, mom, nowhere in there did you read anything about black leather jackets or noisy and recklessly operated machines." The old column defined the Ramblers as 15 members that included respected community individuals, like police officer Ed Roberts, judge Billy Ballard, bank president, sorry, that one slips my mind, and businesspeople such as Robert Poffinbarger. I considered including newspaper publishers but decided to keep the image completely respectable.

"The club has participated in homecoming parades and will be a part of seven upcoming Christmas parades in the area. Two of the club's members," the column continued, "Dennis Leggett of Joaquin and Paul Blackwell of the James Community,

have planned the 'Fourth Annual Poker Run and East Texas Progressive Field Meet' for Sunday, November 15, 1981. All proceeds from the Poker Run and Field Meet go to the Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association which in turn supports organizations like the National Hemophilia Foundation."

The invitation encouraged motorcycle riders to try their hand at the events or simply enjoy the ride scheduled to cover 70 miles of East Texas. Reading the column, flashbacks of choosing the latter that day 41 years ago made me smile. That, and recalling my now 44-year-old daughter, who was three at the time, riding with me.

I ended the column with a note to my mother. She was not only fearful of my motorcycle riding, but also of my flying. And my drag racing. "Dangerous activities," she called them. So, I ended the motorcycle riding column by telling her we would address my fondness for flying at another time.

Erma Bombeck was right. I always listened to my mother's advice ... even if I didn't always follow it.

To mom's credit, she did fly with me some. Plus, she and dad attended one or two of my racing events. She had her limits, however.

She never, ever accepted offers to go motorcycle riding.

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# Heard on the STREET

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**Cynthia Payne:** Honestly, I haven't seen it and with my busy schedule I don't have time.



**Kimberly Nott:** Never watched one episode.



**Krysta Koetting:** I haven't seen a single episode, but I have watched clips of "Best of Rip and Beth" and I can see why people love it so much.



**Amy Hardy:** I have been a fan since day one. Beth is my hero.



**Liz Lewis:** I have. There was so little on this past year.

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 2-17 Big Bend Little League,** Online registration for the Big Bend Little League began Jan. 19. The last day to register is Feb. 17. You may register online at <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/bigbendlittleleague>

**Feb. 21 Our Lady of Peace,** as part of the "Because We Care" project, OLP will be giving away FREE taco plates on Mardi Gras Tuesday beginning at 11:30 a.m. This is a drive-



thru event available first come first served, as only 500 plates

will be given away.  
**March 3 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry,** 5 p.m. -7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peach Parish Hall, 406 S. 6th St. \$15 a plate, dine in or take out, cash or checks only accepted at the front door. Meal includes fried fish, hush puppies, coleslaw, French fries, drink and dessert.

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 meet-**

ing, noon Tuesdays at the BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.

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

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

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

at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit [bbcc-chorale.wixsite.com/bbcc](http://bbcc-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

## Marathon Lady Mustangs



The Marathon Lady Mustangs took home the Bi-District trophy after defeating Van Horn 56-35 in Fort Stockton on Monday.

Courtesy photo

## PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pets of the Week are Scout and Kara. Scout and Kara are a bonded pair of Chihuahua mixes. They are aged eight and six and are a sweet pair.

These two are lap dogs. They love to sit on a lap but are also great with leash-walking. It would be great if they could be adopted together.

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

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 N. 5th Street in Alpine, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Pet Pantry recently moved to 600 N. 5th Street. The AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit PetFinder.com or [www.alpinehumane-society.org](http://www.alpinehumane-society.org), and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.



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COUNTY • FROM 1

had sold my business, but I did not want to sit in a rocking chair and stare at the horizon. I felt that my background in business and emergency management would be of benefit to the communities encompassed

by Brewster County,” replied Henington.

Although this position is quite new for Henington, he has goals that he would like to make strides against during his first year. Looking at the big picture, first for

Henington is financial integrity for the county. A challenging undertaking for anyone in local government with so many moving parts. Secondly, he wants to support, perhaps increase, and take care of tourism.

Not surprising given his past business interests, on top of the fact that it is the main money maker throughout the county. Finally, county services. Henington’s background in emergency management gives him a unique

perspective on these departments within the county as well as the scenarios that may be encountered in the future.

Thus far, Henington is pleased with his decision to run for office and

is glad he was elected as County Judge. “I’m really enjoying the job of County Judge. While there is a great deal of moving parts to my position, I am working with some great folks.”

CDRI • FROM 1

even schools shuttered their doors. The message was clear; stay home and stay safe. CDRI made the executive decision to pivot, get creative and remain open for their guests to enjoy; all while keeping the public and their staff’s safety in mind. This decision turned out to help change the core makeup of who now consist of CDRI’s largest growing demographic. Today’s youth. Nature used to be boring — a pastime hobby for retirees or botany majors. CDRI now sees guests in their 20’s and 30’s regularly visiting the center. “A new generation, a youthful generation is coming in and showing interest in nature, and we hope to expand upon this and develop ways and programs to support this,” said Lisa Gordon, CDRI Executive Director.

CDRI will celebrate its 50 years with two esteemed lecturers scheduled for the Roger Conant Distinguished Guest Lecturer program. The first speaker, Dr. Lauren Esposito, will be on April 13 at the Crowley Theater in Marfa. Lauren is Assistant Curator and holds the Schlinger Chair of Arachnology at the California



One of CDRI’s main projects is propagation of the multitude of succulents found within the Chihuahuan Desert, such as this variety of prickly pear cactus.

