

Marathon cowgirl headed to The American

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The American Rodeo is an annual western sports and entertainment event that represents the richest weekend event in all of western sports. This annual event brings together the top professional rodeo athletes to compete in a winner take all competition that could culminate in the largest two-day paycheck of their careers.

Marathon native Emilee Charlesworth is headed to The American Rodeo Contender Regional semi-finals once again to compete in the breakaway roping. Charlesworth secured an automatic qualification to the competition for the central region, which she says is the toughest region of competition. Invitees are selected based on their 2023 season-ending

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Viva Big Bend is back for its 12th year

BY JOH COVINGTON
Staff Writer

Summer in Big Bend means good food and live music. Locals and tourists alike are revving up for one of the liveliest events hosted in the area, as Viva Big Bend gets ready for its 12th year of celebration.

This year's lineup, which kicks off right around the corner on July 27, is spread all over the region. From Fort Davis to Terlingua and Marfa to Marathon, visitors

should study the schedule to ensure they don't miss a single set.

Almost every business in Alpine will have its doors open for West Texas and party lovers alike.

Approximately, 65 bands are expected at 20 locations this year, a new record for the event. On the schedule, the Railroad Blues and Planet Marfa are hosting every day for the event, Thursday through Sunday. On Thursday and Friday, the Spicewood



Summer Dean, along with Anthony Ray Wright and Bonnie Montgomery performed as the Ameripolitan Outlaw Daughters during Viva Big Bend 2018 at Eve's Garden in Marathon.

Photo by Kara Gerbert

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Heading for home



Alpine Cowboys manager Sean Persky rounds third base as he heads for home during the 2023 Mountain Division All-Star Game at Kokernot Field on Sunday, July 16. Persky managed his team to a 12-7 win and put himself in as a pinch hitter in the sixth inning against his younger brother, Spencer.

Photo by Julie Myers

Area high school students can fast track into medical school

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

As many in West Texas are aware, finding good healthcare in our rural setting is a challenge. Physicians come and go with regularity, but thanks to Dr. Adrian Billings and his connections, there may be some light at the end of the tunnel.

Dr. Billings hosts physicians completing their residencies through the Preventive Care Health Services. These residents are focused on healthcare in rural communities while they are here, and they're getting paid to do it.

Rural and residency are the key ingredients for high school students looking into entering the medical field through a program called the Primary Care Pathway Program or PCPP for short. This accelerated program focuses on recruiting students to become physicians in a rural setting. It is a partnership between Midland College and the University of North Texas. It is rigorous and requires the type of dedication one would expect of a medical

student, but students can become a licensed physician within seven years.

These pre-med students must spend their first two years at Midland College completing pre-PCPP courses. They are invited to apply for Early Acceptance Notification from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine or TCOM, which is a part of the University of North Texas Health Science Center, or UNTHSC in Fort Worth. Following this program allows students to forgo the MCAT test usually required to enter medical school and there is no bachelor's degree required either.

Students must complete their second year at Midland College and then transfer to a four-year institution. Those students who were invited to the Early Acceptance Notification and accepted, must transfer to the University of North Texas in Denton for their third and final year of undergraduate studies.

Not everyone is accepted into the PCPP program. The Midland College PCPP Advisory Committee combs over student ap-



Having just completed her first year in the Primary Care Pathway Program, a former Alpine High School graduate is fast-tracking her way to becoming a doctor. From left is her mom, Virginia Acosta, Second year medical student at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, John Michael Markgraft, and pre-med student and former AHS graduate, Lourdes Acosta.

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plications for their suitability to participate in the program. These students must be Texas residents and have a competitive SAT or ACT score.

If admitted to the PCPP program, students must maintain

an overall GPA of 3.5 and a 3.5 GPA in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, and their math courses while at Midland College. They also must

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OBITUARY

Ronald Gene Smith

On July 14, Ronald Gene Smith, loving husband, dad, and granddad passed away peacefully at home at the age of 70.

Ron was born on April 15, 1953, in Port Arthur to I.N. Smith and Lillie Belle (LeDeaux) Smith. He was the youngest of their three sons. Ron had a son, Scott, with his second wife Ruth. Ron married a third time to Diana on May 12, 2007.

Included in his work history, Ron worked for Key Electronics for 11 years and for Big Bend Telephone in Alpine, for 22 years. He retired in 2013 and pursued his



hobby of stargazing and solar viewing in his backyard observatory with his 'cluster' of telescopes. Ron and wife Diana were passionate about their hobby which included astrophotography. They spent many hours at night viewing God's creations through the lenses of their telescopes. Ron was a Christian and had a strong belief in God and

was extremely knowledgeable about the Bible and its teachings. He had a good relationship with his savior and his God. Ron also believed in the value of organizations like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and made a monthly contribution to their cause.

Although he chose not to join Mensa when they offered him a membership, he ranked very high in the High IQ society, scoring at the 98th percentile on a standardized, IQ intelligence test yet he remained humble and rarely mentioned it. He was a loving, caring, and patient man and

will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Ron was preceded in death by his dad, I.N. and mom Lillie Belle. Ron is survived by his wife Diana, son Scott, stepson Mark and his four children who call Ron granddad, and stepson Matthew. He is also survived by his older brothers Edward and Gordon.

It was Ron's wish to be cremated. He also did not want a funeral, viewing of the body or a memorial service. Condolences may be submitted to surviving family members by whatever media is preferred.

Correction

The address for donations to the Holy Angels Cemetery Association listed in the June 29 edition was incorrect. Please mail any donations to Holy Angels Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1444, Alpine, Texas 79831.

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Sul Ross athletics approved for Division II competition

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

The Sul Ross State University communications office announced that the Sul Ross athletic department received word from the NCAA on July 13 that they have been approved as a Division II competitor for college sports.

Sul Ross must enter into a three-year provisional period that includes one more academic year as a Division III competitor in the NCAA.

They will join Division II competition in fall of 2024 as part of the Lone Star Conference.

At the end of their three-year provisional period, so long as all membership criteria are met, they will become full members of Division II.

"Our primary goal is to improve enrollment and retention by creating an unforgettable student experience. We know that athletic competition is a driver in the choice students make about higher education," said Sul Ross

President Dr. Carlos Hernandez.

