

New executive director named for The Chinati Foundation

The Board of Trustees of The Chinati Foundation/La Fundación Chinati has announced the appointment of Caitlin Murray as its new executive director. Murray was previously director of archives and programs at Judd Foundation, where she has worked since 2008. Murray, who was chosen after an international search, will begin her position at Chinati in mid-May.

“The board is extremely pleased to welcome Caitlin Murray as Chinati’s next executive director. The museum’s mission is to continue to implement and preserve Donald Judd’s vision for art, landscape, and architecture in Marfa. We believe that Murray will fulfill that mission with excellence, passion, and enthusiasm. We are also certain that Murray’s leadership will continue to enhance audiences’ experiences with Judd in Marfa,” said Mack Fowler, chair, and Annabelle Selldorf, co-chair, of the Board of Trustees of Chinati. “We extend our

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The local way of the feast
What’s happening to Alpine’s restaurant scene



Visitors to town dine al fresco during last week’s spring break.

BY KARA GERBERT
 Managing Editor

Thirty or so years ago, Alpine had numerous food options to choose from. Times have changed, and the option of sit-down dining is almost non-existent. The last decade of the twentieth century would give us multiple options for dining out

in our fair town. Depending upon what you were hungry for, there was usually something to satisfy your cravings. Chicken fried steak? The Longhorn had you covered. Along with a robust salad bar and other hearty offerings, this place would satisfy just about anyone. Craving a juicy burger or fried mushrooms or some-

thing similar, then The Hut was the go-to and during the lunch hour of the work week, almost impossible to get into. If Mexican food was your jam, there was the Little Mexico Café and La Casita. There was also Bien Venido, The Supper Club, and The Ponderosa offering vari-

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Cowboy snowman



Brucks, Leddy, and Ollie Wood took advantage of the snow this past weekend to make a cowboy snowman. Alpine received approximately four inches of snow this past Saturday.

Courtesy photo

Sul Ross theater department still going strong

BY KARA GERBERT
 Managing Editor

The Sul Ross State University theater department will present a new play this week. Beginning tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m., the first performance of Silent Sky will be held in the Marshall Auditorium on the Alpine campus.

Marjorie Scott, associate professor of Communication and Theater and Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts will direct this newest production, a play by Lauren Gunder-

son. there are several factors involved in what plays her department produces and when they are produced. The department faculty gather to discuss plays whose themes are timely for today’s audiences. They consider what stories might resonate with the community as well as which plays will offer educational opportunities to the students.

Each season of plays is planned a year in advance, to give ample time to acquire the rights, and budget and schedule the productions. Rehearsals usually last anywhere from

six to eight weeks in the fall and spring, and four to five in the summer. Most shows will run for around three weeks, or nine performances. “All of our craftspeople—lighting, scenic, costume, sound, props, are building the show during the same time the actors are rehearsing. Theater requires many artists to collaborate closely in order to pull everything together by opening night, and keep the show running until closing,” said Scott. The job is not complete after the last performance, because then there is the “strike”, which is the term used



Members of the cast for the upcoming play Silent Sky are pictured here during rehearsals. Cast members are Jenna Reyes, Yaritza Corona, Olivia Pertuso, Jaina Brooks, and Justin Hinton.

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for tearing down the set and putting all the props and costumes on their shelves. During the school

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OBITUARIES

Gilbert Mesa

Gilbert Donathan Mesa, 46, of Fort Stockton and Alpine, passed away on March 10, in Fort Stockton.

Visitation was held March 16, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home of the Big Bend 301 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. March 16, at Heritage



Funeral Home of The Big Bend. Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 17, at of Our

Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine. Officiating the funeral mass was Father Pablo Matta. Burial followed at Holy Angels Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Heritage Funeral Home of the Big Bend.

Gilbert Donathan Mesa was born in Hobbs, New Mexico to Gilbert Gonzales Mesa and Yolanda Torres Molinar, on December 5th, 1976. He

attended school in Fort Stockton and in Alpine where he graduated in 1995. He worked as a car salesman for Amistad Motors in Fort Stockton for 20 years.

Gilbert Mesa is preceded in the death by grandmothers Ofelia Torres, and Jessie Mesa.

Gilbert Mesa is survived by his children Arissa Andriana Mesa, Zion James Gonzalez,

Meghan Paige Aguilar, as well as the mother of his children Toni Aguilar. Gilbert is also survived by his beloved sisters Abigail Delao, Krystal Bentley, Casey Marcee, Chole Mesa, Mia Mesa. Nieces and nephews, Thomas Delao, Tristian Delao, Lexus Sotelo, Jaden Sotelo, Ace Sotelo, Nevaeha Ybarra, Aveyrna Peña, and Isdero Navarrete.

Pallbearers were Zion Gonzalez, Jordan Gonzales, Ray Villarreal, Luis Molinar, Israel Martinez, Manuel Lopez.

Arrangements were entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of the Big Bend in Fort Stockton. If you would like to send your condolences to the family, you may do so by signing his guestbook at www.heritagefuneralhomeofthebigbend.com.

Albert Hartnett Rojo, Jr

Albert Hartnett Rojo, Jr, "Conky", entered eternal rest on Feb. 8, at the age of 71, at home in San Jose, CA. Albert was born on April 26, 1951, in Ysleta, TX, and raised in Alpine. He graduated Alpine High School in the class of 1970. Albert was a Buck athlete, played multiple sports, and was quarterback for the Buck football team.

Albert married Linda Valenzuela on June 30, 1973, in Alpine.

Albert spent his young adult years working at Safeway in Alpine. After marriage and the birth



of their first son, Albert and Linda moved to San Jose, CA, in 1978. Albert started his career as a U.S. Postal Service clerk in 1979. He retired in 2003.

Albert was a big sports fan, and a lifelong Dallas Cowboys and Oakland A's fan. Albert was instrumental in creation

of the Alpine A's baseball team in the 1970's. He enjoyed playing golf, working on his yard, and visiting Alpine every year. He especially enjoyed visiting during the Bucks' football season. After retirement, Albert spent long periods of time in Alpine taking care of his parents in their later years. Albert was a charming, friendly, people person. Strangers became friends. He held on to his school friends and cherished their friendships all his life.

