

## SB 29 passes the senate

### Local mandates for COVID-19 may be prohibited

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, then elected Brewster County Judge Eleazar Cano shut down the county.

With orders to shelter-in-place for all residents of Brewster County, the closing of all non-essential businesses, prohibition of all mass gatherings, as well as non-essential travel and a curfew of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Alpine, like many other communities resembled a ghost-town.

These orders were in response to the COVID-19 virus, that ran rampant across the globe. Texas Governor Greg Abbott also ordered Texas residents to stay home except for essential services and activities and he shut down schools until May 4.

This order was set to go into effect the same day Cano issued his orders. While the local shut down was to last until April 7, the state declared their shut down to continue until April 30. Cano extended his

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## Alpine teachers engage in 'espionage'

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

Two of Alpine High School's teachers are becoming "spies." Mrs. Cory Cason and Mrs. Renee Parson applied for a Fund for Teachers Fellows, which is a grant that aids teachers in transforming their instruction through professional growth and development to better enrich their students through success and support.

Cason and Parson are history

teachers at Alpine High School, and their grant paper entitled "Spies Like Us" earned these instructors a \$10,000 grant geared towards travel experiences that will turn into pod casts and enhance student enrichment and instruction.

The Avalanche recently spoke with these ladies about the grant and how they plan to utilize the funds in their teaching.

Cason is a former 2015 recipient and she learned about the opportunity from a colleague. "A

teacher can apply every five years and both Renee and I thought it would be a good time to reapply since we were settled into the new school," said Cason. The Fund for Teachers allows application as an individual or as a team.

The idea behind their submission on spies came about with a discussion of the loss of women's rights under the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. "As we began to come up with



Renee Parson and Cory Cason

Courtesy photo

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## 'Farm Fresh' egg hunting



Mason Losoya and Vincent Garcia of Alpine participated in the Easter egg hunt that was held this past Saturday at the Alpine Farmer's Market. A good group of kids of all ages showed up along with their parents to participate.

Avalanche photo by Kara Gerbert

## Commissioners approve interlocal agreement for Alpine VFD

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Brewster County Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom.

Of importance on the agenda was a report by the 394th District Court on an Improvement Initiative offered by the National Center for State Courts and the approval of the interlocal agreement with the City of Alpine for the Fire Department.

Lori Holguin, assistant to Judge Roy B. Ferguson, gave the report to commissioners in Ferguson's absence, as he was conducting his own court.

Holguin told commissioners that the district court had applied to be a candidate for hybrid hearings.

Since the pandemic, the 394th District Court was instrumental in dealing with court cases virtually. This initiative was awarded to the court, one of around 12 in the country to allow for hybrid hearings. Hybrid hearings allow people who may not have adequate transportation or who may live in the southern half of the county to attend court

virtually and not have to experience the travel times and possibly miss an entire day of work. "Currently, there is too much of an echo in the courtroom due to the high ceilings as well as a large miasma of power cords for the current set up that was not feasible to implement the hybrid hearings. This initiative through the National Center for State Courts funds the entirety of the upgrades needed to allow for hybrid hearings," said Holguin.

Commissioners approved the initiative and treasurer Julie Morton said that she could set up a fund in the budget to allow the work to progress. Holguin said they hope to have everything completed and ready by June and that all the work and funding will come from the NCSC, and the county will not have to spend any money at all.

In other news, Robert Alvarez, Director of Tourism told commissioners that spring break went very well. Alvarez said while it was not as busy as last season, it was very steady. "The park actually experienced a record-breaking single



Greg Henington

day visitation during spring break," remarked Alvarez. He also reported that the roll off dumpsters the tourism department supplies for Marathon and Study Butte each spring break were going to be picked up very soon.

Alvarez told the court that his newest employee, Evans Walker was going to perform an outreach presentation to fourth graders in Odessa and Midland. Due to her previous employment with Texas AgriLife Extension in the Odessa/Midland area, Walker was already involved with fourth graders who have free access to the national park. Alvarez said, "I think this will be a great promotion for the area going forward and I hope to have her expand these efforts to other school districts in our area to promote the park in an attempt to bring visitors to the area."

Alvarez concluded his report by telling commissioners that the Texas A & M tourism study had been completed, and that our tourism department was the first with 20 years' worth of data and that TAMU

would like to present the information to the tourism board. Alvarez said tentatively the date for this will be May 8, and he hopes to have a board meeting that same day. He invited commissioners to the presentation from TAMU.

Judge Greg Henington told the court that the Alpine Emergency Services Board had been created. The creation of this board was to oversee the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. The board will be doing business as the AVFD, and the department is accountable to the board. Henington asked commissioners for approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Alpine and Brewster County. This agreement allows for the City of Alpine and Brewster County to work together with the AES Board. The city will fund the AVFD for the remainder of 2023 and the cost will be split between the city and county equally on the next budget. The county will have four seats on the board and the city will have three. Commissioners

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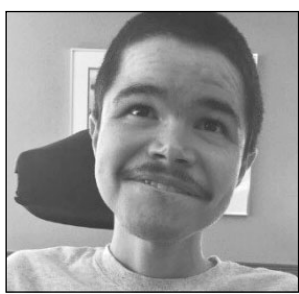
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## OBITUARIES

### Christopher Paul Chavez



Christopher Paul Chavez, 33, of Early, Texas went to his heavenly home on April 8, surrounded by those who loved and cared for him. Chris was born in Alpine on October 13, 1989. He was known for his humor, sarcasm, and great passion for everything he loved. He was a lover of all sports at all levels, but was fiercely loyal to the Texas Longhorns, Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Cowboys, and any team his father was coaching. Chris brought joy with his

mischievous smile and his love of life and was a light to everybody he knew. His Catholic faith was strong through the entirety of his life.

Visitation will be at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 14 followed by praying of the Most Holy Rosary at 1:30 p.m.

Father Pablo Matta will be officiating the mass following the rosary with burial at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine.