The application to become a Division II school was completed by the Sul Ross Athletic Director Amanda Workman in January of this year. "We will be attracting more students who will be able to continue to participate in sports after high school, and there will be a value add at Sul Ross. It will make us more competitive on the field and we believe it will increase enrollment, while augmenting retention ef-

forts. Ultimately, our goal is to have all student-athletes graduate with a degree from SRSU," Workman said.

The benefits of these changes will allow Sul Ross to award athletic scholarships that were unavailable as a Division III competitor. Sul Ross hopes that this change will increase regional exposure, improve the travel schedule for athletes, which in turn should improve the academic experience for these student-athletes.

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Leadership Big Bend seeks class of 2024

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor

Leadership Big Bend, founded in 1994 to carry out its mission of promoting and training leaders in the tri-county area is accepting applications for the Leadership Big Bend Class of 2024.

Enrollment is open until September 16.

This organization combines leadership training with a set of informative programs designed to help each person gain unique insight into the West Texas tri-county area.

Classes meet once a month from October

through May in one of the tri-county communities where they engage in activities and programs planned for the entire day. Each month has its own separate theme that involves learning from area leaders in the county and local government, area businesses, and educational professionals. Attendees will also learn from the art community, Sul Ross, McDonald Observatory, and the park services.

Each LBB class is required to take responsibility for the development of a group service project that benefits the tri-county

area and gains experience in leadership skills. Previous projects include the raising of funds to provide a scholarship for high school students and a service project at the visitor center at Panther Junction in Big Bend National Park.

Dates for the 2023-2024 sessions are October 12, November 16, January 19-20, February 15, March 21, April 11, and May 2. Class size is limited to 15, so applications should be emailed promptly for those interested in the program.

Interested parties may access the application at

www.leadershipbigbend.org or by sending an email to info@leadershipbigbend.org, and returned via email to deb@younghaus.net no later than September 16.

Tuition for the program is \$250 per person and covers all expenses, including the overnight trip in January. Many participants may be sponsored by their employer or a club, and scholarships are considered in special circumstances.

For questions or to donate to the program, email info@leadershipbigbend.org. All donations and tuition are tax deductible.



Jane Scott, Victoria Grajeda, and Rosy Doucleff work on art projects during the Art and Spanish day camp being held at Sul Ross.

Courtesy photo

Art & Spanish day camp

The Sul Ross Department of Visual and Performing Arts is hosting an Art & Spanish day camp for children ages 6 – 12 now through July 28. Enrollment is still open. Campers learn Spanish through storytelling, games, and songs with Montessori-certified elementary guide Elena Grajeda, and then SRSU Assistant Professor of Art Ramon Deanda teaches campers painting, drawing, and printmaking. Ms. Grajeda and Mr. Deanda are both experienced elementary school teachers and are both bilingual in

English and Spanish.

Camp runs Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building on the Sul Ross campus for the next two weeks; the last day of camp is July 28. Campers may attend for one week or two. Camp fees are \$100 per week per child with a supply fee of \$25 per camper. There is a \$50 per child discount for families with multiple children, and some scholarships are available. To register for camp, visit: <https://michaeleendoucleff.com/summer-camp-registration/>

Fundraiser launched for BRI grad students

Foundation kickstarts effort with a \$15,000 challenge grant

Borderlands Research Institute (BRI) at Sul Ross State University in Alpine is launching a scholarship fundraiser for its graduate students. The fundraising goal is \$50,000 with all proceeds going directly to scholarships for students working on conservation research for their master's degree.

To kickstart the fundraiser, the Permian Basin Area Foundation has generously donated a \$15,000 challenge grant.

“Our students are our top priority, and we’re grateful the Permian Basin Area Foundation is supporting the next generation of conservation practitioners and leaders with this challenge grant,” said Dr. Louis A. Harveson, who is the Dan Allen Hughes, Jr., Endowed Director of BRI. “These master’s projects play a vital role in Trans-Pecos conservation, and scholarship funds are a critical piece of our students’ success. We’re hopeful that through generous donations, we can hit our goal of \$50,000.”

The Borderlands Research Institute is a leader in wildlife and conservation research in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas and is celebrating its 15-year anniversary during the 2022-2023 academic calendar year.

Graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in BRI research



Last year's scholarship recipients from the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University, left to right: Maya Ressler, Lilly Morin, Preston McKee, Erin O'Connell, Caleb Hughes, Brooke Bowman

programs experience unique opportunities to work side by side with wildlife professionals and conservation partners. These students receive hands-on experience with habitat restoration projects and working with wildlife, including grassland birds, pronghorn, mule deer and more.

Current projects include the first large-scale black bear research project to be conducted in West Texas. This multi-year project is tracking the expansion of black bears into the region and will help wildlife managers better understand black bear ecology and needs.

Earlier this year, BRI researchers, with help from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and local landowners, embarked on a long-term desert bighorn sheep project to study the interactions and competition pressures between bighorn, aoudad, and mule deer.

Additionally, BRI students are working on multiple habitat restoration projects, as they investigate the best methodologies to enhance land suffering from drought and brush encroachment. What they learn will be shared with area land stewards.

Students who graduate from these programs re-

ceive a master's in Range and Wildlife Management from Sul Ross State University. These graduates gain employment with state and federal resource agencies, as well as with private consultants and ranches and as educators. Currently, BRI graduates influence wildlife management decisions on over 31 million acres in Texas, some 20% of the state's acreage.

An assortment of BRI gifts are available for donations starting at \$100 and more. View gifts and donate securely online at <https://one.bidpal.net/15years/> or visit the BRI website at bri.sulross.edu.

