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Big Bend Reproductive Coalition launches community needs assessment with inaugural town hall

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ALPINE — On Monday evening, residents of Alpine and Brewster County gathered at Cedar Coffee & Supply to attend a town hall hosted by the Big Bend Reproductive Coalition. The meeting marked the inauguration of the BBRC's latest initiative: a community needs assessment of the Big Bend region.

The assessment aims to gather direct feedback from the community in order to find out what gaps exist in the existing reproductive healthcare and support network. "We know what we want and need, but we don't necessarily know what other people want," said Lisa Kettyle, one of the founding members of the BBRC. "The goal is to distill that information, and then it's going to guide how the organization grows and changes."

In other words, the BBRC organized the town hall not so much to give out information as to glean it. The meeting took the form of a Q&A, but instead of the crowd posing questions to the BBRC organizers, it was the other way around. Pens and paper were provided so those who did not feel comfortable speaking in public could write their answers down and give them to the coalition after the fact.

The exercise revealed a number of common experiences, mostly pertaining to the barriers facing those seeking reproductive care. The fear and anxiety around seeking out and going to an OB-GYN was mentioned several times. It was pointed out that one bad exam can be traumatic and make a person less likely to seek care in the future.

These anxieties have been exacerbated by a lack of familiarity with local reproductive healthcare professionals. "Almost every single person we've reached out to in that regard has either moved away or quit since we started," said Kettyle. "So we're kind of back at square one."

A majority of attendees said they went out of state — mostly to New Mexico, but some to Mexico as well — even for basic reproductive healthcare needs. When asked who they would turn to for support or advice if they had an emergency, such as an unexpected pregnancy or a miscarriage, many of the attendees did not have an answer. In the eyes of the founders, the silence underscored the need for the BBRC's existence. Of those

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Braydon Finley participates in a palm painting project to celebrate the end of the library's summer reading program.
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Braydon Finley participa en un proyecto de pintura para celebrar el fin del programa de lectura de verano en la biblioteca.
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City of Presidio approves property valuations and proposed tax rate

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PRESIDIO — Last week, Presidio City Council voted to accept the county's certified property tax valuation and also voted on Tuesday night to approve the county's proposed tax rate. Both measures will give the county an idea of how much money to expect from the property tax pool — a critical part of the city's budget.

Both the property valuation study and the proposed tax rate reveal a trend: property values in Presidio are steadily increasing, jumping 11% between 2022 and 2023. The tax rate has decreased, meaning that the amount of money the city has skimmed from taxes remains relatively steady year to year, despite the fact that the market is heating up.

The City of Presidio contracts with the Presidio County Appraisal District to do the math. The city pays around $23,000 a year for their services, which cycle through a process of appraising properties, setting tax rates, sending out appraisal notices and settling with individual landowners during an appeals process.

PCAD conducted an exhaustive study to determine how much values had risen. There are 3,310 properties on the tax roll in the City of Presidio with a total market value of $230,671,054. The total taxable value of these properties is $183,290,250.

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La ciudad de Presidio aprueba las valoraciones de las propiedades y la tasa impositiva propuesta

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PRESIDIO — La semana pasada, el Concejo Municipal de Presidio votó para aceptar la tasación certificada de impuestos a la propiedad del condado y también votó el martes por la noche para aprobar la tasa impositiva propuesta por el condado. Ambas medidas le darán al condado una idea de cuánto dinero esperar del fondo común de impuestos a la propiedad, una parte crítica del presupuesto de la ciudad.

Tanto el estudio de valoración de la propiedad como la tasa de impuestos propuesta revelan una tendencia: los valores de las propiedades en Presidio están aumentando constantemente, saltando un 11 % entre 2022 y 2023. La tasa de impuestos ha disminuido, lo que significa que la cantidad de dinero que la ciudad ha sustraído de los impuestos sigue siendo relativamente constante año tras año, a pesar de que el mercado se está calentando.

La Ciudad de Presidio tiene un contrato con el Distrito de Tasación del Condado de Presidio para hacer los cálculos. La ciudad paga alrededor de $23,000 al año por sus servicios, que pasan por un proceso de tasación de propiedades, establecimiento de tasas impositivas, envío de avisos de

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Amid historic heatwave, county employees await overdue courthouse A/C repairs

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MARFA — Despite being one of the highest towns in Texas, Marfa has been unable to escape the historic heatwave gripping most of the state. As the whole town struggles to stay cool, county employees have become increasingly frustrated — the Presidio County Courthouse has been long overdue for critical upgrades to an air conditioning system.

