

## Standing up for Texas' farmers and ranchers

BY SEN. CÉSAR J. BLANCO  
District 29

As the topic of immigration and border security continues to be contentious issues, the consequences of border crime go beyond politics. One group that has been particularly affected by border-related crimes is farmers and ranchers in Texas.

Across Far West Texas, I've listened to many stories from ranchers and farmers who have experienced significant and costly damage from trafficking and smuggling activity. Many times, the damage goes far beyond property damage. Some of the biggest problems relating to this issue are fence damage and the costs and time needed to repair them, livestock escaping caused by fence damage, crop damage, and rising insurance costs from landowners making claims for these events. These repairs cost upwards of \$100,000, which is

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## West Texans give back to the land they love

BY SHAWNA GRAVES  
Contributing Writer

Carl Ryan fell long and hard for the Davis Mountains when he was just 10 years old. Decades later, that part of West Texas remains close to his heart. After reflecting on all the time his family has spent immersed in the best the region has to offer, he and wife Suzi Davidoff decided to honor those connections by giving back to Sul Ross State University — the place that ties it all together.

Carl was only 10 when his grandfather, Robert H. Kelley, sent him to the Prude Ranch Summer Camp for Boys and Girls located in the mountains outside of Fort Davis. It has a long history of inviting the public to learn the cowboy trades firsthand.

For Carl, the experience formed a core memory, and he returned every summer throughout his secondary education, advancing to camp

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Carl and Suzi are avid conservationists and share an appreciation for the beauty of West Texas landscapes.

## And now a look at the weather



Alpine Elementary first-graders William Rinehart and Maci Ruckman traveled to Odessa to learn how to be a meteorologist from CBS 7's Chief Meteorologist Tom Tefertiller. Both students are in AES's Gifted and Talented class and have been studying extreme weather. Rinehart and Ruckman experienced a hurricane simulation and presented on the forecast green screen as part of their field trip experience.

Courtesy photo

## Principal Residency Grant available for Alpine ISD

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

Through a partnership with Sul Ross State University, Alpine ISD has a new opportunity for their teachers.

For those teachers who are interested in becoming administrators, the Principal Residency Grant offers \$150,000 towards becoming a certified administrator via the Principal Certification program at Sul Ross. Alpine ISD was recently named the recipient for this grant from the Texas Education Agency for the 2023-2024 school year.

The grant will support two Alpine participants in the Alpine Principal Academy, which is a year-long, funded, principal residency program. The Alpine ISD will provide \$30,000 in matching funds, though the grant will pay the administrator

resident's salary, all costs associated with earning their school administrator certification at SRSU, and part of the salary for new teachers filling the roles that the resident's formerly held.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Alpine teachers," said Dr. Michelle Rinehart, Alpine superintendent. "This grant allows for the removal of the financial workload and barriers that keep many potential administrators from training towards such roles. This program will help Alpine ISD create a principal pipeline for our local educators who are committed long-term to Alpine, so that our Alpine educators can become Alpine school leaders."

This grant is nothing new to Sul Ross. They have extensive experience with the grant, having partnered in the past with



Dr. Rebecca Schlosser

Ysleta, Charlotte, and Snyder public school districts, implementing similar programs in these communities over the past six years.

This experience with this grant was aided by the late Dr. Rebecca Schlosser. Dr. Schlosser served as the Director of Principal Outreach Programs at Sul Ross until her passing in Dec. 2022. Dr. Schlosser partnered with Alpine ISD to help write their application for the Principal Residency Grant.

"School leaders across West Texas were immeasurably impacted by Dr. Schlosser during her career at Sul Ross. Having trained and supported countless administrators who now serve in our area schools, there is no denying the impact she made," said Rinehart. "Alpine ISD is honored to receive this

grant and implement it in Dr. Schlosser's memory, continuing her service to school leaders and public-school districts across the Big Bend Area."

"Graduates of Sul Ross are well-prepared for the demands of a school leadership career, given the rigorous nature of the program," said Dr. Jennifer Haan, assistant professor, and coordinator of the graduate Educational Leadership programs. "Our students must be ready to assume a school leadership role on day one and must pass their state exams. To prepare them for both, we ensure that the coursework and practicum experiences are aligned with the Texas state standards for principal certification."

To be qualified to apply for the program, teachers must

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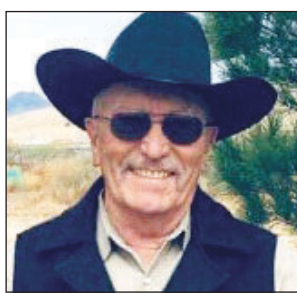
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## OBITUARIES

### Vincent Lavallee Jr.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Vincent J. Lavallee Jr., on April 17. Vince was born the second child of four siblings to Vincent J. Lavallee Sr. and Merele Lavallee of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He was raised in Hempstead, NY, where he attended and graduated school.

After high school graduation, Vince enlisted in the United States



Navy. He was stationed in Corpus Christi, where he met the love of his life Marsha, also in the Navy. During their four-year tour they welcomed their first child in May of 1968, Vincent J. Lavallee

III "Vinnie". On completing their duty, they moved to Hempstead, NY where he worked for TWA at JFK Airport and volunteered for the Hempstead Fire Department. During their time in Hempstead, they welcomed their second child, Kathern R. Lavallee-Burkett "Kat" in April of 1973. After a few short months they picked up and moved back to Texas and lived in Del Rio where he worked for the Laughlin Air Force

Base Fire Department. After several years in Del Rio, he applied for the United States Border Patrol. In 1978, Vince and his family moved to Alpine, where he started his career as a U.S. Border Patrol Agent. During his 24-year career, Vince traveled many miles, detailed out to many stations in the United States and different departments throughout the government. He was stationed in Alpine, Marfa and Presidio, where he finally

retired as a supervisor in January 2002. After retirement, he continued to work for several more years for the Brewster

County Sheriff's Department and then the Federal Court House and finally in 2005, he hung his hat.

## WEDDING

### Allison-Francis to wed in Marfa

Trey Allison and Taylor Francis met in the Fall of 2010 in Spanish class at the University of Texas at Austin. It was love at first sight and this weekend; they are making their love official by celebrating their matrimony in Marfa.

Taylor is the daughter of Heather Bradley Francis from Alpine, and Phil & Nancy Francis from Temple. She is also the granddaughter of George Bradley and Kendall & Robert Burling of Alpine and Larry & Shirley Francis of Temple. Both George Bradley and Kendall Burling were teachers, professors, and ad-



ministrators in the Alpine & Presidio regions in the K-12 education system and at Sul Ross State University -SRSU. Trey is the son of Amy Allison from Alpine and Jim Allison from Del Rio. He is also the grandson of James "Butch" & Dot Crawford from Alpine and James

& Natalie Allison from Del Rio. James "Butch" Crawford was a Principal, Coach, and Teacher in the Alpine and El Paso regions. Both Taylor and Trey's parents met during their time at SRSU. Go Lobos!

Trey graduated from Marfa High School in

2006 and received a BA in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. After his Longhorn stint he studied Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M. Taylor graduated from Rogers High School in 2009 and received a BS in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. They now reside in Austin with their dog Kafka and cat, Maynard and spend their days renovating their 1940s home and working in the Austin tech scene.

