BACK-TO-BACK SWEEPS KEEP DREAM ALIVE
A campus/community celebration will kick off investiture activities for Sul Ross State University President Dr. Bill Kibler.

“Go Lobos Day,” slated on the mall Wednesday, April 15, will precede formal investiture ceremonies, scheduled a day later. “Go Lobos Day” will include a community barbecue meal at 5:30 pm. During dinner, at 6 pm, university representatives will welcome Kibler to the Sul Ross family. The President’s Ice Cream Social will follow.

Formal investiture ceremonies will be held at 2 pm Thursday, April 16 in the Pete P. Gallego Center. During the investiture, Kibler’s son, Austin, will speak on behalf of the family, and Kibler’s wife, Pam will sing a solo in his honor. The Sul Ross concert band and choir will also perform musical selections.

SRSU classes normally held between 2 and 4 pm will be cancelled so that students may attend the event.

Kibler was confirmed as Sul Ross’ 12th President on July 9, 2014 by the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System (TSUS). He has nearly 40 years’ experience in higher education.

Prior to coming to Sul Ross, Kibler served the past 10 years as Vice President for Student Affairs at Mississippi State University. He oversaw the university’s enrollment, admissions, financial aid, housing and other student-centered programs. Previously, he spent four years at the University of Florida as assistant to the Dean of Students and later as Assistant Dean. He moved to Texas A&M University in 1980 where he spent 24 years in ascending Student Affairs positions, the last year as Vice President.

He and his wife, who has been a Licensed Professional Counselor, teacher and volunteer, are the parents of six children. They have four adult children: Ben (wife Karen), Zach, Kurt and Alissa, all Texas residents. They have two children at home: Austin, a junior at Alpine High School, and Gracie, an eighth grader at Alpine Christian School. They are the proud grandparents of Brooke and Luke.

The Kiblers served as foster parents to a total of 37 children over a 15-year period in both Texas and Mississippi.

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**Go Lobos Day Celebration!**

**April 15, 2015**

**Alpine, Texas**

*5:30 pm • BBQ Dinner & President’s Ice Cream Social*

University Mall • Open to the Public

*6:00 pm • University Welcome*

University representatives welcome Dr. Bill Kibler as the 12th President at Sul Ross

*Formal Investiture Ceremony is April 16th at 2:00 pm in the Gallego Center*  
Open to the Public
Editor’s Message

I’ve heard people say this is one of the best wildflower shows in years for parts of Brewster County. Perhaps you’ve been too busy or stressed out to take in the desert as it comes into bloom. If that’s the case, you may be just as interested as I am in Malysa Reed’s article on Zen meditation meet-ups in Alpine. In her own meditation practice, Malysa uses music and deep breathing to quiet her thoughts and clear her mind. “Sometimes I imagine a giant eraser just erasing the walls,” she said. Find out more about the art of Zen on page 10.

Speaking of spring, you may have noticed groundskeepers and custodians working extra hard at spring cleaning recently—even the fountain on the mall got a scrub down. Of course, with the Presidential Investiture coming up April 16, it’s great to see the campus looking its best.

The weeks are galloping by. For some of us, that means big changes are right around the corner as graduation nears. If you haven’t figured out what to do with your life after college, consider volunteering. I’m so proud of longtime Skyline staffer Susanna Mendez for receiving her acceptance into the AmeriCorps. Congrats, Susanna! She starts her term of service this October.

To find out more about AmeriCorps, talk to Susanna! Or visit www.nationalservice.gov.

Thanks again for reading and hope to see you at the Investiture!

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Sully pedestrians given right of way

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief

Changes on campus aren’t just made willy nilly; there is a campus master plan guiding them. The 2011 Campus Master Plan was created with the input of students, alumni, faculty and staff, in addition to the consulting firm, Freese and Nichols.

Project I of the proposal, which was accepted by the Board of Regents, will bring major changes to campus this summer.

There are 26 proposed projects, lettered A-Z. Project I includes the South Promenade, which will turn the section of road between the Residential Living Office and the Warnock Science Building (WSB) into a walkable courtyard.

The plan states: “The present walkway is poorly located and causes a majority of students to walk across the parking lot that currently isolates Lobo Village from the academic core.”

Once the project takes place, automobile traffic will not be able to go through this part of campus.

Drivers will have to make a decision and stick with it when it comes to choosing which side of campus to park on (or they can make the drive to the other side of campus via 223).

The plan includes landscaping, artwork, seating and shade.

The landscaping includes conifer shade trees and incorporates the gardens in front of WSB. “A large, circular form at the east end of the promenade will interface the Lobo complex, with new Lobo sculptures or other artistic features,” according to the plan.

Yvonne Realivasquez, Administrative Assistant to the President, said there will be opportunities for students to submit their artwork for display as part of a rotating exhibit.

This phase may take as long as a year and a half to complete, and is only one step of the larger Master Plan. The plan is worth a look for its neat assortment of campus maps. It also includes detailed recommendations for future changes. There is a link to the complete 2011 Master Plan on the Sul Ross website under the Facilities Planning, Construction and Operation tab of the Finance and Operations homepage. Details for Project I start on page 62 of the plan.
The Graduate Student Center, housed in Briscoe Administration Building room 104 was developed in 2009 through a Title V grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions. It has recently received new grant funding through a grant titled Expanding Graduate Horizons.