Regular maintenance of the system isn't cutting it. At the Presidio County Commissioners Court meeting on July 26, Precinct 4 Commissioner David Beebe expressed his staunch opposition to paying a whopping $11,407.50 bill for air conditioner maintenance, considering its ineffectiveness.

Beebe felt the maintenance was a waste of county money when the county had already decided that the air conditioning system was in need of a massive overhaul. "We've been spending thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars every year, and it never works," he said. "It never has worked."

The current air conditioning system — a chiller system reliant on water instead of refrigerant — hasn't been touched since the last major overhaul of the building in 2002. Current building codes require air to be pulled in from the outside, which the courthouse's existing system doesn't do. In

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En medio de una ola de calor histórica, los empleados del condado esperan las reparaciones atrasadas del aire acondicionado del juzgado

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MARFA — A pesar de ser una de las ciudades más altas de Texas, Marfa no ha podido escapar de la histórica ola de calor que afecta a la mayor parte del estado. A medida que todo el pueblo lucha por mantenerse fresco, los empleados del condado se sienten cada vez más frustrados: el juzgado del condado de Presidio se ha retrasado mucho para realizar actualizaciones críticas en un sistema de aire acondicionado.

El mantenimiento regular del sistema no es suficiente. En la reunión del Tribunal de Comisionados del Condado de Presidio el 26 de julio, el Comisionado del Precinto 4, David Beebe, expresó su firme oposición a pagar una enorme factura de $11,407.50 por el mantenimiento del aire acondicionado, considerando su ineficacia.

Beebe sintió que el mantenimiento era una pérdida de dinero del condado cuando el condado ya había decidido que el sistema de aire acondicionado

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Big Bend Reproductive Coalition lanza una evaluación de las necesidades de la comunidad con el ayuntamiento inaugural

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ALPINE — El lunes por la noche, los residentes de los condados de Alpine y Brewster se reunieron en Cedar Coffee & Supply para asistir a un ayuntamiento organizado por Big Bend Reproductive Coalition. La reunión marcó la inauguración de la última iniciativa de BBRC: una evaluación de las necesidades de la comunidad de la región de Big Bend.

La evaluación tiene como objetivo recopilar comentarios directos de la comunidad para descubrir qué brechas existen en la red de apoyo y atención médica reproductiva existente. "Sabemos lo que queremos y necesitamos, pero no necesariamente sabemos lo que quieren los demás", dijo Lisa Kettyle, una de las miembros fundadoras de BBRC. "El objetivo es destilar esa información, y luego guiará cómo crece y cambia la organización".

En otras palabras, el BBRC organizó el ayuntamiento no tanto para dar información como para recogerla. La reunión tomó la forma de preguntas y respuestas, pero en lugar de que la multitud hiciera preguntas a los organizadores de BBRC, fue al revés. Se proporcionaron bolígrafos y papel para que aquellos que no se sintieran cómodos hablando en público pudieran escribir sus respuestas y dárselas a la coalición después del hecho.

El ejercicio reveló una serie de experiencias comunes, en su mayoría relacionadas con las barreras que enfrentan quienes buscan atención reproductiva. El miedo y la ansiedad en torno a buscar e ir a un obstetra y ginecólogo se mencionaron varias veces. Se señaló que un mal examen puede ser traumático y hacer que una persona tenga menos probabilidades de buscar atención en el futuro.

Estas ansiedades se han visto exacerbadas por la falta de familiaridad con los profesionales de la salud reproductiva locales. "Casi todas las personas con las que nos hemos comunicado en ese sentido se mudaron o renunciaron desde que comenzamos", dijo Kettyle. "Así que estamos de vuelta en el punto de partida".