Trey and Taylor will become Mr. and Mrs. Allison on May 6, surrounded by their friends and family at the Presidio County Courthouse in Marfa.

## Former 'Friday Night Lights' star, Sul Ross alum to deliver commencement address

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

Tiki Davis, a native of Odessa and two-time Sul Ross State University graduate will deliver the commencement address for this spring's graduates on May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Davis, who spent much of his early life in foster homes, became a star football player at Odessa High School until he was accused of a crime at 17.

Davis spent six months in the Ector County jail in the middle of his senior year until he was exonerated of the alleged crime.

After his release, Davis enrolled at Odessa College and eventually Sul Ross, earning his bachelor's degree in 2003 and his master's degree in 2005. He played football for parts of three seasons for the Lobos but then turned his attention to theatre, where

he would earn a spot as an extra for the film "Friday Night Lights" and go on to gain a speaking role in the film.

Since his graduation, Davis has worked as an engineer in the oilfields around Odessa and used this experience to start his own consulting business. This entrepreneurial drive led to real estate and even the food service industry. Davis is the owner of Sam's BBQ on East Seventh Street in Odessa.

His success led to him receiving numerous awards including Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the Black Chamber of Commerce of the Permian Basin in 2013; Distinguished Odessa Man of the Year by the Odessa Castenette's Social, Civic, and Arts Club in 2013; Business Person of the



Tiki Davis

Year by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Workforce Commission in 2014; and Business Person of the Year by the Black Chamber of Commerce in 2018.

Davis also received the Legends and Living Legends of the Permian Basin award in 2019.

Davis, now a motivational speaker has served as a mentor to boys and young men, with several of these individuals having attended and graduated from such prestigious universities such as Harvard.

Davis' motivational speaking drove him to develop the "Tiki Fac-

tor," four principals designed to encourage listeners to commit to the development of life skills for optimum success. His speaking engagements have included the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Chevron Corporation, numerous high school and collegiate sports teams and student bodies.

His success has led to Davis being featured on the "Texas County Reporter" and the 700 Club, along with a publishing contract with Harper Collins. Davis is the co-author of "Break Through" with Johnny Wimbrey, Les Brown, and Nik Halik and in 2019 produced a short film about his life entitled "The Factor."

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# Saturday is Election Day

Early voting for the May 6 general election is complete and Saturday is the last chance to cast your vote for the Single Member District 6 Trustee for the Alpine ISD school board, and for the Ward 5 Alpine City Council seat.

Voters in District 6 may cast their votes for the incumbent Dr. Adrian Billings, or his opponent Richard Portillo to fill the seat on the AISD Board of Trustees.

Voters in Ward 5 may cast their votes for the late Jerry Johnson, or his opponent, Rick Stephens

who is seeking re-election after having termed out in 2021, to fill the city council seat.

As of Tuesday morning, early voting results for the school board position showed a total of 79 voters out of a registered 765 had cast their votes for the Single Member District 6 Trustee position, leaving just 10.33% of registered voters having voted early.

For city council Ward 5, 104 voters out of 952 registered voters cast their votes for the city council position, for a 10.9%

total of registered voters having voted.

During the elections in 2022, early voting percentages for the City of Alpine election were 10.82% and increased to 14.30% on election day. Likewise in 2022, the AISD school board election had an early voting percentage of just 8.71% with that number increasing to 11.61% of total voters.

The polls will be open for the Election Day voting this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alpine Civic Center.

## Big Bend goes Broadway

Dr. Andrew Alegria, the music director for Sul Ross and the Big Bend Community Chorale will lead the community chorale in a performance entitled "Big Bend Broadway Bash" at the Granada

Theatre on Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public and includes both the Big Bend Children's Chorus and the Big Bend Vivace Youth.

## AMS band receives 1-Outstanding rating



The Alpine Middle School 6th and 7th grade band received a 1-Outstanding rating in their Concert Band performance held in Greenwood on April 29. In solo performances, 85 students received a rating of 1 and eight students received Superior Outstanding Performer awards.

Courtesy photo

## Salsa de Mayo fundraiser takes place May 7

The Alpine Humane Society invites everyone to their annual fundraising event to be held at the Granada Theatre on Sunday, May 7.

There will be a salsa contest, a silent auction, and live music from 4 to 7 p.m.

The salsa entries should be submitted at The

Granada between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. and should be in a large serving bowl. Chips will be provided by the Alpine Humane Society for the salsa tasting, so that a people's choice winner can be chosen by the public.

A celebrity judge will be on hand to determine the official winner of the

Salsa de Mayo contest.

The silent auction will feature offerings of gift certificates for restaurants and stores in Alpine, Marfa, and Fort Davis. There will also be hand-crafted jewelry, accessories, housewares, artwork, autographed sports memorabilia, pet products, gift baskets, and other items

available to bid on.

Anyone who wishes to donate items to the silent auction can drop them off at the Alpine Humane Society office at 600 N. 5th Street at the corner of Avenue A between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by the end of Friday.

For more information call 432-837-2532.

## Celebrating earth's dark skies



City Manager Megan Antrim and Councilor Judy Stokes, Ward 1, awarded high school artists for their Earth Day artwork to be included in a Dark Skies Coloring Book. Pictured are City Manager, Megan Antrim, Virginia Acosta-Honorable Mention, Lindsey Valenzuela-First Place, Madison Mendoza-Second Place, and Ward 1 Councilor, Judy Stokes. Not pictured are Third Place recipient Jackson Homrighaus, and Guillermo Busy-Honorable Mention.

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# Opinions

## ONLINE POLL

### RESULTS

#### WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO START A DAY?

##### RESULTS

WITH A CUP OF COFFEE

75% (3 votes)

WITH A HOT SHOWER

0% (0 votes)

WITH A COLD BEER

0% (0 votes)

WITH THE SNOOZE BUTTON

25% (1 vote)

TOTAL votes: 4

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now the Avalanche asks:

What is the best way to start a day?

-With a cup of coffee

-With a hot shower

-With a cold beer

-With the snooze button

Vote for this week's poll online at: [www.AlpineAvalanche.com](http://www.AlpineAvalanche.com)