Pallbearers for Chris are his cousins Glenn Losoya, Michael Chavez, John Chavez, Jordie Martinez, Joey Chavez, Jacob Chavez, his uncle David Gomez, and his brother Kevin Chavez. Chris is survived by his parents Alfonso Chavez Jr and Rosie Chavez, brother Kevin Chavez, sisters Annikka Chavez and Monica Gomez, grandparents Alfonso Chavez Sr, Inez Chavez, Gregorio Gomez Sr, Rosa

Gomez, Joe Mattingley, and Grace Ramsey along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He will be forever loved and missed dearly by all who knew him and came into contact with him.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association would be greatly appreciated to help find a cure for this devastating disease.

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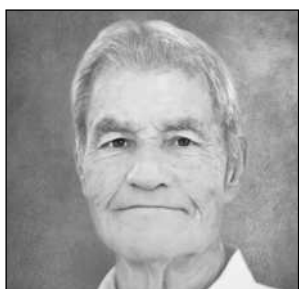
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### John William "Jay" Ward



"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid..." John 14:1

John "Jay" William Ward, age 90, of Fort Davis, passed away on Sunday April 2 in Alpine. John was born on 21 May 1932 to John Irby and Cora Ellie (Cole) Ward in Gainesville. He was the fifth child—the first son—of eight children. Jay moved with his parents and siblings to Denver City in 1946 where he attended school and earned his high school diploma—Class of 1952—from Denver City High School via correspondence after being drafted into the US Army for service during the Korean Conflict.

On June 27, 1953, while serving in the US Army, Jay was married to his high school sweetheart, Anna Beth Anderson, also of Denver City, Yoakum County. Following his military service, Jay and Anna Beth opted to return to West Texas to attend Sul Ross State University in Alpine; He was the first in his family line to attend college, a dream not easily fulfilled in the 1950's. Jay played football for the Lobos and baseball for the '06 Cowboys. He earned a degree in Physical Education in 1959 with hopes of becoming a teacher and coach. As well, he continued his studies in Industrial Technology and earned a master's degree by 1961.

Jay and Anna Beth moved to Fort Davis and embarked on what would become a 60+ year venture for him. They started their teaching careers with Fort Davis ISD and their family of four flourished: Valynda Zoe

(58), Shawn Michelle (60), Tanya Monique (62), and Revis Levette (64). Jay served as the beloved "shop" teacher—a role which he relished—as well as a history and math teacher, a coach, and a school administrator. In the early 1970's, Jay and Anna Beth helped to charter and open a residential treatment facility/boarding school at Prude Ranch for students with exceptional emotional and social needs. Jay was named Principal and guided the school through relocation to the Blue Mountain facility and then retired a decade later as it made its final move/name change: High Frontier. To accomplish these lofty goals, Jay was required to earn yet an additional master's degree in special education, and he did so through Texas Tech University with Anna Beth as his classmate and companion ... always!

With 20+ years of service in the education field, Jay decided to launch his own business, putting his Industrial Technology degree to great use: Wayside Enterprises was birthed, and Jay embarked on a venture that lasted well into his seventies. Quite frankly, he continued to tinker and create in his woodshop right up to his 90th birthday and then some. It was his passion, as was his family. His passion, as well, was studying the Word—the Scriptures—and

he did so at the First Baptist Church of Fort Davis before helping to charter a non-denominational congregation at Church in the Mountains. Again, with Anna Beth at his side. In his final years, Jay loved gathering for fellowship with community members of all faiths at the Stone Village Grocery Store to discuss life and love. He was a giant in living life well, modeling for others how to do it while explaining the whys for doing it. He was truly a teacher at heart!

Funeral Services were held on Friday, 7 April at 11am at the Fort Davis High School Auditorium, with a brief Graveside Service immediately following at Hillcrest Cemetery in Fort Davis (military honors conducted by Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas). Judge Greg Henington, Jay's eldest son-in-law, presided as the Master of Ceremonies while Jay's four daughters conducted the services along with their spouses: Greg Henington (Valynda of Alpine) Richard Nolen (Tanya of Artesia, New Mexico) and Lea Daggett (Revis of Fort Stockton). Dakota Zimmerman, Shawn's son, served as her significant other for services in light of "Zimmer's" very recent illness and death.

Pallbearers were Joshua Cannon, Zeke Cannon, Ronnie Young, Reese Zimmerman, Casey Nolen, Mason Daggett, and Cole Daggett. Honorary Pallbearers were Asher Cannon, Dakota Zimmerman, and Jared Massingill.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Jeff Davis County Food Pantry in

Fort Davis 432.426.3886.

Death and Life: Jay is preceded in death by his beloved Anna Beth (2007) as well as by his parents and four of his siblings: Irma, Charlotte, Francis, and Charles. Also preceding his death is his grandson, Burke Jay Martinez (1983) while immediately followed in death by Carl Maurice "Zimmer" Zimmerman, his son-in-law and caretaker of more than a decade. Jay is survived by his four daughters and their husbands, nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren with two additional on the way, as well as one great-great-grandchild arriving in November! Additionally, Jay is survived by three siblings: Ruth, 94 of Lubbock, and Beth, 78 of Payette, Idaho.

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you to appear in court on or before a specified date.

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There is generally no valid excuse for not contacting the Court after receiving a citation. When you sign the citation on

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-Additional charges and fines

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-You will eventually be arrested

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There are several ways to pay for the citation:

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-Plead No Contest or Guilty and request Deferred

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If you have a citation, please take care of it quickly. Otherwise, the next time there's a knock at your door or you get stopped by the authorities, you may get arrested.

## Area high school seniors receive Good Citizen awards

The Paisano Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented DAR Good Citizen Awards to seniors from five area high schools at an awards ceremony on April 2, held in the hospitality room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alpine.