Photo by Traci Martin

Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, Calif. The second speaker is Dr. Gary Paul Nabhan. Gary serves on The University of Arizona faculty as a research social scientist with the Southwest Center, where he now serves as the Kellogg Endowed Chair in Southwestern Borderlands Food and Water Security. This lecture will take place at the Crowley Theater in Oct., with a date to be determined.

The Golden Anniversa-

ry celebrations continue this year with the grand opening of the Botanical Native Desert Grasses Exhibit which will include desert grass varieties such as Black Grama, Sideoats Grama, Blue Grama, Lehmann Lovegrass, Cane Bluestream, Tanglehead, Threeawn and Spidergrass. Be sure to sign up for CDRI’s newsletter for progress updates on this exciting new exhibit.

Today, as then, CDRI is the manifestation of

dedicated, committed naturalists, environmentalists, and scientists who unite in a shared mission of connecting people to nature and the Chihuahuan Desert region. As an independent nonprofit 501(c)3 scientific and educational organization, they rely heavily on generous donors, supporters, and volunteers. For information on how to get involved or donate, contact Lisa Gordon at lgordon@cdri.org or 432-364-2499.

COURT • FROM 1

had to be life-flighted to an El Paso hospital. This individual still remains in a wheelchair.

Peters plead guilty to one count of transportation of illegal aliens causing serious bodily injury. He is scheduled

to be sentenced on April 25 and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into consideration the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other

statutory factors.

U. S. Attorney Jaime Esparza of the Western District of Texas and Special Agent in Charge Francisco B. Burrola of the Homeland Security Investigations El Paso Division made the an-

nouncement on Tuesday. HSI, the U. S. Border Patrol, and the Presidio County Sheriff’s Department are investigating the case. Assistant U. S. Attorney Amy Greenbaum is prosecuting the case.

# CDRI Ocotillo



Some of the most fascinating and beautiful plants the Chihuahuan Desert has to offer are the ocotillo. In the spring, these plants are bursting with fiery blooms at the end of their stalks and are covered with leaves during times of moisture. As with many desert plants, they have adapted to conserving the precious moisture and will shed their leaves to prevent excessive loss during dry times.

Photo by Traci Martin

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Omar Villa

In what activities did you participate in high school?

Throughout my four years at Alpine High School, I have participated in student council, varsity tennis and the yearbook team.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

My favorite teacher was Mrs. Ramos. She has taught me how to be confident in my writing skills and how to be a better person.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moment



from the past four years was when I was accepted to all of the Universities I applied to.

What are your plans after high school?

I will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio for my freshman year then I will transfer to The University of Texas at Austin where I will major in government.

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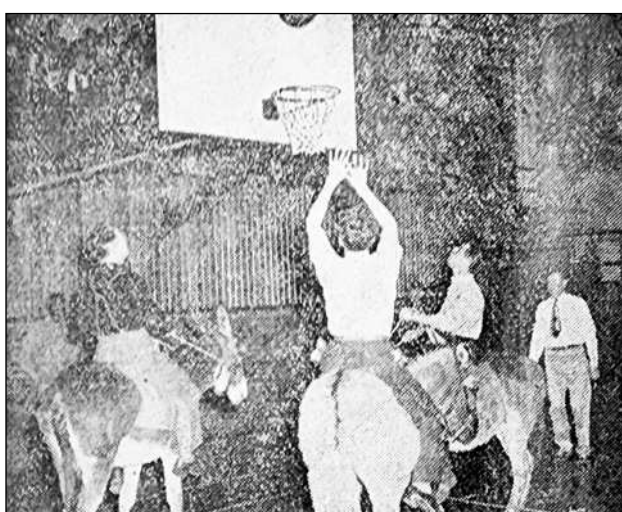
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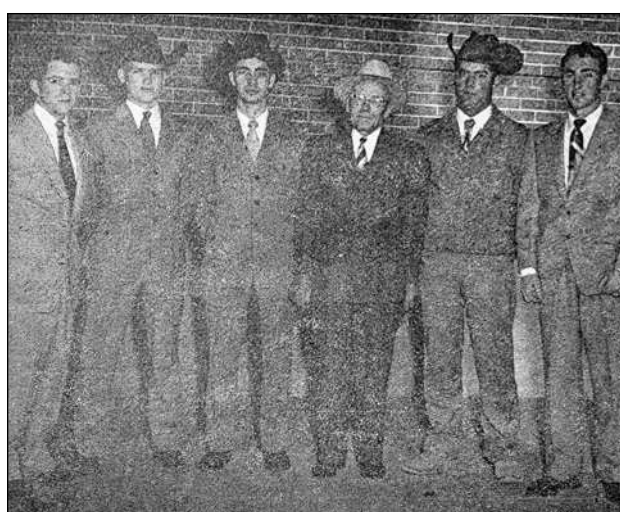
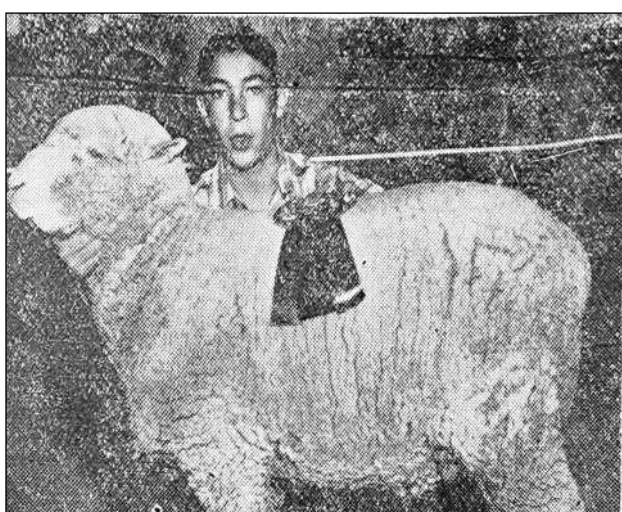
**Feb 16, 1951**