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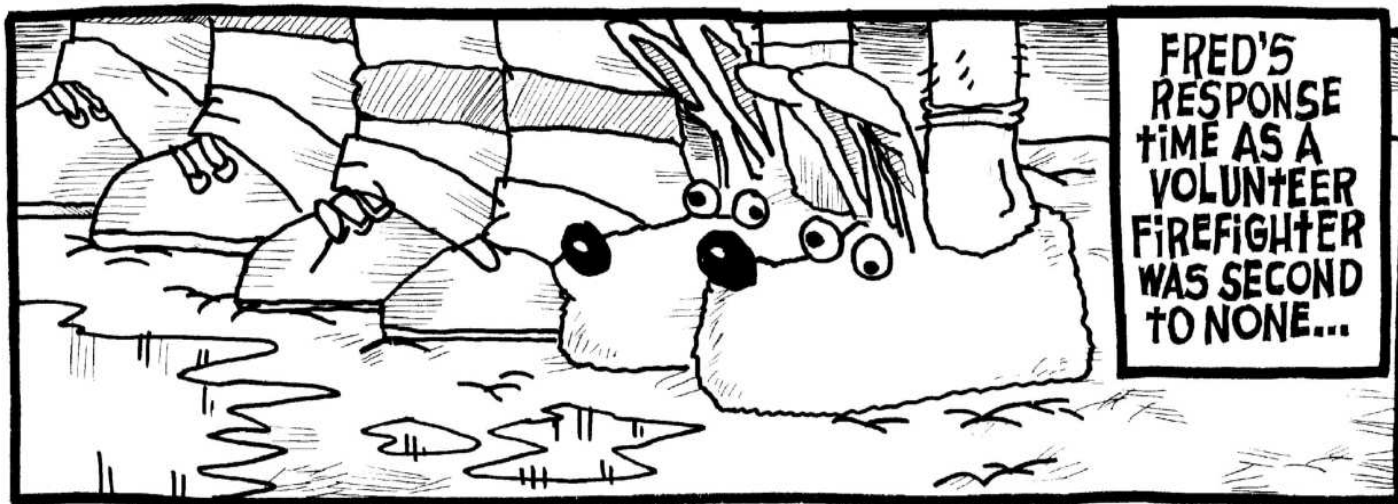
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If you remodel without a permit, you're taking a bigger leap of faith that your contractor knows what he is doing. When it comes to business, there is sometimes a tendency to take shortcuts to maximize profits. With building inspectors inspecting your property, you can literally sleep easier knowing you have licensed professionals protecting you every step of the way. Given you are paying to have your project inspected, the building inspector is supposed to be on the homeowner's side. The building inspector makes sure all the electrical, plumbing, and

building work is done to code. The last thing you want is faulty wiring that results in your house burning down.

Therefore, no matter how painful the inspection process is, the key is reminding yourself the building inspector is there for your own good. In fact, the more times an inspector has to come over to your house and evaluate the work, the more you're getting out of your permit fee! If you execute the work yourself, it's even more important to have someone experienced inspect the details. A good inspector will provide guidance on how to get things done right and pass your inspection. Furthermore, unpermitted renovations might violate your home insurance policy. Let's say the work was done incorrectly and, as a result, faulty electric work sparks a house fire.

The damage caused may not be covered, leaving you with a costly nightmare.

Permits are also a simple way to keep your contractors in line and doing their best work. When your contractor knows that permits are required, along with the detailed inspections that follow, they are more likely to complete the job in a more thorough, professional manner. Their work will be completed with the knowledge that, in addition to making the client happy, their work must be up to code and pass all inspections. Without permits, who knows what corners a contractor might cut, knowingly or unknowingly?

We are all residents of Alpine, and we want all of us to be able to live and visit without worry for our safety.

## Before Mother's Day, it's Derby Day

*"Weep no more my lady,  
Oh, weep no more today.  
We will sing one song,  
For My Old Kentucky Home,  
For My Old Kentucky Home,  
far away."*

— *"My Old Kentucky Home"* by Stephen Collins Foster, known as "the father of American music."

May 6 is Derby Day.

That's when jockeys dressed in brightly colored silks will parade thoroughbred horses before fans at Churchill Downs. The University of Louisville marching band will play "My Old Kentucky Home."

Ladies will sport their finest in large, lavish hats. Men and women alike will wash away all cares enjoying the time-honored ritual of sipping mint juleps from frosted cups.

Week-long activities will peak late Saturday afternoon with the starting bell for "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports." Time will stand still for the "Run for the Roses." The 149th running of the Kentucky Derby will be underway in Louisville.

A tip for novices. Should you find yourself talking about the Derby, know how to pronounce the city's name. That's 'Lu-ah-vull' or even 'Lu-vull.' Pronounce it 'Louis - ville' with an 's' and you will be instantly outed as someone who knows

nothing about the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The event that made Lu-ah-vull famous, the first leg of horse racing's legendary Triple Crown for three-year-olds, has long served as my reminder that Mother's Day is just a few days away. The two events are one to me. My Mom, Indianola Johnson, was born in Winchester, Kentucky, in 1923 and graduated from Clark County High School in 1941.

A couple years of college and working defense-related jobs later, she met a soldier from East Texas. He was a young recruit with the U.S. Army 276th combat engineers on maneuvers in Tennessee preparing for action in the European Theater as World War II raged.

On leave following training in August of 1944, he took her to his hometown of Pittsburg, Texas, where they were married at the Methodist parsonage. Days later when the 276th sailed for Belgium, she lived with his parents until he returned home after V.E. Day. They spent 63 years of married life together in Texas before Dad died in 2007. Throughout those years, Mom never forgot her roots in the Bluegrass State.

Mom was the oldest of six



**LEON ALDRIDGE**  
Guest Columnist

siblings and was the first to marry. As she was planning a wedding and a move to Texas, her father wrote her a letter that she kept in her cedar chest. It remains with me today. In the letter, Arthur Johnson advised his oldest daughter to be true to God, herself, and her family, emphasizing the importance of staying close to her siblings as each of them began their own families.

Remain close they did. Annual family reunions spread between Texas and Kentucky, and Christmas season gatherings rotating between homes for decades clearly defined the meaning of 'family' for me.

That heritage led me not only an appreciation for the Kentucky Derby, but it also strongly influenced my fondness for food found in the region. Namely snappy cheese dip, and Ale-8s.

Originating in Clark County more than 85 years ago, the tangy cheese snack debuted at a well-known Kentucky River eatery at Fort Boonesborough called Allman's Fisherman's Inn. The dip and its heritage are alive and well today thanks to Hall's on the River, a restaurant near the location where Allman's once stood.

Snappy cheese is best enjoyed with a ginger flavored Ale-8 soft drink bottled only in Winchester since 1926. A favorite snapshot of Mom captured her standing under an Ale 8 sign with her sisters. They appear to be teenagers, dating the photo in the late 1930s.

Mom often talked about introducing my father to snappy cheese and Ale-8 at Hall's before they married.

For many years, my watching the Derby included a phone call to Mom regardless of where my wanderings took me. It gave her an excuse to talk about Kentucky, sharing often repeated stories of her memories of growing up in the horseracing region of Kentucky.

It also gave me a chance to wish her a happy Mother's Day.

Mom died in 2010, but Derby Day still reminds me of her. And it still reminds me that Mother's Day is coming up.

I miss you, Mom. Thought about calling you with the Derby approaching. Saw some odds in the paper yesterday that Forte out of South Gate Farms is the 5-2 favorite to win. Tapit Trice is the 6-1 second choice, and Angel of Empire at 9-1 is third.

And by the way, Mom, Happy Mother's Day. Once the Derby's run, it's just a few days away, you know.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Alpine, I got hacked last week**

I have spent the last 10 days getting new personal and business bank accounts and all that entails: debit card-checks-on-line banking, etc, getting my computer operational again and getting my life back together.

Let me tell you that is not an easy project. I could not have done it without the extremely quick and conscientious assistance from Phillip Carey and Martina Barragan at the Alpine branch of West Texas National Bank and Yossy Flores at the Midland branch.