Albert is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda Rojo; brother Danny Rojo, Sr, and

wife Glenda of Midland; sister Patsy Rojo Martinez of Alpine; a stellar Dad to sons Ronnie Rojo and wife Gabriela; Ricky Rojo; and daughter Sandra Renteria and husband Juan. A doting Popo to five grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Alyssa, Alexander, Ella, Liliana, and Joaquin.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Alberto and Margaret Rojo.

Funeral services are scheduled on Friday, June 30, at Our Lady of Peace Church, with Rosary, Mass and burial to follow at Holy Angels Cemetery.

Gerald W. Johnson

Gerald W. Johnson, Jr., 75, of Alpine, passed away on March 20. Jerry was born on January 14, 1948, to Col. and Mrs. Gerald W. Johnson. He attended various primary schools and graduated from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1973-1979 and met his wife Sheila and got married on March 8, 1980, in Denver, Colorado. He moved to Alpine in 1989 to open the very first Mc-



Donald's in town.

Jerry was a board member of the Alpine Ambassadors, Friends of Fort Davis, West Texas Gas, Brewster County Appraisal District, and the Ronald McDonald House Charity in Odessa.

He volunteered for the horseback riding

programs at Camp Mitre Peak and Big Bend Country Therapy.

Jerry served as Mayor of the City Alpine from 2008-2012. He was currently serving as a councilman on the Alpine City Council and as a Texas Silver Haired Legislator.

He is survived by his wife Sheila, his children Hayley (Benny) and Trey (Lizeth), and his granddaughter Ashlynn.

Jerry's funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church in Alpine Texas at 10 AM on Saturday, March 25 with

burial at Elm Grove cemetery.

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Ward 5 City Councilman passes prior to general election

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Just 43 days before the general election, incumbent city council member for Ward 5, Jerry Johnson passed away. Johnson, a prominent citizen of Alpine, business owner, and former Mayor of Alpine was set to face former councilman Rick Stevens on the May 6 ballot. Many residents may remember Stevens being highly vocal when he served on the Alpine City Council prior to the election of Johnson.

With questions about how the general election was to take place, the Avalanche reached out to the City of Alpine administration office for clarification. City Secretary, Geo Calderon said, "According to what the election code states, it looks as though we will continue to hold the election as planned before Mr. Johnson's untimely passing." The city consulted with the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division and received confirmation that according to Texas Election Code



Jerry Johnson

Sec. 145.096 "a candidate's name shall not be placed on the ballot if the candidate passes away on or after the second day before the filing deadline." The filing deadline for the May election was Feb. 17. If the deceased candidate is elected, the city will have a vacancy created in the office at the time of the official canvass for the election. The vacancy would then be

filled according to the City Charter, section 3.06A: If a single vacancy occurs, the Council shall appoint a successor to serve until the next city election.

According to a press release from The City of Alpine, their regularly scheduled council meeting was to be held on Tuesday evening, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. but was cancelled due to the unexpected loss of Johnson and instead are taking that time to reflect and mourn his passing and will hold the next council meeting on April 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Presidio man arrested on sexual assault charges

On March 11 at 11:10 p.m., Jose Alfredo Aguilar-Esteban was arrested in Presidio on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Presidio Police Department Officer Jose Lara made the arrest at the home of victim. Officer Lara's arrest report indicated that Aguilar-Esteban smelled of alcohol at the time of his arrest. The subject was booked into the Presidio County Jail on



Jose Alfredo Aguilar-Esteban

March 12 at 1:12 a.m. where he remains in custody on a \$150,000 bond. According to reports, the crime was said to have occurred shortly before the suspect was arrested at approximately 8:23 p.m. on March 11. No other information was available at this time.

Sul Ross to host research symposium

Sul Ross State University will host its' sixth Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium. This event will be held April 17-18, and be in person as well as virtual.

Students from all of the Sul Ross campuses and all academic disciplines will display research and creative work from the summer

of 2022 until present. On Monday, the 17th, students will present their research in-person as oral presentations, through panel discussions as well as posters from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Morgan University Center Espino Conference Center, located on the Alpine campus.

At noon, the keynote

address will be presented by Dr. Alicia Trotman, assistant professor of Psychology at Sul Ross, and Dr. Tiffany Culver, assistant professor of Psychology at Schreiner University. Opening remarks for the symposium will be made by Sul Ross president, Dr. Carlos Hernandez. Refreshments will be served.

On the following day, April 18, the symposium will be virtual from 3 to 6 p.m. on the Sul Ross Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium website. Students will show their pre-recorded presentations, along with a live Q & A to follow.

For more information on the symposium, visit the Sul Ross Un-

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at <https://srinfo.sulross.edu/srsusymposium/>.

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Desert Sky Quilters did not let a little snow stop their annual quilt show this past Saturday. Pictured in front of the quilt their group was raffling off during the show are Betty Ann Foster, Diana Thompson, the quilt's creator, Ginger Elliott, and Leslie Williams.

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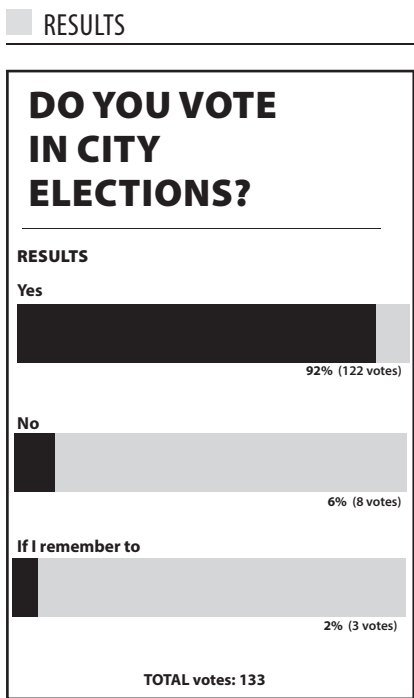
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Center for Big Bend Studies receives grant

The Center for Big Bend Studies has been awarded a \$1 million grant, by the Department of Education, which will help create a graduate degree in anthropology by 2025.

The majority of the funding will be used to hire PhD level faculty, aiding in the expansion and development of anthropology courses and regional research programs, while the remainder will be used for equipment. This will include two visiting professors, whom will be appointed for three-year terms, and one whom will be appointed full-time.