The new grant will expand online class options so that some degree programs can be fully achieved online. It also provides $350,000 in scholarship funds to be distributed over five years.

Two new positions have been created in order to support the grant. The new Grant Student Support Coordinator position, which is funded by the grant, is held by Lori Glover. An institutionalized Dean position has been created for the new College of Graduate Studies which is still in the works. Dr. Sharon Hileman, Department Chair and Professor of English, was recently appointed to that position. The newly forming College will work in conjunction with the Graduate Student Center. The transition is projected to take place by Fall 2015.

There are many long-term plans to improve grad resources. “We want to help people see the possibilities that are out there for careers,” said Hileman. “It’s hard for people to know their options unless they happen to stumble across the right person,” she said. Hileman wants to make the College of Graduate Studies “the right person” to provide guidance to grad students, whether it is regarding degree plan options or career options, or a myriad of other resources the staff would like to provide.

For now, the grant-funded Grad Center offers extensive writing support and funds for thesis related equipment. Glover and other staff offer assistance with formatting, documentation, grammar and editing of papers and theses. “We do a lot of research to help out grads in need,” said Grant Director Rhonda Austin. In the past, the staff has gone so far as contacting professors to set up appointments with grad students who needed extra help finding solutions.

“Recently, we had a student working on a genome project that requires programs and storage space that is way out of the norm for regular campus computers,” said Austin. “We found the equipment, installed the programs, and set it up in the Grad Center for [the student] to use.”

“Our main focus is to take care of grad students,” said Estella Vega, Instructional Designer. Vega works with faculty who are designing graduate-level online and distance education courses.

They have an assortment of gear available, from laptops to satellite phones. Satellite phones are a must in the remote regions of West Texas where outdoors research takes students out of cell phone range. More specialized equipment is processed through specific grad programs as needed.

The Grad Center is open Mon.-Thur. 8am-9pm; Fri. and Sat. 8 am–5 pm; Sun. 11 am–7 pm. This summer, it will be open Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm, with evening and weekend hours to be announced. Graduate fellows are often available to assist peers with questions.

To learn more about the Grad Center, or to partake of its facilities, visit www.sulross.edu/graduates, or stop by the computer lab today.
Sweeney Todd dazzles at Sul Ross

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief

Sweeney Todd: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street opened to a full house in Marshall Auditorium Saturday Mar. 28. Students and fancily-clad townspeople filled the whole middle row of the hall to witness something akin to a Broadway effort in little ol’ Alpine.

The Sul Ross theatre program worked in tandem with the music and art programs for over six months to pull off the production. Actors were well-rehearsed, stage management went smoothly, lighting was dramatic and on point, and the orchestra played perfectly.

The show made good use of the whole auditorium. Actors set an eerie tone by surrounding the audience in a candlelit séance as they sang the starting number, “The Ballad of Sweeney Todd.” Scene changes moved smoothly from barber shop to meat pie shop to Judge Turpin’s residence as stage hands deftly manipulated props.

A two story artifice housed the bakery downstairs and the barber shop upstairs. A cleverly constructed barber chair chute dispensed of dead bodies to the bakery’s oven room. This created unfortunate imagery that had staying power (it was well-done, but not overdone, just like a good meat pie!).

The main stars, Dona Roman as Mrs. Lovett and Gregory Schwab as Sweeney Todd, are professors in the theatre program. Roman, as Mrs. Lovett, enchanted the crowd with her adorable rendition of “The Worst Pies in London.” Roman and Schwab had a convincing chemistry, and were so much fun to watch that the first act didn’t quite feel like the two hours that it was.

Graduate student Matthew Hardison bravely portrayed the lewd and twisted antagonist, Judge Turpin. He had audience members squirming during his perfectly stylized rendition of “Johanna (Part II).”

The second act moved more quickly than the first act, as the storyline climaxed and came to a colorful conclusion.

It is not often that students have the opportunity to perfect their skills for any one production for as long as they had with Sweeney Todd. Their efforts paid off during this night of well-polished entertainment.
April 24th, the Geology Club will feature Dr. Thomas Adams, whose talk, “Tracking dinosaurs around the globe: How footprints can tell the story of the past,” will begin at 3:15 pm in Lawrence Hall room 300.

Through Texas, Alaska and Mongolia, Adams travels the “lost” world of prehistoric trace fossils to discover clues about dinosaur behavior, ecology and ancient environments.

Animals and plants leave traces that preserve indications about their behavior and their environments in sediments that later turned to rock. These traces can be in the form of tracks, trails, burrows or coprolites (fossil feces), and may be the only surviving evidence of an ancient organism or ecosystem.

“Sometimes, looking at footprints can teach us more about the living organism and their environments than fossilized bone or skeletal remains might,” Adams said. “And in some cases the footprint is the only remaining evidence about a particular species.”

Bones may be lost to time, but a fossilized footprint—or the combination of the footprint along with other evidence—can provide a remarkably detailed picture from eons past. This informs our knowledge about Earth history, pre-historic climates and the relationships of species.