Alpine's first ever donkey basketball game is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 and Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the high school gym. All proceeds go to the Alpine FFA, who sponsored the event.



**Feb 16, 1951**

The reserve champion lamb was exhibited by Alpine native Ismael Hernandez in last week's lamb show. Hernandez' lamb was purchased for \$297.50.



**Feb. 12, 1954**

Five members out of the Sul Ross Range Animal Husbandry major were chosen out of 50 freshmen to compete at the intercollegiate livestock judging contests in Fort Worth, Houston, and Oklahoma City. The first competition was held in Fort Worth on Feb. 1.

**Feb. 12, 1954**

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# Proper planting allows enjoyment of blooming flowers annually

**Dear Neil: What can I do with the beautiful amaryllis, hyacinths and miniature daffodils I received at the holidays now that they have finished blooming? I would like to plant them and enjoy them again.**

Plant the daffodils into an appropriate part of your perennial garden where they can grow undisturbed. Be careful not to break their leaves. The foliage is important in making and storing "food" in the bulbs for next year's blooms. You can try the same thing with the hyacinths, although they rarely will come back the second and successive years. Our Texas climate is just too warm to keep them happy. Potted amaryllis plants are winter hardy most years in the southern half of Texas. Plant them into a protected location where you can mulch over their leaves should it turn really cold, colder than 20F. You can also grow them in pots. Let the plant grow the rest of the summer, then around Sept. 1 lay the pot on its side to let it go dry. The old leaves will turn brown simulating what happens in their native homes. After six weeks set your potted plant upright, repot



**GARDENER'S MAILBAG**  
by neil sperry

it with fresh potting soil, water it and feed it. You should begin to see new leaves coming out of its growing tip as it breaks dormancy, and with a little luck it should be in bloom a few weeks later by Christmas. Or, if you have a spot where temperatures don't fall too far below freezing, you can plant it directly into the garden. Mulch it well if temperatures will be dropping below the mid-20s. These potted types of amaryllis are not as winter hardy as our more common outdoor St. Joseph's lilies.

**Dear Neil: We bought a house with a redbud tree near our driveway about five years ago. It seems like**

**it's going downhill. It hasn't bloomed as well the past two years, and its leaves turn brown around their edges by late summer. Any idea what their life expectancy might be?**

I'm a fan of redbuds and have been growing them in Texas conditions all of my life. I'd predict their productive life expectancy in a landscape to be 30 to 40 years, although some of the grafted varieties seem to struggle more quickly than that if their growing conditions are less than ideal. With the species *Cercis canadensis*, the type that's native over much of the eastern United States, they often will send up secondary sprouts that can be trained into



worth planting.

**Dear Neil: Our daughter lives in the Metroplex. She has been told that cotton root rot killed one of her Roses-of-Sharon shrubs. She has several more in a row. Is there anything she can do to prepare the soil prior to replanting so the next plant won't suffer the same fate? I guess the old one died almost overnight.**

Cotton root rot is a particularly damaging disease, and those symptoms do sound right - sudden death is its trademark. It can affect a majority of our cultivated tree and shrub species, and we have limited things we can do to prevent it and basically nothing to do to cure it. It is the rea-

son that so little cotton is now grown in the Blackland Prairie along I-35 across Texas. The fungus remains dormant in the soil for many years. Houses get built in old cotton fields, and when we plant ornamental plants that are susceptible to it, it may only be a matter of time until they succumb. Roses-of-Sharon is a form of hibiscus. They're in the cotton family, so they share its high degree of susceptibility. Your daughter could try adding copious amounts of agricultural sulfur to the planting area. It's

an observed fact that cotton root rot is not nearly as common in acidic soils. I would certainly be applying sulfur soil acidifier several times each summer around the surviving plants. I have seen this disease move right down lines of crabapple trees and pears, one tree per year. The same with Indian hawthorns.

*Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? E-mail him at [mailbag@sperrygardens.com](mailto:mailbag@sperrygardens.com). Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.*

### ACROSS

- 1 Guadalupe River floater
- 5 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ tender on pay day"
- 6 Laredo smelter turns stib \_\_\_ into antimony
- 7 large TX family
- 8 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ mouth" (discouraged man)
- 17 TXism: "sticks like tar \_\_\_ road"
- 18 TX Willie Nelson & George Strait, e.g. TXism: "let it \_\_\_"
- 21 TX "\_\_\_ - Million"
- 22 Gates risked everything on barbed wire
- 23 famous TX heart surgeon, Denton
- 24 "Texas Water \_\_\_" boat race
- 29 flowerless plant
- 30 soldier beds
- 31 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)
- 32 near Newton: "\_\_\_ Canyons" trails charged atoms
- 34 Stetson can be used to \_\_\_ a fire
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ old range cow"
- 37 Houston beat Santa \_\_\_ at San Jacinto
- 38 TX Willie film: "Honeysuckle \_\_\_"
- 39 an account to pay taxes and insurance for property

### DOWN

- 1 TX Patrick Swayze's former spread in California (2 wds.)
- 2 Taylor County seat
- 3 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ boardinghouse cat"
- 4 current style
- 9 TXism: "horse \_\_\_" (western)
- 10 "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Wild"
- 11 gun assn. (abbr.)
- 12 "\_\_\_ I knew then ..."
- 13 in Montague County on U.S. 82

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- 14 horse gaits
- 15 health care groups
- 16 TXism: "slippery as an \_\_\_"
- 19 sample again?
- 20 TX William \_\_\_ Porter was O. Henry
- 22 TXism: "feel like I've \_\_\_ rode hard and put up wet"
- 24 dir. to Pittsburgh from New Boston
- 25 TXism: "I \_\_\_ to"
- 26 TXism: "high tail it"
- 27 track sprint (2 wds.)
- 28 bitter resentment
- 29 defects
- 30 holder of TX Blue Bell scoops
- 33 TX George W. is \_\_\_ of George H.W.
- 34 TX Dennis Quaid 1987 sci-fi film
- 35 TXism: "would trade all the mineral rights in Texas \_\_\_" (highly desired)
- 37 TXism: "what he don't know \_\_\_ learning" (smart)
- 38 TXism: "it's a smart piece" (far)
- 40 TXism: "he couldn't beat a drum"
- 41 TXism: "runnin' with the big \_\_\_" (going well)
- 43 bronze body color
- 44 this Malouf wrote "Cattle Kings of Texas"
- 47 small saclike cavity in a gland

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# Sports

### Fightin' Buck Schedule

**SOFTBALL**  
Feb. 16 & 18: Coahoma Tournament, Varsity TBA  
Feb. 16 & 18: Pecos JV Tournament, JV TBA  
Feb. 21: Alpine vs Van Horn, JV @ 5 p.m., Varsity @ 7 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**  
Bucks  
Bi-District - TBA

**BASEBALL**  
Feb. 17: Alpine vs Monahans, Scrimmage, JV @ 4:30 p.m. Varsity @ 7 p.m.  
Feb. 20: Alpine vs Pecos, JV @ 4:30 p.m., Varsity @ 7 p.m.

**TRACK & FIELD**  
Feb. 25: Comanche Relays - Fort Stockton



Evren Martinez, 0, reaches for the ball in this Dec. 17 file photo against El Paso Mountain View at the Fort Stockton tournament. Martinez suffered an injury over the Christmas break and missed about a month, but is now back in action at full speed, just in time for Alpine's playoff run.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

## Bucks gearing up for Bi-district playoffs

*Alpine celebrates seniors with win over Presidio*

BY SHAWN YORKS  
Contributor

Heading into Tuesday's regular-season finale at Odessa Compass Academy, the Alpine Bucks had won seven of their last eight games and secured second place in District 4-3A behind Tornillo who, at 29-1 overall, rolled to the district championship and is poised to make a deep playoff run. But the Bucks are a very different team than they were at the beginning of district play – the team is at full strength with key players recovering from early injuries – giving the Bucks just the boost they need at just the right time.

The latest win, a 59-52 senior night victory over an underrated Presidio Blue Devils squad, marked what might be the final piece needed to make the Bucks the team to watch as the boys' basketball playoffs get under way Monday.

"Presidio, they're tough," said Alpine head coach Aaron Hardwick. "Between Presidio, Stanton and Kermit, as far as like a man-to-man, hard-nosed defense, it's hard to play against but I'm glad that we have those teams that play like that because that's going to help us out

making the playoffs, no matter who we play because that's what we're going to see, that's the way those teams in that region play, so I think it's good that we're getting those looks."

Friday's game got off to a slow start, but the Bucks picked it up in the third quarter and were able to hold Presidio off.

"I think we found some things that worked for us on offense," Hardwick said. "We put a couple new things – as far as our out-of-bounds plays – that worked really well for us. But Presidio, they're tough and I didn't expect anything less from them."

The Bucks, 16-11 overall, 8-3 district, continued the theme of different players stepping up at critical times. "Evren Martinez, I think he's back," Hardwick said. "He had a huge game." Martinez was 6-of-13 from the field, 3-of-4 from beyond the arch for 21 points. "He played as well as I've ever seen him play," Hardwick said. "That just tells me right there he's healthy and that definitely was a huge lift."

Jace Canaba was 5-of-10 from the field, nailed all three of his 3-point attempts and a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw line

for 23 points and five rebounds.

Another improvement is the number of turnovers the Bucks have committed in recent weeks. Canaba, Martinez and Daedrick Hardwick were guilty of 75 percent of the turnovers, but that number is down drastically. Between reduced turnovers and improved execution against man-to-man defense, "I'll tell you what, watch out for the Fightin' Bucks," Hardwick said.

Martinez brings back the piece of Alpine's identity that the team has needed. "He's just that calming presence, that calming voice, he provides that for this team," Hardwick said. "We need that, and we had been missing that when he was out and we struggled. These boys have been working their tails off."