On behalf of the Paisano Chapter, Regent Kay Houston welcomed Good Citizens, their parents, and school representatives to the meeting. Tammy Poole, Texas DAR District X Director, from Midland, extended greetings from TXDAR. Vice Regent and Good Citizens Chair Judy Perry discussed the significance of the awards. Special Guest Ellen Boyd, Good Citizen from her 1955 graduating class was introduced. Dr. Kendra DeHart, chapter member and assistant professor of history at Sul Ross State University, presented the awards.



The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Paisano Chapter presented their Good Citizen awards to area high school seniors. Pictured are Candace Aguilar of Marathon, Lauren Rogers of Alpine, Jordan Espy Miller of Valentine, Aubrie Aguilar of Marfa, and Alissa Ferguson of Fort Davis.

Courtesy photo

Good Citizens from their graduating classes were selected by their schools based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The 2023 Good Citizens are: Lauren Rogers, Alpine; Alissa Ferguson, Fort Davis; Candace Aguilar, Marathon; Aubrie Aguilar, Marfa; and Jordan Espy Miller, Valentine. They each received a Good Citizen's pin, monetary award,

and certificate honoring them with this prestigious national award.

Good Citizens were eligible to enter an optional NSDAR scholarship contest by submitting their credentials including an essay. Independent judges selected Lauren Rogers as the winner of the Paisano Chapter Scholarship. Her entry was also submitted to the Texas state level contest.

## Seventh Grade Band gets superior rating at UIL



Alpine Middle School Seventh Grade Band brought home a superior rating in sight reading UIL Competition, receiving a rating of one from all three judges. They also scored an excellent rating and came in second in their concert performance.

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To the registered voters of the County of Brewster, Alpine, Texas: (A los votantes registrados de la Condado de Brewster, Alpine, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 6, 2023 for voting in a general election to elect: One Board Member to the Alpine ISO Board of Trustees, Single Member District# 6 (Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Mayo / 6 / 2023 para votar en la elección general para elegir Un miembro de la Junta de Síndicos de Alpine ISO, distrito de un solo miembro # 6

On Election Day, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (El Día de Elección, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de votación nombradas abajo.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Sitio de votación el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre de/ Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
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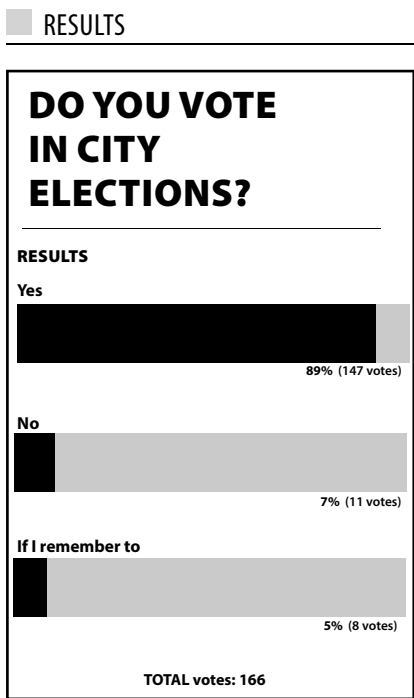
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## Time to move on from vouchers

Right now, the Texas legislature is spending a disproportionate amount of time fighting over something that isn't good for Texas and doesn't align with Texan values: vouchers. Vouchers are publicly-funded entitlements that divert taxpayer funds to private or home schools without any accountability or transparency. While vouchers have been rebranded as "educational savings accounts" and "school choice" this legislative session, rural Texans aren't fooled: this is a deliberate effort to further defund public education in Texas, at a time when Texas already ranks in the bottom 10% in the nation in per pupil funding.



DR. MICHELLE RINEHART  
 Superintendent, Alpine ISD

Here are three reasons, of many more, why vouchers aren't good for Texas and go against our Texan values. First, Texas public schools need every dollar of public education funding. Alpine ISD is a textbook example of this, being one of the most underfunded school districts in the state. Alpine ISD is the 15th lowest funded district per student need out of over 1,000 school districts in Texas. This underfunding limits the opportunities

we can provide our students and the salaries we can pay our staff. What causes Alpine ISD's underfunding? A confluence of factors, including inequities in the state funding formula, an outdated attendance-based funding formula, and state confiscation of funding due to the Brewster County Appraisal District's failure on the Comptroller's property value study.

While the average teacher salary in Texas is \$60,000, this salary amount isn't even on our district pay scale. State averages often mask outlier actualities; Alpine ISD's underfunding is a case study in a rural, remote district that suffers from Texas' disinvestment in public education.

Not only do districts need every dollar of public education funding, the state of Texas has a constitutional requirement to provide it. Article 7 (1876) of the Texas Constitution states, "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

Siphoning money from public schools to fund private schools is malpractice, especially at a time when many of our public schools are so dramatically underfunded. Second, vouchers allow public funds to be spent without any accountability or transparency. This is as anti-Texan as a proposal could be.

Texas public schools are held to rigorous standards in accountability, finance, academic achievements, discipline, safety/security, and more. And rightfully so. As stewards of public funds, public schools should be, and are accountable for their effective use of those funds on the public's behalf.

Why are transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship essential for public schools, but not required for private entities that would receive vouchers? This is a core conflict with Texas values. Either we believe in transparency and accountability when dealing about public funds, or we don't. Lastly, and concerning, while public schools must educate every child, private schools may discriminate, choosing who is and isn't allowed in their institutions.

In truth, private schools, not parents, are the ones that have choice with vouchers; private schools can continue to enroll or exclude any student they choose.

Research is clear that students with a history of academic struggles, special needs, or behavioral needs are disproportionately under-represented in private schools. Further, private schools typically are not representative of the community they exist in, in terms of race and ethnicity, socioeconomic, and students with special needs.

Public schools are proud to educate all students in our community. Alpine ISD proudly serves as the center of our community, helping all students maximize their potential while operationalizing our community's values of accountability, transparency, and collective responsibility.