Adams is the Curator of Paleontology and Geology at the Witte Museum in San Antonio. While he’s in West Texas, he’ll be sharing his knowledge of Central Texas Paleontology with students and colleagues, and taking in existing collections and recently discovered specimens in Brewster County/Big Bend National Park.

Geology presentation looks at ancient footprints

Last summer, San Antonio College and UT-San Antonio students and TPWD faculty assisted Adams in the field. Students included Richard Gonzales, Diana Azouggagh, Dianna Price, Jennifer Shaffer, Aaron Ellis, Debi Weissling, Jerome Choate, Julie Ledet and GCSNA park ranger John H. Koepke. Photos courtesy Dr. Thomas Adams.
Today
LAST day to withdraw or drop courses with a W.

Sul Ross Ranch Horse Team raffle tickets are sold at the Open Range Art Gallery, Big Bend Saddlery, Spradley Hats and Johnson’s Feed and Western Wear. The drawing is April 20 at 5 pm in front of the UC.

Artist Carol Fairlie’s Figuratively Speaking: A Discussion of the Narrative is on display at the CatchLight Gallery, 117 W. Holland Ave. through Monday.

Our Beautiful Desert by artist Theresa Wallace is at the Gallery on the Square, 106 W Sul Ross Ave., until April 21.

Sul Ross softball takes on Howard Payne University, Lobo Field, 4 pm.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

Sul Ross baseball hosts East Texas Baptist University, Kokernot Field, 7 pm.

Learn what is happening to the land along the Rio Grande River. Colin McDonald will share the findings of his Disappearing Rio Grande presentation, Espino Conference Center, UC second floor, 3:15 pm, sponsored by the SR Geology Club.


Holy Ghost Party hosted by SR Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Marshall Auditorium, 7 pm.

Tomorrow
Brewster County 4-H Horse Show from 8 am-7 pm in the S.A.L.E Arena.

Sully Showcase from 9 am-4 pm starting in the Gallego Center.

Sul Ross baseball takes on East Texas Baptist University, Kokernot Field, 1 pm.

Sul Ross softball hosts Howard Payne University, Lobo Field, noon.

Alpine Farmer’s Markets from 9 am-12 pm at the Hotel Ritchey and the Big Bend Thrift Store. Sunday, April 12.

Drop Everything and Read for children in 6th grade and under. Children under 6 years must be accompanied by an adult. Event starts at 11 am with a noon performance by SRSU Theatre students. Free.

Paint and Go Workshop from 5-7 pm at the Museum of the Big Bend. $40 fee covers provided materials.

Monday, April 13
CFFA meeting, 4 pm, RAS 135.

Hoola-Fit Hoop Dance Class, 5:30 pm, Granada Theater, with Hooping Jam (free), 6:45 pm.

AES: Positive Change, FH room 203, 4 pm.

SSS meeting, WSB 201, 6 pm.

FCA meeting, Lobo Village Community Room, 6:30 pm.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

Bar-SR-Bar Mash club meeting, FH 211, 7 pm. Tuesday, April 14

Alpine Community Band rehearsal, Sul Ross Band Room, 7 pm. New members welcome.

Bingo, American Legion Hall, 6:30 pm.

AES: Positive Change, FH 203, 2 pm.

Sully Productions presents “The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies” from 8-10 pm in the Espino Conference Center, UC second floor. Wednesday, April 15.

Geology Club meeting, WSB 210, 1 pm.

Family Story Time, Alpine Public Library, 4 pm.

AES: Memory Skills, FH 203, 4 pm.

President’s Ice Cream Social from 5:30-6:30 pm, campus mall.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

Thursday, April 16
Investiture of Dr. William L. Kibler as the President of Sul Ross in the Gallego Center, 2 pm. Classes cancelled between 2 and 4 pm so students may attend.

Hike with a Homeless Dog, 9 am, Davis Mountains State Park.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, Lobo Village Community Room, 5 pm.

Soccer Thursdays, Graves-Pierce Gym, 7 pm. AES: Memory Skills, FH 203, 2 pm.

Weight Watchers, UC 210, noon.

Big Bend Amateur Radio Club meeting, RAS 130, 6:30 pm.

Friday, April 17
2015 Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show, Alpine Civic Center through Sunday.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

Support the cause and join Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society’s Big Bend Unit, SRSU Track Field from 6 pm to 2 am.

Sully Productions meeting, UC 202, 6 pm.

Saturday, April 18
Alpine Farmer’s Markets, 9 am-noon at the Hotel Ritchey and the Big Bend Thrift Store.

Monday, April 20
Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

Hoola-Fit Hoop Dance Class, 5:30 pm, Granada Theater, with Hooping Jam (free), 6:45 pm.

SSS meeting, WSB 201, 6 pm.

AES: Positive Assertion, FH 203, 4 pm.

FCA meeting, LVCr, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 21
Alpine Community Band rehearsal, Sul Ross Band Room, 7 pm.

AES: Positive Assertion, FH 203, 2 pm.

Wednesday, April 22
Family Story Time, Alpine Public Library, 4 pm.

Geology Club meeting, WSB 210, 1 pm.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

SGA meeting, WSB 201, 5:30 pm.

AES: Scholarship Opportunities, FH 203, 4 pm.

Physical Exercise Group Activity sponsored by Bar-SR-Bar MASH Club, LVCr, 7 pm.