Also, Mark Hannan from Nectar Computers was terrific. He very quickly came to my rescue and spent a couple of days getting my computer working again. Trey from the online services at BBT broadband helped get me connected again. Phillip, Martina, Yossy,

Mark and Trey — I owe my mental and financial well-being to you.

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Folks, these hacking people are very good; be very sure you are very careful.

Chachi Hawkins

### Dollar General

In spite of all the opposition to it, Dollar General has managed to get approval to build another store in Alpine. The

most recent one is located in a residential neighborhood on the Fort Davis highway.

It appears that someone sold us out regarding this horror.

Big business always manages to bully folks into getting its own way.

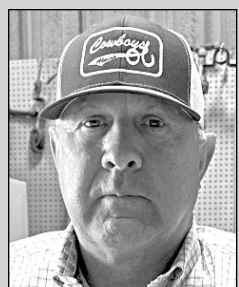
I respectfully request that the citizens of Alpine join me in

boycotting the Dollar General located on the Fort Davis highway.

Aggravated voter,  
Gayle Lewis

# Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What is the difference between a breakfast taco and a breakfast burrito?"



**Buddy Cavness:** There's no such thing as a breakfast taco!



**T.C. Hawkins:** Corn or flour tortilla is the difference.



**Leo Lara:** It's South Texas versus West Texas.



**Diego Calderon:** Difference is one is folded, and one is wrapped up.



**Troy Hernandez:** It's all about the size.

# ROCKSLIDES

Send your rockslides to editor@alpineavalanche.com.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 5 Kick-Off Cinco de Mayo Enchilada Supper**, 5-7 p.m. at the Alpine Elementary Cafeteria with performances by Johnny Milan y Grupo Allegre.

**May 6 Cinco de Mayo Celebration**, 12 p.m. Parade begins with celebrations along historic Murphy Street, including car shows, vendors, performers, and music.

**May 10 Holy Angels Cemetery Association**, 5:30 p.m. regular monthly meeting at the Chaparral Building 1009 E. Gallego.

**May 12 Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the American Legion a spaghetti dinner will be held. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased by contacting an AVFD member or their website.

**May 13 Mile-High Mountains Fest**, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Davis Mountains State Park



for Texas state park's centennial celebration.

**May 13 Seeing in the Dark: Watching Invisible Bird Migrations**, 7:30 p.m. presented by Alpine Public Library with Maureen G. Frank PhD.

### 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.

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

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

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

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**Kiwanis Club of Alpine**, noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210 See more at alpineavalanche.com.

# PET OF THE WEEK



Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Tuco! Tuco is a very loving and outgoing dog. He is a one-year-old Black Mouth Cur who loves long walks or runs but is also a great cuddling partner. He loves to be around people and will ask for belly rubs. He would be a great addition to any family.

Prepare your best salsa recipe and bring it to our Salsa de Mayo event at

The Granada Theatre on Sunday, May 7. Entries should arrive between 3:30 and 4:30 pm. We'll provide the chip! The event runs from 4 to 7 pm and will include a silent auction

with some amazing items donated by local businesses. The Rick Ruiz Trio will provide music, and all-beef loaded hot dogs will be available for purchase from Wdogs. The event is a fundraiser for Alpine Humane Society.

Pet promotions are courtesy of Alpine Humane Society. Alpine Animal Services handles pet adoptions at the city shelter, 10

am to 1 pm and 2 to 6 pm Monday through Friday at 2900 E. Old Marathon Highway. For information about shelter pet adoptions, cremation services, or lost/found pets, call the Shelter at 432-837-9030.

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

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF ALPINE THAT TWO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON MAY 9, 2023 & ON MAY 16, 2023 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CAPTIONED ORDINANCE:

**ORDINANCE 2023-05-01:** AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE PROPOSED SKYWAY GARDENS II DEVELOPMENT THAT IS ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS 5.000 ACRES OUT OF SECTION 102, BLOCK 9, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 10.0 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 314, PAGE 453, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY ID OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 32556.

THE PRELIMINARY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 9, 2023. THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 16, 2023. BOTH PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 803 WEST HOLLAND AVENUE TO HEAR CITIZEN VIEWS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED APPLICATION. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY AT (432) 837-3301, OPTION

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counselor and leading horseback expeditions.

The cowboy lifestyle and the epic landscapes of West Texas enchanted him.

As the question of a college education loomed near, Carl could not imagine going anywhere other than to Sul Ross State College, renamed Sul Ross State University in 1969, located in Alpine, amidst the mountains he so loved.

So, in 1964, at 17 years old, Carl stepped off the train in Alpine to begin his college career.

He settled into campus life and bonded with dorm roommate, Richard G. Duncan, a member of the famous Sul Ross Rodeo Club.

Richard longed to join the roster of names that got their start in the little arena at Sul Ross.

Tragically, he would never get the chance. Richard's dreams were cut short, when he and Carl were in a vehicle accident. For Richard, it was fatal. Somehow, Carl walked away. It was a defining moment — one that imbued a profound sense of meaning in everything Carl would do from that day on.

Carl found solace working as a hired hand for the Prude Ranch in the Davis Mountains.

Every weekend during college, he caught a ride from Alpine to Fort Davis with John G. Prude, a professor at Sul Ross and also owner of Prude Ranch. Carl cowboied, moving livestock from pasture to pasture. He experienced incredible solitude and humility inspired by the unfathomable beauty of nature all around.

It was a healing experience.

In due time, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in History and a minor in Government.

"The community I met here opened so many doors for me," Carl said of his college years.

Unsure of what to do next, the young graduate fell back on the family trade. He enrolled in law school at the University of Houston to become a third-generation lawyer in the Ryan line.

After passing the bar, he—again—couldn't imagine living anywhere but in the western part of the state. So, when he was offered a job in the trust department of El Paso National Bank, he jumped at the chance.

In 1972, Carl had the opportunity to buy some land adjacent to the Nations Ranch, where he used to roam as a young college student. He bought it and began considering his own private

getaway in the Davis Mountains.

In the early 1980s, Carl met Suzi Davidoff, an artist and his future wife, and hired her to design an adobe home in Madera Canyon and another one for Jerry Duncan. Jerry was Richard's father, and he and Carl became very close after Richard died.

In total, Suzi and Carl were able to piece together 1600 acres and place all of it under a conservation easement, forever protecting the land they love.

Carl has helped others in the surrounding mountains do the same and is proud that an extended stretch of Madera Creek watershed is now covered under similar protections.

"The conservation easement is nonpolitical," Carl observed.

With a conservation easement on their land, Carl and Suzi hope to help prevent land fragmentation from happening.

"Leave it like it is now—keep the present uses and appearances so future generations can look out and see the same landscapes that you see now," he implored.

A longtime volunteer in West Texas, Carl has maintained active roles on boards including The

Nature Conservancy and the Judd Foundation.

At his alma mater, Carl is an active board member of the Borderlands Research Foundation, the charitable arm of Borderlands Research Institute, which focuses on wildlife and conservation research.

"We share the same conservation goals. It's important to be able to rely on someone who can give us information about the challenges we face. The Borderlands Research Institute is important to Trans-Pecos landowners and to all the people who will inherit the Trans-Pecos," Carl said.