It's hard to think of a better fit for a new program when this area is so rich with human history. As Dr. Bryon Schroeder, the director of CBBS has said, "the Big Bend is a goldmine of anthropological significance. Sul Ross State should and can be a leading institution in the field, both for education and research."

The CBBS is the premier anthropological research facility in the Big Bend. With each

dig and discovery, secrets of the diverse history of the region are revealed, displaying its role in the cultural development of human societies across the entire Southwest. As a relatively untouched living laboratory, the Chihuahuan Desert is an unrivaled spot in which to launch new efforts to learn about the history of our world. Several artifacts found in the Chihuahuan Desert have now made their way to the Smithsonian Institute.

The grant, secured through the office of U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, Texas Congressional District 23, has three objectives: Increase the depth and breadth of expertise and experience available through CBBS; expand the research and experiential teaching capabilities of CBBS; and to contribute to the pipeline of experts in the field. While the



DR. CARLOS HERNANDEZ
Sul Ross president

grant expires in 2025, CBBS faculty and staff will ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the new graduate program and CBBS.

The increased enrollment from this new program will generate tuition, fees and state formula funding while simultaneously increasing grant funded research work.

Several collaborations, including one with the University of Kansas Odyssey program, amongst the largest endowments in the U.S. devoted to archaeological research, have yielded worldwide recognition and peer-reviewed research and publications. CBBS and KU have just entered the fifth year of their partnership.

This is an exciting time at Sul Ross. Not only are we expanding many of our programs, but we are also working to find ways to increase enrollment, foster re-

tention and build relationships within the communities we serve – Alpine, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde.

Alpine is the one and only residential campus. It's a special place – I am in awe of the number of people who visit during Spring Break. While the weather last week was tricky, it was certainly beautiful – each day as unique as the city itself.

Lupita and I have settled in, and we've enjoyed getting to know the community. I hope you'll take some time to come up to campus and visit. You can take in a sporting event, the theatre, a musical performance or visit the Museum of the Big Bend. The days are getting longer, and you're welcome on the walking path that curves through the southwestern portion of our campus.

Sul Ross and Alpine go hand-in-hand and we want to be good neighbors. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Email me at president@sulross.edu.

Searching for fame and fortune

*"So many are now gone,
Time keeps rolling along.
Makes me so very thankful,
For people back home."*

— L.A.

The saved obituary from a couple or three years ago was in a box marked "clippings to save." The name was Walker. Said he had, among other jobs as a mechanic, worked eight years for Sandlin Motors.

It's a funny phenomenon. A short time spent in one place having such a profound impact on our lives. Feelings for those short days we spent in one place we call home, even after a life lived far from where it all began.

My fondness for those days spent at Sandlin's half a century ago before leaving home in search of fame and fortune suggested that the person in the obit was at the Mount Pleasant dealership about the same time I was. Sandlin Chevrolet-Olds body shop was one of the "worked my way through college" employers. Those paychecks not only helped put me through college but also helped fund my addiction to gasoline fumes and drag racing.

According to the obit, that James Walker would have been about 14 years older than me, making him mid-30s when I was there at the end of the '60s. I remember him as much older than me, but

youth has a weird way of defining terms like "older" and "younger."

The guy I knew was funny, a cut-up, and a comic. He usually wasn't far away when mischief was in the service department at Sandlin's.

Service Manager E.O. "Mac" McNeil, Jr. greeted customers at the front door of the big arched roof building housing the service department. After diagnosing the vehicle, he directed the driver to one of the service bays. Four on the right and two on the left just past the parts department.

Mechanics occupying right side bays in the building back then were Oscar Elliott, who doubled as a service writer in Mac's absence and an open bay usually assigned to "newbies" for oversight. The next two were for the "senior members," Hubert Gill and Jack Sandlin: brother of the company's founder.

James Walker and Bob Bright worked in the two bays on the left.

Legends abound about those days. Some to retell, some best not repeated in print. But all a part of where I grew up, learned about life, and cultivated memories for the place my heart still calls home.

The James Walker story that came to mind when I



LEON ALDRIDGE
Guest Columnist

read the obit last week was about a customer who had bought a new '68 El Camino and had it serviced religiously.

According to James, the owner could be a bit overbearing. Looking over his shoulder and questioning everything he did, something modern-day service departments won't allow. And for obvious reasons like liability and sanity of the mechanics.

The El Camino was about out of warranty, and it was in for its last in-warranty-period service. Obsessed with what might happen, the owner quizzed James about this and about that, and all the "what-ifs," once the guarantee was gone.

The vehicle got a clean bill of health, but James decided to have some fun with the worry-wart customer.

"You know where these vehicles get their name, don't you," he asked the customer without looking up from under the hood.

When the fellow said, "no," James responded. "They're built in Mexico—that's why they have a Mexican name."

"Seriously," the fellow asked with a wrinkled brow. This was a time when American brands were built in the U.S., and anything imported was often deemed inferior.

"Yep," James said. "Some

parts are hard to find and cheap quality."

The prank backfired when the guy went straight to the service department and asked about buying up whatever parts were in stock to fit his vehicle.

One of the parts guys, Alvie or "Cotton," cued Mac who was soon headed back to James' bay.

"He said something about the coffee shop when he left out the back door," said Bob sliding out from under a car he was working on. "And he was laughing awfully hard about something."

James loved a prank, but unknown to many, he had a big heart. He was said to have loaned grocery or rent money to friends down on their luck. And I know for a fact he kept cars running for people who couldn't afford it, doing the work at home on weekends.

Whether the saved obit was for the James Walker I worked with those many years ago, I don't know. Once I left Sandlin's and Mount Pleasant, I never saw him again.

That fame and fortune I left home in search of still eludes me. What I have found, however, is the value of memories and friendships I made there.

Memories far more valuable than I ever dreamed while I was making them.

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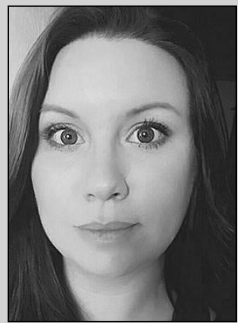
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Do you have plans to plant a garden this year?



Andrea Roach : I haven't decided yet. I started one last year before water restrictions.