Thursday, April 23
Weight Watchers, UC 210, noon.

Hike with a Homeless Dog, 9 am, Davis Mountains State Park.

Soccer Thursdays, Graves-Pierce Gym, 7 pm.

Big Bend Amateur Radio Club meeting, RAS 130, 6:30 pm.

Friday, April 24
Geology Club Special Speaker: Dr. Thomas Adams, WSB 201, 3:15 pm.

Sul Ross softball takes on East Texas Baptist University, Lobo Field, 3 pm.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

The beginning of An Evening of One-Act Plays, Studio Theatre, 7 pm, with talk-back session to follow.

2015 Writers Retreat, Alpine Public Library, 7-9 pm, with events Saturday. For more information, texasmountaintrailwriters.org.

Saturday, April 25
Earth Day Celebration, sponsored by the Society for Conservation Biology, will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on Historic Murphy St. Non-profit educational booths, free workshops, lectures in science and sustainability, musical entertainment and more.
Alpine Farmer’s Markets from 9am-12pm at the Hotel Ritchey and the Big Bend Thrift Store.

An Evening of One-Act Plays, Studio Theatre, 7 pm, with talk-back session to follow.

Sul Ross baseball hosts Concordia University, Kokernot Field, 1 pm.

Sul Ross softball takes on East Texas Baptist University, Lobo Field, noon.

First Annual Mile High Chili Cookoff, Davis Mountains State Park, featuring live music by Blan Scott Band.

Native Plant Society Plant Sale, Brown Dog Gardens on Murphy St., 8 am-5 pm.

Sunday, April 26
An Evening of One-Act Plays, Studio Theatre, 7 pm, with talk-back session to follow.

Monday, April 27
Hoola-Fit Hoop Dance Class, 5:30 pm, Granada Theater, with Hooping Jam (free), 6:45 pm.

AES: Scholarship Opportunities, FH 203, 4 pm.

Tae Bo, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship.

Wednesday, April 29
Family Story Time, Alpine Public Library, 4 pm.

Have an event? Want an audience? Share upcoming events.
Email Malyssa at malyssareed@gmail.com.

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Dear stressed-out student, there is hope in Zen

By Malyssa Reed

Is your college experience stressing you out?

Don’t worry, you are not the only one. According to a 2008 mental health study by the Associated Press and mtvU, eight in 10 college students experience stress in their daily lives.

If you find yourself struggling with stress and are open to new ideas, Buddhist Zen meditation could be the thing for you. There is a Buddhist Zen meditation sangha (group) here in Alpine. They meet every Monday at 6 pm at the Unitarian Church on North 5th Street.

The meetings are split into three 25-minute periods of silent meditation. Between the first and second periods of silent meditation, there is a five-minute period of walking meditation. At the end of the third period of silent meditation, there is a five-minute period of chanting.

Once each month time is set aside after the second period of silent meditation for tea and visiting.

The sangha has been meeting since 2000, and is usually made up of anywhere between four and 12 people; on average, six or seven come to the meetings.

“It is not a quick fix. The benefits of meditation usually develop slowly. Meditation does us, we do not do it,” said Rev. Jean O’Cuilinn, teacher of the sangha.

“If we put ourselves in the position of being still and mindfully breathing over a period of time, the benefits develop on their own; they’re insidious so we don’t usually notice it. There are no big bells and whistles, but over a period of time you discover that you have gotten calmer; you’re a nicer person; you don’t get upset as easily; and you have more tolerance toward others.”

O’Cuilinn adds, “When the Buddha was asked what was the most important thing for practice, his answer, interestingly enough, was spiritual friends, good friends, sangha, and community, because we support each other’s practice.”

The group is open to the public and O’Cuilinn encourages people to come if they are interested.

“The most important thing to remember is that anyone is capable of practicing Zen,” she said. “It is a non-sectarian practice. So basically if you are Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, or nothing it doesn’t matter. Anyone can do this kind of practice and benefit from it.”

If you’d like to practice Zen Meditation but cannot make it to the regular meetings, O’Cuilinn is willing to come to Sul Ross to teach interested students about the practice.

For more information about Zen meditation or having a Zen meditation group at Sul Ross, contact O’Cuilinn at sundanceflightschool@yahoo.com.
SP’s Casino Night gets rave reviews

By Malysssa Reed
Reporter

Walking into the Espino Center for Sully Productions Casino Night was like walking into the gambling world of a story book. There were balloons everywhere: hanging from the ceiling, forming columns, floating around the floor, and decorating the walls. Red, black, gold and silver tablecloths and streamers completed the look.

Event host organization Sully Productions got the idea for a casino night from a suggestion left in their suggestion box they use at every event.

SP member Vince Apodaca says, “Most of the supplies we had in storage, then people went out and bought all the prizes.”

Blackjack, roulette and high roller craps tables awaited the student gamblers.

Junior Tiana Rule, who was a blackjack dealer for the event, said, “I think they should have more casino nights than bingo nights. This is an activity that is more for our age and they should do more of those.”

As each student signed in at the event, he or she received a set amount of fake money and two ticket stubs before playing at one of the tables. If a student ran out of fake money, he could participate in one of several little contests and activities to win prizes and more money, including showing off a talent, a best-dressed contest, trivia questions and many other things.