Alpine's bi-district opponent and game location won't be determined until Wednesday, but the game will be played either Monday or Tuesday. Until then, Buck fans will have a chance to see their team Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Sanderson as the Bucks and Eagles will play a warm-up scrimmage. Sanderson was second in District 11-1A with a 19-7 record.

## Lady Bucks open softball season Thursday in Coahoma

BY SHAWN YORKS  
Contributor

The 2023 edition of the Alpine Lady Bucks have a lot of questions to answer. Since the Lady Bucks finished the 2022 season with a 14-2 loss to Littlefield last April 28, Alpine has welcomed a new coach to school – Chris Virdell – and Virdell has not only led a month's worth of practices while coaching the Lady Bucks basketball

team to the playoffs this week but has only seen his softball team play in a full game situation against an opponent other than themselves.

Last Friday's scrimmage against Class 4A Pecos at Sul Ross State University was a chance to gauge his girls heading into the regular-season-opening tournament at Coahoma today and Saturday.

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Kody Hawkins stands ready to beat the runner in Friday's pre-season scrimmage against Pecos at the Sul Ross softball field. The Lady Bucks head to Coahoma for a tournament on Thursday to open season play.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

## Bucks begin season with scrimmage, injuries

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Alpine Fightin' Bucks baseball team kicked off their 2023 season with a scrimmage at Kokernot Field against Fort Stockton this past Monday.

Heading into this season, Head Baseball Coach Adam Llanez has a total of five returning seniors, yet two of these are currently out with knee injuries. "One of my seniors, Adrian Lujan is out due

to just having knee surgery, so he's recovering from that. Cody Morris, my other senior, hurt his knee in the gym, and I am not sure if he's going to be able to return for his senior season or not," said Llanez.

The Bucks have at least three or four new players added to the varsity roster for this season, making the total at around 12-13 and the JV team is looking at

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



EVREN MARTINEZ

For most of the season Martinez was out due to injury but he is starting to return to form! In our last game against Presidio, Martinez posted 15 points on 3-4 shooting from 3 with 4 rebounds and 1 steal.

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It's a fresh slate for both the coach and the players. "I coached against them, so I know a few of the girls that played last year," Virdell said, adding that he doesn't know who's starting where, saying "If you earn it, you earn it."

Alpine has one returning pitcher - Hannah Juett - and a freshman with a lot of travel ball experience, as well as two more who Virdell hopes will contribute this year.

"Hannah has been great, so far," Virdell said. "It's just great to have that kind of knowledge at the plate and she's going to lead the experience on the mound."

**"It's a pretty good-sized tournament, it should have great competition for us so we should be able to gauge a little better. It gives us a little bit more time to figure out who we want on the varsity level."**

— Chris Virdell, Lady Bucks softball coach

With four pitchers and four catchers, the Lady Bucks should have some depth, along with return-

ers Natalie Acosta, Alexis Rodriguez and Jaci Portillo in the infield. Newcomer Paula Vargas will be a contributor right from the start.

And Alpine's basketball playoff run is having an effect on softball, as several players can't hit the diamond until basketball is finished. Some of the JV basketball players had only a few practices before last Friday's scrimmage.

"We have four on varsity who we won't get to see in softball until we're done with the playoffs," Virdell said. "In no way am I going to punish them for being in basketball, at all, but it gets them be-

hind just a little bit, but we'll be fine."

As for the team, Virdell is not sure how many players are returning since it's his first season at Alpine, but the Lady Bucks did not field a junior varsity team last year and had only 17 players. This year, the Lady Bucks will dress 28 players and have added a JV schedule.

"A JV program is so, so important," Virdell said.

Friday's scrimmage against Pecos gave the coach a chance to figure out what he wants to do heading into the Coahoma Tournament this weekend.

"We're doing Coahoma with the varsity Thursday

and Saturday, but we've got our JV going to Pecos Thursday-Friday-Saturday," Virdell said. "JV's going to get six games, varsity's going to get six games. You can't ask for a better start to the season."

After the Coahoma Tournament, the Lady Bucks travel to Van Horn Feb. 21 before playing their home-opener Feb. 24 against Wink. The varsity heads to the Brownfield Tournament March 2-4, to Pecos on March 7 and returns home March 11 against Odessa High. The varsity game starts at Noon on March 11.

The Brownfield tournament will be another chance to see top-notch

competition.

"We'll stay up there all three days," the coach said. "It's a pretty good-sized tournament, it should have great competition for us so we should be able to gauge a little better. It gives us a little bit more time to figure out who we want on the varsity level."

District play begins March 17 at home against defending district champion Presidio.

Stanton and Crane have been added to the district schedule this year, with Stanton taking second in District 5-3A a year ago.

"I think we can take the district championship, I really do," Virdell said.



Alpine pitcher Hannah Juett winds up to fire one in during Alpine's pre-season scrimmage last Friday against Pecos at Sul Ross State University.

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# CDRI Texas Sage



Vivid purple flowers can be seen on these Texas Sage plants during the spring and other rainy seasons. This is one of many desert plants that can be seen at CDRI.

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# Devotional Page Unsinkable Hope

BY PASTOR COLEMAN REIDLING

First Baptist Church- Alpine

Verse to Include: *I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13*

Our world is challenging. Over the past four years, things around us only seem to get more complicated and alarming. We have witnessed Covid-19, violent political divisions, economic strain, painful news headlines, and more and more households falling apart to death or divorce. Clearly, all is not well.