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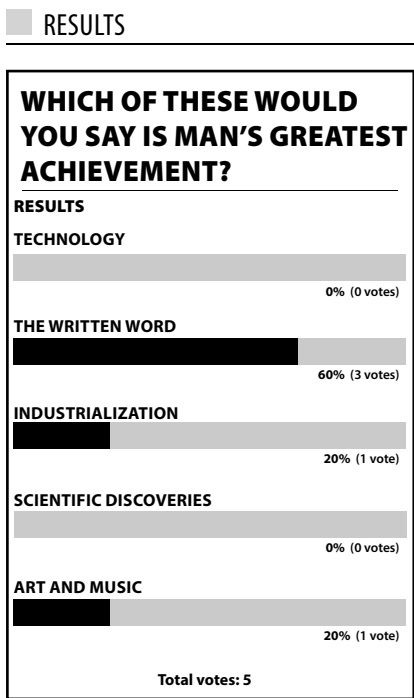
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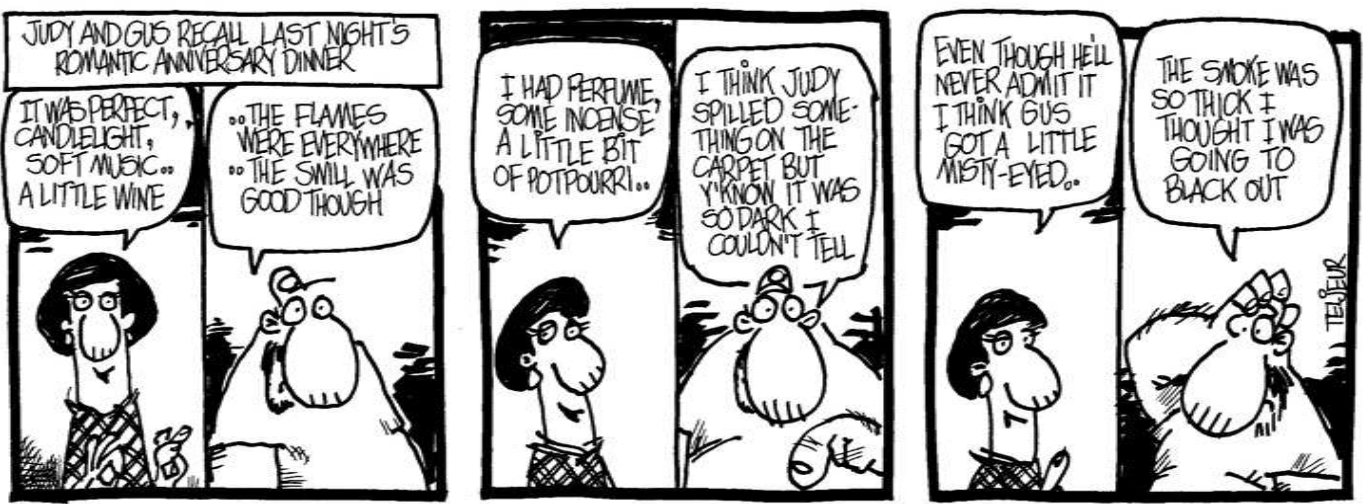
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DR. MICHELLE RINEHART
 Superintendent, Alpine ISD

Chances are you had one. At least one.

For me, it was Debbie Lukas, English teacher extraordinaire at Medway High School in Arva, Ontario. Mrs. Lukas helped me fall in love with literature, text analysis, figurative language, and the written word. In so many ways, she helped me develop my voice as a writer, a leader, and a young woman.

I still remember some of the lightbulbs she illuminated for me while we collectively analyzed Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Why did the author write that section that way? What was their purpose? Their impact? How does that inform our understanding of the issue, and our own writing abilities?

While I went on to study something other than English, specifically Math and Physics, inspired coincidentally by Mrs. Lukas' partner-in-crime, Mr. Lukas, I took with me the lessons she taught me about leading through language, seeking multiple layers of understanding, and crafting a compelling argument.

But, more importantly, I took with me the way that Mrs. Lukas made me, and many others in her classes, feel. She was a master connector and encourager, a model of excellence and joy. While in her class, I felt seen, valued, challenged, and connected. Mrs. Lukas helped me develop confidence, compassion, and

character—the not-so-hidden curriculum of her classroom.

Who was your Mrs. Lukas? What did she/he inspire in you? Instill in you? Empower in you?

The blessing of the teaching profession is also its greatest responsibility: that teachers build all other professions. In this way, teachers continually build and rebuild our democratic society.

Our future doctors were inspired and served by amazing teachers. Our future mechanics, too. Our political leaders, skilled tradespeople, medical professionals, clerical workers, judges, cooks, childcare providers, and more—all are the product of their teachers, professionals who poured into them with both core content and character development.

One of the rich traditions at Alpine High School's annual graduation ceremony is a nod to the powerful impact of amazing teachers. Honor graduates select a teacher from Alpine ISD who had

a profound impact on their lives: this teacher then escorts the graduate to the stage while the announcer reads a message of gratitude from the graduate to the teacher.

It's a beautiful, symbolic gesture honoring the profound impact of a teacher and the "passing forward" of our graduates from our classes and our influence and into the world.

The truth is, however, that our former teachers' impact doesn't end when we leave their classrooms. We each bring a piece of our incredible teachers with us. Our knowledge, our skills, our character are forever changed by our teachers' impact.

I am so grateful that Mrs. Lukas chose teaching as her profession. I am better for it. And, I am honored to have passed on some of her excellence and joy in my own classroom. The ripple of care and inspiration continues in the profession that builds all other professions: teaching.

The legendary check ride pilot had one surprise left

*"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 — John Gillespie Magee Jr., World War II Royal Canadian Air Force fighter pilot and war poet.*

"Mistakes to avoid on your pilot's license check ride," the magazine headline declared. Made me chuckle. I could liven up that list.

I still read a lot about flying, although I haven't piloted an aircraft in more than 20 years. Some things I used to do that I don't do anymore for whatever reason; I have no strong desire to do again. But fly an airplane? I'd do that again in a heartbeat.

Doing so would entail some FAA required catch up instruction and a check ride. Should that occur, I doubt this new check ride would be as eventful as my first.

Flying was a childhood obsession with me. Drawing pictures of airplanes in school. Model airplanes suspended from my bedroom ceiling with Mom's sewing thread.

Following that dream, I budgeted for flying lessons once out of college and gainfully employed. A few hours a week spent at the old Mount Pleasant Airport with instructor Doyle Amerson, and I was a soloed student pilot.