Unfortunately, this legislative session's relentless emphasis on vouchers is keeping the legislature from tackling real public education issues, including addressing the persistent underfunding of public schools like Alpine ISD. It is time to move on from the vouchers debate and get to the real work of state legislative leadership, including making suitable provision for our public schools.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Our deepest appreciation**  
 On behalf of Jerry Johnson and his family, we would like to express our appreciation for the love and support the community

of Alpine has shown. Thank you to the American Legion Post 79 in honoring Jerry's military career at the memorial services at Elm Grove Cemetery. Many thanks to the City of Alpine and City

Council Members for the proclamation honoring Jerry. Jerry was a well-known citizen, businessman, board member, and all-around Cowboy. Anyone who knew Jerry, knew how much

he cared deeply for Alpine, his friends, his family and it was an honor to spend time with him. He was proud to represent the City of Alpine and the great State of Texas. The Johnson Family

**Thank You**  
 The Kiwanis Club would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. It was a beautiful day in Alpine. We

would like to thank the Alpine Police Dept, the Alpine Volunteer Fire Dept and Lindsey Valenzuela. The Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at SRSU. Please

contact Rhonda Cole, 432-294-0956 if you would like to get involved in helping our community or for more information about our club. The Kiwanis Club

## CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

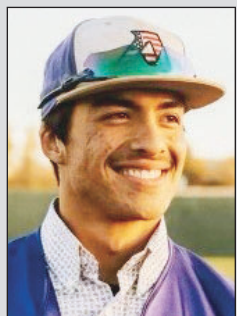
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# Heard on the STREET

What song would make the best theme music for you?



**Teagan Emerson:** The Show Goes On by Lupe Fiasco



**Cody Morris:** The Greatest by Kenny Rogers



**Alexis Rodriguez:** Love Yourz by J Cole



**Coach Chris Virdell:** Don't Stop Believing by Journey



**Kaitlyn Wiggins:** If I Was A Cowboy

Send your community events to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 27 Ribbon Cutting,** 5:30 p.m. for Outwest Floral, located at 205 E. Holland.

**April 29 Big Bend Native Plant Society,** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plant Sale at Forever West Texas/ Keller Williams Real Estate 308 W. Ave E.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Alcoholics Anonymous,** 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more in-



formation, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.

**Alpine Lions Club meeting,** noon Tuesdays at the BBT confer-

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

## PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Felix. Felix is a very sweet, friendly cat but prefers to keep a little to himself. Cuddles and scratches are his favorite pastimes. He's got the chunkiest cheeks you just want to pinch.



Felix is an FIV+ cat, so we strongly suggest an indoor-only home so that he can live a long and healthy life. The most important management goals for a healthy cat diagnosed with FIV are to reduce its risk of acquiring secondary infections and prevent the spread of FIV to other cats.

meat and eggs, and unpasteurized dairy products to minimize the risk of foodborne bacterial and parasitic infections.

Both goals are best met by keeping cats indoors and isolated from other cats. FIV+ cats need nutritionally complete and balanced diets. Avoid uncooked food, such as raw

Wellness visits for FIV-infected cats should be scheduled at least every six months. The veterinarian will perform a detailed physical examination of all body systems with particular attention to the health of the gums, eyes, skin, and lymph nodes. Weight will be measured accurately and recorded because weight loss is often the

first sign of deterioration. A complete blood count, serum biochemical analysis, and a urine analysis should be performed annually. Cats like Felix live normal, happy lives with these practices in place.

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 AHS Helpline is 432-837-2532. To view adoptable pets, visit Pet-Finder.com or www.alpin-humane-society.org, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram

## Experiencing wildlife



Parks and Wildlife visited the seventh-grade science classes recently at Alpine Middle School and brought examples of local wildlife species. Tylan Walters is shown here holding a Gray-banded Kingsnake, one of the rarer species of non-venomous snakes found in the Big Bend area.

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Ella Wonsowski**

In what activities did you participate in high school?

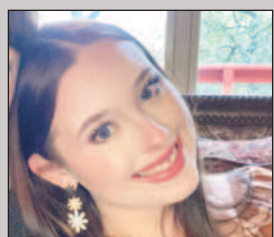
Throughout high school I participated in History Fair, Student Council, Academic UIL, the National Honor Society, and marching band.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

My favorite teacher has to be Mrs. Parson! She has taught me many valuable life lessons and has helped me become a strong independent young woman.

I'm extremely thankful to have had her as my teacher in the past 3 years.

What was your favorite



moment the last four years?

My favorite moment would be finding out I was advancing to the state history fair convention with my best friends. See ya soon Austin!

What are your plans after high school?

My plans after high school are to attend the University of Arkansas where I will study nursing.

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# Sports

## Fightin' Buck

### Schedule

**BASEBALL**  
**April 14:** Alpine vs Stanton  
 Varsity @ 4:30 p.m., JV @ 4:30 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
**April 14:** Alpine vs Stanton  
 Varsity @ 5 p.m., JV @ 7 p.m.  
**April 21:** Kermit vs Alpine  
 Varsity @ 5 p.m., JV @ 7 p.m.

**TRACK & FIELD**  
**April 13-15:** District Meet,  
 Crane

# Pitcher's duel win over Presidio puts Alpine in district driver's seat

## Hawkins grand slam leads Lady Bucks softball team over Crane

BY SHAWN YORKS  
 Contributor

Hannah Juett and Valerie Armendariz once again went head-to-head in a battle for District 4-3A supremacy on April 4 as the Alpine Lady Bucks visited Presidio to start the second half of the district schedule. But unlike the snowy encounter in Alpine March 17, Juett and the Lady Bucks answered the call on the border and brought a 5-1-win home to Alpine.

"What a game," said Alpine head coach Chris Virdell. "It was a battle and the girls stayed focused and determined. I know the girls had been talking about this game and how badly they wanted to win."

Both pitchers kept their opponents in check for the first four innings before the Lady Bucks 14-7 overall, 5-1 in District 4-3A broke the silence with a 3-run outburst.