La mayoría de los asistentes dijeron que se fueron fuera del estado, principalmente a Nuevo México, pero algunos también a México, incluso para necesidades básicas de salud reproductiva. Cuando se les preguntó a quién acudirían en busca de apoyo o consejo si tuvieran una emergencia, como un embarazo inesperado o un aborto espontáneo, muchos de los asistentes no supieron una respuesta. A los ojos de los fundadores, el silencio subrayó la necesidad de la existencia del BBRC. De los que respondieron, muchos dijeron que lo más probable es que, en tales

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"Market price" refers to the fair market value of a certain property — in other words, a reasonable price to ask for the property during a sale. Taxable value tends to be around 70-80% of the market price, meaning that both values can fluctuate with real estate booms and busts, but taxable value is reliably less.

This year's proposed tax rate is $0.581577 per $100 of valuation, combining $0.479757 per $100 for maintenance and operations and $0.10182 for "debt service," or the money the city pays in principal and interest on its debts. Last year's tax rate was $0.595088 per $100.

PCAD Chief Appraiser Cynthia Ramirez explained that some of the jump in valuation this year was due to the state-wide rules that govern local appraisal districts. Appraisal districts must pass a rolling series of "studies" every few years, proving to state officials that they are appraising properties within 5% of market value.

School districts are one of the main beneficiaries of property taxes, relying on a combination of tax and state funding to operate. Last year, Presidio ISD didn't pass its property value study, leaving the district vulnerable to having its state funding taken away. "In order to be in compliance with what the state thinks property values for Presidio should be, we did do an increase [in appraised value] on residential properties," she explained.

Ramirez has been PCAD chief appraiser for 10 years and has seen the market change dramatically during that time. One of the biggest changes she's seen are short-term rentals — platforms like AirBNB and VRBO have boomed over the past decade. She's been surprised to see them growing outside of Marfa. "They've started trickling down to south county — that's something new we're having to deal with," she said.

Under Texas law, the county must keep property owners informed as the appraisal district and the tax assessor-collector's office go through the annual cycle of determining values and tax rates and then levying those rates. Presidio County property owners can visit the county's Truth in Taxation website to learn more about this process and to see information about their property: https://presidio.truthintaxation.com/property-search.

Courthouse A/C repairs

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an era of soaring temperatures and health threats like COVID, county employees are anxious to bring the building up to current standards.

Last year, the Presidio County Commissioners Court voted to bring William Helm of In*Situ Architecture to town in order to evaluate the condition of the courthouse and jail. "It really is approaching the end of its lifespan, if not already past its lifespan," he told the commissioners in July 2022.

Undertaking any renovation project at the courthouse is complicated, given the building's status as a Texas Historical Commission landmark and a spot on the National Register of Historic Places. Construction projects may not alter the building's historically significant finishes and need to be cleared by the proper authorities.

County Judge Joe Portillo — who has an office in the courthouse himself — was sympathetic to other county employees sweating out the summer at work, but said that the massive price tag associated with any repairs made it difficult for the county to commit to bringing in outside help.

Portillo said that he felt sticker shock after finding out that Helm's estimated cost for the renovation of both the courthouse and jail would run about $3 million — the air conditioning project taking up a significant chunk of that change. "That's a big check, especially when [the county's] budget is around $3 or $4 million," he said.

Another renovation project he hoped to see tackled was the building's vintage elevator. The courthouse has three floors — people who aren't able to climb stairs have to use the elevator, which frequently breaks down. "You can make an argument that they're being denied access," he said.

There might be hope on the horizon — Portillo said that the Texas Historical Commission had taken a renewed interest in Marfa, and he hoped to approach the agency for guidance and financial support. County officials will need to make a detailed case for the importance of the upgrades.

Portillo said that the county was preparing their pitch to the commission. "We already stretch our budget so thin," he said. "We want to make an attempt to see if we qualify and if there's any funding available for us."

Reproductive Coalition

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who did answer, many said that they would most likely, under such circumstances, contact the coalition itself.

The organizers did express concern that they had not reached the broader community. Most of the attendees were already familiar with the BBRC or its founders. The coalition plans to extend its reach via surveys and door-to-door canvassing, a job for which they are actively seeking volunteers. But they recognize that the change won't happen overnight. "It's going to take time to form connections and provide opportunities for people to hear about us and want to get involved," said Shea Cadrin, a co-founder of the BBRC. "That's why the pronged approach is cool. The survey will be for people who are engaged in one way, and then a door-to-door could engage people who have no clue that we even exist."