Friend and Marine pilot veteran, Grady Firmin, readied me for the final phase. The check ride. Flying with Grady offered insightful moments differing from those of a civilian instructor. Always throwing in little ex-

tras. Like the day he asked, "Wanna learn how to slip an airplane?"

"Sure," I said. "They don't teach it anymore, and you won't need to know it for the check ride. But I'll show you how. Might come in handy," he assured me.

Non-pilot note #1. Coordination of aircraft controls produces desired and expected results. Cross-controlling (uncoordinated) in a manner for which they were not necessarily designed will yield different, but sometimes useful, results.

Where coordinated application of rudder and aileron produces gentle turns, uncoordinated application produces rapid loss of altitude. Think, "Falling from dancing skies on silver wings."

Fast forward to check ride day. Winging my way to Gregg County Airport, I had almost forgotten hanger talk tagging FAA check ride pilot Johnny Walker as the "get him and you're doomed" guy. "He's tough," one soul said. "Most students fail the first ride with him," said another. "Made me cry," admitted one poor guy.

Signed in and paperwork approved, I nervously awaited my turn. Then I hear, "Alldridge?"

"That's me."
 "Good morning, Mr. Alldridge, my name is Johnny Walker. Are you ready to fly?"

"Yes sir," I affirmed boldly, hoping to hide that sudden sinking sensation sweeping over me.



LEON ALDRIDGE
 Guest Columnist

We began the pre-flight walk-around inspection. Engine check, control surface check, fuel sample check, and more. I was almost done when I ran into the wing.

Yep, walked into the trailing edge of the high-wing Cessna with my forehead. Forgot to duck.

Fumbling for a paper towel behind the seat to wipe the blood away, I thought, "Great job, clutz, you aren't even off the ground, and you've already failed."

We did get off, however. And into the tests. "Fly a heading of one eight zero for thirty seconds and make a climbing turn to 3,500 at two seven zero. Show me a power-off stall. A power-on stall. Slow flight maneuvers. Recovery from unusual attitudes. That's the gut-wrencher where the instructor takes control and throws the plane into some crazy downward spiraling turn thing. Then gives it back to the petrified pilot to recover.

Exercises completed. Finally. I was wrung out.

"OK, take us back to the airport," he said. Just as I contacted the tower and turned into the downwind leg of the traffic pattern, the legendary check ride pilot had one surprise left.

"You just lost electrical power. Show me a no-flaps landing."

Non-pilot note #2. Wings flaps increase lift allowing for slower speeds and easier descents. Although not es-

sential, all basic pilot training is done by teaching the application of flaps for landing.

The solution was not hard, just not practiced much: extend the downwind leg to lose altitude before reaching the runway. That lack of practice became obvious when he said, "You're still too high. Can you slip it?"

"Sure," I beamed with pleasure and surprise. Then executed the technique Grady taught me. The one I wouldn't need to know for the check ride. Yes, that one.

The airplane pitched nose up like a horse fighting the reins before settling into a descent. Like a fast-falling elevator.

Just before touching down, releasing the airplane from its cross-coordination contortion allowed it to settle gently on the runway. To quote pilot jargon, "right on the numbers."

"Good job," Walker said as we taxied to the terminal. "Congratulations, you passed!"

Once inside and with Mr. Walker's signature on my license, I thanked him, borrowed a band-aid for my forehead, and flew back to Mount Pleasant having reached my goal as a licensed pilot. Albeit wounded.

I thought about that day last week as I read the article about check ride mistakes to avoid. I was disappointed. Running into the wing with your forehead was not on the list.

Maybe I should contact the author. Maybe even they've heard of Johnny Walker in Longview.

ALPINE AVALANCHE

Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What makes the perfect summer afternoon for you?"



Brandon Apodaca: I'd say my summer afternoon would be prepping for a grill day. With a beer in my hand, music blasting, and just chilling with my dogs.



Abby Hursh: A good lunch, thunderstorm watching, and a nap.



Stephanie Johnson: Hanging out with family and friends while BBQing and listening to music.



Hillary Rickman: What makes a perfect summer afternoon is being able to spend time with family and friends, eating good food and just being together.



Edwin Urias: A perfect summer afternoon for me has to be either indoors with the AC, some ice cream and board games or a good ol' fashioned swim in the pool!

PET OF THE WEEK

Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Fanny. Fanny just knows she'll grow into that big head and fancy fur coat. This little girl is so cute, she's impossible.

Right now, while everyone is staying in the house to avoid the heat outdoors, it's a great time to adopt a kitten or two. Fanny is a perfect choice. Kittens provide endless entertainment and will grow into loving family members in no time.

Alpine Animal Services partners with Alpine Humane Society to provide many needs for pet owners. At the Shelter, Alpine Animal Services offers pet microchipping and

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Alpine Humane Society offers emergency temporary pet food for pet owners experiencing hardship. And many affordable pet supplies are offered at the AHS Thrift Store and Cattery.

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



Shelter at 432-837-9030.

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

Send your community events to kara.gerbert@alpineavalanche.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July-August Summer Reading Program, The Alpine Public Library is hosting its summer reading program for all ages along with various events. For more information visit alpinepubliclibrary.org or stop by and visit the circulation desk for more information.

July 20-23 Theatre of the Big Bend, 8 p.m. "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" to be performed each night.

July 21-23 Sul Ross Exes Reunion & Roping, Begins at 2 p.m. at the RAS building. Roping at 9 a.m., July 22 at the SALE Arena. For more information contact Beto Hinojosa at 361-271-8418 or go to www.sulrosses.com.

Aug. 3-Sept. 12 Abstract Art Invitational, Deadline is August 1, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gallery on the Square, 115 W. Holland or work may be mailed in and received before August 1 to BBAC, PO Box 1746, Alpine 79831. For questions contact Lois Leofsky at Yellowlotus1@yahoo.com

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

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Bend Cowboy Church on Monday evenings 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information contact CW at 432-386-3628 or Stacey at 432-386-2979.