At the end of the night participants cashed in their bills for tickets. For every $10,000, players got a ticket to go in the drawing for prizes.

“It was fun,” sophomore William Serrano said. “The bills made it more realistic without the repercussions of betting real money. I think the tickets were a good idea and gave people a fair chance for prizes, even if it seemed a lot of people in certain areas got all the prizes.”

At the end of the night there was anywhere between 30 and 50 people that came to the event. The prizes ranged from plastic harmonicas and laundry baskets to a vacuum and a speaker box. A lot of people enjoyed the night.

“It was a lot of fun,” Nolan Moskins said. “Being a senior, I am glad that I had the opportunity to do this at least once. It was totally worth it,” to which his friend Angel Rodriguez added, “Best night ever!”

SSS experience provides food for thought

By Kelly Lara
Reporter

On Thursday March 26, Sul Ross Student Support Services (SSS) organization advisor Liz Castillo held an etiquette dinner for SSS members. With the help of Aramark Dining Services, Sul Ross’ food catering service, SSS members spent their afternoon learning about the dos and don’ts of dining etiquette.

Hosts Leo Dominguez, Dean of Student Life, and Van Lyle, Food Service Director, gave real life lessons on business dinner and interview etiquette.

Students enjoyed a three-course meal consisting of a garden fresh salad, chicken with a green chili cream sauce, and a slice of cheesecake for dessert. With every different type of food, students learned the proper way to handle their silverware, and how to eat the meal.

Besides enjoying a free meal, students learned the importance of proper eating techniques for when they are in a business dinner with future employers. The knowledge gained at the etiquette dinner is beneficial for the students in order to have a better understanding of correct eating habits.

For more information about Student Support Services, please contact Castillo atecastillo@sulross.edu.

The Sul Ross Skyline, April 10, 2015
The transition to college life, even in remote West Texas, can take its toll on new high school graduates who enroll at Sul Ross State University. Far from their comfort zones, they have often left friends and family behind as they begin the next phase of their education alone and confused.

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Ready, set, go Lobos!

Pack Leaders improve on the freshman experience

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Chaley Romero and Chris Rubio

Education, location and atmosphere, oh my!
Those are just a few reasons why senior Chaley Romero chose Sul Ross State University to be her home for the past four years. Hailing from Sundown, Texas, Romero graduates in May with a bachelor’s in interdisciplinary studies (EC-6 Generalist).

It wasn’t a difficult decision for Romero to honor the path that her Nana took in education. “I chose education because ever since I was a little girl I have always wanted to be a teacher just like my Nana was,” she said.

Getting an education in education was not the only goal that was set into Romero’s mind: “I want to change the lives of my students and make school fun for my kids!” Romero is involved in many activities on campus which include rec sports and cheerleading, so it’s no surprise that her favorite place on campus is the gym.

Romero also enjoys activities outside of campus as well, and takes any adventure that Alpine has to offer.

“My favorite thing to do in Alpine is hike and explore new things. Alpine is a perfect place for that!” she said.

With so many fond memories that she has created throughout her four-year college career, Romero believes that walking the stage in May and receiving her diploma will be the greatest memory of all.

Romero plans to obtain a job at Midland ISD as an elementary teacher, and while there she may continue her education and earn her master’s degree.

“Live life to the fullest, trust in God, and never give up!” – Chaley Romero

“My favorite memory here has to be representing Sul Ross at the 2014 Conference [baseball] tournament,” senior Chris Rubio says. “It was such an honor and I will never forget it. That SRSU season and team was the best one I have ever been a part of. Home games were always loud and the crowd would stay no matter what.”

This, along with many other memories, ring through Rubio’s five-year career at Sul Ross State University. Rubio entered Sul Ross’s gates in 2010, and cleated his way onto the Kokernot Field in 2011, representing the Sul Ross baseball team.

Hailing from El Paso, Texas, Rubio graduates this May 2015 with a bachelor’s in biology and a kinesiology minor, all in hopes of one day becoming a physical therapist for a professional baseball team.

Family, education and baseball were factors in selecting Sul Ross State University as his school of choice. A strong educational influence was led by his Aunt Stephanie, who is an alumna and received her master’s in education.

A powerful love of baseball kept Rubio here as well. “I also attended Sul Ross because two of my former high school baseball coaches played in the SRSU program, one of whom was on the 1999 conference championship team. I wanted to repeat that honor.”

Despite those who say there are not many things to do in Alpine, Rubio shares that one has to make their own kind of fun. This includes driving around and soaking up the beauty of the nature around us.

“This region of Texas is very beautiful and the landscape is breathtaking. At night, every star in the sky is visible and it is beautiful. You just can’t get a view like that in the city,” he said.

Not only did the energy of the surrounding environment preoccupy Rubio, but attending the many different sporting events did as well.

“Whether it was Saturday at Kokernot Field, mid-week at basketball games, or even when I was playing baseball, it was all fun!” he said.

Rubio is now the Student Government Association’s senior justice representative, and he also participates in the Kinesiology Club.

After graduation Rubio plans to take school a little farther, obtain his master’s, and work toward applying to a physical therapist school, or pursuing a career as an educator and coach in the high school or collegiate level.