The coalition also plans to host more town halls. The next will be held at the Sentinel in Marfa on August 29, and additional meetings will be held in the coming months in Fort Davis, Presidio and Terlingua.

Once the community needs assessment is complete, the BBRC plans to take the results and compile them into a report, something codified and reproducible that they can share with other reproductive rights organizations, who may then incorporate that knowledge into their own efforts. The coalition also plans to use the results to create a more focused budget and assign volunteers to the areas where they're needed most.

The town hall served as a place to exchange information, but also as a space for people affected by reproductive issues to talk about them in a safe and supportive environment. As Cadrin put it, "So many people in the room said, 'I don't have healthcare because I don't feel like I'm being listened to.' So sitting in a room and listening to each other is radical and something that people are missing out on. That's why I felt like, 'Oh, this is cool. This is productive.'"

Notice of Public Hearing on PRESIDIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DIST. Budget

The PRESIDIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DIST will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on AUGUST 24, 2023 @2:00 p.m. at PRESIDIO COUNTY APPRAISAL, located at 107 E TEXAS ST, MARFA, TEXAS 79843. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

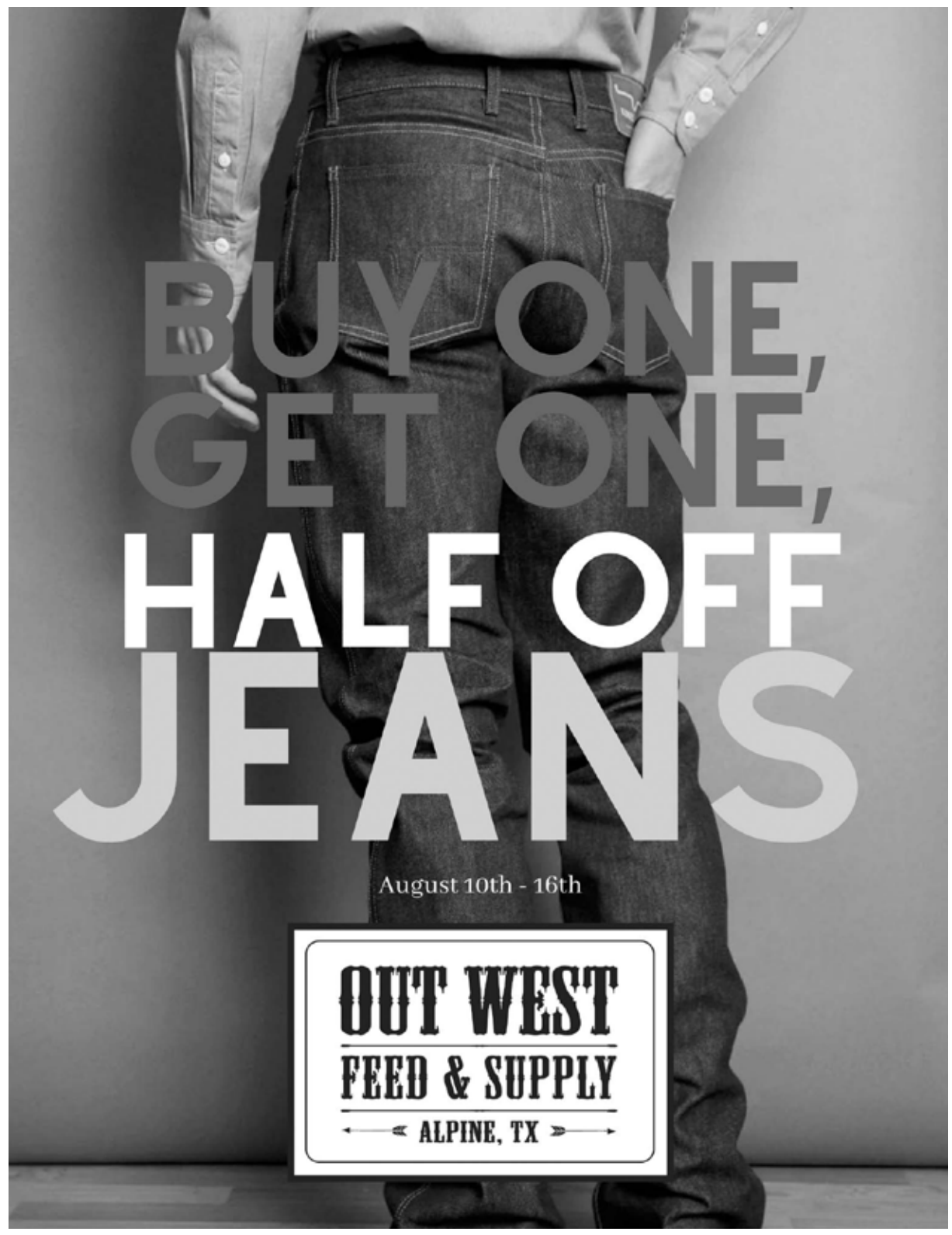
The total amount of the proposed budget.	$ 533,752.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	$ 11,316.89
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	5
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 107 E TEXAS ST, MARFA, TEXAS 79843.