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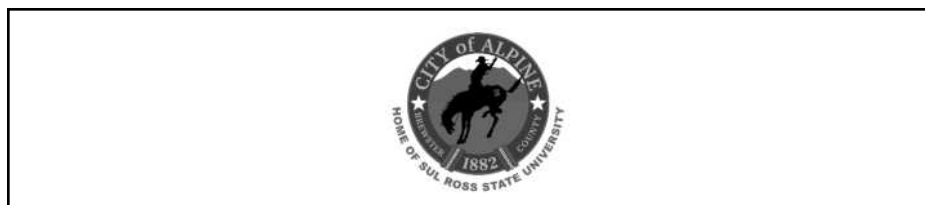
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Officers from the Big Bend Chapter of the Alpine FFA recently attended the State FFA Convention held in Dallas. Tannin Ritchie received her Lone Star Degree while attending the convention. From left: Clancy Newman, Reese Coleman, Tannin Ritchie, Allison Sanchez, and Martin Sablatura.



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VIVA • FROM 1

restaurant and Cibolo Creek join them. And the Old Gringo and Marfa Spirit Company have events Friday and Saturday, while the Granada Theatre is also scheduled for Saturday evening fun.

To only name a few among the impressive line-up in the tight schedule, among those playing are local bands like Marijuana Sweet Tooth and The Swifts, as well as new visiting bands like PAACK, Jane Leo, and artists like Jacob Stelly, Jackie Venson, and Blan Scott.

To get the ball rolling on Thursday, the Reverent Few, the West Texas Exiles, and Jacob Stelly will be playing at the Railroad Blues. The Swifts and Kevin Anthony & G-Town will be at the Spicewood restaurant. Planet Marfa will be hosting The Grand Tourists and PAACK while Jack Ingram will play at Cibolo Creek Ranch.

On Friday, The Railroad Blues has Henri Herbert, Jackie Venson, and Morry Sochat & the Special 20s scheduled to play. Spicewood restaurant has The Moonshiners and Jerry King & the River-town Ramblers coming in to entertain guests. The Old Gringo will have the Getocowboys and Madam Radar that evening. Guy Forsyth will be the musical guest at the Cibolo Creek Ranch. Cari Hutson, the Andrea Magee Band, and Josh Baca & the Hot Tamales will be at Planet Marfa while Marfa Spirit Co. will host David Beebe 3 and Patrice Pike.

Saturday participants can enjoy the music of Patrice Pike, Jomo & the Possum Posse, and Radio la Chusma at the Railroad Blues. Blan Scott and Anthony Ray Wright will be

at the Old Gringo. Planet Marfa has Scrappy Jud Newcomb, je'Texas, and Sour Bridges scheduled. The Marfa Spirit Co. will have Jane Leo and Henri Invisible.

This year, the Granada Theatre will be once again active in Viva Big Bend, after several absent years, hosting Bidi Bidi Banda and Los Texmaniacs featuring Augie Meyers. Their sponsor this year is the Big Bend Regional Medical Center.

To wrap up the Viva Big Bend schedule on Sunday, the Railroad Blues will have Puro Party Allstarz, Chubby Knuckle Choir, and The Doodlin' Hogwallops playing. Planet Marfa is leaving with Primo Carrasco & David Beebe and the Texas Tycoons, for an open to the public evening.

Locations like; the Château Wright winery and the Kelly Outdoor Theatre in Fort Davis, the Starlight Theatre in Terlingua, the Gage Hotel and Marathon Motel and RV Park in Marathon, Daly Park in Presidio, and the Holland Hotel, the Ritchey, Out West Feed and Supply, and Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine are also hosting for Viva Big Bend.

Kids can enjoy entertainment too and are invited to the Alpine Visitors Center for a free show by Mr. Will.

Visitors should note that while there are the officially scheduled Viva events, many of these businesses will be hosting other things all weekend long for prime entertainment. During the scheduled events you can pay a cover charge at the door or get yourself a general admission VBB wrist band for \$55, because the VIP bands are already sold out online.

STUDENTS • FROM 1

participate in the Health Professions Advisory Committee process between years one and two as well as submit their completed application to the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service or TMDSAS.

During their second year at Midland College, students will apply to transfer to UNT in Denton, and all deadlines for applications must be met. A TCOM secondary application must also be submitted.

Through the early acceptance, the UNTHSC-TCOM Admissions will select applicants for interviews for admission to TCOM. Not all applicants from the PCPP program are guaranteed an interview, nor is participation in PCPP a guarantee of acceptance to UNTHSC-TCOM.

If students are accepted to UNTHSC-TCOM, part of the requirement for medical school are medical mission trips. Because rural areas are lacking in healthcare options, UNTHSC-TCOM's curriculum requires their students to perform these missions in rural areas that have a physician working on their residency, and more specifically, West Texas.

These medical students serve the surrounding communities of Van Horn, Sanderson, Marathon, Terlingua, Presidio, Marfa, and most recently Alpine; twice a year through host clinics that focus on rural healthcare.

Ann Smith, with the office of Rural Medical Education from UNTHSC-TCOM said, "These mission trips we take each year, in March and July, really allow our students to

get a clear picture of how underserved these rural communities are. I have each of these students do a demographic study prior to coming out to West Texas so they know what to expect in terms of patients." Smith also noted that these mission trips are expensive, but that thanks to generous donors, they are able to pay for the missions without added cost to the students.

"These mission trips allow the students to do patient intakes, check vitals such as blood pressure, heart rate, and height and weight as well as check for blood glucose and A1C readings for diabetics or possible diabetics. We also do student physicals that are required before the new school year. All of these screenings are done at no cost to the patients. We bring along several doctors to assist students in speaking to patients on pathways to better health or let them know about a medical concern that they need to monitor or take care of immediately," added Smith.

This past mission trip that concluded July 6, consisted of four clinics. These clinics were held in Van Horn, where there were 16 patients seen, Sanderson, with 34 patients, Marathon, with 22 patients, and for the first time in Alpine, there were 50 patients seen. "Seeing these numbers was humbling and demonstrates the help we need in these rural communities in terms of healthcare. This program and these missions are the best recruiting opportunity for these students to become rural physicians in our area communities," concluded Dr. Billings.

COWGIRL • FROM 1

PRCA world standings, and the top five athletes in each discipline at the end of the season are invited to compete in The American Rodeo 2024. The regional semi-finals, held in Oklahoma City at this coming February will mark the fourth consecutive trip for Charlesworth. "I qualified for the semi-finals the last three years, but unfortunately didn't do very well. This year, I'm really excited to have qualified because my horses are doing really well, and qualifying in this region is especially difficult. I just feel blessed to have this opportunity once again," Charlesworth said.