**Kody Hawkins: Alpine freshman Kody Hawkins hit a grand slam homerun and pitched a 1-hit shut-out in a 19-0 win over Crane on April 6.**

Photo by Shawn Yorks

Jaycee Portillo and Emyliana Hernandez both reached base on Presidio fielding errors, and Kody

Hawkins hit a line drive to right field that scored Portillo. Paula Vargas hit one back up the middle that scored Hernandez and Hawkins scored on a Sierra Ruckman double.

Alpine went up 5-0 in the top of the seventh when Alexis Rodriguez reached on a dropped third strike that scored Paula Vargas, who had earlier reached on a fielder's choice. Nayeli Acosta singled in Rodriguez for Alpine's final run. The Blue Devils managed a run in the bottom of the seventh on an Iliana Morales RBI double.

"It was an overall team win," Virdell added. "Each one of the ladies focused on and did their job on that field."

The coach noted that the hitting was good, but the team struggled to move baserunners in the early innings.

"But they buckled down and scored runs in key spots," Virdell said. "It was

a big win for the girls and the program.

"They deserved that win."

Hawkins was 3-for-4 with one run batted in, Ruckman was 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Vargas and Acosta each had one hit.

Juett pitched seven complete innings, striking out nine and walking two in 117 pitches, and her counterpart Armendariz threw 128 pitches, striking out 12 and walking one.

### Alpine 19, Crane 0

Freshman Kody Hawkins hit a grand slam homerun as part of a 10-run first inning as the Lady Bucks shot down the Crane Lady Birds. With the win, Alpine improved to 15-7 on the season and 6-1 in district heading into this past Tuesday's home game against Tornillo. The Lady Bucks will travel to Stanton this Friday and play host to Kermit next Friday, April 21.

The homerun was the only hit of the day for Hawkins, who ended up with five runs batted in for the game.

The Lady Bucks scored all 10 of their first inning runs with two outs. Jaycee Portillo doubled to start things off, Hawkins was hit by a pitch with one out and Alexis Rodriguez walked to load the bases with two outs.

Portillo scored on a passed ball and Emyliana Hernandez walked to reload the bases. Hawkins scored on a passed ball and Nayeli Acosta walked to load the bases again for Emily Sweat, who doubled to center field to score Rodriguez, Hernandez and Acosta for a 5-0 lead.

Rikki Vega walked, and Portillo walked to load the bases again, with Sierra Ruckman hit by a pitch to score Sweat and keep the bases loaded for Hawkins,

See SOFTBALL • 7

# Baca takes district boys' golf title

Alpine competes against four schools in the district for golf; Odessa Compass, Kermit, Crane and Stanton.

District tournaments took place these last two weeks in Monahans and Fort Stockton, with district play concluding in Fort Stockton on April 5. One Alpine Buck was able to advance to the regional golf tournament.

Freshman David Baca won the district title with scores of 81/77. He was in second after the first day, but steady play and a calm patient demeanor gave him the title.

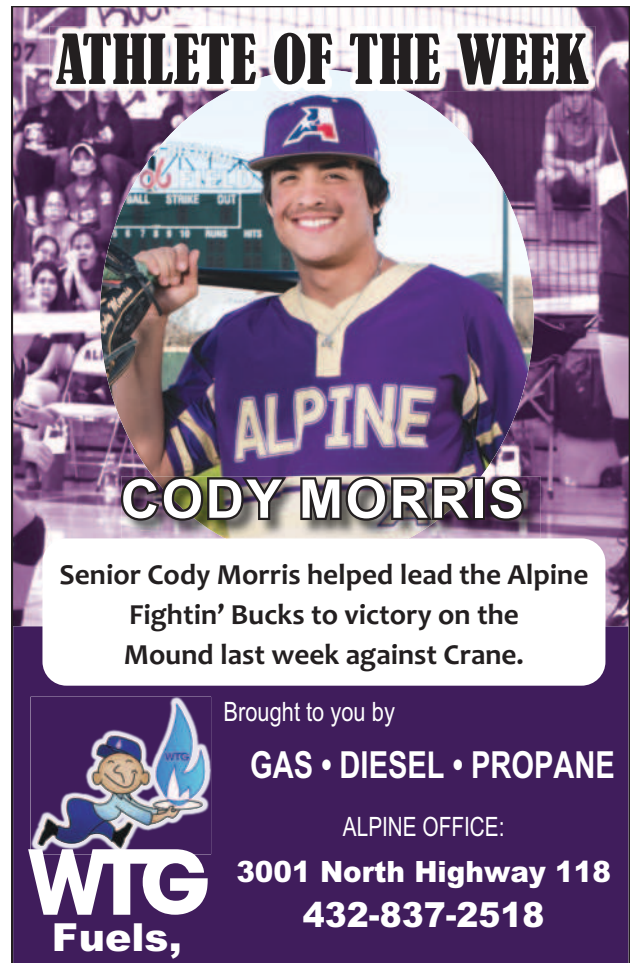
"In 9 years coaching never have I had a District Champ boys' medalist. David keeps his composure like he is a senior, not

a freshman. He has a great attitude and always gives his best at practice and on the course," remarked Alpine High golf coach Eddie Barraza.

All the kids improved during the season and especially during district. Matthew Solis shot 100/94, and Zach Wash shot 123/104. "Matthew showed lots of improvement and it's great to see the look on his face when he hands me his score cards knowing that he has come a long way."

"Zach, my only senior will be missed. He improved and had one of the best attitudes I have been around. Good or bad he

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
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## Bucks fall to Presidio, rally against Crane

The Alpine Bucks varsity sluggers met up with the Presidio Blue Devils on the diamond last Tuesday.

Both teams had fireball pitching, and Devon Rojo would get things started early in the first inning for the Bucks when he doubled on an 0-1 count to score a run.

Alpine would hold that lead through five and a half innings, with both teams battling for runs.

Presidio would tie the game in the bottom of the sixth, with a ground ball single to AJ Llenez, driving in one of the Blue Devils for the run.