The phone number of the PRESIDIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT is: (432)729-3431.
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FRI, AUG 11 - SAT, AUG 12: PHS VOLLEYBALL JV @ MONAHANS TOURNEY

FRI, AUG 11 - SAT, AUG 12: PHS VOLLEYBALL VARSITY @ MONAHANS TOURNEY

TUE, AUG 15: PHS VOLLEYBALL @ FT. HANCOCK

JV @ 5:00PM; VARSITY @ 6:00PM

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

La ciudad de Presidio

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tasación y arreglos con propietarios individuales durante un proceso de apelación.

PCAD realizó un estudio exhaustivo para determinar cuánto habían subido los valores. Hay 3,310 propiedades en la lista de impuestos en la Ciudad de Presidio con un valor de mercado total de $230,671,054. El valor imponible total de estas propiedades es de $183,290,250.

"Precio de mercado" se refiere al valor justo de mercado de una determinada propiedad; en otras palabras, un precio razonable para pedir la propiedad durante una venta. El valor imponible tiende a ser alrededor del 70-80% del precio de mercado, lo que significa que ambos valores pueden fluctuar con los auges y caídas de bienes raíces, pero el valor imponible es confiablemente menor.

La tasa impositiva propuesta para este año es de $0,581577 por $100 de valuación, combinando $0,479757 por cada $100 para mantenimiento y operaciones y $0,10182 para el "servicio de la deuda", o el dinero que la ciudad paga en capital e intereses sobre sus deudas. La tasa impositiva del año pasado fue de $0.595088 por cada $100.

La jefa de tasaciones de PCAD, Cynthia Ramírez, explicó que parte del salto en la valoración de este año se debió a las normas estatales que rigen los distritos de tasación locales. Los distritos de tasación deben pasar una serie continua de "estudios" cada pocos años, demostrando a los funcionarios estatales que están tasando propiedades dentro del 5% del valor de mercado.

Los distritos escolares son uno de los principales beneficiarios de los impuestos sobre la propiedad y dependen de una combinación de impuestos y fondos estatales para operar. El año pasado, Presidio ISD no aprobó su estudio de valor de la propiedad, lo que dejó al distrito vulnerable a que le quitaran los fondos estatales. "Para cumplir con lo que el estado cree que deberían ser los valores de propiedad para Presidio, hicimos un aumento [en el valor de tasación] de las propiedades residenciales", explicó.

Ramírez ha sido el jefe de tasaciones de PCAD durante 10 años y ha visto cambiar drásticamente el mercado durante ese tiempo. Uno de los mayores cambios que ha visto son los alquileres a corto plazo: plataformas como AirBNB y VRBO han tenido un auge durante la última década. Le ha sorprendido verlos crecer fuera de Marfa. "Comenzaron a llegar al sur del condado; eso es algo nuevo con lo que tenemos que lidiar", dijo.

Según la ley de Texas, el condado debe mantener informados a los dueños de propiedades mientras el distrito de tasación y la oficina del recaudador de impuestos pasan por el ciclo anual de determinación de valores y tasas impositivas y luego cobran esas tasas. Los propietarios del condado de Presidio pueden visitar el sitio web Truth in Taxation del condado para obtener más información sobre este proceso y ver información sobre su propiedad: https://presidio.truthintaxation.com/property-search.

Reparaciones atrasadas del aire

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necesitaba una revisión masiva. "Hemos estado gastando miles y miles y miles de dólares cada año, y nunca funciona", dijo. "Nunca ha funcionado".