Only 18 years old, Charlesworth has been competing in rodeo most of her life. "My first competitive rodeo I think I was six-years old. My whole family has rodeoed over the years, and this is just what we do," Charlesworth remarked.

While she qualified for The American semi-finals in breakaway roping, Charlesworth also barrel races and competes in the reigning cow horse competition.

"The atmosphere at this level of competition with all these professionals who are at the top of their game is great. I'm glad I've had the experience of that for the past few years, so I know what to expect. The experience has been great," Charlesworth added.

If she were to advance to the finals and win the breakaway roping title, Charlesworth said she would continue to rodeo professionally and probably invest her winnings. "Rodeoing is expensive. There are a lot of moving parts to pay for, from horse feed, vet bills, truck, and trailer maintenance, to feeding myself and also entry fees just to name a few. But I love it."



Emily Charlesworth throws her rope at a calf during the breakaway roping event.

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CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS COMBINED BUDGET SUMMARIES

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>ADOPTED FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>PROPOSED FY 2023-2024</u>	
NON DEPARTMENTAL – GENERAL	\$ 44,500	\$91,500	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,033,122	\$1,157,693	
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 50,250	\$50,250	
POLICE	\$ 4,850	\$4,650	
AD VALOREM TAX	\$ 1,992,874	\$1,992,874	
BUILDING SERVICES	\$ 94,000	\$94,000	
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 47,450	\$47,450	
PARKS / COMMUNITY RECREATION	\$ 24,000	\$25,500	
STREETS	\$ 100,200	\$70,200	
TRANSFERS	\$ 282,000	\$0	
ALL TAXES	\$ 2,110,000	\$2,260,000	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 20,000	\$0	
General Fund Sub-Total	\$ 5,803,246	\$5,794,117	
INTEREST & SINKING	\$ 149,817	\$147,909	
NON DEPARTMENTAL – ENTERPRISE	\$ 6,500	\$75,000	
WATER	\$ 1,961,000	\$1,961,000	
SEWER	\$ 750,000	\$750,000	
SANITATION / RECYCLING	\$ 2,278,650	\$2,440,350	
TRANSFERS	\$ 702,114	\$1,451,545	
AIRPORT	\$ 761,204	\$800,512	
GAS FUND	\$ 2,217,000	\$2,225,000	
Enterprise Fund Sub-Total	\$ 8,676,468	\$9,703,407	
Tourism Fund - Hotel Occupancy Tax Sub-Tot	\$ 782,398	\$1,016,963	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 15,411,929	\$16,662,396	7.50%

CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS COMBINED BUDGET SUMMARIES

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>ADOPTED FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>PROPOSED FY 2023-2024</u>	
NON DEPARTMENTAL – GENERAL	\$ 553,161	\$656,800	
CITY GOVERNMENT	\$ 129,888	\$151,773	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 446,007	\$464,277	
HUMAN RESOURCE	\$ 66,093	\$59,021	
FINANCE	\$ 327,819	\$398,639	
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 97,096	\$107,590	
POLICE	\$ 1,397,900	\$1,425,199	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 77,250	\$0	
AD VALOREM TAX	\$ -	\$ -	
BUILDING SERVICES	\$ 219,094	\$261,026	
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 380,109	\$400,543	
PARKS / COMMUNITY RECREATION	\$ 527,977	\$541,341	
STREETS	\$ 1,467,802	\$1,255,354	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$ 113,050	\$72,554	
General Fund Sub-Total	\$ 5,803,246	\$5,794,117	
INTEREST & SINKING	\$ 149,817	\$147,909	
NON DEPARTMENTAL – UTILITY BILLING	\$ 401,625	\$429,806	
WATER	\$ 2,178,006	\$2,016,539	
SEWER	\$ 949,161	\$1,944,686	
SANITATION / RECYCLING	\$ 2,169,471	\$2,286,864	
AIRPORT	\$ 761,204	\$800,512	
GAS FUND	\$ 2,217,000	\$2,225,000	
GAS FUND RESERVES	\$ -	\$0	
Enterprise Fund Sub-Total	\$ 8,676,467	\$9,703,407	
Tourism Fund - HOT Sub-Total	\$ 782,398	\$1,016,963	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 15,411,928	\$16,662,396	7.50%



Sports

Sports Schedule

ALPINE FIGHTIN' BUCKS FOOTBALL

Aug. 11 Alpine vs McCamey

-Scrimmage JV 5 p.m.,
Varsity 6 p.m.

Aug. 18 Pecos @ Alpine

- Scrimmage JV 5 p.m.,
Varsity 6 p.m.

Aug. 24 Alpine vs Clint

Mountainview JV 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 25 Clint Mountainview

@ Alpine, Varsity 7 p.m.

Cowboys win July 4 series vs. Invaders, sweep Fuego

BY ETHAN EIBE
Contributor

After an up-and-down month of June that saw the Alpine Cowboys hover around the .500 mark, the first week-and-a-half of July has showcased a Cowboys team that seems to have found its groove.

Alpine recorded six wins over an eight-game homestand, which featured a two-game sweep of the Austin Weirdos and series victories against the Trinidad Triggers and Roswell Invaders. Winning two of three against the Triggers felt especially good for the Cowboys, as it was the Triggers who ended Alpine's 2022 season in the first round of the playoffs.

The series began with a 9-6 Triggers win June 29 and ended with a Cowboys doubleheader sweep July 1. The Cowboys won those games with 23-8 and 4-1 scores. Following the series, Cowboys first baseman Josh Rego received a promotion to the Lake Erie Crushers of the Frontier League. Rego had been hitting the cover off the ball in the previous two weeks and posted a .483



The Alpine Cowboys celebrate their victory in the first game of a doubleheader over the Roswell Invaders July 4 at Kokernot Field. Alpine won six of eight games in their last homestand.

Photo by Julie Myers

average with seven home runs and 40 runs batted in for the season.