In the same inning, an error by shortstop Aiden Garcia would allow the Blue Devils to capitalize on the ground ball and advance a runner to home,

bringing the game to 2-1. This late game advantage for Presidio would hold, and the Bucks would fall by a run in the low scoring game.

### Alpine 5 Crane 3

On Thursday, the Bucks took on the Crane Golden Cranes and took the lead late in the game to defeat the Cranes.

Jace Canaba would get things started for the Bucks, with a single to the Crane shortstop to advance Cody Morris in the top of the second. Later in the same inning, Crane's pitcher would walk Aiden Garcia and advance Devon Rojo. A single by Iden Lujan would advance AJ Llenez, and the Bucks would lead 3-0.

A dispute would oc-

cur at the top of the third, reversing the last run by the Bucks and leaving the score at 2-0.

The bottom of the fourth would see the Cranes tie the game with a ground out and an error by the Bucks.

In the top of the fifth, Teagan Emerson would single on a line drive to left field, and Ramon Villanueva would come in as a courtesy runner for Emerson. Alec Ramos would single a ground ball to second and Villanueva would advance to third. The Bucks added three more runs in the game for the win. The Bucks next faced Tornillo on Tuesday, April 11 at home and would fall again to the Coyotes 7-5 and will be on the road to face Stanton on Friday for a chance at redemption.

## GOLF • FROM 6

always found something positive and was always giving us something to laugh about. Good luck to him in the Navy," Barraza added

On the girl's side Piper Wash shot 104/94. Wash, a sophomore, just missed advancing to the regional tournament by two shots. "She learns fast and understands the game and next year will excel." Sye Barraza showed great things to come. "She was very consistent in scoring and will develop into a great player," said Barraza.



**David Baca sports his district medal while surrounded by his teammates. Baca, a freshman was the District Champ, winning the title by three strokes. Pictured is the AHS golf team of Zach Wash, Piper Wash, David Baca, Sye Barraza, and Matthew Solis.**

While only playing for four months, her ball striking looked as if she had been playing a lot longer.

Baca will play in the regional tournament on April 17 and 18 at Diamond Back golf club in Abilene.

## SOFTBALL • FROM 6

who homered to center field. Alpine scored five more in the second inning again with two outs.

Hernandez, Acosta, Sweat and Vega all walked, with Hernandez caught stealing second. Ruckman walked in Acosta, Hawkins was intentionally walked

with the bases loaded to score Sweat and Paula Vargas singled in Vega and Ruckman, with Hawkins later scoring when Hernandez reached on an error.

Two walks and a single again loaded the bases in the third inning, with an RBI walk by Hawkins

making it 16-0. Vega and Portillo scored on passed balls with Vargas at the plate and Hawkins ended the scoring for Alpine, coming in on a passed ball.

Hawkins got the win in the circle, striking out five with a 3-inning, 50-pitch 1-hitter.



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**April 30, 1954**

The head coach of Sul Ross State College, Al Milch presents the celebrated horned frog of Kokernot Field, affectionately named "Herbert", to Dutch Meyer, the athletic director for TCU, just prior to the game between Sul Ross and TCU. Pictured are Walter Roach, TCU baseball coach, Moe Hedrick, Sul Ross baseball coach, Al Milch, Dutch Meyers, and Herbert L. Kokernot Jr., sponsor of the Alpine Cowboys, internationally recognized semi-pro baseball team.



### Alpine Men Go To Austin This Week To Work For Park Bill

A party of chamber of commerce members, headed by W. J. Newell, president, left here last Sunday for Austin to work for the Big Bend park appropriations bill now pending before the House. The bill, carrying an appropriation of \$1,500,000, has already passed the Senate.

**April 25, 1941**

W.J. Newell, president of the Alpine Chamber is headed to Austin to work on the park appropriations bill for Big Bend National Park. This bill has passed the Senate and is now pending before the House. The bill carries an appropriation of \$1.5 million.

**March 17, 1931**

Paul Nalewaja, a famous paracutist will perform here in Alpine this weekend and recreate his famous jump.



**April 30, 1948**

Walton Poague will be among the top cowhands to perform at the Second Annual Chamber of Commerce rodeo to be staged at Jackson Field. Poague, from Rankin is a world-famous roper.

## Japanese Yews not always the best choice

Dear Neil: I am moving to a new home and need advice on trees. I love oaks and their durability, but acorns and pollen are daunting to keep up with. Are there any trees that are low maintenance and of equal durability for a person 74 years of age? Are there any oaks that have fewer of the acorns and flowers?

All trees will have some kind of a messy time. It's just the nature of having living beings around us. For most of Texas I list seven trees as being the best. You will probably be able to think of the down sides of each: live oak, Shumard red oak, Chinquapin oak and bur oak, also pecan, cedar elm and Chinese pistachio. Although they are slower growing, southern magnolias also belong in that same superior category. When I weigh the things that concern you, I'd still rank oaks at the top. I have all seven of those trees and magnolias on our rural property, and I'd say Chinquapin oak probably has the least issues of the batch. Its acorns are

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by neil sperry



to waste a bunch of time waiting. Are the Japanese yews a mistake?

smaller, and I've not seen the volumes of pollen in the 30 years that I've been parking near ours. Shumard red oak would probably come in second. But those are just my random thoughts based on a few minutes to muse over a very interesting question.

Dear Neil: I needed privacy plants after the cold two years ago. I planted Japanese yews in one row and cherry laurels in another. Both groups are in full sun. The cherry laurels look great, but the Japanese yews are struggling. I didn't want to spend a ton, but I also don't want

ly organic planting soils, preferably neutral or slightly acidic. They do best in part shade, with protection from the hot afternoon sun, and they're not nearly as winter-hardy as we would want in the northern half of the state. Cherry laurels, by comparison, do well as long as they're not planted in alkaline soils where iron deficiency will pull them down. They also are susceptible to the fatal cotton root fungus. If you plant more tall shrubs, hollies would be better over bigger parts of Texas.

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.