El sistema de aire acondicionado actual, un sistema de enfriamiento que depende de agua en lugar de refrigerante, no se ha tocado desde la última revisión importante del edificio en 2002. Los códigos de construcción actuales requieren que se extraiga aire del exterior, lo que el sistema existente del juzgado no lo hace En una era de temperaturas altísimas y amenazas para la salud como el COVID, los empleados del condado están ansiosos por llevar el edificio a los estándares actuales.

El año pasado, la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Presidio votó para traer a William Helm de In*Situ Architecture a la ciudad para evaluar la condición del juzgado y la cárcel. "Realmente se está acercando al final de su vida útil, si es que no ha pasado ya", dijo a los comisionados en julio de 2022.

Emprender cualquier proyecto de renovación en el juzgado es complicado, dado el estado del edificio como un hito de la Comisión Histórica de Texas y un lugar en el Registro Nacional de Lugares Históricos. Los proyectos de construcción no pueden alterar los acabados históricamente significativos del edificio y deben ser aprobados por las autoridades correspondientes.

El juez del condado Joe Portillo, que tiene una oficina en el juzgado, simpatizaba con otros empleados del condado que estaban sudando el verano en el trabajo, pero dijo que el alto precio asociado con cualquier reparación dificultaba que el condado se comprometiera a traer afuera ayuda.

Portillo dijo que se sintió consternado después de descubrir que el costo estimado de Helm para la renovación tanto del juzgado como de la cárcel sería de alrededor de $ 3 millones; el proyecto de aire acondicionado ocuparía una parte importante de ese cambio. "Ese es un gran cheque, especialmente cuando el presupuesto [del condado] es de alrededor de $3 o $4 millones", dijo.

Otro proyecto de renovación que esperaba ver abordado era el ascensor antiguo del edificio. El juzgado tiene tres pisos: las personas que no pueden subir escaleras tienen que usar el ascensor, que se descompone con frecuencia. "Puede argumentar que se les niega el acceso", dijo.

Puede haber esperanza en el horizonte: Portillo dijo que la Comisión Histórica de Texas había mostrado un interés renovado en Marfa y esperaba acercarse a la agencia para obtener orientación y apoyo financiero. Los funcionarios del condado deberán presentar un caso detallado de la importancia de las actualizaciones.

Portillo dijo que el condado estaba preparando su presentación ante la comisión. "Ya estiramos tanto nuestro presupuesto", dijo. "Queremos intentar ver si calificamos y si hay fondos disponibles para nosotros".

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circunstancias, se pusieran en contacto con la propia coalición.

Los organizadores expresaron su preocupación porque no habían llegado a la comunidad en general. La mayoría de los asistentes ya estaban familiarizados con el BBRC o sus fundadores. La coalición planea ampliar su alcance a través de encuestas y visitas puerta a puerta, un trabajo para el que están buscando activamente voluntarios. Pero reconocen que el cambio no ocurrirá de la noche a la mañana. "Tomará tiempo formar conexiones y brindar oportunidades para que las personas escuchen sobre nosotros y quieran involucrarse", dijo Shea Cadrin, cofundadora de BBRC. "Es por eso que el enfoque transversal es genial. La encuesta será para personas que están comprometidas de una manera, y luego una puerta a puerta podría involucrar a personas que no tienen ni idea de que existimos".

La coalición también planea albergar más ayuntamientos. La próxima se llevará a cabo en el Sentinel en Marfa el 29 de agosto y se llevarán a cabo reuniones adicionales en los próximos meses en Fort Davis, Presidio y Terlingua.

Una vez que se completa la evaluación de las necesidades de la comunidad, BBRC planea tomar los resultados y compilarlos en un informe, algo codificado y reproducible que pueden compartir con otras organizaciones de derechos reproductivos, quienes luego pueden incorporar ese conocimiento en sus propios esfuerzos. La coalición también planea usar los resultados para crear un presupuesto más enfocado y asignar voluntarios a las áreas donde más se necesitan.