Maddy Short: Yes, a small one. I hope the snow moisture will help.



Becky Galindo: I attempt to plant one every year.



Meredith Schoch: No, because I go to the farmer's market.



Debbie Pruitt: Yes, I'm going to plant cantaloupes and watermelons.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 Silent Sky, 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in the Marshall Auditorium on the Sul Ross campus through April 2, a play by Lauren Gunderson and directed by Marjorie Scott.

March 25-26 Movie: Running the Bases, 3 p.m. at First Assembly of God church in Alpine. Popcorn and bottled water will be available, and the movie trailer can be found at <https://www.alpinefirstassembly.org/Events.html>

March 31 Fish Fry, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 79 the Alpine Public Library will hold a fundraising fish fry with proceeds to go towards the planned library expansion.

April 8 Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. at Kokernot Park, the Kiwanis Club of Alpine will host their annual Easter egg hunt. For more information



contact Rhonda Cole at 432-294-0965.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the BBT conference room, 5th St. and Brown St.

American Legion Post 79 meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month,

Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

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

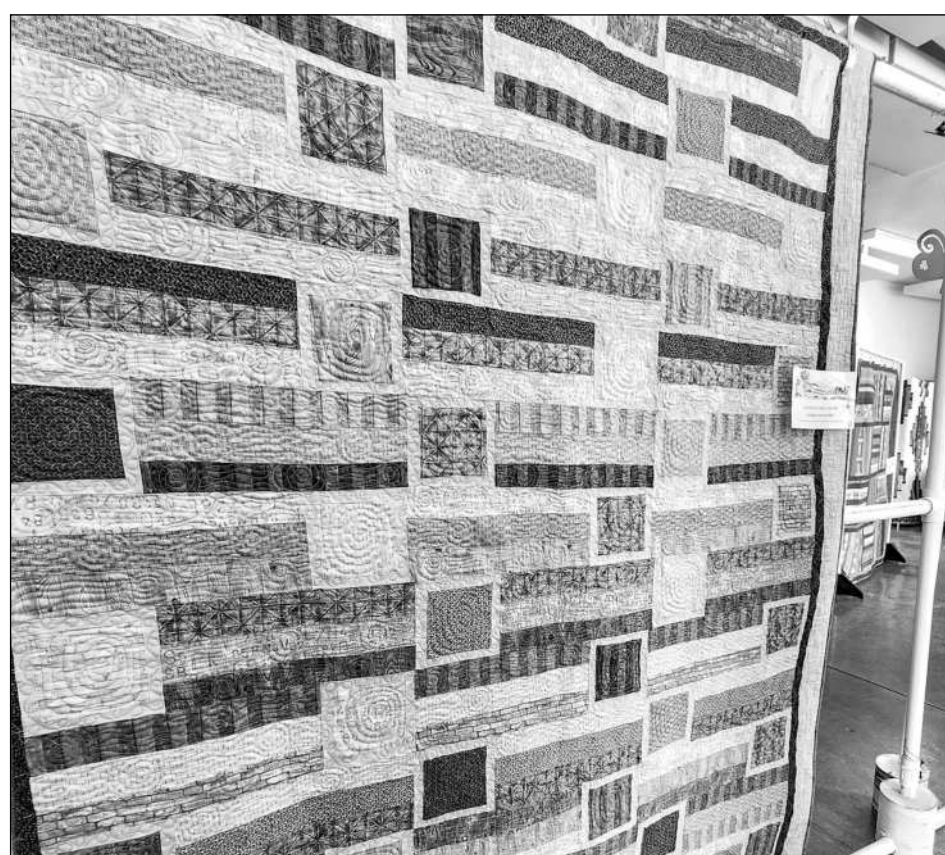
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Kiwanis Club of Alpine, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.

Quilt Show: Rustic Fence



This quilt was started in 2022 by Robbie Ann Burns. Burns recently completed the binding around the edges of this quilt that measures 65 x 84. Burns made this quilt titled "Rustic Fence" for her former boss who is retiring this year.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society's Pet of the Week is Yuri. Yuri is an adorable and shy kitten, about six months old. She loves to be held and cuddled. She enjoys chasing a feather wand as well as playing with toy mice. She also enjoys naps on your lap and will purr you into oblivion.

Yuri does very well on her own but will call out to you occasionally for some attention. Most of the time, she loves to look up at you and listen to you talk.

The Alpine Animal Shelter, operated by the city's Animal Services, offers more than just adoptable pets! Shelter staff can provide your pet with a microchip, which is very valuable if your pet is lost or stolen and is later found. Any finder



of a pet anywhere in the country can take that animal to a local shelter, police station, rescue group, or veterinarian for a scan of the chip, which will tell them that the pet belongs to you.

Pet of the Week is 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.

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Mar. 24: Alpine vs Tornillo Varsity @ 4:30 p.m., JV @ 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 28: Stanton vs Alpine Varsity @ 7 p.m., JV @ 4:30 p.m.

LADY BUCKS Softball
Mar. 24: Alpine vs Tornillo Varsity @ 5 p.m., JV @ 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD
Mar. 24-25: San Angelo Relays -varsity girls San Angelo
Apr. 1: Fightin' Buck Relays Alpine

Presidio gives Lady Bucks the cold shoulder in district-opener

BY SHAWN YORKS
 Pioneer Editor

After scoring 27 runs against Abernathy in the finale of the Brownfield Tournament March 4, the Alpine Lady Buck bats had gone silent in losses to Pecos of 13-1 on March 7 and Odessa High 8-0 March 11. But last Friday's District 4-3A opener against Presidio was a chance for a fresh start for the Lady Bucks.

Alpine spotted Presidio a 2-0 first-inning advantage, rallied to grab the lead 3-2 in the third inning, but ultimately couldn't hold it and fell 6-3 on a snowy Friday afternoon at Sul Ross State University.

Presidio pitcher Valerie

Armendariz had a great game for the Lady Blue Devils. The lefty struck out 14 batters and walked three in 124 pitches and pitched her way out of jams in the fifth and sixth innings that would have allowed Alpine to possibly regain the lead.

"I think we were actually the better team, we just struggled getting the bats going," said head coach Chris Virdell. "We didn't hit the ball very well throughout the whole game. We were able to do a little bit of the small ball stuff

to get us on base, but we left nine runners on base with six in scoring position with one out."