In honor of his 50-year anniversary of graduating from Sul Ross, Suzi and Carl pledged \$50,000 to the Borderlands Research Institute. The gift represents their faith that Sul Ross State University is in a position to do great things for the West Texas region.

"We are so appreciative of Carl's and Suzi's support to Borderlands Research Institute and Sul Ross State University," said Dr. Louis A. Harveson, who is the Dan Allen Hughes, Jr., Endowed Director of Borderlands Research Institute. "They have inspired us all with their commitment to conserv-

ing the land they love, and this major gift will help ensure that BRI's focus on wildlife and

conservation research will remain strong in the years and decades to come."

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600# - 700# Steers	205.00 to 224.00
600# - 700# Heifers	188.50 to 195.50
700# - 800# Steers	188.00 to 205.00
700# - 800# Heifers	170.00 to 188.50
Packer Cows	88.00 to 98.00
Canner & Cutter Cows	72.00 to 80.00
Packer Bulls	100.00 to 114.50
Feeder Bulls	85.00 to 92.00
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especially steep for many farmers and ranchers who are already in a pinch. Even those with insurance for their property find themselves at a loss as the damages caused by border crimes are oftentimes not covered.

For many farmers and ranchers, this leaves them with no other option but to turn to their hard-earned savings to cover repairs.

This issue has become a serious concern for many farmers and ranchers in Texas, posing a serious threat to their livelihoods and operations. Unfortunately, the situation is only worsening. According to the Senate Committee on Border Security Interim

report, property damage caused by border-related crimes is a widespread issue affecting not only border communities but interior counties.

In response to the situation, I filed and passed SB1133 with bipartisan support to establish a program under the Office of the Attorney General to help farmers and ranchers who suffer property damage as a result of border-related trafficking and smuggling crimes. "Senate Bill 1133 will relieve our hard-working farmers and ranchers of the financial burden of costly repairs," said Sen. Blanco.

Senate Bill 1133 is modeled after the Crime Victim's Compensation,

CVC Program to help victims and their immediate families with the financial costs of crime. However, farmers and ranchers who have experienced property damage caused by border-related crimes are not eligible under the CVC Program. We should acknowledge these farmers and ranchers as victims of crime, and they should be compensated as such.

While we need Congress to step up and address our broken immigration and border security system, Senate Bill 1133 is a great bipartisan demonstration by the State of Texas to support its citizens and victims. Farmers and ranchers work tirelessly

day in and day out to put food on the table for families across America. I am proud to lead this fight to make sure our ranchers and farmers are supported and not left to fend for themselves!

**Marathon Independent School District  
Request for Proposal No. 423-01  
Silent Panic Alert System**

Marathon ISD is soliciting proposals for a Silent Panic Alert System. MISD is a single campus district with multiple instructional buildings. The silent panic alert technology is defined as a silent system signal generated by the activation of a device, either manually or through software applications, intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation (such as an active shooter, intruder, or other emergency situation) requiring a response from law enforcement and/or other first responders.

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Proposals will be presented to the Board of Trustees during a regularly scheduled meeting, to be held on May 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at 109 N. 5th Street, Marathon, TX 79842.

System specifications, RFP submission requirements, and timelines are available at [www.marathonisd.net](http://www.marathonisd.net) under the School Finance/Procurement tabs, or may be obtained from the district's business office

Victoria Sanchez, Business Manager  
vsanchez@marathonisd.net  
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Marathon ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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possess more than three years of experience. The program will begin in June and run through the 2023-2024 school year. Residents will complete coursework and certifi-

cation through Sul Ross while also completing action research projects, shadowing an administrator mentor, leading a campus initiative, and mastering real-world ad-

ministrator skills. For more information, email Dr. Michelle Rinehart at [mrinehart@alpineisd.net](mailto:mrinehart@alpineisd.net) or Dr. Haan at [Jennifer.haan@sulross.edu](mailto:Jennifer.haan@sulross.edu).

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The **Alpine Housing Authority (AHA)** will hold a **Public Meeting**  
Date: June 14, 2023  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Location: 1024 North 5th Street  
Alpine, Texas 79830

To receive comments on the HOUSING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016 (HOTMA). AHA will decide on Section 103: Over-Income Limits for Public Housing. Section 103 creates new limitations on program participation for families residing in public housing that remain over-income (OI) for 24 consecutive months. After a 24-month grace period, PHA policy may allow OI families to continue to live in a public housing unit paying an alternative rent. If the PHA does not adopt such a policy, the PHA must terminate tenancy of the OI family within six months of the final notification. All documents will be on display at the office of the Housing Authority, 1024 North 5th Street, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8AM to 5PM (closed during noon hour).

**Nominations for voting membership Region E Far West Texas Water Planning Group**

The Far West Texas Water Planning Group is seeking nominations to fill three voting positions on the Far West Texas Water Planning Group.

**The positions are as follows:**

- Water Districts** - Term expires December 2026
- River Authorities** - Term expires December 2025
- Electric Generating Utilities** - Term expires December 2025
- Economic Development** - Term expires December 2026
- Tourism**

Conditions of Membership: To be eligible for voting membership in the Planning Group, a person must represent the interest for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process, and abide by the Bylaws of the Region E Far West Texas Water Planning Group.

Nominations (Nomination letter and a Résumé or biography of the nominee are required) must be received by May 30, 2023, addressed to:  
Annette Gutierrez Administrative Officer Far West Texas Water Planning Group 8037 Lockheed Drive, Suite 100 El Paso, Texas 79925  
Or By email to: [annetteg@riocog.org](mailto:annetteg@riocog.org)





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# Sports

## Fightin' Buck Schedule

### BASEBALL

**May 5:** Alpine vs Denver City, Bi-District in Crane @ 6 p.m.

**May 6:** Alpine vs Denver City, Game 2 @ 12 p.m.

## Lady Runnin' Buck relay team is state bound

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Runnin' Bucks of Alpine High School took to the track and field at Elmer Gray stadium in Abilene this past weekend for the Region 1-3A track meet. The 800-meter relay team of Danica Mulholland, Novah Carrasco, Valeria Crespo, and Vanessa Rice placed third and had a time that beat out another team in a different region, earning them the Wild Card spot at the state meet in Austin.

Although, the girls' relay team was the only one to advance to state, all of the athletes did well, with many of the contestants putting up personal record times in their respective events.

Alpine's Lady Buck



**Runnin'Lady Bucks 800m relay team of Novah Carrasco, Valeria Crespo, Danica Mulholland, and Vanessa Rice.**

hurdler, Mia Morris had a personal best time of 46.67 in the 300m hurdles. Morris has placed first in this event and the 100m hurdles throughout the track and field season at previous meets. Emy

Hernandez also had a personal best time of 1:01.80 in the 400m race.

Valeria Crespo, who dominated the 100m dash throughout the season, came in fifth this past weekend out of 16 competitors, and Emy

Hernandez placed eighth out of the 16 in the 800m.

In the other relays, the team of Morris, Crespo, Carrasco, and Rice in the 400m relay placed fourth at this meet.

In the field events, Vanessa Rice would

place third in the triple jump and seventh in the long jump.

The two Runnin' Bucks on the boys' team, John DeGuia and Hatfield Cason, both had personal best times in their events this past weekend. Although DeGuia did not place, he had a personal best time of 16.25 in the 110m hurdles.