The July 3-4 set against Roswell brought the Invaders to Kokernot Field for the first time in 2023. In the season's eight previous games between Alpine and Roswell at Joe Bauman Stadium in New Mexico, the Cowboys went 2-6.

The Cowboys dominated the series opener to win 8-2 and split the In-

dependence Day doubleheader with a 6-3 victory and a 7-5 defeat.

Ahead of the second game of the doubleheader, Cowboys outfielder Mark Traylor proposed to his girlfriend Taylor Richard during a ceremony honoring Traylor's 2022 Most Valuable Player season. The ring was presented on the pitcher's mound in a baseball cut nearly in half lined with green felt.

Traylor's family made the trip from Pumpkin Center, Louisiana, and was present on the field for the special moment.

The Cowboys then embarked on their longest road trip of the season, a three-state, nine-game trek to Santa Fe, New Mexico, Garden City, Kansas, and Blackwell, Oklahoma. The three-game set at Fort Marcy Ballpark in Santa Fe against the Fuego was

Schedule

06 ALPINE COWBOYS BASEBALL

July 20 @ Tucson 7 p.m.

July 21 @ Tucson 7 p.m.

July 22 @ Tucson 7 p.m.

July 23 vs Tucson 6 p.m.

July 24 vs Tucson 7 p.m.

July 25 vs Tucson 7 p.m.

especially bountiful. Alpine outscored Santa Fe 65-33 across the series to sweep the Fuego.

On July 7, the Cowboys established two new franchise records during the second game. Alpine won the game 30-10, the most runs scored in a single game since the Cowboys joined the Pecos League in 2011. Cowboys third baseman James Prockish tallied 10 RBI, tying the all-time Alpine mark for RBI in one game. Former Cowboys outfielder Matt Scruggs drove in 10 runs during a road game against the Invaders July 21, 2013.

The Cowboys faced the Garden City Wind and Blackwell Flycatchers to conclude the road trip from July 10-15 and returned home for the Pecos League Mountain Division All-Star Game at Kokernot Field on July 16.

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Basketball camp



Sul Ross freshman Jayden Canaba shows young basketball players the ropes during the youth basketball camp hosted by the Lobo Men's basketball program last week.

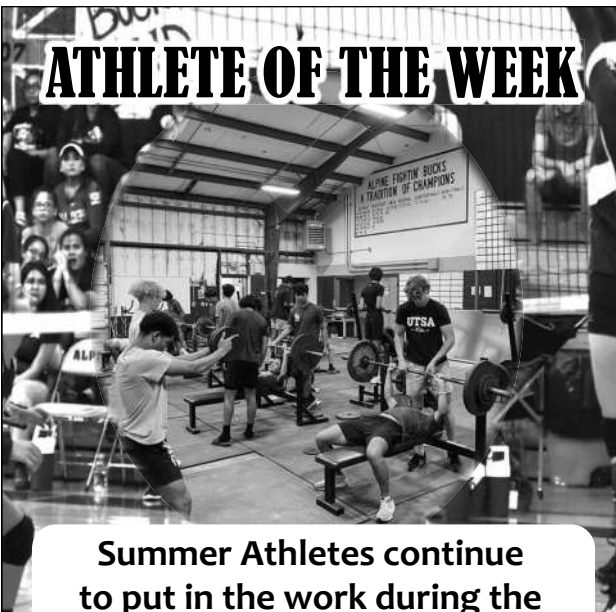
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Lady Bucks summer practice



Hope Dominguez waits to bump the ball across the net during the Lady Bucks summer practices at Alpine High School.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Tucker named to national fellowship for educators

BY KARA GERBERT
Managing Editor



Dr. Barbara Tucker

Dr. Barbara Tucker, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Sul Ross has been named an Impact Academy fellow through the national non-profit organization Deans for Impact.

Dr. Tucker joins other leaders chosen for their commitment to improving educator preparation. These educator preparation programs face complex challenges as they engage in the recruitment and prepared-

leaders that can not only strengthen but also diversify the educator workforce.

DFI aims to fill this need via these Impact Academy fellowships, which has benefited and empowered more than 130 leaders at the dean level to date. Dr. Tucker joins 23 other leaders who were announced as part of the fellowship's eighth cohort.

"For the eighth year in a row, we welcome a diverse group of outstanding leaders to Impact Academy who are steady

fast in their commitment to ensuring all Pre-K – 12 students access well-prepared teachers," said Executive Director Valerie Sakimura. "As communities respond to shortages of skilled educators, there is no more crucial time to ensure that we're building pathways into teaching that are accessible, practice-based, and focused on equitable instruction. Leaders in educator preparation play an essential role in charting the future of the teaching profession," Sakimura added.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Ylan Hernandez

In what activities did you participate in high school?

During my four years of high school, I have participated in Football, basketball, track, and student council.



Ylan Hernandez

found out that spring break was extended a week... and then, we did not have to go back to school for the rest of the year.

Who was your favorite teacher/coach, and why?

In all honesty, I cannot narrow it down to one specific teacher. Every single one of my educators have played a unique and important role in my education.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

My favorite moment in the last four years will have to be the moment I

What are your plans after high school?

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BY PASTOR MARK WILLIAMS
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I like Joshua from the Old Testament. After all, Jesus took on a form of his name, Yeshua. I believe Joshua was a shadow and type of Jesus. The first chapter and eighth verse in the book of Joshua, describes Joshua's brave heart; This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

Indeed, success is what the Lord granted Joshua because he had bold faith in his God. Joshua was chosen to lead God's people out of the wilderness and into the promise land, but in order to obtain the promised land, there were many kinds of obstacles to overcome. Some of these obstacles included some tribes of peoples. Joshua's great faith and his hearing ear to listen to God's instructions lead him to the many victories the children of Israel experienced.