That's not to say the Lady Bucks didn't have success against Armendariz.

Down 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning,

the Lady Bucks plated three runs with a 2-out rally.

Hannah Juett got things started with a walk, followed by a single by Jaycee Portillo that scored pinch-runner Rikki Vega


See LADY BUCKS • 7



Alpine catcher Mia Lewis tags Presidio's Yareli Aviles in Friday's district-opener at Sul Ross.

Photo by Shawn Yorks

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



IDEN LUJAN

Iden made great contact at the plate in the most recent games and got the win Tuesday on the mound against Monahans.

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Bucks are 5-5 heading into district play

BY KARA GERBERT
 Managing Editor

After a crushing game last Tuesday against Seminole, the Alpine Bucks varsity took on the Monahans Lobos at Kokernot Field the following night. Alpine would open up the scoring in the first inning on an error by Monahans, scoring two runs.

Monahans would even things up at two in the top of the third and move ahead by two in the top of the fourth. The Bucks would take the lead late

in the game over Monahans and were down 4-3 in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Iden Lujan would steal second, with Teagan Emerson at the plate on a ball one pitch. Ivan Montes would walk Emerson. A wild pitch to Devon Rojo would advance Aiden Garcia to score and advance Lujan to third on the same pitch. A strike by Rojo had Emerson stealing second and Lujan scoring on a steal of home, making the game 5-4 and putting the Bucks in the lead.

Rojo would be hit by a pitch from Monahans' Montes, forcing a walk and bringing David Valenzuela up to bat for the Bucks. On a full count, Emerson would advance to third and Rojo to

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Teagan Emerson steps up to the plate against the Seminole Indians last week. The Bucks would fall to the Indians but rally back in their next game against Monahans, defeating the Lobos 12-5.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

Alpine Powerlifters compete for State honors

The Alpine Lady Buck powerlifting team took to the state competition over the spring break holiday. The team of Madalyn Warren, Kody Hawkins, and Enyssa Fierro represented the Buck Nation

well. Warren placed third in the state overall, while Hawkins placed 11th. Fierro was unable to place, but did well by having the placings needed to participate at the competition.



Alpine Lady Bucks powerlifters headed to state competition during the week of spring break. These girls did a great job of representing Alpine. Pictured are Kody Hawkins, Madalyn Warren, and Enyssa Fierro.

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to cut it to 2-1. Emyliana Hernandez reached on an error by Armendariz and Kody Hawkins reached third base on an error by Yareli Aviles in right field that scored Portillo and Hernandez for a 3-2 Alpine lead.

Presidio regained the lead in the top of the fourth inning and scored an insurance run in the sixth inning for the win.

Alpine's best chance at a comeback was in the bottom of the fifth inning when, down 5-3, the Lady Bucks loaded the bases with two outs but couldn't take advantage. Nayeli Acosta led off with a single, but Armendariz struck out the next two batters before Hawkins walked and Rodriguez reached on an error. Emily Sweat hit into a fielder's choice to end the threat.

The Lady Bucks had two on and one out in the sixth when Paula Vargas walked and Sierra Ruckman singled, but Armendariz pitched out of it with a strikeout and a

ground out.

"The whole thing for us right now is we've got to hit the ball better," Virdell said. "Our pitchers and the defense are doing a really good job, it's just us hitting the ball. The season's going to come down to when our bats wake up and we start hitting the ball, I think everything else is falling into place great."

Hannah Juett put up some good numbers in the circle despite the loss, striking out eight and walking three in 110 pitches. Juett has carried the team with strong outing despite the scores, and Virdell says freshman Kody Hawkins will get playing time to provide a 1-2 punch in the pitching circle.

"I didn't put my freshman in against Presidio because, until the sixth inning, Hannah was controlling the game very well," Virdell said. "There will be games where I use them both in and out sometimes, I may go half and half

with them, Kody may start a game and Hannah may finish it and vice-versa. That's going to be very, very important, not only looking at district but I'm looking at what's going to benefit us when we get into our playoff run and that'll be a big difference-maker for us if they can both start and they can both come in in relief then that will be a big plus for us."

The Lady Bucks were 9-7 overall heading into this week's home game against Crane on Tuesday evening, with a road trip to Tornillo set for Friday and another home battle with Stanton scheduled for March 28.

Heading into Tuesday's game, Virdell said he didn't know much about the Lady Birds.

"They weren't in the district last year," Virdell added. "We got a glimpse of them at the Brownfield Tournament. Looking at the scores, they've struggled in quite a few games, don't know much about them."

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second on a wild pitch, forcing Montes to walk Valenzuela. Strike outs for Alec Ramos and AJ Llanez against a pitching change by the Loboes would bring Jace Canaba to the plate against Diego Rodriguez. Rodriguez would walk Canaba, and Emerson would score while Rojo advanced to third and Valenzuela to second. A ground ball by Jarred Roggow and an error by the Loboes first baseman would send Rojo and Valenzuela to score and advance Canaba to third, putting the

Bucks up by two more runs.

Coming off the deck, Garcia would ground to the Loboes' short stop, advancing Cananba to home and Roggow to third, putting Alpine in the lead 9-4. On a ball one to Lujan, an error by the Loboes short stop would advance Garcia to second and bring in Roggow for another run. Rodriguez would walk Lujan. Emerson up next would single on a line drive to center, scoring Garcia and Lujan, making it

Alpine 12, Monahans 4.

The top of the sixth would see the only other run by the Loboes, when Montes is hit by a pitch from Lujan, advancing runners and scoring Brady Milliron.

Emerson toed the rubber for the Bucks, taking the W, lasting four innings, allowing five hits and four runs while striking out seven. He led the Alpine Bucks varsity with two hits in three at bats. This win sets the stage for the Bucks' district opener next week against Crane.