Cason placed seventh in the 1600m out of 16 competitors and had a personal best time of 4:40.

According to the UIL website, the girls' 800m relay team is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 6:25 p.m. at the Mike A. Meyers stadium in Austin. This schedule is tentative and is subject to change.

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## The bats were flying at Kokernot Field

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The bats were flying Saturday, April 22 when the Sul Ross Lobos took on Howard Payne in an offensive slugfest.

Both teams began the game with even wins and losses in American Southwest Conference play, with an 11-13 record, but the bats would not reflect those losses in this matchup. With a combined 49 runs in this series finale and 53 hits total, the Lobos would fall just short by three, but did not let their fans down in the excitement department.

The Yellow Jackets

would overcome a 12-run deficit in the sixth, knocking in 14 runs to top the Lobos 26-23 by the bottom of the ninth.

Howard Payne would start the game off with a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Lobos would answer back when Tristan Karels hit a two-run home run, followed by Carsen Thor driving in a run with a double to left center, and Matthew Wheeler following with an RBI single.

The Yellow Jackets would score a run in the top of the second, but Sul Ross would answer back with five in the bottom of the second,

leading Howard Payne by four.

The Yellow Jackets wouldn't put up any runs in the third or the fourth, while the Lobos would add five more to the board, with an impressive lead of 14-2. The fifth inning would see a run by both teams, but the sixth is where the tide began to change for the Yellow Jackets.

Trailing the Lobos 15-3, the Yellow Jackets would add 10 hits, five of them being home runs, and bring a total of 14 runs for the inning, leading the Lobos 17-15.

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**Adrian Lujan on the mound against the Kermit Yellowjackets last Friday night at Kokernot Field.**

Photo by Felipe Fierro

## Bucks topple Kermit at home

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

The Alpine Bucks took to the field last Friday night, to celebrate senior night and take on the Kermit Yellowjackets one more time.

Their bats were hot, and their stealing game was on point.

Adrian Lujan would start on the mound for the Bucks, allowing seven hits and four runs


while striking out nine in five innings.

Iden Lujan would lead Alpine in hits for the night, going 3-for-4 at the plate.

The bottom of the first would see the Bucks on the board after the Yellowjackets walked Jace Canaba and hit Teagan Emerson with a pitch. This was followed by Cody Morris with a

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### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## AMS tennis players



Alpine Middle School tennis players wrapped up their season at the District Tournament in Andrews. Pictured are Danny Santos, Emerson Walker-third place seventh grade boys' singles, Lili Mendoza-fourth place seventh grade girls' singles, and Andynne Ramirez-second place seventh grade girls' singles.

Courtesy photo

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ground a ball to the short stop, advancing Canaba to third and Emerson to second, and then followed by AJ Llanez, who reached on an error and scored Canaba.

Emerson would then score on a wild pitch to Ramon Villanueva.

A ground ball single by Iden Lujan would bring in Morris, followed shortly by Aiden Garcia being hit by a pitch and advancing Llanez to the plate, bringing the score to 4-0 in the bottom of the first.

In the bottom of the second, Emerson would be caught stealing home, but Morris would score on an error by the Yellowjackets third baseman and Llanez would advance to third on the same error. Kermit's fireballer would sling another wild pitch to Elijah Villanueva which would advance Llanez to score, bringing the Bucks ahead 6-0 in the bottom of the second.

The bottom of the third would see the Bucks put

two more on the board with a double by Canaba to bring in Iden Lujan and an error by Kermit's second baseman would advance Canaba, making it 8-0 in favor of the Bucks.

The bottom of the fourth would see the Bucks put up their total runs for the game, adding three more to the board by Iden Lujan, Garcia, and Canaba thanks to steals by Canaba and Garcia with a line drive single to center by Emerson.

Kermit would rally for four in the top of the fifth and two in the top of the seventh, but were unable to overcome the deficit, leaving the Bucks winning their second match-up against the Yellowjackets 11-6.

The Bucks will face Denver City in Crane this Friday at 6 p.m. with game two on Saturday at noon. If a game three is needed it will commence 30 minutes after the game on Saturday.

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Sul Ross would tie the game again in the bottom of the sixth, but the Yellow Jackets would score twice in the top of the seventh to lead 19-17.

By the top of the eighth, Howard Payne would extend their lead 22-18, but the Lobos Estevan Ortiz would hit a three-run homerun in the bottom of the eighth to drop the deficit by one.

In the top of the ninth, the Yellow Jackets responded, scoring four more runs to increase their lead by five, but the Lobos were not done fighting.

Thor would knock in a two-RBI single to left field, cutting the deficit to three runs. Unfortunately for the Lobos, Thor's rally would end with the bases loaded and a third out courtesy of the Yellow Jackets third baseman.

There were 16 different pitchers used during this offensive showdown, with the Yellow Jackets tallying 30 hits to 23 by the Lobos. Six of the Lobos had multiple hits on the day.

Jared Roiz would finish 4 for 5 with two singles, two home runs, five runs scored, two walks, and seven RBI. Wheeler would tally five singles to go 5 for 7 with three RBI, while Thor had four RBI, finishing 3 for 6 with two singles and a double.

Ortiz went 3 for 7 with a single, a double, a home run, and three RBI, and Aaron Morales re-

corded two singles, a triple, a walk, and an RBI, going 3 for 6 on the day. Karels would go 3 for 5 with two singles, a home run, two walks and three RBI for the contest, while Tye Lindsey was walked three times and finished 1 for 4 with a single and two RBI on the day.

After this exciting match-up the Lobos hit the road to Schreiner University in a non-conference single game, followed by a three-game match-up for their final regular season game against the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton. The Lobos would drop the first game last Thursday by a single run, 7-8 but would rally on Friday and Saturday with wins of 13-4 and 15-4 to close out their regular season play.

Due to their hard work on the field, the Lobos won a three-way tie-breaker and received a fifth-seed spot in the American Southwest Conference tournament. Going 4-2 against Le Tourneu and Howard Payne, the Lobos will head to the ASC tourney for the first time since 2019. This is the seventh appearance at this tournament for Sul Ross.

The tournament will be hosted by East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, May 4-7 with the Lobos taking the field against fourth-seeded Hardin Simmons at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 in a double elimination format.

## Lady Bucks end season with impressive record

BY KARA GERBERT  
Managing Editor

Although the Lady Bucks' softball team would fall to Littlefield last Friday during their Bi-District bid, they had an impressive season of 18-10.

Game one would see Littlefield on the board first, leading by three until a homerun by Kody Hawkins in the bottom of the third would bring in Jacee Portillo and Sierra Ruckman and tie the game. Alpine would put no other runs on the board and would fall 11-3.

In game two, the Lady Bucks would collect more hits than their Littlefield competition, but the Wildcats would take the win again.

Alpine out hit the Wildcats 12-6, with



Alpine Lady Bucks softball team are shown here after they defeated the Kermit Lady Jackets in their last regular season district game.

Photo by Felipe Fierro

Hawkins and Portillo leading the Lady Bucks with three hits a piece, along with Nayeli Acosta adding multiple hits during the game.