Hearing God's Word and acting upon His Word by faith is still God's formula for us today to be successful in His Kingdom here on earth. Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon

a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:24-27)

Our promise land today may not be a parcel of ground that flows with milk, honey, and fruit as it were in the Old Testament, but we can receive by faith what God's Word provides for us today. Examples of what we can obtain by faith include but are not limited to the Fruit of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. (Galatians 5:22-23) Also, other promises from God's Word we obtain through Grace by Faith are: regenerated spirit, soundness of mind, authority over evil, healing of our physical bodies along with prosperity and life with abundance. (John 3:16; II Timothy 1:7; Luke 10:19; Matthew 18:18; I Peter 2:24; II Corinthians 8:9; John 10:10; III John 2)

Jesus, our Lord, and Savior came to set us free. He liberates us from sin and death, and sickness and poverty. Jesus told us to ask that our joy is full. He is our Good Sheppard, so we do not want or lack good things. Jesus said to seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto us. (Matthew 6:33) Ask Jesus to come into your heart today and He will transform you with His life-giving power. (Romans 10:9, 10)

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AVAILABLE POSITIONS



Administrative Assistant

BBT, the best place in Alpine for a career, is looking for an Administrative Assistant. This role will be in support of management and will have various administrative duties. This role requires handling confidential information, so understanding discretion and the ethics involved are a must. Candidates must have good verbal and written communication skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office products, be a good problem solver, and have excellent organizational skills. BBT offers excellent benefits and a \$1,000.00 signing bonus upon completion of a successful 6-months of employment. . . terms and conditions apply.



Engineering Support Specialist

Do you dream of maps and roads and the best way to get there? Then this Engineering Support Specialist opportunity at Big Bend Telephone may be the perfect job for you. In this position, you will be collaborating with the GIS Administrator and Engineers on projects and mapping areas of West Texas. Candidates must have two (2) years of work experience using Microsoft Office with a special emphasis in Excel and Word. There is a signing bonus for new hires (terms and conditions apply) and long-term career potential for the right motivated candidate. BBT participates in E-Verify and promotes a Drug-Free Workplace. We are an EOE Employer and we encourage veterans to apply



Experienced Accounting Assistant

BBT is seeking a full-time experienced Accounting Assistant. The ideal candidate must be well organized, able to multi-task, work under deadlines, have excellent communication and analytical skills, General Ledger and Excel knowledge, as well as a minimum of 3 years of experience in Accounting. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license, have a good driving record and be insurable under the company's insurance policy. Applicant may be required to work overtime or on weekends and holidays as needed and may be required to attend out-of-town training and/or meetings requiring travel by car, bus, plane or other means of transportation and overnight stays. Hiring Bonus, Competitive Compensation and Benefits Package included. This company participates in E-Verify



Technology Service Associate (Fort Stockton)

Are you looking for a career as a Service Technician who wants to provide Big Bend Telephone's exceptional customer service while working in the Fort Stockton. Then BBT is the place for you to grow and develop with the ever-changing communications industry and is committed to providing stellar customer service and first-rate technology. The entire Big Bend team plays a role in developing strategies to increase the sales and usage of our products, services and equipment while reinforcing our brand. The ideal candidate will be technically inclined, have a strong desire to succeed and capable of delivering world-class customer service. The job entails networking comprehension, installation and troubleshooting of fixed wireless, fiber to the home, Wi-Fi services, IP Phones, and other customer premise services as well as repair and troubleshooting. Position requirements are minimum High School Diploma or GED equivalent with 2 years of experience in a related field. Applicants must possess a valid driver license, have a good driving record and be insurable under the company's insurance policy. There is a \$1,000 signing bonus for new hires (terms and conditions apply) and long-term career potential for the right motivated person.



Customer Operations & Sales Representative

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Beetroot hummus for your heart

HEAD OVER MEALS

by kara gerbert



Beetroot hummus

Have you ever wanted to try something just a little bit different, but weren't exactly sure what that may look like? Most of us are probably pretty familiar with good old bean dip. You know, the small can you find with the chips at the store that many people pair with Fritos. Well, what if there was a way to have bean dip, just what I like to refer to as "the other bean dip?" And one that was good for your heart?

Welcome to the table hummus. Hummus is of Arab origin, and is a savory spread made with cooked chickpeas or garbanzo beans, mashed, and blended with lemon juice, tahini, and garlic. See what I mean by "the other bean dip?"

Of course, hummus can be made with the above ingredients, along with a

little cumin and paprika, salt, and olive oil and eaten as is. But other ingredients over the years have been added to hummus to add a different taste to it. For instance, roasted red peppers, jalapeno, black olive, pumpkin, avocado, and even chocolate.

If we want to have the added benefit of making this spread heart healthy, we can add in beets.

Yes, I said beets. Those reddish-pink root vegetables that rarely find their way to our dinner tables. Although they should, as they are an excellent way to support healthy blood pressure, increase energy without stimulants or added sugar, are a great source of Vitamin C, and support overall heart health and circulation. Adding beets to your diet if you suffer

from high blood pressure is also a great, natural way to decrease it.

One serving, which is a quarter cup, contains 60 calories, three grams of protein, three grams of fat, and only seven grams of carbohydrates. Perfect for those on keto or the Mediterranean diet.

So, why wouldn't you want to add beets to your "bean dip." By adding beets, it gives your

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Beetroot Hummus

Ingredients:	warm water
1 red beet	2 tablespoons tahini paste
2 cloves garlic, peeled	2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons olive oil	½ teaspoon cumin
1 ½ cups cooked or canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed	½ teaspoon coriander
3 tablespoons of	Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the beet and garlic cloves on a piece of foil and drizzle with the olive oil. Fold the foil over and seal into a packet, then place on a baking sheet. Transfer the baking sheet to the oven and roast for 30 minutes or until the beet is fork tender. Carefully open the foil packet and let cool.

When the packet is cool enough to handle, remove the beet skin and then place the beet and garlic cloves in a food processor and blend. Continue blending while adding the rest of the ingredients for about five minutes. Refrigerate until ready to use and serve with vegetables or pita chips.

hummus that vibrant, reddish-pink color beets are known for along with all the other great health benefits. In fact, not only will it make a stunning addition to your snack or hors d'oeuvre table it is also easy to make. Therefore, the next time you feel the urge to try something a bit different or want to really make a statement at your next party or gathering, whip up some beetroot hummus and wow your friends and family all while helping to keep them healthy.

Texas FFA Rodeo team roping

Layton and Levi DeLuna, whose grandparents live in Fort Davis, recently won the Texas FFA Rodeo team roping, where they each received a check and a belt buckle.



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