And yet, Jesus is still Lord. And the Lord still gives his disciples enduring strength to burn on through the dark, cold, and even lonely times in which we live. With Christ, we can burn on, neither blowing up nor burning out.

The apostle Paul wrote Philippians 4:13 from a jail cell. Adversity gave him tremendous perspective on life. He knew how to be rich, and how to be poor. He knew how to walk freely; he knew how to wear shackles. In all things, Paul was content.

That doesn't mean Paul was consigned to a miserable existence. Rather, it means he knew that as long as he had Christ Jesus, in the end he would be just fine.

Have you had a time in your life where everything you leaned on for support and guidance was taken away? I know I have. Those occasions showed me that Christ would never leave me and that I really will be OK so long as I just kept clinging to Jesus. I now know that as long as I have Jesus, I have all I need.

In those moments where everyone and everything else may be falling apart around us, the pres-

ence of Christ infuses us with a powerful strength to keep burning on – however small our flame – without getting angry at God or circumstances blowing up or without giving up and quitting or burning out.

Philippians 4:13 is a favorite verse of many. It's sometimes mis-used to say, "I can do whatever I put my mind to: Dunk a basketball, play the cello, or graduate from college." But that is not the full picture. Philippians 4:13 has more to do with patient hope and endurance than achieving human goals.

My favorite translation of Philippians 4:13 came to me in a tiny library study carrel at Baylor University late in the day as I was pouring over a Philippians commentary. As a young preacher also in seminary, I was desperate for some spark of a sermon and badly needed heart revival myself. Overworked, under-rested, and under-paid, I remember it as clear as day: *I can endure all things through Him who continuously infuses me with strength.* That day, not only did God give me a sermon for the week; he also gave me unsinkable hope to endure the trials and anxieties of life.

Do you remember the Energizer Bunny? Neither fast nor slow, he just kept going and going. Christ Jesus gives all who call on Him the strength to do that, too.

Christ infuses all believers with strength to burn on, and on. Neither lashing out nor caving to despair, but calmly burning on with the hope that "as long as I have Jesus, I have all I need." And in a challenging world, we sure need that kind of hope. Do you? I pray it would be yours through Jesus Christ today.

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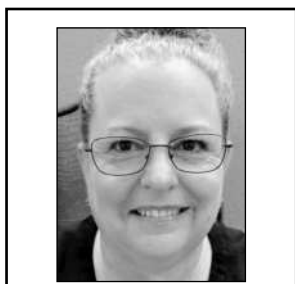


# A TikTok twist to mashed potatoes

Yeah, it's not healthy but dang good!

Recently I have found myself watching the reels option on Instagram. A lot! Besides the funny video clips, I follow several food-based influencers and these folks are coming up with some brilliant ideas. Everything from crispy cheese covered burritos, to kitchen island buffet nachos, to all manner of burgers, quesadillas, and even fried mashed potato balls.

Take the fried mashed potato balls for instance. Now these aren't exactly a new thing, but the options where flavors are concerned most definitely are. In my re-



### HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert

search and reel watching on social media, I have witnessed at least four different varieties and different takes on the standard variety fried mashed potato ball. Most of these are employing cheese for



Fried mashed potato balls

Courtesy photo

**"These are one of my favorite guilty pleasure"**

- KIM J

the center, but I have witnessed blue cheese and chicken, salami and jalapenos, and even brown gravy stuffed potato balls. There's nothing quite like cutting into a crispy fried potato laden with gooey, melty cheese or rich, savory gravy inside. It makes for the perfect bite, every time.

While the cheese stuffed variety of these potato balls may seem like the classic, I would

beg to differ. I believe the version with the brown gravy should be considered the classic version, with the other options falling in behind. So, how does one go about making these fried delights? Well ask, and you shall receive. Not only will these be a hit at your next party, but they will also go over well at your weeknight dinner. Grab your ingredients and let's get to frying.

## Fried Mashed Potato Balls with Brown Gravy

### Ingredients:

1.5 tablespoons of leftover mashed potatoes or mashed potatoes made earlier in the day and refrigerated  
1-2 jars brown gravy, depend-

ing upon the amount of potatoes.

1 small silicon ice cube tray  
Salt and Pepper to taste  
2 eggs, beaten  
Panko breadcrumbs  
Oil

### Directions:

Heat enough oil in a skillet or use a deep fryer, and heat oil to about 350 degrees.

Using a small cookie scoop, make small balls of mashed potatoes. Add salt and pepper prior, if desired.

In the silicon ice cube tray, pour brown gravy into the tray and freeze until solid.

Roll out the potatoes into a small, flat, disc and place a cube of the frozen gravy in the center and fold the potatoes around the gravy cube, rolling into a ball form once again.

Take each gravy laden potato ball and dredge it through the beaten egg and then roll in the panko breadcrumbs.

After you've coated all your potato balls, place on a tray and refrigerate for 10-15 minutes.

Carefully drop the coated potato balls into the hot oil, frying until golden brown all over.

Remove potato balls from the hot oil and drain on a plate covered with paper towels.

Serve, and cut open to allow the gravy to flow out and enjoy.

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The City of Alpine advises the public that an unauthorized discharge or spill has occurred at the City of Alpine Wastewater Treatment Plant. Details of the spill may be found below:

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Location of the spill: The spill occurred at approximately 30.39884, -103.64390. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is located 2 miles East of 2400 - 2450 N. Highway 118.