“Go to class, support your school and make memories.” – Chris Rubio
Trappings of Texas next weekend at Museum

Works by over 70 noted Western artists will be featured at Trappings of Texas Western Art and Cowboy Gear Exhibit and Sale at the Museum of the Big Bend Thursday through Saturday, April 16-18. Trappings will remain on display through May 31.

Proceeds from the event—the museum’s major fund-raiser—support not only future Trappings events but also the museum’s many exhibits and educational programs throughout the year.

The three-day event begins with a buyers and sponsors preview party on Thursday at 5 pm. All the exhibition art and gear is offered through a fixed price sale. Prices are established by the artists and are posted next to each work, and potential buyers place ballot slips in the ballot boxes for the chance to purchase art and gear.

The grand opening, exhibit, sale and reception is Friday, April 17, at 6 pm at the museum. Admission is $50 per person.

A chuckwagon breakfast will be held Saturday, April 18 at 8 am. Tickets are free but advance registration is required. On Saturday evening, a Trappy of Texas Ranch Round-Up will be hosted by the Flying W Ranch outside Alpine. Tickets are $100 per person for food, music and live art demonstrations. Works of art will be auctioned.

For more information, visit museumofthebigbend.com/trappings-of-texas.

Sul Ross student places in area pageant

Sul Ross State University was well represented at the Miss Permian Basin Pageant held in Odessa March 28. Three SRSU students were among those competing for the pageant title: Stephanie Elmore, Samantha Kauk and Martina Muñoz.

Elmore was selected as one of the top five finalists and was named second runner-up. She is a freshman Skyline photographer, reporter and illustrator, and stays very involved with her hometown of Fort Stockton.

Kauk is a junior natural resource management major and member of the Sul Ross Rodeo Team. She was first runner-up for Miss Sul Ross Rodeo. Muñoz is a sophomore business administration major with a love for pageants.

The pageant was hosted by Diamond H Productions LLC, the official recruiters for Miss Teen USA® & Miss Texas Teen USA®.

Kelli Harral Burns, Miss Texas Teen USA 2009, was the MC for the pageant. Contestants were judged in interview, swimsuit and evening gown competition, with scores based on beauty, poise, attire, personality, achievements and intelligence.

The five semi-finalists were asked two questions in front of the audience on stage before the winners were declared.

During the interview competition, one of the questions posed to Elmore was why she selected Sul Ross State in Alpine as her college choice. “Alpine is a great place and everyone in the Alpine community is wonderful,” she said. “They are kind and generous and are friends and family to me. I love it there!”

Alaina Granado of Fort Stockton took the title of Miss Permian Basin 2015 and will go on to compete at Miss Texas USA® in September.
The Sul Ross Skyline, April 10, 2015

By Trey Oliver
Sports Editor

The SRSU track and field team performed well in the second meet of the season. The McMurry War Hawks Classic took place March 20 at Wilford Moore Stadium.

The women scored 35 points, finishing seventh in a 14 team field, while the men scored 40 points and were eighth in a 12 team field. McMurry was first with 125 points and Western Texas College was first with 127 points.

For the women, Victoria Tate earned first in the javelin throw of 92 feet, three inches. Karley Harris finished third at 400 meters in 1:00.12 and sixth at 200 meters in 26.85 seconds. Amy Hernandez finished sixth in the 400 meter hurdles in 1:22.37, while Jessica Lubbers was 18th at 800 meters at 2:48.73.

Among the men, Maxcell Spriggs finished fourth in both the 100 and 400 meter hurdles with times of 16.3 seconds and 1:01.45. Joseph Cruz finished in third for the javelin at 140 feet and De Brae Parker was fifth in the long jump at 20 feet, seven inches. Hasan Lipscomb placed sixth in the 100 meter dash in 11.11 seconds and tenth in the 200 meter with 22.84. Byron Jones was sixth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 51.15 seconds and 11th at the 200 in 22.94. Damian Lopez finished 23rd in the 1500 meter run at 4:52.19 for his best personal time.

Track and Field does well at McMurry

By Malyssa Reed
Reporter

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Lobo Legacy
Tonight’s bingo benefits Relay for Life

Lobo Legacy will be sponsoring bingo tonight from 6 to 9 pm at Grace Christian Fellowship, 801 E. Brown St. Bingo cards will be $3 each. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be given. Members of Lobo Legacy will also be selling raffle tickets at the event. Proceeds from the bingo and raffle will go toward Relay for Life.

New Triathlon Club trains for upcoming events

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In the second half of a doubleheader, the Sul Ross State University women’s tennis team earned their first victory March 23 at the University of Southwest. Losing the opener to Tabor University, 6-3, the Lobos bounced back to beat Southwest, 5-4.

Against the Mustangs, Gallardo and Schulz defeated Rodriguez and Hatfield at number one doubles, 8-5. Wilde and Vega lost to USW’s Krieger and Tovar at number two doubles, 8-0.

Gallardo beat Rodriguez at number one singles, 6-4, 6-4. Schulz lost to Hatfield at number one doubles, 6-4, 6-4. Vega lost to Krieger at three, 6-0, 6-0. Vang was defeated by Tovar at four, 6-0, 6-0. SRSU won by default at number five and six singles and three doubles.