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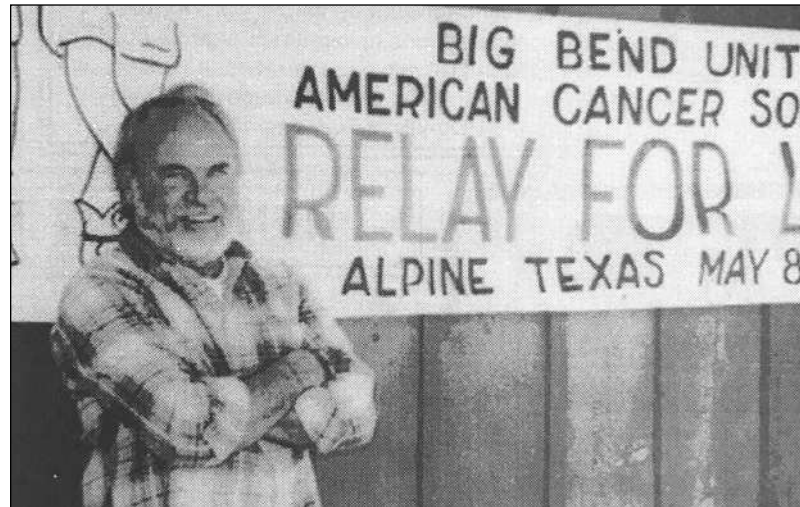
Alpine Avalanche

March 23, 2017
 Alpine High School Cross Country Head Coach Rick Keith and Runnin' Buck junior Lauren Henk cross the finish line at the Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Courtesy photo



March 21, 2019
 Donna Blevins of Farmers Insurance in Alpine, received the Chamber's Businessperson of the year award at the Alpine Chamber of Commerce banquet on March 15. Avalanche photo

March 23, 2017
 In the top row, Jorge Vargas, Elias Salcido, Noah Wise, Isaac Gallego, and Alex Rivas; in the middle row, Isaiah Miranda, Cooper Estep, Travis Ruckman, Nick Crespo, Tyler Estrada, and Derek Rojo; and in the bottom row, Alex Gonzales, Aaron Fellows, Aaron Frost, and Izaak Lujan; not pictured, Dustin Chopelas. Photo by Teresa Huckaby



March 26, 1998
 R.C. Toler, owner of the Railroad Blues donated lettering for signs in the Tri-County area for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

Seepage on trees indicate decay

Dear Neil: My eastern redbud, albeit, leaning, seems to be healthy and has bloomed for several years. I noticed this spring that it has an area that is moist and weeping on its trunk. Should I be concerned enough to seek a diagnosis and treatment?

Yes. However, it looks like there is a significant crack developing in the trunk that will soon cause the tree to split. The seepage is from decay within that cracked area. You could certainly have a certified arborist examine the tree. I guess it is possible that it could be bolted back together and perhaps even cabled higher up in the branches, but it doesn't look like it will ever heal properly. But that is just my assessment looking at it from the one angle. Incidentally, the flaky growths on the trunk are lichens. They are basically harmless to the tree, although their presence in these numbers indicate that the tree is not sloughing off old bark as rapidly as it should be.

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
 by neil sperry

Dear Neil: I have Asian jasmine as groundcover instead of a grass yard. My live oak tree is dropping lots of leaves into the jasmine. Can the large number of leaves keep the jasmine from filling in? It seems to be sparse in spots.

Live oak leaves pack tightly and could hinder the normal flow of water into the soil. They also are very slow to decay. I would suggest blowing out as many as you can, stopping just short of damaging your groundcover with the force of the wind. Collect the leaves

and run them through your mower, then use them as a mulch beneath shrubs, or put them in the compost pile. Yes, I think they could slow the rate of coverage of your Asian jasmine.

Dear Neil: Which is better: mechanical or liquid aeration of the soil?

Be certain that aeration is actually needed. Heavy clay soils are not, on their own, bad things. Clay has massive amounts of surface area to collect and hold water and nutrients. Most plants will tolerate them, especially if we amend them with organic matter and expanded shale prior to planting. On the other hand, if we have accumulations of thatch, or if there is excessive compaction due to pedestrian or vehicular traffic mechanical aeration can help. Use a "core" aerator that physically pulls small plugs of soil or thatch up out of

the ground and drops them onto the top of the lawn. That will allow air, water, and nutrients into the root zone. It's not a process that is commonly needed, but it's available if there is a problem. Finally, just a quick comment relative to liquid aeration products as well as those that claim to "open soils" or "activate enzymes" and "stimulate microbes." In my opinion, those are ultimately vague terms that I

have never seen backed up by legitimate university research. Be very careful in how you spend your money. Texas requires no proof of those claims before such products can be sold here.

Dear Neil: I have a garden in South Texas where I planted an anacua tree three years ago. I water it and fertilize it, but it has not bloomed for those three years. What can I do to help it bloom?

It sounds like you planted it shortly before the record cold of February 2021, so that is assuredly playing a big part in its slow development. It also looks like it has needed water and nitrogen to promote more vigorous growth.

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



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 14 largest continent
 15 "_____ Maples State Natural Area"
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 33 TXism: "sold _____ a bill of goods" (swindled)
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year, the number of productions tends to vary. It can be anywhere from two to five and this is all dependent upon enrollment and the budget. The department holds free acting workshops for high school students in the Big Bend region and this is how they recruit some of their actors. "We recently invited the high school theater class from Pecos to present their UIL show for the Sul Ross theater faculty. This allowed us to provide feedback to these high school students, in hopes they will continue in theater. We also help the Alpine High School theater production prepare for UIL each spring," remarked Scott.

Every summer, the Sul Ross Theater Program holds outdoor productions. This is the 101st year of Sul Ross Theater and this coming summer will be the 58th season of Theater of the Big Bend. Thanks to the City of Alpine, the program was awarded Hotel Occupancy Funds to advertise their summer theatre show outside Brewster County this year. "There is a long tradition of theater in this community, and we are so thankful for the support Alpine shows us. Currently we are actively developing business sponsorships and a fundraising drive for our summer production of 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.' We would love to have a single corporate sponsor to underwrite

a production in the summer, and we would happily promote their support, but until then we will continue as we have in the past," Scott said.

The spring production from the Sul Ross thespians is about a woman named Henrietta Leavitt. Leavitt begins work at the Harvard Observatory in 1895, she isn't allowed to touch a telescope or express an original idea. Instead, she joins a group of women "computers," charting the stars for a renowned astronomer who calculates projects in "girl hours" and has no time for the women's probing theories.