Estimated Date and Time of the Spill: The spill is suspected to have begun on the evening of Sunday, February 12, 2023.

Discovery time of the spill: The spill was discovered on Monday, February 13th at 9:00 am.

Estimated volume of the spill (number of gallons): The volume of the spill is estimated to be 179,071 gallons.

Type of spill: Domestic sewage.

Description of the area potentially affected, including a down-gradient and lateral distance from the spill site: The spill was contained within the confines of the treatment plant and spill mitigation began as soon as it was discovered. The area has been disinfected and solids are being picked up and disposed of.

The suspected cause of the spill: It is suspected that the spill was caused due to a power outage at the treatment plant that resulted in the generator not automatically restarting.

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Notification of Appropriate Local Government Officials: The City Manager and Administrative Staff were notified immediately. The Mayor and City Council Members were notified of the spill at 2:37 pm on February 13, 2023.

TCEQ Regional Office: The TCEQ regional office has been notified and the City is working to ensure this issue is handled properly and by state regulations.

Containment of Spill: The spill is currently being contained. Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff have decontaminated the area and are actively working to contain the remaining contaminants.

Increased monitoring of water supply systems: There is no effect on the City of Alpine Water System.

Initiation or completion of clean-up activities: Cleanup was initiated at 9:00 am on February 13, 2023.

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# The name game

Fort Davis, founded in October 1854, was named for Secretary of War Jefferson F. Davis. The name was appropriate. Davis, himself a graduate of West Point and veteran of the Mexican War, was a reformer. He reorganized and modernized the Army, made West Point the premier engineering school in the country, and organized the first comprehensive scientific survey of the American West.

The Pacific Railway Surveys, technically "Reports of Explorations and Surveys to Ascertain the Most Practicable and Economic Route for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean," 13 volumes, was an amazing achievement. Had Davis ended his career as a public servant there, he would have stood out as a great American. Stating that slavery "was established by decree of Almighty God," Davis became the President of the Confederate States of American.

The Army returned in 1867 to reactivate the post on Limpia Creek. The question I have extensively researched is why they did not change the name of the fort. The men who returned were members of the Ninth Regiment of Cavalry under the command of Lt.



**FIDDLER'S GREEN**  
by Larry Francell

Col. Wesley Merritt. The men of 9th Cavalry were African American Buffalo Soldiers, and Merritt was a West Point graduate, Civil War General of Volunteers, and an ardent Unionist from New York. If anyone was in a position to suggest a name change to the War Department it was Merritt, but he did not.

In an interesting coincidence, during the Civil War there were actually two men named Jefferson Davis. Besides the Confederate president, there was also a Union General named Jefferson Davis, middle name Columbus. This Davis had an interesting life but was not someone for whom the government was likely to name a fort. Not a West Point graduate, he fought in the Mexican and Seminole wars, served as Major Robert Anderson's confidant at Fort Sumter, and fought in most of the campaigns in the Western Theater

**"H**e stood by the colors and fell in their defense. The other (Colonel Benjamin F.) Davis, no relation of his, does not have the unsullied record of this young patriot."

— Civil War General James Carleton, on his suggestion for changing the name of Fort Davis

during the War, serving as commanding general of the 14th Corps under William Sherman on the March to the Sea.

After the war he served as military governor of Alaska, and brought the Modoc War to a successful conclusion, at least from the government's standpoint.

It would seem appropriate that the name of Fort Davis could have been changed to honor Jefferson C. Davis, but not so. This Davis also carried a large burden. On Sept. 29, 1862, in Louisville, Kentucky, he murdered a superior officer, General William "Bull" Nelson. He was never officially punished for this act. Davis was well liked and a fighter, and Nelson not so much. But no army post was likely to carry his name.

The only person who went on the record adamantly opposed to continuing to allow the post on Limpia Creek to be named for Jefferson Davis was Civil War General James Carleton. Like most of the officers of the day, after the Civil

War he reverted to a lesser rank; and in 1871, as lieutenant colonel, he was acting inspector general of the Army. Carleton commanded Union troops in New Mexico and was an aspiring writer who published several books. His inspection report on Fort Davis is most through.

And he took high umbrage at the name, stating, "the name should be changed." He even had a suggestion - Colonel Benjamin F. Davis, 8th New York Cavalry and graduate of West Point who died at the battle of Beverly Ford, Virginia. "He stood by the colors and fell in their defense. The other Davis, no relation of his, does not have the unsullied record of this young patriot."

Carleton's opinion held no sway with the War Department. The name did not change then or now. Personally, I have no problem living in a place named Fort Davis, but as a historian I find this name game an interesting puzzle.

## BRI • FROM 8

There are so many niche habitats, like the riparian areas which are so fascinating and valuable in a desert setting," said Dr. Frank.

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"I'm looking forward to facilitating the conservation of native wildlife and habitats in the Trans-Pecos and I'm here to serve," Adams said.

## BASEBALL • FROM 8

18-20 players currently. This season's roster lost four seniors, one of them was Jeremy Dominguez, who was the lead pitcher last year. There has also been changes in coaching for this season. Coach Hugh Morrissey went to Sul Ross, but the Bucks gained Coach Justin Ochoa, who has a baseball background.