Against TU, Gallardo lost to Emoto at number one singles, 6-2, 6-0. Schulz lost to Klaassen at number two, 6-4, 6-4. Vang lost to Fujioka at number three, 6-0, 6-0. Obbink lost to Stroud at number four, 6-0, 6-0.

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**Lobo Tennis battles hard against Hardin-Simmons**

SRSU’s tennis teams fought hard against visiting opponent Hardin-Simmons in an ASC conference match March 28.

The Cowboys came out strong winning both the men’s and women’s match with scores of 7-2 and 8-1.

As for the men, Todd Barajas and Michael Torres lost to Nathan Chavez and Andrew Eurek at number one doubles, 8-2. Raul Castro and Juan Samaguey lost to Jordan Wilson and Frankie Sanchez at two, 8-6, while Nathaniel Boatright and Ronnie Martinez defeated Chandler Livingston and B.J. Farmakis at three, 8-5.

In the singles, Barajas goes down to Chavez at one, 6-7. Alex Alspach lost to Ben Gutierrez at two, 6-0, 6-0, and Castro lost to Sanchez at three, 6-4, 6-3. Samaguey beat Farmakis at four, 7-6, 6-4, Martinez went down to Wilson at five, 6-3, 6-2, and Boatright lost to Eurek at six, 6-4, 6-1.

For the women, Alex Gallardo and Hannah Schulz lost to Shayne Cook and Jasmine Briant at one doubles, 8-3. Hannah Rogers and Lindsey Griffin lost to Hannah Smith and Jenna Smith at two doubles, 8-0, and Shanee Obbink and Brianna Wilde lost to Laura Weinheimer and Michaela Ellison at three doubles, 8-0.

Gallardo beat Cook at one singles, 3-6, 6-3, and Schulz lost to Ellison at two, 6-1, 6-0. Rogers lost to Jenna Smith at three, 6-1, 6-0, while Griffin took a loss to Hannah Smith at four, 6-0, 6-0.

The SRSU women are now 1-10 and 0-1 in the ASC, while the men are 1-8 and 0-1 in the ASC.
The Lady Lobos couldn’t have battled any harder as they came up short against host USW in their non-conference doubleheader March 24. USW had to fight from behind to get wins in both games with scores of 3-2 and 5-1.

In the first game, The Lady Lobos gained eight hits and took the lead at the top of the third with a run. The mustangs tied the game by the bottom of the third and then scored twice in the fifth inning to go up, 3-1.

SRSU was able to force another score on the board in the top of the sixth but that wasn’t enough for the win.

In the evening game, Sul Ross State took an early lead in the top of the third, 1-0. USW came out blazing hot as they scored five straight runs in their half of the third inning, which completed all scoring for the game. The Lady Lobos were only able to get the edge on four hits as they came up short against the Mustangs.

**Softball fights at University of the Southwest**

The Lady Lobos put a fight against the visiting Cowboys in their ASC doubleheader at Lobo Field March 27. HSU won both games, 8-2 and 10-2. Due to the eight-run rule the second game was halted after the fifth inning.

In the opener, the Cowboys took an early lead with five runs in the top of the third inning. Another RBI single was added by HSU in the fifth.

Dayna Whitmire landed a RBI grounder that help the Lobos score twice in the sixth. The Cowboys closed out the game for the win, 8-2.

In the nightcap, HSU landed an early RBI single that sparked a two-run rally in the top of the first inning. The Lobos were able to even up the score with an error in their half of the first.

A tremendous five-run rally was pieced together by the Cowboys after landing a two-run double and a homer. Not letting up, HSU doubled home a run in the third and then added a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Sophomore Kalea Simon was able to double home a run in the third for SRSU but it just wasn’t enough for the win in the nightcap.

**Softball loses two to Hardin-Simmons**

SRSU’s softball team competed hard against visiting HSU in the final game of their three game ASC series at Lobo Field March 28.

HSU was able to keep the edge on SRSU gaining another win with a score of 8-2.

The Cowgirls took another early lead with three runs in the top of the first. HSU pieced together a squeeze bunt and a two-run homer, 3-0.

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After stealing home for a run in the fourth, HSU landed a sacrifice fly to crank the score up to 5-2 in the sixth. The Cowgirls refused to let up as they keyed in a three-run play from a RBI double in the seventh.

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Sul Ross State University’s baseball team made a stellar three-game sweep for the first time since the 2013 season.

The Lobos were able to sweep the Wildcats in their ASC doubleheader March 19, with scores of 5-1 and 10-8. SRSU hasn’t had a three-game sweep since they won at Southwestern University and East Texas Baptist in 2013, and that sweep was also their first since winning against Texas Lutheran in 2011.

Junior Eli Gallego led the Lobos to victory as he pitched one of his best games of the year in the opener. In the top of the second inning SRSU to a 2-0 lead on LC. After a rally of great plays and hit taken by freshman Chris York the Lobos were able to take an early lead on the Wildcats.

LC quickly answered back as their second baseman squeezed home an unearned run to make the score 2-1. With the bases loaded and none out in the fifth, the Lobos were able to single home a run and score off a double, pinch-hit, and a solo homer. Allowing only two hits and an unearned run while walking one and striking out six, Gallego improved to 4-2 in the victory.