Once again, Littlefield ledoff the scoring with two runs in the top of the first, while the bottom of the second saw Ruckman hit an RBI double to advance Por-

tillo for a run, bringing the score 2-1. Although Alexis Rodriguez would ground out in the bottom of the first, Ruckman was still able to advance for a second run to tie the game.

Alpine would add five more runs in the bottom of the second, to lead the Wildcats 7-2, but they would answer back

in the top of the third, pulling ahead by one. The Wildcats would add another run in the top of the fourth, and Alpine would add their final run of the game in the bottom of the fourth still trailing 9-8.

Littlefield would add their final run in the top of the seventh, to win game two 10-8.

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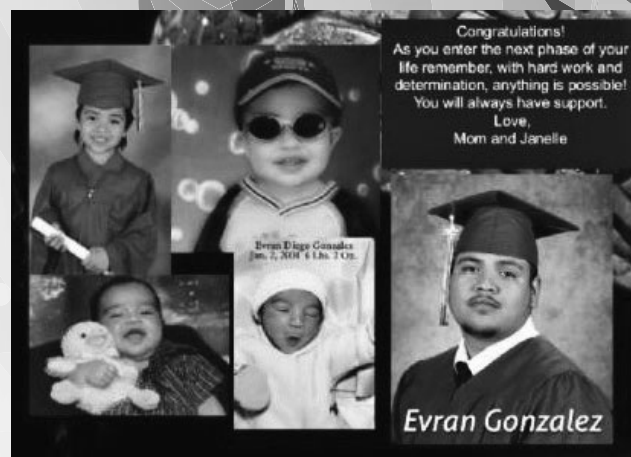
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Members of the Alpine FFA horse judging and livestock judging teams competed in Lubbock at Texas Tech recently for the Area competition. The horse judging team, consisting of Kendyl Haraway, Reese Coleman, and Mia Lewis placed first in district and 11th in Area competition. The livestock judging team consisting of Kaitlyn Wiggins, Tannin Ritchie, and Clancey Newman placed third in district and 29th in Area competition.



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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Corvyn Leonard

**In what activities did you participate in high school?**

In my former high school, I participated in pep band, jazz band, concert band, and One Act Play. In Alpine, I've participated in concert and marching band.

**Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?**

My favorite teacher is one from my former school, Mrs. O'Connor. She was the English teacher there, and somehow made speech class tolerable.

**What was your favorite moment the last four years?**



Corvyn Leonard

My favorite moment was when Mrs. O let me shatter a mug as part of a presentation in Speech class.

**What are your plans after high school?**

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## Devotional Page

# Can we solve the world's biggest problem?

BY REV. MICHAEL WALLENS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marfa

An episode of the Freakonomics Radio podcast I heard focused on a team of brilliant researchers competing for a \$100 million grant from the MacArthur Foundation. The prize will be given to the group with the best idea for curing one social problem anywhere in the world. Angela Duckworth and Katy Milkman are competing for the prize because they believe they've identified the biggest problem in the world—us. Even when we possess the right knowledge and resources, they say, humans still make bad choices that hurt themselves and others. Duckworth and Milkman, along with an all-star team of academics, think they can find the solution by perfecting the science of behavior change.

While helping people make better decisions is a worthy goal, I was struck by the almost utopian tone of the podcast. "Could solving this one problem," the host asked, "solve all the others?" If a system were developed to ensure people made wise decisions, the podcast speculated, then every other great dilemma—including poverty,

climate change, and even terrorism—could be overcome. Perfecting behavioral change through science was framed as the holy grail of human progress; the ultimate tool to vanquish our depravity and finally bring lasting peace and prosperity to the world.

Despite their lofty goal, I'm fairly certain what plagues humanity is beyond the healing power of PhD's with \$100 million. The project is just the latest example of a reoccurring modern dream—the eradication of evil through human ingenuity and social progress. Karl Marx tried with enforced economic equality. Adolf Hitler tried through racial purity. Even Walt Disney tried with his "Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow," a.k.a. EPCOT.

Combating the effects of evil and solving the world's problems is a calling we ought to embrace, but Jesus makes clear in his parable of the Wheat and the Weeds that completely eliminating evil in this age is not our calling nor is it possible. The final work of eradicating evil from creation is God's alone. History shows that when we arrogantly assume we alone possess this divine vocation, rather than solving the greatest problem in the world we become part of it.

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Representative,  
Estate of Michael Lane Scudder, Deceased  
c/o Elizabeth J. Lewis, Attorney at Law  
SIBLEY ANDERSON LEWIS  
121 N. 6th St.  
Alpine, Texas 79830

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED May 1, 2023

Jessica Scudder  
By *Elizabeth J. Lewis*  
Elizabeth J. Lewis, Attorney for Applicant

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CAUSE NO. CVB22107**

To: DEFENDANTS C. L. BENNINGFIELD, JESUS BERRERA, RAMONA KNIFFEN CARNES, THOMAS R. DAVILLA, AL DRIFFILL, NADINE KNIFFEN ENGELKING, F. P. ESTRADA, T.H. GONZALEZ, W. W. KELLEY, WILEY C. MCNEILL, M. A. NEEDHAM, MARTIN LEWIS PLASS, ROBERT JOSEPH PLASS, G. P. ROBINSON, J. ZULOAGA V., IGNACIO YAGUE AND ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN DEFENDANT HEIRS, OWNERS, OR CLAIMANTS OF ANY INTEREST, RIGHT, OR TITLE IN: .25-acre tract of land being out of and part of Survey 216, Block G-4, H.E. & W.T. Railroad Company Grant, Abstract 4056, Brewster County, Texas, and also being out of and part of that same certain tract called El Pueblo described in a conveyance document to Robert Cockrell, recorded in Volume 161, Page 721 of the Brewster County Official Public Records, Brewster County, Texas.

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION STATED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2023, AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.**

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiffs at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days, after the date of service of this citation stated this 13th day of April, 2023, before the Honorable Roy B. Ferguson, 394th Judicial District Court of Brewster County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Alpine, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 21st day of July 2022, in cause number CVB22107 on the docket of said court and styled:

**THERESE M. CALLAHAN and TIMOTHY J. CALLAHAN**  
vs.  
C. L. BENNINGFIELD, JESUS BERRERA, RAMONA KNIFFEN CARNES, ROBERT COCKRELL, THOMAS R. DAVILLA, AL DRIFFILL, NADINE KNIFFEN ENGELKING, F. P. ESTRADA, T.H. GONZALEZ, W. W. KELLEY, WILEY C. MCNEILL, M. A. NEEDHAM, MARTIN LEWIS PLASS, ROBERT JOSEPH PLASS, G. P. ROBINSON, J. ZULOAGA V., and IGNACIO YAGUE

The nature of this cause is to wit: **CLAIMS FOR ADVERSE POSSESSION AND QUIT TITLE OF THE REAL PROPERTY MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:** .25-acre tract of land being out of and part of Survey 216, Block G-4, H.E. & W.T. Railroad Company Grant, Abstract 4056, Brewster County, Texas, and also being out of and part of that same certain tract called El Pueblo described in a conveyance document to Robert Cockrell, recorded in Volume 161, Page 721 of the Brewster County Official Public Records, Brewster County, Texas, AND FOR A DECLARATION OF A FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN PLAINTIFFS AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN BY PLAINTIFFS' PETITION ON FILE IN THIS SUIT.