El ayuntamiento sirvió como un lugar para intercambiar información, pero también como un espacio para que las personas afectadas por problemas reproductivos hablaran sobre ellos en un entorno seguro y de apoyo. Como dijo Cadrin: "Muchas personas en la sala dijeron: 'No tengo atención médica porque siento que no me escuchan'". Así que sentarse en una habitación y escucharse unos a otros es radical y algo que la gente se está perdiendo. Por eso pensé, 'Oh, esto es genial. Esto es productivo'".





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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to acknowledge the Presidio Municipal Development District for their generous contribution to assist with the summer Reading Program, Mr. Ramon Rodriguez for sponsoring and hosting the "Climate Crew" summer reading program with Project Home Leaf, Ponchos Pizza and the Presidio Public Library.

At the 40th library anniversary reception held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, Judge Juanita Bishop donated delicious homemade chicken salad sandwiches in honor of her mother the late Mrs. Tela Urias. Her recipe is the best! Her contribution made for a great reception.

Sincerely,

Carmen Elguezabal
Library Director

CARTA A LA EDITORA

Estimado editor,

Quisiera agradecer al Distrito de Desarrollo Municipal de Presidio por su generosa contribución para ayudar con el Programa de Lectura de verano, al Sr. Ramón Rodríguez por patrocinar y organizar el programa de lectura de verano "Climate Crew" con Project Home Leaf, Ponchos Pizza y la Biblioteca Pública de Presidio. .

En la recepción del 40 aniversario de la biblioteca celebrada el miércoles 2 de agosto de 2023, la jueza Juanita Bishop donó deliciosos sándwiches caseros de ensalada de pollo en honor a su madre, la difunta Sra. Tela Urias. ¡Su receta es la mejor! Su contribución hizo una gran recepción.

Atentamente,

Carmen Elguezabal
Directora de la Biblioteca

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that City of Presidio will hold a Budget Hearing for FY 2023-2024.

The hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., at Presidio Activity Center, 1200 E. O'Reilly St., Presidio, TX 79845.

The public is encouraged to participate.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
UNITED STATES SECTION

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

April 1, 2023

A notice to the general public, owners, lessees, and users of lands along the Rio Grande

The general public, owners, lessees, and users of lands on the United States bank of the Rio Grande are hereby notified that lands along the bank of the river (floodplain), depending upon their elevation, are subject to periodic flooding from local tributary inflows and by reservoir releases from the Rio Conchos. This notice is given as a public service to advise and inform you that human life, property, livestock, and other activities, existing or proposed, may be subject to flood damage, and are maintained or undertaken at your own risk.

The International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) maintains the Presidio Levee Project to provide flood protection to urban, suburban, and agricultural lands, and stabilize the international boundary. Please be advised that during flood releases from the Rio Conchos and/or localized heavy rainfall, the Rio Grande will unavoidably overflow its channel and may adversely impact interests along its banks. Please refer to your local National Weather Service office for flood information during these events.

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Sincerely,

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Presidio Library's 'Climate Crew' reading program teaches kids to care for the environment

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PRESIDIO — Last Friday, the Presidio Public Library threw a party for youngsters who had finished this year's summer reading program. Parents and city officials shared pizza and sweet treats with the kids, who were eager to share everything they'd learned over the past week and the projects they'd completed together.

This year, the library's summer reading program focused on environmental issues. The kids became part of the "Climate Crew," learning new ways to take care of the planet while flexing their creative muscles and making new friends. Each day, they tackled a different book and completed fun projects to help drive the lessons home.

The project was led by Ramon Rodriguez, Laisa Arevalo and Evelyn Renteria, representatives from Presidio's own Project Homeleaf. Over the past few years, Project Homeleaf has helped maintain the city's recycling center, plant trees around town and spread awareness about environmental causes.

Rodriguez has helped with the summer reading program in various capacities since he was in fifth grade. This summer — right after his high school graduation — he decided to put his interest in child development and K-12 education to the test by designing an innovative curriculum.

The three teen activists led the kids through activities like exploring the library's garden and playing games that helped them determine which human habits can be good or bad for the environment. On Wednesday, the kids capped off their studies by helping celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Presidio Public Library.

As the name implies, the summer reading program centers around books. One of Rodriguez's favorites was The Carrot Seed, a kids' classic by Ruth Krauss.

In The Carrot Seed, a young boy plants a seed that doesn't seem to be growing. Friends and family tell him that the seed won't grow, no matter what he does. Despite feeling discouraged, the boy continues watering and taking care of the seed — until one day the seed grows into a giant carrot.