Driven by a desire to understand the universe, Ms. Leavitt charts a group of stars called Cepheids and discovers the period-luminosity law that enable astronomers to estimate the distance from the earth to stars based on their brightness. In short, Ms. Leavitt discovered how to measure the universe, one of the most significant discoveries in the history of astronomy.

"I didn't learn about Henrietta Leavitt or her esteemed colleagues Annie Jump Cannon and Williamina Fleming, when I was growing up," says Scott. "Women were largely left out of the history books, especially when it came to scientific discoveries. I want people to know about Henrietta Leavitt. Her name should be as familiar as Hubble's. Ms.

Leavitt's work changed the way astronomers understand the universe and how vast it really is. She fought for her place at the table and had immense passion for her work. And her work changed the world."

Silent Sky, sponsored by the Sul Ross Theatre Program, runs week-ends March 24 - April 2 in Marshall Auditorium on the Sul Ross Alpine campus. The department is holding a community initiative, hosting matinee performances for middle school and high school students from Alpine, Marfa, and surrounding communities, March 28-29. Admission for the matinees is one canned food item per student, and the donations will go the Alpine Food Pantry.

Performances at 7:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 pm on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for children 12 and under and seniors 65+, and free for veterans and active military. Silent Sky is appropriate for all audiences. For questions contact finearts@sulross.edu or call 432-837-8218.

Set design is by Ross Fleming. Costume design by Carolyn Barrientes. Sound design by Bret Scott and lighting design by Adrian Soto of El Paso. Silent Sky features Olivia Pertuso of Alpine, Justin Hinton of Dallas, Yaritza Corona of El Paso, Jaina Brooks of Odessa, and Jenna Reyes of Alpine.

CHINATI • FROM 1

gratitude to the search committee for its dedication and hard work."

"I am honored by the opportunity to deepen my engagement with Donald Judd's legacy at the Chinati Foundation and to lead this extraordinary artist-founded and artist-centered organization," said Murray. "Working with Flavin and Rainer Judd and the board and staff of Judd Foundation during the last fifteen years has given me the opportunity to understand Judd's range as an artist, and his commitment to art, architecture, design, politics, and the natural world.

As executive director, I look forward to working with a group of friends and supporters who share my commitment to Chinati's future."

While at the Judd Foundation, Murray served as co-editor of Donald Judd Writings in 2016 and Donald Judd Interviews in 2019. As director of archives, Murray oversaw a two-year NEH-funded project to organize and make publicly accessible the Donald Judd Papers, to be completed fall 2023. As director of programs, Murray worked with



Caitlin Murray

Judd Foundation's artistic director, Flavin Judd, to organize exhibitions at 101 Spring Street featuring the work of Alvar Aalto, John Chamberlain, Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Donald Judd, Yayoi Kusama, Richard Long, David Novros, James Rosenquist, Laretta Vinciarelli, and Meg Webster.

In addition to her work at Judd Foundation, Murray was an advisory member of Yale Union, a center for contemporary art in Portland, Oregon. Through her collaborative work with

the Marfa Book Co., Murray organized exhibitions by Rosa Barba, Jean Baptiste-Bernadet, James Benning, Luis Camnitzer, Robert Grenier, Magalie Guerin, Van Hanos, Roni Horn, Aaron Flint Jamison, Zoe Leonard, and Ed Ruscha. She is a committee member of In Front of Us, a film series that features films by women directors, producers, and screenwriters.

Murray studied at the University of Texas at Austin where she received her Master of Science in information studies-MSIS and an MA in art history.

RESTAURANT • FROM 1

ous options. If you had a hankering for Chinese food, Alpine had you covered there as well. In other words, you had options, and not only did you have options, but several of those options were open on Sundays, and not just for breakfast and lunch. Today, this is not the case. In fact, the only options you have on Sunday evenings for the most part these days are fast food. "I would like to see more options available on Sundays and Mondays," replied Heather Yadon, director of the Alpine Visitor's Center.

Yadon created a Facebook page, Alpine Texas Eats, because she wanted a way for visitors, as well as locals to know what dining options were available here in Alpine and what times they were open. "I took this on by myself. It is something I thought everyone could benefit from, especially since everything has changed in the past few years. It is also a public page, so anyone can see the posts for hours of operation changes, when and where a food truck may move, and other pertinent things related to restaurant operation," remarked Yadon. "Tourists are not familiar with the names and locations of our eating establishments unless they see

them on the main roads and setting up this page was the easiest way to direct them," Yadon said.

The onset of Covid, and community forced closures to inhibit the spread, decimated small businesses and restaurants in particular. Prior to that, odd hours, and inconsistency did them no favors. Now, with the still ongoing issues in the supply chain and inflation, more and more restaurants have closed their doors or truncated their hours locally. Daniella Torres, manager at Magoos said, "Everything involving a restaurant comes into play when you're talking about hours of operation and keeping the doors open. You must consider food costs, employees, or lack thereof, and the availability of supplies just to name a few. If you don't have supplies, you must amend the menu and if you don't have employees just not be open. This hurts everyone involved. Spring Break last week really hit us hard, but thankfully our suppliers were able to come through for us, or we would not have been able to serve people like we normally do."

Supply issues continue to be an ongoing problem for local restaurants. This past week's influx of tourists due to spring

break hit the restaurants and grocery stores hard. Both the Reata and the Spicewood were closing early and not taking any new reservations because their suppliers were unable to get them what they needed. Lack of availability also leads to pared down menus or removing certain dishes from menus entirely. And although Alpine rarely sees the tourist numbers all at once that occurs during spring break, supply issues remain a problem. This affects business hours as well. If supplies are unavailable, opening the doors becomes more and more difficult, and not just during peak tourist season. It also affects employees and the hours they may or may not count on.

Even after the "all clear" was given for restaurants to re-open to full time service after Covid, some remained selective in hours of operation and dining options. Alicia's Burritos has closed their dining room it seems permanently, and because their to-go orders were such a big part of their business, this option was a choice they could live with. Not all restaurants had or have that option, so they closed their doors or continue to limp along in the midst of a struggling economy and employee shortage.