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Alpine, Brewster County, Texas this the 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS:  
SIBLEY ANDERSON LEWIS  
SARAH SIBLEY KLEIN  
121 N 6TH STREET  
ALPINE, TEXAS 79830

Sarah Fellows Martinez, District Clerk  
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By: *Brianne Kelley* (Seal)

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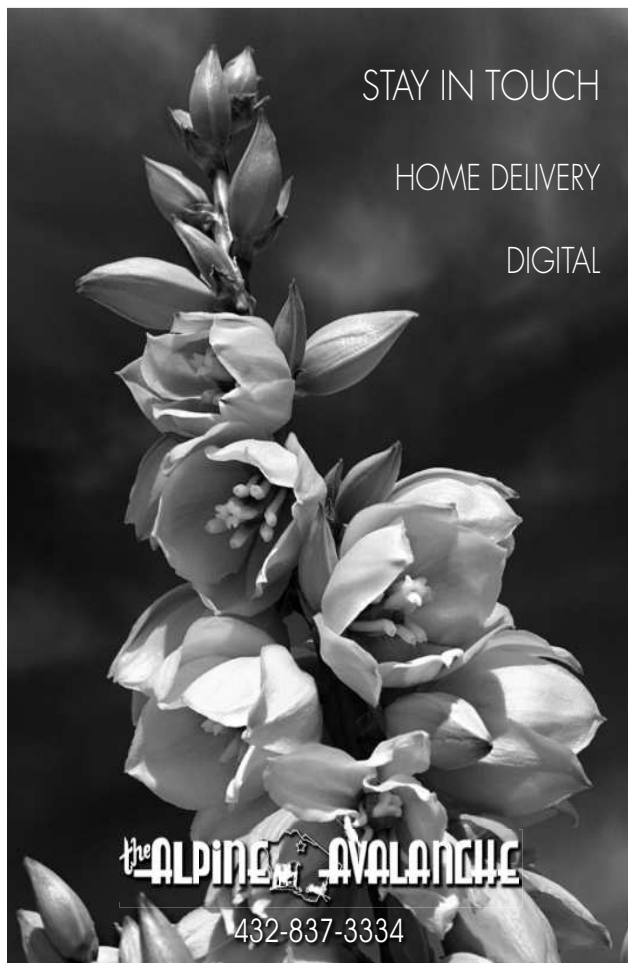
APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT (BG) BY START LOCAL, LLC, DBA BREWS & HUES, A PROTECTED SERIES OF START LOCAL, LLC, TO BE LOCATED AT 209 E HOLLAND AVE, ALPINE, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS. OFFICER OF SAID CORPORATION IS BENJAMIN GARCIA, OWNER/MANAGER.

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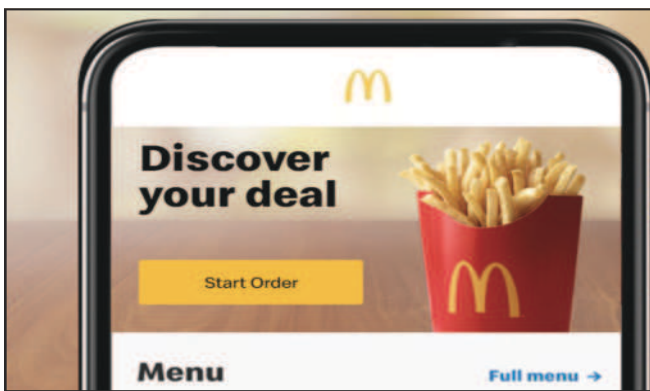
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# Taco Tuesdays just took a healthy turn

In an effort to try and eat a little healthier, I went on an internet scavenger hunt, to try and find a somewhat healthier option to an old favorite.

Let's face it, everyone likes tacos. So, a taco recipe that offered added health benefits was the best idea as far as "health food" was concerned that I've ever come across. Now don't worry, you still get all the good stuff found in tacos; the meat, the cheese, the guacamole, the sour cream, and the lettuce and tomatoes, and whatever else you choose to pile into a taco. I decided to add sauteed mushrooms, just because. The healthy part of this comes in the form of the vessel. No tortillas here, of any kind.

Instead of your typical tortilla, I used a baked sweet potato. I know, sounds kind of strange when you think about it. How can a sweet potato with taco fixings be good? Well, I'm here to tell you that they are delicious and super filling. They are also good for you.

If you look at a plate of three tacos in corn tortillas, especially if you add in rice and beans on the side, you are looking at some serious carbs and calories. In a plate of two beef tacos in corn torti-



**HEAD OVER MEALS**  
by kara gerbert



Stuffed Sweet Potato Tacos

Courtesy photo

are inexpensive, and readily available year-round.

They offer vitamins A and C, which helps build immunity, B6, magnesium, iron, and offer six grams of fiber. They offer antioxidants in

the form of beta carotene, anti-inflammatory benefits, and loads of potassium to support your cardiovascular system. They support healthy vision and due to their fiber content can aid in weight loss by providing support for your digestive system as well as keep you fuller longer.


The best part about using a sweet potato as your taco vessel, is that your taco fillings can be just as versatile as they would be if you were using corn tortillas.

So, let your imagination run wild, and use whatever taco fillings you love, just add it to a sweet potato.

llas with sides of beans and rice, you are looking at 780 calories, 110 grams of carbohydrates, 27 grams of fat, and 36 grams of protein according to the website myfitnesspal.com.

If you double that or add on another taco, making it three, as is a normal plate at most restaurants or even at home, your calories jump to 1170, and everything else increases as well. If you're trying to watch carbs and calories, while better than many Mexican food options, these numbers are still considerably high. For a standard 2000 calorie diet, a three-taco plate leaves you just 830 calories for the rest of the day if you are strict with your numbers. It leaves even less if you are keeping your calories to 1500 or even 1200.


Why are sweet potatoes the way to go? Many reasons, as it turns out. For one, sweet potatoes



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## Stuffed Sweet Potato Tacos

*Yields three servings-recipe uses an air fryer*

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| <p><b>Ingredients:</b><br/>3 medium to large, sweet potato, sliced vertically about 1/2 inch deep<br/>1 lb. of browned, ground beef, seasoned to taste.<br/>3 diced green onion<br/>3 finely diced, de-seeded and de-veined jalapenos<br/>3 finely diced Roma tomato<br/>Small amount of</p> | <p>chopped, fresh cilantro<br/>3 tablespoons freshly made guacamole or sliced avocado<br/>1 package of cleaned, sliced, and sauteed mushrooms; optional<br/>8 ounces of preferred type of shredded cheese<br/>Sour cream; optional<br/>Shredded lettuce</p> |
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- Directions:**
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| <p>Bake pre-sliced sweet potatoes at 400 degrees for one hour in an air fryer.<br/>While the potatoes are baking, prepare your fresh toppings.<br/>Brown your ground meat and saute mushrooms if desired.</p> | <p>Prepare your fresh guacamole.<br/>When the potatoes are done, spread apart just as you would a standard baked potato and pile high with your toppings.<br/>Eat and enjoy!</p> |
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