Rodriguez tied the story to a seed-planting activity. "I wanted them to connect to [the book's] message and think about it, so that they could understand the value of believing in yourself and never giving up no matter who says what and what's thrown at you," he said.

Friday morning, the kids took in a presentation about careers related to environmentalism and practiced lining up for an awards ceremony. Their enthusiasm was contagious as they showed off their skills and recapped everything they'd learned.

Participant Liam Pohl said that he really liked the program's artistic activities — the kids tie-dyed matching shirts and also made a painting out of their palmprints. Funding for program supplies came from the Presidio Municipal Development District.

Pohl came away from the program with lots of advice for other Presidians interested in caring for the planet. "You have to clean up and recycle," he said. "And everytime you drop trash, you have to pick it up."

El programa de lectura 'Climate Crew' de Presidio Library enseña a los niños a cuidar el medio ambiente

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PRESIDIO — El viernes pasado, la Biblioteca Pública de Presidio organizó una fiesta para los jóvenes que habían terminado el programa de lectura de verano de este año. Los padres y los funcionarios de la ciudad compartieron pizza y dulces con los niños, quienes estaban ansiosos por compartir todo lo que habían aprendido durante la última semana y los proyectos que habían completado juntos.

Este año, el programa de lectura de verano de la biblioteca se centró en cuestiones ambientales. Los niños se convirtieron en parte del "Climate Crew", aprendiendo nuevas formas de cuidar el planeta mientras flexionaban sus músculos creativos y hacían nuevos amigos. Cada día, abordaron un libro diferente y completaron proyectos divertidos para ayudar a llevar las lecciones a casa.

El proyecto fue dirigido por Ramón Rodríguez, Laisa Arévalo y Evelyn Rentería, representantes del propio Proyecto Homeleaf de Presidio. En los últimos años, Project Homeleaf ha ayudado a mantener el centro de reciclaje de la ciudad, plantar árboles alrededor de la ciudad y difundir la conciencia sobre las causas ambientales.

Rodríguez ha ayudado con el programa de lectura de verano en varias capacidades desde que estaba en quinto grado. Este verano, justo después de graduarse de la escuela secundaria, decidió poner a prueba su interés en el desarrollo infantil y la educación K-12 mediante el diseño de un plan de estudios innovador.

Los tres activistas adolescentes guiaron a los niños a través de actividades como explorar el jardín de la biblioteca y jugar juegos que les ayudaron a determinar qué hábitos humanos pueden ser buenos o malos para el medio ambiente. El miércoles, los niños culminaron sus estudios ayudando a celebrar el 40.° aniversario de la Biblioteca Pública de Presidio.

Como su nombre lo indica, el programa de lectura de verano se centra en los libros. Uno de los favoritos de Rodríguez fue The Carrot Seed, un clásico para niños de Ruth Krauss.

En The Carrot Seed, un niño planta una semilla que no parece estar creciendo. Amigos y familiares le dicen que la semilla no crecerá, haga lo que haga. A pesar de sentirse desanimado, el niño continúa regando y cuidando la semilla, hasta que un día la semilla se convierte en una zanahoria gigante.

Rodríguez relacionó la historia con una actividad de plantación de semillas. "Quería que se conectaran con el mensaje [del libro] y pensaran en él, para que pudieran comprender el valor de creer en uno mismo y nunca darse por vencido, sin importar quién diga qué y lo que te arrojen", dijo.

El viernes por la mañana, los niños asistieron a una presentación sobre carreras relacionadas con el medio ambiente y practicaron haciendo fila para una ceremonia de premiación. Su entusiasmo fue contagioso cuando mostraron sus habilidades y resumieron todo lo que habían aprendido.

El participante Liam Pohl dijo que le gustaban mucho las actividades artísticas del programa: los niños teñían camisas a juego y también hacían una pintura con las huellas de sus palmas. Los fondos para los suministros del programa provinieron del Distrito de Desarrollo Municipal de Presidio.

Pohl salió del programa con muchos consejos para otros presidentes interesados en cuidar el planeta. "Hay que limpiar y reciclar", dijo. "Y cada vez que tiras basura, tienes que recogerla".

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