In the nightcap, the Lobos were given an early lead from a two-out bases-loaded double made by senior Shane Sawyer. They didn’t let up as they landed an RBI single extending the lead to 4-0. The Wildcats were able to battle back for three at the bottom of the third. Mark Riusenda and Garret Parsons walked with the bases loaded, and Jermaine Liggins hit into a fielder’s choice for a third run. Sawyer also hit a two-run homer in the top of the fifth and made it 6-3.

LC was able to tie up the game after getting a few RBI singles in the bottom of the sixth. In the top of the seventh SRSU got a two-run, bases-loaded to take the lead at 8-6 but the game was tied up from a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the seventh.

The Lobos took command with a RBI double from Mattson and sacrifice fly from Henderson making the lead 10-8. Sophomore Colton West came in for the Lobos at the bottom of the eighth and blanked LC over the last two innings, earning his second save this season.

Sparks were flying as UTD and SRSU battled in the first game of their three-game ASC series at Kokernot Field March 27.

UTD came out strong leading the Lobos 3-0 early in the game but that didn’t keep SRSU from battling back for the win, 7-4.

In the top of the first inning the Comets had a lead due to RBI double. They didn’t let up as they went ahead 3-0 in the fifth. Chris York and Turner Mattson answered back as they both singled for SRSU in the bottom of the fifth.

Josh Vasquez bounced out, sending runners to second and third and Kitt Henderson sent both runners home with a single right up the middle. Then Shane Sawyer topped it off with homer over the left field wall. Ozzie Bueno hit a two-run homer for the Lobos in the sixth. The Comets scored in the seventh, but Sawyer’s sacrifice fly in their half of the seventh powered the Lobos to a three-run lead.

Justin Vajgert allowed one earned run and six hits in six innings to earn the win for the Lobos.

Lobos come back to defeat Texas-Dallas

After a long drive to Pineville, LA, for their three-game ASC Conference series against Louisiana College, the Lobos faced a nail-biting game in their series opener March 19 at Billy Allgood Field.

Starting out slow the Lobos battled their way back in the game after erupting for 12 runs in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Wildcats, 14-9. Louisiana came out swinging as they landed a grand slam homer to give them an early 4-0 lead. In the top of the fourth senior Shane Sawyer hit a solo homer and senior Josh Vasquez added a single RBI in the fifth to boost the Lobos.

LC didn’t slow down as they made two run-scoring singles to make the score 6-2. After a few good plays, the Lobos were able to land a bases-loaded double by senior Ozzie Bueno to tie the score at 6-6.

Another RBI single in the end of the sixth was enough to put the Wildcats back on top, 7-6.

The Lobos were able to rally eight scores in the seventh to secure the lead against LC. Vasquez and Sawyer made some plays to help build the Lobo lead but junior Eli Gallego closed the game out with a grand slam homer making the final score, 14-7.
The Sul Ross Skyline, April 10, 2015

UT-Dallas falls as Lobos sweep again

The Lobo baseball team continued their hot streak as they played another ASC doubleheader against the visiting Comets of University of Texas-Dallas at Kokernot Field March 28.

The blazing hot Lobos have won six games straight and eight of nine since revising their lineup. The streak continued as they swept the Comets, 3-2 and 6-4.

Josh Vasquez led the way for the Lobos on the first with a single, stealing second, taking third on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly.

UTD was able to tie it up in their half of the second with a double, sacrifice fly and a RBI single.

The Lobos snapped the tie in their half of the second as Turner Mattson doubled and scored on a two-out throwing error making the score 3-1.

The lead was cut down to 3-2 by an RBI single made by the Comets in the top of the sixth, but Eli Gallego halted all trouble striking out Cole with two out and the bases loaded.

Colton West pitched a scoreless seventh inning for his second save. The Lobos earned the win with a final score of 3-2.

In the nightcap, a scoreless tie was tarnished by UTD as they scored twice in the fifth. The Lobos cut the lead down in their half of the fifth on Mattson’s RBI single, but an error and run-scoring single stacked the Comet lead to 4-1 at the top of the sixth.

The Lobos tied up the game in the seventh. Chris York singled and Ozzie Bueno tripled him home. The lead was taken as Mattson hit a RBI single but was quickly tied up as UTD landed a run-scoring single.

In the eighth Gallego hit a solo homer breaking the tie. Coleman Ramsey dazed the Comets with his first save in the ninth earning the win.
I am mestizo!

Two halves that make one whole.
My Father the European
And my Mother the Indigenous.
I am mixed.
The whole world sees that which makes me different.
It is true there is that divide of yin and yang.
However, don’t just see the dark, see the light as well.
See the whole picture.
Both tell the story of my past.
Some may choose to just see my dark indigenous roots and somehow call me alien.
Just as well, some may choose to see only my light European half and somehow call me native.
Some may be like Iago and whisper poisonous words into my ear.
Try to convince me that this land does not belong to my ancestors.
It is this Panglossian logic that makes sense to only those who proclaim it as truth.
'What am I then?' some may ask.
I am mestizo!
I come from emperors and kings.
I come from royalty and chiefs.
I come from the hands that fought to protect this land we sit on today and claim as ours.
I did not come on the Mayflower.
I did not discover the ‘new world’
For I was already here.
I am mestizo!

— Luis Esquivel