The closures, and employee and supply shortages seem to be something everyone is dealing with, yet area communities seem to be opening new establishments, while Alpine, the area's largest city is seeing more closures and truncated hours. La Kiva, the long-standing bar and restaurant in Terlingua, that closed during Covid, is re-opening under new management. The communities of Fort Davis and Marathon are also dealing with the same struggles, but their establishments keep right on going and expanding. There may never be an all-inclusive answer, but one has to wonder if the mass closures of the Covid-era set off a chain reaction burden all future restaurants as well as the established will have to carry into the future.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Madison Mendoza



In what activities did you participate in high school?

I was a member of the marching band, so I spent a lot of time at football games. I am also in solo and ensemble in band and I will be playing tennis soon.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

I have three favorite instructors because I have known them the longest and have the best classroom memories with them. They are Ms. Maxwell, Ms. Crump, and Mr. Saunders. Ms. Maxwell is constantly encouraging me to push myself creatively and even encouraged me to sell my art during Artwalk. Both Ms. Crump and Mr. Saunders supported me my entire high school career and all of them encouraged me to continue learning and

exploring the world.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moments would be during band and tennis because both activities are competitive as well as creative and the people are friendly and understanding.

What are your plans after high school?

I want to study animation after I graduate. My preference would be to study at Montserrat College of Art. Creating art and being able to develop animations to inspire and amuse people is what I want to do for a living.

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An evolutionary mindset began when Darwin promoted his theory of how life could happen without God. This has led humans to think that we can continue to improve our lot on earth as time goes on. And things have generally improved over time. But are the advances of Western Civilization the result of human evolutionary progress or blessings from God to facilitate spreading the good news of His provision for eternal life? How you answer that question depends on your worldview.

It is generally believed today that if all people on earth can just work together, we can have peace between nations and solve looming threats such as global warming. That is a noble vision, but it has a fatal flaw that those rejecting God refuse to acknowledge: the natural selfish nature of humans, Jeremiah 17:9. The desire for utopia is a real one that God has planted in the hearts of all people. But achieving it through strictly human efforts will fail.

Indications are that we are rapidly heading into a time when God is removing His restraint of evil allowing people to put into practice some of their wild ideas for utopia. Most of these policies are intended to curb greenhouse gasses blamed for global warming. But the consequences will be serious depopulation and enslavement under increasingly powerful cen-

tral authorities. And this "New World Order, Great Reset" will fail spectacularly leading to the Lord Jesus Christ returning to fix what we humans have broken. This is not just speculation; it is what God has revealed to us through His Word.

The great news is that we are indeed on the cusp of the utopia longed for by humans. When Jesus returns, He will personally rule the earth insuring peace between nations, Isaiah 2:2-4. He will also remove much of the curse plaguing this fallen world that resulted when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Even carnivores will become herbivores, Isaiah 65:25.

The reign of Jesus Christ on earth is called the Millennial Kingdom because it will last for 1,000 years, Revelation 20:4-6. Many Christians allegorize prophecies of the Millennial Kingdom making them represent either the current spiritual kingdom of the Church Age or the Eternal State when all mortals are resurrected. But such figurative interpretations have significant problems that a literal reading of the text doesn't have. The prophecies of the Lord's first advent were fulfilled literally so why wouldn't His return also be literally fulfilled?

The big question for all people on earth today is: will you believe that Jesus Christ paid the penalty for the sin that separates you from eternal life with Him? Or will you embrace the flawed human reasoning that leads to the second death? Choose wisely!

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One pot andouille pasta skillet

If you are looking for a one and done meal, that is full of flavor, easy to make, and dissimilar from your usual fare, this one pot meal is what you're looking for.

A cross between Italian and Cajun, the pasta skillet carries all the spicy goodness one expects from Cajun fare along with the pasta and cheesy sauce of some Italian dishes. It's simple, delicious, and can be on your dinner table in less than an hour.

Andouille, pronounced an-do-ee, is a pork sausage of French origin. It is used in many Cajun type dishes, which is not surprising given the heavy French influence found in the Cajun communities of Louisiana. It can be found in everything from gumbo, to jambalaya, to red beans and rice just to name a few. But what if you are short on time and don't have the desire or the ingre-



dients to make any of the forementioned options? A one pot meal, with minimal effort and ingredients is the best way to go.

This dish is just scrumptious. It is homey, and comforting, and perfect for those chilly days that are still upon us. And other than taste, the best thing about this is the single pot it cooks in. Cuts down on time and dishes, all in one fell swoop. You can't go wrong there.



One pot andouille pasta skillet

Photo by Kara Gerbert

made casserole style. The ingredients are so simple, that changes to those can also be substituted to create entirely new one pot dishes. Instead of andouille, why not use shredded rotisserie chicken. One could substitute regular, diced tomatoes for Rotel, and instead of pepper jack cheese, use sharp cheddar. There is also no hard and fast rule that macaroni is the only pasta to be used. Bowtie, rotini, or rigatoni could easily be subbed in place of the macaroni, lending a dif-

ferent look to the same dish.

Time saving, minimal dishes, should be the go-to for evening meals. Especially for those busy households where both parents work, and all the kids are involved in numerous extracurricular activities. This makes life easier on mom and or dad, and they know their kids are getting a nice, hot meal. Since pasta is part of the works, this allows the dish to be stretched for more servings.

So, if you find yourself

Andouille pasta skillet

<p>Ingredients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 package of andouille sausage, sliced thinly into discs 2 cups chicken broth or water (add more if needed) ½ cup milk ½ cup sour cream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 can petite diced tomatoes or Rotel 8 ounces macaroni or other small pasta 8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, or cheese of choice Salt and pepper to taste
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Directions:

Slice andouille sausage into discs and saute in a deep skillet until browned and edges are crispy.

Add in tomatoes, chicken broth, milk, sour cream, and pasta and stir to combine. Pasta should be covered by liquid.

Bring to a boil and reduce heat to a simmer, cooking until pasta is al dente and liquid has cooked off or been absorbed.

Remove from heat, add in cheese, and mix well.

Add salt and pepper to taste and serve.

at a loss as to what to cook for dinner or even weekend lunch, this could be the perfect go-to dish for your busy household. All with minimal effort and minimal ingredients, to allow you to com-

plete your other household chores, watch that afternoon game, or binge watch that Netflix series and still know that your family has been fed a delicious, home-cooked meal.

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