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ideas for our proposal, the idea of ordinary women becoming extraordinary citizens despite societal norms and expectations, especially in times of war became a theme we were both interested in," remarked Parson.

The two ladies plan to begin their travels and research by visiting the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. All three women that their proposal focused on, Virginia Hall, Inayat Khan, and Josephine Baker are featured in the "Sisterhood of Spies-Celebrating Women in Espionage" exhibit at the museum.

Their second stop in their pursuit of following in these three female spies' footsteps is London, England. Both Hall and Khan lived, trained, and worked in and outside of London at different points in their lives and both were recruited by the secret British Special Operations Executive, or SOE.

Next on their path is the Beaulieu Finishing School that served as the Secret Army training location for British SOE spies. "The 'Secret Army Exhibit' with WWII spy artifacts, stories of spy exploits, training descriptions, and original photographs will add to our narrative," remarked Cason.

Following the school, Cason and Parson will visit the Maldon Combined Military Museum just northeast of London. This museum is a private collection of military artifacts from a variety of time periods.

From England, they travel to France. "All three women, Hall, Kahan, and Baker operated as spies with different movements of the French Resistance in occupied France during WWII. While Hall and Khan were operating for the British SOE, Baker was actually recruited by Abtey, who was the head of French counter-military intelligence," said Parson.

Cason and Parson will visit the Pantheon Mausoleum in Paris, where Baker, one of the few women and the first woman of color is memorialized. Both ladies will visit the Parisian streets and arrondissements where all three of these female spies lived and worked, including places such as Avenue Fochs where Khan was arrested and interrogated at the Gestapo Headquarters. They will visit Baker's former haunts that are still around today in Montparnasse as well as places she performed like the Théâtre

des Champs-Élysées and the Moulin Rouge.

Their next steps will take them to the Musée de la Libération de Paris-Musée du Général Leclerc-Musée Jean Moulin Museum which is partially housed within the former secret French Resistance tunnels and tells the story of the work done by this movement in their fight against the Nazis.

From here, their path will take them to the Dordogne Valley. "We will visit the Château des Milandes, which is the former home of Baker. This is where she spent the majority of her life after WWII." The Renaissance chateau and grounds are a dedicated museum space with exhibits from all aspects of her life. "We are particularly interested in her home during WWII, which was used as a place for the French Resistance to store weapons and as a safe haven for Jewish peoples trying to escape," stated Cason.

Their route will take them next to the Medieval village of Villegranche-de-Confient and continue on to Py, population 88. It is here where they will literally pick up the trail where Hall began her escape during the winter of 1942 with a wooden prosthetic leg over the Pyrenees mountains into Spain. Their final stop will take them north of Munich, Germany to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial site where Khan was imprisoned and later executed.

After following in the footsteps of these historical figures of espionage, Cason and Parson plan to bring this experience back to the students as well as the community. "We want to be able to craft compelling stories about historical figures in our classrooms, and by actually following in the footsteps of these women through Europe, we can become knowledgeable in a way that cannot be gained through books or Google," remarked Parson. "I noticed my students are more engaged in class when I can hand them bits and pieces they can actually touch. It makes it real to them and not just words on a page."

Both Cason and Parson came up with the podcast idea to not only implement change in the school classroom, but they believed this was a way to allow their experiences to be presented to their colleagues and the community, and perhaps share their experiences with other schools at some point also. The two plan to challenge their students to participate in what they call "spy school" so that they are given an opportunity to

feel what it would be like to think like a spy. At the end of their journey, both educators hope to bring to life the spy experiences for their students. "We want to conclude our 'Spies Like Us' project by tasking our students to create a meeting between the three women and document through their own podcast episode. Our idea was a tea party," Cason said.

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approved the agreement.

Finally, two proclamations were approved by commissioners. A proclamation recognizing April 15-22

as International Dark Sky Week in Brewster County and a proclamation recognizing the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness

Month in Brewster County.

The next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court is set to be held on April 25, at 9:30 a.m.

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orders to April 30 on the day his original orders were set to expire.

There remained one difference in local "orders" versus state "orders" in the original issued mandates. Abbott stressed that his orders were not to shelter-in-place or stay at home, but to just limit contact with large groups of people. Visiting grocery stores, hardware stores, gas stations, and hunting and fishing were all allowed so long as in person contact was limited. Local orders stressed a shelter-in-place and no mass gatherings at all, with violations being subject to fines.

As of April 30, 2020, there was one positive case of COVID-19 in Brewster County, an individual who resided in south county. Fast forward to June 2020, with local edicts still being pushed for no mass gatherings, a press release was issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services on June 17, officially stating that Brewster County had 22 positive cases of COVID-19, most due primarily to community transmission. This statement was issued just 11 days after a Black Lives Matter Rally was allowed from city and county officials on June 6, concluding on the grounds of the Brewster County Courthouse.

On June 30, 2020, Brewster County issued mask mandates for the general public, for those persons 10 years old or older. Admittance to all commercial enti-

ties required the wearing of a mask or entrance was not permitted and everyone who fell into the age category listed were required to wear a mask or face covering when in public, especially if a distance of six feet was not possible.

What many considered local government over-reach has been addressed by state law makers this legislative session.

Last Monday, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued a statement announcing the Texas Senate's bipartisan passage of Senate Bill 29, which bans Local COVID-19 Mandates. The bill was presented by Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Grandbury.

"In March 2020, when the world locked down, I went on Fox News and suggested that Texas reopen our economy as quickly and safely as possible. Local

governments across Texas and America took extreme measures to shut down businesses, schools, and houses of worship. SB 29 is a top priority of mine to prevent that from ever happening in the future," said Patrick.

SB 29 prohibits any governmental entity from imposing mask or vaccine mandates or closing private businesses and schools in response to COVID-19.

SB 29 must wait for the House Calendars Committee to decide when the Texas House will vote on the bill, provided it passes through the Texas House committee first before it officially comes up for a vote by the House. If passed in the House, it then goes to Abbott's desk for a signature a veto, or to be left alone. If not vetoed, SB 29 will officially become law for the State of Texas.