On the mound, Llanez is currently looking at senior Tegan Emerson and or Aiden Garcia to start, while sophomore Iden Lujan is also a big contender, but no firm decision has been made. There are some up and comers to the Bucks this

season. "David Valenzuela, and my son A J are two players to keep an eye out for. They're showing a lot of promise so far," remarked Llanez.

Two teams were added to the district line-up this season in Stanton and Crane. "Crane is an old rival, so adding them back to the district should make for some good ballgames." "This addition of Stanton and Crane is going to make it tougher for teams to make the play-offs than it was last year. The one thing I like to do with my team to prepare them for district is not to 'keep up' but to 'play up'," replied Llanez. "In other words,

play bigger, tougher schools, like 5-A teams so Alpine is a contender in district. They may not beat these bigger schools, but the competition will help them face the district competitors with a fighting spirit," Llanez added.

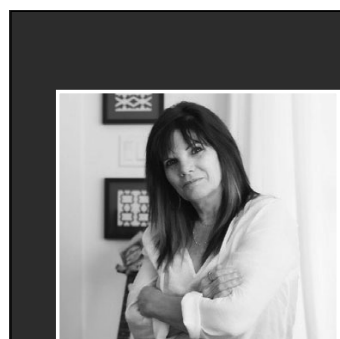
Nothing has changed as far as rules, the type of bats used or anything concerning UIL regulations, but Coach Llanez did say this season has some things to watch for, "Tornillo has a strong little team, as does Crane, so if those two teams stay healthy, they will be a challenge to beat and be able to make the playoffs. That is my goal from day

one for my players. Play hard and play to make the playoffs. That's how I want to end the season, is winning the playoffs."



Teagan Emerson hurls the baseball towards home plate, in last season's season opener against Pecos. This year's Fightin' Buck baseball team will face the Pecos Eagles again in the season opener in Pecos.

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
Cause No. CVB23169; *Leon Mueller, Plaintiff vs. any person or entity that owns or claims any legal or equitable interest in and to that certain SE/4 of SW/4 of NE/4: of Section (Survey) 8, Block 233, of Terlingua Ranch, Brewster County, Texas, Defendant.* In the Judicial District Court, Brewster County, Texas.

NOTICE TO DEFEND AN : "You have been sued. You may employ: an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Any person or entity that owns or claims any legal or equitable interest in and to that certain SE/4 of SW/4 of NE/4 of Section (Survey) 8, Block 233, of Terlingua Ranch, Brewster County, Texas.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 13th day of March, 2023, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the District Court of Brewster County, at 203 N. 7th Street, Alpine, Texas 79830. Said Plaintiff's Petition on was filed on the 19th day of January, 2023 in this case, numbered CVB23169 on the docket of aid court, and styled: *Leon Mueller, Plaintiff vs. any person or entity that owns or claims any legal or equitable interest in and to that certain SE/4 of SW/4 of NE/4 of Section (Survey) 8, Block 233, of Terlingua Ranch, Brewster County, Texas, Defendant.*

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: Declaratory Relief and for Quiet Title as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office in Alpine, Texas, on this the 3rd day of February, 2023.

*Sarah Fellows Martinez*  
Sarah Fellows Martinez  
Clerk of the District Court of Brewster County, Texas



**AVAILABLE POSITIONS**



**2 Construction Technicians**  
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**Sales & Business Development Sales Lead**  
This is a great and rare opportunity for a motivated Sales Lead to help grow our business. This includes a vast array of quality telecommunications products and services in the Big Bend Region and beyond. The ideal candidate will have at least three (3) years of sales experience with previous experience in the Telecommunications industry considered a definite plus.

**HR Generalist**  
We are looking for an HR Generalist who can effectively handle Benefits, Training, and Recruiting as well as working with management on employee engagement challenges. We are a vibrant regional telecommunications company located in Alpine in the heart of Big Bend Region of Texas. This opening is an on-site position. This position will require candidate to possess good communication skills as well as excellent analytical skills. Candidate will need to be proficient in Microsoft suite. The ideal candidate will need to have at least 2 years of experience in an HR or similar role or a Bachelors in a related degree.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Union Pacific Railroad intends to construct a communications tower and associated equipment located approximately 0.04 miles northwest of the intersection of E. Murphy Ave. and S. 1st Street, Alpine, Brewster County, Texas (Latitude: 30.357785 and Longitude: -103.657565). The facility will include a self-supporting lattice communications tower with an overall height of 145 ft. and associated equipment. Union Pacific Railroad is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties should contact GSS, Inc., 3311 109th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322; Ph. (515) 331-2103 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #W23047)

**Business Development & Marketing Coordinator**

This is a great and rare opportunity for a motivated Business Development and Marketing professional to help grow our business. This includes a vast array of quality telecommunications products and services in the Big Bend Region and beyond. The ideal candidate will have at least three (3) years of sales and marketing experience with previous experience in the Telecommunications industry considered a plus. Candidate must enjoy a challenge and work well in a fast-paced environment. The job responsibilities will include increasing sales and creating successful sales strategies and campaigns. Candidate will need to have great communication and software skills along with good organizational abilities. This position is based in Alpine with travel outside the area to develop markets and customers. This is a unique opportunity to make a big impact in a fast-paced technical industry and be a BBT rock star. Candidate will need a valid driver's license. Compensation is extremely competitive depending on experience. The position is eligible for \$1,000 hiring bonus after 6 months of service\*.

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