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- City Council Member Ward 5

(Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de Mayo de 2023, para votar en la elección general para elegir:

- Miembro de consejo distrito 5

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Location of Election Day Polling Places Including Name of Building and Address (Sitios de votación el Día de Elección Incluyendo Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Ward Number(s) (Número de distrito)	Days and Hours of Operation (Días y Horas Hábiles)
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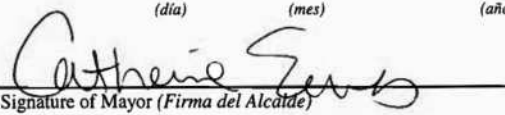
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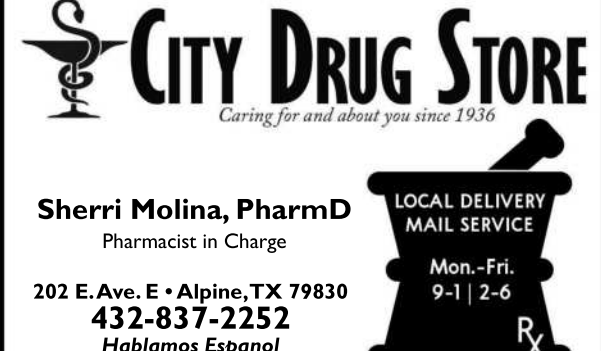
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### Behold the Lamb of God

BY PASTOR MARK WILLIAMS  
Grace Christian Fellowship

We see Jesus as the Lamb of God as described by John the Baptist. The children of Israel, while in Egypt, were commanded to take a lamb from their flocks; it had to be a male yearling without blemish. The lamb was taken on the tenth day of the first month of the Hebrew calendar and kept for four days of inspection and observation to ensure it was healthy and not sickly. Then on the fourteenth day of the month, the lamb would be slain at twilight. This ordinance would be observed and enacted every year. This fourteenth day would be called Passover. Approximately fifteen hundred years later, when Jesus neared the time of his crucifixion, He entered Jerusalem four days before Passover of that same month.

Days before, Jesus and His disciples started their journey from Capernaum located on the Northwest shoreline of the Sea of Galilee. (See Mark 9:30-33) They walked about seventy-five miles South toward Judea. (See Mark 10:1) While traveling, Jesus foretold of His crucifixion and resurrection. (See Mark 10:32-34) They were leaving Jericho when Jesus healed a blind man. (See Mark 10:46-52) As they approached Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples to untie a colt that He rode upon from Bethany near the Mount of Olives toward Jerusalem. (See Mark 11:1-10) We refer to this day as Passover Sunday. Jesus first entered Jerusalem on that evening which became the tenth day, Monday, since the day changed at the setting of the sun. (See Mark 11:11) That day marked the first of four days that Jesus, as the Lamb of God, would be inspected, observed and questioned.

Jesus left for Bethany that night and returned to Jerusalem the eleventh day of the month as the second day of His arrival to Jerusalem. Jesus cleansed the temple of buyers and sellers and proclaimed that His house would be a House of Prayer. Jesus again was questioned by the chief priests and scribes and that evening He went out of Jerusalem. (See Mark 11:15-19)

Once again returning to Jerusalem, Jesus endured the third day of being inspected by the chief priests, elders, and scribes. (See Mark 11:27-33) Jesus taught the people many things that day and answered many more questions. They returned to Bethany where the woman with the alabaster vial poured the expensive perfume over Jesus' head as anointing Him for burial. (See Mark 14:1-9) The fourth day of His inspection as the Lamb of God, Jesus had the disciples find the place for the Passover meal of what some refer to as The Lord's Supper. Jesus described the broken bread as His Body to be eaten and the cup of wine as His Blood of the New Covenant. (See Mark 14:22-25)

During that evening, the fourth day of Jesus' observation and inspection turned to the Passover when Jesus would be taken at the Garden of Gethsemane of the Mount of Olives. (See Mark 14:27, 32) He would be crucified before the sun set on Friday. Jesus truly fulfilled Passover as the true Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.

It is also interesting to note the Scripture from II Peter 3:8; that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. From the time that Adam and Eve sinned until Jesus was crucified and resurrected on the third day, it had been four thousand years. Jesus was revealed throughout the Old Testament as the Lamb of God, our Savior for four thousand years. (See Luke 24:27) He truly is our Savior that takes away the sins of the world. Call upon Him today! (See Romans 10:8-10)

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## HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert



**Chocolate Icebox Pie**

*Courtesy photo*

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times I would grab a slice of their chocolate pie. It was so good and always took care of that sweet craving.

## Chocolate Icebox Pie

<p><b>Ingredients:</b>                  2 ½ cups milk                  1 ½ cups sugar                  ½ cup unsweetened cocoa                  1 tablespoon butter                  7 tablespoons cornstarch</p>	<p>6 tablespoons water                  3 extra-large egg yolks                  1 teaspoon vanilla                  1 cup miniature marshmallows                  1 baked, 9-inch pie shell</p>
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**Directions:**

In a medium saucepan, combine 2 cups of the milk, sugar, cocoa, and butter. Bring to just a boil over medium heat. In a medium bowl, mix cornstarch and water until cornstarch is completely dissolved. Stir in remaining ½ cup of milk.

Whisk in egg yolks and vanilla until well blended.

Gradually add mixture to the saucepan, stirring constantly with a wire whisk.

Cook, stirring constantly, about two minutes or until mixture is thickened and smooth.

Add marshmallows and stir until marshmallows melt and mixture is smooth.

Pour filling into pie shell and press plastic wrap directly onto filling.

Refrigerate for at least two hours.

Remove plastic wrap and top with sweetened whip cream and garnish with chocolate curls.

By pressing plastic wrap directly onto the hot pie filling after it is added to the pie crust, this will keep the pie from forming that skin on top. Once the filling has sufficiently cooled, the plastic wrap can

be removed, and the whipped topping added.

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